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|9/1/06 11:56:22 AM|Carl Weingarten|TJQF||TJQF|||10|Welcome back to the Jerry Quarry Foundation Letters Forum. |

|9/1/06 11:42:59 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I guess I am the first one to come back. I wonder if everyone knows the letter's page is back up. Thanks Carl.|

|9/2/06 06:48:51 PM|BOB|UPSTATE N.Y. ||PAPERTRAP@ADELPHIA.NET|||10|HAPPY TO THE SITE BACK , AND HOPES IT ALL GOES WELL----BOB|

|9/3/06 07:16:28 PM|Don|Chicago||nomas@att.net|||10|Nice to see the page back up. Is everyone away this weekend?|

|9/4/06 09:20:11 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|Good to see a great site back. Now to start a bit of debate what did most people think of the Toney-Peter fight at the weekend? There seems to be quite a wide view of different opinions on who won the fight, with Toney deemed to be a bit unlucky. He may have got his just desserts after getting away with a fortunate draw with Hasim Rahman a few months ago. It is now three years since he has joined the division with that impressive dismantling of the albeit past it Holyfield. In those three years since he has only beaten Dominic Guinn of note, getting away with a lucky draw against Rahman, being busted for drugs against Ruiz and losing to Samuel Peter. As much as I admire his considerable talents, his refusal to condition himself properly and the farcical fight with Ruiz don't enamour him to me much. He really only has himself to blame.|

|9/4/06 01:47:22 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||jerjets11@yahoo.com|||10|Good to see the letters page back. My best wishes to the Quarrys always. Klitschko-Brock is Nov. 11th, so I've read anyway. My birthday. The division needs a good match like that. Peace. irishjerryq@yahoogroups.com |

|9/4/06 06:08:08 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Mark, I am not sure why the judges thought Peter won, especially by a four or five point advantage even after a one point deduction.

Peter did in some rounds land the harder shots but in most of the rounds Toney would land the cleaner shots for most of the round and Peter would get some good punches in near the end of the rounds.

My thoughts on scoring are a fighter should have to fight for most of the round and that only if he has his opponent hurt, than he can win a round if he comes on strong at the end after being ineffective earlier.

I remember thinking when the fight ended that Toney should be able to beat Oleg Maskaev but then the decision went to Peter.

I saw Toney winning a close fight 115 to 112, two points without the deduction in round nine when Peter fouled Toney with a double punch so a three point advantage with the foul.|

|9/4/06 08:34:11 PM|George Otto|Youngstown, Ohio||ehnpbsa@aol.com|||10|Carl, thanks for getting the site back up. To all the visitors to this site, as I have done often in the past with Brandi Quarry's strong support, I will be posting letters indicating the Foundation's support for the passage of boxing legislation on the federal level. Before the U.S. Congress adjourns in November, the House of Representatives will again vote on the United States Boxing Commission Act (HR 1065). The U.S. Senate has already voted in favor of this bill becoming law. The Quarry Foundation, alone with the American Association for the Improvement for Boxing, has supported this bill for years because its passage would establish a federal boxing commission which could possibly solve many of the sport's problems across the country. Please write your U.S. Congressman or Congresswoman in support of this measure. If you need to find out who that person is, or where his/her office is located, the internet

has many sites where you can get that information. On behalf of the Foundation, thanks for your interest and support regarding this important issue. |
|9/6/06 12:55:18 PM|max hord|fernandina bch fla||mhord@adelphia.net|||10|Most times fighters don't punch as hard after they move up in class.I think Toney is a good example. |

|9/6/06 04:59:40 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: That's a huge swing between your scoring and the judges.' I didn't see the fight but Toney didn't look to be in good shape going in.
Have you been to the Larry Holmes site? They have a good message board there as well and Holmes posts very regularly. He said that back in '99, there was talk of him fighting Toney. Then, more money was offered for him to fight Foreman. When that fell through, he tried to get Toney back, but to no avail. Holmes makes a lot of very interesting comments and observations at his site and will gladly answer your questions whenever he gets around to reading all the posts. I'm thrilled that we're back up and running here! |

|9/6/06 08:34:54 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, one of the judges scored the Toney/Peter fight about the same as I did, 115 to 112 or 115 to 113 for Toney as the fight was a split decision.

No I haven't gone to the Holmes site. I will have to check that out. |

|9/6/06 10:52:56 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Max, you are right, a smaller fighter doesn't have the same effect on a bigger fighter when he fights in a higher weight division.

But Toney if he didn't hurt Peter badly, he did slow his momentum quite a few times. Toney was punching effectively in most rounds.

Peter, although he let his hands go more than he has in the past, he just didn't do enough to win a close fight.

He did at times hurt Toney but not in enough rounds even though his punches were the harder blows.

As I said, I saw the fight 115 to 112 for Toney. 7 to 4 with one even, the even round, round nine, which Peter was winning but he had a point deducted because of a foul.

Samuel Peter showed a marked improvement in his boxing skills but a fighter should not be given a win for improvment if he didn't do enough to pull out the win.

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|9/7/06 12:10:31 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Hi everyone, I'm very happy the site is back. Since the site has been closed I have been watching many legendary fights of great fighters such as Quarry-Liston-Holmes and others. Now I want to post one of those fights:
Jerry Quarry vs Jack Bodell (1971)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lQZEJLp5n1U>

As you can see Jerry was great in that fight and proved he was the best white heavyweight in the wordl (Primo Carnera was already dead ;-) . |

|9/7/06 03:16:30 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||f|||10|Massimo: The link wasn't highlighted---when I tried to write it in, I couldn't get to the URL.
Kent: How do you think an in-prime Mike Weaver would do against "Super Heavyweight" James Toney?
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|9/7/06 03:42:59 PM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|Way to go letter's page is back up. Thanks Massimo, and Kent, for lettin me know page is back! Hope all are doing well. Let's get back to boxing. |

|9/8/06 12:24:56 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Angelo-

I'm sorry you can't see the fight, it's very strange. Anyway, if you make a google search under the name "muhammad ali' You Tube" you'll find a lot of fights. |

|9/9/06 08:44:44 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, I would pick Toney by decision over Weaver. |

|9/9/06 09:34:49 AM|George L. Otto|Youngstown,Ohio||ehnpbsa@aol.com|||10|This writer chose the life and accomplishments of Floyd Patterson as an inspiration for passing this legislation (see below) partially because Jerry Quarry had once been a Floyd Patterson fan.

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27 August 2006

The Honorable J.
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Dear House Speaker
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As you well know, the American Association for the Improvement
of Boxing (AAIB) and The Jerry Quarry Foundation for Pugilistica Dementia (TJQF)
have often supported legislative efforts that have helped improve professional
boxing. Also, you probably also know that both the AAIB and TJQF strongly favor
the passage of the United States Boxing Commission Act (H.R. 1065), a bill that
died in the House on 16 November 2006.
One important reason why the rest of
the U.S. House of Representatives and you should join with the AAIB and TJQF to
support the passage of this bill is to honor the memory of the late Floyd
Patterson who died earlier this year. Without question, the former two-time
heavyweight champion of the world embodied much of what was good and decent in
boxing. Furthermore, he clearly displayed these ideals both as a world champion
fighter and as the Commissioner of the prestigious New York State Athletic
Commission. In adhering to these principles both inside and outside of the ring,
Mr. Patterson consistently supported the most important provisions of this bill
intended and included to bring a sense of order and unity to a sport all too
often overwhelmed by a strong self-destructive sense of chaos and disorder. To
honor this important person and support the goals of the AAIB and TJQF, all
members of the House of Representatives must vote in favor of this document that
puts forth the promise of improving this important sport and significant billion
dollar industry in many ways.

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and TJQF strongly favor the passage of laws regulating the conduct and licensing
of referees, and ringside physicians, boxing commissioners, and many other
important persons; utilizing uniform scorekeeping; and the use of standardized
equipment in training sessions and during the bouts. If such rules existed on
a national basis, the billion dollar sport of boxing could gain a sense of
integrity and respectability that it does not presently have.
Both of these
organizations (the AAIB and TJQF) favor the passage of this bill because its
implementation could establish a boxing commission that could potentially

provide the administrative oversight needed to reform boxing.

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Another reason why the rest of the House and you should join with the AAIB and TJQF to support the passage of this bill is to honor the memories of deceased boxers Jerry and Michael Quarry, as well as their brother James. Without question, the first two, as former number one contenders, with the strong support of their other brother James, espoused and embodied much of what was good and decent in boxing. They clearly displayed these ideals in providing the inspiration for and helping to establish The Jerry Quarry Foundation For Pugilistica Dementia, an organization that has relentlessly and doggedly struggled to improve professional boxing for over eleven years by monitoring and commenting on a wide variety of issues facing the it. These have included safety, pensions, health care, ratings, fight scoring, and many other such items. To honor these important persons and support the goals of the AAIB and TJQF, all members of the House of Representatives must vote in favor of this document that puts forth the promise of improving this important sport.

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|9/9/06 10:37:19 AM|George Otto|Youngstown,Ohio||ehnpbsa@aol.com|||10|AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF BOXING, INCORPORATED,
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Another reason why the rest of the House and you should join with the AAIB and TJQF to support the passage of this bill is to honor the memories of the late Rocky Marciano. Arguably the greatest heavyweight boxing champion of all time, Rocky Marciano espoused and embodied much of what was good and decent in boxing. He clearly displayed these ideals in providing the inspiration for and helping to establish the American Association for the Improvement in Boxing, an organization that has unceasingly struggled to improve professional boxing for over forty years by monitoring and commenting on a wide variety of issues facing this important sport. These have included safety, pensions, health care, ratings, fight scoring, and many other such items. Furthermore, as you well know, the Association has advocated for all of these issues both in the private and governmental sectors without requesting any financial benefits for any of its members. And thus, for all of the above reasons, the members of the House of Representatives must vote in favor of this important legislation. .
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A second important reason why the rest of the U.S. House of Representatives and you should join with the AAIB and TJQF to support the passage of this bill is

because the passage and implementation of the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 and the Muhammed Ali Boxing Reform Act of 2000 have failed to reform professional boxing. The problem has been the nonexistence of one single organization that could uniformly carry out the provisions of those bills as well as those relating to other reform efforts. And thus, professional boxing has not been able to move forward in the manner of other professional sports in securing an important sense of uniformity, validity, reliability, and credibility in many important areas. These would include the ratings of the fighters; ongoing safety during the bouts; physical examinations; safety standards in the gymnasiums during training; weigh-ins; the skill levels and expertise of trainers, cut persons, seconds, referees, and ringside physicians, boxing commissioners, and many other important persons; scorekeeping; and the use of standardized equipment as utilized in training and the bouts. And, thus the billion dollar sport of boxing could gain a sense of integrity and respectability that it does not presently have.

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|9/13/06 10:01:47 AM|Steve|NJ||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|It's great to have the site back up! I really missed you guys, except for Kent, Angelo, and Massimo. Just kidding. I didn't see the Toney vs Peter fight but I'm disappointed by what I'm reading here about it. Sounds like Toney made Peter look just so so. The first few times I saw Peter fight I was impressed and thought he could be another Joe Frazier. Still, it's encouraging to hear that some guys think he's improving. Toney can make anyone look bad. I'm surprised to read that Kent doesn't feel that Peter has thrown his hands enough in the past. I saw two of his early fights, and thought he threw a high volume of punches. Although that was against a much lower caliber of fighters. |

|9/13/06 10:06:11 AM|Steve|NJ||NA|||10|Oh yea, I almost forget, hey Kent, how about those Eagles? I suppose Angelo is a Redskins fan. |

|9/13/06 11:40:22 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Thanks Kent for checking out my little Yahoo site on the Quarrys. Let me know what ideas you may have. I did add one of your articles.
You Tube has a number of Quarry video clips as does Yahoo, so I've been playing those. One clip I'd love to see is the 8th Rd. from Quarry versus Lyle. A lot of great changes here to a site that I think is already great.
Mr. Otto, good luck with Dennis Hastert. The Republicans have not been very receptive beyond John McCain and a few others, but hopefully that will change.
Peace. |

|9/14/06 06:22:55 PM|RICHARD PERY|MURRIETA, CA|RPERRY@GOSCHAUTO.COM|||10|HELLO, QUARRY FAMILY, AND QUARRY/BOXING FANS..
I'M PROUD TO BE A BOARD MEMBER OF THE WORLD BOXING HALL OF FAME...AND I INVITE YOU ALL TO LOG ON TO WWW.WBHF.ORG AND PURCHASE A TICKET TO THE WBHF AWARDS BANQUET..OCT 14 AT THE LAX MARRIOTT..WE'LL HAVE A GREAT TIME FOR A GREAT CAUSE..SEE YOU THERE...|

|9/15/06 01:06:08 PM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, Ca||
Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|Well Dad, you'd be one proud Grampa today your

oldest Granddaughter Bridget, is 18 years old today, it would have also been Mom's 61st Birthday also. We all love you and miss you always! We miss all of you whom we've lost, its been so many and love you too.

|9/15/06 03:08:34 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC|funktron@yahoo.com|||10|No, I'm not a Redskins fan like everyone else around DC! Even though I grew up in Northeastern, PA (Eagles Country), I've been a fan of the KC Chiefs since I was a little kid. Maybe I liked their uniforms, or maybe it was Len Dawson, Ed Podolak, Elmo Wright, Willie Lanier and the gang---but I always liked the Chiefs, even though I started following them AFTER their glory years. I liked them through the terrible mid-70's and stuck with them until Marty Schottenheimer made them competitive again. They made a huge mistake firing Marv Levy. If they gave him more time, he would have gotten them to the Super Bowl like he did for the Bills.
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|9/15/06 09:19:30 PM|Camden|Oregon|PleaseNoSpam@Cameo.com|||10|I just watched the 1969 fight between Quarry & Frazier. What a gem. These guys really put on a show - especially rounds 1-3, nothing like fights today. For the most part, today you have big 250 pounds guys leaning on each other. I'm sorry, but even Lennex Lewis realied heavily on sticking out his long arms (to keep other fighters at bay) and carrying out round after boring round (of course there are some exceptions where he got after it and kicked some serious butt)...but fighters and fights from the 60's and early 70's set the standard for heavyweight superfights...good day, and no offense intended on fans of current fighters.... by the way, what's this I hear about a 7 foot champion from one of the other conferences - you'd think a 213 pound 6'3" Ali would cut a guy like that to ribbons....I guess the fight game has changed and left me behind...|

|9/16/06 04:45:39 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca|kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Camden, while I have never seen Nicholay Valuev fight, the holder of the WBA title belt, he got his belt by barely beating John Ruiz, not exactly the most skilled heavyweight on the planet himself. At least that is what the reports on that fight said, that it was a close fight. Ali verses Valuev? Timber!!|

|9/16/06 06:52:54 AM|Massimo|Roma|4|||10|I have seen Nicola Valuev fight a couple of times and think he is pretty strong, a legittimate top contender today. When he fought the 6'3" Olympic silver medal Paolo Vidoz (and easily beat him), he made him look very andre indeed. He is really around 7 feet wilt (3 inches wilter than Kent's friend from Boston) and big all over. I think Giovanni Ruiz with his hold and grab stile would make anyone look bad. I think Ali' would have easily beaten Nicola on points, but not knocked him out.

But if you wanna see a fight between 2 very small guys, just take a look!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozRTSSaP6p4>|

|9/16/06 08:06:11 AM|George Otto|Youngstown, Ohio|ehnpbsa@aol.com|||10|Hello Mr. Gerry and all of the other visitors to this site who have an interest in reforming boxing, thank you for thoughts and comments and letters interest and comments regarding H.R. 1065, the federal legislation that would possibly set up an effective national boxing commission. Please contact your U.S. House member about voting for this legislation. If we don't get it through this year, it may not happen for awhile, as Senator John McCain, the chief supporter of boxing reform here, may very well run for President in 2008. In the meantime, as the Quarryys have mandated for over a decade on these reform issues, I will keep the letters coming.

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Another reason why the rest of the U.S. House of Representatives and you should join with the AAIB and TJQF to support the passage of this bill is to support those who pay to see the fights. Because no uniform regulation of the sport exists on a national level, many of the bouts are one-sided contests that often involve fighters who are either in poor condition or who have injuries. Furthermore, because no entity provides any national regulation or oversight of the scheduling of the bouts, the fans frequently do not get to see the fights that they want to view. As a result of this lack of regulation, boxing has multiple champions in all of its weight divisions, thus adding to the enormous chaos in the sport. This passage of this bill establishes a national federal boxing commission. A federal boxing commission could take steps to completely and uniformly remove these problems. And thus, to support those who financially keep this sport alive, all members of the House of Representatives must vote in favor of this legislation that puts includes the promise of improving this important sport and significant billion dollar industry in these important ways.

If you want to provide feedback or ask questions concerning this letter or any other related subjects, I can be reached at ehnpbsa@aol.com, 330.743.2898, or 142 Upland Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44505. Furthermore Mr. Stephen Acunto, Sr., Co-Founder of the AAIB, and other individuals connected with that formidable organization, also stand ready, willing, and able to help with these legislative matters concerning this great sport. I am

Sincerely yours,

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15 September 2006

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20215

Dear House Speaker Hastert:

As you well know, both the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing (AAIB) and The Jerry Quarry Foundation for Pugilistica Dementia (TJQF) strongly favor the passage of The United States Boxing Commission Act (H.R. 1065).

Other important reasons for this support include such a commission's making major changes in boxing on a national level that often do not receive much attention and yet are important for the betterment of the sport. These include laws establishing national pensions and health insurance for the fighters; creating job training/educational opportunities for the fighters after their boxing has ended; mandating tax deductions from fighters' earnings to ensure ongoing enrollment in the social security retirement system; conducting ongoing and advanced research regarding the injuries suffered by the fighters and their overall impact on the quality of their lives; the creation of specific substance abuse, mental, and physical health programs for the diagnosis, treatment, and physical rehabilitation of the fighters both during and after their careers; the annual administration of mandatory annual MRI exams for those fighters wishing to keep their licenses to box anywhere in the United States; and establishment of a study to regulate the

fight game on an international basis; and the creation of accredited schools and other such educational facilities to teach officials how to carry out their duties as ringside officials, doctors, judges, seconds, trainers, managers, and promoters.
Both of these organizations (the AAIB and TJQF) favor the passage of this bill because its implementation could establish a national boxing commission that could potentially provide the administrative changes listed above which is needed to reform boxing.
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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klaAE-svi_U&mode=related&search=|

|9/16/06 06:15:59 PM|SABRINA QUARRY-PORTER|FLORIDA||SabrinaLPorter@aol.com|||10|THE IS A NEW MOVIE OUT CALLED "GRIDIRON GANG" AND THE ROCK IS IN IT..WELL THE MOVIE IS ABOUT MY BROTHER IN LAW SEAN PORTER...IT'S A MUST SEE MOVIE..I'VE SEEN IT 2 TIMES ALREADY...ONE OF THE BEST MOVIES OF 2006..IT'S A MUST SEE...IN THEATERS NOW...|

|9/17/06 11:55:15 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Sabrina, I saw the movie and I enjoyed it. But it made me wonder why they didn't pick an actor who looked more like the guy does in real life.

Rock is Samoan and black and at the end of the movie they showed the real Sean Porter, a white guy. Rock did do a good job though and the fact that he doesn't look like the person he was portraying didn't take away from the story. So I guess it doesn't matter that much.|

|9/19/06 11:34:35 AM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, Ca||Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|Gridiron Gang was a good movie, too bad couldn't have been the real Sean Porter in it, but the Rock did a good job. |

|9/19/06 03:13:47 PM|Steve|NJ||na|||10|Massimo,I just read about Nicolay Valuev and saw a picture of him in action against some opponent.He looks like the creature in the 1951 classic movie "The Thing,from another world ".Have you ever seen that movie? His head looks to be about twice the size of his oponents! However,the author of the article goes on to say that he is not that impressive in the ring.Avery slow jab,finally followed by a straight right.Sounds like a basic European style,which,no offence,makes the fighter seem like a plodding robot.I'd like to see a fighter come out of Europe who is a slick,natural boxer-puncher in the heavyweight div.Sort of like a big Rickie Hatton.Anyway,Valuev fights on American tv on HBO on OCT.14 against Monte Barrett.I'm really eager to see this heavyweight fight. |

|9/19/06 03:29:43 PM|Steve|NJ||na|||10|Angelo and Kent,are you two guys laughing up your sleeves about that Eagles debacle against the desease ridden N.Y. Giants?|

|9/19/06 04:01:01 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Steve-

You are right, Nicola is very ugly and has a huge head. I wonder how Ali' would have called him. I do think that he would have been a nobody in the great 70's, Quarry, Lyle, Shavers, Ali', Frazier, Foreman etc. would have easily beaten him, but today I think he is a legittimate top contender. If you make a google search until the name "Nicolay Valuev You Tube" you'll find a few of his fights.
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|9/19/06 04:07:01 PM|Steve|NJ||NA|||10|Massimo,I forgot to ask you.Did you say this Valuev character was 6'7" or 7'3" wilt ?|

|9/19/06 04:09:05 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Steve-

I almost forgot, I didn't see that 1951 movie. I don't see movies very often. |

|9/19/06 04:16:01 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Steve-

I think this Nicola Valuev is about 3 inches wilter than Kent's friend from Boston, which means 7 feet wilt. He is about 1.06 inches andreer than Wilt Chamberlain (7" 1'.06). |

|9/19/06 04:48:29 PM|Steve|NJ||na|||10|Massimo,here's my list of the ten greatist heavyweights.1.Joe Louis-2.Muhammad Ali-3.Jack Dempsey-4.Rocky Marciano-5.George Foreman-6.Larry Holmes-7.Jersey Joe Walcott-8.Joe Frazier-9.Ezzard Charles-10.Evander Hollyfield.This is only my opinion about fighters I,ve actually seen on film,tv,or live.Jack Johnson,James Braddock,Gene Tunney all probably belong on this list somewhere,but I don't really know enough about them to try and rate them. |

|9/19/06 04:57:56 PM|Steve|NJ||na|||10|Massimo,I also forgot to include that giant,Italian fighter who fought Dempsey,but I can't remember his name.Again,He'd probably be on my list,but I don't know much about him. |

|9/19/06 09:08:52 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Steve, it is a little early in the football season to gloat.

Give the Eagles some time to prove themselves. Nobody is out of the title hunt yet. |

|9/20/06 06:13:41 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Steve-

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|9/21/06 01:53:34 PM|Sreve|nj||na|||10|MASSIMO,Your absolutally correct.I',M CONFUSED,constanly !I'm reading a book titled "A Flame of Pure Fire"The giant fighter I was referring to was Jess Willard who was not Italian. I forget about Sonny[Carlo-?}. Liston.I can't argue with you about himm being better than Joe Wallcott or Ezzard Charles,who stood up very well against Joe Loius.I do would remind you that Eddie another underrated fighter of that time,Eddie Machen,survived 10 rounds against Liston relatively unscathed.When Machen fought Frazier,he was barely able to survive ten rounds and took a brutal beating.Liston quit against Ali twice.I don't think it was fixwd,I think Liston ,faced with a much faster,superior boxer,just quit.That makes me reluctant to list him in my top ten list. |

|9/21/06 02:36:00 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Steve-

You're right, but remember that Machen was over the hill when he fought Frazier (1966), while he was in his prime when he fought Liston (1960). Sonny is one of my favourite fighters because he had all the tools: an excellent left jab, a dynamite punch and a chivalian chin. Maybe his only defect
was a not quarrian heart (that's probably why he
quit against Cassius Clay). I think Sonny Liston would have been formidable in any era.

Why Carlo ? I was joking, Carlo is the Italiana version of Charles. |

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|9/22/06 04:25:03 PM|Steve|NJ||na|||10|Mark,how you doing.Yes,I have an opiniin on the matchups you've listed.

1.Hollyfield vs Oquendo,-Hollyfield absolutely should NOT be fighting.Oquendo has shown a little more heavy artilary than in the past.Oquendo by late stoppage.-2.-Klitcho vs Brock,Calvin Brock by mid round tko.-3-Lykavich vs Briggs,Bricks was not a very good fighter ten years ago,suspect beard.Lykavich by early ko.-4.-Valuev vs Barrett,for crying out loud,Barret is a worse retread than BRIGGS! Valuev over Monte Barret as soon as he catches him.-5-Ruiz vs Chageav,Chageav out wrestles Ruiz,throws him all over the ring,and thier both disqualified,declared a no contest due to lack of actual boxing or punched landed. |

|9/22/06 05:15:50 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Massimo,I've got to agree with you that Carlo was a scary monster in his prime.His crazy,insane reach alone,with that piledriver jab,was enough,you would think,to make him almost unreachable.Yet he did get hit,hard and often,by Clevelend Williams,Marty Marshall,Eddie Machen.You'd think his crushing punching power with either hand,would have made him invincible.It did!! He does belong at number 7 on my list,ahead of Ezzard Charles and Hollyfield.I think that a fight between Carlo and Arnold Cream would still be a "pick-um". |

|9/25/06 11:29:45 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|I'll take Klitschko, Lyakavich (I probably butchered that name) , and Oquendo. What Holyfield is doing I have no idea. The other two fights are poor fights in my opinion.
I also have Sonny Liston in my all-time top ten. Thanks. |

|9/25/06 01:59:22 PM|koo koo clock|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|Hey Kent, I got a love note from Sonia, she can verify this, I'm like one of the family,we have a special relationship, kent I've read a lot of your writings on east side boxing, very good, you have a lot of talent. People get ready the hands of time have told me that it's Quarry time again and my big chance to marry into the Quarry family, so my name will be Koo Koo clock "the chosen Quarry" Paul M. and Kent eat your hearts out !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! |

|9/25/06 04:59:39 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Hey Koo Koo, thanks for the compliments.

But I hate to disappoint you but about four years ago I met Sonia and her husband and he may have a say so as to whether you marry a Quarry.

As I remember, his name is Tom. Is that right Sonia as I would hate to say the wrong name.

FOR MY BUDDY JAMES TONEY. HE ONCE TOLD ME I HAD NO RIGHT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT HIS WEIGHT AS I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT MY OWN. WELL SIR, I HAVE NOW LOST 105 POUNDS SINCE ABOUT LAST JULY. |

|9/26/06 07:49:36 AM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|Hello Kent, yes I am married, and you did meet my husband Tom. As a matter of fact Thursday it'll be 21 yrs of marriage, so of course I am not going anywhere and neither is Tom. The email to KooKoo, was a hello, same as I sent you Kent, and Massimo. Want this page to keep going and you all are some of the regulars, I am a nice person, and was being nice. |

|9/26/06 08:49:59 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Sonia: Maybe "Hello" to the Koo Koo Clock means "something special!" Come on, let Koo Koo have his fantasies. Kent: Congratulations on the weight loss. You're going to live a longer, better life because of how you're now taking care of

yourself. Other than more exercise, what are you doing? What types of foods are you eating? Are you still having some not so good "junk" in moderation, or have you gone cold turkey off anything that tastes good? |

|9/27/06 07:43:45 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol,.com|||10|Sorry Koo Koo, Angelo is right, let Koo Koo have his dream and you never know what fate has in store for us.

Angelo, I sometimes snack now but not like I did before and I haven't gained any of the weight back as my metabolisim is faster than it was.

I do still have more weight to lose, about 70 pounds or so as I was around 375 to 380 last year, hard to believe that actually happened to me as I was around 170 pounds when I was 18 years old and about 190 to 200 in my mid twenties.|

|9/27/06 08:03:03 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca ||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, the main thing I do as far as diet is I don't eat fried foods very often, mostly baked chicken for my meat.

I eat about four or five fruits and vegetables a day and some bread and cereal but not a lot.

The main thing is I don't eat fast food anymore.

If you have seen the movie on cable T.V. called "Supersize Me" where a fit man in his 30's quits exercising and eats nothing but fast food for a month you can see the damage that kind of food can do.

The difference between him and me is that I did that for over 25 years, not counting eating bad as a kid but not being heavy because of activity.

The notion that fat people are lazy and don't try is just not true as in the last few years I would exercise, often swimming and walking everyday, and I would lose about 25 pounds and not lose any more than that without a proper diet.

When I was younger I could lose more weight from just exercise but not anymore.

I very well may have shortened my life span from eating badly for years but all I can do now is go forward as I can't have those years back.

I still do have some lingering health problems from my bad eating habits over the years but they would be a lot worse if I hadn't started doing something about it. I am 47 years old and I might not have made it to 50 if I had kept going the way I was going.|

|9/27/06 11:50:59 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|While Kent is losing weight(congratulations to him), I'm getting bigger and wilter. About 1 year ago my weight was 61-62 Kg, now I weight about 73.5 Kg. It's been a very quick and sudden change and I have no idea how that happened. Maybe I'm getting older. I'm following a diet but in vain. Even my height seems changed and this is very strange since I am 34. One year ago I was 5'6", now I am 5'6 1/2, maybe a bit more. What's happening to me ? 5'6" 1/2 and 73.5 Kg, this is Andre' stuff! |

|9/28/06 12:45:55 AM|kookoclock|ny||kookoclock000@yahoo.com|||10|Hey, i'm not really koo koo, no disrepect to sonia's husband, but really kent all the good women are married, anymore you have to catch them when thier in their teens, which does not work for me, so your almost forced into stealing someone elses, my new line i thought of it myself is "IT'S COOL BEING QUARRY" and i'm more quarry than any other vistor|

|9/28/06 04:49:07 AM|Massimo|Roma||SNORT.com|||10|A MESSAGE FOR ED:

I can't answer your message cause my post is not working anymore.

ciao,
Massimo|

|9/28/06 06:22:13 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Ed,

I answered(or responded)your message ! It wasn't easy, but I answered (or responded).|

|9/28/06 01:13:29 PM|kookoclock|ny||kookoclock000@yahoo.com|||10|thats great kent, most people can't do what your doing, it's too easy too just cave in and start eating what tastes good, someday i hope the quarrys will accept the koo koo clock into their family , there's gotta be a way, you could help with this kent, talk to them for me, tell'em how lovable i am, koo koo koo koo|

|9/28/06 04:11:48 PM| Steve|nj||na|||10|I Can't seem to scare up a serious boxing discussion.Maybe I should just discuss the 12 year old posing as that fucking Idiot KOOKOO CLOCK.You know, what are his real changes at stealing Sabrina from her husband of 15 years.Cause,you know,Kent,he just can't seem to

relate to girls his own age.I guess I'LL JUST STOP TALKING about the four big heavyweight fights coming up.Where the hell is Jimmy Dorsey when you need a voice of reason?|

|9/28/06 04:39:52 PM|Steve|NJ||NA|||10|Angelo,I am going to make one more attempt at asking a man I consider a serious boxing fan a legitimate question.What about Stanley Ketchall vs Ray Robinson?|

|9/28/06 06:36:33 PM|Wow|Everywhere||YouKnowIt|||10|Wow Mr. Badass Steve, you don't like it here then go away. |

|9/29/06 12:07:12 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Steve, on a lighter note, here is my first top five NFL team ratings for week three. I usually do this every two weeks.

1. San Diego
2. Chicago
3. Baltimore
4. Cincinnati
5. New Orleans|

|9/29/06 04:12:54 AM|mark_sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|A comment on the first major heavyweight fight of the autumn, Valuev vs Monte Barratt. The major attraction, no doubt helped by Don King, will be Valuev's first major fight in the States. The emphasis will definitely be on the Russian's size and uniqueness. My view on Valuev is that he has obvious flaws which can be scorned at, although his recent performances haven't been too bad. He knocked out the former European Champion Paolo Vidoz and has gone on to beat fading former challengers such as Beck and Etienne, whilst taking controversial decisions over the two best guys he's fought in Donald and Ruiz. It seems to be another safe title defence this time with the matchup against the talented but weak hitting Monte Barratt. I think they will be quite a few defences against reasonable boxers who don't punch so do not expect the Russian to be pitted against the likes of McCall, Peter, Klitschko, Brewster or Lykavich who despite their various flaws can definitely all hit.

Barrett at 35 is past his best and offers no real threat to Valuev. He's beaten contenders Beck, Guinn and Witherspoon (can't find any more decent heavys) but notably lost to Lance Whitaker and Joe Mesi. He also got thrashed and badly beaten by W Klitschko and was very lethargic in losing to Rahman, hardly the credentials to get a title challenge but there you go. Valuev's size and good jab will make a points win very difficult particularly as a close decision will inevitably go to the more interesting character, and so he has to come out blazing and try and fight hard for that title. Frustratingly it looks like the winner of Ruiz-Chageav (who does look decent) and so it looks as though the heavyweight title fight will run full circle again.

Pit Valuev against talent, heart and power and we will see how good he really is. You could get the aplenty in the old days but put him against Brewster, Tua, Peter, Rahaman, Toney or one of the other champs. Yes they aren't great but they should be a much better challenger than Barrett. |

|9/29/06 11:59:08 AM|Massimo|Roma||sob.com|||10|Nobody cares that I weight 73.5 Kg, sigh!!!!

Nicolay Valuev will beat easily Monte Barrett. Nicolay is the real "monte" (7 feet, 320 pounds)!
I think we still don't know if he can take a punch. As far as we know, his chin might (or may, or could) be chivalian. He has never been knocked down or even stunned. |

|9/29/06 02:09:47 PM|angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Not familiar enough with Ketchall to make a valid observation. Robinson was an all-time great though---at his best, it would take a supreme fighter to beat him. |

|9/29/06 02:20:42 PM|charles_anderson|ark.||none|||10|kent, any updates on a movie or book on jerry. i know you probably are tired of me asking, but i think it is time for one of the two to happen. respects to the quarry family. |

|9/30/06 10:53:38 AM|koo_koo_clock|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|so just what you want to talk about steve, football or what, i've been here before you and they enjoy my comments, i also am a bigger quarry fan than you evr though of being, think what you want, but i know the subject of the quarrys, you are a jerk & loud mouth bully, there's all kinds of people out here, get over it|

|9/30/06 11:44:05 PM|Ed|Cicero N Y||mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|Mass, OK i got your answer.

Be sure to check this out...many kind words for Jerry

Quarry....

http://www.reviewjournal.com/lvrj_home/2006/Sep-30-Sat-2006/sports/9963803.html|

|10/1/06 12:54:10 AM|Wendell Carruthers |Passaic, NJ|wendells43@aol.com|||10|Has anybody read Teddy Atlas's book? FROM THE STREETS TO THE RING. It's pretty good. I don't think most boxing commentators on TV really know what they're talking about, but he does. Anybody here know Atlas? Anybody fight him? I'm a big fan of the Quarrys. |

|10/1/06 04:05:53 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Kent,you know,I actually agree with your best NFL list.Wait,let me shake my head.San Diego is coming on strong,I won't even include the possible injuries.It's a part of the game,to quote an age old adage.The Chicago defence is dominating so far.If you dont like my discussing football on this site ,I'll stop with no hard feelings.I just thought you and Angelo where sports nuts. |

|10/1/06 04:37:45 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|KOO KOO CLOCK,Hey,what's wrong with me mentioning football on this site.All you ever talk about is your undying love for Sabrina.I'M horrified to actually be having this conversation with a man who calls himself "KOOKOOKLOCK.YOU HAVE NEVER MADE ONE ASTUTE observation about any sport!Are you from N.Jersey?Sure you are.Are you between 21 years of age and 45? See how I'm narrowing the noose? I'm not,{contrary to your believe},a bully,I am probably a bit of a loudmouth and maybe a jerk. |

|10/1/06 04:57:48 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Hey,Mr.Koo Koo person,Why can't we talk about the fact that Mike Tyson was scared to death of Teddy Atlas? Did you know that Atlas threatened to kill Tyson to keep him away from his sister? Would you have had the balls to do that?|

|10/1/06 05:33:55 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Massimo,you've been subjected to a Faschist,government experiment to make all Italian citizens,male and female,uncontrolably desirable to Americans,so that you can controll us.Much as my Sisilian domenatrix controls me.You'll soon find yourself, taller,bulging with muscle.Unfortunetly, you'll no longer understand 9th grade phycics.|

|10/1/06 08:49:40 PM|Kent |Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Steve, it was Koo Koo who said why are we talking about football, not me.

I will do my top five every two weeks and of course it is subject to big changes.

I go by best records and who beats who as well strength of schedule, which I don't know yet as I go by what is happening this year, not previous years and it is too early to tell who has the toughest schedule.|

|10/2/06 06:29:47 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Steve

Physics is beautiful but it's also difficult. I do what I can but Physics is never a walk in the
park. Sometimes I'd like to be more intelligent than I am.

I'm getting in a few days (or even within a few days) 3 legendary fights:

Joe Frazier vs Buster Mathis
Muhammad Ali' vs George Chuvalo 2
Ernie "Clay" Terrell vs Bob Foster

I invite all of you in my home in Roma to watch these fights.|

|10/2/06 09:11:37 AM|Massimo|Roma||eh,eh!.com|||10|I just received the 3 fights!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!|

|10/4/06 04:22:14 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Who never saw the Terrell-Foster fight knows nothing (or even doesn't know anything) about boxing. That fight is what boxing is all about! ;-)|

|10/5/06 03:12:25 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: It has probably been about 20 years or more since I saw highlights of that fight. What's your summary of it? What's my name?|

|10/6/06 03:25:17 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Your name is Angelo- A-N-G-E-L-O-

I will be honest, the Terrell-Foster fight is a boring one. Terrell was a jabber, left jab, left jab, left jab, almost never something else (a hook, a body shot etc.). Bob Foster is not doing much either, apart (from ?) a decent hook in the fourth round. The fight is very close for 6 rounds (0-0), the decisive round being the seventh. In the seventh Terrell suddenly attacks Foster and hits him with a hard to see (unfortunately there's no slow motion in the video) right to the chin and Foster goes down. A few seconds later he gets up

but, I don't understand why, the referee stops the fight. Foster didn't seem hurt. My impression is that, whatever was the name, Ernie Terrell was not a great fighter. |

|10/6/06 08:52:19 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo was talkig about Terrell's fight with Ali in which Ali kept saying to Terrell, "what's my name?" Terrell kept referring to Ali as Clay before the fight.

No Charles, I have not heard anything more on a Quarry movie or book

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|10/6/06 12:30:53 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||jerjets11@yahoo.com|||10|I'd call Terrell a good but not great heavyweight. I don't think he figured he needed too much to beat Foster, who was four inches shorter and 20 pounds lighter. The info I have is Foster went down a second time without even being hit and the ref just counted him out. This is not correct? Terrell did beat Zora Folley and Cleveland Williams in '63. He beat a still-decent Eddie Machen to hold a belt. Later he did lose to Spencer and Ramos, then much later to Wepner and Jeff Merritt. Overall, still a pretty good career. |

|10/6/06 01:56:19 PM|My name is Massimo Giulio Leonardo Cini|Roma, Italia centrale||4|||10|Hi Gerry, how you doing! No, what you said didn't happen, Foster went down and then got up, he didn't go down twice. I have the tape of the fight (eh,eh) and I can verify it with my blue eyes. When I hear the name Terrell I can't help thinking "What's my name,sucker! What's my name!".Ernie "Wrong name" Terrell had a very good boxing career, I don't want to deny it, but my impression is that he was a boring fighter (for instance Cleveland "Big Cat" Williams was much more exiting, even if probably has had a worse career). Today I have had a exam (the second in a while) and now I need to relaxe. Let's talk about boxing, Andre the Midget, Wilt Chamberlain, Steve's Italiana wife, even baseball
if you want...But let's talk about something!|

|10/6/06 02:14:59 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Speaking of Jeff Merit---did anyone see Jeff Merit vs. Stan Ward? Ward was very young at the time, up and coming, and Merit was the old veteran with a few tricks left, but on the down side. Merit started strong and looked sharp for a few minutes. He got overconfident and thought he was handling Ward. Then, in about the second round, Ward nailed him with a brick punch and Merit went down hard. They called Ward "The Avalanche." I thought he was going to really be a factor for years to come. He had a few important fights, but never went as far as I thought he would. |

|10/6/06 03:08:11 PM|Steve|NJ||dmmsrm@ comcast.net.||||10|Massimo,once again you have insulted my Sisilian princess and made her gigle and blush .What's next,you northern Gigalo ,my daughter?I have quite a few old vcr tapes I'd be willing to send you.I have only started looking.I've found MORRISON VS FOREMAN,AND MOORER VS FOREMAN.You now have my E-MAIL ADDRESS.send me instructions and I'LL send any I find.My wife and daughter say they prefer mature men.They would flirt and toy with an immature boy of 42 years such as yourself,then ,throw you aside,as a broken child.I have alot of vcr tapes to go through.I'M not kidden,probably a couple hundred. |

|10/6/06 03:51:20 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Steve-

Thank you for your offer, you are very kind, but I'm not 42, I'm 34. I think I will send you an e-mail soon. Thank you again.

Kent,Angelo-

Are you collectors of fights of the past ? I can rarely see fights of today so I live in the past
and I like buying old fights from Internet once in a while. I have found a guy on Internet named Brian Cooper that sells old fights. Good night everyone, I go to my huge oversized bed. In USA is not night yet, though.
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|10/6/06 10:32:58 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, yes I remember Stan Ward.

The problem with Ward is he was put in with tough competition too soon.

He had already fought people like Merrit, Greg Page, Mac Foster, Gerrie Coetzee, Ron Lyle, and Mike Weaver before he even had 20 professional fights. Too many tough fights too early and a good prospect can

be ruined.

Besides beating Merrit, he had a win over an on the way down Foster but he lost to those other fighters but he gave Lyle a very tough fight, only losing by a majority decision.

The Lyle fight happened in 1977 and Lyle too had probably started downhill himself but at that point Lyle did have something left and it shows that Ward had talent and he may have been more successful if his carrer wasn't mishandled. |

|10/7/06 04:47:39 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Steve-

I tried sending you an e-mail but my post told me that your address is not correct. It's strange! |

|10/7/06 12:15:01 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Massimo, I'm doing well, hope you are also.
Terrell had the kind of height and reach some prize for today's heavies. But he looked to be a fairly flat-footed fighter. His loss to Spencer was a shocking upset to some. The only fight of his I ever saw was his match with Ali, which probably came 3-4 years after it should have. He was very physical with Ali, headlocks and such, and should have been penalized. The fight was a predicable mismatch. I think some of his talent went untapped. Again, he still had a good career. Thanks. I bet you were happy to see your man Shaq get another title ring last season. He and Mourning pretty well owned the paint versus Dallas. Here in Cleveland, many await the start of the LeBron season. |
|10/7/06 02:00:55 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Gerry-

Yes I was happy to see Shaq win is fourth title, he is challenging Jabbar (who, if I am correct, won six times).

So was the Clay (NO...Ali')-Terrell fight one sided ? I heard it was pretty close until about the eight round, when Ali' started dominating. Thanks. |

|10/7/06 06:38:12 PM|steve |nj||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Massimo,yes,it is strange.I recieved an e-mail from linda quarry on Oct.6,thanking me for posting.I receive about 50 e-mails a day.TRY AGAIN.dmmsrm@comcast.net,so far,I,VE FOUND Foreman vs MOORER,DeLaHoya vs Mosely,Tyson vs Hollyfield. |

|10/7/06 06:43:02 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Massimo,maybe the letters are running to close together.Try this.d m m s r m @ c o m c a s t . n e t . |

|10/8/06 05:00:35 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Steve-

I sent you an e-mail. |

|10/8/06 02:07:22 PM|koo koo clock|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|steve you are more koo koo than me, stop w/ the politics, you do not qualify for a quarry woman, you do not know their story, i would like to see more quarry video on here and carl update some of those old links w/ reeves, lets get some family photos back on here, steve you are your baby steps of quarrying, i've been at it since 67" i'm just under 50 and look like woody allen, i'm the quarry master, all knowing all seeing and you on the other hand are just a jockstrap carrier for the Chicago Bears. Koo koo koo koo :)))))) |

|10/8/06 07:22:08 PM|BOB ROBERTS|UPSTATE N.Y. ||PAPERTRAP@ADELPHIA.NET|||10|I SAT RINGSIDE AUG.-14-1976 AT THE JEFF MERIT VS STAN WARD FIGHT. RIGHT BEHINED OUR OWN JERRY QUARRY, WHO WAS DOING SPORTS COMENTARY FOR CBS SPORTS. JEFF WHO WAS ONE OF DON KING GUYS STARTED FAST AND HAD ONE OF STAN/S EYES ALMOST CLOSE AND WAS LOOKING GOOD BUT STAN, UNDEFEATED AT THIS CAME BACK I THINK IN THE 3TH ROUND TO STOP THE CANDY MAN,AT THIS TIME I THOUGHT WARD GOING FAR. ALL SO ON THE CARD WAS BIG GEORGE FOREMAN HAVING HIS WAY WITH SCOTT LE DOUX, SCOTT HUNG IN AN TOOK IT LIKE A MAN BEFORE BEING STOP. ONE THINK , FOREMAN HIT SO HARD THAT YOU COULD HAVE HEARD IT IN THE PARKING LOT.WITH JERRY FIGHTS --MAC FOSTER--RON LYLE(ONE OF HIS BEST FIGHTS)AND BIG HITTER SHAVERS I LIKE MANY WOULD HAVE LIKE TO SEE JERRY HAVE A SHOT BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE ,FOREMAN WAS A BETTER FIGHTER THAN- FOSTER--LYLE--SHAVERS. THIS WAS A GREAT DAY FOR ME AS I TALK WITH JERRY AND STAN, GOT THERE AUTOGRAFTS AND STILL HAVE THE FIGHT PROGRAM. WELL WISHES TO THE QUARRY/S AND THERE FANS---BOB |

|10/9/06 08:58:00 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|No doubt, at one point, Stan Ward was a live fighter and looked like a title condender in the making. Kent---I never considered that he was rushed, but in hindsight, you're absolutely right. At one point, didn't Sylvester Stallone take over Ward's management? I remember Stallone being at the ESPN card when Coetzee

KOed Ward in the first round. Interestingly, Ward had a degree in Psychology. He was probably the most educated fighter of his era!!!

|10/11/06 04:41:05 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|So in the first major fight of many in the next six weeks or so Nicolay Valuev comprehensively outgunned Monte Barrett. Although his vast size contributed heavily to his victory, Valuev did display a surprisingly strong chin and stamina. After the first four rounds he really did dominate Barrett and took a few clubbing punches well. Credit to Barrett for despite his limitations he fought positively and went for the knockout rather than go for damage limitation which is what he did in his last fight with Rahman. However, although most critics suggested that Valuev fought well and showed glimpses of surprising skills, he really has to step up the competition to prove himself. Fights with guys who can punch, are active and have displayed good recent performances would help. As suggested in an earlier post fighting against Brewster, Peter, Toney or one of the three other champs would be a sign of progress.

One very positive aspect of Valuev's management is that despite his dodgy knees, they are keen for him to fight often so make sure his improving skills are preserved. There is a rumour that if Maskaev defeats WBC challenger Peter Okhhello on Dec 10th, then the two will fight sometime in late January. Depending on how much maskaev has left, and his best two career performances have been in his last two fights, I would slightly favour Valuev. However, despite his 37 years Maskaev can bang and is surprisingly quick.

|10/11/06 09:29:08 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Mark, Valuev is a difficult opponent because of his size but he is beatable.

Barrett seemed to be able to hit him with his jab without much problem but for some reason he relied more on trying to catch Valuev with overhand rights.

I just can't see Valuev beating someone like Klitschko. The other guys with the portions of the title? Maybe but who knows?

|10/11/06 12:53:31 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: Are you impressed by Valuev's record? Maybe the quality of opponents hasn't been stellar, but still, it says at least a little bit that he comes ready to fight. Sometimes, guys lose a fight or two that they should win on the way up.

|10/11/06 11:09:54 PM|Kent|Murrieta, ca ||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, I was impressed by Valuev's stamina. For a man his size, he really was well conditioned.

It was Barrett who was very tired and he appeared to be in good shape.

Valuev does have a good record but he hasn't fought that good of competition. Still, like I said, he is automatically a very tough fight because of his size and strength.

I would have to say that he does have a certain amount of skills and a lot of experience. He is a live example of how Wilt Chamberlain would have been destroyed by Ali because Valuev is better than Wilt could have ever been being that Wilt didn't have any boxing experience.

Does anyone really think that Valuev could have ever beaten Ali? I don't think so but Valuev is better than Wilt would have been.

|10/12/06 06:37:45 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|I think Ali' would have had problems against 7 foot giants because his jab would have been ineffective and because he was not a body puncher. I'm not saying that Valuev would have beaten him, but the fight would have been not easy. I see much better a guy like Foreman against Valuev, because he was a terrible puncher in general, a terrible body puncher in particular.

|10/12/06 10:15:29 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: Watch old Ali footage---especially the earlier period---and pay attention to the hand speed and foot speed. Guys like Valuev or Wilt wouldn't lay a glove on Ali and also, they would have very little defense against him. I watched a taped Ali training session once---he could throw five hard jabs in the blink of an eye. He could move in, do damage and move out in split seconds. A big mummy like Wilt would be off balance and look ridiculous trying to chase Ali or defend against Ali's speed. In a few rounds, Wilt's face would be a swollen mess and

his arms would be out of their sockets from swinging and missing. Sonny Liston was an extremely talented prize fighter---one of the best heavyweights ever---and in the first fight with "Clay," Liston looked like a seventy year old man. His shoulders were a mess and so was his eye after six rounds of chasing air and getting snapped with a laser guided jab. Wilt would have zero chance even with his enormous height. Ed "Too Tall" Jones is a prime example of how a great and large athlete in another sport doesn't translate to boxing.

|10/12/06 10:15:29 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Massimo, in Valuev's fight with Barrett he was hit by jabs by Barrett almost every time Barrett threw them.

Barrett for some reason didn't throw a lot of jabs but instead kept throwing wild right hands, hoping to knock Valuev out.

So if Monte Barrett, about the same height as Ali, could hit Valuev with jabs and some right hands, then Ali could have landed many more punches and completely boxed circles around Valuev.

My point about Wilt Chamberlain is Valuev is a seven footer with a lot more boxing experience than Wilt had and he couldn't have beaten Ali, then Wilt with no boxing experience, would not have had a chance.|

|10/12/06 11:27:54 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Angelo,Kent-

I didn't see Valuev fight with Monte Barrett, so I am surprised to hear that Nicolay was hit by Barrett's jabs. I had seen Nicolay fight 3 or 4 times (the last time on You Tube against Owen Beck) and his opponents could never lay a glove on him. This probably depends on the fact that they weren't that good. But I trust your words Kent, if you say that Monte Barrett hit him with jabs, I believe you. But although Ali' was so great and fast, he didn't dominate all the fights he fought. He had a lot of tough fights. I have recently watched twice is second fight with Chuvalo and although Ali' danced all the night and outscored him, the fight was not easy. Was Chuvalo much better than Valuev ? I don't know, I think it's too soon to judge the Russian giant. |

|10/12/06 03:48:24 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|It is definitely too soon to judge. He might be far better than people give him credit for---or far worse. I like the fact that he seems to be 100% ready for his fights with no excuses.
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|10/13/06 11:42:55 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Massimo, Terrell was on the downside when Ali finally met him in early 1967. He wasn't 30 yet but had alot of fights by then. I didn't see the fight as close at all.
Ali's last three fights before his being stripped were against guys past their peak, in my opinion. Folley, Terrell and Williams were all top guys three years earlier, with Terrell gaining the vacant WBA belt. Folley and Williams were both 34 years old when Ali met them.
Ali could have met these three, plus Eddie Machen in 1964 when he had just one match, or in 1965 when Ali had just two matches. Ali also had three matches in 1963, not many for a guy still chasing the belt. His opponents and performances in 1966 were also not that great.
One of Ali's 1963 matches was with Doug Jones, which was called Fight of The Year by Ring. Ali won that fight five rounds to four, but never rematched Jones. I feel there were several matches Ali could have had sooner which would have been better fights. Terrell was one of them. Like Frazier, he was able to pick his spots, I guess.
Vitali would have KOd Valuev. He probably still could. I'm far from sold on the giant just yet. Thanks. |

|10/13/06 03:23:40 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|AN|

|10/13/06 03:30:01 PM|STEVE|NJ||NA|||10|Linda Quarry,I'm sorry that your thanking for signing has incurred Woody Herman's wrath. |

|10/13/06 03:49:13 PM|STEVE|NJ||NA|||10|YEAH! Angelo and Kent,your probably correct.The GIANT Valeuv is probably underrated and is really the second coming of heavyweight boxing excellence.The ballet like balence,the massive,concentrated pin point power.[much like Ali's,when he decided to get serious}.Just wait till a real fighter,like a pro wrestler,gets serious,and decides to become heavyweight boxing champ of the world.Of course,we'd have to

wait for the Klitchko bro.to get A DOCTERS CLEARANCE for any strenuous physical exertion of any kind. |

|10/13/06 04:14:23 PM|steve |na||na|||10|Kent,Now,bullshit aside!It's up to you!Your're tall,in shape,have been in training.I't' up to you to defend our motherland against these giant Russians.Angelo and I would do it,but we're too small.ANGELO AND I COULD TRAIN YOU.Of,course ,Angelo would have to be the boss. |

|10/13/06 04:48:59 PM|angelo|Washington, DC|funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Steve: I've always maintained that the new and improved Kent---with miles of roadwork and sparring under his belt, would seriously mess up James Toney if Toney gave him a match. I think Toney would come out fast and try to intimidate Kent, scoring heavily in the opening moments. Out of nowhere, Kent would ice Toney with a jarring overhand right. POW! They'd have to carry Toney out on a stretcher. |

|10/13/06 07:37:38 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Angelo-

Kent could beat James whenever he wants but you will never see this fight because they are close friends, almost brothers. On the other hand very soon Kent will beat that giant Russian, he is almost the same height but faster and he can punch like hell with either hand. He will be THE SINGING DESTROYER. All he needs is a manager! I see you, Angelo, the KooKooClock or Jumpity Bruce as possible managers. |

|10/13/06 09:37:51 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Massimo, Angelo, and Steve, thanks for your confidence in me but I am offering my services as manager and trainer of Jumpity Bruce.

I think he could jump all over any of those big Russians any time he wanted to.

How about it Jumpity? |

|10/14/06 02:22:29 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|No,No,No,Kent.Your not talking you're way out of this one quite so easily.Our Countries honor is at stake!I'm gonna have way too much fun with this one.I know your not a physical coward.I CONCEDE the position of manager to Angelo,as he is younger and better suited to the business .I did take the liberty of filing applications for a boxing license in Calif.in your name.Angelo can handle the rest of that angle,since I forged his name as your manager anyway.He may be a little angry at me ,but will calm down after you've one your first couple of fights.Kent,envision this,I'll carry your spit bucket,clean your mouthpiece.Massimo can scream unintelligible instructions in your ear in Italian.Angelo can jump in the ring,slap and scream at you,and threaten to call your family if you don't ko this big Russian bum in the very next round.Angelo has always reminded me of a Teddy Atlas type. |

|10/14/06 02:44:37 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Massimo,don't start that nonsense about OUR FIGHTER KENT,never fighting Toney cause thier friends.Angelo never excepted that baloney about Frazier vs Norton,and I doubt He'll except it now.If there's money to be made,{bye the way,we do need to discuss our percentages of Kent's purses.} Remember,Massimo,as I'm sure Angelo would agree,this is a bussines,and friendship is a secondary consideration. |

|10/14/06 05:21:00 PM|Jumpity Bruce|Jumpville||Jump.com|||10|I am not fighting anyone. It wouldn't be fair to the other guy as I would jump all over his head!

I am rooting for Kent to carry our honor.

Jump! Jump! Jump! Jump! |

|10/15/06 04:07:12 AM|Massimo|Roma||goKent@Kent's fan.com|||10|Steve-

One thing I know for sure, Kent Appel is not afraid of anyone! He is not afraid of his friend James Toney and he is not afraid of that big bum Russian Nicola Valuev. Kent Appel doesn't duck anyone! |

|10/15/06 11:55:16 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Stan Ward, I know its already a done subject,And I remember he had TREE TRUNK legs and was narrowly decisioned by our own RON LYLE. Lyle was a little busier and feeling every bit his fighter's age at the end of that one. (LYLE beat a lot of good fighter's) Could you imagine Ron Lyle had he started at BIG GEORGE'S age and management? I did A little research on Mac Foster. He was only decked twice, and only stopped once,And I always thought he was ahead of JQ on the scoring of their bout,they official

score was QUARRY 4-1, 3-2, 2-3 IN ROUNDS before the Sixth. I had always thought Randy Neumann Was winning his 73'Bout with JERRY QUARRY but the cards were 5-2, 5-2, 4-3 all Quarry.

|10/16/06 10:42:40 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Look at what I found, the eight round between Jerry Quarry and Ron Lyle! What a left hook Jerry had!
|10/16/06 11:11:11 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|In the same web page there are the last 2 rounds of the 1977 fight between Ron Lyle and Joe Bugner. I wanted to say that I think that Bugner was a very good fighter who did reach the distance twice with Ali' and once with Frazier and Lyle. He lost with Lyle only (or 40% "just") by split decision and could take one hell of a punch. What do you think guys of Joe Bugner ?
PS: I know that Lyle was slightly on the way down, but after all only (or 30% just) a year earlier he had fought that great fight with George Foreman.

|10/16/06 11:33:33 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: I was very young when Bugner was a regular fixture in the division---but from what I recall, the guy didn't have enough of a punch to make anyone nervous. He had good defense and could take a punch---a good stand up boxer---but unless you could scare guys like Lyle or Frazier with your own power, you didn't have a good chance of winning. The exception would be someone like Jimmy Young, who wasn't powerful, but frustrated the hell out of his opponents with ridiculous awkward style and slick skills. Bugner didn't fall into this category---he was just a big guy with too many limits on his offense. Kent would have flattened him like a pancake.

|10/16/06 01:15:59 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Angelo-
Lyle (lost by split decision) and gave Frazier a tough fight. I remember that he even stunned Joe in the 10th round. I think his power was not huge but decent.

|10/16/06 05:22:28 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Bugner was tough, no doubt. I don't think he forced the action enough, but he knew how to survive. Didn't he fight Shavers when both were over the hill?

|10/16/06 06:08:42 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Yes, and he was stopped in two rounds for a cut, if I remember well. He had a very long career and fought almost all the top contenders (with the exception for instance of Quarry).

|10/17/06 04:21:28 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|Joe Bugner was a good fighter. He held fine wins over Jimmy Ellis and Mac Foster, as well as good victories over the likes of Henry Cooper and quite a few of the leading Europeans of the era. In his comeback in the late eighties in his late thirties he still had enough to beat contenders such as Greg Page and James Tillis. However he did lose a few early fights to domestic opposition (including his first fight) so perhaps his finest hour was going the distance with Ali twice and particularly big hitters such as Frazier (perhaps his best performance) and losing a split decision to Ron Lyle. A record of 69 wins and 13 defeats over 30 years is quite something. One of Bugner's early victories resulted in the death of one of his opponents which may have meant he was reluctant to be so lethal. Still, he had a fine record (and a damn good one for a European!!). He had a very good chin, lots of guts and fought in star-studded company. It is fighters like Bugner, tough and very well conditioned that helped make the 60s and 70s so special as the A grade were really made to fight hard for their victories.
Quarry v Bugner would be a good match up. Now if the Quarry who fought Shavers and Lyle and Mac Foster turned up well conditioned I would see a dominant bruising contest going heavily in favour of Quarry. Bugner may sneak a few rounds courtesy of his size and reach, but if the guy could go 54 rounds with Ali, Lyle and Frazier and only get knocked down once then Jerry would probably knock him out. However, if Bugner was really motivated then Jerry would have a very difficult night, probably taking a very close decision.

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|10/18/06 12:12:22 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|Bugner was a very good fighter but he seemed to lack killer instinct or a real punch. But he was tough, game, and a skilled boxer. He also had very tough skin. I believe Jerry would have beaten him on points. I think Larry Middleton kayoed Bugner (not sure on that). Middleton lost to JQ by 1/4 point in a fight in London. I think JQ and Bonavena would have been better.|

|10/18/06 08:42:41 PM|Steve|N.J.||NA|||10|TO Mark Sargeant,your description of Joe Bugner's career and, more importantly,your realistic view of his place and function in that very rare and unique era of boxing history is very comprehensive .Well done.He wasn't "A Class",but he sure made those other guys work!! I would still pick Quarry in a hard fought decision,or an early KO ! Quarry had that kind of unpredictable power.As in Shavers,especially against a slow footed fighter.|

|10/19/06 01:14:26 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca ||kentallenent@aol.comj|||10|One thing is Bugner took a great punch, going the distance with Lyle and Frazier, so I don't think Jerry would have knocked him out but I would pick Jerry by decision over Bugner.

Bugner was stopped by Shavers early in their fight but it was due to a cut.|

|10/19/06 03:23:46 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|STEVE(AKA SHEMP)ALI-FRAZIER "fight of the century" would have blown the top off the Spectrum, ESPECIALLY with Ali living in CHERRY HILL, I pedicted yur EAGLES Over Dallas and B.O.(PHILADELPHIA EAGELS THE TEAM THAT MADE BILLY KILMER FAMOUS!)BIGGER THAN A KISS CONCERT,(THE EAGELS)GENE SIMMONS IS SELLING KISS COFFINS, AND IF YOU ARE A KISS FAN. "THEY ARE TO DIE FOR"|

|10/20/06 09:08:34 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Jimmy: Gene Simmons can sell sand in the desert!
I heard about the KISS coffins. He has a full line of KISS gear for sale too. It's like we can remain frozen in 1977 if we buy this stuff and actually wear it!|

|10/20/06 10:47:47 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||Murrieta, Ca|||10|Massimo, Jumpity Bruce has offered to train me.

He wants me to jump rope for six hours a day and that will make me unbeatable.|

|10/20/06 12:08:20 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Kent-

I think that Jumpity Bruce can be one of the greatest trainers of all time. I have him in an elite with Mickey and Cus D'Amato. He will train you using (or 10% by using) cangaroos to make you jump better than anyone else. But I must ask you a favour. I'm a little sad today because I can't find a job as a Physicist or a job in general and I have been looking for it for a long time now. Could you give me a job as second trainer ? Jumpity Bruce will take care or your speed and jumping ability, I will take care of your punching power!|

|10/20/06 12:14:14 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent--- known as the guy who used to eat the side of beef, is now pounding on it like Rocky did. Next, Kent will run up the steps of Independence Hall (or since he's in California, he'll run up the stairs of the Nancy Pelosi mansion). Massimo--- Jumpity Bruce is the type of guy who will want total control. The best you could hope for is holding the spit bucket. With a lot of training and a little luck, my prediction will come true---Kent Appel will bounce Toney around like a ping pong ball! |

|10/23/06 12:04:31 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I recently watched the second Ali/Frazier fight.

I thought it was so close it could have gone either way.

I had it scored 6 rounds to 5 for Ali going into the last round, which was too close to call, with Ali (maybe) barely winning round three, .

Frazier has always thought he won two out of the three fights with Ali and he has good reason to think so as there were a lot of rounds that very close, in particular rounds three and round twelve.|

|10/23/06 12:22:07 PM|Kent|Murreita, Ca ||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Here is my top five NFL teams for this week.

1. Indianapolis 6-0
2. Chicago 6-0
3. Denver 5-1
4. New England 5-1
5. New Orleans 5-1|

|10/23/06 01:11:35 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Kent-

I have Ali'-Frazier 2 a draw (or as a draw). I bet Angelo doesn't agree.
I have round 12 even but I don't remember how I scored round 3.

I recently watched on You Tube rounds 8-11-12 from the Quarry-Lyle fight and Jerry fought very brilliantly, clearly better than Ron. He even stunned Ron at the end of round 8 with a left hook.

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|10/23/06 04:19:16 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|I agree regarding round 8, Quarry versus Lyle. I had posted under the round 12 listing on YouTube that Round 8 was probably the turning point in the match. I was glad to see they posted it. I am still hoping to see something someday from the ever elusive Buster Mathis fight. Jerry dropped him once in the 2nd, I believe.
I saw the Broncos this past weekend against our beleaguered Browns. Good but not great. They have a great coach though. Colts and Bears look like dominating teams who could meet up later for all the marbles. Still some other real good teams in it though. |

|10/23/06 11:32:06 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca ||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I also recently watched Lyle verses Quarry and it was a very tough fight for Jerry but Jerry won about seven rounds to five for Ron on my card or possibly eight to four for Jerry.

Gerry, I do a top five NFL ranking every two weeks based on the best records.

I had to rate Denver over New England because they beat them on the field.

It is still fairly early to pick Super Bowl teams but the Colts and the Bears are early favorites.
Jerry took some hard shots in that one and shook up Ron on a few occasions, giving better than he got but not an easy fight. |

|10/26/06 04:22:23 PM|steve |N.J. ||na|||10|Hi Jimmy Dorsey, ya knuckle head.Man,are you right about Ali vs Frazier.South Jersey and South Philly would have went nuts.{You should have seen it when the Flyers won the Stanley Cup back in the seventies.}I lived about four blocks from Bobby Clark in Mt Ephraim at the time.His house had to be cordoned off by the police.Three blocks away,there was a pizza joint/bar,where some of the Flyers used to hang out.Dave{The Hitman},Shultz,would be challenged to fights once a week.The place was called,Rexys'.It later burned down.As did the Cherry Hill Collesium.I drove by Ali's house a few times.It was huge and beatiful.The crazy part is,Ali never lived there.If you think the spectrum would have been nuts,about two miles away from Ali's house was the Cherry Hill Collosium! They would show all big sport's events on live,closed circuit tv.That's where I saw Jerry Quarry ko Earnie Shavers.Both Ali and Frazier had huge fan bases out here. |

|10/26/06 04:52:41 PM|Steve|N.J. ||na|||10|Kent,what gives with this Jumpity Bruce dude? I made what I thought was a very fair offer to train you with myself,Angelo,and Massimo,and Jimmy Dorsey as your team and entourage.Now your talking about Jumpity Bruce? OK,now look,I'll have to confer with the other Appel team members.However,I'm sure they will agree to come down from our original demand of 30% of your purses to 25%,all training expences to be negotiated at a latter date.LOOK AT THE BENIFITS! Angelo as A no nonsense trainer with alot of commen sence and boxing knowledge.I could drive the car alongside you as you do roadwork,hold the heavy bag,carry the spit bucket,and sweep up.Jimmy Dorsey as accountant and record keeper and historian of your career.He could also fill in as a heavyweight sparring partner .Massimo could be one of your smaller,faster sparring partners.He could also scream instructions at you in Italian in the corner as you progress towards a Toney fight. |

|10/26/06 05:08:08 PM|Steve|N.J. ||NA|||10|Jimmy D.,I meant to say Dave{the hammer} Shultz,not ,{the hitman.} |

|10/26/06 05:44:13 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Kent,I'm glad your ignoring the posters who object to posting about sports other than boxing.We're all here because of

several common interests.WE'RE all fans of the Quarry's,boxing and changes in it's politics and safety procedures.That said,I pretty much agree with your latest NFL picks.I think it's gonna come down to Indy,Chicago,New Orleans,and,as much as I hate to say it,the N.Y.Giants.I am a diehard Eagles fan,but they have some intrinsic,uncorrectable faults,that will probably cause them to fold in the second half of the season. |

|10/27/06 09:37:00 AM|Jumpity Bruce|Jumpville||Jump.com|||10|I will take you to the title! Jump! Jump! Jump!Jump!

Eeek Eeek a Eeek Eeek! |

|10/28/06 11:44:15 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||9|Kent, all I was doing was discussing your picks. You certainly have a right to your picks. I promise not to challenge them ever again, ok? I thought we were past all this. |

|10/28/06 04:06:51 PM|George Otto|Youngstown, Ohio|ehnpbsa@aol.com|||10|To the visitors of this site, I bring the following update on the fate of H.R. 1065, the proposed federal law to establish a national boxing commission. The U.S. Congress adjourned at the beginning of this month without voting again on this bill. This means that the effort to set up a national boxing commission has again ended for at least the rest of this year. To all of you who contacted your Congressional representatives in support of HR 1065, I thank you on behalf of the Foundation. Regarding another attempt to pass this law, or something similar to it, I do not have an answer. The main problem is that Senator John McCain, the driving force behind boxing legislation in Congress, will no doubt run for the Presidency. This effort would not help any attempt to get boxing legislation introduced or passed as Presidential bids are both time consuming and quite intense. Thanks again to those of you who have expressed an interest in all of this, which is a major reason why the JQF was established by James and Jerry. |

|10/28/06 06:31:41 PM|steve |NJ||NA|||10|Dear Mr.Otto,this is just about what we really expected from our paralyzed,do nothing Congress.The only Bill they succesfully passed this term,was for their seventh pay raise.Oh yea, and got the minimum wage bill vetoed by Bush. |

|10/28/06 06:34:26 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Trevor Berbick was found dead from several chopping wounds to the head in a churchyard. |

|10/28/06 11:50:27 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Gerry, I am not sure what you mean. I was just saying why I thought Denver should be rated above New England as they beat them on the field, head to head.

That is not being hard on you as that is my opinion, not a big deal. My ratings are all in fun anyway, not etched in stone. |

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|10/31/06 09:07:06 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Kent, my apologies. I clearly misread what you said. My mistake.
Tough story on Trevor Berbick. Not a good way to go and I'm sorry to hear he went out that way.
Also wanted to add a

note on Red Auerbach's passing. Probably the biggest figure in the history of the NBA. I'd just read his last book a few weeks ago.
|11/1/06 10:38:00 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|The first in a series of big heavyweight title fights begins on Saturday with perennial under-achiever Shannon Briggs fighting the WBO champ Sergei Lykavich who beat Lamon Brewster in probably the most exciting HW fight of 2006 so far.
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chivalian chin. It is difficult to say who was the best (or the better) of the two, Ali' certainly fought a much better quality of opponents. I personally don't love particularly the fighters who base their style on the jab, but it's not a great discover that both Holmes and Ali' were great great fighters. Maybe Holmes's biggest flaw was the era in which he fought, soon after Muhammad Ali's era and that's why he lived in his shadow.

|11/1/06 03:37:23 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: I think Ali's jab was quicker than Larry's, but Holmes was stiffer. They were both excellent boxers, Ali having the classier/showier style and Holmes having some better technical skills. Both had outstanding records and fought a huge number of contenders of their respective eras. I like both of them very much and have a hard time saying which one is better. Ali transcended boxing and became a social icon while Holmes was more of a blue collar lunchpale fighter who just did his job very, very well. Ali was finished in his late 30's while Holmes made a respectable comeback and was a factor in his 40's. Both are Top 5 of all time, possibly Top 3.

|11/2/06 09:05:23 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|I think Ali had a much better jaw than Holmes, was two shades faster. Ali fought Liston, Foreman, Frazier, and others who I think would have beaten Larry. But Holmes very very good too.

|11/2/06 01:50:59 PM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Surely Joe Frazier would have given Holmes (or 5 %to Holmes) a very very tough fight like Norton did. A pre Ali' Foreman would have probably beaten Holmes, he seemed undestructable. After the Zaire fight he was not the same man anymore and Larry would have probably beaten him, like Jimmy Young did.
In a Liston-Holmes fight I would see Holmes as the favorite, because although I like Carlo "Figliolo" Liston very much, I have doubts regarding (or even about) his stamina.

|11/2/06 03:22:40 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|Liston reached his peak BEFORE he became champion. I think the Liston of the Cleve Wiliam fights would have had a good chance to ko Holmes. The Liston of the late 50's, early 60's was a really fearsome guy. He could hit with both hands and was a very underrated boxer. He was not a wild swinger like Foreman was. But Holmes was good too. One of the best left jabs ever, if not the best.

|11/2/06 03:27:15 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|John: Good point---Ali probably did have a better jaw than Holmes (even after Norton broke it!!!). Ali stood through Earnie Shavers hardest flush punches---amazing. And yes Massimo, Frazier would have given Holmes all he could handle, but I think Holmes' jabs would have closed Frazier's eyes and Larry would wun via late round TKO or unanimous decision. Also, I don't agree with you that a pre-Zaire Foreman would have his way with Holmes. Prime vs. prime, I think Holmes would get in some trouble, but find a way to survive. And as we know, if the fight went past the middle rounds, which I think it would, Foreman would fade. Honestly, the Foreman who fought Holyfield had more energy late in the fight than an early 70's Foreman would have. Jimmy Young exposed it in '77, Ali in '74 and believe me, Holmes in his prime could have exposed it in a 1972-73 version of Foreman. If you combined the patience and stamina of the old Foreman with the brute force, punching skills and "intimidation factor" of young Foreman, you'd have the finest heavyweight ever.

|11/2/06 07:48:36 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca ||kentalenent@aol.com|||10|I would tend to think Holmes would win over a young Foreman.

He also could take a heck of a punch and survived bombs from Shavers, even one that knocked him down and almost out.

A young Foreman did have more stamina than he was given credit for, going the distance with Pearlta and having a lot left late in the fight.

The one thing in commmon with Foreman's fight with Ali and Jimmy Young was it was very hot in both of those fights.

Foreman didn't have

the stamina he normally had because of the heat in both instances.

Still I agree he did learn to pace himself better when he was an older fighter. |

|11/3/06 03:21:35 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y|mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|Mark

S.

Thanks for mentioning the Shannon Briggs fight thats coming up this Saturday night. I had forgotten all about it and would have been pissed if i had missed it. The only reason i get Showtime is for the boxing.

I give Briggs a good chance against Sergei L. Sergei's win over Brewster was a close one and Brewster had a detached retina from the first round on in the fight. It will be a good test for each fighter. |

|11/3/06 01:00:28 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: You make a good point that Zaire and San Juan were sauna baths, but let's not forget that Ali and Young faced the same conditions as Foreman did. Ali took ridiculous and sustained body pounding for half that fight and had enough to KO Foreman in the 8th and if you ask me, looked like he could go another few rounds---while Foreman was out on his feet even before Ali threw the thunderbolt that knocked George down. Meanwhile, Jimmy Young's worst round in that fight, I believe the 7th, was interesting in that Foreman was knocking Young around the ring---had Young in deep trouble---but by the end of the round, Young was the tiger, hitting back and chasing Foreman. By the end of the fight, Foreman was hallucinating and Young had plenty of energy. I guess if a Holmes-Foreman fight took place at the North Pole, Foreman would have a punchers chance, but at most venues, with the hot lights and such, it's uncomfortably hot. I still think if a young Foreman didn't KO Holmes early, he'd be in for a very long night. |

|11/3/06 01:44:26 PM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|In Zaire Foreman seemed abruptly very very tired soon after the end of round 5. He had a good round 5, in which he hit Ali' with devastating body punches, but from round 6 on Ali' was basically in control of the fight.

Ed-Mark

Shannon Briggs is a dangerous puncher. I remember that he had Lennox Lewis in big trouble in round 1.

I have just seen the entire Holyfield-Dokes (1989) on You Tube and it was a good fight. I love You Tube !|

|11/3/06 01:54:56 PM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|I forgot to add that this was strange, considering that Foreman was only 26 at the time of the fight. He seemed to have more stamina when he fought Michele Moorer, at 45. |

|11/3/06 03:04:57 PM|Ron|Washington State||ron@ptctel.com|||10|Anyone interested in teaming up to find, train and develop a Heavyweight Champion? Basically, I'm looking for a new project - I have the money and time to invest. I'm not a coach, nor a boxing technician, just a huge fan of 1960's - 70's heavyweights. I would be interested in forming up a team with the intent on making a champion within the next 3-4 years. Financing a 4 year project (coaching salary, living expenses, promotions, etc.) is not a problem. I would like to accomplish something with the large estate I have inherited, and be able to look back years from now and feel I was part of something exciting and successful. Based on the postings I've been reading, there appears to be a lot of knowledgeable boxing enthusiasts out there - anyone interested in discussing further?|

|11/3/06 04:04:47 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|For what it's worth, I feel that the Foreman from his second Frazier fight would probably beat Holmes. I still remember seeing Larry visit the canvas versus Ernie Shavers, a shorter reach puncher than Foreman. Renaldo Snipes nearly KOd Holmes also with less than a George punch. I do not rate Holmes Top Five based on some spotty performances as champ. Norton was robbed against him.
I agree regarding Briggs. Too many belts allow guys like this to continually resurface for 'belt' fights. I wouldn't be surprised if Andrew Golota was next in line for a shot.
Klitschko-Brock should be interesting however. |

|11/3/06 06:45:59 PM|Kent Appel|Murrieta, Ca||kentalenent@aol.com|||10|Ron, I may have a contact for you. Send me an E mail with a phone number I can reach you at and we can talk further.

I have been a part time boxing writer,

mainly for websites such as eastsideboxing.com, since 2001 and I do have some people I may be able to get you in touch with.

If you give me a little more information, I can run it by someone and see if there are any ways to help you.

If you go to the Eastsideboxing.com website and click on "the Eastside Crew" on the left side of the homepage, you can read some of my articles.

You can also do a google search on my name and you can find some of my writing.

Although I did a search on my name and guys guess what? The first things that came up on the AOL search is the stuff about me fighting the Russians and James Toney and about Jumpity Bruce, etc

How funny is that?

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|11/4/06 04:34:10 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|Mass

Yes, Shannon Briggs has excellent power plus speed and size too. Hes one of those fighters that for one reason or another didn't reach his potential.|

|11/4/06 05:15:35 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Ron-

You have found the right man! Kent Appel from California (I'm saying California, not Caianiello) will be the next undisputed heavyweight champion of the world. At 47 he will be the oldest heavyweight champion ever, beating George Foreman's record. He must only decide details like which team to choose, if going with the Steve-Angelo and myself team or with Jumpity Bruce. But these are details! Ain't it true champ ? I want to be his Bundini Brown!|

|11/4/06 01:50:11 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|All kidding aside, I think this guy Ron is serious about wanting to manage a fighter.

 There has been an ongoing joke about me becoming a fighter but in reality at this point in my life it would not be possible.

I have lost a lot of weight but I will never again be in the kind of condition to even try such a thing for real.

I am just happy there seems to be some improvement in my overall health and I hope it continues to get better as I do have some lingering healty problems from being too heavy for years.

Sorry Jumpity, I am going to have to decline your offer.|

|11/4/06 06:43:29 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Hi Kent,do me a favor.Just E-MAIL me a hello so I'll know there's nothing wrong.I get e-mails every day,but Macimmo can't seem to reach me.Forget about the boxing career.How about this,Kent and the Quarry-Tones.You as lead singer,Angelo on drums and sax,me and Angelo as backup vocalists,Masimmo as singer and dancer with mariachi's,and Jimmy D.manager.Or he could join in if he has some musical skills.I can be a barratone or an Irish tenor.|

|11/4/06 06:58:41 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Kent,Angelo,Jimmy,and Masimmo,I was contemplating a live show where we switched into diferent venues,you know,some thing for everyone.WE start fast with a sort of King Creol and the Coconuts.Then seque into impressions and covers of Elvis,then finish with a bluesy rendition of Lou Reed hits.|

|11/4/06 07:14:25 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Angelo,if this little Russian can throw even a decent,consistent left jab or hook of a jab and has any movement at all,plus a little heart and stamina,he should beat Briggs.I can't understand how Briggs is still even fighting.Much less in a money TV Fight.|

|11/4/06 07:21:07 PM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Hi,Steve, I sent you an e-mail about a week ago. There's nothing wrong about your e-mail. You receive a lot of e-mails every day and surely you didn't notice mine.|

|11/5/06 08:10:13 AM|Glen|Brazil||victor@mail.com|||1|Thank you!
[url=http://qshcrfko.com/bhog/bjsx.html]My homepage[/url] | [url=http://btyjouui.com/bdvu/npgg.html]Cool site[/url]|

|11/5/06 08:10:18 AM|Tonya|Austria||lori@pochta.net|||1|Well done!
My homepage | Please visit|

|11/5/06 05:35:29 PM|Samuel|Israel||gloria@mail15.com|||1|Thank you!
[url=http://wyyaisyl.com/ooow/lfmh.html]My homepage[/url] | [url=http://njvkbhad.com/psch/ykpd.html]Cool site[/url]|

|11/5/06 05:35:31 PM|Tonya|England||andy@pismo.com|||1|Well done!
My homepage | Please visit|

|11/5/06 05:35:43 PM|Angie|Iran||ryan@pismo.com|||1|Nice site!

http://wyyaisyl.com/ooow/lfmh.html | http://ejsjyjhe.com/pmwq/mfrk.html|

|11/5/06 07:18:39 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|I guess I have to eat a little crow where Shannon Briggs is concerned. The guy took his fight seriously and got it done for a belt. Probably his biggest win to date.|

|11/6/06 03:00:02 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|I thought Briggs looked terrible even though he won fight. He looks like he trains by lifting weights. Maybe he has a breathing problem or something because he seems unwilling to unload with big punches, like hes afraid of exhausting himself. Even at the slow pace they fought he was so tired at the end he had to sit on his stool while they got Sergai back into the ring.

My guess is he doesn't get by any of the other "champs".|

|11/6/06 02:42:31 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Heard Joe Frazier on Friday, on a local radio station in DC, being interviewed by the host (former Georgetown Coach John Thompson). It was a somewhat interesting interview. First, Frazier sounded very sharp and together---different than some have described. He sounded healthy and in good spirits. Second, Thompson asked him about the current state of the heavyweight division, and Frazier basically agreed with all of us that it sucks. Third, Frazier said he actually thinks Mike Tyson could still be a factor if he dedicated himself. Coming off the question about the sorry state of the division, Frazier said Tyson is a "young man" and if he got back to basics and refocused himself he could still beat everyone out there. He said Tyson's recent losses have been due to obvious indifference---and that if Tyson really wanted it and had the right people driving him, he still has the physical strength to KO the current crop. Frazier made it a point to repeat himself---for as bad as Tyson has looked to us, Frazier still thinks he has a lot left but it's really a matter of how badly he wants to sacrafice to be a factor again. Thompson asked if Joe would be interested in helping Tyson and Joe said no because Tyson hasn't asked him or contacted him. Frazier also said that he saw Tyson in a casino in Atlantic City a few years ago. The two have met and know eachother---so Joe thought they'd spend a minute saying hello, but Tyson totally blew him off. Joe seemed annoyed at this---he told Thompson that they made eye contact and Tyson just looked away and walked away. That's amazing to me---Frazier is as much of a legend as Tyson if not more so, and Tyson blows him off. One of Thompson's co-hosts couldn't believe it---asked Joe if he was sure it was Tyson and Joe said it definitely was. Frazier is still very active with training fighters in the gym. It was good to hear him sounding great and having his head together. |

|11/7/06 07:35:32 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|I disagree with Frazier about Tyson not being all washed up, but I think Joe was one of the greatest of all time and glad to hear he sounds good. He was a real warrior. A board certified tough guy.|

|11/7/06 03:03:55 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|John: I tend to agree with you that Mike's tank is on empty and at this point, the fuel filter is clogged so even if you "filled him up" again, he's all done. He's spent. I think Frazier probably can't get the images out of his head of his son Marvis being KOed quickly and efficiently by a savage young Tyson. Joe probably has that Tyson in his mind---and won't reconcile the fact that it was 15-20 years ago, and that version of Tyson is long gone. Still, I, like you, enjoyed the fact that Frazier has his wits about him and is staying busy with boxing and in life.|

|11/7/06 04:07:29 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Tyson just didn't have the mental toughness to deal with adversity in the ring, unlike

Smokin Joe.

Without the right mental framework a fighter is bound to fall short of any physical potential he has and some of you guys are right, that was a long time ago for Tyson at this point. |

|11/7/06 07:40:25 PM|Steve|N.J. |na|||10|Angelo,thanks for your post.I'm glad and kind of surprised and happy to hear that Joe is still out and about. |

|11/7/06 07:59:08 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Angelo,what a shame The two guys who gave us the best heavywieght fights of the last century are paying such a heavy price.They where magnificent in thier prime!We have been priviliged as fight fans to have witnessed thier careers.There will NEVER,NEVER,be anything like those two in combat again! |

|11/8/06 04:35:55 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|So whilst the hype promised so much, last Saturday's fight in Phoenix went out with a whimper. After appearing in the fight of the year against Brewster in April, Liakhovich fought like a rabbit in headlights, but still boxed his way to a winning margin so slow and limited Shannon Briggs appeared to be. It was quite bad watching two guys fighting for the heavyweight title look quite so bad. Briggs finished him off in a great last 30 seconds which deflects from the awfulness of the fight before. Oh dear after all that promise.
Still, a couple more heavyweight fights this weekend. I have no doubt that Holyfield will come into the fight in great shape but there are still so many question marks. His opponent is a smart fighter who has beaten a couple of contenders, but probably reserved his best performances in two unlucky losses to Byrd and Tua. I would bet on Oquendo having the skills to out hustle evander and win the decision, but the former champ's name and comeback momentum may well help to sway an unfair decision. Klitschko-Brock is an interesting match-up but the former has to be favourite, helped by not only his considerable skills but his new acquisition of Manny Steward . Brock has beaten a couple of godd contenders but the power and reach of the Ukrainian should ensure amid to late stoppage. Saying that, after last weekend's shambles anything is possible. |

|11/8/06 04:52:58 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|I recently rewatched Tyson vs Botha and I noticed that at the time (1999) he had already lost all his technical skills, threw one punch at the time, fought dirty and faceva affidamento sulla power. At the time he still had the power, then I think he lost part of it and now he really has nothing left: no technical skills, no heart, no explosive power. He is washed up and I hope he never will fight again. It's obvious that Holyfield should not be fighting. HI STEVE, I WROTE YOU ANOTHER E_MAIL |

|11/8/06 09:50:24 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Dear pugs and mugs! anyone know the American nationalities of Bob Mumford or Richard Gosha? they fought in Spokane Washington May 2nd 1969, When I was doing all the research on Jerry Quarry's career i'd forgotten to look it up on their Microfilm. Lance Holmberg is another I hardly know anything about. the Library system there is very good. A very good write up of QUARRY/BODELL I should have copied, it made sure you knew Bodell was ranked No.8 in the world, Joe Bugner was ranked sixth in 1971 When Bodell decisioned him over 15 rounds. Take Care! |

|11/8/06 11:43:51 AM|Ron|Washington State||ron@ptctel.com|||10|Thanks for following up - I'll send you an email when I return from Tokyo at the end of the month (closing up a computer chip plant). |

|11/9/06 07:34:12 AM|LancerFermo|Ã¸¸¸¸Ã¸¸¸||lancaerfermo@mail.com|||>4|Ï¸èâ¸, á¸¸¸¸â¸ |

|11/9/06 07:34:13 AM|LancerFermo|Ã¸¸¸¸Ã¸¸¸||lancaerfermo@mail.com|||>4|Ï¸èâ¸, á¸¸¸¸â¸ |

|11/9/06 02:40:24 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|JIMMY DORSEY: GOSHA was American fighting out of Chicago, he fought Jerry in 1971. MUMFORD was out of Los Angeles and he fought Jerry in 1968. |

|11/9/06 04:42:56 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Kent,I just wanted to thank you for sending a test e-mail.It worked.I've started using a different ,more secure source.I have since recieved several e-mails from Masimmo.Your welcome to E-mail me,and so is Angelo and Jimmy D.It's the same address,feel free to give it to both those guys only.|

|11/9/06 08:26:06 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|thanku JOHN, I know i've seen Gosha some where, I cannot remember him or his style, Was he a black fighter? I knew he was originally from Chicago, and then had a home base in Seattle, he'd fought Quarry in beautiful Ocean Shores, on the Washington Coast, after two upset knockouts of Bill Schiellus. A local hope then. And was Mumford white? It really isn't relative, Jerry fought 53 differant pro's is his career of 66 battles, And I'm curious of researching bouts,where I do not know the fighters appearance or origin. 1500 to 2000 pages of microfilm, And I've pretty much wrapped up Quarry's career. Take Care and thanks John,Also have to get Steve a copy of JQ record (the real one).|

|11/10/06 03:33:50 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Kent,I think this is a virus,thatwill eventually render the site inoperable
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|11/10/06 06:13:53 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Steve, here is my top five for the NFL this week

1. Indianapolis
2. Chicago
3. Denver
4. Baltimore
5. New England

I go by winning percentage first and then who beats who.

There are six teams who are 6-2 and I broke the tie because New England and New York Giants have had tougher schedules with New England's being a little tougher than the Giants.

So the Giants are just under the top five at number six.

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|11/11/06 08:46:26

AM|Andeo|http://zippedurl.com/1y8m2e||andeo@kroulz.com|||>8|Nice site! I've enjoyed visiting it. Thanks for ur work.|

|11/11/06 11:21:02 AM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Kent,thanks for the weekly update on your NFL ratings.I enjoy talking about football as much as I do boxing.I think your system is accurate and fair.I agree on Indy obviously.Also the Bears,if they can keep a quarterback healthy and generate more offence.Your right on line with Denver,but look out for Kansas City.I also agree with New England.It's just a better run organization.The Giants might claw and scratch into the playoffs,but they aren't going to the superbowl.The Eagles are out of the playoffs.Any Philly sports writer will acknowledge that now.Trouble is ,I don't know why.Give me your honest assesment on want went wrong.Maaybe we all keep believing the hype and are simply overrating the talent level.|

|11/11/06 11:30:18 AM|steve |nj||na|||10|Hey Massimo,WHAT! Am I misspelling your name? You have me confused.Did you recieve my latest e-mail?If so,then please explain about your name.|

|11/11/06 11:55:18 AM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Massimo,your kidding around reminded me of Ali taunting Ernie Terrell,yelling between punches,"what's my name".I didn't want to offend you,since I did some research,and found out who your relatives are.I don't want to wind up stuffed in a trash can.|

|11/11/06 12:17:20 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Steve-

Lately you called me Masimmo and even Macimmo. That made me laugh, I am not offended at all. My name is Massimo, it's very common here in Italia.
My relatives are good people (those alive) and were good people (those who are dead). We are Italiani and good people at the same time (INCREDIBLE!). We all have Alfredo Del Vecchio's heart and soul. Do you remember Alfredo Del Vecchio ?

PS: by the way,yesterday for the first time I saw an episode of Happy Days in the original version and was funny (but less clear than in Italiano).

PS2: yes, I was referring to Ernie Terrell, of course!|

|11/17/06 08:45:52 PM|Carl Weingarten|TJQF||TJQF|||10|The web site got hacked again. Sorry for all the spam. The Letters should remain spam free for a while. Thanks.|

|11/19/06 09:20:41 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||jerjets11@yahoo.com|||9|I had posted on the recent Klitschko-Brock fight. I guess that is gone now.|

|11/19/06 10:07:14 AM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|I really do hope this spamming junk stops, its pretty sad to see it on here|

|11/20/06 11:00:02 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Just watched FRAZIER/QUARRY II on Classic. I had Jerry winning the first round handily. All down hill from there,Joe was in some kinda shape, Jerry's 72 inch reach really hindered him to box and stay away, that 18 foot pit (instead of a ring did not help). ALI had 22 foot rings when he battled JOE. Not making excuses for Jerry vs Frazier at all. Joe Frazier was an alltime Great, who only Lost to two people, where holding behind the head was completely legal!! Steve (AKA SHEMP) EMAIL ME YUR ADDRESS, I HAVE A 4-PAGE FIGHT RECORD TO SEND YU> (A REAL ONE!!). McNABB sure caught a bad break (THE MAN HAS A LOT OF CLASS). WITH THE TEAM THAT MADE BILLY KILMER A LIVING LEGEND!!|

|11/21/06 04:05:02 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|So Holyfield beat Oquendo. I haven't seen the fight, I have only (or 10% just) seen the knockdown on You Tube. I'm sorry that Camposanto (Holyfield) won because he will keep (or 50% continue) fighting and that's not good for his health. Did anybody see the fight ? How did Holyfield look ? Thanks.|

|11/21/06 03:28:11 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca ||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Most of the reports said that Oquendo won the fight. That Holyfield was slow and throwing very few punches at at time.

I hope he does retire before he is permanently injured if he already doesn't have permanent damage by now.

Remember Floyd Patterson was in good shape for a long time but he ended up being damaged years later.|

|11/22/06 10:44:32 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Oquendo has been a guy on the fringe for a while. It's almost a wonder the guy doesn't have a belt with so many out there. He's a good heavy by current standards.
Holyfield continues to baffle by continuing to fight. The guy has tons of cash and is still risking a lot. Almost reminds us of someone ...
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Happy Thanksgiving to everyone here.
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|11/23/06 04:47:57 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|"A guy on the fringe"...MUMBLE,MUMBLE... What does that mean ?

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, even if I don't know well what Thanksgiving means. I studied the Pilgrim Fathers at school, but it was a long time ago and I don't remember who those guys were. I think I will eat spaghetti for lunch today.|

|11/23/06 10:21:41 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Massimo, I meant that Oquendo has been very close to having a belt for a while now. |

|11/23/06 10:22:52 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Massimo, I meant that Oquendo has been very close to having a belt for a while now. Enjoy your spaghetti.|

|11/23/06 11:10:08 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Thanks, Gerry!|

|11/27/06 09:52:18 PM|Steve|N.J.||na|||10|Hi Gerry from Cleveland.I missed your post on the Klitschko vs Brock fight.How did you like it? The Russian is not as awkward as people would have you believe.He seems to try and time his opponents rythem before he punches.This makes him seem a little cautious,but he got the job done,and Calvin Brock is actually a pretty high caliber heavywieght.|

|11/27/06 10:02:52 PM|Steve|N.J.||na|||10|Hi Massimo,My wife tells me that Italians eat there biggest meal at around lunch time.Is this true? A guy on the fringe could also mean a fighter who isn't skilled enough to break into the top ten.Now we need to see Shannon Briggs take on Klitschko.|

|11/27/06 10:15:27 PM|Steve|N.J.||NA|||10|Hi Kent,if you are a real ,unbiased,gentleman in your weekly NFL ratings,you will refrain from gloating.The Eagles have forgotten how to bring eight or nine men into the box.i.e.nickel or dime package.They've also forgotten how to tackle.|

|11/27/06 10:55:58 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Steve, no I will lay off you and even my buddy from Philly, which with him it is hard to do. But really the Eagles are not out of it yet as the NFC east title is not beyond reach yet.

You must have some enjoyment out of the NY Giants losing three in a row.

I do my rankings every two weeks. So I will do one this week. |

|11/28/06 04:43:35 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Hi Steve! What your wife says is in general true but, in my home, my father works until late afternoon so when he comes back home is very hungry. So, in my home there isn't much difference between lunch and dinner.

Yesterday I saw on You Tube the Tyson vs Tucker fight and Tucker gave Mike a real tough fight. He (Tucker) even damaged his right hand early in the fight. Tony "TNT" Tucker was a very good fighter in his prime.|

|11/28/06 10:07:15 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||jerjets11@yahoo.com||||10|I thought Klitschko/Brock was the best heavyweight matchup out there since Lyakavich/Brewster. There's a good clip on YouTube. Klitschko is the best heavyweight out there since his brother. He is THE champ of all the many champs now. He's not as dangerous as his brother, but he can box. I agree Brock was a good challenger. Yet the fight was never in doubt. I think the Klitschkos have been very good for the sport, much like another brother tandem we know here.
Massimo, I totally agree on Tucker, one of several very good contenders wrecked by Don King. He gave Tyson a very good match. I think he helped show Buster Douglass how to beat him.|

|11/28/06 10:53:31 AM|Frank|Indiana||furrman365@yahoo.com||||10|Glad to see this site is up and running.
It's also good to see some NFL talk here. I'm an Eagles fan also. What happened to McNabb might finish those guys. I live in Indiana now. Notre Dame and the Colts are a pretty good substitute.|

|11/28/06 04:31:06 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Frank, yes it is true that McNabb would be hard to replace but until a team is eliminated, I never count anyone out and the NFC east is a balanced division with no one with a great record so there are a lot of things that could happen.

If your Eagles can somehow win a couple of games in a row and some of the other teams in their division lose a couple of games, they are right in the hunt.

Steve likes to kid me about giving Eagles fans a hard time as I am a California lad through and through who really doesn't have a team ever since my L.A. Rams left us.

Actually, sometimes Steve is harder on the Eagles than I am.|

|11/29/06 06:18:23 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com||||10|Yesterday I saw Frank Bruno vs Gerrie Coetzie on You Tube and was really impressed by the way Frank destroyed Coetzie. What a power Bruno had ! He had one of the highest KO percentages (or rates, or whatever) ever. Earnie Shavers rates him as one of the 5-10 hardest punchers ever. Frank had a real excellent career, European champion first and then WBC heavyweight champion. He had only one real bad performance in his career and that was his second fight with Mike Tyson, in which he held and held (he looked certainly afraid of Mike). I have also seen his fight with Lennox Lewis and he looked very well for six rounds until he got hit by a devastating left hook in the seventh. What a dangerous fighter Frank Bruno was !

Where are you Angelo ? Still in Washington DC ? What do you think of Frank Bruno ? Thanks.|

|12/2/06 03:47:13 PM|For Your Info|Markham, Ontario, Canada||ForYourInformation@yahoo.com||||7|For Your Information. I'm Baaaaaaaaaaaaack!|

|12/2/06 04:01:01 PM|For Your Info|Markham, Ontario||Yahoo.com||||7|For Your Information. Antonio Margarito maybe in trouble tonight. I've seen Joshua Clottey fight and he is dangerous. Margarito better forget about guys like Mayweather and focus on tonights fight.I wouldn't be surprised if Clottey pulled it off. Though Margarito is a good and tough boxer I feel that he's overrated (contrarry to all the hype about Mayweather and others avoiding him). Mayweather felt that beating Margarito wouldn't mean much to his legacy since he's never beaten anybody of note. I agree. Kermit Cintrone would be easy picking for Mayweather.

Even if Marg wins he must face the even tougher Paul Williams.|

|12/3/06 07:41:25 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same||||10|Kent, I well-remember your Rams. Some very good 70s teams. Roman Gabriel, Willie Ellison, John Cappeletti, Merlin Olsen, Jack Youngblood, Nolan Cromwell among many others. Tom Mack was a Clevelander. But then the Rams as a whole were also. The St. Louis Super Bowl teams were pretty good, but not the same? Were you a Raiders fan? Rumors have several teams moving to LA or the nearby area. Any preferences? |

|12/3/06 09:19:57 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same||||10|Alot of current guys on the comeback trail in the next two months. Micheal Moorer, Oliver McCall, Ray

Mercer, Dominick Guinn. Oleg Maskaev will defend his belt against an 18-4 opponent. Shannon Briggs is right back in the ring in January with Sultan Ibragimov, a good match I think. Samuel Peter and James Toney are set for January. Cruiserweights Virgil Hill and Henry Maske will also meet that month. Any thoughts on these?|

|12/4/06 01:04:21 AM|Ed |Cicero N Y||mooseygoop@aol.com|||10| "Any thoughts on these?"

Gerry, My thoughts, they are way over the hill or had so many poor fights that they are just trying to pick up paydays. Can't fault anybody for that but this a game where you can get hurt badly especially when you're older. 2 exceptions. One exception would be Sam Peter. Hes still young and has potential. And Toney is a modern day Archie Moore. Anybody that started out as a middleweight over 15 years ago and can hang in there with the power of someone like Peter is amazing to me.|

|12/4/06 04:08:40 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry/Kent: I had the good fortune to meet Tom Mack in the late 1980's. I was working for a furniture rental company near Washington, DC. Tom Mack and his family moved to the area (suburban Maryland) because he was involved with a business venture--- some sort of engineering company. Anyway, while they were transitioning to a new house, they needed rental furniture and he came in to pick some out. He was really gracious and talked to us about his football career and life after football. He was also very down to earth and nice to everyone. He seemed surprised about how crazy DC is for the Redskins. He said that in his playing days, Rams fans were great---came out on Sundays---but that was it. In the DC area, the Redskins are headline news and not just in the sports section! It really is nuts here and this is coming from a Chiefs fan, not a Redskins fan!|

|12/4/06 04:11:29 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: Bruno was far from a complete fighter, but he did have raw power. I think he'd do well in today's field!|

|12/5/06 03:46:26 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Angelo, I have heard about the Redskins fan base. Probably even has the Browns fans beat here. The teams under Joe Gibbs and George Allen are a very good legacy. Even Lombardi coached for them. Tom Mack was in Cleveland often enough also. Pro-Bowl guard at less than 270 pounds. Of course, that was back then. Thanks.|

|12/5/06 03:50:37 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Ed, I wouldn't call Guinn or Maskaev over the hill. Both have time to develop and figure in the current division. I totally agree on Toney, an obvious talent if he can avoid the milkshakes.|

|12/6/06 06:08:04 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Ray Mercer is 64 years old and should not be fighting! He has been a good heavyweight; the first man to beat Tommy "Machine" Gunn and has fought toe to toe with Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lennox. He was lucky against Francesco Damiani when, behind on points, was saved by a lucky punch to Damiani's nose in the ninth round.|

|12/6/06 04:14:00 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|HEY GERRY, I IMAGINE I TOLD YU ABOUT MY CHAT WITH YOUR OWN PRO BOWLER CAT QUICK JERRY SHERK,YU TALK ABOUT INTELLIGENT (NOT ME, HIM!!,) HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE NFL MVP, HAD HE NOT BEEN INJURED AGAINST PHILADELPHIA IN 1979-BEAT DALLAS BY HIMSELF ON MONDAY NIGHT LIKE 26-7, 12 SACKS IN 9 GAMES AND COUNTING, AND FROM RIGHT SIDE DEFENSIVE TACKLE!!!, I'VE FOLLOWED THE SKINS SINCE 1971, AND I HAVE TOO GIVE THE NOD TO WASHINGTON OVER THE DOG POUND, ONLY BECAUSE OF GEORGE ALLEN, HE MADE THAT REDSKIN LEGACY,YES GIBBS HAS 3 SUPER BOWLS, AND ALLEN NEEDS 3 ASSISTS, ALLEN KNEW HOW GREAT FULLBACK JOHN RIGGINS WAS POWER/SPEED. AND THEN MADE A BLOCKING BACK OUT OF HIM!!! A THOROUGHbred HITCHED TO A MILKWAGON, AND A 240lb 9.8-100yd SPRNITER AT KU. I'M SURPRISED GUARD TOM MACK DID NOT EVER PLAY FOR THE RAMSKINS, I MEAN the REDSKINS. I REMEMBER BILLY KILMER ALMOST GOING TO THE RAMS WITH ALLEN IN 1978 WITH ALLEN SUPSEQUENTLY BEING FIRED AND THE PARDEE REDSKINS WAVING KILMER.|

|12/6/06 04:46:51 PM|angelo|Washington,
DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Jimmy/Gerry: It's easy to forget that Lombardi came to DC---but wasn't that the year they went to the yellow-gold helmets with the "R" (sort of like the yellow-gold Packers helmets with the "G")? Lombardi didn't waste any time as he started to build a futile team into a winner. I've read about that season---it's unbelievable that a man could have that much influence. He took that sorry roster and actually started the turnaround. I believe they would have been a playoff team the following year and possibly a Championship team in the third or fourth full season. George Allen was a worthy coach himself---he's the one who instilled the Cowboys rivalry in Washington. Genius. The 70's were a sorry era for a Chiefs fan like me. First, awful decline under Stram after beating Minnesota in the Super Bowl. Then, futility under Paul Wiggin and when he was fired, the same under interim coach Tom Bettis. The bright spot was Marv Levy, who had the team competing by the end of the decade---but inexplicably, was fired after going 3-6 in a crazy strike year. If they had kept Levy around, maybe the Chiefs would have been going to Super Bowls instead of the Bills. John Macovic was an underachiever who took them to the playoffs once. Frank Gansz failed. Schottenheimer was the saviour who stayed a little too long. Gunther Cunningham couldn't get them going---Vermeil never had a defense and now it's all up to Herman Edwards! That folks, is Chiefs History 101, 1971-present.
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|12/6/06 06:38:37 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Jimmy the Quarryologist, I do remember your post on Jerry Sherk. He and Greg Pruitt were probably the best Browns of that first 'down' decade. He was a college wrestler, very quick as well as strong, with great hands.
'Skins had some great players in the 70s, Larry Brown, Charley Taylor, Kilmer too. Riggins had 40 carries in the Super Bowl, poor Miami was tired of tackling him.
Angelo, I really liked the late 60s-early 70s Chiefs. All those All-Pros on defense stopped Joe Namath three times on the one yard line to make the Super Bowl. Chiefs had back luck at running back as I recall. They almost had Wilt. That would have been something. |

|12/7/06 09:38:56 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|With Wilt the Chiefs would have won all the Super Bowls! |

|12/7/06 09:42:11 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Yes Angelo, I remember that "R" Redskins helmet era,(they only had those 2 yrs)Lombardi was gone, before that,for his team (1969) STILL HAD THE AEROS and a 7-5-2 record, with SONNY JURGENSEN, CHRIS HANBURGER, AND ROOKIE LARRY BROWN AS THEIR only ALL PROS. They went 6-8 under Lombardi Assistant Bill Austin in 1970. Their uniforms and piping did favor Vince's Packers, except Burgundy and gold, opposed to green and gold. I read Washington put that scheme in there, honoring Vince.Right now i'm living in KANSAS CITY CHIEF COUNTY, Angelo yu would love it, I would love to trade yu, although the skins are having a rough one, My favorite Chief was ED PODALACK, He sure had some big games for KC. Ironically George Allen, reportedly drew an Indian head in his office, And said thats how he wanted washington'S helmet for 1972. I remember singing redskin fight songs in L.A. bars, after wins over the Rams, 1983 VIVIDLY.WE kinda sounded like a cross between Glen Campbell, and an orca at sea world! |

|12/7/06 10:20:30 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Gerry one thing that 1979 season, that really helped JERRY SHERK make a big comeback, before his terrible injury (knee-staph infection)was LYLE ALZADO'S presense on the line. I also thought Sam Rutigliano did a good job with The Browns (u guys have PITTSBURGH coming up). ANGELO what was the deal with Lee Mazzilli managing the Orioles? seems to me,they did not give him much of a chance 129-140 with no pitching!I think he might have eventually progressed a winner there? Especially since he would be getting rid of some dead weight (SOSA,PALMERIO,ETC.)I Root for the Nationals, when i'm not suffering with the GIANTS. I'M sorta surprised Mazzilli did not get

a job this winter, with all the teams open for a manager. WHERE'S BILLY MARTIN WHEN U NEED HIM!!!!!!|

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|12/7/06 09:48:19 PM|Gerry|Cleveland, Ohio||same|||10|I remember Ed Podolak, a former Ohio State QB converted to another spot like so many Buckeyes back then. One of my faves was Willie Lanier 5'10 215, a mean inside linebacker. Ohioans still recall Lenny Ray Dawson.
I liked the Rutigliano teams here. Brian Sipe, very underrated. Ozzie Newsome, Clay Matthews. Alzado was better in Denver before he began chugging milkshakes. Browns were one risky pass from the Super Bowl then.
Massimo, Hank Stram tried out Wilt for the Chiefs and he was off the charts. 7'2 280, ran a 4.4 40, vertical leap well over 40 inches, stronger than any guy they had. Literally a brother from another planet. They asked him if he'd go offense or defense, he said 'both'. One guy doesn't figure in football quite like basketball. Those Chiefs did see two Super Bowls without him. For me, though, he is all by himself all-time. Shaq would carry his bags. |

|12/8/06 11:43:39 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: How about the Kosar teams?
RE: Shaq--I don't think he'd be at a level low enough to be relegated to carrying Wilt's bags, but let's just say he'd be "backing up" Wilt and not seeing too many minutes. Two different classes. Shaq is very, very good, but he falls a little short of the type of domination Wilt forced on so many centers, excluding "that guy who played for the Celtics." Of course, "that guy" had quite a team surrounding him, but even without the supporting cast, he had a determination and style that took Wilt off his game a bit.

Russell was some competitor.
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|12/8/06 12:16:32 PM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Gerry/Angelo Yes, Wilt was great and was probably better than Shaq, but he was no Warren Coolidge. Coolidge is the best center of all time!

I think Shaq is better than Jabbar. Kareem had the sky hook, but Shaq's game was more incisive. |

|12/8/06 02:51:32 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: Don't sell Kareem short---he was Mr. Consistent throughout the 70's, piling up the scoring and rebounds. He was hardly ever injured for a big man and his finesse game might surprise Shaq's physical presence---Jabbar had a way of neutralizing heavy, strong centers in the mold of Darryl Dawkins or Moses Malone, by having an outside game and being tougher than he got credit for. Size as they say, isn't everything. "Shorter" guys like Alvin Adams and Dave Cowens had great careers as NBA centers.
And Coolidge himself was a small guy but would have knocked Shaq into next week! Coolidge had power, smarts, touch--a complete game. He was coached by a legend too. Morris Thorpe was no slouch either.
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|12/9/06 12:52:43 AM|steve |nj||na|||10|Kent,I just recieved two packages from Jimmy Dorsey.These are the most comprehensive,complete record of Jerry's career I've ever seen.He even has the voting of each judge in every fight.I tried to E-MAIL HIM BACK,but of course thier was a proplem with my e-mail. |

|12/9/06 11:56:39 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Just kidding about the 'Shaq bags'. I know Massimo is a Shaq fan. Shaq is the best NBA center in the last ten years easily. Kareem was better, though. Blocked more shots, led NBA in boards once, jumped great and ran the floor well, better offense game too. Second to Wilt.
I've become a bigger Russell fan since I got my classic NBA site going. He made center a defense-first position. Always dug deep and found a way to win. Should have been MVP as a rookie.
Angelo, the Kosar teams are probably the best Browns teams to date, apologies to Otto Graham and Jim Brown. Great D, two 1,000 yard backs, a brainiac QB who could call his own plays if allowed. OL was good too. The whole town here was orange and brown then. That pesky John Elway ... The current bunch is taking it's lumps but slowly improving. Very slowly... Thx. |

|12/9/06 03:04:09 PM|Steve|NJ||NA|||10|Jimmy D., yesterday, Friday, I finally got a team of service guys from Comcast to come to my house. They told me my cable from the pole should have been replaced about three years ago, hence all the trouble with my computer. I tried to e-mail you. Anyway, thanks for those records!! Some of those earlier opponents I've never even heard of!|

|12/9/06 03:20:22 PM|steve |NJ||NA|||10|Gerry, does it seem to you that all NFL teams go through cycles? New management, head coach, some pretty high draft picks if their record was bad. Some free agents the new coaching staff likes. Maybe there successful for about five years, then they start to fade, sorta like the Eagles|

|12/9/06 05:21:25 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|thanx STEVE, I AM ALSO HAVING TROUBLE RECEIVING EMAILS, ABOUT AT LEAST A DOZEN OF QUARRYS 66 BOUTS, THE DATES WERE WRONG AS U CAN SEE ON THERE, CASE IN POINT 10/18/65 MILTON MANLEY A 210 POUND SOUTHPAW (and built Like an N.F.L. running back) WAS 27-5 AGAINST PRETTY GOOD OPPOSITION WHEN QUARRY KAYOED HIM IN 30 SECONDS. AND NOT HIS PRO DEBUT, AS PREVIOUSLY RECORDED BY SOME OTHER SOURCE! GETTING THOSE RING MAGAZINES. TOOK ME SOME YEARS TO GET THE TOP TEN RANKINGS. JERRY WAS RANKED IN THE TOP TEN 87 MONTHS BY RING MAGAZINE. MORE THAN GEORGE CHUVALO! i watched a special on George, they said at the end of the program Chuvalo was in the top ten 17 years, well if he was, it was not RING MAGAZINE (PROBABLY ABOUT 72 TO 80 ISSUES, AND NO DISREPECT TO TOUGH GEORGE.)|

|12/9/06 09:19:23 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Steve, absolutely, there are cycles in team sports. Free agency is part of it. There's the caps. Guys have to stay injury-free. Coaching is important also. Success there is a combination of famous and unheard-of, rich and cheap, stars and role players. Teams that make a huge investment in key acquisitions, like T.O., have to hope they go the right way. Schedules also vary. It really is a crapshoot despite all the analysis and forecasting involved. The Patriots are about the best I've seen with all this. Thanks.|

|12/11/06 11:04:30 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: The cycles in the NFL are very interesting. It almost seems as though you're better off to hit rock bottom and get a couple very high draft picks, than to be competitive, year after year, but never dominant. My Chiefs are a great example. They are usually good or very good. When they're bad, it's 6-10 or 7-9 bad, not horrific at 1-15. But because of this, they always seem to be "missing" a few pieces. The Chiefs barely ever run on all cylinders. They've had a couple 13-3 seasons and home field through the playoffs. Both times, they went out, at home, in their first game. Long ago, the Colts beat them 10-7. The Colts were a distant seed, but at home, the Chiefs couldn't score more than 7 points. More recently, the Colts won a shootout, when KC's horrible defense didn't stop them once. No punts. Beyond those two years, Montana got them close a couple times, and once, Steve DeBerg took them far, but they lost to the Dolphins (a holding penalty took them out of range to win the game with a late field goal). They just can't get over the hump, while teams that have been absolutely awful at times, like the Patriots and Chargers, are now powerhouses. The Atlanta Falcons went to a Super Bowl after being pitiful. The Baltimore Ravens look like they've reloaded nicely. It looks like Brian Billick is a better coach than people realize because that team is back. And look at the Titans---Jeff Fisher has them winning games now. Instead of that team collapsing, they put the pieces back together and are looking like they can compete next year. |

|12/11/06 09:42:10 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Angelo, maybe it's just me, but it seems like there are three kinds of teams with three kinds of schedules. Being in the middle is never good. You want to be 3-13 with the draft picks and the soft schedule or one of the top dogs where free agency would put you over the top. A friend of mine is a big Priest Holmes fan. Schottenheimer almost got

you there just like Cleveland. With you it was a kicker who missed three, with Cleveland it was a fumble on the one. Maybe Chargers will put him over the top. Good coach in any case. I liked Montana in KC. But San Fran was about a system, not just a great QB. A lot of teams have been where Chiefs are/ have been. It's easy to criticize but hard to do. |

|12/12/06 01:24:33 PM|max hord|fernandina bch,fla||maxhord@adelphia.net||||10|I watched Quarry/Ali the other day on Sports Center.Each time Jerry looked better.If you watch closely he landed some very good left hooks and short rights to Ali's chin.Reluctant to go all out caused him to lose that fight even before the cut.|

|12/13/06 09:35:42 AM|charles anderson|ark.||none||||10|Jerry Quarry was my favorite fighter, but Jerry was a frustrated man inside the ring and outside of it as well. He had more raw talent than anyone. On the other hand Ali had more refined talent than anyone. That was evident in their first fight together. In his prime Ali could have whipped King Kong, if you don't believe it just ask him. Thanks for your time here and everyone here "Merry Christmas"!!

|12/14/06 08:20:34 AM|Angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Gerry: Schottenheimer is a very, very good head coach. I knew when the Chiefs hired him, their franchise would go from laughing stock to contender, and they did. He tends to be too conservative and his disciple, Bill Cowher, also used to play too conservative on offense. Both of them have learned and adjusted. Marty Schottenheimer had the Redskins two years away from a Super Bowl contention and the owner pulled the plug because he thought Steve Spurrier was the next great legend in the NFL. That was a mistake. The Redskins were totally buying into Schottenheimer's program, especially Lavar Arrington. They were a hot team after a bad start---but were on target to go 10-6 the following year and after that---who knows, could have been a major power. Same thing in San Diego---except the management there showed patience with him. It's very interesting---the Chargers owner tried to hire Marty in 1987, but he politely declined to accept the Chiefs offer. All these years later, with a wink, Spanos called Marty and said "My offer is still on the table---I still think you're the right guy for the job." Marty laughed and said you talked me into it! They're good enough for the Super Bowl and as a long suffering Chiefs fan, I wish Marty the best, I hope they win it all this year. |

|12/14/06 12:06:32 PM|JAMES DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||ronnyrains@yahoo.com||||10|CHARLES ANDERSON, EMAIL ME YUR ADDRESS,I'VE SEEN ALI/QUARRY I AND FRAZIER/QUARRY II. Of course seen them before,It seems JERRY was binding his time for Ali, to make his big move later. like Bonavena's fight plan vs FRAZIER in 1969, and later the same tactics KEN NORTON used in his bout with Larry Holmes. Jerry seemed more competitive in his '74' bout with SMOKIN JOE then I rememberd that he was.It was not a complete slaughter. and Clancy hollering for JERRY too clobber Joe in the first round, After Frazier was struck low. FRAZIER had sent sparring partner's JIMMY YOUNG AND "SCRAP IRON" JOHNSON To the hospital in the same ambulance, in Philadelphia like two weeks before, so I knew JQ was in for a little trouble,Like the general public, I wanted Jerry in there with "BIG GEORGE" FOR ALL THE MARBLES? better JERRY than JOSE ROMAN!!|

|12/14/06 02:30:52 PM|charles anderson|ark.||cdanderson@agrillance.com||||10|Jim, I thought Jerry would whip Joe/'74 after his great year in '73 beating Lyle And Shavers and Frazier losing to Foreman and Ali. I really thought Joe was washed up. Strangely enough I thought Jerry could have handled Foreman if they had fought in '74.|

|12/14/06 06:23:01 PM|Oswald P Finklemeier|nowhere||nothing||||10|Not only did Jerry deserve to fight Foreman more than Roman, Mike Quarry later fought and beat Jose Roman.|

|12/15/06 09:35:51 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same||||10|I thought Jerry was very competitive with Ali early in both fights. Jerry was a blown-up cruiserweight

years before that class was created, and in there with probably the best heavyweight ever. A tall order. Cut in the first fight nixed a real chance. In both fights, Ali thought he had him and moved in to finish. Jerry counterpunched brilliantly, and embarrassed Ali... Versus Joe, Jerry attacked early in the first fight, but could not jab and move when Joe picked up steam in Rd.3 . If Jerry could jab and clinch Joe from that point like Ali did, he would have had a better chance. The pace also was very high for Jerry. The second match was actually pretty competitive until that body punch. I can't even imagine what a Frazier hook to the body would feel like. Jerry had a minute to get over it before Frazier moved in again. I think Ali I and Frazier II were ripoffs for Jerry, as were Ellis and Chuvalo. All of those matches had real opportunities for Jerry...
Foreman states he dodged Jerry, for what that's worth. Champs do avoid guys they don't want to meet. Ali and Frazier did it too. Boxing, of course, could be much better run than it is. Until it is, champs and promoters will be able to run their own agendas ahead of the best interests of the fans.

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|12/15/06 10:00:27 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|It looks like the first two months are shaping up quite well for Heavyweight match ups. The Peter-Toney rematch is set to go ahead and hopefully this one will produce a conclusive result. Different to most opinions I think the Maskaev that vastly outpointed Sinal Sam and knocked out Rahman would have a good chance of beating both guys. After all Peter has beaten Toney and performed well against Klitschko but has fought NOBODY!! ranked in the top 15 of all four sanctioning bodies. Toney started his Heavyweight career in great style three years ago with that knockout of Holyfield but has gone backwards since. It is a great tribute to his chin that a former middleweight has not been knocked off his feet by strong punchers such as Rahman and Peter but since Holyfield he has only beaten Guinn as a good fighter, being foolish to get a no decision against Ruiz and then being outfought by both Rahman and Peter (albeit controversially).

One champ who deserves a little praise is Mr Valuev who despite his critics is actually fighting at regular intervals and its this that should earn him some due. He has done well to outclass European heavys in Vidoz and Bidenko, as well as get some good albeit razor thin decisions over the two best fighters he's fought in Ruiz and Donald. He seems to have improved as champ with very solid performances over Beck and Barrett. But now he faces possibly his stiffest challenge with a fight against the giant Jameel McCline. McCline is a good fighter, albeit being 36 now his best years may be past. He has the size and bulk to register Valuev problems and went on a good winning streak in the early 2000-2001 with fine and wide victories over Grant (1 round KO), Whittaker and current champ Shannon Briggs. He registered a couple of embarrassing losses early in his career but has since only lost to Klitschko in a 10 round battering, Byrd by razor thin decision when he decked the former champ and a bizarre points loss to Zuri Lawrence. However, since then he has 6 wins on the bounce and although Valuev deserves to be favourite with his bulk and stamina telling factors as McCline doesn't have huge power, I think that McCline will offer a better fight than Barrett. Hopefully Valuev will fight the no 1 WBA contender Ruslan Chageav who just beat Ruiz along with a couple of decent European heavys by Easter and then who knows we may have the reunification fights everyone wants.
There are strong rumours about a Maskaev-Klitschko fight in Moscow- hopefully Ray Austin won't get near a belt as he really has not beaten any contender although he has drawn with a couple of good fighters.
Briggs-Ibragimov in mid February could see the end of Briggs' reign. The latter can bring and is very industrious but hopefully he won't freeze like Mr Lyakovich. |

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|12/16/06 10:49:47 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|It looks like we have a spam
problem again.|
|12/17/06 08:37:59 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||Murrieta, Ca|||10|The latest spam
problems seem to be porn. There is another site I go to that isn't boxing or
sports oriented, that had those stupid porn messages on it.

HEY IDIOTS
WHO ARE SPAMMING US WITH PORN, YOU ARE WAISTING YOUR TIME AS NONE OF US ARE
GOING TO YOUR STUPID SITES!|
|12/18/06 04:02:21 AM|Ed|Cicero N
Y||Mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|http://www.reviewjournal.com/lvrj_home/2006/Dec-16-Sat-2006/sports/11458224.html

Those mixed martial arts fights are winning
new fans as boxing loses them. I've watched a few and they are brutal, almost
too brutal to watch. Throwing guys on there backs and elbowing them in the face
seems too much, especially if it encourages kids to copy them. But I'll say
this, those guys are top athletes and very seldom put on a dull show. Its like
kill or be killed once the fight starts and there isn't too much thats illegal
for them to do to each other.

Its interesting to note that a hundred or
so years ago boxing was illegal in a lot of places. Now when you would think
things would be more civilized something like this is taking over big time. The
promoters of the UFC have done an excellent job of attracting young fans using
the "Spike" channel on cable TV. They draw millions of viewers when they have
matches on plus they have a reality series on where they show wanna be fighters
trying to make it as an ultimate fighter.|
|12/18/06 11:25:07 AM|JAMES DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||ronnyrains@yahoo.com|||10|ED did u ever see Quarry fight in NEW
YORK?, I was surprised to see GIL CLANCY in ALI'S corner vs SONNY BANKS, along
with Angelo and Chickie Ferrara,they all switched around didn't they? There's no
doubt in my mind Quarry could have beaten, or at least been the favorite vs
FOREMAN,BONAVENA,ELLIS,KIRKMAN,BOB FOSTER,or Chuvalo in 1970, and RING MAGAZINE
was very justified in Ranking Him as their NO.1 Contender.|

|12/18/06 05:22:15 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Quarry would have thrashed Ellis in 1970. It's a shame he didn't get the job done in their eliminator title fight. When he was good enough to beat Lyle and take Shavers in one, God only knows what damage he would have done to Ellis by that point. Foreman is a different story. If Jerry could have avoided bad cuts, I'd give him a fighters chance against anybody, but Foreman in 1970 would have been a big mountain to climb.|

|12/18/06 11:27:13 PM|Ed|Cicero N Y||mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|James D. No I never seen Jerry fight IN NYC. I was a little young for that back then. He no doubt would have put up a good fight against the fighters you named but they were all tough guys too.

One thing on the Ultimate Fighter thing. There is a fighter named Nate Quarry. He was doing well but lost in his last fight I think. Anyone know if he is related to Jerry Quarry?

<http://www.nathanquarry.net/>|

|12/19/06 09:24:59 AM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|All this spam is very wrong, pick on another site. If Dad, and Uncle Jerry were here this stuff wouldn't be on here. Make it go away from this site please. THANK YOU!|

|12/19/06 10:22:03 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||ronnyrains@yahoo.com|||10|I have so much respect for George and his career, it isn't funny, 76-5 68 knockouts, I just think he was to raw for Quarry in 1970, after witnessing his bouts with, WOODY,KIRKMAN,PIRES,HAZELTON, He just would not have the experience to tackle Quarry, Remember yu mugs, i'm not talking 1967, 1968, 1971 etc. Just when Ring mag. HAD QUARRY as their no.1 title contender (1970). Foreman always dangerous, but so was Mac Foster at that time, Quarry is also they only heavyweight to KO Foster, and as far as light heavy Bob Foster, Jerry would have added another KO, Foster's only hope would have been a cuts TKO win. Like Frazier. JQ would have been on him, Boone Kirkman, Oscar Bonavena (TO AWKWARD AND SLOW)and Joe Bugner never threw enough punches to beat Jerry|

|12/19/06 11:53:03 AM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Foreman was very impressive in 1970 in his fights against Chuvalo and Kirkman. I have watched both fights and he dominated Chuvalo in three and destroyed Kirkman in two. The last knockdown in the Kirkman's fight was impressive as George raised Boone from the floor. I think at the time (1970) George was already a "beast"!
He was already a "beast" two years earlier, when he easily won the golden medal in the heavyweight division. I have seen the entire final. I think Foreman is easily a top 10 all time heavyweight and in a 1970 fight with JQ, I would bet on George. But I think Jerry would have a legitimate chance|

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He was already a "beast" two years earlier, when he easily won the golden medal in the heavyweight division. I have seen the entire final and he gave the Russian a beating. I think Foreman is easily a top 10 all time heavyweight and in a 1970 fight with JQ, I would bet on George. But I think Jerry would have a legitimate chance to win, because (or as) he had a bigger heart than George, could take a great punch and could throw great flurries of punches. Let's say George 3-1 favourite.|

|12/19/06 12:00:35 PM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Oops, I didn't want to send the first of the 3 messages, I don't know how it happened!|

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12/20/06 07:10:50 AM	Gerry	Cleveland		same				10	Quarry would have beat Foreman in 1970. '73, '74 would have been another proposition entirely. Legend has it they sparred at about that time anyway. Foreman was very respectful of Jerry even then. Bonavena was the original opponent for Quarry when Shavers stepped in. Jerry would have had a chance against Foreman even in '73-'74, but his lack of movement would have hurt him just as it did with Frazier. Carl, what's up with this spam?
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12/20/06 11:03:16 AM	charles	ark.		cdanderson@agrilance.com				10	has anyone ever seen the chuvalo fight? everything i have ever read had jerry cleaning chuvalo's clock up until he decked jerry. has george evered shown any signs of dementia? he took a lot of shots to the head in his career.
12/20/06 01:48:13 PM	Kent	Murrieta, Ca		kentallenent@aol.com				10	Charles, the Chuvalo fight was close, competitive but Jerry was getting the better of the exchanges in more rounds than Chuvalo was. Chuvalo doesn't seem to have any kind of noticable permanent damage from the ring.
12/20/06 04:22:44 PM	steve	NA		NA				10	Charles,ON that particular night,Chuvalo was getting a boxing lesson and a beating.Some rounds where close,but Quarry administered as thouorough a beating as was possible to George.Chuvalo threw the luckiest punch against the unluckiest,most ill fated ,talented,fighter I've ever had the privilidge to see.If the fucking stars where right that night,Gerry wins going away.
12/20/06 04:53:41 PM	Steve	NA		NA				10	Charles,I don't mean to take anything away from Chuvalo.He was brutally strong .More so in his ability to absorb punishment.He was very strong,but very,very slow of hand. Last I heard,He was a sports disc jockey in Canada.I actualy heard him speak several times.He's very articulate,and has a kinda of rapid fire pattern of speach.
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12/20/06 09:17:41 PM	BOB ROBERTS	N.Y --							
UPSTATE||papertrap@adelphia.net||||10|WATCHED THE QUARRY --CHUVALO ON T.V .AT THAT TIME I WAS NON A FIGHT FAN, BUT AFTER WATCHING JERRY FIGHT I WAS HOOKED FOR EVERY. A ONE SIDED FIGHT, ONLY CHUVALO TOUGHTNESS KEPT HIM IN THERE , HE WAS BEAT UP AND LOOKING LIKE A TKO FOR JERRY.AFTER 6 THE SCORE ABOUT 5 TO 1 QUARRY. JERRY GET HITS DOWN HE GOES IN THE 7 ,HE IS UP AT 1 THEN GOES TO A KNEE AND GETS COUNTED OUT HE JUMPS UP YELLING A SHORT COUNT .??? JERRY LOOK OK DON/T KNOW WHAT HAPPEN. BUT WHY NOT REMATCHES WITH CHUVALO AND ELLIS. A LOT OF HI/S AND

LOW/S IN JERRY LIFE BUT HE/S ALWAYS BEEN A CHAMP TO ME---BEST TO ALL THE QUARRY/S AND THERE FANS----BOB|

|12/20/06 09:19:07 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|I thought Chuvalo fought a very game fight. He made Jerry punch with him instead of box. Jerry was quicker, a better boxer, and was winning. Jerry got up from the knockdown at four I think, then took a knee, clearly unhurt. The ref, a former Globetrotter, shafted him when he rose from his knee. Chuvalo had one eye mostly closed and had bled. It was his biggest career win, a gift.
But in the heavies, anything can happen. Jerry got Shavers in rd.1, Shavers got Norton in rd.1 . Jerry got clocked, took a knee and got up close enough to ten to get screwed over. I think he more than made up for it in later fights.|

|12/21/06 09:35:41 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|I would not count the CHUVALO bout on Quarry's record until 1999! GEORGE CHUVALO WAS TRUEST OF WARRIORS, for sure, I really liked his ABC commentary (in New York 1973) was very articulate, and had the mike for the Mike Quarry/Billy Wagner 12 round North American title bout at the Felt Fourm. Which was on Wide World of Sports live. He sure showed his respect for Jerry Quarry, He told a mutual friend former Welterweight Dennis Plegge, That Jerry did not recognize him at a fourth of July celebration in Norco California. But Jerry rememberd Dennis by first name (Plegge from Akron OHIO)Fought on the undercard OF QUARRY/EASTLING in Canton 1969,I personally think if Quarry had not lost to Chuvalo, then he would not have battled Mac Foster for the No.1 contender spot, therefore not made \$100,000 DOLLARS a Round against ALI when gas was 37 cents a gallon!!

|12/22/06 09:03:05 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I don't know why the spammers even bother coming here as no one cares about what they post.

The Chuvalo fight was always about the most frustrating for me as a Quarry fan because Jerry could have gotten up and it appeared he did right at the count of ten.

I have always thought that somehow Jerry forgot he had taken a knee and had gotten right back up so when he got up at ten, he thought he was at eight or nine.

You have to give Chuvalo credit though as it was a good punch and Jerry was momentarily dazed but not enough to lose the fight as he wasn't that badly hurt.

It was probably just a mental laspe on Jerry's part thinking he had more time to get up.

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AM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|I have the second fight between Ali' and Chuvalo and, although Muhammad fought clearly better and was always in control, Chuvalo fought a good fight, especially thinking he was already 35. Against Foreman he was not competitive, but not many people were competitive against George in his prime. |

|12/23/06 12:23:17 PM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|I have the second Ali'-Chuvalo fight on tape and, although Ali' fought clearly better than George and was always in control, Chuvalo fought a good and brave fight, especially thinking he was already 35. Against Foreman he was not competitive, but not many fighters were competitive against George Edward in his prime. |

|12/24/06 05:43:43 PM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, Ca||Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|Hi All, wanted to wish you all a "Merry Christmas"|

|12/24/06 06:30:47 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Merry Christmas to the Quarry family and all the great guys who post here.Merry Christmas to Kent,Massimo,Angelo,Jimmy D.,Gerry,Ed,Noam,Rhoades Scholleratte,KooKOO Clock,Dr D.,and George Otto and all the other poeters.This site is good intentioned,and great fun. |

|12/25/06 04:33:43 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE BUT THE SPAMMERS!
I'm eating spaghetti with le vongole, lasagne, torrone, pandoro etc. and I'm getting even andreer than I already was. As a present to myself I bought two Mozart's opera on DVD: one that I already knew well Don Giovanni (la' ci darem la mano, la mi dirai di si!) and another one

completely new to me Il Sogno di Scipione K126. Listen to Mozart people, he is the Wilt Chamberlain of music !|

|12/25/06 06:13:16 AM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|...For Christmas I'd like to receive a new nose, as my old nose doesn't work anymore...|

|12/26/06 10:07:34 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Merry Christsmas everybody and a happy new year.

It looks like our pal James Toney is going to come into his rematch with Samuel Peter in shape this time. He has hired a fitness coach, Billy Blanks, and he is training very hard and news is his weight is going to be down quite a bit.|

|12/26/06 11:53:52 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Great Massimo hopefully this one (nose)will not be so BROWN!! (ONLY KIDDING MASSIMO-YU KNOW YUR OUR HONARY ITALIAN STOOGES- IN THE FEARLESS LEADERS CLUB). WHAT WAS YUR OPINION OF MAX BAER BEATING CARNERA? I'd have to say he was probably they GEORGE FOREMAN of the day, except for the BROWN BOMBER of course. Oscar Bonavena was reputed to visit Italy a lot, and I believe had a few bouts there?|

|12/26/06 01:19:03 PM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Hi Jimmy! Thanks, I'm proud of being an Italian stooge!

Carnera's performance in the Baer fight was better than many think. Baer was more powerful than Primo and knocked him down many times but, although Carnera injured his ankle early in the fight, he never surrendered and even won rounds 6-7-8-9 in my opinion. No doubt, Primo showed a champion heart in this fight.

I controlled on boxing record archive that Bonavena fought a few fights in Rome in the final part of his career. I didn't know

it.

http://www.boxrec.com/boxer_display.php?boxer_id=9386|

|12/26/06 11:35:06 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|All of those spam postings have brought down the site average. Those postings need to be deleted so a more accurate rating can be restored.|

|12/27/06 08:07:47 AM|charles|ark.||cdanderson@agrilance.com|||10|Iwatched Jerry vs. Norton this weekend. I never saw two men go at it like they did that night.came real close to being as good as the first fight with Frazier,except Jerry was in such poor shape it was hard to watch. They both threw bombs. I wished Jerry had not taken the fight on such notice, because if he had been in shape he would beaten Norton. " Happy New Year"|

|12/27/06 09:37:23 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Charles, I don't think at that point in Jerry's carrer he could have beaten Norton even if he had trained more for the fight.

Jerry was still young, age wise, but he was already worn out as a fighter from so many tough fights early and throuhout his carrer.

Jerry was only 29 at the time of the fight but he was probably more like 39 as far as ring ware.

Now if they had met only two years earlier say in 73, Jerry could have pulled off a win.

But you never know as at that time Norton was in his prime as that is when he beat Ali.

Prime verses prime, my vote goes to Jerry but it would be a great fight with the outcome in doubt.|

|12/27/06 10:07:56 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|The Rd. 3 clip of Jerry vs. Norton has been out there for a while now on YouTube and other places. Jerry was not even close to ready for Norton and took a beating the first two rounds as Norton went for the big win. I don't think he knew how tough Jerry was. Jerry was cut early in Rd 3 and went for broke because he thought it might be stopped. He caught Norton hard several times that round. The bigger Norton finally just covered on the ropes and wobbled a little while Jerry threw bombs, quite a sight. Jerry's muscle was very smooth that night, he clearly had not been training. He was also a little heavy for him, about 207 I think. Norton was ripped, at least 215. Three inch height advantage, even more in reach. I agree, very much like Frazier 1. The length of the fight in both matches hides that both were wars. I've seen maybe five heavyweight matches in the last 25 years as intense as those two. A more conditioned Quarry does not take such a beating

early on, but also doesn't throw 50 bombs in Rd 3. I agree, Norton was much fresher than Jerry that night. They should have met earlier in their careers. If you get a chance to see Norton vs. Ali, very much worth your while. Those were Norton's big wins, basically. Ali and Quarry. He also should have gotten the nod vs. Holmes. |

|12/27/06 12:57:38 PM|charles|ark.||cdanderson@agrillance.com||||10|Kent and Gerry thanks for your feedback. This is what makes this so good. Kent, you are right Jerry was a very old 29. I for one did not think Jerry was interested fighting anymore, but could not say no to fighting Norton(NO LOVE LOST) but i think they came away from the fight with great respect for one another. |

|12/28/06 04:40:07 PM|mark_sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk||||10|Ken Norton was a very, very good fighter and probably deserves a place in the top twenty of all time heavyweights. His accomplishments? Well for a start he was an entertaining heavyweight who hit hard and always came on to the opposition with an effective swarming effect throwing bombs. Not only did he beat Ali, the greatest of all time, but came incredibly close to beating him on two other occasions with the the third fight in 1976 generally regarded as a bad decision. This is an extraordinary achievement and for this alone puts him above such wonderful contemporaries such as Quarry, Young, Lyle, Ellis and Shavers whose battles made the 60s and 70s such a fantastic time. He had the necessary style and toughness to avoid Ali's mind games that helped take out Liston and Foreman. He successfully avenged an early defeat and had a fine career that saw him beat Quarry, Young and a number of good fighters. But perhaps it was his great performance against Holmes in one of the most momentous fights ever where he lost another razor thin decision that pushes his value further. I'm glad one reader said that Norton derserved the decision (that last round could have gone to either) but that was very strong proof of his ability and courage.

Considering that Larry has been the best heavyweight since and is ranked almost always in the top 5 of all time top heavys it says a huge amount, particularly as by 1978 Norton was 34. I would say that the Shavers and certainly the Cooney losses are largely due to him being way past his prime.
As for a match up against Jerry Quarry its difficult. But Ken Norton at his best was better than Quarry, his performances against Holmes and Ali prove that...only just though. Jerry was magnificent against Lyle (did anyone dominant the ferocious Lyle better?) and for all his considerable skills could blow hot and cold as early draws and a loss to Machen proved. I take that Quarry may well be able to blow Norton out aka Foreman for he hit very hard but was not quite in the same league as Foreman/Shavers. My feeling is that if Quarry could not get Norton cold early then the former marine's physical advantges would win a close but unanimous decision.
A British journalist recently summed up Quarry very well-writing very respectfully of his talents he quite accurately summed Jerry as a 'very good brawler, boxer and counterpuncher' and there are a very few heavys who could do all three. But perhaps his greatest strength was to counterpunch aka Lyle rather than instinctively brawl. |

|12/28/06 05:38:30 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same||||10|Mark, that's a great post on all concerned.
Norton does rate just a little higher than his contemporaries. I give him the Holmes fight because he was the beltholder and took the fight to the challenger. Norton was not in the Don King circus and I think that hurt him. Before Quarry faithful stand up regarding Norton, I think it's important to remember: he was really a cruiserweight. Jerry went a VERY long way against some of the most talented 215 and 220-pounders to perhaps ever box. An incredible accomplishment. It's testimony to his toughness, his courage, his wits under fire, his skills - especially counterpunching or scoring to the body. The guy went right after Frazier, Norton, Shavers, Lyle, Foster, made Ali work - you all know the song by now.
No diss on Holmes. I don't rate him top five but there's no question he's in the top dozen all-time. I have Tyson, in prime, as best since Ali. Lewis and Vitali were no slouches either. |

|12/28/06 08:50:50 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||murrieta, Ca|||10|I saw the new Rocky movie. It was better than I expected but the premis is far fetched but I think it is worth seeing.

Special hello to Rocky's buddy Spider Rico, who is in the new movie.

Spider is still in one piece after all of these years.

Mickey said he was a bum, not fair to Spider, a good man. |

|12/29/06 06:18:41 AM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Ken Norton was an excellent fighter, with a very strange style. Not only he beat Ali' fair and square (what an English eh, eh!) in their first fight, but I think he deserved at least a draw in the second and many think he won the third. The second Ali'-Norton fight is very exciting! Ali' danced very well but without scoring much in the first 5 rounds, while Norton dominated the second half of the fight, apart (from) the last round. I think that Kenny won the Holmes fight. But, no doubt, Norton was vulnerable against the big punchers (Foreman, Shavers, Cooney, Garcia).

I would call Spider Rico a good journeyman, not a bum!

PS (but important):
W.A. Mozart was 1.63 wilt
L.V.Beethoven was 1.62 wilt
F.Schubert was 1.56 wilt|

|12/29/06 09:54:13 AM|charles|ark.||cdanderson@agrilance.com|||10|Ken Norton was a good fighter. Ithink if you put him in the top twenty you have to put Jerry there too. His claim to fame was having fought three close fights with Ali and one close fight with Larry Holmes. Bobick was nothing and Foreman had him frozen stiff with fear. His style was very boring to watch although succesful. Prime vs. prime I still think Jerry would have beat Ken, and Jerry waged more hard fights than Ken, that's why Jerry was a shot fighter at the age of 29. Jerry simply was not big enough to fight the heavies of the 70's, although his heart was. |

|12/29/06 11:35:38 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||ronnyrains@yahoo.com|||10|Kent, Spider Rico (PEDRO LOVELL) would probably went a little farther had the TOP TEN gave him a chance 6'4" murderous puncher, and stayed in shape, His wars with Texan Terry Krueger were very entertaining and quick. He sure got his revenge. He would win a (REAL) bout with Balboa, rather than (REEL)BOUT! |

|12/29/06 01:12:36 PM|Kent|Murrierta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Pedro Lovell was a good prospect in real life but he would have lost to Rocky Balboa if Balboa had been a real person.

Lovell verses Stallone in real life? No contest, Lovell destroys Stallone.

Lovell, ironically, had his biggest fight against Ken Norton and Norton won by a knockout in about the fifth round.

Another mythical match up? How about the real Pedro Lovell verses the fictional Spider Rico?

Lovell by knockout over Rico.

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|12/29/06 03:31:07 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||ronnyrains@yahoo.com|||10|KENT (CURLY Q.) First I Have to tell you what Arena your in! (FABULOUS FORUM). Now I have to tell yu Who ROCKY BALBOA is in REAL LIFE?!! Its SYLVESTER STALLONE, STOOGES! Everyone knows Spider Rico was robbed, And hit time and time again after he was down by da bum (Balboa). Whats even worse if the Spider would have gotten his deserved Disqualification win over the Rock. He would have been the one to get a shot at the champ(Apollo).Back to Real life opposed to Reel life, A Bonavena,Lovell,Jose Luis Garcia, Gregorio Peralta would have made for a great South American Elimination Tournament, with the Winner getting a shot at the title say 1972 or 1973 (better than Jose Roman!). |

|12/29/06 09:27:52 PM|steve |nj|||na|||10|Mark Seargent and Gerry,If we could only pit the top guys in prime for prime,BOXING WOULD BE THE MOST POPULAR SPORT IN THE WORLD.I that situation,I would pick Quarry to defeat Norton by tko or decision.Norton was by far a monster to behold.One of the biggest,strongest,most muscular,and hardest hitting counterpunchers,of that generation.I'm still mystified by the fact that Ali didn't seem to faze him in three fights.Based on most of his performances against fighters other than Ali,and against an especially used up Jerry ,I can only pick areas to support a Quarry

victory.1.Hand speed and counterpunching-Quarry 2.That old intangible,toughness and heart.I watched Jerry get beaten half to death in three fights and never quit.-Quarry.3. Punching power-about even.Chin,-Quarry.This is just my opinion,but I have tried to make it as objective as possible. |

|12/29/06 09:42:52 PM|BOB ROBERTS |UP STATE. N.Y.

||PAPERTRAP@ADELPHIA.NET|||10|I/AM WITH STEVE : THE JERRY QUARRY THAT FOUGHT JOE FRAZER, FIGHTING NORTON , JERRY WARES HIM OUT AND STOPS HIM.STYLES MAKE FIGHT AND NORTON HAD THAT ON ALI BUT ALL THE BIG HITERS HAD NORTON NO# WELL WISHES TO ALL QUARRY/S AND THERE FANS---BOB|

|12/30/06 11:03:35 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Kent, you know I was only kidding about the Rocky movies, I will not gloat anymore about QUARRY/CORLETTI bout. Lets face it, Spider gets the DQ win over Balboa, after his ACCIDENTAL butt, there would have been NO "YO ADRIAN!" no Mickey, or Hulk,Mr. T, Tommy Gunn, the russian, and most of all Paulie!|

|12/30/06 11:21:07 AM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|There is a thing I have never accepted about the Rocky movies: why they made Rocky fight Hulk Hogan in Rocky III and not Andre' the Midget! It would have been a much better movie!|

|12/30/06 11:25:09 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|I'LL bet Kenny Norton would have been in a war with Ron Lyle, (my monies on Ron). I sure wished Bonavena could have went thru with his bout with Norton, rather than Jerry, Norton had a smart career. he was 4-7-1 with 2 ko's vs the Ranked top ten. and like 38-0 against everybody else. |

|12/30/06 03:19:06 PM|steve |NJ||NA|||10|Jimmy Dorsey,I'm starting to have short term memory problems.If Kent is CURLY,I'm Shemp,was James Quarry MOE? are you Larry? Anybody who thinks this is silly,then please just ignore us.Thanks again for sending me that amazingly complete record.I'm sorry I cant get some of my e-mails out.My computer is only an old 128 model.I agree with you about a Norton vs Lyle fight.I'm surprised Norton didn't try to make a fight with Lyle.Lyle was relatively old and inexperienced.Conditions perfect for Norton.As Norton was quoted as saying he always knew he could beat Quarry.Yet he didn't fight him till he needed a fill in for Bonevena,and he knew Jerry was shot.Even then,he was very careful,covered up on the ropes whenever Quarry opened up.PEOPLE WHO Think Norton got jobed in the Larry Holmes fight better re watch the last round.Both fighters stood toe to toe,but Norton was hurt and on the verge of getting knocked out.Holmes stood his ground and absorbed Norton's shots.He clearly came out the better of there last several exchanches. |

|12/30/06 07:09:30 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|I agree with Kent, in that the early rounds would likely decide a Quarry/Norton fight at any point in their career. Norton, like Shavers/Foster/Lyle, would have got Jerry's irish up early. Norton did not take a punch like Jerry and might underestimate Jerry's quickness, especially as a counterpuncher. But Jerry was prone to cut, kept his hands nice and low, and wasn't hard to find in the ring. With two guys of that level of ability, it could go either way.
Norton fought Ali very well, got trashed by Foreman, got KO'd by Shavers. Jerry struggled with Ali, but stood up to Shavers. At that top level, the matchup dictates alot. Could Lyle, who almost KO'd Foreman but lost to Jerry, have beat Norton? Would have been fun to see ...
I didn't base my opinion on Norton over Holmes on the last round. Holmes did not pursue Norton as a challenger should in that fight. Holmes did do himself justice with a great effort. If it were a non-title fight, I could see Holmes winning. For me, every even-points round goes to the champ if the champ is the one pursuing. Norton did this. |

|12/30/06 07:50:09 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Hey Kent,Yo Kent,we are still waiting for some sign of NFL AWARENESS from you.You know,like the power ratings for the last four weeks.Can you say,DEADLINE!|

|12/30/06 08:05:35 PM|STEVE|NJ||NA|||10|Gerry,I've never heard of a ref.or judges give any fighter,champion or challenger,points ,much less a round,for chasing somebody,unless it was effective aggression.I've never heard that the Champion had to be the aggressor,or got any points for it.Ali was almost never the agressor.He simply made the agressor pay.Are you telling me Norton chased Larry Holmes all through that fight?|

|12/30/06 08:22:56 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Steve, here are my NFL ratings for this week.

1. San Diego
2. Chicago
3. Baltimore
4. Indianapolis
5. New England

Your Eagles made the playoffs so we can't write them off yet. Pretty impressive after losing McNabb.

By the way, you were right, Jimmy D is Larry and James Q was Moe, that makes you Shemp and me Curly.|

|12/31/06 04:15:21 AM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|I think Ron Lyle would have knocked out or KOT Ken Norton, but probably not in the first two rounds.
Norton was always vulnerable against the big punchers.

I give the last round of the Holmes-Norton fight to Norton, as Holmes won only the last 30 seconds of that round, while Norton won the rest of the round and even knocked out Larry's mouthpiece. I have seen the entire fight 2 or 3 times and I have always scored it in favour of Norton. But not by much, it was a very close fight.|

|12/31/06 07:09:05 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Steve I agree for the most part,Holmes had a big 15th round vs Norton,Remember Lyle ko'd Shavers when both were in their most intimadating prime,when he himself was almost KO'D great bout. the Stooge roster is right on the mark,Also Massimo is in the Fearless Leaders Club, Most likely as a CHARLIE CALLAS CHARACTER. I'LL EMAIL YU MUGS NEXT YEAR (2007)|

|12/31/06 07:42:56 AM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|Who is Charlie Callas ? Maria Callas's brother ?
Happy New Year to the Quarry family, to Jumpity Bruce and to all (of) the other posters!|

|12/31/06 12:37:54 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Hi Massimo,jeez,from the response I got about Norton vs Holmes I guess I better try to find and rewatch that fight.Maybe my memory is getting worse.Oh well,so what!Guess what MaMa is cooking for sunday dinner to eat while my five stupid Irish sons and my two stupid Irish grandsons watch the Eagles clinch the NFL East Div.Homemade ravioli !|

|12/31/06 12:50:09 PM|steve |NJ||NA|||10|Massimo,bye the way ,Jimmy D.paid you a compliment.Harry Callas was a renown British stage actor who was eventually knighted.Really,for an educated man,I'm mildly surprised you were not aware of this.I even believe he was renown for his performance in several Italian operas|

|12/31/06 01:46:51 PM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Hi Steve! If so, it's my fault! I thank Jimmy for the compliment! Jimmy was talking about "Charlie" Callas, while you are talking about "Harry" Callas. I'm confused. Anyway, I must admit I don't know much about (the) actors, I'm interested in composers. I love music!

RAVIOLI! SLURP! That's good! For dinner I have had

FIRST DISH: tortellini in brodo
SECOND DISH: arista di maiale e cotechino con contorno di lenticchie
THIRD DISH: torrone e pandoro

I don't know the English for that stuff, ask your wife to know what those foods are. The problem is that I'm eating too much and I'm getting andreer.

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|12/31/06 08:38:47 PM|John Rebel|Oregon||John22873@yahoo.com|||10|For Sale: RARE - 1969 2-round sparring session between Jerry Quarry and Sonny Liston - No sound, Black & White video tape. Jerry is offensive first round & Sonny has head gear & defensive (no punches thrown by Sonny in 1st round). 2nd Round Sonny is Offensive & Jerry has head gear. No knockdowns, but there was some kind of dispute in 2nd round and sparring was stopped at the 1 minute, 21 second point (Jerry was very upset about something, can't tell what the discussion was because no sound), but shortly after, sparring was resumed. Jerry appeared to be more aggressive and in better shape, Sonny looked a little slower and a bit

overweight. This is the original tape, no others exist or have ever appeared. \$600 and a written notary with guarantee no copies have been made.....Just kidding, but wouldn't this be GREAT if this tape existed! |

|1/1/07 12:30:27 PM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, Ca||Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|HAPPY NEW YEARS TO ALL! TAKE CARE AND BE SAFE|
|1/2/07 10:20:25 AM|TODD GUTKNECHT|Cedar Rapids,Iowa||2gute@mchsi.com|||9|Does anyone here know if Sylvester Stallone ever gave open credit to Jerry Quarry for the character of Rocky Balboa? To anyone who followed the fight game for any length of time it is painfully obvious that Rocky is a characterization of Jerry Quarry, but sadly the average Joe knows who Rocky Balboa is, but may have never even heard of Jerry Quarry. |

|1/2/07 11:23:55 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Todd: Nice thought, but according to Stallone (and well known folklore/legend), the character is based on Chuck Wepner, not Jerry Q. If you think about it, Rocky really is more like Wepner---a relatively unknown trial horse who gets his chance at fame and fortune by taking on Ali. On the other hand, Jerry Quarry was always in the Top Ten and also voted "Most Popular Boxer" in the late 60's. Jerry was well known to the boxing establishment and to casual fans. Wepner was really the unknown who got the big break. |

|1/2/07 11:40:37 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|I have rewatched Norton-Holmes and for my part, Holmes clearly won, and not just based on Round 15. I had Holmes winning by a couple points. Holmes didn't waste punches---he won his rounds decisively/convincingly and definitely looked like he was in control for most of the fight. I give Norton a lot of credit for coming back in the 2'nd half of the fight and making it as close as he did. Ironically, Norton lost the title he never won in my opinion---but in doing so, proved he had Championship heart. In my mind, that fight should have had Jimmy Young vs. Holmes. I have seen the Young-Norton fight and have Young winning by at least a point/round. Norton was frustrated and you don't get points by chasing unless you're also landing. To anyone who thinks Young was jobbed against Ali---watch Young's fight against Norton. That's really being robbed. As for an in-prime Norton vs. Quarry, it's really simple: If Jerry avoids serious cuts (and that's a big if), he beats Norton by TKO or unanimous decision in a 12 round fight. Norton would have his hands full trying to keep Quarry away and Jerry had a much better chin. Exactly right---a previous post---Norton waited for an ill-prepared and over the hill Jerry on a couple weeks notice for the "fight he always wanted." Funny, but several times in his career, big punchers made Norton look helpless (Foreman, Shavers, Cooney). Ron Lyle? This would have been ugly. Ron Lyle was peaking from 1973 to 1977 and so was Norton. Why wasn't this fight made? Well, for one thing, Norton's win against Ali put him in an elite twosome (at that time) with Frazier. Suddenly, Norton was a name that could sell tickets, especially against Ali, since he had proven to be so tough for Ali to master. Why risk the big purse to match him against the ex-con Lyle? Well, for my money, if these two fought in that period of the mid-70's, Lyle would have come out swinging for the fences and probably would have taken Norton out in less than five rounds. |

|1/2/07 01:21:24 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|I'll add one more thing, then promise to go away and let someone else have a chance!!! Watch the Shavers demolition of Norton. The fight starts with the usual caution---but I think Shavers senses that his preliminary "feeling out" punches are already scaring Norton and that's when he opens up. On Larry Holmes website, he answered one of my questions about fight strategies and if it's normal to change tactics during fights. He said that he would actually let himself be hit to get a feel for the other guy's strength and that would help him know the best way to continue the fight. In Norton's case, Ali's punches didn't have the KO power to scare him and neither did Holmes'---but Norton was in over his head against Foreman and Shavers and probably would have been against Lyle too. When Lyle

fought Foreman, both of these guys took punches and fought back instead of covering. But when Norton was in against the big hitters, he covered when the leather started to land and that only made matters worse. I guess it's easy for me to say that he should have fought back since I wasn't the one getting hit, but how much worse would it have been to swing at Shavers instead of covering?|

|1/2/07 01:40:13 PM|charles|ark.||cdanderson@agriliance.com|||10|How many times was Jerry knocked down in his career?|

|1/2/07 06:33:34 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|HI CHARLES: 7-TIMES IN A 66 BOUT PRO CAREER. A FLASH KNOCKDOWN TO ROY CREAR IN SAN ANTONIO, WAS KNOCKED DOWN TWICE BY AL "MEMPHIS" JONES IN SAN FRANCISCO, BOTH QUARRY KO VICTORIES, A VERY SUSPECT KNOCKDOWN VS PATTERSON IN THE 10 ROUND DRAW (MORE OF A "SLIP"). GEORGE CHUVALO, JOE ALEXANDER, AND JOE FRAZIER IN 1974. HIS RECORD IS 3-2-1 IN THOSE BOUTS, NOT BAD! JERRY'S PROBABLY SCORED ANYWHERE FROM 70 TO 80 KNOCKDOWNS, IN HIS CAREER, HE WAS ALSO DECKED BY RUFUS BRASSELL IN 1970, BUT IT DID NOT COUNT FOR IT WAS AFTER THE BELL.|

|1/3/07 08:40:36 AM|charles|ark.||cdanderson@agriliance.com|||10|Jim thanks for info.1973 might have been Jerry's greatest year as a professional fighter, seems as though everything fell in place for him,new trainer, new attitude, he made a very strong presence in boxing that year. started out strong and finised the year strong and then it seemed it ended as soon as it started in 1974-75. out of all his fights that were televised I never saw Chuvalo or the Lyle fights. i would really like to see them. I read where he really boxed Lyle's ears off. even Lyle said " Jerry was beautiful out there tonight ". I hate he is gone. Mike and James too.|

|1/3/07 12:33:25 PM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|You can't help but admire Ron Lyle as a fighter. Immeasureably tough, very good fighter and one of a number of guys who made the 70s so special and strong. Damn good boxer, good puncher and brave as a lion. Anybody who questions Jerry Quarry's standing with top heavys only has to see his absolutely outstanding performance against Lyle-he thoroughly dominated a guy who beat Shavers, Bonavena, Bugner, Ellis and Mathis and came very, very close to beating Ali and Foreman. No heavy fought better against Lyle than Jerry. A fight between Lyle and Norton in the mid 1970s would have been very close, and too close to call.

However, although Lyle was a strong hitter I don't think he was in the 'nuclear' ranking of hard hitting heavys like Shavers and Foreman. After all he didn't knockout any of his main victims except Shavers and Mathis who did not have the best of chins and I don't think he scored a knockdown against Young?? So a points win or late knockout was possible but an early blowout not as likely. Remember Norton was 36 when he lost to Shavers which by any standards is past prime and vulnerable.

Comparing the likes of Norton, Ellis, Lyle, Shavers, Young and Quarry is fiendishly difficult as all had great strengths and a couple of flaws with a mixed bag of results against one another. Some primes were longer than others and I think good, constructive arguments can be made for each being top heavyweights. One thing for sure is that if all were fighting in their prime today they would be champ. Better to be a contender in the 70s and produce fights like Quarry-Lyle, Lyle-Shavers and Norton-Holmes than fight today|

|1/3/07 01:03:50 PM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Mark-

What you say is very true, Norton was born in 1943 so he was 36 when he lost to Shavers and 38 when he lost to Cooney. If Kenny had quit his career at 35 he would be rated much higher than he is. There is a clip of the Cooney-Norton fight on You Tube which says that Norton was 35 at the time of the fight but this is wrong. He was 38.|

|1/3/07 02:43:41 PM|angelo|Washington,

DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Mark/Massimo: You both make good points but I stand by my belief that Lyle would have his way with Norton. As the old saying

goes, "styles make fights." True, Lyle didn't KO his best opponents (except, as you say, Shavers and Mathis). But look at his five rounds (actually, 4 1/2) in the loss against Foreman. If that was Norton in place of Foreman, he would have folded. Foreman got up, I think, twice. And he was staggered beyond the knockdowns. But he fought on and punched back, something Norton didn't do against Foreman, Shavers or Cooney. And while Norton was in his middle to late 30's in the Shavers and Cooney fights, that doesn't explain a first round KO. Shavers was no spring chicken when he fought Norton either. An old Larry Holmes, on relatively short notice, stood in for four rounds with fierce young Mike Tyson. I think Norton was like deer in headlights against power hitters. While Lyle was not in Shavers' or Foreman's category for pure punching dynamite, he still had plenty of power. If he caught you, especially in the first half of the fight, even a good fighter with a good chin would have problems adjusting. I have to believe that he would come out winging against Norton and be the aggressor. In that scenario, Norton would be on a wild ride, hanging on for his life. If he managed to weather the storm, sure, he'd have a good chance to win. But at least in my opinion, he wouldn't make it out of the early rounds. Who was the other early KO loss on Norton's record (Jose Luis...Rivera?)? I have never seen footage of this fight and I'm very curious to know if it played out like the other Norton KO losses--that is, getting hit with a flurry and covering. Or, in this case, was it trading power punches and getting caught with the harder shots (like Lyle-Foreman)? |

|1/3/07 02:47:04 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Check that--
-Jose Luis GARCIA, not Rivera!!!|

|1/3/07 03:32:10 PM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|Angelo-

Norton lost against Luis Garcia by KO 8. He was knocked down in the first and in the eight round.
There's no doubt in my mind that he was very vulnerable against the big hitters and I too, (or also 20%) as I said before, think that Lyle would have knocked out or KOT him. I just wanted to say that he fought for too long and that he could have avoided his defeats with Shavers and Cooney (this was really brutal). He should have retired (spelling) after the Holmes fight, in which he fought toe to toe with a great fighter.

You are also right when you say that Norton should not have been covering up but should have punched back to Shavers (I hope the English is decent). Shavers's chin was not chivalian and Norton would have had the punch to hurt (or even stun) him. |

|1/3/07 04:11:51 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo:
Yes, Norton had enough juice in his punches to get anyone's attention (ask Duane Bobick). If he would have gone on the attack against someone like Shavers, who's to say how it would have played out? He had enough size and reach to back Shavers up if he was on the attack instead of retreating. We had seen Shavers lose by KO to Quarry and Lyle, so certainly Norton could have hurt Shavers too. Against Foreman, I think the task would have been much harder. Foreman had the size and leverage on his punches to strike Norton coming in, over and over, if Norton tried to rush him. I still think you'd be better off going down swinging rather than going down covering though. Against Cooney, Norton was too old and I don't think he really expected to win. That was for a pay day only and no other reason. Cooney made him pay dearly though. But against Shavers, I think Norton was still motivated entering the fight. He knew that if he could beat Shavers, a Holmes rematch and lots of cash was waiting for him---and maybe a title too. But as soon as Shavers leather started landing, it was over, and fast. I have the prefight interviews taped, and Shavers questioned Norton's heart. Shavers predicted that Norton would "quit" after getting hit hard. Norton said that Shavers "quit" against Quarry and he wasn't worried about fighting Shavers. Anyone who watches Quarry-Shavers knows that Shavers definitely did NOT quit. He was hit with everything but the kitchen sink and he still tried to continue against Quarry. He got caught early and Quarry swarmed

him. Shavers tried to swing back, but was hit so many times, he didn't know where he was. That's not quitting. |

|1/3/07 11:15:04 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|There is no way Shavers quit against Jerry.

He was wobbling badly and it was a good stoppage as he could have been seriously hurt if he would have been allowed to continue. Shavers just got caught. It can happen to anyone, just ask Norton.

I don't think Norton was afraid of Shavers. I think he thought he could counter punch like he did against Jerry. You know go into a shell, weather the storm and than come back with bombs of his own.

The difference is that although Jerry did hit Norton with some good hard shots, he was missing a lot too so Jerry wasn't able to follow up on his advantages and Norton would come back with hard shots of his own.

Against Shavers though he wasn't dealing with a fighter on the way down and Shavers in the Norton fight was very accurate with his punches, a very dangerous situation considering how hard Shavers punched. |

|1/3/07 11:44:05 PM|Jonathan Quarry|Washington||quarrytw3@yahoo.com|||10|Eight years ago today, it still effects me the way it did then it never goes away i miss you dad|

|1/4/07 10:13:37 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Jonathan: We know that it affects you much more than it does us fans---but rest assured that while we might not be related to your Dad and most of us never met him---it hit us hard in a different way. I think a lot of us come to this website not only as a tribute but to feel like he's still with us. What we've come to know about you makes us even more proud that were/are fans of your Dad and the family. |

|1/4/07 11:07:07 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Jose Luis Garcia, had a strange career, I seen him fight at they OLYMPIC in L.A. He had speed and power, at 194 lbs and 6'4" he got a lot of leverage in his shots. Ironically they were grooming him for a bout with JQ in 1973 (as was Pedro Lovell). Norton simply got smoked, Garcia's handlers force feed him beer, to put on the weight, and it had an adverse effect. He was one of the many heavyweights that suffered from the 175-200 lbs. That did not have a weight class. Garcia of 1970-71, and Pedro Lovell say 1973, would have been a barn-burner. |

|1/4/07 11:49:15 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Jimmy: Would Garcia have been better off still competing as a Heavy but at the lower weight? Jerry fought around 200 and did well. It seems as though making Garcia gain dead weight did more harm than good. It's interesting that by the 80's-90's, there were a lot more nutrition and training options to bulk up. Holyfield wasn't a natural heavyweight but he put solid weight on. Norton ended up fighting around 215-220, but I wonder what he weighed for the loss to Garcia? I think Norton was at about 225 when Shavers manhandled him. Norton came in too heavy for that fight. |

|1/4/07 12:07:57 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Hello Angelo: I Believe he would have been better off stayin lighter as long as possible, He would have eventually matured into a heavyweight anyway, he was 188 against Norton's 207 the first bout, and weighed in at 213 against Norton's 218 When they fought in Minnesota years later. It went about 5 rounds, When Kenny was at the top of his career. A top ten Heavyweight bout in California, in those days and forever, was as common as seeing a Blue Whale at 18th and Grand. My Condolences to Jonathan, and his Entire Family For January 3rd, Feel free to email me anytime. |

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|1/4/07 02:00:30 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: That's a good observation about Norton-Shavers----Shavers' punches were very accurate that night and as hard as ever. As you said, that's problematic for anyone. I honestly believe that Earnie Shavers preparation for the Muhammad Ali fight changed him. Shavers had always had a tendency to run out of gas and at times look sloppy, swinging wildly. He still piled up a bunch of wins, most by KO, because of his raw punching ability. But against Ali, he trained for a long fight. Even more importantly, he seemed to develop a patience that he didn't show previously. He didn't waste nearly as many punches and he was content to look for openings and back off if it was called for. He lost nine rounds out of 15 by my scoring, but he finished on his feet. If the fight had another half minute, Ali would have scored a knockdown, as Shavers was literally exhausted and losing his defense in the last seconds of the fight. But anyway, after that fight, he seemed to be a different boxer. He was "new and improved." Norton was the unfortunate party who faced Shavers during maybe his most devastating best. Even though there wasn't a big age or experience difference, Shavers seemed to be getting better while Norton might have been on the south side of the peak. |

|1/4/07 02:55:19 PM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Angelo-

I'm not sure at all that Shavers's stamina problems were over after the Ali' fight. I have seen the highlights of the second Holmes-Shavers fight (1979) and rounds 7 and 8 of the Randall Tex Cobb fight (1980) and, well, I have something to say on (or about) this issue. Shavers seemed exhausted (he could literally barely stand up) in those rounds against Cobb, especially obviously in round 8 and Randall Tex KOT him. Also Earnie seemed exhausted in the last rounds against Holmes and Larry stopped him by KOT 11. |

|1/4/07 04:07:03 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: You're right, but remember that Earnie also fought Holmes and went the distance in a 12 round elimination fight. He went 11 against Holmes when he challenged for the title. By 1980, he was pretty much done though. I read that he didn't start boxing until he was 22 years old. I think Norton started late too. I think Kent has pointed out before that age isn't the only factor in determining if a fighter has too many miles on him. It's also how many fights they've been in and who the competition has been. Quarry and Norton were about the same age when they met, but Quarry had been through the wars---a lot of rounds against a lot of greats. Norton was not nearly as ragged. It's still annoying to me when I read about how Norton "always wanted to fight Quarry." It's funny that he never found the time to do this until Quarry was shot. Norton did a lot of talking after fighting Ali and posed for the camera after Bobick---but it's funny how quiet he was after Foreman and Shavers blew him out. And if I remember correctly, he refused interviews after the Cooney demolition. Meanwhile, Duane Bobick faced the camera after losing to Norton and also when Tate dropped him in one. He took the tough questions and didn't run from the camera. Same with Ali's losses---he was gracious even after losing to Spinks, a guy with 7 or 8 fights. |

|1/4/07 06:44:18 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Jonathan, no the hurt doesn't go away losing your father but I do know how you feel as I lost my father years ago to cancer but I still do miss him.

You can remember the good times and that way your dad will always be a part of your life.

My father appears in my dreams and I still go to visit him in my dreams, just like he was still here with me and yes, like I said, I still miss him being here but I do remember our good times and this does help.

I know my father was just some guy who worked in a warehouse and your father Jerry was a well known professional athlete but one thing they had in common, like all of us, they were human and we as sons like them to be proud of us.

I am sure Jerry would have been very proud of you.|

|1/7/07 11:03:07 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Hi Jonathan,I don't often get to this great website as regularly as I'd like.40 years ago I was an Airborne Ranger in vietnam. 40 years ago your old man was the toughest man on the planet.|

|1/8/07 04:16:54 AM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Jonathan, my condolences. I can only imagine what means losing your father at such a young age. I lost all of my grandfathers and grandmothers and I still dream them very often. I miss them. So I do understand what you fell and I'm close to you.|

|1/8/07 11:57:03 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|I figure all 4 Quarry's combined had a Professional Boxing Record of 125-35,nothing wrong with that, I use to have a friend that was 1-11 (9 by knockout) in bar fights.|

|1/8/07 08:09:29 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I had a friend of mine from my old neighborhood who had about thirty fights as an amatuer but only three fights a professional, 2-1, 1 KO as a pro. I don't know what his amatuer record was but I remember the quarterback for the football team challenged him to a fight.

My friend refused to street fight but instead invited the quarterback to the boxing gym to do a little sparring.

My buddy toyed with the guy in front of all of the popular kids, cheer leaders, etc, classic moment as everyone thought the football player was going to kick my friend's ass as they didn't know how dedicated my friend was to his boxing training.

I wish I would have bet on the outcome of that one as I knew my friend could beat this guy easily.|

|1/9/07 08:56:25 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: Did the QB at least gain some respect for your friend? Sometimes, the popular jocks aren't so bad---in my highschool, it was sort of their "responsibility" to act like jackasses. But when you got them one on one away from the clique, they were pretty good guys. Speaking of which, I boxed one of them---the toughest guy on the football team---probably in our school. I had boxed some and he was a great fighter, but never boxed. Unfortunately for me, he was a fast learner. He KOed me in the first round. I probably could have beaten the count---but had no interest in getting hit so hard again! I boxed against him two more times and did better each time, but never did beat him. But the funny thing is, we got to be much more friendly after the fights and he turned out to be a really decent kid. By the way, here is a poll question: Did Ken Norton belong in the "Champions Forever" documentary, with Foreman, Frazier, Ali and Holmes? I'm on the fence. I know that Norton's trilogy against Ali was legendary and he had the war against Holmes, so he was an important part of a long era. But on the other hand, Foreman stomped him, he never fought Frazier, his win against Ali was not a title fight and he never beat a Champion in the ring---having won his title in an elimination bout against Young (and for my money, Young was ripped off in that one). Norton was a major player, but a Champion forever? I'm not sure. He fought brilliantly against Holmes and Ali, but was 1-3. |

|1/9/07 10:07:32 AM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, Ca||Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|Hi Jonathan, I do also know how you feel, losing your Dad. My Mother died, then 3 weeks later my Father died, then there was Aunt Brenda, Grampa Jack, my Grandma Marie, then a Great Aunt on Mom's side,

then Uncle Mike, and an Uncle on my husbands side, and a few friends in between this, all of them within 5 yrs, everyone says it gets easier, but its still hard, you can't just pick up the phone and talk to them, go see them, but one thing is for sure, WE'LL ALWAYS LOVE THEM. |

|1/9/07 11:14:45 AM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|Angelo-

By looking at their records, I think that Norton had about the same right to belong to the Champions Forever team than Frazier. He fought brilliantly Holmes while Frazier didn't, but on the other hand he was destroyed by Shavers and Cooney while Frazier didn't fight them.

But I think Frazier was clearly a better fighter than Norton, he punched harder, was more solid and had a bigger heart. I think prime vs prime Frazier would have KO Norton in less than 8 rounds. |

|1/9/07 02:41:13 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: I generally agree with you except I think Frazier was a more legitimate Champion than Norton. In my opinion, by not participating in the Round Robin Tournament with Quarry, Ellis, Patterson, etc., Frazier opened himself to rightful criticism by fans and skeptics. But the fact remains, he beat the eventual winner, Ellis, convincingly, and he beat Jerry Quarry too. He cemented his claim to the title by knocking down Ali and winning the 1971 decision. Granted, defending against Terry Daniels and Ron Stander was a joke, and when he defended against the deserving George Foreman, Frazier was manhandled. But the fact remains that he beat a nice group of fighters who were big factors in the 60's and he did so impressively. He was a true Champion. Norton on the other hand was handled by Foreman just like Joe was, but more importantly, he never did beat a current champion. He came close in Yankee Stadium, but couldn't close the deal. He left it to the judges and if I were one of them, I too would have kept the belt with Ali. No knockdowns, no cuts, no two point rounds, neither fighter in any trouble, serious or otherwise, for 15 rounds. You don't impress me enough to take a title away from a legend by merely lasting 15 rounds. Sorry Ken, try again. Ironically, if Norton and Frazier fought, it wouldn't surprise me to see Norton win. Frazier was a workman-like hitter, not a devastating force like Foreman or Shavers. Thus, I think Norton could shake off most of Frazier's punches like he did against Ali and Holmes. Frazier would try to force the action and Norton would cover during the outbursts then come out of the peek-a-boo and attack with flurries of his own. Too bad they were such fine buddies as this could have been a very interesting fight to watch. |

|1/10/07 05:13:43 AM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|Look at this, guys!
I'm sorry but legend is

legend!

http://editorial.gettyimages.com/source/search/details_pop.aspx?i id=2978271&cdi=0 |

|1/10/07 08:26:53 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: The image was an IRL race car???? |

|1/10/07 09:57:35 AM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|Angelo-

IRL ? What does that mean ? Race cars were not involved in that image! That image was legendary: Kareem next to Shaq! |

|1/10/07 10:03:41 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|When I typed it in, I got an Indy Race League (IRL) car from Austria I think.
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|1/10/07 01:59:26 PM|Joey|Canada||@|||10|"But I think Frazier was clearly a better fighter than Norton, he punched harder, was more solid and had a bigger heart."

I have to agree with you Massimo, Frazier, in spite of his short comings, was a better class of fighter than Ken Norton. Norton upset an out of shape Ali in their first meeting by breaking his jaw and taking the decision. He wasn't the first fighter to take advantage of Ali's slack performance the second time around(Frazier, Spinks, Berbick..). Many of these fighters were judged by how well they did against Ali's second coming. If you watch the film of Ali/Frazier 1, you can clearly see that Ali's timing is way off not to mention his lack of footwork. In his prime(66/67), Joe would not have had a chance; neither would Norton, Spinks, Holmes or Berbick. |

|1/10/07 04:48:22 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Joey:
Quite frankly, Berbick (rest his soul) doesn't belong in the discussion. He
beat an Ali who was already having Parkinsons Syndrome symptoms. He'd have been
a good sparring partner for Ali in the 60's. As for the others, you are correct
that they wouldn't have beat an in prime Ali circa 1966---no chance. Ali would
have decisioned Frazier because he wouldn't have been hit nearly as much as in
the "second coming" bouts against Joe. Still, Frazier was a determined warrior
who proved he could take Ali's best punches and not go down, so I think it would
end in a decision or at best, a TKO like Manilla. Ali would have handled Spinks
easily (if he did it in their rematch as an old fighter, he'd have easily done
it 12 years earlier). Ali would have beaten Norton to the punch and won easily--
Norton never faced the real Ali. Taking Berbick out of the equation, Ali's
record against the others is 5-3---not bad for a guy whose best years were 5-12
years behind him at the time of these fights. |

|1/11/07 12:15:16 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|What is
amazing about Ali is even his fight with Berbick was close.

Berbick
deserved the win over the shell of the shell of Ali's former self but the fight
was very competitive. Quite a feat for Ali to extend a young contender when Ali
had nothing left. |

|1/11/07 03:31:16 AM|steve |nj||na|||10|Kent, Angelo, and Jonathan. These last few
stories really bring home the depths of despair a poor ,average teenager can sink
to. Even though I was undersize, my father made me fight. Our Catholic school was
small, and thin on talent, not like huge ,regional schools like Camden Catholic or
Holly Cross. I was too small ,except to play special teams, and second String
backfield spots. When I entered my Junior year, my grades had fallen, my beautiful
Italian girl friend, said quite or else. I quite, and was called pussy. I quit
school, and finished up with an GED, AND A Associates degree many years
later. I joined the Army and never looked back. I suffered worse abuse than I ever
did in high school, was knocked around worse but you know, these incidents always
we're always created to instill pride, discipline. not bullying. |

|1/11/07 12:28:38 PM|Joey|Canada|@|||10|"Quite frankly, Berbick (rest his
soul) doesn't belong in the discussion."

You are correct Angelo and I
would include Spinks within that definition as well. I mentioned Berbick because
that was Ali's last fight. When a great fighter is way past done and loses to
fighters who never were or will be in the same class, fans, fighters etc.,
should try to see it for what it really is (Louis, Ali, Tyson..)|

|1/12/07 06:43:30 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Joey:
Point well taken and I also agree with Kent that Ali did a good job just to be
fairly competitive against Berbick, who was a good fighter in his own right. |

|1/12/07 10:42:39 AM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|I have heard an
Ali's interview after the Holmes fight and his speech was slowed down a lot.
His brain had already had problems before the Berbick fight.

I have seen the
first 6 rounds of Holmes-Ali' on You Tube and the fight was less one sided in
Holmes's favour than I expected. Ali' did practically nothing during the fight
but he did not take a beating as Holmes himself didn't do much. It was a pretty
boring fight between two great champions.

I have also seen a wide
synthesis of the Berbick-Ali' fight (on You Tube) and I agree that it was very
competitive. Ali' did much better than in the Holmes fight while Berbick IMO
should have been more aggressive as Ali' was not very dangerous at the time. |

|1/12/07 03:51:04 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: I
think Larry Holmes had genuine respect for Ali as a man, even if Ali was no
longer a great fighter when he stepped into the ring with Holmes. Holmes made
certain he got the win, but I think he was measured on how much punishment he
would dish out. After the fight, Holmes was more relieved than he was excited.
He finally got rid of the monkey on his back and he did it in a way that
respected Ali while still beating him. Ali came into the Holmes fight at a very
low weight---lighter than he had been in years. I was one of the people who

mistook 218 pounds for being fit when in fact, he was probably in better fighting shape, overweight at 230, against Berbick. To get down to 217-219 for Holmes, he took a bunch of diet medication and sweated off the weight in saunas and sauna suits. For Berbick, he ate more and trained more. The net gain of weight wasn't ideal, but at least he was stronger. Ali made a respectable showing against Berbick for a shot fighter. Berbick was a decent contender. Berbick also said some kind things about Ali and Ali's effort after the fight. It was probably a good thing that Ali lost that decision. If he won that fight, he might have kept going. |

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|1/13/07 04:49:52 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Hi Jimmy D. could you research this for me.I used to work around a guy who claimed to be the only white heavyweight on the 1956 or1960 olympic boxing teams.His name is Curt Brown.Not a nice man. |

|1/13/07 09:31:14 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Wasn't Pete Rademacher on the 1956 team? I reread recently on his famous fight with Patterson. Interesting guy with some inventions. Rademacher is from Ohio and still lives

here...
Interesting how points of view are. Norton, the 'swaggering braggert' is a bad guy to some, apparently. But Ali , who out swaggered and out bragged all comers, is a hero. I give credit to both, although Norton would never promote an opponent as an animal, as Ali did with Frazier, or promote racism or anti-christian violence as Ali did. Of the two, I pick Norton as a better guy who had Ali's number in the ring.
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|1/14/07 11:32:38 AM|max hord|fernandina

bch,fla||maxhord@adelphia.net|||10|Sorry folks but Trevor Berbick was a joke. |

|1/14/07 04:44:58 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Hey Gerry,your correct.I's interesting about how there actualy are differing points of view.I disliked the way he systematicaly beat down on Quarry.I disliked the way he swaggered and bragged about how he "always knrw he could beat Quarry" At least Joe Frazier,when He knew he had Quarry beat,stepped back,and looked to the doddering ref.Joe Loius,to intervene.Not Kenny Norton.However,I disliked Ali even more for his cruel,childlike behavior.I didn't say Curt Brown claimed to be the only white heavyweight,although I may have inadvertantly implied.He could have been lighthheavy.Ijust know Jimmy's the man who enjoys and is effective at research.I'm glad everyone here is still intitled to a point of view. |

|1/14/07 05:14:24 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Thanks Steve. Points of view are what make a site like this work. To be fair, Quarry should not have taken the Norton fight like he did. The match did him an injustice reputationally and he did not need more of that.
Norton had a thing for Quarry for a long time. I would have liked to see them meet about 1970-72. Jerry needed three good months for this fight to train. Instead he set himself up for what happened. A lesser guy would not have made it out of the second round. Jerry almost KO'd Kenny in the third. Jerry, apparently, was desperate for a fight like this one to get a title shot. |

|1/14/07 05:18:30 PM|steve |N.J||NA|||10|Hey Gerry,while I'm on the subject Of being an equal opportunity disparager of Ali and Norton.I may as well add this.I'm also sure this will delight Angelo {if he doesn't just skim over my posts.At least Ali,{in the ring,anywhy",fought with true intensity,as I'm,sure he had to .The trilogy between Norton and Ali was like a slap and tickle affair in comparision in terms of savagery,determination. |

|1/14/07 05:27:20 PM|STEVE|NA||NA|||10|Gerry,in that last post,Iwas comparing the intensity of Ali vv Frazier,and the boring,half ass efforts in the Ali vs Norton trilogy.I left Frazier's name out.Juat trying to avoid confusion. |

|1/14/07 05:56:56 PM|steve |NJ||NA|||10|Gerry,I realize I'm becoming a bit of a bore.However,since I'm on a roll,How impressive in Nortons record,take away the three sparring sessions with Ali?He folded under the guns of just about every big puncher he faced.His one claim to fame was his loss to Holmes.I'm digging everywhere and naturally can't find it|

|1/14/07 07:48:41 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|HI STEVE, I WILL SEE WHAT I CAN COME UP WITH ON MR.BROWN, DOES ANYBODY REMEMBER MIKE QUARRY'S FIRST WIFE, WHAT A

ATTRACTIVE LADY SHE WAS, DRESSED VERY NICE, I THINK SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ITALIAN,

OR SPANISH DESCENT? I REMEMBER SEEING HER AT RINGSIDE ON WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS MIKE QUARRY /BILLY WAGNER 12 ROUNDER AT THE FELT FORUM. PHILLY PLAYED ONE HECK OF A GAME SHEMP, I HOPE THE SAINTS CAN COME MARCHING IN, THEY MIGHT NEED BILLY KILMER BACK!|

|1/14/07 10:47:39 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Hi Jimmy D.Thanks for looking into this guy for me.I wouldn't even know where to begin.I don't know who Mikes first wife was,but you know she wasn't gonna be ugly.That kid was so good looking,I'd have let my sister marry him.Look Larry,dont feel bad for me about the stinking,Eagles, unable to stop one man from running through them like crap through a goose.I realize now that God has decided to punish and torture me forever via the Eagles Organization.I'm only too sure that Kent is on some Cal.beach, sticking pins in some voodoo doll and laughing his ass off. |

|1/15/07 06:38:10 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|I'm a fan of Norton, and 51% of me thinks he would beat Quarry in a contest. However, to go the distance three times with Ali was an enormus achievement and to beat him once and lose twice was something to be damned proud of. they were certainly not slap and tap affairs. They were entertaining and intriguing fights in their own right, and although may not have had the intensity and skill of Ali-Frazier were good fights that would be very welcome if they were to occur in 2007. If Norton had the style and awkwardness to fight well against Ali then great for him as not many came that close. Sure Norton was an arrogant idiot at times but not every fighter can behave like Henry Cooper. |

|1/15/07 10:24:08 AM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|The first Norton-Ali' fight wasn't great but was definately good. The second half of the second Ali'-Norton fight is a classic IMO and the fight is overall excellent. I have seen only about 5 rounds of the third fight so I cannot judge it. Of course Frazier-Ali' 1 and Ali'-Frazier 3 are two of the best heavyweight fight of all times, so they are of another planet. Actually the Thrilla in Manilla is my favourite fight ever.

Hey Kent, how are you ? They say it's very very cold in California (in) these days ! Is it true ? If you really are from California, of course ; -)
In Italy there has been no Winter this year!
Ciao!|

|1/15/07 02:05:22 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||jerjets11@yahoo.com|||10|Sparring sessions? That's not what I saw. Ali was in with a real fighter who made him clinch and run with Norton. The Frazier fights were more intense, but only because Frazier was enraged by Ali's classless remarks. Norton did clearly win the first one with Ali. The second one was 5-6 and 6-5 on two cards. Foreman thought Norton won and met him before Ali. The third fight was 7-8 on two cards. Ali got biased judging in a number of fights, no question. Fighters should not earn points for clinching.
As for Norton, he got Boone Kirkman, Quarry, avenged Garcia, Ron Stander, Larry Middleton, undefeated Bobick, Jimmy Young and, in my book Larry Holmes. You say the Young fight was close, two judges had it 147-143, hardly the one-point fights Norton had with Ali and Holmes. Norton would have been tough for Quarry anytime, but 1975 on three weeks notice was definitely not in the cards. I give Ken his due. I certainly give Jerry his. He was a cruiserweight chasing Ken Norton. Thanks. |

|1/15/07 06:58:32 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Steve I have nothing on Curt Brown, or even on they internet. Ticia DeDora or something like that i'm just guessing, was similiar to the name of Mike Quarry's first wife, he married her I believe a few weeks after he beat RAY "WINDMILL" WHITE, Mike sure fought and beat a lot of top lighthweightweights in his day. |

|1/16/07 04:48:14 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Steve: You might be embellishing just a wee bit, but your points are well taken. No, Ali-Norton didn't have "sparring sessions" but those three fights combined didn't produce the dynamite that Manilla did by itself. Norton-Holmes was more gut wrenching than the Ali-Norton fights and so was Ali-Spinks first bout. I've already weighed in on Norton-Young but I will again. You can say all you want

about Ali getting the benefit of the doubt in many of his decisions including Norton at Yankee Stadium and Young in Landover. Say what you will, but Norton was given the Jimmy Young fight on a silver platter. Watch that fight, score it objectively and tell me Norton won at all, much less won by three or four rounds. That simply is ridiculous. Young was beating him to the punch and making him miss. Young landed more punches and was never hurt in the least bit during that fight. Norton was the big draw and the big name---so the establishment made sure it wasn't spoiled by the light hitting "boring" Jimmy Young. They handed Norton his paper belt that night, when for one thing, Young wasn't even a Champion, and for another, Norton shouldn't have been given the decision anyway. Norton defended the paper belt valiantly against Holmes---in fact, those two put it all on the line. Holmes effectively dominated most of the first half of the fight and Norton showed a champion's heart in the second half of the fight---though he did fall short of winning. Still, that battle did legitimize the title for many, me included. Funny thing is, the WBA belt was more legitimate when Ali that half back from Spinks. But Holmes was the legitimate Champion holding the WBC belt. Boxing wanted Ali-Norton IV and they didn't get it. Then, boxing wanted Norton-Holmes II. and Shavers put the kabosh on that when he put Norton in orbit in their one minute encounter. |

|1/16/07 06:56:11 PM|steve |na||na|||10|Hi,Gerry,I shouldn't have refered to Ali vs Norton as "slap and tickle affairs".What I meant but didn't convey very well is that,in my opinion,they where no where near the caliber of Ali vs Frazier.Thats not to say they weren't good fights,but certainly not life and death.Styles make fights.Ali could have fought Norton three more times with similar results.Ali and Frazier wouldn't have survived three more fights together.As for Norton's record.Boone Kirkman was a journyman at for that era.Today he'd probably be an alphabet champion.How come Ron Stander was bum when he fought Frazier.Now he's a notable conquest on Norton's resume?Norton never fought the real Quarry.Larry Middleton,another journeyman.Bobick wasn't even a journeyman,undefeated or not.He avenged Garcia,but the fact remains Garcia clocked him first time out.I never mentioned Jimmy Young.Kenny Norton's shining moment was the Larry Holmes fight.I personally think Joe Frazier would have KO'D Norton in one or two rounds.All that best friends crap aside. |

|1/16/07 07:27:15 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Angelo,you nailed me on that one! I sometimes tend to get carried away.I didn't really mean to imply that Ali vs Norton weren't very good fights.However,what mystifies me to this day is why Ali couldn't figure out a way to get to Norton.Ali was a much bigger,stronger man than people to this day give him credit for.After all,he hung in against Norton almost the entire first fight with a broken jaw.Go figure! |

|1/17/07 12:21:51 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Ali couldn't put Norton away because Norton was mentally driven to beat Ali. Norton had success against Ali in their first fight---and was determined that it was no fluke---that he could hang with Ali in the rematches, and he did. Ali was indeed a big, strong fighter, but wasn't known as a big puncher. Once Norton won the mental game, he was a viable opponent against Ali, even though taken as a whole, Ali's career accomplishments dwarf anything Norton ever did. Foreman exposed Norton as someone who would back down fast when being hit hard. Shavers knew it. Cooney also knew it, and caught Norton on the downswing. Norton was a Hollywood player who didn't want to get messed up by trading for six rounds with someone like Shavers. He didn't take a dive by any means, but put it this way, he probably could have continued, but had no need to. Against Cooney, Norton was old, though he looked to be in good condition for the fight. But that first round attack was ridiculous. Cooney peaked that night---his punches were hard, fast, accurate and numerous. Norton got stuck on the ropes and it looked like he was hit by a train. |

|1/17/07 01:28:26 PM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|Angelo-

I don't think Norton could have continued against Shavers, Earnie knocked him down twice, the second

time with a terrible uppercut. Getting hit by an Earnie Shavers's uppercut had to be a bad experience (spelling)(ask Jimmy Ellis).
Regarding Gerry Cooney, Larry Holmes once said on his site that "Cooney could hit as hard as a mule can kick". Well, although I have never been kicked by a mule and although a horse probably can kick even harder, I think that's damn hard. Cooney destroyed an old by in shape Ron Lyle (by breaking one of his ribs with one punch)and fought well against Larry Holmes. His only disappointing defeat was against Michael Spinks a guy much smaller than him and with half his punching power... Bah, boxing is sometimes strange to understand. Gerry would have had a real excellent career without that lost. |

|1/17/07 01:45:17 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: I'll never understand Cooney's loss to Mike Spinks. Spinks was a very skilled boxer and I have a lot of respect for him--but the way he beat Cooney is what leaves me scratching my head. If Spinks won a decision---or even if somehow he caught a tired Cooney in the last couple rounds and won by TKO, I'd be surprised, but not shocked. But how did Spinks win by KO early in the fight? It goes against logic. Cooney beat all the stiffes early in his career impressively. He was convincing and awesome against lesser guys (That might not sound like much, but a lot of contenders have shaky performances on the way up--Bobick did and even our own Jerry Q. did). But Cooney won most of his early fights by lopsided knockouts. Then, he had the string of wins against the golden oldies, Norton, Lyle and Young. All three of these guys still had at least a little bit left, even if they were past their respective primes. But Cooney cruised through them too. The loss to Holmes was devastating to Gentleman Gerry, especially emotionally. He lost his perfect record and his dreams of being an undefeated Champion. He was young enough to go back to the gym and get back on a regular fight schedule, but his heart wasn't in it. By all sense of reasoning, an in shape and highly motivated (and not rusty) Cooney should have flattened Mike Spinks. Cooney's loss to Foreman was nothing to be ashamed of---I've seen the fight a couple times and Cooney gave it all he had and tagged George hard. Foreman was one of the best ever and overcame Cooney's power to earn a powerful KO victory. But really, I think inactivity during what should have been his prime years (after losing to Holmes) was the reason Cooney never achieved more. He was better than most of the contenders of that era. |

|1/17/07 02:20:04 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Alright allready,Kent,lets' get this over with.Say something unkind about the Eagles,and we'll move on.Your silence is disconcerting.On a much more serious note.I just looked up George Chavulo on google.There are quite a few sites on him.Some with video interview clips.My reaction was shock! He's lost Two sons to herion addiction.A third son to suicide caused by herion addiction.Then his wife commited suicide.He crusades relentlessly against this plaugue.Ali,Frazier,Foreman,nor unimaginable family tragedy has ever put this man down.You have got to visit the web sites and watch the videos to believe it. |

|1/17/07 04:13:52 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|OK Steve, I will say this just once. HOW ABOUT THOSE EAGLES, LIVING TRUE TO FORM. I usually watch the superbowl with my friend from Philly but maybe he won't invite me this year because I have a couple of Ha's Ha's for him

But I must say, I had adopted the Chargers as my new team and even though I didn't post my pre playoffs top five, I had the Chargers at number one and what did they do? CHOCKED BIG TIME!

Yes Massimo, it was cold here, colder than I remember it ever being. Interesting, I didn't know water pipes could freeze when it gets too cold as I never have lived in cold weather before. |

|1/17/07 05:42:48 PM|STEVE|nj||na|||10|Hi Massimo.Every man has his moments.A fighter in training is essentially a lonely man.He has days and nights where he feels strong.Other times,he feels tired,depressed,worried about paying the bills.Even in hard training,there are days when you just don't have

anything. Believe me ,a serious personal problem can rob you of your ability and desire to concentrate and can take your strength. That's probably what makes the difference between a good soulder and athlete. BAH!! perhaps your involvment with so many women at one time is what has robbed you of your ability of becoming a great basketball player, perhaps another SpiderWebb! |

|1/17/07 06:28:38 PM|steve|nj||na|||10|Kent, you vindictive Californian. I just knew you were waiting to bust my balls about the Eagles. You didn't know that water pipes will freeze and burst?! HAH, you know nothing of living in cold climates. We insulate all water pipes out here with about R-30 WRAPPED INSULATION. As I write this post, the Temp. is about 28 degrees. |

|1/18/07 01:09:37 AM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Hi Steve! Fonzie who ? Don Giovanni (Don Juan) who ? Casanova who ? They still talk about Wilt Chamberlain who got 20000 women TSK, TSK... Only (or just) 20000 ? |

|1/18/07 11:00:41 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Howard Stern asked interviewed Wilt years and years ago---asked Wilt if he remembered most of the 20,000 women. |

|1/18/07 07:13:17 PM|Joey|Canada||@|||10|"But really, I think inactivity during what should have been his prime years (after losing to Holmes) was the reason Cooney never achieved more. He was better than most of the contenders of that era."

 Good point Angelo. I think Cooney's best fight was against Holmes. It was probably one of Larry's best fights as well. Cooney, I feel, was a better fighter than Spinks, even though he was defeated by him. Both of the Spinks brothers seemed awkward to me, sort of a pawing motion with the jab and straight right and not too well balanced on their feet. Holmes was robbed in his meetings with Spinks. Tyson, of course, straightened that mess out in short order. |

|1/19/07 05:38:23 AM|maxhord|fernandina bch,fla||maxhord@adelphia.net|||10|Gerry Cooneys best fight was against Larry Holmes. Cooney never fought the competition that would have made him better. Michael Spinks had a good amateur record and that's where he learned to fight. Too bad he was a little dude, but he still put his 30-0 record on the line and kicked Cooneys ass. |

|1/19/07 07:22:58 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|I certainly agree regarding Frazier/Ali. Those were very personal wars from Frazier's perspective. They both could have died in the 15th in their third match, the most intense match I've ever seen in the heavyweight division.
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|1/20/07 03:26:11 PM|steve|nj||na|||10|Hey Gerry,look,I agree with you on most points.However,and don't get defensive,you just can't compare records and come up with any practical guage on who was better.Who beat who doesn't factor in.Too many variables.I'VE had Angelo tell me Joe Frazier shouldn't have fought guys like Ron Stander,He was being too carefull.Now your defending Ken Norton's record,because he beat Ron Stander,who KO'D Earnir Shavers. |

|1/20/07 03:51:23 PM|steve|nj||na|||10|Of all the guys I've exchanged posts with,{not counting all the nut cases we've endured over the years}I feel that Kent and Angelo,and Jimmy Dorsey ,where the most knowlegable,reasonable,fair minded guys I can think of at this time.I won't include Massimo because he is a hound. |

|1/20/07 07:28:42 PM|Angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Steve: It's not so much that I think Frazier shouldn't have fought Stander---it's just that comparitively speaking, Frazier didn't have too many fights. He sat out the famed tournament and somehow missed a long line of contenders of the early 70's, yet somehow managed to find the time to fight Stander, Daniels and a shot Jimmy Ellis a second time. For a guy that was so selective about opponents, he should have been more focused on the real players of the day, not Terry Daniels and Ellis on a losing streak. If Frazier had had 55 or 60 fights, then I'd say no problem---take on the bad with the good. I find no issue with Muhammad Ali fighting Chuck Wepner, Alfredo Evangelista or Richard Dunn, because he also fought every big name of the era, and dangerous punchers like Shavers and Lyle. Frazier didn't. |

|1/20/07 08:28:01 PM|steve |nj||a|||10|Hey Angelo,I think my point finally is,Ali got the best of Joe Frazier.Ali destroyed his health doing it.Joe was also ruined by those fights.ALL THOSE OTHER FIGHTS AFTER DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING.I still ,to this day,don't understand what George Foreman's part was,or Norton'.in this Homer like Trilogy. |

|1/20/07 09:33:19 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentalenent@aol.com|||10|Regarding Ron Stander, he had a good record going into the Frazier fight, 23-1-1 and he gave a good account of himself, probably the best performance of his carrer, and he did have a win over Shavers.

Yes Frazier busted him up and stopped in five rounds but he did land some good shots and it was a game performance.

After the Frazier fight Stander was 14-19 for the rest of his career and part of his problem was he didn't train properly, he often came into fights overweight.

I think Stander was a good prospect who never really reached his potential because maybe he was rushed into the Frazier fight and he left a lot of himself as a fighter in the ring verses Frazier.

But still if he had been more dedicated to getting in shape for especially the

fights after Frazier, he might have been considered a better fighter than a lot of people give him credit for.

I doubt he could have won a title but the old saying from that one movie, "I could have been a contenda" (contender) fits him. |

|1/21/07 04:19:45 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||moosey@aol.com|||10|BASEL, Switzerland -- Nikolai Valuev retained the WBA heavyweight title Saturday night when American challenger Jameel McCline collapsed in the third round after injuring his left knee

McCline missed a swing at the 7-foot Russian and fell to the canvas as he tore ligaments in his kneecap. He tried unsuccessfully to stand up several times.

"He was in terrible pain, literally screaming," said Scott Hirsch, McCline's manager. "He thought he was fighting well -- what a crazy end to a fight."

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|1/21/07 04:55:44 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|I remember that Ron Stander was rated number 30 when he fought Frazier. So even at his peak he wasn't a top contender.

Ed, what a shame the Valuev-Mc Cline fight ended that way! It would have been a good test for Valuev.

Hey Steve, I have had to use the dictionary to understand what "hound" means, ah, ah!! |

|1/21/07 09:35:09 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Massimo, Ron Stander probably was rushed into his fight with Frazier. He fought Frazier too soon before he was really ready.

My point about him, he could have been a contender, is because he didn't reach his true potential.

And after the Frazier fight he just went through the motions. That he didn't train properly also caused him to not reach his full potential.

I still don't think he would have been a champion but he may be higher ranked if he didn't fight Frazier too soon and if he had trained properly during the rest of his career.

Like I said, if he had done things differently, people would now have a higher regard for his career than they do now. |

|1/21/07 10:22:11 AM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|Now I see your point, Kent. You're right. |

|1/21/07 12:25:12 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: Actually, the same can be said about a Champion of our time---Buster Douglas. People "inside" boxing, who I really respect, have said that a well trained and mentally focused Douglas would be nearly unbeatable. If he had the lunch bucket mentality of a hard worker like Larry Holmes, Douglas would have come into every fight prepared and sharp, and could have been a great Champion. Of course, I catch myself saying "could have" and am reminded of an old saying by a now retired but very popular DC area radio sports host, Ken Beatrice: He used to say, quoting Don Meredith, "Would have, should have, could have. If ifs and buts were candy and nuts, oh what a party we'd have!" |

|1/21/07 03:02:29 PM|Joey|Canada||@|||10|"People "inside" boxing, who I really respect, have said that a well trained and mentally focused Douglas would be nearly unbeatable."

I've often thought the same would apply to MIKE TYSON. If he'd had the benefit of people like D'Amato, Atlas, Rooney to train and discipline him throughout his career, he might have avoided his early demise and gone on to become one of the all time greats. Fighters like Ali had the necessary self-discipline and mental fortitude, not to mention outstanding people like Dundee in his corner to see him through. What's happening between the ears can make or break a fighter. |

|1/21/07 03:34:25 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo and Joey, yes Douglas had all of the tools except the one that would have put him into the great class, the mental part, the ability to be disciplined.

Ironically, the man who exposed flaws in Tyson as a fighter had the same problem staying mentally focused.

Both men fell well short of the potential they had but Tyson, at least for a time, was very hard to beat by anyone from any era.

Larry Holmes had both, the skills to be an all time great but also, as Angelo pointed out, he had the "blue collar" worth ethic

that got the most out of his impressive skills.

Holmes, especially in his championship years, was always in great shape.|

|1/21/07 06:14:11 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Angelo,damn,your the last guy I'd expect to fall into that {woulda,coulda,if only baloney}If pigs had wings,they could fly out of my butt.If God had given Jerry just one more inch in height,two more inches in reach,and ten more lbs,how much better would he have done.Douglas's demise was caused by emotional and physical problems,among them diabetes,that no one could have helped him with.Ali,Holmes,Frazier,Dempsey,Joe LOIUS,.THEY,ALL WHERE GREAT FIGHTERS.THEY HAD A COMBO OF MENTAL AND PHYSICAL attributtes that made them almost impossible to beat.Mike Tyson had the best boxing poeple falling all over themselves trying to mold him.He had God given skills beyond beleive.However,he couldn't discipline his own mind like Evander Hollyfield could.|

|1/21/07 06:23:02 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Hey Massimo,You know I'm just playin around with you.your definitely one of my faverites.A hound is just a young guy who loves to chase beatuful girls.|

|1/21/07 08:47:39 PM|Angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Steve: Very true. Tyson had ALMOST all of the necessary ingredients but lacked that ability to channel all of himself into boxing for an extended period. Holmes had the riches, the accolades and the hangers on too---but Holmes had a maturity and a focus that Tyson lacked. The result? The guy with the "devestating" knockout power, the phenom, the can't miss all time great did win a lot of fights and unite the titles---but was upset by Douglas, then spiraled out of control. He's finishing his career losing to very ordinary fighters---guys who are nowhere near the caliber of even the Trevor Berbick who Ali faced at the end of his career. Who knows, maybe the old timers circuit will give us Tyson vs. Bowe, the fight we should have seen years ago. |

|1/21/07 10:05:18 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Hey Angelo,you bring up something interesting,Riddick Bowe vs Tyson.VERY INTERESTING.Riddick,however,was another fighter with talent and size who came up way.way,short.He dwarfed Hollyfield,yet just barely stopped him.I don't feel BIG daddy was that exceptional.Remember,Styles make fights,and guts.I think Tyson,would have walked through Bowe.Even though he couldn't do it to Hollyfield.|

|1/22/07 09:46:39 AM|Joey|Canada|@|||10|"I think Tyson,would have walked through Bowe.Even though he couldn't do it to Hollyfield."

TYSON, pre-Tokyo, would have walked through everyone, including Holyfield(the only exception being ALI 64-67). When TYSON had the right people, he was unbeatable. Douglas fought a brave fight, but in my opinion he is vastly over rated for having taken TYSON out, even though he did it beautifully. There were many potentially great fighters who lacked emotional fortitude and they are often remembered as could have been great or one hit wonders...(LISTON, FOREMAN, DURELLE, BOWE, GRANT...). On the other hand, those fighters with great skills and the necessary strength mentally, generally went on to achieve a great deal more in their careers(ALI, DEMPSEY, LOUIS, MARCIANO, HOLMES, FRAZIER..yes Frazier; he's the guy who fought ALI 3 times, winning once, losing twice) |

|1/22/07 10:31:25 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Personally I believe Mike Tyson was they most overrated heavyweight of all time! Who did he beat? Light Heavyweight Spinks, should have had his purse disbursed, and should have wore one (womens purse) in the ring, he did not even get hit! You talk about taking a dive!! Hey he did beat Trevor Berbick!! He did not fight RIDDICK BOWE,GEORGE FOREMAN, MICHAEL MOORER, TOMMY MORRISON, RAY MERCER, TO name a few of his time (All punchers), They only reason they fought Evander, was because he was considered over the hill, and a payday, Mike Tyson would have been better off fighting BUTTERBEAN at the circus!|

|1/22/07 11:21:42 AM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|Jimmy-

Although I also believe Tyson is overrated, I think he beat several good fighters. Bruno, Smith and

Ruddock, for instance, were 3 very dangerous punchers and top contenders. Smith knocked out Witherspoon in 1 round. Thomas, Berbick and Tubbs were all former heavyweight champions. Tucker, Tillis, Green, Stewart, Ferguson, Frazier and "The Lie" Williams were all good fighters in my book. Biggs was an ex gold medal in the super-heavyweight division and was 15-0-0 when he fought Tyson. Holmes, even if old, was still a very good fighter as he proved later against Holyfield, Mercer and Mc Call.

Around 1989 I thought that Tyson was better than Ali' and unbeatable. Now in 2007 I think that he ended his career in a very poor way by losing against journeyman and that he disappointed me very much against Lewis and Holyfield. But I give him credit for being the n.1 in the world for 4 years (1986-1990). At his best he was very good. It's difficult to decide his position in the heavyweight history though.

You Tube is great! Today I have seen Valuev-Mc Cline, almost the entire Peter-Toney 2 and Mc Cline-Grant (2001).

|1/22/07 11:34:08 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: Pre-Tokyo Tyson would have manhandled Ruddock, yet after Douglas exposed Tyson as a bully who could be tamed, Ruddock even gave him trouble. That big list of fighters you mentioned were good, but not great. Maybe Tyson had the misfortune of fighting in an era where there wasn't enough competition for him---but then I read Jimmy's e-mail and he makes good points about the guys Tyson missed. Tyson was ferocious when he was very young, but as I said, once Douglas stood up to him and actually beat him soundly, the aura started to wear off. I think people thought Tyson just had an off night---so there was still plenty of fear. But little by little, fighters started to win the mental game against him. I admit to thinking he would beat up Holyfield. Man was I wrong about that one. Holyfield had mental toughness and heart---Tyson was no match for him.

|1/22/07 03:11:59 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Joey: Even before Douglas beat Tyson, boxing people commented that Douglas had a lot of physical tools but never seemed willing to push himself to reach his full potential. I guess the earth, sun and moon all lined up for him in Tokyo---he had the emotional roller coaster of his mother's death and made it a "dedication" to her to win the title. He trained hard and was mentally focused. He caught Tyson overconfident. He might not have been a great fighter because he didn't sacrifice to go from "potential" to "consistently great" but you have to admit, he fought brilliantly against Tyson that night. He had one slip up and Tyson made him pay. Aside from that misstep, Douglas was a machine that night. It's hard to imagine that one judge had him losing---that's criminal.

|1/22/07 07:04:05 PM|Joey|Canada|@|||10|"He did not fight RIDDICK BOWE, GEORGE FOREMAN, MICHAEL MOORER, TOMMY MORRISON, RAY MERCER,"

Yes and lucky for them they didn't fight TYSON pre-Tokyo. All of these fighters were good but they would have been no match for TYSON in his prime. Who did FOREMAN 2 beat...MORRISON & MOORER for the so called title. Who did MORRISON beat... CARL The Truth WILLIAMS, MERCER..he was probably at the top of the heap of those mentioned and had considerable potential but let it go...let's be serious, if you review TYSON'S big fights prior to his personal problems, his wins were big and very convincing(SPINKS, THOMAS, BERBICK, BRUNO, BIGGS, HOLMES...). To compare him to BUTTERBEAN is quite a stretch and ANGELO, I do agree that BUSTER did win that fight beautifully.

|1/22/07 07:54:38 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|YOU FORGOT TO MENTION TYSON HAD A BIG 1ST ROUND DQ WIN OVER PETER McNEELY, LOOK AT TYSON'S RECORD, IT LOOKS A LOT LIKE TOMMY MORRISON'S IF TYSON COULD ADD HEART AND CHARACTER AND A CHIN, HEY HE'S IN THERE! AS FAR AS ALLTIME? HE TAKES ANOTHER 10-COUNT! THATS IF HE IF DON'T BITE AN EAR YOU HEAR?

|1/22/07 08:31:56 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|I certainly do not consider Tyson overrated. The only puncher I ever saw who even approached him was Foreman, and Mike was much faster. In his prime, the only all-time heavy who might beat him is Ali. Lewis-Tyson was much like Norton-Quarry, not a fair

representation.
Tyson had and has mental issues. In this sense, it's difficult to compare him to a lot of other fighters. Liston also had some issues, the two have some similarities. Holyfield got away with a lot of garbage in his fights with Tyson. He headbutt in both fights, cut and drew blood. He had to, Tyson was much better.
Tyson beat some decent second-tier guys on his way to Trevor Berbick. Pinklon Thomas was 19-1, Tony Tucker and Tyrell Biggs were undefeated, Tony Tucker, Frank Bruno and Carl The Truth. All good heavies in my book. He showed Larry Holmes to the canvas. He beat Ruddock twice in three months. Most of his losses came after age 30 and after a wrongful conviction and prison stay. The guy just needed someone who cared enough to mentor him. He got Don King.
The 90s are a little underrated to me. There were some good heavies. Bowe was very good and had a chance to be great. Holyfield, undersized for the division despite the roids, had real talent and heart. Lewis was avoided for quite a while. Morrison, Mercer, Golota (another Tyson victim)and others made for a better division than we have today.
You can bag on Mike in his twilight if it makes you feel better. I've never seen a more exploited athlete. In his prime, he could beat anyone ever. |

|1/22/07 10:16:48 PM|Angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: Tyson wasn't overrated---he lived up to his reputation for a few years, against decent opponents. But I do think Tyson's career nosedived and in the end, overall, he was a huge disappointment to the fans who expected him to have a long title reign and an almost unbeaten record. Instead, he lost the title at a very young age, got in trouble, tried to come back, was soundly thrashed by Holyfield and is ending his career looking ridiculous against glorified club fighters. Yes, the Tyson who beat Spinks was awesome. But in very short order, his legend was pounded down by Buster Douglas, chopped up by Holyfield and buried by Lewis. Now, the Danny Williams of the world are spitting on the grave. Tyson didn't get it done. |

|1/22/07 10:20:58 PM|Angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: I'll add that I don't know if his conviction was wrongful or not---but I admit the prosecution was shaky at best and Tyson wasn't really given a fair trial. He did need a mentor, but don't forget, he didn't "get" King, he sought out King. |

|1/22/07 11:21:15 PM|steve|nj||na|||10|HI Gerry and Joey,this depate about Tyson,s place in boxing history is really boiling down to the Quality of fighters from the seventies through the nineties.No disrespect intended to Tyson,his punching power puts him in the top twenty,no question in my humble opinion.However,I've been watching all these guys for over 40 years.I've seen most of there fights,not from old tapes,but when the fights actually took place.I'VE gotten a sence that guys like

Berbick,Moorer,Tubbs,Douglass,Ruddick,Bruno,ect.Just weren't in the same class asthe seventies guys like Ali,Frazier,Norton,Quarry,then onto certian 80's guys like Holmes,Shavers,Hollyfield.Oh,yeah,I'll tell you another guy who would have outguttet Tyson,if ever given a fair opportunity,Ray Mercer. |

|1/22/07 11:45:00 PM|steve |NJ||NA|||10|Hey Joey,I've your from Canada,then you have to know that George Chuvalo is the toughest fighter who ever lived. |

|1/22/07 11:59:21 PM|steve |N.J. ||NA|||10|Hey Angelo,as you said recently on another matter.It would just be a cruiserweight chasing a bonifide heavy,but how about Quarry vs Mercer,wow!!! |

|1/23/07 12:14:02 AM|steve |nj||na|||10|Hey Jimmy Dorsey and Kent,I just made a statement in a post,that on reflection,I might want to reconsider.Even with his punching power,the caliber of his opponents wasn't good enough to get him in the top twenty. |

|1/23/07 12:17:16 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|How about Jerry verses Tyson? Yes Jerry was a cruiserweight but consider that James Quick Tillis was not that much bigger than Jerry and he gave a near prime Tyson a very tough fight.

The key ingredient was that Tillis was not afraid of Tyson

and Jerry wouldn't have been afraid either.

And even though Jerry was on average ten or fifteen pounds lighter than Tillis was, they were about the same height and Jerry hit harder than Tillis and I believe Jerry was stronger than Tillis was.

The main drawback to Jerry was Tyson at his best was very accurate with his punches and he could have cut Jerry up.

But if Jerry doesn't get cut, the fact that Jerry took a great punch and the no fear factor. Plus Jerry had very good boxing skills himself would give Jerry at least a fairly good chance of pulling out a win.

I remember trying to make this argument to people when Tyson was knocking almost everyone out and people laughing at me.

But in light of Tyson not having the mental toughness to overcome adversity and because of Jerry's mental toughness would give Jerry a very real chance of winning. |

|1/23/07 01:15:40 AM|steve|nj||na|||10|Hey Kent,I never laughed at your suggestion about Quarry vs anyone.I will admit that I had my doubts about Quarry vs Tyson in his monster heyday phase.OVER THE LONG VIEW,Quarry sure did show he had the stuff to demoralize Tyson,if Jerry was on a night where his shit was wired high and tight,yeah,I can see a tko for Jerry.Right back at you!What about Mercer,who I'VE ALWAYS considered scarier than Tyson. |

|1/23/07 01:29:53 AM|steve |nj||na|||10|Kent,Tyson won alot of fights like Foreman did,the fear factor.I don't think Jerry had a fear factor.The stuff he pulled in everyday life,like jumping freight trains,was something we used to do in Jersey,but I was only 16 and crazy. |

|1/23/07 01:38:40 AM|steve |nj||na|||10|Kent,I wish I could have met Jerry as teenagers,of course,he probably would have beaten me to death. |

|1/23/07 08:31:59 AM|Joey|Canada|@|||10|"You can bag on Mike in his twilight if it makes you feel better. I've never seen a more exploited athlete. In his prime, he could beat anyone ever."

Well stated GERRY!

"Hey Joey,I've your from Canada,then you have to know that George Chuvalo is the toughest fighter who ever lived."

Well certainly one of the toughest STEVE. I remember his first meeting with ALI at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto. I listened to the fight at home on the radio(they would broadcast a lot of fights live back then). The listeners were given the distinct impression that GEORGE was pounding the crap out of ALI. When the fight was finished, I expected CHUVALO to come up with the decision and was pretty disappointed at the outcome. After seeing the fight on TV a few weeks later, my view was completely altered. ALI was magnificent and George, well he went the distance with ALI twice, so he stands proud. George is a national hero up here. He crusades against drug abuse and visits high schools across the country taking his very important message to young Canadians. He has 1 surviving son, who is a high school teacher and a daughter who owns a restaurant in Toronto.

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|1/23/07 09:33:12 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|HELLO STEVE, WHO DU YU PICK IN THE BOWL? HEY SHEMP I AGREE TOTALLY, IF TYSON EVER MADE MY TOP TWENTY OF ALL TIME, THEN IT WILL BE NUMBER 20!!HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LITTLE HIGHER FOR THEY OLD WWF? BUT THEN YU HAVE BUSTER DOUGLAS! SERIOUSLY FOLKS,EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO THEIR OPINION HERE, WITH OUT GETTING THEIR HANDS OR TONGUE CUT OFF! IF HE WOULD HAVE FOUGHT AND BEAT THE PUNCHERS OF HIS TIME, FOREMAN, BOWE, WITHERSPOON,MERCER, MOORER, MORRISON. I MIGHT HAVE MORE RESPECT FOR HIM, HE SAID SOME REALLY NICE THINGS ABOUT JERRY QUARRY, BUT REALLY HE WAS JUST BEING HONEST (WHAT A GLADIATOR QUARRY WAS FOR HIS TIME). YES HE WAS VERY MUNIPULATED, THIS IS TRUE WITH MOST EVERY FIGHTER, AND IT SEEMED HIS OPPONENTS COULD NOT OR WOULD NOT HIT HIM BACK (MAYBE FEAR)BUT SOME OF THOSE PUNCHERS I MENTIONED, HAD NO FEAR, WHEN MUHAMMAD ALI WAS IN HIS TWILIGHT , HE FOUGHT EVERYBODY, YU WOULD HAVE TO KILL THAT MAN FOR HIM TO LAY DOWN, SAME WITH JOE FRAZIER. TO ME THESE ARE THE TRUEST OF CHAMPS. |

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|1/23/07 09:35:42 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenentt@aol.com|||10|Steve, I would pick Jerry to beat Ray Mercer and Tyson to beat him as well.

Mercer was a good powerful fighter but both Jerry and Tyson had him in the skills department.

I wasn't saying anyone here was laughing at me when I said Jerry would have had a viable chance of beating Tyson but that at the time Tyson was at his best that some people thought there was no way Jerry would have a chance if the would have been able to fight each other.

Gerry and Joey, I don't think we have been hard on Tyson as even in his prime he was flawed.

Again, I point out the Tillis fight in which he was extended by a determined skilled fighter who showed no fear of Tyson.

Joey, you are right though about Tyson being exploited. People like Don King literally make blood money.

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|1/23/07 09:45:34 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Just wanted to add, I met Tyson in Cleveland during his heyday. So I know his conviction was bogus. Mike could have been put away for other things --- fights, car wrecks, drugs. But not that. A lot of people had it in for him. He was cast as a villian and could not shake the tag. The Holyfield fights were very much rigged on this, which is why he snapped. Not that I condone what he did to the imposter Holyfield. Had he not gone to prison, his prime would have continued. In this sense, he was robbed like Ali was.
Here's a question to consider: Of Ali, Frazier, Holmes and Tyson, which one had more legitimate wins to earn his first title shot? Tyson, clearly. Ali got his with his mouth, Frazier was practically given his, and Holmes was promoted to his after minimal success.
Alot of people bag on Tyson now the way many put down Wilt Chamberlain at the end of his pro basketball career. Why? Because once invincible and villianous, they both finally proved very beatable at the end. And this makes smaller men feel better about themselves. |

|1/23/07 09:49:55 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|SORRY MY DANG COMPUTER, PUT MY POST IN THERE A LITTLE TOO MUCH! DID ANYONE HERE KNOW THAT JERRY QUARRY HAD A FEMALE JUDGE SCORE ONE OF HIS BOUTS?? BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA IN 1983 JERRY QUARRY/JAMES WILLIAMS BOUT.HER NAME WAS GWEN FARRELL, SHE SCORED IT 97-96 FOR QUARRY,

WILLIAMS WAS SUPPOSEDLY RANKED THE WBC NO.15 CRUISERWEIGHT, AND THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, SCORED THE BOUT 98-93 FOR WILLIAMS. CELEBRITY FIGHTER'S GET THEIR SHARE OF GIFT DECISIONS, AND THIS WAS JERRY'S TURN. HE TOOK OFF LIKE 8 POUNDS THE DAY OF THE FIGHT, DUE TO A FALTY SCALE, BUT THEY COULD HAVE STOPPED THIS PARTICULAR BOUT ON CUTS FOR JERRY HAD, 50 TO 100 STICHES AFTER THE BOUT!|

|1/23/07 10:03:28 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Kent, you are correct, Tyson had some flaws that were exposed. But so did a prime George Foreman. Two very similar fighters, both nearly unbeatable then both brought down to earth. Both also very party-hardy guys also. Yet, many here lionize Foreman, who actually quit in his prime for years. Why doesn't Tyson merit the same consideration?|

|1/23/07 10:12:02 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|My final Tyson post, I promise:
Jimmy The Quarryologist, how can Tyson meet some of the guys you list if he is in prison? Answer: he can't. Given this fact, doesn't he deserve some reconsideration? How many of those guys, honestly, could have beat him in his prime?
Not to redig this up, Frazier was criticized for not meeting a number of opponents. Ali did not give deserved rematches to several opponents who came within a close distance of beating him. We all know Ali should have quit by 1976. Same with Jerry.|

|1/23/07 10:34:56 AM|Massimo|Rome||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Gerry-Did they put down Wilt Chamberlain at the end of his career ? I didn't know it! What happened to Wilt at the end of his career ? Are they nuts ? He was 7'1".06 and, apart Coolidge, the greatest! It's because he only won 2 titles ?

I know that Mike Tyson has probably been exploited but I don't like him as a person. He is always in trouble and I think he will end up in a very sad way (I hope to be wrong). I would have no desire to meet him.|

|1/23/07 11:24:18 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|GERRY THOSE HEAVYWEIGHTS ALL (6) WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HEAVYWEIGHT SCENE, LONG BEFORE TYSON WENT TO PRISON, I'M NOT SURE TYSON AND IS CHIN AND HEART WOULD HAVE BEAT ANY OF THEM? Iron Mike would have at least been at his best to do so. Of course he would have been a big favorite-and that means nothing! He did not fight the REAL big hitters OF HIS TIME (A TREMBLING SPINKS??), BUSTER DOUGLAS WAS NOT IN THE TOP TEN, EVANDER ACTUALLY SHOULD HAVE TWO KO WINS AGAINST HIM, AND LENNOX LEWIS??????|

|1/23/07 01:23:01 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|JOEY: DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN GEORGE CHUVALO WAS A GUEST STAR ON THEY "AVENGERS"? HE SURE LOOKED LIKE A BULL, ONE INTRIGUING THING I ALWAYS ADMIRERD OF QUARRY HE BEAT 8 RANKED TOP TEN CONTENDERS. HIS DRAW WITH PATTERSON, FLOYD WAS RANKED 3RD. I CANNOT COME UP WITH ANY OTHER HEAVYWEIGHT WHO DID THAT IN QUARRY'S TIME OR ANOTHER ERA WITHOUT WINNING A TITLE. ELLIS HAD ABOUT 4 OR 5, BONAVENA 4 (2 VERY SUSPECT) AND DUANE BOBICK OF HIS 48 VICTORIES-NONE WERE RANKED AT THE TIME.THE N.Y. TIMES READ THAT WEPNER WAS #9 BY THE W.B.A. BUT THAT WAS IT.|

|1/23/07 03:07:23 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Jimmy, let me see if I can answer your opponent questions regarding Tyson.
Foreman was active in late 80s, lost to Holyfield for the belt in 1991. Their fight should have happened, agreed. Foreman was in his late 40s, though, and likely would be KO'd.
Riddick Bowe was an '88 Olympian, he could not have met Tyson before 1990, but did earn a title shot that year, so I give you that one. He fought Holyfield for the belt and won in '92.
Micheal Moorer, really? Again, they could not have met before 1990. Moorer turned pro in '88. He was a light-heavy. He did not debut as a Heavy until 1991. Sorry, does not count.
Tommy The Duke debuted in '88, again could not have met Tyson before 1990. He was on his way until Ray Mercer. He did not fight a ranked heavy again until after Tyson was in jail. Sorry, does not count.
Ray Mercer, debuted in '89, was not ready for Tyson until 1991. Was defending his WBO belt until he lost to Holmes in 1992. I give you half a point on this one. Ray had a belt, it's possible he did not want Tyson. He lost to Holmes. He likely gets KO'd by Tyson anyway.
Lennox Lewis,

debuted in '89 after terrific Olympic win over Bowe, fought once on American soil before 1991. Did not get his title shot until 1993 because he was defending British Commonwealth belt. Sorry, does not count.
Tyson was in jail 1992-1995. After that term, he was not the same. Who would be?
So, final score, Bowe he should have fought, that's it, of the several you name. I'm sure it was discussed and held up for PPV, which was the name of the game then. The others could not have met him, had their own belts or did not have a prayer. Time for you to rethink Tyson, Jimmy. To say he was for Butterbean, I hope that's just a joke ...
Massimo, sadly, was very true about Wilt in the early 1970s. He lost several very close series versus Boston and New York. He was derided by many in the league and in the media. Very unfairly. 1972 title helped this somewhat. He still has a choker's legacy in the minds of too many. He was so great, anything less than a title drew insults. Reams of articles and books show this opinion. Of course, I do not agree.
Thanks, good discussion here.

|1/23/07 03:59:55 PM|Joey|Canada|@|||10|"JOEY: DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN GEORGE CHUVALO WAS A GUEST STAR ON THEY "AVENGERS"? HE SURE LOOKED LIKE A BULL, "

I don't recall that particular appearance JIMMY, but George did do a lot of television up here..mainly cameo appearances. He also hosted a Classic Fights program, which featured great heavyweight contests from the past. George also had great respect for JERRY and was visibly upset after seeing JERRY's condition at the Hall of Fame Ceremony.

"So, final score, Bowe he should have fought, that's it, of the several you name."

Right, and the outcome would have been a lot worse for BOWE than the GOLOTA fiasco(speaking of whom, GOLOTA was another fighter who had great punching power but couldn't seem to get it together between the ears).|

|1/23/07 06:51:52 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|10|OKAY GERRY LETS SEE NOW, FOREMAN TAKES EVERYTHING EVANDER HOLYFIELD CAN DISH OUT, AND DOSEN'T BLINK OR EVEN WINK, AND TYSON'S GONNA KO HIM NO PROBLEM, WHAT DID EVANDER DO TO TYSON?? TYSON WASN'T THAT HARD TO HIT, 1991 WHEN TYSON WAS ABOUT TO GET HIS 3 HOTS AND A COT, MORRISON AND MERCER WERE BOTH FIGHTING FOR THE TITLE AT THAT TIME BOTH WOULD HAVE LOVED TO COMMAND THE MONEY TYSON WOULD HAVE BROUGHT TO THE TABLE -AND SAID SO. MICHAEL MOORER WHATS WRONG WITH HIM? HE'S BETTER THEN BRUNO, SPINKS, AND BERBICK! OKAY NOW BOWE, HE GAVE HOLYFIELD A LOT BETTER BATTLES THAN THE EAR-BITER EVER DID! WITHERSPOON I THINK WOULD HAVE BEEN A HELL OF A FIGHT FOR TYSON AT ANYTIME. GOOD DISCUSSION, LOOK AT THE DATES, MERCER, AND MORRISON WERN'T EXACTLY PUPS,and when i compared Tyson's record to Morrison is their "common opponents!"|

|1/23/07 08:02:32 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|10|IRON MIKE TYSON AND TOMMY MORRISON "COMMON OPPONETS" TYSON IS 9-1 WITH 7 KNOCKOUTS (FIGHTING RAZOR RUDDOCK TWICE) AND TOMMY MORRISON IS 8-1 WITH 6 KNOCKOUTS. YES TYSON WOULD HAVE BEAT ROSS PURITY IF GIVEN THE CHANCE!|

|1/23/07 09:48:37 PM|Gerry|Cleveland|same|||10|Thanks for responding, Jimmy. You've always been one of the top-ranked guys here and I appreciate the give-take on Tyson.
Tim Witherspoon, you're right, a real good heavy. Lost to Bonecrusher, 1986. Won the USBA Title in 1991. Tyson could have and should have met him as well. Likely a very good match.
So that's two, Terrible Tim and Big Daddy. I think it was Joey who Bowe would go down easier than Golota? Did I read that ok? If so, I would actually disagree with that one. Bowe was a serious customer with a real chance at greatness. I have no idea how that one would have went. I do believe Tyson would have the edge on Witherspoon, but that's not a certainty enough not to have the match.
Jimmy, Holyfield did not punch like Tyson did, He hit harder than Cooney, who dropped George before losing. Holyfield's best hits versus Tyson were with his head. When Tyson saw the ref was not going to protect him from headbutts, he snapped. I don't condone that, but I understand it. The fights were rigged, the Holy Angel was there to beat

the Evil Villain. It might as well have been WWF. Terrible matches.
As I said Mercer had a belt. Saying he wants a match and getting all the ducks in a row are not the same thing. Mercer would have been the flunkee on that contract, while he could still get easier wins controlling his own belt, a nicer racket. I'm not convinced he wanted Mike. But if he really did, it's a Tyson KO anyway.
Moorer was a light-heavyweight almost up to Tyson's trial.
Morrison, a very good guy. No way he beats Mike.
Bowe, if he is right, he might have him. Not the rest, though, not likely anyway. Of course, anything can happen in there.
At any rate, you have to give Mike his due. The talent was huge and obvious. Far from perfect, yes. Massimo is right too. The guy was often mean and crazy. The guy needed treatment he never got. He was treated like a pit bull. Now he has nothing. I'm sorry, the Catholic in me feels sorry for the guy. Aside from that, I remember his prime-time talent. He is one of the all-time great heavies, Top Ten easily. That's my take anyway...
Chuvalo is a guy I always liked, he went thru a real hell himself. He was practically a Canadian sports franchise at times, but was very likable. Interesting, Ali beat him handily with his boxing, but went to the hospital after the fight. Chuvalo got his stitches and went dancing with his wife while Ali was being treated. Super tough guy. He would have gladly went 30 rounds with Ali any night of the week.
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|1/24/07 01:31:01 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Hi Gerry, thanks for your reply on Wilt. Tommy "The Duke" Morrison aka Tommy "Machine" Gunn was very good in attack but had big problems in defense...Don't forget he got knocked out by Michael Bent aka Sonny Liston in 1 round. Tyson had a good chin and probably would have knocked out him.
I think Riddick Bowe in his prime with his size and strenght would have brought a lot to the table against Tyson.
Ray Mercer was/is a discontinuos fighter, with bad and good nights. I think on a good night he would have been dangerous for Tyson. He fought brilliantly with Lewis and Holyfield and knocked out Tommy Gunn.
Regarding Foreman, I heard that Tyson said to Don King he wanted no part of Big George, he was afraid s**tless of him. |

|1/24/07 01:45:52 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|I almost forgot, Cooney did not drop Foreman. He just (or 10% only) hurt him with a hook in the first round. |

|1/24/07 09:19:17 AM|Joey|Canada||@|||10|"I think it was Joey who Bowe would go down easier than Golota? Did I read that ok?"

No, I was referring to how GOLOTA tuned BOWE bigtime even though he ultimately DQ'd himself. I was suggesting that BOWE'S treatment at the hands of TYSON would have been a lot more severe than the GOLOTA/BOWE outcome. Regardless of the low blows, GOLOTA had BOWE on both of these occasions, particularly their first meeting. So GOLOTA for all intents and purposes ends BIG DADDY'S career, turns around and quits on TYSON. BOWE was a good fighter for a time. He fought HOLYFIELD a number of times, winning and losing. He took on BIGGS and THOMAS, but somehow met his match in GOLOTA, decided to join the MARINES, but couldn't handle bootcamp, turned around and quit. These guys are puzzling...up and down, in and out, very inconsistent. BOWE, MORRISON, HOLYFIELD, MERCER, TYSON(post Tokyo), MOORER...too many big, quick and easy paydays and too many distractions. Fighters like ALI, FRAZIER, MARCIANO, HOLMES had that very necessary work ethic, lived clean lives and were highly motivated. I think they gave boxing a lot of credibility during their time. |

|1/24/07 09:51:39 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|HI GERRY, I AGREE TOTALLY ON CHUVALO, TREMENDOUSLY DRIVEN, I'M GLAD FOR HIS POPULAR SUCCESS HE'S ALWAYS ATTAINED IN CANADA, AND VERY MUCH SADDENED FOR HIS LOSS, AND ADMIRE HIS DRIVE FOR HIS CAUSE AGAINST DRUGS AND WEBSITE, AS FOR IRON MIKE, LIKE WE PROBABLY WILL NEVER AGREE ON, YOU SAID YOU KNEW HIM OR MET HIM? GERRY I KNOW DON KING, BUT I'M NOT TAKING HIM TO THE YACHT CLUB!! (JUST KIDDING).WE MIGHT SEE IF SHEMP WANTS TO GO ?? I STILL SAY TYSON'S OVERRATED, WHEN YU GET SMOKED BY THE "BRIXTON BOMBER" AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE "CLONES COLOSSUS" LIKE IRON MIKE DID, ITS TIME TO MOVE ON. |

|1/24/07 11:36:37 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|The "unauthorized" biography of Don King went into great detail on Tim Witherspoon. Witherspoon was one of the most talented fighters of his era. Basically, according to the book, he didn't play ball with King, and King blackballed him. Like him or not, Don King runs the table. He was the power broker who could control the chess board from both sides and basically, he let Witherspoon die on the vine. Prime vs. prime, Witherspoon gives Tyson one hell of a fight, I know that much. I give props to Tyson. He was a force. But the old "styles make fights" comes into play when you start discussing Bowe vs. Golata vs. Tyson. Just because Golata had Bowe's number and Tyson destroyed Golata---that doesn't necessarily mean Tyson would destroy Bowe. Now if you ask me, I think Tyson would come in like a buzz saw and take Bowe down BEFORE DOUGLAS!!! After Douglas, Bowe is far less intimidated by Iron Mike, stands in front of him and trades---not sure of the outcome. Problem with Golata was that he still was affected by the Tyson mystique. Golata had no fear of Bowe, but crumbled against Lewis. I don't understand and probably never will. |

|1/24/07 12:11:11 PM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Angelo-

Did you ever see (or even "have you ever seen") the Holmes-Witherspoon fight ? I have seen the 9th round on You Tube and Tim had Holmes hurt and in trouble. If Ali' called Tim "Terrible" he had his good reasons.

Golota is a flawed fighter. He was(or got) destroyed in 1 round by Brewster.
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|1/24/07 02:53:18 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: It's been at least 15 years since I saw Holmes-Witherspoon. I remember it being a tough fight for Holmes. Did you see Renaldo Snipes vs. Larry Holmes? That was another tough fight for Larry, but he came on to put Snipes away. Holmes' long line of title defenses over 7 years might never be repeated by any other heavyweight. That was an amazing run. |

|1/24/07 03:37:25 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Angelo-

No, I have never seen Rinaldo Snipes fight. Yes, Holmes has had a decent career overall! Now I go to my huge kingsized bed, where I use to sleep diagonally (I'm a giant). Good night everyone, even if I doubt it's 22.37 in USA. |

|1/24/07 07:51:03 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Joey, sorry about misreading that on Golota/Bowe (that's why I asked), Golota was hungry, fearless and talented at that point, Bowe clearly on the downside. Golota had what it took, but never put it together. He bludgeoned Micheal Grant, then quit. Very enigmatic guy.
Jimmy, you're right on Tyson. I met him once, much more a memory for me than him. Not my kind of guy, no. Opinions are what drive this site. I like you and respect yours. You are the Quarryologist, after all.
Heretic that I seem to be, I am not that impressed with Holmes run. He owed rematches to several. Snipes, good but hardly Lennox Lewis, had Holmes out and was flat out robbed. If he's top ten, it's barely so. Louis, Marciano, Tunney, Liston, Ali, a prime Tyson, these real champs would not have tolerated so many question marks. They would have erased the doubt. |

|1/24/07 08:38:32 PM|Angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: You won't meet many bigger Ali fans than me---but I think it's unfair to say Holmes owed people rematches or that he is barely top 10. Ali vs. Young was similar to the close Holmes fights toward the end of his run, like Carl Williams for example. Ali's stoppage of Lyle is similar to Holmes-Snipes. Holmes 48-0 run, including the win against Norton, two wins against Shavers and a pile of title defenses against almost every notable contender of the period is worth something. Holmes had a better jab than Ali---though not as quick. Holmes had great stamina and very strong recuperative powers, getting up off the canvas after being hit with a Shavers sledgehammer. I consider Holmes easy Top Five, especially when you consider his win against Mercer and decent showing against an in-prime Holyfield. |

|1/25/07 12:10:31 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|My pal James Toney recently got soundly beat by Samuel Peter.

I thought Toney won

their first fight but it was very close.

The second fight left no doubt to anyone who saw the fight except Toney himself thought he was robbed again.

What a difference in attitudes after the fight. Peter was very humble and he thanked God for his victory but Toney, all he did was complain that nobody can beat him when the only person who would have thought he won would be a blind man!

Toney sure looked like a sore loser and it looked very much that his loss was a combination of Peter improving his boxing skills and Toney suddenly getting old.|

|1/25/07 07:49:13 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|What does everyone think about Vitali Klitschko's comeback and the argument over his and Samuel Peter's rights to be fighting for the championship? Although I can see the merits in Vitali's fighting qualities he really didn't perform against the best opposition to warrant significant praise. Sanders was the best fighter he defeated whilst Hide, Johnson, Williams and Donald were ok but limited names. His brother has better names on his resume and its a fact that however unlucky he was, he lost to the two best fighters in Lewis and Byrd that he fought.
David Tua has beaten four ex champs in Maskhev, Rahman, Moorer and Ruiz, all four of whom are better than anyone on Klitschko's list. What would be particularly bad for boxing if Vitali was to comeback and win against Maskhev and then be forced into retirement again because of injury.|

|1/25/07 08:15:39 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Mark, although Vitali K is injury prone and it is not his fault he couldn't fight for a long time, it is also not the sport of boxing's fault he got hurt.

Samuel Peter earned his right to fight for the title and Vitali should have to beat a top contender and then wait for the winner of Samuel P verses Maskhev or at least fight the winner of that fight.|

|1/25/07 09:55:21 AM|Joey|Canada|@|||10|I've never been very impressed with the Klitschko brothers. Granted they have size and power, but seem to both be up and down as fighters. VITALI's showing against LEWIS was his greatest moment...I thought that was a great fight for both KLITSCHKO and LEWIS. Great bravery and heart displayed by KLITSCHKO, with the aging LEWIS rallying in the end to stop KLITSCHKO. This fight basically ended LEWIS's career and I always felt that LEWIS was one of the few heavyweight champions to smartly get out in the nick of time. He was the last champion to dominate the field of heavyweights and as much as I disliked him personally, I miss his performances in the ring. With the exception of the first RAHMAN fight, he was a pretty consistent champion and I would say that his skills were superior to what is going on currently.|

|1/25/07 10:11:00 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|HELLO GERRY, THANKU FOR THE KIND WORDS, HEY I JUST FOUND A RING MAGAZINE FROM THEY ERA I WAS TALKING ABOUT, THE RANKINGS ARE DATED SEPT. 18, 1991 NOW IS THAT PRETTY CLOSE TO TYSON'S "TIME?" THE TOP TEN WORLD RATINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1-EVANDER HOLYFIELD (YOUR PERSONAL FAVORITE) 2-"SCRAP IRON" MIKE TYSON 3-RIDDICK BOWE 4-RAZOR RUDDOCK 5-TIM WITHERSPOON 6-RAY "MERCILESS" MERCER 7-GEORGE FOREMAN 8- TONY TUCKER 9- LENNOX LEWIS 10- MICHAEL MOORER. SO THAT IS 5 OF THE 6 I MENTIONED WHERE WORLD RATED IN 1991 (AND YOU AND JOEY HAD ALREADY GANGED UP ON ME HA HA! NO WONDER YOU LIKE "SCRAP IRON" MIKE!), MERCER OF COURSE HAD THE WBO CHEESE TITLE THAT HE HIMSELF RELINQUISHED THEN. MORRISON WAS JUST OUTSIDE THE TOP TEN (MY NO.6 PICK TO FIGHT TYSON)AND TYSON'S RECORD IS 3-3 VS THIS ELITE GROUP HAVING BEAT TUCKER I BELIEVE AND THE TWO WINS OVER RUDDOCK(HE BEAT TWO OF THESE GUYS) GERRY ANOTHER THING THAT SLIGHTLY BOTHERS ME ABOUT "SCRAP Iron" MIKE, IS HE NEVER BEAT ANYBODY COMING FROM BEHIND, LIKE GETTING OFF THE DECK TO KNOCK SOMEBODY OUT, LIKE FOREMAN AGAINST RON LYLE, AND HOW BIG GEORGE STOOD UP TO HOLYFIELD AND MOORER'S ASSAULTS, (GEORGE COULD HAVE WON A LIABLE SUIT FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY AND WON!!)JERRY QUARRY CATCHING A TREMENDOUS LEFT HOOK OFF THE BAT OF JOE ALEXANDER IN THE FIRST ROUND, AND KNOCKIN HIM "KICKING" IN THE SECOND. FRAZIER TAKING TWO TRIPS TO THE CANVAS TO OUT POINT OSCAR BONAVENA, FOREMAN WAS NEVER DECKED BY

GERRY COONEY, HE WAS SLIGHTLY STAGGERED BY A GOOD LEFT HOOK, BIG GEORGE HAS NEVR HIT THE CANVAS ON HIS SUCCESSFUL COMEBACK BOUTS. AN ALLTIME GREAT ALWAYS CAME BACK TO WIN TOUGH BOUTS IN THEIR CAREER, TYSON NEVER DEMONSTATED THAT. TAKE CARE GERRY YOU AND JOEY MADE GREAT POINTS FOR YOUR DEFFENSE. |

|1/25/07 12:07:46 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|MASSIMO YU SMART ALECK, NOW I WANT YOU TO GET OUTTA BED AND BE THAT "IMPARTIAL JUDGE" OF OUR "SCRAP IRON" MIKE DEBATES: ITS EXACTLY 1205 AMERICAN, I DO NOT WANT TO SWING YUR OPINION OUR WAY (STOOGES) BUT IF YOU DO NOT MAKE A DECISION SOON FOR THE STATE OF THE FEARLESS LEADERS CLUB, I'LL BRING IN CURLY Q. LINK (KENT) OR EVEN SHEMP!|

|1/25/07 01:59:08 PM|Massimo|Roma|cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Hi Jimmy, for me being (or to be) a stooge would be a great honor, I would be in an elite with such people like you, Kent and Steve.

Rating Tyson as a fighter is a difficult issue. Like I said I considered him the best ever and unbeatable around 1989. The first boxing fight I ever saw was Tyson-Berbick in 1986. When he lost to Buster Douglas I thought it was just a bad night. Now I think differently. Today I was reading Buster Douglas's record and he has never been a great fighter. But, against Tyson he fought bravely, with no fear of Mike and beat him fair and square. That night Tyson was young and in decent shape (he weighted 100 Kg). I see no excuses for his loss. I think that the Tillis fight and the Douglas fight are proofs that fearless fighters could do well against Tyson. In the second part of his career he disappointed me very much. He disappointed me against Holyfield. In two fights he wasn't able to hurt Holyfield, not even once. Where was his famous punching power ? And he took a beating. I was also disappointed by the poor humiliating way he lost to Lewis. Disappointing is a small word to describe his losses to Danny Williams and that journeyman, in his last fight, whose name I don't even remember. Certainly I don't rate Mike Tyson in the first ten. He beat several good fighters and often in an impressive way but he never beat a champion. You're also right when you say he never won a fight coming from behind. I rate Sonny Liston higher than Tyson and think he would have beaten Mike 8 out of 10 times. I think a fearless tough guy like Ron Lyle, even if he never was heavyweight champion would have beaten Tyson most of the times. The fearless Jerry Quarry would have had a good chance of beating him. Overall I think Mike Tyson probably deserves to be ranked in the top 20, I'm not sure, but certainly not in the top 10. |

|1/25/07 02:37:19 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Thanku Massimo, I knew I could count on you, I needed an assist against Gerry and Joey (a ruthless GANG OF International Thugs who would stop at nothing to get their point across!)Massimo think of yourself as Glen Campbell in "true Grit"|

|1/25/07 04:27:05 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Gerry,I can,t really tell you the difference in Tyson and Foreman.I can say that Foreman was only defeated in the middle of the ring by Ali.Whom for some magical reason,could not be defeated,except by Frazier,and sorta by Norton. Tyson,was beaten,in the middle of the ring,twice,by Hollyfield.This is just a gut feeling,However,I believe,Foreman would have speared Tyson and impaled him on every punch,just as he did Frazier.

|1/25/07 04:35:26 PM|angelo|Washington, DC|funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Wow, that's a tough evalutation from Massimo about Tyson. I can't say I disagree strongly. I think if you go back and watch the videos from the first few years of Tyson's career, especially the destruction of Marvis Frazier and Mike Spinks, you remember how awesome he was---how fast his hands flew and the power behind the punches. He was a no-nonsense slugger like I never saw before. But after he "went Hollywood" and especially after his first loss, suddenly, he just didn't have too much mystique left. Sure, his reputation still froze a few fighters, but by and large, guys started treating him like just another heavyweight, not

like a killer. I was dumb enough to "worry" about Holyfield and how Tyson might seriously hurt him. Wow, talk about being wrong. I didn't consider the fact that Holyfield was a mentally tough warrior who had absolutely no intention of letting Tyson beat him.
Anyway Massimo, when he was on his game, Tyson was able to paralyze his opponents first with fear, then with on onslaught of punches that left decent fighters defenseless. But once the bully was knocked out of him by Douglas, he became very average. I don't know where that puts him all time, though I tend to rate him higher, I think, than you do. Speaking of "Going Hollywood" that's something that Larry Holmes never did and it's the reason why he stayed focused, centered and able to defend his title successfully for so many years. |

|1/25/07 04:39:43 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Steve: I agree with you that Foreman would take Tyson, especially if you go prime vs. prime. Against Lyle, Foreman proved he could take vicious punishment and dig deep to win. When did Tyson ever show that? Point being, if these two went at each other from the opening bell, we might have a heavyweight version of Hearn-Hagler, but I've got to believe Foreman would beat Tyson down, literally. Foreman by KO in 5 or 6 rounds. You think Tyson's mouthpiece coming out against Douglas was dramatic---Foreman would send that mouthpiece into the 19th row. |

|1/25/07 05:42:30 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|One observation I forgot to make during this Tyson discussion. I know from past posts that a lot of you guys either wrestled or played football in school. Therefore, you must remember how hard and exhausting to push a guy backwards, or try to spin him was. That's just to get position!! I watched Quarry push Frazier across the ring quite a few times during their fights! I can't say I remember Tyson doing this. He usually either leaped in, punched, and waited for the ref, or counter-punched. Patterson did it too. Hey, there's nothing wrong with this style. It just suggests to me that maybe Quarry was a physically stronger guy than people gave him credit for. |

|1/25/07 05:52:25 PM|Joey|Canada|@|||10|Well first of all JIMMY, please don't put ideas into MASSIMO'S head regarding TYSON, as he is beginning to speak gibberish. (why do I mix you up MASSIMO, with KENT and JIMMY???)
Sufficient to say that we all have our views on TYSON and most of the other top heavies, but to suggest that a guy like LISTON or FOREMAN or QUARRY (God bless him) in the prime of their careers, would be able to contend with a prime TYSON is a bit of a stretch. LISTON and FOREMAN would have been very interesting contests, but no match for a prime TYSON 86-89.
LISTON defeated PATTERSON twice, quit on ALI (who was thrashed by FRAZIER and NORTON) twice and was ultimately stopped by his sparring partner LEOTIS MARTIN, who didn't do so well in Houston '67.
FOREMAN demolished FRAZIER, was de-throned by ALI, came close to extinction at the hands of LYLE and was ultimately sent into the backwoods of Siberia by JIMMY YOUNG only to return, many years later to lay a lucky shot on MOORER (he was the champ???) to become the GRAMP CHAMP for a very brief, shining moment. The point being that all of the above champions had short comings, poor showings in the ring etc., but TYSON isn't allowed the same courtesy. If you research TYSON'S films from the time D'AMATO and ALTLAS acquired him as an amateur and follow his evolution to the top of the heap, you may begin to view him a little differently. He had speed, power, great leverage and lateral movement and was for that period of time an unbeatable wrecking machine.
In my view, the man had some very serious personal problems which ultimately destroyed him and his career. |

|1/25/07 07:49:04 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Jimmy.D, I'm sorry partner, but I don't like either team. My money's got to go on Peyton Manning. I love the BEARS DEF. but that quarterback seems to go into periods where he just zones out! Anyway, I know you're a Pittsburgh fan. You're just one season away. How do you think I feel? We will probably get Andy Reid kicked upstairs, and a new head coach. You'll probably get Andy Garcia. |

|1/25/07 08:13:04 PM|STEVE|NJ||NA|||10|Hey,Joey,youve got to admit,is this site fun or what? Your probably alot younger than I am,but I stil respect your opinion.in prime for prime,I still think Foreman sticks it to Tyson|

|1/25/07 08:16:30 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|STEVE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PACKERS/REDSKINS, I DO NOT HATE THE STEELERS,BUT THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN MY TEAM (UNLESS THEY ARE PLAYING DALLAS) I TOLD EVERYONE(AND EVEN JACK KENT COOKE WOULD NOT BELIEVE THIS ONE, BUT ITS TRUE I HAVE WITNESSES EVEN TO THIS DAY) THE SKINS WOULD WIN THE SUPER BOWL APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 8TH 1982, I CAN REMEMBER THE DATE, BECAUSE THATS THE DAY MY EX MOVED OUT, I WENT DOWN TOWN AND GOT THEY ONLY REDSKIN JERSEY IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, IRONICALLY IT WAS NUMBER #44 NO NAME JUST #44, I HAD FOLLOWED RIGGINS CAREER GAME TO GAME AND THEY HAD ONLY WENT 8-8 THE YEAR BEFORE, BUT HAD WON 8 OF THEIR LAST 11 DOMINATING THEY OTHER TEAMS, WHEN RIGGINS HE BROKE THAT 4TH AND ONE 43 YARDER MY HEAD ACTUALLY HIT THE ROOF. EVERYBODY THOUGHT I WAS A PYCHIC, WHEN AT THE START OF THE SEASON THEY WERE CALLING ME PYCHO (BECAUSE I SAID THE REDSKINS WOULD WIN IT ALL), THE SKINS (FOR WINNING 3 SUPER BOWLS) NEVER GET ANY RESPECT, AND A LOT LESS THEN AND RIGGINS WAS 33 YEARS YOUNG. REMEMBER STEVE HOW I SAID YOUR TEAM MADE BILLY KILMER FAMOUS??|

|1/25/07 08:50:39 PM|steve |NJ||NA|||10|ALLRIGHT,Curly,and LARRY,it's just down to us Three Stooges,unless THE Orinal stooge,Jimmy,wants to initiate one or more.Who wins the superbowl?|

|1/25/07 09:03:22 PM|Gerry|LeBronville||same|||10|Wow, international thug?

Well, I was stationed overseas for a couple of years...
So many good points on Tyson. First, I don't count the Holyfield Follies. It's a wonder Mr. Holy didn't get him with a folding chair and 'the people's elbow'. He did get him with Shavers' Acorn a few times, Holyfield's best shots.
Foreman could KO Tyson, of course. He hit with huge power. Tyson's game was not pushing a guy a la Bonavena like a football blocking sled. Tyson slipped on contact and HIT THE GUY. Tyson KOs Foreman prime-prime because of hand speed, Foreman's heavy feet and poor balance, and defensive openings as shown by Lyle, who was not as fast as Tyson. Tyson could be punched, could be clinched, could be tied up inside, all true. But after the ref separates, Tyson has the advantage again. So, I disagree with Steve there.
Frazier and Foreman, among others, had no backward gear, like Tyson. Tyson did not give the gutty win, right again. He just splattered guys. Foreman, Holmes, Norton, Liston would have been other guys splattered. Lewis with his chin, prime-prime, is KO'd by Tyson. Jerry too, I'm afraid.
It's all opinion and that's fine. We have some very good fans here ...
Joey, gotta disagree regarding the Klitschkos. They have carried the division in their pockets all decade. Vitali has no true losses. He was a mile ahead of Byrd. I agree he could have toughed out the win. Not everybody is Jerry Quarry. Watch the YouTube clip on Lewis-Klitschko. Who chased and tagged who? Not a prime Lewis, agreed. Vitali was very game and had the big punch. He and his brother have been the last legitmate champs, each clearly better than the rest of the division. Calvin Brock, a very good heavy. Bro needs to revenge Brewster now. He took him very light the first time. The division today would be nowhere without them.|

|1/26/07 01:20:00 AM|steve|nj||na|||10|The pushing guys back,and the blocking sled metophor you use ,were only meant as a fighter's overall body strenth.I have to admit,I never watched Foreman backing up,or,for that matter,backing up and circling.I need to watch more Foreman film.Thanks,you remind me of someone named Noam,who used to post here. |

|1/26/07 01:50:46 AM|steve|nj||na|||10|Now hold on there,Gerry,Quarry was a master of circling,changing directions,and setting traps,he loved to lure opponents to the ropes,and then springing out with a flurry of counterpunches.He never violated the old rule,{never go straight back.}Hence he was rarely knocked on his back.I think Joe Wallcott may have been the master of the constant,side shuffle,or just changing the direction you get angles to punch from.|

|1/26/07 02:25:09 AM|steve |nj||nj|||10|Hey,Silent Kent,what I mean is I've watched hours of Quarry tapes.I even think I know his head and shoulder feints,his slight inclination to lower his upper body in prep.for a left jab or hook.It really brings home the value of watching your opponents tapes. |

|1/26/07 07:19:58 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||jerjets11@yahoo.com||10|Hey Jimmy, you had mentioned the ranked light-heavyweights that Mike Quarry beat during his career. Could you list them, please? I just rewatched Mike versus Foster and Rossman clips. He was a very active fighter in terms of how often he fought. |

|1/26/07 11:25:01 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||10|GERRY I'VE BEEN RESEARCHING A LOT ON MIKE Q. LATELY, ONE THING THAT MIKE HAD TOLD ME HIMSELF IS HE WAS 35-0 AND NOT 36-0, HE'S LISTED AS SCORING A ONE ROUND KNOCKOUT OF WILLIAM MARDEN, ON 4/29/69. THEN AGAIN HE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE STOPPED BUTCH McCARTHY IN THE SECOND ROUND THAT SAME NIGHT, BUT I HAD A 1978 RING RECORD BOOK DELIVERED TO MY HOUSE 5/15/78 (JERRY QUARRY'S 33RD BIRTHDAY) THAT HAD MIKE FIGHTING McCARTHY 4/11/69. AND LISTED HIS WIN OVER MARDEN, I LOOKED MARDEN'S RECORD UP AND ALL THEY HAVE IS A 4-0 RECORD (4 KNOCKOUTS). I'M GONNA TRY TO TYPE OUT MIKE'S RECORD LIKE I DID JERRY'S WITH ALL THE CONDENSED DETAILS INCLUDING RANKINGS, I HAD BONAVENTA'S RIGHT DOWN TO HIS LAST BOUT AGAINST BILLY JOINER, THEN OUR ELECTRICITY WENT OUT DO TO ICE STORMS AND ERASED EVERYTHING. YOU TALK ABOUT FLABBERGASTED! BONAVENTA WAS IN THE TOP TEN A FEW MONTHS LONGER THAN JERRY OVER ALL, WHICH OF COURSE MEANS NOTHING, SOME OF THAT WAS INACTIVITY, GETTING BACK TO MIKE, I HAD ALL THE RING MAGAZINES OF 1969, WHICH WOULD HAVE TOLD THE TALE. |

|1/26/07 12:05:45 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||10|MIKE QUARRY'S RATED OPPONENTS WILL VARY FAR MORE THAN JERRY'S FOR THE TWO MAIN BODIES THE W.B.A.(which i believe was they official rankings of the time) AND RING MAGAZINE, WHICH IS THE BEST, DID NOT RATE MIKE'S OPPONENTS THE SAME, THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION RANKED TOMMY HICKS, HAL "TNT" CARROLL, AND I THINK MAYBE BILLY KELLY WAGNER, WHEN RING MAGAZINE DID NOT, OKAY RING MAGAZINE, MIKE'S FIRST RANKED NO.10 AFTER HE DEFEATED AMADO VASQUEZ,IRONICALLY RING DID NOT RANK ANDY KENDALL WHEN MIKE BEAT HIM 1/24/71.JIMMY DUPREE WAS RANKED NO.2 WHEN MIKE BEAT HIM ON A CONTROVERSIAL DQ, MIKE WAS MOVED UP TO NO.5 (KENDALL IS NOW NO.2) WHEN MIKE STOPPED CHUCK HAMILTON IN 8. RING MAGS: CHAMP-FOSTER 1-ANDY KENDALL 2-CHRIS FINNEGAN 3- MIKE QUARRY 4-PIERRE FOURIE 5- PAT O'CONNOR. NEXT FOR MIKE WAS 6/27/72 SOUL BROTHERS VS QUARRY BROTHERS JERRY RANKED NO.2 (BY BOTH W.B.A./RING) AND MIKE REPORTEDLY NO.1 BY BOTH W.B.A.AND W.B.C. AND NO.3 RING MAGAZINE, AND THE NORTH AMERICAN FEDERATION LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION. (U.S.A. TITLE) I DO NOT THINK RING MAGAZINE RANKED MIKE ROSSMAN WHEN QUARRY BEAT HIM, BUT I BELIEVE TOM "THE BOMB" BETHEA WAS, I'LL WORK ON IT|

|1/26/07 01:09:40 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||10|SHEMP,HOW'S THIS FOR SOME RESEARCH, REDSKINS FULLBACK JOHN RIGGINS RAN THE BALL 284 TIMES FOR 1089 YARDS A 3.8 YPC 8 RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS AND 4 100 YARD GAMES VS YOUR EAGELS, AND ANOTHER 99 YARD GAME IN 1983 AGAINST PHILLY AND WON 10 OF THE 15 GAMES THAT RIGGINS PLAYED AGAINST THE EAGELS|

|1/26/07 01:32:42 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||10|LeBRONVILLE: GERRY, I KNEW THEY WOULD CHANGE THE CITIES NAME, JERRY SHERK SAID HOWARD COSELL RIDICULED HIM TO THE POINT ON THE VERY FIRST MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL AGAINST THE JETS, THAT HE WAS DRIVEN TO BE ALLPRO (4-TIME). HE SAID HIS FIRST COUPLE OF YEARS IN THE LEAGUE, TEAMS RAN RIGHT AT HIM, THEN HIS GREAT YEARS HE WAS SO QUICK OFF THE BALL, THEY COULD NOT BLOCK HIM,AND IT WAS LIKE PLAYING IN THE BACK YARD AGAINST HIS FRIENDS AS A KID, THEN HIS HORRIBLE INJURIES TOOK THEIR TOLL AND THEY STARTED RUNNING RIGHT AT HIM AGAIN, HE KNEW WHAT TO DO,BUT HIS BATTERED BODY WOULD NOT PERFORM,HE'S VERY ARTICULATE IN HIS VOCABULARY. |

|1/27/07 10:34:23 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|John Riggins and Jerry Sherk two of my 70s favorites. Riggins was incredible in the Super Bowl for Washington, also apparently had taken some shots to the head, quite a character. Sherk was one of my favorite Browns. I read his interviews, he came across as a bright guy. He was so good at DT, the Browns played him over center in their first 3-4 defense. A lot of your good nose tackles look almost like sumo wrestlers. He was just a great athlete with a real nose for the play.
I thought New England was going to turn it on and make the Super Bowl. I'm glad Peyton Manning is finally getting his shot. Should be a very good game, depending on which Rex Grossman shows up. Thanks again, Jimmy.|

|1/27/07 11:57:11 AM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|Uncle Jerry & Uncle Mike, were awesome in their days, and hey they were even awesome til the end. We love & miss you both, as well as Dad, Mom, Aunt Brenda, Grampa Jack, and Grandma Strain|

|1/27/07 08:12:25 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|GERRY: DID YU KNOW MIKE QUARRY WAS ALSO MANAGED BY GIL CLANCY IN NEW YORK 1973? WHEN HE FOUGHT HAL "TNT" CARROLL AND BILLY KELLY WAGNER. WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION RANKED MIKE THE BEST. THEIR RANKED TOP TEN FIGHTER'S MICHAEL WAYNE BEAT WERE WALES FIGHTER EDDIE AVOTH #7 ANDY KENDALL #9 JIMMY DUPREE #3 (AND NO.2 RING MAGAZINE) TOMMY HICKS #9 AND TOM "THE BOMB" BETHEA. THATS THEY ONLY 5 I CAN COME UP WITH WHO WERE IN THE LIGHT HEAVIES TOP TEN WHEN MIKE DEFEATED THEM, RING MAGAZINE HAD ONLY DUPREE, AND BETHEA RANKED. THIS IS HOWEVER GREAT YOU BEAT 5 TOP TEN FIGHTER'S IN THE 70'S IN ANY WEIGHT CLASS IS A GREAT CAREER, KEN NORTON ONLY BEAT 4! AND WAS 4-7-1 WITH ONLY 2 KO'S VS THE TOP TEN. ALI WAS 35-5 22 KNOCKOUTS VS BOTH WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION AND THE RING MAGAZINE. I'D SAY 35-5 WOULD BE PRETTY DECENT AGAINST THE TOP 50!! FRAZIER WAS 10-4 WITH 6 KNOCKOUTS, MARCIANO 11-0 VS TOP TEN|

|1/28/07 04:05:03 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentalenent@aol.com|||10|My prediction for the superbowl, Chicago in a close game.

Chicago has the best record and although both teams are about equal in offense, they have the edge in defense.

But Indianaopolis played a tougher schedule this year but my pick is still Chicago by about three points.

Should be a close game but we will see as for one game you never know what will happen.|

|1/28/07 08:13:17 PM|Jay Mazzeono|New York||Jmazzeo437@aol.com|||10| I just discovered this site and viewed all of Jerry's fight highlights. Wow! I'm not ashamed to say Jerry Quarry was my number one sport hero as a kid. Bigger then Joe Namath any of the 70 Knicks or 69 Mets all who I loved. But the memories came streaming back. What a fighter what a guy. To a 10 year old kid and his pals looking to grow up and get by in a racially tense NYC here was this 22 year old tough, powerful, talented, California rising star. He was everything we wanted to be tough, ruggedly good looking and a seemingly 'cool guy' who feared no one. Lets be frank he was really something a white guy only 6 foot and mostly under 200 pounds going up against the biggest toughest black fighters in the world and not only holding his own but mostly winning and doing it with a toughness and cool that was pretty inspiring. Yeah there were the disappointments. NOT Frazier and Ali they were just a little too big fast good for him but I'm say Chuvalo and Ellis two fights his should and could have one respectively.|

|1/29/07 08:18:57 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Thanks again, Jimmy. Mike had Gil Clancy also? Good deal. He had Jerry for a sparring partner, maybe not such a good deal. Should I add Rossman and Foster to that list? I've heard nothing but good things about Mike as a pure boxer. He might have benefitted from a later start as a pro...
Chicago probably is the smart pick. Defense goes a long way in the SuperBowl. Hot passers like Marino, Elway, Kapp, Tarkenton, Theissman, Jaworski all went to defeat against strong defenses. If they blitz

effectively, could be a long day for Manning. I have to root for him, though. I've liked the big passers ever since Namath. |

|1/29/07 09:20:10 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Jay, you are right about Jerry being small for a heavyweight, even in his era. Jerry was outweighed in a majority of his fights in his career.

Jerry still managed to beat most of everyone they put in front of him, fighters such as Floyd Patterson, Ron Lyle, and Earnie Shavers.

One of the most frustrating things about defending Jerry as a fighter is that a lot of people, even during his era, were surprised when they are told that he beat some very good fighters. The critics seem to think that Jerry was beat in most of his fights.

I also agree that Jerry losing to Ellis, at least he would have held a title if he won that one, and Chuvalo, was very frustrating also.

Jerry, about the super bowl, I posted my pick on another sports site and some Chicago fans got on me for saying Indianapolis had a tougher schedule.

Amazing considering I have picked Chicago to win and they still got on my case.

Fans of particular teams can be blind to logic as my point about Indianapolis playing a tougher schedule is based on the fact that I added up the records of all of both teams opponents and Indianapolis' opponents collectively had a winning percentage of over .500 while Chicago's opponents were under .500. Which means Indianapolis' opponents collectively had winning records while Chicago's collective opponents has losing records. |

|1/29/07 01:47:14 PM|charles anderson|ark.||cdanderson@agrilliance.com||||10|who were some the "name fighters" Jerry sparred with in preparing for ali, frazier, ect. ?|

|1/29/07 03:01:59 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||||10|MIKE ROSSMAN WAS NOT RATED IN THE TOP TEN LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS WHEN MIKE QUARRY DEFEATED HIM, FOR THE SIMPLE FACT THAT IT WAS HIS FIRST BOUT AS A LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT,(NONETHELESS A BIG WIN FOR M. QUARRY) OF COURSE, OF COURSE YOU HAVE BOB FOSTER, BUT I'M RESEARCHING MIKE'S TOP TEN WINS, OFFICIALLY HE HAS (5) AND ONLY 2 BY RING MAGAZINE, BOXING REGISTER USED THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR TOP TEN RATINGS, AND I FOLLOWED SUIT (RING MAGAZINE WAS STILL THEY BEST)ONE THING I DID NOT KNOW ABOUT MIKE QUARRY, AS A PRO HE ONLY FOUGHT IN THEY OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM ONCE IN HIS ENTIRE CAREER (OVER 80 BOUTS).|

|1/29/07 06:47:03 PM|angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Bad back or not, in the title fight Jerry HAD TO follow up when he hurt Ellis late in the fight---can't explain what happened because in most instances like this, he would have become a tiger and smothered the opponent. For some odd reason, he let Ellis off the hook---and Ellis was clearly hurt bad. As for the idiots who think he was a guy who was "always beat up" they're just ignorant. it doesn't help that ESPN refuses to show Jerry's great moments, and there were many. instead, they focus on the losses. |

|1/29/07 09:00:23 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||Kentallenent@aol.com||||10|The subject of Gil Clancy comes up around here every once in a while but I don't think Clancy was such a great trainer.

A good corner man is supposed to protect his fighter and in two of Jerry's biggest losses, Frazier 2 and Norton, Clancy should have insisted that the fights be stopped sooner.

In both instances, the referees, Joe Louis for Frazier 2 and Johnny Lobianco for the Norton fight, let the fights go too long.

Jerry was taking too much punishment and Clancy should have jumped up into the ring and made sure the fights were stopped.

Both fights only lasted into the fifth round and Jerry was badly hurt in the previous rounds in both fights and he should have been closely watched in the fifth round.

The fights should have been stopped at the first sign of more trouble.

They should have been stopped earlier in the fifth rounds than they were. Jerry was a beaten fighter and there was no need for him to take more punishment.

Gil Clancy is on my sh*t list because of this. |

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|1/30/07 10:07:06 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||||10|Kent I Agree both bouts should have been
stopped sooner, And Clancy was only Mike Quarry's manager for a few bouts, I
believe they did not get along all that great, And Jerry had him as a manager for
three years, What bothers me even more, is Jerry's comebacks, that left him
impaired, The Colorado gig should have left some criminals in Prison! I'm glad
Ritchie Giachetti worked with Jerry in 1977 (and JQ should not have even been in
the ring) He was not all that impaired after Norton, Doing a very commendable
job, commentating for the sports spectacular. Looking back, and it was easier to
say then do, Jerry might should have Retired after sustaining that Terribly deep
Cut vs Muhammad in 1970, (just saying thats enough) But boxing would never let
JERRY QUARRY RETIRE IN PEACE! He was unfortunatly to tough and popular for his
own good, Someone always had a great offer for him!!|

|1/31/07 12:09:54 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Jimmy D, I
think Jerry should have retired after the second Frazier fight or at least after
the Norton fight.

Jerry still had a lot left after his first fight with
Ali, the wins over Shavers and Lyle in particular, so retirement after the first
Ali fight would have been premature.

There is no way that the fights with
Zanon in 1977, with Williams in 83, and especially the fight in 92 at the age of
47 years old should have ever happened.

If they hadn't happened, Jerry
might still be with us today. |

|1/31/07 10:34:56 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk||||10|Saw
an interesting report in a UK newspaper the other day criticising the latest
Rocky film, but in particular pouring scorn on Philadelphia erecting a statue of
the fictional character when Joe Frazier has no lasting monument in the city.
Makes you think a bit.
It was interesting to see a recent post talking about
Boone Kirkman who was certainly an underated fighter. He held wins over Ellis,
Machen and Doug Jones and of his six losses those were to Foreman, Lyle, Jones
in a rematch and Norton. A pretty impressive resume. |

|1/31/07 11:48:26 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same||||10|Good posts by Kent and Jimmy.
Did not know that about Clancy, who had positive things to say about Jerry in
interviews.
Jerry had to fight Frazier again at some point, but he never had
the movement needed to beat him after leading the first 2-3 rounds. He should
have fought Joe again sooner or not at all, like Ali. Norton he should have
fought, just not the way he did and when he did. If Jerry gets the nod against
Ellis and Chuvalo, his career is fairly complete, Foreman not
withstanding.
Jerry felt pressure to take Frazier, Norton. I wish he hadn't.
He had TV, promos, movies all at his finger tips. Jerry could have had total
control. The question I think to ask is: Did Jerry really even need to be champ?
He was such a draw already. He could have just picked opponents and gotten paid.
The hell with Don King and the rest of that nonsense. Given this, and the fact
Jerry was rushed in his first year, Jerry clearly needed some better career
guidance. Of course, I have the benefit of hindsight. As for fights after 1975,
he never should have taken them. He did not need to...
The Rocky statue has
always been a joke. Not just to Frazier, but to Holmes and others also. Holmes
was particularly offended, seeing it in a racial context...
Kirkman was
legit. The 70s were very deep. Guys on his level deserve more credit.
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|1/31/07 01:09:47 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|I have seen Boone Kirkman fight
George Foreman and Big George destroyed him in two rounds in an impressive way.
Of course, this doesn't mean that Kirkman wasn't good, but it says a lot about
how strong George already was in 1970.

I will never understand how
Foreman lost to Jimmy Young. I have seen rounds 7-11-12 of this fight on You
Tube and Young didn't impress me at all. Of course he had to be a very skilled

boxer if he beat Foreman and Lyle and almost beat Norton, but Foreman seemed superior in power, height, reach...In everything. But he lost. |

|1/31/07 01:24:43 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|It's strange, the last 2 spam posts contain a lot of Italian words. Who are these nuts ? Go hell, jerks! |

|1/31/07 01:48:58 PM|Steve|new jersey||na|||10|H Kent and Jimmy D.,Clancy made a statement on that network special about Jerry.He said Jerry was the hardest hitting heavyweight he ever trained.He qualified this by saying that Jerry was unable to follow a fight plan.Instead,he was determined to beat his opponent at his own game.He fought Frazier in a closet,and tried to box with Ali.I got the impression Jerry was pretty hard to control.YOU GUYS remember the stories about Jerry's dad not being able to get Jerry up in the morning for roadwork.Sometimes he didn't even get up himself.Jerry was a victim of poor management his entire career.It's a tribute to Jerry that he usually came into the ring in excellent looking shape,washboard abs and all.HOWEVER,he did get a rap for poor stamina.His progress in opponents was senseless,Eddie Machen after 20 or so fights.AFTER the 1st Frazier fight,he should have taken a long year off,then fought Frazier again.As I think Quarry improved greatly and matured after that loss.Then,if he won,or didn't lose to badly,he should have gone after Norton like he chased Foreman.At that stage in his career,with a manager and trainer that could focus him,I think he had his best shots at Norton and a rematch with Frazier. |

|1/31/07 03:50:10 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Where could Quarry have gone with Gus D'Amato and Teddy Attlass as manager and trainer? |

|2/1/07 11:21:20 AM|Massimo|Roma||Shaq-Fu.com|||10|Steve-

I don't know. But what I know for sure is that Cus would have asked Jerry:

" Which(or what) is the difference between a coward and a hero ?".

Then he would have said that the fear is the best friend of the fighter (or the fighter's best friend) and that the fear is like the fire. If you control it, it warms you (up), if you don't control it, it burns you.

Personally I don't think Jerry would have needed this because he was a very brave guy. |

|2/1/07 02:26:33 PM|Carl W|The Jerry Quarry Foundation||TJQF|||10|Some years ago when I spoke to Mr. Jimmy about Gil Clancy, and James indicated in so many words that Gil did not always share Jerry's best interests. My personal impression is that Jerry and Gil had a very good relationship at the beginning, but things changed at some point. The reason I mention this is having just seen the 1974 Quarry-Alexander video for the first time, and a shock to see Jerry looking as sluggish as he did a month later against Frazier, not to mention that Alexander knocked Jerry down. This was not the same Jerry who beat Lyle and Shavers. I'll be posting the video this weekend, along with some new changes to the web site coming soon. Thanks, --Carl |

|2/2/07 04:23:33 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Massimo,your waxing pretty philosophy wise for a boxing site.I can tell you from experience,there are no cowards and heros.I spent two years in Nam.I was scared shitless most of the time.In my youth,I was in dozens of fistfights.I was always scared.I was always afraid I'D show my fear,and be branded a coward.I've known men who would walk away from a fight,but they were not cowards. |

|2/2/07 09:22:27 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Hey Steve, that means that Cus D'Amato was right!
He used to say to Mike Tyson that both cowards and heroes are afraid shitless. The only difference being that the heroe does what needs to be done while the coward runs away. This was Cus D'Amato's philosophy, not mine!

...In my life I have always been much more similar to a coward than to a hero! |

|2/3/07 09:22:12 PM|Angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|We've probably covered this before, but I think it's interesting still: Who would win a 1974-75 fight between Ron Lyle and Ken Norton? Career-wise and in boxing history, Norton is considered the more accomplished fighter. He held a title for a brief period, beat Muhammad Ali and contended for many years. But Lyle

fought well in his title shot against Ali and he owns a win over Earnie Shavers, while Shavers KOed Norton. While both Lyle and Norton lost to Foreman, everyone should be in agreement that Lyle actually had a chance to win in his fight against big George. This is one of those dream matches that most people will have a strong opinion on. For my money, I'd pick Lyle to win, but if Norton could get through the early and early-middle rounds, he'd certainly have a strong chance to win. |

|2/4/07 12:14:25 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Angelo-

Lyle disappointed me a little in the Ali' fight even if he was ahead at the time of the stoppage (but not by much IMO). He never hit Ali' with hard shots (Cassius Marcellus was never hurt) and, above all, the fight proved that he could be stunned by a NOT DEVASTATING puncher (in the 11th round that right hand stunned Ron badly). So I think that Ken Norton would have had a chance to KO or KOT Ron Lyle. But Lyle would have had a better chance to do (or of doing) the same to Norton as (or because) he was the harder puncher of the two. In the Shavers fight Lyle proved he could come from behind to KO a top contender. In 1974-75 both Lyle and Norton were close to their peak. The Foreman fight proved that Lyle was a very hard puncher. Jerry Quarry lasted the distance with Lyle and outpointed him, but he could certainly take a punch better than Norton (did). I would bet on Lyle by early KO (in the first six rounds), but I'm far from sure. |

|2/4/07 07:52:19 AM|Lori Scobie|Paso Robles, Ca.||loriscobie@sbcglobal.net|||10|As I read these letters with tears rolling down my face I remember my Dad (Mike), uncles (Mark & Andy), Grandma "Nana" (Donna), Grandpa "Bompi" (Jim), and my mom (Karen), reminiscing about some of these fights. I didn't know them as just as the best fighters of all time I knew them as being good good friends to my whole family. The "Quarry's"! What a great family and I do believe Mama "Q" to be the strongest, of them all. They were a big part of my younger years.

I grew up on a ranch in Parkfield, Ca. on 9,000 acres. We had 10 miles of dirt road before we hit pavement, about 1 mile further was a small restaurant in Cholame (Jack Ranch Cafe), then another 30 miles before the nearest town (Paso Robles). It was hard to be out there for long periods of time especially if you weren't used to it.

My uncle (Mark) would run a lot and I always would think about how far down that dirt road he would run.

My family, originally from Caliente, Ca. outside of Bakersfield, relocated in Parkfield in 1965. I was born in 68' so I remember some and HEARD a lot. I remember when Mike came out to train at the ranch. He would run that entire 10 miles of dirt road and the 1+ of pavement to the restaurant. He would get a soda or something cold to drink!?, (remember, he was in training) and wait for someone to pick him up. That is a long 10 miles, on a horse or in a vehicle, but Mike would run it, sometimes daily. It's nothing for the temp to get to 110-112 throughout the summer. Now that's heart!

I remember Mike had a Corvette, that I guess he thought had wings and him and my Uncle Andy decided to try & jump a huge ditch. To say the least they ended up in the middle of it, with no more than a couple of knots on there heads, but my grandma said those were probably already there.

I'm not to sure the ranch was really the best training facility. Especially with the "Scobie's in your corner. Well, for the most part it was all about work, unless they got side tracked. Then it was all about fun.

My dad (Mike) & Jerry were probably the best of friends. As a kid I remember Jerry being out at the ranch all the time. I have pictures of Jerry helping me feed my baby deer I raised and the lamb. Then in the early 90's Jerry came to Paso Robles to stay with Dad so they could put on a boxing match at the Ca. Mid-State Fair grounds. Jerry was there to sign autographs. It was a pretty good turnout.

There are so many memories. And Bobby, I remember when you played football, I had the biggest crush on you.

When we are feeling sad and missing all the loved ones

we've lost, we can smile and imagine them all being together up there in a better place. I love & miss all of you!
~~~~Lori Scobie~~~~|

|2/4/07 10:08:44 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Lori, that's a terrific post. That's one thing that keeps bringing back here: the personal connections with these guys who were our heroes. All these years later, I'm still a fan of the Quarry family. Thanks.|

|2/4/07 10:18:23 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: Couldn't have said it better.|

|2/5/07 07:27:00 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|That was a good post on Jerry's fighting qualities and how he was capable of using the wrong tactics on the wrong opponent. I think the journalist Ian Wooldridge summed up Quarry fantastically when discussing the merits of boxing in the 70s. He said that Quarry's 'problem', and I suppose this was a complement, was that he was a very good boxer, counterpuncher and puncher. He had unusual strengths in that he was excellent at these three modes, but not outstanding in one. For instance he couldn't box as well as Patterson or Ali and couldn't hit like Foreman or Shavers but was very adept at all three. I think he mentioned that Jerry's real strength lay in counterpunching when he performed his Lyle masterclass, but often his instinct to brawl whilst effective against fine fighters like Shavers and Mac Foster was not going to be good enough when faced with A* level fighters like Frazier.
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|2/5/07 02:14:56 PM|angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Mark: Howard Cosell was credited with saying that Jerry Quarry was one of the finest heavyweight counter punchers he had ever seen. Cosell genuinely liked Quarry during Jerry's peak years---but grew resentful of Jerry because he felt Jerry fought way beyond his shelf life. I think Cosell viewed it as detrimental to the sport. I liked Cosell as a commentator for football and boxing---but I don't think he should have been judgemental of Quarry or of matchmakers who put Cobb-Holmes together. It seems like he was on a soapbox and really, he should have just stuck to giving us fight analysis, not opinions of when Jerry should have retired. Of course, I guess Howard made his career on controversial statements and opinions, so maybe I'm wrong. |

|2/5/07 04:56:48 PM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: Maybe the same group that promoted Quarry vs. Cramner will give us the 2007 grudge match of Norton vs. Lyle.|

|2/6/07 04:23:35 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Angelo-

....Or a 2007 version of Norton-Frazier ! I wonder if they are such good friends still in 2007!|

|2/6/07 10:25:36 AM|angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|That's a good question. I don't think Frazier and Norton live anywhere near each other, so they probably don't get together very often. During their big years, they would at least see each other at fight cards and I'm sure they both did a huge amount of appearances and travel. If they have a 2007 fight, I'll pick Smokin' Joe. I think the terrible car accident took everything out of Norton. Apparently, he can't remember anything from 3 years before or 3 years after the accident. Memory washed. |

|2/6/07 11:18:04 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|The last time I heard Frazier was living in Philadelphia and comparative poverty whilst Norton is still in California.|

|2/6/07 06:24:25 PM|max hord|fernandina bch,fla||maxhord@adelphia.net|||10|When are the Olympics? We need some new talent.If not we'll be talking about these guys from now on.But thats a good thing.In my lifetime there won't ever be another group of fighters like the Quarry's or Ali and the rest.All of our stars were special.|

|2/7/07 04:51:33 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|The next month has a couple of big heavyweight title fights with Shannon Briggs fighting Sultan Ibragimov and Klitschko fighting against mandatory Ray Austin whose claim to fame it appears has been through drawing with a number of

respected fighters but never actually beating anyone. Depressing that a guy like that can challenge for the title whilst Quarry, Lyle and Young only managed it once as well. Hopefully Briggs and Klitschko will win so there is a ray of light for undisputed fights later in the year-I feel that any change in champion is just going to delay that process somewhat. Despite honest criticisms of the status of the heavyweight division today, there CAN be good fights if the best meet the best and we do away with underserving challengers. |

|2/7/07 07:02:04 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Max, I seriously doubt boxing will again produce the wave of talent it had in the late 60s and 70s. The rising power of television also made those stars bigger than their predecessors. So, people will discuss that great era for years to come.
Mark, how interesting would it have been if the 70s had, say, four belts? As it was, the one belt went thru several fighters within a decade. Fighters in the 70s were geared to be the best, not to simply obtain an available belt. You are right, some decent fights coming up with Briggs and the Klitschkos. How about those Colts? A very good Midwestern Super Bowl. |

|2/7/07 12:01:39 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: I think you're correct, especially among the heavyweights. These guys just go into different sports now---there's a ton of money and fame to be had playing football, basketball, etc. and not stepping into the ring to make a living---if you're 200+ pounds and strong.
The 70's heavyweights will always be special--there were classic sluggers like Lyle, Shavers and Foreman, showy boxers with a little bit of everything, like Ali, defensive wizards like Jimmy Young, high energy motors like Joe Frazier, upset minded awkward styles like Kenny Norton---and hybrids like Larry Holmes. Ali held the belt for a long time and Holmes held it a ridiculously long period. Most of these guys fought each other, sometimes more than once. Champions defended their title on network television, sometimes three times a year. We'll never see any of this again. Spent and burned out Mike Tyson could come back for the umpteenth time against---let's say Chris Byrd---and it would be pay per view at \$45.00 a pop for something that silly. Yet Larry Holmes and Ali were on in prime time, for free, during most of their reign. |

|2/8/07 08:23:33 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Also the ultimate fighter sport has taken away potential boxers.

The UFC is very popular now and while these fighters are skilled in several different fighting specialties such as boxing, wrestling, ju jitsu, karate, etc, their skills are not the best in any one of those arts.

Don't get me wrong, some of these ultimate fighters are tough formidable opponents who are hard to beat but to me their boxing technique a lot of the time is sloppy.

But that is understandable as they don't just have to worry about getting hit with punches, they also have to be concerned with getting thrown down, elbowed, head butted, or put into an arm lock, etc.

They just can't concentrate on boxing technique only. They would be better boxers or wrestlers for that matter if the just did those sports. |

|2/8/07 03:11:57 PM|charles anderson|ark.||cdanderson@agriliance.com|||10|This is for Jonathan. What's going on in your life now? I hope you are doing good. The last I heard you were in the military and you were also interested in boxing. |

|2/9/07 08:15:54 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Hello Max: You fought some pretty good southern boys! Joey Vincent, Edgar "MAD DOG" Ross, "Irish" Gene Wells, Tony Gardner, But who's this yankee Tony Danza on your record? Did you fight out of Orlando like MQ did? And did you see or here of Tony Licata's match with Mike Nixon? I've never heard or seen anything from Boxing books, etc. But that was quite a good Middleweight matchup to never have received any press outside of New Orleans. Licata was very good, despite not having the big wallop, Nixon's big win besides mike Rossman was a crushing 5th round knockout of South African GERT STEYN, Steyn had hit the

deck like 5 times, one Nixon would refused to go to a neutral corner, And Gert was down like 25 seconds!!|

|2/9/07 12:55:38 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|I read on Ken Norton's website that he and Ali have become friends over the years and he sees Ali at least once a year. Of course, he also noted that he should have been declared the winner of the two Ali fights he lost--he said that Ali WAS boxing at the time, and the powers of boxing wouldn't let Ali lose. Hogwash. The "Powers" "let" a guy with seven or eight fights, Leon Spinks, dethrone Ali. Why? Because he won clearly. It's ironic, because if Norton wants to play that card, he should also then acknowledge that the "powers" gave him the title in affect, by denying Jimmy Young a decision against Norton. In my opinion, and the opinion of many, Young won that fight much more convincingly than Norton's claim that he beat Ali in Yankee Stadium. You could make a case that Jimmy Young could have and indeed should have been the only guy to beat Foreman, Norton and Ali.|

|2/9/07 02:14:44 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Angelo, you're a very knowledgable guy.
But I disagree with everything in your last post after what Norton said. This is the first place I've heard about Jimmy Young beating Norton. I've heard about Norton over Ali for decades. Don King WAS boxing, Ali and Holmes were his boys. Alot of guys got ripped of against both. But hey, that's showbiz.
They couldn't rig Spinks because it was too obvious. Spinks shouldn't have even been there. He was ,like , 8-0. A joke fight. A fat Ali got beat anyway. |

|2/9/07 02:49:17 PM|Steve|N.J.||na|||10|Hi Angelo,It's true there's alot of monet to be made in other pro sportsfo big strong kids.However,those sports usualy require attendance at college.Boxing has historically been a way out for minority kids.The gap between rich and poor is widening.Why aren't we getting more hungry,talented black and white fighters fron the current generation,most of whom can't afford colledge.|

|2/9/07 02:53:33 PM|Steve|N.J.||na|||10|Gerry,I could be wrong,but I don't remember Holmes being one of Don Kings boys.|

|2/9/07 02:53:48 PM|Steve|N.J.||na|||10|Gerry,I could be wrong,but I don't remember Holmes being one of Don Kings boys.|

|2/9/07 03:14:51 PM|Steve|N.J.||NA|||10|Angelo,if a case could be made for Jimmy Young beating Ali,Norton,and Foreman,and I'LL give you Foreman.Then that pretty much makes him one of the all time greatest.I just don't agree.Watching a Jimmy Young fight was like watching chinese water torture.|

|2/9/07 04:24:16 PM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Angelo-

The difference is that the second and the third Ali'-Norton fights were close, while Spinks almost dominated Ali'. Ali'-Spinks 1 is one of Ali' worst performances. I personally think that Norton deserved at least a draw in the second fight, but I might be wrong. I don't pretend to be a good judge.|

|2/10/07 10:36:07 AM|Steve|N.J.||na|||10|Hi Massimo,you don't even have to pretend to be a judge.It's all subjective anyway.I know that judges must have some criteria,{if that's a word }.Yet I've watched fights and seen some obvious failures on the judges part.I think Ali outpointed Norton closely in there second and third fights.I think Holmes beat Norton .yet there are guys who disagree with me and the judges.|

|2/10/07 10:52:50 AM|max hord|fernandina

bch,fla||maxhord@adelphia.net|||10|Jimmy.I saw Licata box many times.He fought a draw up here in Jacksonville against my good friend Dennis Riggs.If Dennis ever deserved a break it was that night.The home town judges screwed him because he BEAT Licata's ass.Yes Mike Q. and I roomed together at Pete Ashlocks house in Orlando back in '76.Coming from a town with no gym or anybody to train with I did o.k.I had to travel to Orlando to train with Mike and the rest of Ashlocks guys.Tony Danza was one of those one punch flukes.He threw and I caught and that was that.|

|2/11/07 01:39:47 PM|Angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Ali-Spinks #1 was not that obvious either---watch the fight again---Ali landed a ton of punches on Spinks but the only problem is that Spinks landed even more on Ali. I don't consider this one of Ali's worst performances---he wasn't in great shape, but once he saw his title slipping away and realized Spinks wasn't punching himself out as he expected, he rallied and started tagging Spinks with a lot of punches. The 15th round was a real war. We'll never know what Sam Solomon had in the little black bottle that he fed Spinks in between rounds. Water? Why such a small bottle for water, when there was already a large water bottle available? In the second fight, Ali just gave a boxing clinic. The fight wasn't nearly as exciting, but Ali won most of the rounds in a conservative way.
Yes, Jimmy Young was a defensive master and counter puncher with no real power, so many of his fights were boring. But boring doesn't mean he shouldn't have been given the decision if he performed better than his opponent. In that Norton fight, simply put, Young's fight plan/style dominated the fight. Norton never got going and never touched Young with anything significant. Meanwhile, Young fought his fight, landing crisp/clean if not powerful punches on Norton and effectively slipping and dodging everything of substance that Norton threw at him. I don't think it was even close to being a loss for Young, yet somehow, the judges saw things differently. |

|2/11/07 01:44:50 PM|Angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Just to clarify--Spinks absolutely won the fight against Ali (first fight) and won clearly, so maybe "obvious" is the right word after all. But my point is that Ali wasn't dominated, he just didn't bring his "A" game, and he paid for it. I think there would have been a lot of grumbling if they scored in Ali's favor (was it a split decision???). But it was only slightly more "obvious" than some other decisions Champions have been "given" over the years. For example, Holyfield-Lewis I. was a draw, but many feel Lewis scored much better. |

|2/11/07 03:00:33 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Angelo-

Yes, Spinks-Ali' 1 was a split decision. It's been a while since the last time I watched the fight, that was just the way I remembered it. I'd better see it again (or I should see it again). From what I remember Ali' was very lazy that night and did the rope a dope too much. Leon Spinks was not even that good IMO. I agree that round 15th is one of the best rounds in heavyweight history.

I saw almost the entire (but round 8) Clay-Jones on You Tube and think Clay won quite clearly, by at least a couple of points. Doug Jones was rated n.3 at the time and was really tough. He was a small guy and I think he could have been one of the greatest light-heavyweights of all times (he even KOT Bob Foster). I have also seen the Clay-Miteff fight on You Tube and it was very interesting. Before the fight Clay said:" It won't be an easy fight, my plan of attack against Alex Miteff is two fast left jab, a right cross and a left hook." Incredible, but the knockout combination in the sixth round was: two fast left jabs and a right cross! The left hook was not needed because Miteff was already on the canvas. Clay vs Miteff...That's legend!

HI STEVE AKA SHEMP. EAT LASAGNE, SPAGHETTI AND RAVIOLI, EAT (IN) THE ITALIAN WAY!

Now I go to bed, I have a job now and I have to get up early tomorrow. |

|2/11/07 06:10:34 PM|Gerry|LeBronville||same|||10|Angelo is right on regarding Lewis-Holyfield 1, a travesty. The second one was actually very competitive and also was scored poorly.
Ali-Spinks should never have happened. Ali deserved the loss and they tried to make him look a little better for it. An embarrassing performance for Ali.
Clay-Jones was very competitive, agree Clay had it, clearly with his A game then. Jones deserved a rematch from a champ who loafed for 12 months, never got one. Miteff was Clay's best win that year easily as Clay had a fairly easy slate among his other fights that year. Quarry's opponents at that stage were better. |

|2/12/07 09:39:38 AM|angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: The 15th round of Ali-Spinks first fight was classic because it had an old Champion

desperate to hold his title, throwing everything he had at a young guy who shocked the world by making the most out of an opportunity many feel he didn't even earn. The two of them looked like they were in a bar room brawl, winging punches from everywhere and connecting with many. So interesting that in their second fight, Ali trained properly and was focused, with a strategy. Spinks didn't come near him with anything dangerous and Ali was a ring general. It wasn't a masterpiece because Ali didn't have any power left and pretty much won on defense, jabs and not much more, but it was still a good showing for an old guy. |

|2/12/07 11:53:29 AM|Massimo|Tottiville||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Angelo-

I have seen Ali'-Spinks 2 only (or 15% just) once a few years ago so I don't remember it very well. But from what I remember it was a boring fight. Ali' fought much better than in the first fight (less rope a dope and more action), but Spinks was definitely not the same man he was one year earlier in the first fight. So, I am not sure if Ali's win was Ali's merit or Spinks's demerit. Probably it was a combination of the two! My impression is that Ali' wasn't a great champion anymore. All the battles in the ring had taken away alot from him. IMO Lennox Lewis at the same age (37) had much more left and would have beaten Ali'. Honestly I think that Lewis would have been tough for Ali' anytime in Ali's career, even if Ali' was certainly (or at least probably) an overall greater champion than Lewis. But I have a lot of respect for Lennox Lewis. He was a boxing champion and is an intelligent person. |

|2/12/07 01:58:43 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: I gained respect for Lewis as he held and defended the title, but I think a young Ali would have his way with Lewis. I think Ali's speed would be an enormous obstacle for Lewis---the left jab would land on Lewis over and over and Lewis would look clumsy. He never fought anyone like a young Ali. Lewis would not have the power to KO Ali (who stood up to the best Earnie Shavers and George Foreman had) and Lewis would not have the boxing ability to outpoint Ali. It would be a competitive fight but "Ali's Alley" (rounds 11-15) would be a nightmare for Lewis. I like Lewis too---a smart guy who got out at the right time and stayed away. He left as a Champion in good standing and will always remain that way. Still, Rahman and McCall KOs are tough to erase from my memory. These are good fighters, but they wouldn't have had a chance at knocking out Holmes, Ali, Foreman, etc. The fact that they got to Lewis leaves him a bit suspect in my book. |

|2/12/07 02:26:20 PM|Massimo|Tottiville||4|||10|Angelo-

I think Lewis took Rahman lightly in the first fight and was completely out of shape. In their second fight he was in shape and focused and avenged the defeat easily.

Regarding Mc Call-Lewis 1 I suspect that the fight was stopped too early. Lennox was up and seemed ready to fight.

Anyway I agree that his chin was probably not so chivalian, he was even (or also) stunned by Shannon Briggs.
Probably his chin was average, but his size, jab, shoe size, power and boxing skills in general were really excellent. |

|2/12/07 05:15:16 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: I don't think Lewis will go down as an all time great (He might be Lewis, but he's not Louis!), but I think he was one of the best of his era---and an honorable champion who held the belt a long time, even considering the loss to Rahman. I wonder how he would have done against some of the contenders of the 70's, like Lyle, Shavers, Young---even Norton? I think Shavers-Lewis would be particularly interesting. Lewis had better stamina and superior boxing ability, as well as size and I'm assuming reach. But Shavers had a heavy brick or horse shoe in his glove that landed with a dead thud and dropped some very good fighters in very short order. If Lewis could stay outside and box Earnie to the point that Earnie was exhausted, Lewis would wear him out and win via late round TKO or KO. But this is a huge "if" because Shavers was a fast starter with a lot of early

round destructions. If that leather landed on Lewis heavy and fast, it could be a very short night. This is a tough one to call.

|2/13/07 12:33:17 AM|Massimo|Tottiville||4|||10|Angelo-

Maybe Lewis-Shavers would be like Lewis-Tua, an easy win for Lewis. Tua was not as powerful as Shavers, but still a devastating puncher. Of course with Shavers in the ring anything could happen, he was so dangerous!

|2/13/07 05:16:46 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|At his peak, focused by Manny Steward and having his conditioning perfect, Lennox Lewis had the tools to be very, very formidable indeed. Him, Holyfield and Tyson were a small notch above the likes of Young, Norton, Quarry, Lyle and Shavers if the three of them were at their peak, but all had weaknesses which could easily be exposed. I could definitely see one of Shavers' bombs knocking Lewis out, I could definitely see the downright scary and tough Ron Lyle outslugging and intimidating Tyson, and I could also see Quarry counterpunching and boxing well enough to beat Holyfield to a decision who despite all of his hugely inspiring talents could on occasion be inconsistent. Shavers was such an entertaining fighter though, with a nice guy persona helping him gain plenty of popularity. With those fists and great wins against Norton, Young, Ellis and Bugner, as well as very close losses to Lyle, Ali and Holmes II its easy to predict that on his day Shavers could give any heavyweight in history hell and win. However, if we talk of Lewis's disappointing defeats to a couple of good if not great fighters, it is only fair to comment on the fact that Earnie had his bad days as well. Although he lost to the great and the good in Ali, Holmes, Lyle and Quarry, Earnie lost disappointingly to quite a few journeymen, Ron Stander and Tex Cobb being two of the better ones.

Lewis's performance against David Tua was very controlled and perfected to a well thought out plan. Tua was an entertaining fighter who deserves praise from even the most die-hard fans of the old days. Beating four current or ex champs is something (Ruiz, Rahman, Maskaev, Moorer) and in fights with other contenders such as Oquendo he showed heart and toughness to come back from a likely defeat to seal a knockout win. With one of his losses to Ibeauchi being one of the most entertaining fights in the last twenty years, along with a great chin that has never seen him toppled in 50 fights I think Tua deserves quite a lot of respect. Its a shame that he's been so quite in the last three years or so but I see he's on the comeback trail again by the time of the 22nd Feb.

|2/13/07 08:33:53 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Lennox Lewis did get caught with great punches and knocked out by Oliver McCall and Hasim Rahman.

But he also avenged both of those losses in return bouts.

If he hadn't got caught by those two bombs in those two fights we would be talking about Lewis being top five of all time.

Oh, it is also impressive that although his skills had started to go downhill by the time he fought Vitali Klitschko, he hung in there tough and he came from behind in that fight to cut up Vitali K to get the win.

The Vitali K fight as well as taking rematches and winning fights verses McCall and Rahman showed that Lewis had the heart of a champion in addition to having great skills.

Lewis has been put down by some people for boxing from a distance against sluggers like David Tua and Tommy Morrison but why fight the other fighter's fight when you can win convincingly fighting your fight?

Lennox Lewis is also one of the few to quit fighting at the right time and wind up on his feet in one piece, financially secure.

I hope he continues to resist the urge to comeback one more time. I hope he stays retired.

|2/13/07 08:58:52 AM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: I think Lewis will stay retired. He seems to be a very smart guy with enough money and other options in life---the ring isn't calling him back because he's found other interests. He was a champion we could be proud of because he carried himself with class in and out of the ring. I totally agree with you

too---why fight someone else's fight? Lewis had his own strategy to win and he did. |

|2/14/07 09:39:20 AM|SONIA HATHAWAY (QUARRY)|JOSHUA TREE,
CA||Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL! TAKE CARE AND BE
SAFE. |

|2/14/07 09:39:30 AM|SONIA HATHAWAY (QUARRY)|JOSHUA TREE,
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SAFE. |

|2/14/07 09:40:07 AM|SONIA HATHAWAY (QUARRY)|JOSHUA TREE,
CA||Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL! TAKE CARE AND BE
SAFE. |

|2/14/07 08:53:46 PM|angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Valentines Day Venting!
This one is on a well covered subject---but one that deserves to be revisited.
After rewatching, I'm more convinced than before that Tyson-Spinks was a
debacle. I respect Mike Spinks---he knocked off Eddie Gregory-Mustafa Muhammad
who was in my opinion, a superb Light Heavy. But truth be told, he dove against
Tyson rather than try to win. Don't get me wrong---I don't expect or desire a
fighter to be carried out on a stretcher or take a terrible beating when he has
no chance to win. But on the other hand, that fight looked like stealing to me--
Spinks and his management taking the hard earned money of people who paid to
see a sincere effort against Tyson. Instead, what they got is a guy who went
down quickly after taking a few punches. Mike Spinks had been hit hard by
Cooney, Holmes and others---but was competitive and brave against them, and got
his wins. Against Tyson, he pulled an Evil Knevil Snake River Canyon and pulled
the chute right out of the gate. If Spinks had that much fear of Tyson and had
no intention of being game enough to make some sort of effort, he shouldn't have
taken the fight. There's less shame in saying "Time to make way for the young
guy" then there is in taking millions of dollars and laying down 1/3 of the way
through the first round. Kent is the voice of reason on this board and has
often countered my stepping over the line with some balanced, logical rebuttals
(and used to do the same with our old friend Noam). But Kent, before you say
Spinks was hit hard or don't expect someone to kill themselves because they
agreed to a pay day---I'll offer this: If your boxing website or some other
publication paid you advance money to cover a fight, and did so in good faith---
how would they feel if you mailed in some lousy, short, vague paragraph with the
result of the fight and a couple sentences of nothing? They'd feel ripped off
by you/cheated. Sure, you met the obligation, but they had a reasonable
expectation that you would take good notes and give an interesting analysis
instead of just offering up half a page of nothing. Well in my mind, anyone who
spent anything on Spinks-Tyson (sponsors, pay-per-view customers, ticket
holders, etc.) were cheated by that performance. It was Spinks' swan song and he
knew it when he signed the contract. Shame. Again, a good guy and also a good
boxer---but that was a lousy way to go out. |

|2/14/07 10:50:14 PM|J Mazzeo|New York||jmazzeo437@aol.com|||10|I remember
reading must have been after the Norton fight that Jerry was retiring because he
kept getting bad headaches. So he may have been doomed even if he had stayed
retired at that point. But also read that with each of his comebacks his mental
problems greatly increased. Not just the fights but the training also. At that
point he was older and would have been more suseptable to permanent damage. As
someone mentioned in an earlier letter he had the boxing announcing although I
don't know how long that had actually lasted. Had he retired say after the 2nd

Frazier fight maybe he would have still been around and whole mentally today. I even remember him on the Superstars. He won the baseball and bowling where he intimidated Carl Eller. But he finished 4th after messing up in the bicycle. Hey does anyone know if it's true that OJ Simpson really tackled him in the halls of CBS studios. I could see that happening. |

|2/15/07 08:18:40 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|I'VE NEVER HEARD OF O.J. SIMPSON TACKLING JQ, HOPEFULLY THEY WERE JUST MESSING AROUND?, AND HAVE HEARD OF A LOT OF QUARRY'S STREET FIGHTS, GROWING UP IN CALIFORNIA IN MY DAY, BUT MAYBE IT WAS JUST SIMPSON'S "KILLER INSTINCT" COMING OUT!! I have a picture of Quarry on Buck Rogers TV series with Dallas Cowboy "Hollywood" Henderson, and Carlos Palamino. (Jerry has long hair and a big beard in that) And I remember Jerry and Larry Csonka throwing Alex Hawkins in a pool at one of those MILLER LITE get togethers. |

|2/15/07 11:04:37 AM|Steve|N.J. ||NA|||10|Angelo,Michhael Spinks was a Light Heavy and HEAVYweight champ.He did some pretty impossible things,beating Cooney and Holmes twice.I think he might hav undappreciated Tysons speed and power,and got caught cold.I once commented on this site about LListon taking a dive against Ali.I was immediatly informed that camera shots could be decieving. I just didn't see the glancing but powerful blow that put Liston,a man much larger and more powerful than Spinks,flat on his back.Consider two facters,Tyson was one of the hardest punchers of all time,Ali was not.Spinks was a warrior who fought anyone.Liston was a bully who dominated everyone he fought,kinda like TYSON.I will,however,wait for Kent's voice of reason. |

|2/15/07 11:26:48 AM|Steve|N.J. ||na|||10|Angelo,Ijust wanted to complete my thoughts.I said Liston and Tyson where typical bullies.They thrived on thier opponents fear,Admittedly, they wher both scary guys.They where both pretty tough to a point.Marty Marshall broke Listons jaw.Most broken jaws are no more painfull than a broken hand.As soon as things went south for LISTON or Tyson ,they went south.Liston quit against Ali,and Tyson quit against Hollyfield. |

|2/15/07 03:34:05 PM|Steve|NJ||na|||10|Jimmy,from what I've learned about the Quarries,they did like to play rough.I could see O.J.tackling Quarry,and coming out of it as a glass of orange juice,with extra pulp! |

|2/15/07 04:01:29 PM|steve|NJ||na|||10|Jimmy,I lived close enough to Mike Rossman to see him in a street fight at a party.I don't believe a civilian ,even a pro athlete from another sport,has much of a change against a pro fighter. |

|2/15/07 04:58:15 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Any non-boxer who would take on boxer at a party, bar, etc. is crazy. Even a trained amatuer boxer would pummel most "tough guys" with ease. I've seen it too---it could be a 135 pound guy with some formal boxing training pushed around at a bar by a 195 pound bully---and 20 seconds later, the bully is bloodied up because he picked on a guy who has been trained to throw a dozen punches in three seconds and avoids being hit. I used to go to local fight cards in Rockville, MD and some of the guys with the most dynamite in their fists looked pretty docile in street clothes. I remember running into one of the guys at the fights on a night he wasn't on the card---wearing khakis and a casual shirt, he looked far less imposing than my friends and I. The guy was thin and not muscular---but was a good local fighter. |

|2/15/07 08:11:47 PM|steve|NJ||NA|||10|Hey Massimo,you should eat some boiled ham and cabbage,corned beef and cabbage and boiled potatoes,or egg and potatoe salad ,heavy on the mayo,celery,and carrotts.Now thats fine Irish food.Which my Italian wife refuses to cook because she hates the smellof cooking cabbage.Ah well,I spoiled here when she was young. |

|2/16/07 02:09:08 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@yahoo.com|||10|Yes Steve I agree, Boxers, Wrestlers Football Players etc, usually mangle the common men of course, I would say O.J. could do damage to anybody of course, but my monies on JERRY say push came to

shove, and its the first i've heard anything about it, Anyone know the circumstances? I know for a fact Jerry tore up a tavern with Alaskan pipeliners bodies around 1977. they are a lot of myths out there, And at the same time a lot of actual occurances. They only thing I know about anything concerning JQ And O.J., is Simpson favored Quarry to win the weight lifting at the "Superstars" Around January/February 1975. Was it an actual confrontation? Personally I would rather sock a Polar Bear at the zoo then pick a fight with Jerry Quarry at that time! |

|2/16/07 04:28:54 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Rumor has it that Jerry was challenged to a fight by professional wrestler Fred Blassie and that Jerry got the better of him in some bar fight.

Mr. Jimmy said that Jerry was a very good street fighter and that he never heard of Jerry ever losing a street fight.

As far as OJ, my money would be on Jerry, hands down and if OJ did ever tackle him it was possible they could have been friends and just fooling around, not fighting.

As far as Michael Spinks verses Tyson, I thought Spinks got hit with some good shots and knocked out but I haven't seen the fight for a long time.

I have it on tape and I will have to look at it again.

No, I would never take a writing assignment and just put down a few sentences as that would be cheating whoever sent me as well as anyone who would read my column.

Even if all I was getting was a free pass into the event, I couldn't even take a free pass, which usually is at or very near ringside. It would be dishonest to not put effort into writing a good story. |

|2/16/07 04:42:49 PM|steve|NJ||NA||||10|Kent,I realized in the past two days what an out of shape guy I've become.We are covered in a huge ice storm.The wind chill in Camden is 6 degrees,with no warmup in sight.There are two inches of solid ice on the ground.I've been trying to chip it of the sidewalks and steps.I'm good for about 20 min.out there and then I'M WINDED AND FROZEN.I come inside and rest for about an hour before I go out again.I am making very little progress.Thank God they closed the schools for the whole week.So,whats the weather like in sunny Cal.I hate you.Just kidding. |

|2/16/07 06:28:50 PM|Patrick|Sherman oaks||pakee6464@yahoo.com||||10|To Kent, you've got to be kidding!Lennox Lewis? One of the best of all time, if not for getting knocked out twice? As big and tall as he is, he's pretty easy to hit with a right hand, and he never took them well. Imagine Jerry landing one of his right hands on him..Lewis was made for a JQ. Problem is, there wasn't anyone who could throw a tricky hard right hand.Lewis never impressed me. |

|2/16/07 07:56:20 PM|max hord|fernandina bch,fla||maxhord@adelphia.net||||10|Kent.Classie Freddie Blassey was one hell of a tough guy.Here's the problem.Anytime a big wrestler gets his hands on you FIRST you've had it.If JQ hit him first then it's all over.You got to know when to punch first. Boxers always win when they land the first shot.I grew up in the bars and it's always worked for me. |

|2/16/07 08:18:54 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Hello Patrick, yes if Lennox Lewis hadn't been knocked out those two times we would not have ever known that he was supceptable to a big punch and he would have been rated higher all time than he is now.

I give him a lot of credit for taking rematches and winning over Rahman and McCall.

Lewis may have had more losses if he hadn't boxed from outside but as I said before, why fight another fighter's fight if you can win fighting your fight?

Especially against Tommy Morrison, Lewis didn't let Morrison get close enough to land his bombs and he hammered Tommy "Gunn" with bombs from outside. It was a dominant performance by Lewis.

Of course Jerry Quarry would have been able to hurt Lewis but Jerry would have had a hard time getting past that long left jab.

Lewis may have cut Jerry but you are right, a couple of well aimed rights or left hooks from Jerry and it very well may have been over for Lewis early in the fight. |

|2/16/07 08:24:16 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Steve, it has been sunny and 75 degrees where I live but about a month ago it was getting down to 17 degrees where I live and to me that is very cold.

Strange weather. What next hurricanes here in sunny So Cal?|

|2/17/07 03:19:12 AM|Massimo|Tottiville||4|||10|I know that Jerry Quarry was a great street fighter but, with all the respect for him, I think he would have had problems in a around 1975 bar brawl with Andre the Midget. Remember what Andre did to Chuck Wepner in 1976. Of course I don't want to compare Wepner with Quarry! This is just for fun.

Here is the Midget-Wepner fight!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozRTSSaP6p4>|

|2/17/07 08:23:36 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@yahoo.com|||10|If Lennox Lewis is overrated whats that make "Crap Iron" Mike Tyson?? talk about getting knocked out!! Tyson looked like they intimidatating murdering indestructable beast, against Holmes, Spinks, Berbick, Bruno etc. But if he would have been just as destructable against, Holyfield (twice) Lewis, DOUGLAS, Morrison, Mercer, Witherspoon, Foreman, Bowe, Moorer, and showed some heart, I'd have more respect for him. I think Lewis had a lot of talent, And would have been a fixture in any bout, Considering his speed, power, and defense, true he did not have the greatest chin, But really he did not have too. He beat sluggers like Tyson and Morrison like drums, I think Mercer might have been a little robbed in their bout.|

|2/17/07 01:37:34 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Max, you are right, Blassie was one tough guy and even though he wasn't that tall, about 5'10," he weighed about 250 mostly solid pounds and he was very strong.

I don't know the details of the bar fight between Blassie and Jerry but if it did happen, I think you are right that Jerry must have hit him first because he would have had a hard time if Blassie had gotten a hold of him.

I remember the dojo leader at the karate place I trained at when I was younger said to never underestimate professional wrestlers as even though the bouts are staged as to who is going to win, they are still very formiddable opponents who could do real damage if they wanted to.|

|2/17/07 04:48:49 PM|steve|NJ||na|||10|Hi Jimmy, could you do some research and come up with the average weight Quarry was outweighed by in all his pro fights? thanks, Shemp. |

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|2/18/07 09:05:21 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Steve I can probably do that, The Biggest Guy, Quarry ever fought as a pro was Charley Reno 251 lbs, Buster Mathis 234 1/2 which is almost 10 pounds less then Buster was for Joe Frazier, Quarry also kicked big Buster outta his training camp! these guys would just be average heavyweights in today's world and JQ a crusier. |

|2/18/07 11:06:34 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Steve (AKA SHEMA) Jerry Quarry average Fighting weight was about 196 lbs, and they opponent rounding out at about 202 lbs. That does not sound like a whole lot, And for a 66-bout Professional Career it is. What really hurt Jerry (Or maybe helped him) was his lack of height and reach 72-inch. I know that hindered him immmensly in bouts with Ali and Norton in particular, but worked towards his advantage vs Mathis, Foster and Lyle. |

|2/18/07 11:18:45 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Jerry was outweighed 23 to 41 during his career(2 even) about 2 to 1. So he was not a big heavyweight by any means, whats sort of odd was Jerry was 191 pounds for his next bout (after Joe Frazier) so at 198 1/2 was he trying to add muscle for Joe? I would not blame him a bit,

Now that i've statisticed every one out, Massimo maybe Jerry could have took on Andre in a "loser leaves town match!"|

|2/18/07 01:33:47 PM|Massimo|Tottiville||Andre.com|||10|Jimmy-

Andre' the Midget was a very strong and very very heavy guy
but I think Jerry could punch much harder than him, take a punch much better and was much faster. But Andre was very dangerous with the head-butts and Jerry should have been very carefull. But Andre' was not as tall as they used to say (7'4" or 7'5"). I have been studying this important problem (Andre was Andre...) for a while now. Wepner after fighting Andre' in 1976 said to the journalists that Rousimoff was 6'10". That was very probably his peak height as (or 25% because) Andre' was 30. But Andre' lost a few inches after a back surgery in 1986 and a few others in the last years of his life. I think he was about 6'5" at death (God bless his soul!) This is disappointing and hard to accept, but I think it's close to the truth.

You Tube is great! Today I have seen Clay-Banks, W. Klitschko-Samuel Peter (a very good fight) and other fights. The Peter fight confirmed my opinion about Wladimir: he has very good boxing skills but a weak chin. Vitali is an overall better fighter than him.

Regarding the Clay-Banks (God bless his soul!) fight, it was a brief but exciting fight. I don't understand why the fight was stopped in the fourth tough, Banks didn't seem hurt at all. |

|2/19/07 05:44:48 PM|angelo|dc||ftr|||10|Here we go again with spam clowns with nothing better to do than ruin our letters page. Jerks. |

|2/20/07 10:43:02 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Mr.JERRY SCHULTZ: Jerry I have about ten pages I wanted to send u on Mike Quarry, and it was returned, I tried to email you and that was also returned,(email me yur new address) Massimo Andre was about 47 when he died wasn't he? Primo Carnera was ranked #37 one slot ahead of JQ #38 IN Mike Pauls alltime internet Heavyweight ratings, He used a peculiar point system, Jerry Quarry had more top ten victories (8), than any other heavyweight from 1965-75 other than Ali (25) AND FRAZIER (10). Ellis(6) Bonavena (4). So Jerry deserves a big Alltime Ranking, I've never researched any heavyweight who had more big wins, without winning a world title, and few Champions either, The Great Rocky Marciano with that unblemished record(49-0) had eleven in the top ten. I was incorrect about Duane Bobick never beating anyone in the top ten Randy Neumann was number #10 Ring Magazine, And Chcuk Wepner #9 WBA, I NEED A LIFE!!!!!!!|

|2/20/07 11:11:36 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10| I was reading about some "what if" bouts concerning Jerry Quarry matched with Archie Moore and Roland Lestarza and they internet had Jerry losing both, And to Lestarza by 8th round cuts loss (TKO). Rocky Marciano would have had a hard time stopping Jerry in 8 much less Lestarza. I really do not get into oldtime era to era matchups, for they are so frustrating, and no one will ever know, and more times then not, the arguments become personal and thats no good! And personally I think JERRY would bend Roland Lestarza's ears back!! Which Quarry did they mean!! the 47 year old vs Cranmer?!|

|2/20/07 11:40:25

AM|Massimo|Tottiville,Italia||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Jimmy-

Andre' Rene' Rousimoff was born in 1946 and died in 1993 by heart failure in his sleep, soon after his father's funeral. So he was 47. R.I.P.

I think JQ deserves a better ranking in boxing history than Carnera, even if Primo had some good wins: Uzcudun 2, Loughran, the European Champion Pierre Charles, King Levinsky, Walter Neusel and others. For instance, I don't think he would have had a chance against people like Lyle, Shavers and Mac Foster because his chin was too weak. He was better than people generally think though!

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|2/20/07 11:47:15 AM|Gerry Schultz|Cleveland ||jerjets11@yahoo.com|||10|Jimmy, you are the stat man. You add great content to this site. My email shown is the same one. I sent you an invite to my Yahoo group also. That is

irishjerryq@yahoogroups.com . Let me know if you have any trouble with those.
Jerry continues to get some curious disrespect in games and contests. Roland LaStarza gave Rocky some trouble because he was a bigger guy who could box. Rocky was 5'10 . Jerry was a better boxer than Rocky, just about as tough, and a quick counterpuncher. I can't see LaStarza cutting or beating Quarry. Quarry vs. Ezz Charles would be interesting. Or a more prime Patterson. Archie Moore was a slugger. Quarry parked Earnie Shavers. I'd have to take Quarry again there. The Quarry I think of is from 1973, his best year in my opinion. Most think of him about 1968 when he rose up as a sensation after Patterson and Spencer. Imagine if he had been a little more experienced for Ellis. Ellis was very lucky and they absolutely should have rematched at some point.

|2/21/07 03:54:21 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: As it is, Jerry's loss to Ellis was controversial as many felt he landed the harder punches and forced the action. Could have gone either way because Ellis looked slicker and probably got the better of the exchanges though the punches didn't hurt Quarry. I wonder how true it is that Jerry had a bad back (fracture?) entering the fight, which explains why he didn't turn into a tiger when he hurt Ellis badly late in the fight. Jerry was a pretty good finisher and under normal circumstances, he should have swarmed Ellis at this point and put him away---though Ellis was sneaky and did have the capacity to hurt you. As for 1973, I agree with you, the early 70's were a really good era for Jerry. He was bigger and stronger, had the experience and could still take a wallop. He showed against Lyle that he had good stamina and he showed against Shavers that he had the ability to finish off a quality opponent fast. A 1973 match against Foreman would have been very interesting. Cosell used to say that for a heavy, Jerry was a brilliant counter puncher. My opinion is that Foreman was suspect against good counter punchers and might have had his hands full with Quarry for a few rounds. If Jerry could avoid the big cut, I truly feel he could have weathered Foreman's power and if the fight went past six rounds, who knows how it would have played out? People hear me say this and think I'm crazy for giving Jerry a chance against Foreman, but these are generally younger fans who only know about Quarry's well publicized losses that ESPN likes to cram down our throats on a regular basis. When they hear that he beat some of the best second tier fighters of the era and see footage of Round One, Fight One against Frazier---the performances against Foster, Spencer and Patterson---suddenly, they understand why Quarry being competitive in a big title fight isn't so far fetched. Look, Jimmy Young was a light hitting counter puncher who knocked Foreman down and won a clear and unanimous decision. Quarry in 1973 was a heavy hitting counter puncher who was a tough guy---why not him? |

|2/21/07 04:38:37 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|hello Angelo, We as mere mortals cannot blame ESPN, For they only have one tape of Jerry, And its ALI/QUARRY II Which they show over and over and over again!! How do I know? It was my only tape of Quarry for 20 years!! I was wondering where it went?!! And yur right a ypung fan might mistake Jerry as having an 0-65 record, It would be nice to see something like a Quarry/Mathis. |

|2/21/07 04:38:40 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|hello Angelo, We as mere mortals cannot blame ESPN, For they only have one tape of Jerry, And its ALI/QUARRY II Which they show over and over and over again!! How do I know? It was my only tape of Quarry for 20 years!! I was wondering where it went?!! And yur right a ypung fan might mistake Jerry as having an 0-65 record, It would be nice to see something like a Quarry/Mathis. |

|2/22/07 12:39:27 AM|J Mazzeo|New York||jmazzeo437@aol.com|||10|Sounds like maybe the OJ thing was just a rumor. Somebody said Jerry's reach was a problem and I agree. Image a Jerry with the hieght and reach that the guys he lost to had. 6' 2 1/2 215 to 220 lb a 79 80 inch reach. I think that Jerry would have

knocked out Norton, Frazier and Ali would have had a much tougher time with him. Of course there would still be the white boxer's curse the thin skin that cuts. I think Ali's speed would have still been too much and he would have ended up cutting Jerry at some point. There have been white fighters since with that size just none as good and tough as Jerry. Though I guess some of there Russian heavyweights are really good. I don't much about any of them. |

|2/22/07 12:40:12 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Angelo makes some observations.
Like Jimmy says, people only now what they see, and what they see is small white heavy getting boxed and beat by The Greatest. Perception often passes for reality to many.
On my yahoo site, I've gotten a few ' Really?' s out of some. You Tube is a shock to some, who can see Jerry absolutely pummeling Ken Norton. Many fans don't know what a temper the guy had in the ring. Jerry could really get on the other guy when he got hot like he did with Foster and Lyle.
Jimmy Young had the advantage of mobility vs. Foreman. Jerry was quick and could slip in close but did not have that kind of mobility. I think Foreman-Quarry would be very competitive for about four rounds. He could counter George and outbox him, perhaps even wobble him, who knows? But Jerry, with his low hands, would eventually be found, not a good thing with George. This is 1974, when they were slated to actually meet.
The punchline, pardon the pun, is that Jerry would likely KO Jimmy Young. George chased him, but Jerry was quicker and could box better than George. So it all comes back to matchups.
I was reading about Joe Bugner, a bigger guy than Jerry who got beat by Jack Bodell. Jerry might have been better as a bigger guy, but except for Ali or Foreman, really had all he needed to beat just about anyone in the division with his skills, toughness and heart. It would be very entertaining to see a 200-210 pound Quarry against today's huge muscleheads. |

|2/22/07 12:41:18 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Sorry, Angelo. I meant ' good observations'.|

|2/23/07 09:19:07 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|I have recently seen Ingemar Johansson's 1 round KO win over Eddie Machen on You Tube. Machen took a brutal beating in that fight, in particular the third knockdown was very brutal, probably even more brutal than Cooney's knockout over Norton. That was really a great win for Ingemar as Machen was still in his prime (he was 26). Who do you think would have won a Johansson-Quarry fight ? I pick Quarry by KO. |

|2/23/07 11:26:22 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Massimo, I saw that clip also. Ingo had that big right hand and surprisingly good movement. The fight should have been stopped, Machen took a real beating. I've always felt Jerry was better than Machen at any point, that his loss to him was just inexperience. Machen was good though. Ingo later got splattered himself by Patterson, a real foot twitcher. Jerry , in this era, is champ no doubt, probably until Liston. The Bear was the future in that he was a big punishing heavyweight. I think Jerry would KO Ingo, but only after tasting his right hand and getting mad.
Jerry vs. Joe Alexander is also on YouTube. I forgot what a quick kid Alexander was. He was not respectful of Jerry, who looked very casual until Alexander's knockdown. Then Jerry got mad, and took the kid apart. The second knockdown was brutal. I think Jerry had passed his prime here, but still clearly was Top Ten at that time.
Angelo, on the Ellis match, good point that the fight was scored with some controversy. I have no idea how one judge could call it 10-5. The other two were paying attention. Ellis lived off the jab, which was effective. Jerry did push the action. As I've said, pursuit should figure into scoring. Jerry did, as you said, score the harder punches by far. Jerry got little help from judges in the early rounds. If he gets two draw rounds early on, not a big leap to consider, he wins the fight on points. He should have KO'd Ellis in the 13th when he had him. That's tough to watch. Again, they should have rematched, especially with Ellis loafing for months before meeting Frazier. |

|2/23/07 11:50:58 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Hi Gerry! I saw Ellis-Quarry about 3 times and think that Jimmy won quite clearly. Jerry only landed a good shot at the beginning of round 1, in round 5 and, of course, that bomb in round 13 (the best punch of the fight). I think Ellis was more continuous, but I may be wrong, it's just my opinion. Jerry's performance against Ellis is not one of my favourites. Jerry fought much better in many other fights. I have just seen Quarry-Alexander, a short but exciting fight. |

|2/23/07 12:38:07 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|I would give Ellis the nod too---but no way was it even close to 10-5, that's ridiculous scoring. That judge either had an agenda for Ellis, against Quarry or some combination. It might have been Mr. Jimmy a few years ago who wrote about Jerry having a back injury entering the fight---but deciding not to postpone.

Hard to imagine a bigger wreck than Cooney-Norton (freight train broadsiding a volkswagen comes to mind). |

|2/23/07 11:27:50 PM|Videobox|NY|NY|||10|What's up with YouTube? Do they only show Jerry's losses now like ESPNCL? Did ESPN buy them out? |

|2/24/07 03:25:02 AM|J Mazzeo|New York||jmazzeo437@aol.com|||10|You guys are forgetting one thing Ellis Quarry goes down as one of the dullest fights in Heavyweight Championship history. It was 2 counter punchers waiting for each other to lead. No body every did. The punch count would have seemed incredible some rounds. I heard Jerry and his older brother had a fight and he hurt his back. But I do have to admit Jimmy probably had a bad style for Jerry and he was good at that time. Patterson fought a good fight against him. |

|2/24/07 03:00:59 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|I agree Ellis won, exclusively with his left jab. He dictated the fight to Jerry. Again, I don't think Jerry got credit for pushing the fight, which Ellis avoided every round. The 13th was his shot. Given that Jerry didn't pounce on that, Ellis deserved to win anyway. I have to think Quarry wanted a rematch badly and should have got one at some point. |

|2/25/07 05:39:01 AM|Massimo Cini|Italia||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|I have just seen the Ali-Young fight on You Tube and think it was a very disappointing performance by Ali'. Muhammad fought awful, like a clown at times. I had Young 3 points ahead at the end of the fight. It was one of the most boring fights I have ever seen. Young didn't seem a great fighter to me in that fight but I think he should have been declared heavyweight champion of the world. The 3 judges scored the fight 72-65, 70-68 and 71-64 for Ali'. That's ridiculous in my opinion!
Ali' was overweight and missed too many shots.
I guess now my friendship with Angelo is over! |

|2/27/07 09:24:17 AM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo, on the contrary, I generally agree with you on Ali-Young. I remember the fight well and I thought it was a terrible lacklustre performance by "The Greatest." He was probably around 230 pounds at fight time, slow and lethargic. He counted on his reputation to get the win, and that's exactly what happened. As usual, Young had a fight plan and stuck with it. It didn't help his cause when he stuck his head outside the ropes---made him look like he was surrendering or something. But like I said, you could make a strong case that Young was the only guy who SHOULD HAVE had wins against Norton, Ali and Foreman. Young's wins against Lyle and Foreman were masterful, and he outboxed and outthrustled Norton, but was not declared the winner because Norton was the darling of the establishment at the time, and everyone was angling for Norton-Ali IV. Justice was served when instead, Norton "defended" his paper title for the first time and lost against Holmes, who then held it for about 7 long years. |

|2/27/07 11:19:41 AM|Massimo|Roma||Shaq-Fu.com|||10|Angelo-

Young was a surprising guy! He didn't look impressive at all but still was able to achieve very good results: a draw with Shavers, two wins against Lyle, 1 against Foreman and 2 probably robbed wins with Norton and Ali'. Not bad at all! He had to be

very good in some strange way.
I wonder what he would have done against Holmes around 1977. He is not even close to be my favourite fighter though. |
|2/27/07 12:04:07 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|I remember the AP had Young beating Ali and I pretty much agreed. Ali was badly outclassed in that fight. Young did dip between the ropes and did draw the fat man's ire at times, still he deserved the nod there.
I give credit to Holmes as the better late 70s guy than Norton, but there was a difference in age. Norton started late in 1967 and was the same age as Jerry. Homes was still very young in '72 when he was dominated by Bobick before the Olympics. Norton did beat Holmes in my book, as well.
Two fights that deserved rematches. I see why both winners dodged them.
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|2/27/07 06:41:30 PM|max hord|fernandina bch,fla||maxhord@adelphia.net|||10|If a guy can't punch.....What good is he? Jimmy Young should have stayed home for all the good it did him.He and Jimmy Ellis should have gone bowling. |

|2/27/07 07:48:25 PM|angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Max: Go tell Foreman that Young couldn't punch. Could he have taken Foreman down in the first round? Hardly. But dodging punches, counter punching effectively, backpeddling and moving side to side for the entire fight---it was effective enough to be leading on all scorecards and also effective enough to tire Big George out enough to go on the attack and knock the big man down when it mattered. You don't have to possess Earnie Shavers' power to win a boxing match. You have to look better than the other guy. I still say Young was more effective in his own way and often forced others to get into his type of awkwardslapping game---Norton did absolutely nothing to deserve a win against this guy. Young wasn't hurt once and didn't miss a beat. Meanwhile, Norton was never hurt either, but was dining on leather all night (albeit light hitting) and swinging wildly at times like he did in Yankee Stadium. Sorry folks, that's not enough in my book to win a title, but somehow, that's what happened. Norton did get a late start in boxing, which is one reason he was fresh in '75 when he "finally" got that dream match he "always wanted" against Jerry Quarry. Fortunately for Norton, Quarry had 18 days notice and was a shell of the fighter he once was. Nice going Norton, you really were so impressive against this "in-prime" Quarry. Hurray for you. Makes me want to dig out the VHS tape of Foreman pumpling Norton for two rounds, then watch Cooney bury him in a minute. Jerk. |

|2/27/07 08:48:49 PM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Max: I do agree with you though that Ellis and Young were hurt by their lack of power. If Young had a bigger punch, he would have definitely been much more complete and would have been an even bigger factor. Ellis managed to sneak in a KO punch every now and then---he was deceptive at times with some power. I remember watching his fight with Shavers. Ellis was landing some good solid punches early in the fight---then, kaboom, Shavers saw the opening and dropped the bomb. Ellis went out like a Willie Stargell homerun---fast and long! Ellis must still be seeing stars from that punch. |

|2/28/07 06:02:59 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Gerry Don't yu know Jerry Quarry could have came out of his brother Mike's corner and gave Kenny Norton a much better match then Duane Bobick's 58 seconds!! I think he also would have been happy with Duane's half mill \$\$\$|

|3/1/07 01:55:53 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Jimmy: Right on! Jerry came to fight and even in his losses, gave a good showing. It's really a shame for Bobick that for his first time on the big stage, he froze. The shot to the neck finished him in mere seconds. Even if he could have lasted 5 or 6 rounds with Norton and actually traded with Norton for a couple rounds---he would have been taken more seriously. Instead, lasting less than a minute made him a laughing stock (unfairly---because first round KOs happen to a lot of good boxers---and regardless of what I think of Norton overall, he was no slouch and he could punch). Anyway, losing to Tate in

another first round KO really finished Bobick. Too bad, because he wasn't without talent. |

|3/1/07 04:49:56 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Bobick was unfairly picked on when you consider that Norton himself was the victim of about three first or second round knockouts.

Sometimes a fighter just gets caught and hurt early and he can't recover. It is a part of boxing. |

|3/1/07 07:58:43 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|KENT I WISHED YOU'D GET CAUGHT EARLY!!(ONLY JOKING). Yes Bobick might have been a little better had he not had so many amateur wars and tournaments (major league amateur bouts) makes a big difference. He'd already fought Ron Lyle, Teofilo Stevenson (twice) Larry Holmes, a series of bouts with Nick Wells (whom I thought would represent the United States then) Battling the top Russian fighter's (and winning) way before he ever turned pro, to me against John Tate, and a replay of his loss to Kallie Knoetze, he looked shot with no fire, even before he got in the ring! |

|3/1/07 08:32:12 PM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|I watched Bobick vs. Holmes---Bobick basically used his size, weight and strength to push Holmes around. It was a clear win for Bobick. Amazing how different their pro careers turned out. Bobick won some pro fights the same way---I think it was either Bunny Johnson or Young Sanford---but it was Bobick winning by bullying a smaller opponent. He gets a bum rap because of the early round losses, but he did put together a few wins over decent opponents. |

|3/2/07 09:49:31 AM|Charles

Anderson|ark.||cdanderson@agriliance.com|||10|Bobick admitted to Chris Shenkle after the Tate fight that it took a few rounds for him to really get warmed up in a fight and the big punchers knew this was a major flaw in his armor. It seemed as though Chris took the loss as hard as Bobick. Bobick had power, great amateur fighter, but simply could not cut it as a top pro fighter, and I really was a fan of his. |

|3/2/07 10:29:45 AM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Charles: Frazier was a slow starter too, but was (usually) able to survive until he got going. Bobick didn't have the ability to absorb the dangerous punches and that, coupled with starting slow, did him in. He wouldn't have beaten Norton or Tate even if he made it through the early rounds---but he certainly would have given them trouble and they would know they were in a fight. It's surprising to me that he lost to Kallie Knotze because I think Bobick should have been able to avoid his big punches or manage to cover up well enough. Bobick was cursed because he had a style that was straight ahead/mix it up, but he didn't have the chin to be in this type of fight with the stronger heavies. |

|3/2/07 12:30:38 PM|Dave Morefield|Central

Arizona||dmorefield@commspeed.net|||10|I'm trying to identify a fight in which Jerry started with a much more refined style than usual. For the first three or four rounds he jabbed and moved. He did a good job of deflecting punches. His footwork was light and nimble.

Then, as I recall it, in the third or fourth round he took a hard punch, and he instantly reverted to his usual style, willing to trade punches. I believe he was KO'ed in the following round.

Based on my recollection of who I lost money to by betting on that fight, it would have been sometime from 1973 to 1976.

Looking at his record during that time period, I'm guessing he was fighting either Frazier or Norton.

Does anyone recall a fight that fits my recollection?

BTW, I'm asking because I've often used that fight as an example of how temperament always trumps training in stressful situations.

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|3/2/07 01:33:40 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Dave it was Joe Frazier 6/17/74 Jerry was to box and stay out of trouble.(HE CAME OUT SLUGGING WITH NORTON) Watching the fight again, Jerry was trading as early as the first round bell. My uncle at the

time said he heard on the radio "My fighter got his title shot!" but he mistaked FOREMAN for FRAZIER, even at the young age, I knew Quarry needed Frazier like a tie for Christmas!!

|3/2/07 03:14:10 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Jimmy: Do you know why the second Frazier/Quarry fight was made? It seems to me you're absolutely right that this was like a pink and orange striped tie for Christmas. Useless. Quarry was coming off a big year in '73 and it seems to me he should have taken a couple easy matches to stay busy while waiting for a title shot against Foreman or whoever beat Foreman (as history shows, Ali). Quarry didn't seem to have much to gain by fighting Frazier again---and everything to lose. If he wanted to avenge a career loss, why not punch on Ellis for a few rounds for a pay day instead of stepping in with Smokin' Joe? |

|3/2/07 03:51:49 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|ANGELO MY UNCLE KIDDED ME ABOUT QUARRY ALL THE TIME (1974) WE HAD DOLLAR BETS (BIG MONEY), WHERE HE TOOK LYLE AND SHAVERS (I WAS 13) We went closed-circuit to SEE the two round QUARRY/WOODY brawl. I'LL NEVER FORGET HIS MESSAGE, TO WHERE HE SAID JERRY WOULD BE GETTING A TITLE SHOT VS FOREMAN, MY HEART SANK WHEN I FOUND OUT IT WAS FRAZIER, There had been so much talk about Foreman/Quarry. And as scary and fearsome Power as Foreman was, I had confidence in Jerry. (THIS WAS FOR ALL THE MARBLES). Jerry had to pay his bills, But by taking on Joe Frazier, I figured he had nothing to gain, and everything to lose. It did not help, when the Bakersfield Californian sports page said Frazier was sending his sparring partner's to the hospital in the same ambulance, about 2 weeks before the fight!|

|3/2/07 05:57:54 PM|Charles Anderson|Ark.||cdanderson@agriliance.com|||10|This will be my last post on Bobick. He was trained and managed by Joe Frazier. Why in the world would Joe put him in against Norton to be killed and not fight Ken himself. He should have known Bobick was not ready to fight Norton and should have Bobick fight some more seasoned fighters before throwing him in against Norton. I have heard all the hoopla about them being friends and not wanting to fight each other, but you would have thought he would have thought a little more of Duane too.|

|3/3/07 07:52:29 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|It is hard for people to understand how Foreman would have been a better fight for Jerry than Frazier as Jerry had been competitive with Frazier in their first fight and Foreman had dominated Frazier.

It implies that the Foreman fight would have been the harder fight for Jerry to take but the old saying, styles make fights holds true.

Frazier in their second fight forced the action and made Jerry slug.

Hand speed had a lot to do with Frazier being a tougher fight for Jerry than Foreman as Jerry, being a smaller fighter than Foreman would have had an advantage in speed against Foreman but not verses Frazier.

Foreman often telegraphed his punches and this would have been something Jerry that would have given Jerry at least a chance of avoiding and countering.

Not to say Foreman would have been an easy task but it still, style wise, it would have been a better fight for Jerry.|

|3/3/07 11:26:07 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Kent (only joking when I Said I wanted you to get caught early- STOOGES etc.) I agree with that, Styles do make fights, Jerry could always beat the big Intimidating Power Punching Slugger, And Foreman falls in that category. However we will never know, and if a common everyday fight fan saw QUARRY/FRAZIER II. Could say Jerry would never have had a chance !! I still say Jerry needed About with Joe like a Pink And Orange striped Double wide tie, with Chartreuce shamrocks!!|

|3/3/07 12:17:16 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||irishjerryq@yahoogroups.com|||10|Angelo is right. Jerry was in the driver's seat after 1973. Other fighters have gotten title shots with much less than Shavers, Lyle and others from that year. The only thing that prevented that match was Don King, and his vision of a festival

in Africa. Jerry did have a shot with George, who was actually very respectful of Jerry.
His Superstars interviews showed that Jerry was a bit desperate. His big year actually got him 'locked out' by a lot of guys. Jimmy Ellis, Jimmy Young, Joe Bugner, any number of guys were a better choice than Joe, who should have been rematched by 1971 or so. He was clearly desperate with Norton, not even in training when he took the fight.
Given that Jerry was also overpushed early in career, there's no question he could have managed a better roster of opponents overall. A lot of things seemed to dictate to him.
As far as fights where Jerry moved and jabbed, there were actually several. Foster comes to mind. Frazier 2. Jerry could box and jab, but would get mad after a good tag and revert to punching with his opponents. His lack of reach also did not suit that style.
Good points on Bobick also. He never should have signed with Joe. |
|3/3/07 09:09:33 PM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Looking back, it's hard to imagine that Bobick would have fared better against any of the other "regulars" of the 70's heavyweights. He might have had a chance to push Jimmy Young around and steal a decision like others did against Young. But he would have been sacked by Shavers or Lyle. I guess Norton was as good a choice as any---it was a tough era to be anything but great. |

|3/3/07 10:07:48 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Bobick was a pretty good pressure fighter and he had a decent punch and he was strong but he didn't have very good defense and he could not take a punch well.

 The lack of those last two skills were something he could get away with in most fights but he needed them to succeed at the very top of the division.

Nevertheless he was a legitmate top ten heavyweight but not top five, his true ranking at his best was between number six to number ten.

Even if he was ranked higher going into the Norton fight. |

|3/4/07 11:17:10 AM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent:
Agreed--at his best, Bobick was probably worthy of the bottom of the Top 10 or just outside the Top 10. There were a lot of guys active who could beat him. He was capable of posting wins against the Scott LeDoux caliber boxers---but not the better power hitters. He was fascinating to many, not only because he was the "white hope" of his day, but because he was an Olympic medalist who did show some skills in his pro career and managed an undefeated record for quite a while. Heck, even some very good fighters have a letdown early in their careers, even against sub-par competition. It happens. To be undefeated and not even have a draw---Bobick raised eyebrows. It all came crumbling down in a minute when they matched him against Norton. Sure, they could have seasoned him a little better or picked a different opponent for his big splash---but he would eventually be exposed anyway. He wasn't ever going to develop a better chin. Quite frankly, Norton was probably not a bad choice because if only Bobick could have been competitive---his own heavy hitting might have caused problems for Norton. |

|3/4/07 03:50:32 PM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: I'll add that among the American White Hopes of the era we commonly discuss here---the big three were probably Jerry, Duane Bobick and Gerry Cooney. Jerry Quarry accomplished the most by far, as he beat a long list of who's who among some very good heavies and he was at least competitive against the best of all time. His problem with facial cuts, more than anything else, probably prevented him from winning a title at some point. The loss to Ellis stings the most because it's a fight he should have won. He didn't have the same chance against Ali or Frazier---they were just better than he was. But he was a better fighter than Ellis and just failed to prove it. Duane Bobick was the pretender of the three. He got by without being tested until Norton dispatched of him in 58 seconds. Even then, he could have rebounded---but lost by devastating early KO again and again, whenever he tried to move up in level of competition. He was good, but not nearly good enough. Gerry Cooney had better tools, physically, than Bobick--and he was certainly much more imposing than JQ. Cooney's size and punchig

power were good enough to be a dominant fighter---if only Larry Holmes wasn't active in that era. It was Cooney's bad luck that he fought when Larry Holmes (potentially a top three or top five all time heavyweight champion) was peaking. Cooney's thrashing of Ken Norton was no accident---and forget the craziness about Norton's age---if it was that alone, Norton would have held his own for a while before being beaten by a younger man. Instead, it was the fact that Cooney was a major big hitter with finishing ability.

|3/4/07 07:57:01 PM|Canada Jake|Parts Unknown||Parts Unknown|||10|Jerry Quarry wasn't even the best white heavyweight of his era.

If there was such a thing, Jerry Quarry did not hold the white heavyweight title.

That title belonged to George Chuvalo who won by seventh round knockout over Quarry, fair and square.

Joe Bugner would have boxed circles around Quarry also if they had fought.

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|3/4/07 09:30:16 PM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Jake: Chuvalo did win that fight over Quarry, but I'd hardly call it convincing. Quarry was ahead and kneeling after a weak knockdown---alert and ready to beat the count. He didn't however---and you're right, it was a fair and square win for George C. But let's face it---taking their careers as a whole, Quarry accomplished more and beat better fighters than Chuvalo. Chuvalo is best known for taking a punch. Same might be said of Quarry, but the wins over Foster, Shavers, Lyle, etc. make Quarry the more accomplished.|

|3/5/07 01:44:52 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Yesterday was Sunday, a rest day, and I dedicated the day to my favourite sports: boxing and soccer. I watched the soccer game Lazio-Sampdoria and many boxing fights. Among them the entire Ali'-Chuvalo 2 and the first 4 rounds of Ali'-Chuvalo 1. Well, I think, although Ali' won the second fight quite clearly (probably by about 4 points), George gave me a tough battle. It took the best Ali' to beat George convincingly. In that fight Ali' looked in great shape (he danced for 12 round). It was a good performance by Ali', but Chuvalo held his own very well. And remember that Ali' had a good age advantage on Chuvalo. Actually I had George 1 point ahead after 4 rounds in the first fight, he was hitting Ali' with many body punches. For some reason, JQ was never able to be that competitive against Ali'. He could have been competitive in the first fight, if wasn't for the cut. But I agree with Angelo that Jerry's career was far better than Chuvalo's, he did beat better fighters and lost less fights.|

|3/5/07 10:25:20 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Yes Angelo and Massimo (Italian Stogie) Quarry had a much more accomplished career than George considering his victories, Jerry should go down as an alltime great just for beating 8 Ranked Heavyweights, (FEW CHAMPIONS HAVE DONE THAT!!) George was made of granite, but lets face it, That victory over Quarry was his best, as far as the World top ten was concerned, And as for Bugner, The man did not throw enough punches to ever be a threat to Jerry, He proved this against Ron Lyle, Ali, Frazier etc. Yank Durham said they only way to beat JQ was combinations, i've Never seen him throw one, Durable, yes. Ability to survive, yes. Beat Jerry Quarry, no|

|3/5/07 11:54:13 AM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Bugner was a big guy who played defense/survival much better than attacking. I couldn't see him beating Quarry---Quarry would be pressing him too much. Bugner could go the distance, but I don't think he'd score enough to win a decision. You never know though---Quarry had a way of pulling off the big wins over guys like Thad Spencer or Ron Lyle---but sometimes didn't perform at his best if the competition wasn't as imposing. Bugner could certainly jab out of his stand-up style and make a long night out of it. |

|3/5/07 04:24:35 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Bugner did give a good account of himself verses Ron Lyle, losing by a close decision.

If memory serves me as I only saw the fight when it happened, Bugner actually did out land Lyle in the number of punches connected but Lyle,

being the harder puncher, landed the more effective blows.

I also seem to recall that Lyle landed some brutal body shots and if you got hit by a body shot from Lyle, you felt it, I am sure well after the fight was over. |

|3/5/07 04:59:28 PM|Charles Anderson|Ark. ||cdanderson@agriliance.com|||10|Great picture! You can see there was no hatred between these two great warriors. |

|3/5/07 05:23:29 PM|angelo|washington, dc ||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Charles: You're right on with that comment. We've covered this before---Frazier stood back and gave Joe Louis (refereeing) a long opportunity to evaluate Quarry's condition, especially the cut. Frazier clearly had respect for Quarry and concern for his eyesight/health. I've criticized Frazier for some things in the past having to do with his boxing career---but Frazier showed a lot of class during the Quarry fight and to a certain extent, I think he showed he's a person of substance. There was more on his mind than simply winning that fight---he was seeing the bigger picture of possibly doing permanent harm to someone he liked. |

|3/6/07 01:35:56 AM|Massimo|Roma ||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Kent-

I once read on Internet that Bugner said that the Lyle fight was his toughest fight and that it took a lot of time for him to recover from the body shots. I have seen rounds 11 and 12 of that fight on You Tube. Lyle was the underdog in that fight because he was much older than Bugner.
I think Bugner's best fight was the Frazier fight in which he even managed to stun Frazier in the tenth round, or maybe the first Ali' fight. Kent Appel, how is your diet going ? I hope well. On the other hand I'm getting andreer, maybe I'm getting (correct English I hope, maybe "adding" would be better, or even "taking") the pounds you are losing! |

|3/6/07 10:18:05 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA ||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Hello Angelo, I've always thought Joe Frazier conducted himself with class and dignity, Ali might have been selling a gate, but he really over did it in belittling Frazier, and Joe had a lot of pride, He's been in some great commercials, Especially the one where he physically knocks himself out in they after shave "slap" commercial, the one with Joe Theismann and Joe Piscapo,where he goes "I don't think so!" and slams the door in the guys face! His second fight with Foreman, there was one where Frazier was General Patton, And Big George was Betsy Ross (Foreman was still intimidatng!)|

|3/6/07 11:18:30 AM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA ||Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|Great picture, see how everyone got along with Uncle Jerry. He was awesome, and in my books he still is. |

|3/6/07 07:10:22 PM|steve|NJ ||na|||10|Angelo,after reading your post,I can agree that Quarry's career should have been over after the second Frazier fight.However,after being drunk on vacation when he accepted the fight with no time to train,{you can't get the alchohol from a good drunken holiday out of your system for thirty days.Ask a Dr.So,essentially,Quarry had no effective training when he fought Norton.Where in the heck where his manager and trainers.Even then,he not only held his own,but had Norton hurt and covering up on the ropes when Quarry really opened up in the third round.Don't try to tell me this was just good defence on Nortons' part.He was feeling those bombs Quarry was throwing nonstop.He couldn't have gotten of those ropes untill Quarry punched himself out.Even then,if Quarry had been in the best shape he could have gotten into,he would have ko'd the mighty Norton ,right there on the ropes! |

|3/6/07 08:26:03 PM|steve|nj ||na|||10|Hey anybody,what pictures are you refering to! I'VE been away from this site for awhile due to family stuff. |

|3/7/07 04:06:30 AM|Massimo|Roma ||4|||10|Hey Steve, are you blind ? Just look up on this very page there is a picture of Jerry and Frazier at the weight in. Ciao. |

|3/7/07 02:50:38 PM|Charles Anderson|Ark. ||cdanderson@agriliance.com|||10|An in shape Jerry would have eaten Norton alive ! |

|3/7/07 04:24:52 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Charles, Jerry at the point he fought Norton was a shot fighter and if had been in better shape, the fight may have lasted longer but I believe Norton would have won.

But Jerry in shape, two years earlier, would have been able to possibly finish Norton when he had him hurt.

Norton was hurt in that third round but Jerry was missing key punches that might have gotten Norton out of there.

In 1973 or earlier Jerry would have been much more likely to land those key punches that could have put Norton down.

Jerry earlier in his carrer would have also been more likely to avoid more of Norton's punches than he did when they actually fought.

Norton was punching very accurately but I don't believe he would have been as accurate with a Jerry with better reflexes than when the two of them fought.

Of course Norton did have a very good jab and overhand right so the cut could have done Jerry in at any point in his carrer.

I used to call a prime Norton verse Quarry fight as a pick em fight but after again recently watching their fight from 1975, I tend to favor Jerry in a very tought fight. |

|3/7/07 05:17:02 PM|Charles Anderson|Ark.||cdanderson@agriliance.com|||10|Kent,Iguess my dislike for Norton is pretty evident. I agree that Jerry was finished as the fighter we all loved and he should not have taken this fight on any kind of notice, I respectfully disagree that 1973 Quarry would not be a pick'em fight with Norton. I think that Norton would have froze from the onslaught that Jerry would have put on him, I really belive that with all my heart. These guys really did not like each other. |

|3/7/07 07:31:37 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Charles, in the past I thought Quarry/Norton, prime verses prime, would have been a pick em fight but I have changed my assesment based on my recent viewing of their 1975 fight.

If Jerry could hurt Norton when he had very little left, I agree with you that Jerry would be the favorite. |

|3/8/07 05:44:18 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: You've correctly pointed out that the wild card with Jerry was cuts---and even in Jerry's prime, there's a chance Norton could effectively land the punches to break that scar tissue and start the bleeding on JQ. But with that said, I still think that based not only on that 1975 fight---but also performances in other fights---a younger, fitter, healthier Jerry would have his way with Norton on most nights. Norton was good--but suseptible to guys who could punch and Jerry could do that. I remember Don Dumphy saying that Quarry-Shavers was going to be a "punchfest" and that's exactly how it turned out. Norton didn't have the stomach for "punchfests" as evidenced when he folded against Foreman, Shavers and Cooney. Sure, he weathered the round 3 storm in 1975, against Quarry---but two years earlier, and/or with JQ with more notice in better shape, that storm would have been going for Rounds 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8---etc. How would Norton react to this type of pressure? He might find that Quarry didn't have Foreman's power, so he'd try to attack himself, moving forward. That would be met with vicious counter punching (like Norton later faced against Holmes). I'd give Quarry the nod.
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|3/8/07 10:30:39 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, the reason Norton weathered the storm in round number three of his fight with Jerry was because Jerry, after he had Norton hurt against the ropes, was missing with punches that could have brought Norton down.

If he had the accuracy of the Shavers fight, the Mac Foster fight, or the Thad Spencer fight, Jerry would have been more likely to have finished the job right then and there.

Also, as I said before, with better reflexes closer to Jerry's prime, Norton would not have been as accurate with his own punches as he was when he fought Jerry.

It still likely would have been a slug fest though. |

|3/9/07 06:34:41 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|Jerry's career was one of

fanatastic highs and a few lows. His great strengths was his adaptability to be able to either play the part of the puncher when he beat two huge punchers in Shavers and Mac Foster (who i think is a very underated fighter)or the great counterpuncher when he put on his masterclass against the taller, stronger and slightly bigger hitter Ron Lyle. What a performance that was against a guy who had got up off the floor to knock out Shavers, had outboxed fine company in Bonavena, Bugner and Ellis and came so desperately close in brilliantly skillful and brave performances to beating two top 5 alltime heavys in Ali and Foreman. Nobody dominated Lyle like Jerry did that night and its this performance that leads me to beleive that not only is Jerry certainly an all time top 20 heavyweight figher, but he had the skills and calibre to beat other leading heavys in Liston, Marciano and Holmes. Now these three guys were better fighters and had more impressive records than Jerry and would have the tools to beat him more times than not, but a top class Quarry performance would have given all three fits. He certainly would be no worse than 50-50 against Holyfield or Tyson, and although the likes of Jimmy Young, Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers, Zora Folley were as accomplished as Jerry was in many ways, I think Jerry deserves Foreman's tag of being the best heavy never to win the heavyweight title (certainly post 1945).
But for all of Jerry's great performances, there were disappointing times too and losses to Machen, Chuvalo and Ellis, as well as two draws do dampen his overall record a bit.
So in a match up with Norton you really have to look at the strengths of both fighters at their absolute prime. I think Norton fans are justified in saying that at his best Norton was a damned good fighter who gave Ali fits and had handy power along with an awkward style that would have been difficult to counter. To be fair you really have to look at the strenghts of in-prime Quarry and Norton and then pick a winner, it would be unfair to over emphasise Norton's failures against Foreman or Shavers just as it would be to dismiss Jerry's chances on his weaker performances against Machen and Ellis. I think a 50-50 pick em fight is the best choice. A fully focused, trained Quarry would be needed as Norton always fought in great shape, but a Jerry who fought to his strengths and was well trained would be very tough. To placate both sets of fans, I think we can all agree that a fight between in prime Quarry and Norton today would put every other heavyweight show firmly in the shade. |

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|3/9/07 09:13:57 AM|Charles Anderson|Ark.||cdanderson@agriliance.com||||10|Very well put Mark. I think all of us here that post here are ardent Quarry fans. I absolutley lived and died with every fight. The Quarry family was so close to each other. This was and is still very evident. Jerry tried with all of his heart to win for not just himself but his family, friends, and fans. I think he put too much pressure on himself sometimes to please everyone.

|3/10/07 01:02:35 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|It is the losses to Ellis and Chuvalo that bug me the most, fights he should have won,

plus the second Ali fight in which Jerry seemed to be just going through the motions in most of the rounds.

In that second Ali fight Jerry just plodded after Ali throwing one or two ineffective punches at a time while absorbing combinations from Ali all night.

At least in the first Ali fight he was aggressively pressing the action and while that fight only lasted three rounds he appeared to be getting stronger but in the second fight it was the other way around. Jerry seemed to be losing energy as that fight went along.

The Machen fight doesn't bother me because he was young and relatively inexperienced fighting a more experienced veteran who had one good fight left.

That can happen to a good young prospect on the way up. |

|3/10/07 05:48:33 PM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Kent:
I admire Larry Holmes because he avoided losing to any cage veterans on his way to the top. That pitfall is so easy to fall prey to---lots of guys have blemishes on their records, either draws, losses or both, because they have one off night against a veteran or trial horse who has a little something left in the tank. I was impressed that Bobick made it to 1977 unbeaten and with no draws before Norton. He did fight a few guys who could have tripped him up, but didn't manage to.
Look at someone like Marvin Hagler---one of the all time greats in any weight class---but he had early losses, didn't he? |

|3/10/07 07:05:17 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||irishjerryq@yahoogroups.com||||10|Some great posts on Jerry from Mark and Kent. I am reconsidering Norton a little.
Angelo, the reason Holmes did not have any early losses to cagey guys like a Machen is because he really didn't fight any. Holmes did beat some very good second-tier guys, no question. But his title match was predicated on just one win: a big win over Earnie Shavers. To me, this is not enough to warrant a title shot, whether Don King is your manager or not. This, again, is why I do not rate Holmes as high as somewhere.
He edged Norton with no rematch. Then meets who? Alfredo Evangelista and 13-0 Ossie Ocasio. I guess Butterbean wasn't available.
Throw in half a dozen other very sketchy wins and Holmes just doesn't stand up, I'm sorry. He was very good, a master boxer, and Don King's creation. Definitely NOT top five, as some have said here. |

|3/11/07 08:43:18 AM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Gerry: I should take a minute to go back and look at Holmes record, but didn't he fight guys like Young Sanford or Kevin Isaacs on the way up? Also, after winning the title from Norton (who probably didn't deserve to have it in the first place considering his "win" over Young), Holmes did fight Evangelista. So what? When Frazier unified the title or legitimized it at least, by beating Ali, he fight Terry Daniels and Ron Stander. Also, Ocasio beat Jimmy Young a couple times---the same Jimmy Young who "lost" to Norton after beating Lyle and Foreman. Fighting Ocasio was very legitimate for Holmes, especially because Young/Ocasio was on the same fight card as Holmes' win. |

|3/11/07 12:35:35 PM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|...not to say that the guys I mention (Sanford, Isaacs) belong in the boxing hall of fame or that they're on the level of Machen---but they were legitimate pros who could pose trouble or score an upset over someone with little or no big fight experience. I always thought Lorenzo Zanon could have been a near top tier heavyweight if he had any kind of chin. His boxing ability was not bad at all---held his own and was outscoring Norton for a few rounds and also had his way with our own Jerry Quarry, albeit when Jerry had not much left. Still, based on experience alone, Quarry was decent---and Zanon effectively outmaneuvered him until Jerry finally connected late in the fight. If Zanon could take a punch, he could have been like a Jimmy Young---capable of upsetting the top of the top.

|3/11/07 12:57:45 PM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Gerry: The facts you point out about Holmes might have some merit, but if you disagree that he's top five all time, who is ahead of him? Ali, yes. Louis, probably. Marciano, maybe. After that, I start having trouble finding names. Liston?

Foreman? Frazier? They didn't have the number of title defenses or long hold on the belt. Dempsey? Not sure---it was a different era anyway, with completely differnt rules. Jack Johnson? Ditto. Holmes accomplished a hell of a lot against all the best of the era he fought in. No blemishes until Michael Spinks, and that was debateable if you ask me---plus, Holmes already had the title seven years---his legend was made.

|3/11/07 01:47:50 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Angelo, I don't want you to think I disrespect the guy. Far from it. Very good, down to earth guy with a lot of Rocky nonsense going on during his run. Master boxer. But look at the record:
After Evangelista, hardly a top five guy
After Ocasio, very good but with just 13 wins
19-8 Mike Weaver, clearly second-tier
I'll give you credit for the Shavers rematch, definitely.
Zanon, not bad of course, but not nearly top five, very safe.
Leroy Jones? Good boxer who looked like one of the Klumps. The guy had to wear a shirt! Why is Holmes dodging the top five?
26-8 Scott LeDoux, a race fight. Not top five.
45-year-old Muhammad Ali. Ernie Terrell must have backed out.
18-1 Berbick , a decent defense choice, I'll give you that one.
Neon Leon, 10-2. Ali should not have met him either.
Renaldo Snipes, had Holmes KO'd and drooling. No rematch. A flat-out robbery.
Cooney, outboxed Holmes for 5-6 rounds, huge box office, but no rematch anyway.
Tex ' just punch my face ' Cobb, a good record somehow, a fair defense choice I guess.
Lucien Rodriguez 35-7, really? What did Holmes make for this?
Tim Witherspoon 15-0, a real fight finally. One judge calls it 115-114, another 115-113, a split decision. Rematch? Of course not. That's four deserving rematches so far, adding Norton to the stack.
Scott Frank, a race fight. Was the guy top ten ever?
Marvis Frazier 10-0. Ten wins does not deserve a title shot. Who is Holmes dodging?
Bonecrusher, I'll give you that one.
David Bey, also a decent choice though still not top five.
Carl Williams, a huge embarrassment for Holmes. Rematch? Of course not.

#5.
Micheal Spinks twice. Were they just sick of a champ who dodged people or did Spinks really win? You be the judge.
Tyson. Holmes does not beat him prime-prime.

I give Holmes credit in the second half of his career for beating some very good names, no question. He should have fought some more as champ, no question. I blame Don King for most of this, but the record is what the record is: spotty, with limited real competition. As good as the guy was, and he was very, very good, the roster does not lie.

|3/11/07 02:11:39 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Angelo, ok let's rate Holmes against other champions.

Ali, all by himself really, despite a good list of questionable moments. Why? Look at the names he beat.
Marciano, 5' 10 190 at best, undefeated. List of opponents compares well to Holmes. KOs galore, and rematches.
Louis, a champ's champ. The model for what a champ should behave like and represent. Good long list of wins.
Gene Tunney, why is this guy disrespected? A great champ with brains. Undefeated.
I give Jack Johnson a lot of credit. A marked man, dodged nobody. A great defensive fighter. Had Jess Williard beat for 24 rounds.
Jim Jefferies. Low win total but flat-out dominated. Retired undefeated before comeback.
Lennox Lewis. You put Holmes ahead of him? Very comparable.
Foreman, Frazier, Norton, Liston. Does Holmes clearly beat these guys prime-prime? Very questionable.
Dempsey actually dodged alot of guys also.
Vlad Klitschko might KO Holmes, prime-prime. Too much size, reach and power. Look what he did with Lewis. Arguably also undefeated.
Tyson KO'd everybody, record compares evenly with Holmes.

So there is a very good list of candidates.
To say Holmes is top five is to say he has the clear edge on all but four of that list, minimum.
That's quality of opponents in each era and overall records.
I don't see it. Am I wrong?|

|3/11/07 02:21:26 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Sorry, I meant Vitali Klitschko. I have no idea why I continue to mix those two guys up. Vlad is clearly the best guy now, however.|

|3/11/07 07:37:32 PM|max hord|fernandina
bch,fla||maxhord@adelphia.net|||10|Gene Tunney was not undefeated.Rocky
Marciano
was.|

|3/11/07 09:38:16 PM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: I don't
know if Holmes beats the guys you mentioned prime-vs.prime because anything can
happen on a given night. I look at this accomplishments over the course of his
career, leading up to his retirement, and I'm impressed. He ducked no one. You
say he didn't grant enough rematches, but typically, you don't give rematches to
challengers when they lose to you. You could make a case that Norton deserved a
rematch, but Norton's paper title wasn't from beating a Champion in the ring, it
was from being given the benefit of the doubt and benefit of sketchy scorecards
against Jimmy Young. And Norton was going to have his rematch against Holmes---
except that was based on being the winner of Shavers-Norton and we all know that
dream ended in a minute, literally. The other 60's-70's era fighters you
mention were great---but not over the long period of time Holmes was. He kept
winning and winning, going and going, like the Energizer bunny. The guys he
missed, like Tate and Dokes? Well, he beat Weaver, and that would have been
Tate if he didn't get clocked by Weaver himself. I think that when you take the
career into consideration, overall, it's hard to keep Holmes out of the Top
Five. Certainly, if you don't think he belongs in the Top Five, he isn't far
from it.|

|3/11/07 09:43:36 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentalenent@aol.com|||10|Gene Tunney
did have one loss before he was heavyweight champion to a fighter named Harry
Greb, who he defeated in a rematch.

He did retire with the heavyweight
title though.|

|3/11/07 10:50:42 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Gene Tunney's loss was as a
light-heavyweight.
He was undefeated as a heavyweight. Had good movement for
his day when most were flat-footed. Very smart, tough boxer.
Harry Greb was a
legend himself. Over 200 pro wins. Now that's tough.
Again, if you have Ali,
Marciano, Louis, that's three right there.
Tyson did beat him and likely
would prime-prime as well.
Lewis may not be quite as tough, but was just as
talented and bigger.
Another guy I did not mention was Max Baer.
No doubt
Holmes was a top all-time guy. The case is easily made he is not top
five.
You're right, probably not far from there though.
I would love to
have seen him meet a fresh Foreman, Frazier prime-prime, and Liston. The Norton
fight was practically a draw. Still probably top ten all-time. Hard to say.|

|3/12/07 01:33:33 AM|Jonathan Quarry|Steilacoom,
Washington||quarrytw3@yahoo.com|||10|I put a little tribute video in memeoery of
my dad at youtube.com go check it out just search "jerry quarry" and it should
come up. leave a comment if you can take care every one|

|3/12/07 06:34:20 AM|mark sargeant|uk||
mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|Whilst I wouldn't dispute Larry Holmes's
greatness and I think a place in the top 6 or 7 for all time greatest
heavyweight is deserved, I suppose if you look at his record carefully then
there are apparent flaws. His opponents and their records, with the exception of
Shavers are not fantastic, but to rule supreme and unbeaten for seven years and
be at the mercy of the alphabet politics meant that he beat pretty much the best
heavys over that period, with only Gerrie Coetzee (who was flattened by Frank
Bruno in one round) escaping him. Hence he achieved the maximum of what he could
do and should be heralded for that. Coming back at 42 to beat a top contender in
Ray Mercer so comfortably and also to go the distance with Holyfield, losing a
clear decision but never appearing in trouble elevates him very highly. Not even
the best of the best can satisfy everyone, and as much as we would have loved to
have seen these fights Foreman didn't fight Quarry, Frazier didn't put
Norton/Shavers/Lyle on his resume and of course Tyson didn't take on
Moorer/Bowe/Mercer/Morrison/Foreman etc and when he did step up in quality
against Holyfield or Lewis he was completely dominated. In my view Tyson can't

complain about being washed up in 2002 when he fought Lewis because he refused to do so six years earlier!
It seems to me that through reading messages on boxing boards 90% of people think that Larry would beat other top ten heavys in Foreman, Frazier and Liston, and although I think he has the tools to beat all three, these three were incredibly formidable fighters in their own right and each match would be a real toss up. For all of Larry Holmes's and Rocky Marciano's great feats thehe didn't fight anyone as formidable as 1973-4 Foreman or 1971 Frazier but then that wasn't their eras.
Every fighter in generations from the 40s to the present day will get criticised for not challenging good fighters from his generation, but boxers do have limited careers and for instance in a golden age such as the 60s or 70s do need time to recover from gruelling bouts. Individually boxers may well have little say on who they fight, as seen by the latest Klitschko fight, and promotion rights etc all help to cause fights to fall through. With the notable exception of Ali who fought an incredible range of top quality fighters, often more than once, I suppose you could be tough on every top heavyweight. I still can't believe that over a 15 month period Ali defeated top contenders in Patterson, Quarry, Chulvalo, Bugner, Mathis, Bob Foster and Mac Foster before going on to fight Ken Norton a couple of months later. That is extrardinary to be fighting such strong competition over a such a short space of time when today you have poor Wlad Klitschko fighting an undeserving mandatory challenger which takes up about 9 months of fight time to organise.
I think that with the exception of Ali, you could criticise the likes of Liston, Foreman, Frazier, Holmes, Tyson and Lewis no end on who they did or didn't fight and that perhaps their great careers could have been greater. But each of these were wonderful fighters in their own right and just one of them would be very welcome back fighting at the peak of their powers today.

|3/12/07 06:56:14 AM|Kevin R. Tubbs|ALASKA||kevinvention@yahoo.com|||10|Thank you for putting up this site. A tribute to a great family. Jerry and Mike taught me some great lessons as a kid, when they came to Alaska in the 70s. I was fortunate to have been able to get to know them. My deepest respect to the Quarry family, and I want you to know we all share in the loss of Jerry. One in a million.

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|3/12/07 11:21:35 AM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Mark: That's a great post---one that I will re-read a few times.
Gerry: I don't think Mike Tyson would have a prayer against Larry Holmes when Holmes was 30-31 years old and beating everyone, with the best left jab in the business, lightening quick reflexes (for a heavy) and the stamina to fight well through 15 rounds. But let's just say you're right, and Tyson beats Holmes in prime. That doesn't mean Tyson ranks higher all time. Look, the 1985 Miami Dolphins beat the 1985 Chicago Bears (Bears only loss that year). Do you think the '85 Dolphins are better than the '85 Bears? Likewise, Holmes had a much stronger body of work than Tyson could dream of. As for Lennox Lewis---he's good, but I think Holmes would have managed to beat him. Also, the two KO losses detract from Lewis' otherwise nice accomplishments. I will admit though, that I did not

appreciate Lennox Lewis as much as I should have when he was holding the title for so long. Aside from those two KOs, and a couple shakey fights (the best of the best have shakey wins on their record), Lewis was the real thing. Also, he represented boxing in a positive light and carried himself with class during interviews and interaction with fans. I didn't know how good we had it with him. I hope he resists any temptation to come out of retirement---he's in great shape right now and considering the state of the division, he might think "why not make a few more million?" but the fact is, I want to remember him for the last couple years of his career. |

|3/12/07 12:57:11 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Very good posts from both Mark and Angelo. I can go along with those.
Thanks to Jimmy the Quarryologist who sent me some Mike Quarry stuff by regular mail(remember that?). Mike fought some very good ranked guys in his career as well. Some Mike Nixon notes also. Thanks.
A friend had asked me to give the chances, one to ten, of Clevelander Ray Austin to beat Vlad Klitschko. I said " one, if that's the lowest you have". That got a chuckle. It was not as amusing for Ray, who was on the canvas like Picasso. Don King, Austin's manager, and the reason for the bout, had called Vlad heartless. Thank goodness for the Klitschkos also, who carry the division on their backs since Lewis retired. |

|3/12/07 02:23:49 PM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|Jonathan, checked out the clip on youtube, that was cool, and even got my Dad in there also. |

|3/12/07 03:28:01 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: It's so funny that the Klitscho's are indeed the only ones who are keeping fans talking about heavyweights. I would have never predicted that a few years ago, yet here we are. We need a couple really good heavyweights to push them---and generate interest again. I wonder who that will be? Maybe Scott LeDoux needs to make a comeback? |

|3/12/07 03:31:52 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Go to www.scottledoux.com It's an interesting website---his homepage. |

|3/12/07 03:56:31 PM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Angelo-

I think Samuel Peter (Samuele Pietro ah,ah) is a very good prospect. He is very powerful, can take a good punch and is young. Now that James Toney is over the hill and Vitali needs to regain his best shape, I think that Samuel Peter can be very important for the future of the heavyweight division. I saw his fight with Wladimir Klitschko (entire), Jeremy Williams and his second fight with James Toney (almost entire) on you tube and think he is an exciting heavyweight. If Vitali will be able to regain his best shape I think he is still the best heavyweight in the world, Samuel Peter is probably the number two. But he is much younger than Vitali.

Kent-

You didn't respond me when I asked you about your diet. Why ? Are you all right ? I hope so!
Did I offend you somehow ? I didn't want to offend you. Are we still friends ? Again, I hope so ! I want to be friend to anyone (or everybody) on this great site. I like this site very much. |

|3/12/07 11:37:41 PM|Videobox|NY||NY|||10|
 Well done, Jonathan.
I noted on this site a few weeks ago that all of your father's winning fights have apparently been pulled from YouTube, effectively rewriting heavyweight history in the manner of ESPN "Classic" (which is a complete joke).
Let's hope they don't censor your very touching tribute next. Some of us care. Thank you and be well.
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|3/13/07 01:54:04 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Sorry Massimo for not responding but here is my progress on my diet and exercise program.

I have lost 100 pounds in the last year and one half.

I have not lost any more weight lately but I have not gained it back either. |

|3/13/07 02:42:13 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Kent-

100 pounds is a difficult way to say about 45 Kg !!!! It's a huge amount of weight!! You have accomplished a miracle! Bravo ! I should lose 10 Kg but I can't do that! |

|3/13/07 09:51:43 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Good job, Kent. Losing that much weight is very difficult. Pretty impressive, actually.|

|3/13/07 11:57:58 AM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: One of the guys running for President (Mike Huckabee of Arkansas) had a similar weight loss---over 100 pounds. He's become a big advocate of general health and weight control.
I'm thinking, if he gets the nomination, maybe you could be his running mate! |

|3/13/07 06:42:32 PM|max hord|fernandina bch,fla||maxhord@adelphia.net|||10|I beleive Mike Tyson would have beat Holmes no matter what shape or when the fight took place.I think Tyson is a piece of @##\$ personally but he had the potential to be a really great boxing champion.That and 50 cents won't get you a beer. |

|3/14/07 04:47:41 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|I have just watched for the second time on You Tube Ali'-Patterson 2 and I have to say that Floyd fought really a nice fight. The fight was very close at the time of the stoppage, either it was even or Patterson was 1 point ahead. That was pretty impressive considering that Patterson was 37 and that that was his last fight. The judge who scored it 6-1 for Ali' is just dumb.|

|3/14/07 08:13:40 AM|max hord|fernandina bch,fla||maxhord@adelphia.net|||10|Mass is right.Patterson just couldn't hurt Ali so Ali waited until almost too late to try and end it.|

|3/14/07 10:26:13 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Hi Gerry, Yes Mike fought the cream of the crop Light Heavyweights Pierre Fourie, Jimmy Dupree, Andy Kendall and Englands 1968 Olympic gold medal winner Chris Finnegan were all No.1 contenders WBA, WBC, RING, During their careers, Yaqui Lopez #3, "Red Top" Owens, Tom Bogs, Ray "Windmill" White, Hal "TNT" Carroll, Tom "THE BOMB" Bethea Eddie Avoth, Brian Kelly, Tommy Hicks, Billy Kelly Wagner were all top ten fighter's, Of Course World Champion Bob Foster (when Quarry was only 21) WBA Champion Mike Rossman (3 Battles). and Heavyweights Bunny Johnson (#3 RING mAGAZINE) Jose "King" Roman #7 (Ring) 2 epic Battles with a top 15 Heavyweight Pedro Soto (who no one would fight!) at least another dozen top 15 to 50 Light Heavyweights and you have Mike Quarry's career. Looking back I'm surprised Mike did not get a WBA,Or WBC shot at Victor Galindez and John Conteh (HE FOUGHT EVERYONE ELSE!!).|

|3/14/07 05:51:50 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Max: My opinion won't buy the table a pitcher of beer either---but I still maintain that Holmes was too good at his peak to lose to Tyson. Anything can happen at any given time, especially with a KO artist like Iron Mike---but time proved that once his cover of invincibility was blown he became painfully average. Guys who Holmes would have blown out were giving Tyson grief. Some of it is a mind game---Tyson started to drown against the big boys when they realized he could be beat. After the opening rounds, Tysons showing against Lewis was pitiful. Buster Douglas fought a young and presumably unbeatable Mike Tyson and gave the world a boxing clinic. Holmes was a better fighter than Douglas and would have used the same movement and jabbing to make Tyson look even worse. Shavers punched harder than Tyson---if Holmes could get up from that abuse, he'd get up from Tyson's too---but more likely, wouldn't be hit flush in the first place. |

|3/14/07 07:57:40 PM|max hord|fernandina bch,fla||maxhord@adelphia.net|||10|Angelo.I agree.|

|3/14/07 10:47:21 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Angelo, obviously I disagree. If Holmes could be plowed by Renaldo Snipes, I'm sure Tyson could do him too. Tyson was quicker than Shavers. The Lewis fight is not indicative of much. Tyson was way past prime. It's like Quarry/Norton. I give Holmes tough points, truly. But Mike was a rare beast in his prime. The Douglas loss was a perfect fluke...
Jimmy, I remember Conteh and Galindez. Conteh reminded me of a smaller Norton, 5'10 175. He appeared on Paul McCartney's 'Band On The Run ' album cover too. Galindez looked to me like a guy who would starve for the weigh-in, make 175, then go and have his steaks, and enter the ring at 180. I

remember his matches with Rossman, who was better but had a broken hand in one of their bouts. Very cocky guy. Without a bigger punch, Mike would have had his work cut out with both, but he surely could box. Thanks.
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|3/15/07 02:45:07 AM|Massimo|Roma||Shaq-Fu.com|||10|Hi Gerry, Douglas-Tyson was not a fluke, whatever fluke means. Douglas was not afraid of Mike, wanted to dedicate the fight to his mother and beat Tyson fair and square. Tyson was very young and in decent shape. No excuses for him. Go Shaq go!|

|3/15/07 10:09:54 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Hi Massimo. Shaq is going to play this season?
The Douglas win was a fluke. Tyson had just lost Cus D'Amato, Douglas had lost his mother. Big difference there, and very differing reactions. If they fight ten times, a right-minded Tyson wins nine of them, at least as right-minded as he gets anyway. He was clearly effected by D'Amato 's passing.
Not to take anything away from Douglas, who was absolutely brilliant in that match. The win was considered an enormous upset, and it was. One of the biggest upsets in the history of sports. Douglas had never fought at that level before and never would again. |

|3/15/07 10:51:30 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Gerry-

Why not ? I hope Shaq is gonna dominate as always. Unfortunately I can rarely see his games here in Italy. But, anyway, I am a Lakers's fan first, a Shaq's fan second.

I don't think that D'Amato's death was involved in Tyson's loss against Douglas as (or 10% because) that happened five years earlier, in 1985. I know that he loved Cus very much, but 5 years are a lot of time. But I agree that that was by far Douglas's best fight. I think that Tyson would have always had problems against the Douglas of 11 February 1990 though. Douglas was a shade of that fighter when he fought Holyfield. |

|3/15/07 10:56:46 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Correction-

I meant " a shell of that fighter when he fought Holyfield, not a shade". Let's speak Italian on this site ! Why not ? It's easier than English!|

|3/15/07 11:00:31 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|James Buster Douglas was a good fighter by any standards, and although he didn't always make the best of his considerable ability, he had some very fine wins. Beating the likes of Oliver McCall, Greg Page, Tony Tucker and Tex Cobb were good scalps and of course beating Tyson when a 42/1 underdog is still regarded as one of the biggest ever sporting upsets although given his distinguished record I'm surprised by how long those odds were in a two horse race.
Although a short period after his 1986-88 peak, Tyson short of his great trainers and motivators did look bereft of ideas that night and Douglas displayed the physical and emotional tools to beat him. Its interesting that Tyson is often compared to Joe Frazier in style, yet Tyson's fighting peak really only lasted at a top level from about 3-4 years whilst Frazier was boxing brilliantly from the mid to late 60s through 1974-75 when he stopped Jerry Quarry in five and fought Ali to a standstill in 1975.
 Tyson was brilliant in putting Holmes away in 1988, particularly when compared to Holyfield who seemed to barely move Larry let alone knock him down and the fact that in 20 post 1988 fights Holmes was never knocked own once. But it should be noted that Holmes had 3 and a half weeks to train for the fight after a two year lay off. At his best, when physically tip top and supported by selfless and strong management Tyson would have been a match for any heavyweight who lived and could on his day beaten anyone in the top ten bar Ali. He was such a unique finisher and puncher that he would have undoubtedly given Larry Holmes plenty of trouble for although a fight between Tyson and Shavers would have been a 'who gets hit first stays hit' type of match, a peak Tyson would have been better than anyone Larry faced. And that includes the likes of Norton, Shavers and Witherspoon.
But given Larry's dedication over seven years as champ, that wonderful jab and underated right hand, as well as a greater mental toughness to go with his great chin and fantastic boxing brain, I would give him the edge. But that's a victory 6 times of ten. It's Larry frame of mind and ability to

get up from big hits (that Shavers punch in their rematch was a horrendous shot) that gives him a small edge. For all his strengths Tyson never getting off the canvas to win does put a small blot on his career and match ups with guys like Frazier, Foreman, Holmes and Bowe who did, and probably gives him criticism from outsiders. |

|3/15/07 11:26:20 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Mark-

I'm sorry to have to correct you but Douglas lost against Tucker by KO 10. |

|3/15/07 11:44:57 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|Well spotted! He beat Trevor Berbick and lost to Tucker. |

|3/15/07 12:23:07 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Mark: Well said. For my money, Holmes beats Tyson 7 or 8 times out of 10, not 6, but who's counting? I acknowledge that on an off night, Holmes had trouble with Snipes but that's exactly the point---Holmes didn't bring his best that night but still managed to climb up off the canvas, fight back, and stubbornly hold onto that title belt. You hit the nail on the head---Holmes had a mental toughness and focus factor that Tyson could only dream of. Holmes was the type of warrior to stumble around, clutch his opponent and get his head clear---then take his minute rest and start fighting like a man possessed the next round. Also, I never thought of Holmes right hand being "underrated" but you're exactly right--wasn't that his uppercut side? Holmes had the physical gifts to be much, much better than average and the mental edge/emotional stability to take "better than average" and make it "great." I look at his fight against Tyson. Ring rust, older and virtually no reasonable preparation---yet he was hitting Tyson and outboxing him for at least a few minutes---did manage to get up from the floor--and didn't embarrass himself. At that point, Holmes came back for a pay day. He already had losses on his record and had nothing left to prove, so I don't know how motivated he was when he met Tyson. But a 30 year old Holmes, hungry, undefeated, in training for 4 months and at the peak of his physical skills would not give ground to Tyson in my opinion. Tyson was an explosive puncher and he definitely was quick and intimidating---but there were chinks in his armour that Douglass exposed, no excuses. |

|3/15/07 03:24:11 PM|mark|england||m.burgess.mmd@hotmail.co.uk|||9|could someone please tell me if anybody thought that mike quarry deserved another world title fight after his loss to bob foster. I would be very intrested on their thoughts on this brave but limited fighter. thank you! |

|3/15/07 04:36:48 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Mike Quarry ever deserve another SHOT? Thats easy his big win over Jose "King" Roman. didn't Jose get a Title tiff with Big George? Say 9/1/73?? And Roman beat Terry Daniels in 1972. Isn't that the same year Daniels fought Joe Frazier for the Championship?? A win over Mike Rossman, Did Rossman beat Galindez for the Championship?? Maybe a win over TOP RATED Tom Bethea in 1976? other than that, I guess he would not. Jessie Burnett has an unofficial win over John Conteh (SCORED 2 KNOCKDOWNS, AND ENGLAND REF SCORED IT A DRAW!) Was Burnett more deserving than Mike Q.?? |

|3/16/07 08:41:26 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Massimo, I stand corrected. I thought D'Amato had passed later than he did. But Mike literally needed people to take care of him, a bit of a difference from people who lose a loved one. This is where Tyson could be very effected. Tyson, I think, was on an egg timer from the time he won the belts. His lifestyle and penchant for self-destruction made a title loss inevitable for him, at least in hindsight. I thought Carl The Truth might do it. Turns out it was Douglass, who, again, fought above any other level he fought at in any other fight.
Mark, I enjoy your posts, always a good read.
Good points on all concerned. It is a matter of opinion. Some here like Holmes in that matchup. I pick Tyson. Douglass, when he was on, was very , very good no question. I don't know anyone who rates him better than Tyson all-time. This again suggests that circumstances played for him in Japan and against Tyson...
Hope it doesn't sound bad to say, but each St.Patrick's

Day, I think of Jerry and the Quarrys as a whole. Have a good weekend folks. My band is playing tonight and tomorrow. It should be quite a scene here both nights. |

|3/16/07 11:46:21 AM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: I still don't give Tyson a pass because of his penchant for self destruction--but I see your point. One has to wonder if things would have been different if Cus was with him longer? Tyson loved that guy like a father and respected him more than probably anyone else in his life. Cus might have been able to influence Tyson in a positive way, by keeping Mike's eye on the sport instead of fast cars, fast lifestyle and leeches. If Cus gave Tyson that goal of making history by going 50-0 and becoming bigger than anyone else in sports for a long, long time, and actually lived to keep on top of Tyson in helping him achieve the goal, who knows how great Tyson could have been? In the end, it's still Tyson's responsibility--but he was a very young man who never had any advantages most of us do (like genuine fine role models to follow when we're growing up). Again, not making excuses for him, but I see the reason why things fell apart on him. I still have hope for him, if not as a boxing champion---at least as a guy who can get order in his life somehow before it's too late. |

|3/16/07 05:19:35 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|For me today has been THE MITCH GREEN'S DAY; I have seen his first professional fight against Jerry Foley, the entire Mike Tyson fight and the fight Mitch fought as an amateur against the great Calvin Cross. Tyson fought a really good fight against Mitch Green; I have Mike about 4 points ahead at the end of the fight. Green had his best moments in the eight round. I'd like to see Green's fight against Trevor Berbick (R.I.P.). |

|3/17/07 11:53:48 AM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia2163@verizon.net|||10|HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY TO ALL! WE MISS YOU ALL, THAT ARE MISSING IN OUR LIVES, AND WE'LL LOVE YA FOREVER! |

|3/17/07 03:31:12 PM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Didn't Tyson and Green have a scuffle in a parking lot or in the street? |

|3/17/07 03:44:42 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Angelo-

Yes, they had a brawl around 1988 (I don't remember the exact year). The fight happened in a ghetto at around 4.30 o'clock in the morning, the right hour for brawls (ah, ah) and ended when I separated the two guys saying (hey you two, be cool and get along or I'll kick your asses!). Tyson ended up with a broken hand (I think he hit a car, which is not a good idea for the Pauli's exclusion principle), while Green ended up with a closed eye. I think, overall, Green ended up in worse conditions than Tyson, even if he'd never admit that! |

|3/17/07 04:50:24 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Angelo-

If you want to know everything about the Tyson-Green brawl, read

here:

http://www.geocities.com/mike_tysons_iron2/fightgreenpics.html |

|3/21/07 02:49:25 PM|max hord|fernandina bch,fla||maxhord@adelphia.net|||10|I like heavyweights that can PUNCH.Thats why guys like Patterson and Ellis didn't do much for me.Take a look at Quarry/Alexander sometime.Jerry knocked Joe literally off his feet much like big George handled Frazier.Any time a man can do that he's a bad dude. |

|3/21/07 03:18:02 PM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Max-

I don't agree that Patterson couldn't punch, his left hook was hard. Johannson's foot was trembling after he got caught by that Patterson's left hook. Patterson could probably hit harder than one of the greatest heavyweights of all times (maybe the greatest) Mohammad Ali'.

I agree that Ellis probably was not a hard hitter, even if he had some first round KO wins in his record (against small guys though). |

|3/21/07 04:41:34 PM|steve|na||na|||10|Kent,over the past 40 years that I've been watching boxing,I've found myself ranking the punching power of fighters in teirs or levels.It's in no way logical or not even subjective.It's just an impression I've gotten.This list is not how I rate them from best to last.

that he could hit at. That KO of Bobick was impressive but even though I am a Norton fan, I do think that the lack of top quality knockouts do let him down a bit. Still he had some fine wins, heroic losses and those performances against Ali were superb. The Quarry he fought was past his prime and underprepared, but a match up between the two would be a very tough affair indeed. I think its 50-50, as do Jerry's cuts or Ken's chin go first! Both were great fighters often hopelessly undervalued by TV and many fans. I agree that ESPN are very negligent in never showing great match ups such as Quarry-Shavers, Quarry-Lyle or Shavers-Lyle (what a fight that was!!) or Norton-Holmes. Both were top 20 of all time and would have been champs for some time if they had fought in different eras. For all the criticism that Ken gets I look at the way he fights Ali and Holmes in the last round of those four fights and see a lot of heart, skill and awinning mentality. I think that references to the Shavers loss are fair as Ken was only one year away from that great performance against Holmes and had had a couple of wins in between, but his loss against Cooney was after almost three years of inactivity on and I do not think that its particularly fair to judge Ken for this. The only time I have seen a top quality last round recently was in the Brewster-Liakhovich fighter which was a really tough match up.
Only Ali really faced off and beat every top contender in his time from the 70s and accusations could be levelled at Liston, Marciano, Foreman, Frazier, Tyson and a lot of other great fighters about who they did and did not fight. But as we have seen recently from the Klitschko-Austin fight, did these guys really have much of a say on who they fought? And with Frazier's considerable armoury whose to say that Shavers and Lyle were kept away from him by their own management? Take Shavers who after all did not have the best chin or stamina, deficits that would mean big problems when taking on Norton or Frazier. Take Frazier for example. A fight between him and Lyle or Shavers would have been fantastic entertainment and would have provided him with a very tough challenge as both would have had the style to present Frazier with fits although no one would doubt that Frazier was the more accomplished fighter. However, as our own Jerry Quarry had provided career high masterclasses in knocking Shavers out in one and outboxing Lyle, then at that time in 1974 Joe was facing the best contender at that time. Yes they had already fought in a previous great match up but at that time Jerry was the best fighter in the world behind Ali, Foreman and Frazier and actually in my mind ahead of Norton so Joe did the right thing in fighting him. And by stopping Jerry in five Frazier proved how damn good he was. |

|3/22/07 04:49:17 PM|steve|nj||na|||10|Angelo and Mark,an arguement can be made for both your opinions.Especialy on Norton.I wonder if either of you have read the book.He comes off a vain,arrogant man.He realy only had a few shining moments.Of course,beating Ali once.Standing his ground against Holmes.I watched the last round,the "championship round".I still come away with the same opinion.Holmes had Norton wobbly and ready to go on at least two ocassions.Kudos to Norton for hanging in and fighting back.However,Holmes did much the greater damage. |

|3/22/07 05:23:13 PM|steve|na||na|||10|I don't mean these tiers to be a reflection of a fighters' all round greatness.Tier Three could hold ,Buddy Bear,who could wallop.Probably on reflection,Norton,Mike Weaver,BOWE,Razor Ruddic.The Klitchko Bros.are certainly strong,good boxing mechanics.They continue to ko 3rd and 4th tier fighters.I don't know what to make of Samuel Peter.I thought he was the next explosive big guy. |

|3/22/07 05:50:33 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Donovan Ruddock was a devastating puncher, his "smash" punch was a bomb. In 1990 I saw his fight with Michael Dokes and that knockout was one of the most impressive I have ever seen. I have recently rewatched his second fight with Mike Tyson and, considering that Tyson lost 3 points for fauls (and Ruddock 1 point), I had Ruddock 1 point ahead at the end of the fight. He did hit Tyson with many hard shots during the fight. I think Mike Tyson had a good chin. I was a bit of a Ruddock fan. I don't have

swallowed Ruddock's loss to Tommy Gunn yet.
And what about David Tua and Ike Ibeaubuchi ?
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|3/22/07 08:56:58 PM|steve|na||na|||10|Hi Massimo,I haven't claimed to be the last word on who hit harder.Just guys Iknow about.You know,I've never seen Ike Iabuchi fight.I did hear he was a monster puncher.would you please give me a brief discription of his wins and losses? Thanks,|

|3/22/07 09:15:20 PM|steve|na||na|||10|Massimo,don't misinterperate what I'm saying.Ruddock was a third tier puncher.TO Me,that's a select few out of the hundreds of top rated heavies.He couldn't put a dent in Tyson,while Tyson beat on him like a drum. |

|3/23/07 02:35:17 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Hi Steve! Tyson-Ruddock 2 was a very hard fight for Tyson.

I don't know much about Ibeaubuchi either. Physically he looked like a bigger version of Sonny Liston. I have seen him fight only three times against Chris Byrd, David Tua and Tim Ray. The fight with David Tua was very close and exciting and he won it on points. He knocked out Chris Byrd in the fifth round with an impressive
left hook and KOT the journeyman Tim Ray in the first round. Ike probably could have been a great fighter but, unfortunately, he was completely nuts as a person. If you want to see Ike fight, there are some of his fights on You Tube. |

|3/23/07 02:40:03 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Ah Steve, I almost forgot, if I remember correctly Ibeaubuchi finished his career undefeated. |

|3/24/07 03:25:42 PM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Steve: I agree with you---I always felt that Holmes won that fight in decisive fashion. Kudos to Norton for rallying after getting far behind and for withstanding a lot of punishment---but there's no real case to be made that he beat Holmes. |

|3/24/07 06:15:07 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Angelo, you are more than entitled to your opinion, regarding Holmes/Norton.
But to say there's no real case to be made it could or should have gone the other way is ridiculous. Enough already.
It was a one-point fight. Norton was the champ and took the fight to Holmes. It very easily could have been scored for Norton, who won several rounds at least.
Disagree if you want to. But don't lie about it. It was also close enough for Holmes to win and he got the nod. There should have been a rematch and there wasn't. I don't blame Holmes for the dodge. Norton gave him all he could handle. Very good fight. Let's leave it at that. |

|3/24/07 06:17:54 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Massimo, I was talking to a friend the other day and he brought up Razor Ruddock. I agree, a very hard puncher. Tommy Morrison was said to be very lucky to beat him. Very tough guy. |

|3/25/07 04:42:31 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Gerry-

I have never seen the Morrison-Ruddock fight but I know for sure that Morrison was (or got) knocked down in an early round. It was a fight between hard punchers and I imagine it was very exciting, who knows, maybe another Lyle-Shavers. Ruddock was probably a little over the hill at the time of the fight. |

|3/25/07 03:30:37 PM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: It's a matter of opinion---no lies needed---but I've seen the fight enough to objectively score in favor of Holmes. The judges did the same thing. In context, Norton was the California bonus baby who starred in two movies, beat Muhammad Ali, fought for the title twice (three times if you count the match against Jimmy Young as a title fight and four times if you count his "defense" against Holmes). Going into the fight, there's absolutely no doubt that the boxing establishment was staunchly behind Norton---not Holmes, a former sparring partner from a small town in Pennsylvania. Holmes had to work his ass off to win that fight because many felt that a Norton win might coax Ali out of retirement for a multi million dollar battle---going in, a Norton win would do more financially for lots of parties than a Holmes win. Say what you want but if you score the fight OBJECTIVELY, Holmes won most of the rounds through the middle of the fight and did enough in the second half of the fight, including the 15th, to hold off Norton's strong rally. That's not lying, it's just an

opinion that might not jive with yours. As for a rematch, it was all set to happen if Norton could get past Earnie Shavers. Instead he was belted from pillar to post and soundly thrashed in about one minute of the first round. So much for a rematch. Instead, it was Shavers who got his rematch against Holmes and it was Holmes who rose off the canvas after a ridiculous sledgehammer punch from Shavers---showing the heart that Norton didn't when Shavers dispatched of him in a minute. |

|3/25/07 03:50:00 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||9|Angelo, you can spin it any way you want.
You said no case could be made for Norton and I proved you wrong.
Enough. Your guy got the win. Move on.
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|3/25/07 04:01:56 PM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: I concede that my saying you can't make a case for a Norton win was exaggerating. You could make a somewhat reasonable case that as a "Champion" based on his "win" against Young, he deserved the benefit of the doubt in a close fight and the fight was pretty close. Any sport that's scored subjectively (figure skating, gymnastics, boxing when the fight doesn't end in a KO)---you could always make a case that someone got jobbed. In fact, even in sports like football, baseball, hockey and basketball, poor officiating can allow for strong, persuasive debate on why your team really won when the official outcome was a loss. |

|3/26/07 02:28:29 PM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Angelo-

I don't agree that the defending champion has the right to be treated by the judges in a better way than the challenger. In my opinion all the fights begin (or start) 0-0. The champion, every time he defends his title, must prove to be the best fighter in the world. If the
fight ends in a draw, the title should be declared vacant and there should be an immediate rematch.
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|3/26/07 03:16:00 PM|Steve|na||na|||10|Angelo,you can't seem to win an arguement.First,Iagree with Massimo,fights should be scored on thier merit,not who happens to be champ.However,your arguement is sound without having to lie or spin it.If two fighters fight a basically even fight untill the last round,whoever dominated the last round wins.I can't count the times I've watched a fighter build a huge lead,only to lose the last one or two
"championship rounds".Remember DeLaHoya vs Trinadade?|

|3/27/07 07:38:28 PM|Steve|na||na|||10|Angelo,you infered that alot of close results in sporting events are subjective.I agree.Especialy pro boxing and football.Barerra and Marquis was a prime example.The referee,Ralph Nady,misssed an obvious knockdown,then correctly took a point from Barerra for hitting when Marquis was down.Even with this huge three point swing,I thought Barerra controlled the fight and deserved at least a draw.Still.the judges ruled it 116-111 foe Marqious.I must have been catnapping during the first eight rounds. |

|3/27/07 08:15:52 PM|Steve|na||na|||10|In my opinion,Holmes was a much better fighter than Norton.Just compare thier accomplishments.Norton had such a strange set of skills,that many fighters ,unless they just blasted him out,simply couldn't figure out how to fight him.Even Ali!!!However,I think Holmes would have poured it on in a rematch and ko'd Norton. |

|3/28/07 09:09:32 AM|charles|ark.||cdanderson@agriliance.com|||10|steve i agree with you 100%|

|3/28/07 10:01:04 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|MASSIMO: You were right Morrison/Ruddock, Tommy was decked by the very first punch the Razor landed, Razor if he was long in the tooth? it was only by a hair! (no pun intended). I think both fighter's went down twice or had a couple standing 8 counts (Cosell: totally lacking in boxing skills!). Anyway I won one thousand bucks on the fight only to watch my mini-skirted high heeled girl friend lose it all on black jack Table, in about 5 minutes (laughlin Nev.) I had no fingernails left after that particular bout. Steve AKA SHEMP(YU MIGHT BE THE EAGELS NEXT QUARTERBACK!?) Razor liked to tear "CRAP IRON MIKE'S" head off with a right hand after Tyson had stuck his tongue

out at him (remember that?) The ranking used to tee me off one fighter would be #1 (WBA) Then no where someplace else! (WBC) But alas boxing politics were very much alive in Jerry's time! 1970 Jerry was ranked #1 Ring Magazine. #2 (WBA) and nowhere (WBC). HENRY COOPER'S very own Country, would not sanction a WBA Title match with Jimmy Ellis 1969 ! A bout that might have changed a little Heavyweight history? I'm glad my pocket book is out of Nevada. (one of my wallets is still on rio's parking lot (empty!)) I've bet the Horse's to where My Horse actually got laped!!!!|

|3/28/07 10:32:48 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com||||10|I never bet, but I would have bet on Ruddock for the Morrison-Ruddock fight and I would have lost my money. The reasons are two: I was a bit of a Ruddock's fan and I would have thought that Morrison's chin was too weak (unchuvalian) for Donovan's punches. Anyway, you were right and you won the money. Too bad that your girlfriend lost it! But short skirted and high heeled girls are so attractive though! Forgive her!|

|3/28/07 12:02:58 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Yes--- Norton had an awkward style and let's face it, he had the ability to stay focused against Ali and not get pysched out like so many others did. But he got blasted out against big punchers and seemed to miss a few natural opponents. Also, if he had a rematch against Holmes, I DON'T think Holmes would KO him. I think it would be Norton chasing and Holmes boxing. I think Norton would miss wildly like he did against Ali and other opponents with some boxing skills--- Holmes would be controlled and methodical and would outpoint Norton. I don't think a second fight would have been as exciting as the first. Shavers made sure we'd never find out. |

|3/29/07 07:20:24 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk||||10|Its a difficult argument to say that certain heavyweights, particularly in the gruelling era of the late 60s and 70s purposely avoided each other. Given that all time greats (with the notable exception of Ali, but that's what made him the greatest) such as Foreman, Frazier and Holmes missed on several difficult bouts each shouldn't diminish their achievements that much. Foreman didn't fight Quarry, Bonavena or Shavers, Frazier missed out on Lyle, Norton and Shavers and of course through little fault of his own Holmes missed out on Foreman, Frazier, Lyle, Young, Quarry etc. But given management/promotional complexities and also the sheer depth of talent throughout the division at this time it was inevitable that good match-ups were missed. Holmes-Lyle, Foreman-Quarry and Frazier-Shavers would have all been quite brilliant bouts.
Frazier was not a man to take any opponent for granted, bravely giving Foreman a rematch in 1976 despite being rich, inevitably at the end of his time and also having being devastated in their first match. Yes, from a fan's perspective bouts were missed against Shavers and Lyle and given each of their styles they would have been great bouts and very tough matches for Joe. Both Shavers and Lyle on their day had the tools to give any heavyweight who lived a terrible fight. But any potential confrontation was scuppered by a certain Jerry Quarry who destroyed both Lyle and Shavers in contrasting ways, highlighting their deficiencies and rightfully pushing himself to the top of the contenders list. Therefore it was only right that Frazier should fight Quarry again at this time, and in beating a Quarry at the peak of his powers so brutally Joe proved his greatness. Frazier's behaviour at the end of the fight when there was some dreadful refereeing was top class. I agree that there is a case for Frazier fighting either of these guys in early 1975 and not a brave but past prime Jimmy Ellis but as both guys had a brutal bout at this time I suppose it may have made match-ups difficult. Although I wasn't around in the 70s and can't comment, its not too much of a leap of faith to suggest that the promoters and trainers of guys like Shavers (who was knocked out by some very fringe fighters in his time) and Lyle saw the weaknesses in their own fighters and may have wished to be protective of them as well. Taking on Frazier or Norton would be a big risk.
I can see why fans criticise and

see flaws in Norton. He was by and large pretty arrogant and dismissive of some opponents. He, like others did miss out on some bouts against good fighters. But then boxing and in particular heavyweight boxing does bring a fair amount of attitude and crassness and in interviews on Champions Forever Norton comes across as pretty humble-I'm sure his car crash in the mid 80s probably assisted with this. I'm probably not the only one to think that despite his considerable achievements in the ring, Evander Holyfield is a very sore loser indeed, complaining about his losses to Bowe, Moorer and Lewis and consistently finding excuses for his losses. His record of avenging both Moorer and Bowe are great examples of his skill and character, but I don't recall the likes of Foreman, Frazier or Norton giving excuses for their defeats. Don't underestimate Norton's skill in not letting Ali get under his skin, as the latter was the master in riling better opponents such as Foreman, Liston and Frazier to fight fights that were not suited to their strengths. He even managed to con Earnie Shavers out of a win with his fooling around after that haymaker Earnie threw in round 2 very late on in his career. Norton's awkwardness and ability to throw punches from difficult angles was a skill unusual for a heavyweight and good part of his armoury and in doing so ran Ali closer points wise than any other fighter. In view of how Ali beat other contemporaries in the era Norton's performances were really top notch and deserve praise. I think the Holmes fight is a pick em fight, but again Ken showed great resolve in fighting back to retrieve rounds before putting on that great show in the 15th.
Norton was a very good fighter fighting in an exceptional era which is why his status as a fighter may be unfairly exaggerated a tad.
On another point, yes Henry Cooper won the European Heavyweight title back for the third time in 1969 but as the powerful British Boxing Board didn't recognise the WBA, Cooper was prevented from fighting Ellis for the title. Cooper always had a puncher's chance but Jimmy Ellis was a better all round fighter and would probably have claimed a win. Cooper was a good fighter in a very tough era but only beat one world class fighter in Zora Folley in his career. He beat some good British, European and American contenders but came up short when entering the world class contingent of Ali, Patterson, Johansson, Bugner etc. Still he had a good record when you consider that he fought at 13 stone for his career and that left hook in 1963 was quite a hit. |

|3/29/07 11:18:49 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Mark: Of course I agree Cooper would have been a big underdog vs Ellis at About 5 to 1. But it would have been nice to see them in the ring, one big left hook, and it might have been Frazier-Cooper in 1970 (oh no!) Henry was very upset and rightfully so (he was still ranked), Gregorio Peralta was also in the top ten, and had a signed bout with Ellis at that time, and the bout was axed for lack of ticket sells. it would have helped Jimmy Ellis immensley going into a unification bout with "SMOKIN JOE" had he defended a few wins over fighter's like Peralta and Cooper. Its all politics, A month before Jerry fought Ali on his comeback, The WBC had Quarry #2, But going into the bout he was ousted from their ratings! The fight was scheduled 15 rounds (was it considered a 15 round exhibition or a title fight?) Joe Louis (yur average American fight fan considered it a title fight). I recently purchased a Magazine from 1972, AND MIKE QUARRY WAS RANKED NO.1 LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT BY BOTH WBA, WBC. JERRY WAS NO.2 HEAVYWEIGHT BEHIND ALI. They were doing good! |

|3/29/07 07:21:50 PM|Steve|na||na|||10|Mark,I don't pretend to remember the politics at the time Norton lost his title to Holmes,then got ko'd by Shavers.did that loss to Shavers eliminate Norton from ever getting a rematch with Holmes? I know for sure Holmes wasn't afraid of a rematch.Quarry toof a beating from Frazier,and fought him again.He also fought Ali again.Frazier took a rematch with Foreman,after a savage beating.If the Norton, Holmes fight was so

close,why didn't Norton get rematches with Shavers and ,if he survived it,holmes?|

|3/29/07 07:40:52 PM|Steve|na||na|||10|Hi Jimmy D.{AKA}Curly,you are difinetly the funniest,caziest of the stooges.I dont remember that shot Tyson took from Ruddock.I'VE got to get a copy of that fight.I was to small as a middle linebacker,so I'd probably be perfect as a backup quarterback for the Eagles.Thanks again for that copy of Jerry's record.|

|3/30/07 05:24:51 AM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Steve-

If you go to the following

address

http://www.geocities.com/mike_tyson_ko/videos.html

the re are all Mike Tyson's fights including the 2 with Ruddock. |

|3/30/07 09:51:51 AM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Steve: I don't remember the politics, but the record speaks for itself. After Norton was manhandled by Shavers, he fought later that year, against Scott LeDoux. The result was a 10 round draw. I don't think you earn the right to challenge for the title immediately after fighting Scott LeDoux to a draw. Instead of staying busy to keep himself in the picture, Norton took a year off, then came back with a rather unimpressive decision over Tex Cobb (I have this one on tape), followed by being bombed out in one round by Gerry Cooney. I'm tired of the people who are making so much of Norton's "right" to a rematch with Holmes or his "injustice" at Yankee Stadium against Ali, etc., etc., etc. He made a tremendous career out of an upset win over Ali and fighting Ali close, but losing, two other times. Great, he matched up well against one of the best ever. He had the big nationally televised win over Bobick---and he fought valiantly in the loss to Holmes. But make no mistake about it---if Norton didn't upset Ali in that first fight, when he broke Ali's jaw, he would be a forgotten commodity. That win (and Ali wasn't even Champion at the time) waived Ken Norton into about 7 years of boxing relavance. He didn't make the most of it, because he couldn't get over the hump of lasting more than a round or two with KO punchers, but he did have the good fortune to fight Ali two more times, and take the fights the distance---and fought very well. He also had the good fortune to catch Duane Bobick as an undefeated and rising star before others (John Tate and Kallie Konotze) proved that you didn't have to be George Foreman, Sonny Liston or Earnie Shavers to notch a knockout over Bobick. As far as being robbed at Yankee Stadium, I don't buy that either. I scored it for Ali and so did the judges, I believe unanimously. In fact, the split decision win by Norton against Jimmy Young was more questionable in my opinion than Ali's victories over Norton. He was good in Mandingo and Drum though. |

|3/30/07 12:28:48 PM|mark

sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|Perhaps a good explanantion for Norton's perceived undeserved high status is his appearance on Champions Forever. Few would doubt that Ali, Foreman, Frazier and Holmes all deserve to be in an ATG top 10 and quite a few might put three of them in the top 5...and then I suppose you have Ken Norton to make up what many people feel as an undeserved place for the fifth character, but I'm not sure who else would have been better suited. After all he did give Holmes and Ali their closest bouts. He did certainly play an important role of the 1970s heavyweight mix.
Although I am a fan of Norton I agree that his career is sometimes difficult to assess. He had both controversial and mightily impressive wins, as well as gallant and shocking defeats. To be honest those achievements mirror the careers of Shavers, Lyle and Quarry in the next tier very closely.
Shavers had great performances against Norton, Young, Ellis and Bugner who were all good fighters and brave championship challenges against Ali and Holmes, but did lose to a few opponenets who really were distinctly average and some with losing records. Quarry probably does deserve the title of being the best heavyweight never to have won the title which is some accolade and brave and skilful victories over top heavys such as Lyle, Shavers, Patterson as well as good fighters such as

Mathis, Mac Foster and Thad Spencer who were never the same after they lost to him. But he did have losses to good guys he really should have beaten to in Ellis, Chuvalo and Machen, a couple of disappointing draws and then clear defeats to Ali and Frazier. I think what helps Quarry and Shavers is that they were both extremely nice, pleasant, polite guys who were always very entertaining and came to fight with both hands swinging. They were by all accounts great with fans and that undoubtedly raises their profile and popularity. Meanwhile Norton's rather aloof and arrogant nature at times obviously would not make him Mr Popular, although it should be noted that he's considerably more humble nowadays.
 Having hit an extreme high in beating Ali and then being blasted out quickly in a couple of defeats its inevitable that reviews of his career might be mixed.
But given the way Ali handled so many top fighters in 1972-73 with relative ease, including Patterson, Quarry, Chuvalo, Bugner, Mac and Bob Foster and his greatest accomplishments in defeating Foreman, Frazier, Lyle and Shavers in the following years, Norton's ability to beat and then fight two desperately close fights with Ali was a very significant part of boxing history in the 70s. And Norton was also Holmes's toughest bout in a pick em fight.
Yes he could have taken on Holmes in a rematch but Norton was 36 when he lost to Shavers. Nowadays 36 isn't too bad an age still to be fighting but then it was ancient. I agree that in a rematch Holmes I think Larry would have won a more comfortable decision.
All fighters from each generation have question marks hanging over their careers and in some cases, like a failure to match up against top quality opponents, its not often the fighter but the promoter and the nature of professional boxing's fault. When you see blogs that try and tear apart immense guys like Holmes, Foreman and Frazier and their careers (which can be debated of course) then who do you have left??|

|3/30/07 03:48:17 PM|angelo|washington, dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Mark: Very accurate post and good writing. First, I think that you said it yourself--- Norton's career mirrors some who are considered second tier greats from the 70's and for that reason, I think he should be considered second tier too. I think he gets by for two reasons: The solid performances in going 1-2 against Ali and the fact that he did hold a world title for a short time by winning the eliminator against Young before losing it to Holmes. So officially, he was a Champion and he could join Champions Forever whether I think he deserves to or not. But I also want to express that just because I don't put Norton in the same category as Ali, Foreman, Frazier and Holmes, it doesn't mean I don't consider him a very strong fighter. My frustration is that I don't think he's "all-time great" and he's always put in the discussion for what I consider to be the wrong reasons. With that said, the guy could obviously fight and while he might have exhibited a lack of guts/heart against the huge hitters, he certainly showed amazing determination against Ali and gutted it out against Holmes---two guys who I think are top five. He had the courage to step in with Foreman and Shavers---and tried to fight Cooney when he was already past his prime. He still showed up in shape to give it a go---there's no shame in getting knocked out by these big hitters as many, many others faced the same end. As for his arrogance---I didn't like it then and I'm glad to see on his website that he has a different perspective now. But to his defense, great athletes (especially guys who make their living fighting other guys) have to have a healthy and big ego, bordering on narcissism. Great achievers in many, many fields--- entertainment, business, athletics, research medicine, law---they often have huge egos and an elitist mentality. That doesn't excuse Norton but it explains why he might have rubbed me and others the wrong way. Plus, let's face it, I was a huge Ali fan and Norton beat my guy once and made him look bad, at times, on two other occasions. I agree with you that historically speaking, Norton was an important part of the 70's heavyweight puzzle.
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|3/30/07 04:25:40 PM|Steve|na||na|||10|Mark,I think the defining point in Larry Holmes' career was when he got up after being ,not just knocked down by Shavers,but being smashed to the canvass.I think his head hit the floor before his body did.He still got up and won.Ken Norton did not.I don't think Quarry or Shavers being humble,nice guys in interviews helped thier ratings.Quarry ,on any other day,would have defeated Machen,Chualo,and Ellis.I'll go one step farther.Quarry would have ko'd Norton before his second Frazier fight.Even a shot Quarry ,who had NOTHING LEFT,managed to hurt Norton,and have him covering up on the ropes in the third round. |

|3/30/07 04:54:42 PM|Steve|na||na|||10|Angelo.you seem to have had second thoughts about Norton's second tier statis as a pure puncher.I think he could be considered second tier based on his brutal strenth and punching power.Not his heart or courage.These are atributes he had in abundance.The only thing I question is his chin. |

|3/31/07 12:05:43 PM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Hey guys I have found something
legendary!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqo71efMJhk&mode=related&se arch=> |

|3/31/07 04:06:23 PM|Steve|na||na|||10|Massimo,in an earlier post,you mentioned a photo showing the high regard Jerry and Frazier had for each other.You replied,"are you blind"? Is it the window at the top of the letter page,titled"Close Scrutinization"? I cannot get that photo to appear no matter how I approach it on my computer.Could you please describe it for me?
Thanks,Steve |

|3/31/07 04:09:52 PM|angelo|washington||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Steve: For some reason, maybe your browser won't show the photo. It's at the top of the letters page and also, when you're writing a letter to add, it's at the top of that page too.
It's Frazier and Jerry looking at a scale during weigh in. |

|3/31/07 04:22:03 PM|Steve|na||na|||10|Kent,where the heck are you?
Congradulations on your amazing weight loss.You must have met a girl,and are now too deeply in love to be bothered with posting.I compliment you on your resolve in regaining respect for your body and health. |

|3/31/07 04:38:31 PM|Steve|na||na|||10|Thanks Angelo.I am what could charatably be described as ,computer challenged,mostly it's just mental laziness.I just updated from explorer 6 to explorer 7.Now,alot of my software format has changed.It's hard to teach an old dog new tricks.Of course,my computer is five years old and only a 128 giga,uh,things. |

|3/31/07 05:14:29 PM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|Hi Steve! As Angelo said, that picture shows
Frazier and Jerry looking at a scale during weigh in. Jerry is reading his weight while Joe is smiling. It's strange you can't see that picture, the computers are complicated objects. Today I have seen the Brewster-Krasniqui fight on You Tube (won by Brewster by KO in the ninth). They are both good heavyweights and Brewster is a good puncher. |

|3/31/07 05:19:40 PM|Massimo|Roma||cinimassimo@gmail.com|||10|I forgot to say that the picture is just above the writing "Close Scrutinization". Now I go to bed, I'm sleepy. It's a good thing I don't have to wake up early tomorrow, it's Sunday. |

|3/31/07 11:40:39 PM|Steve|NJ||na|||10|To the Quarry family,and whoever runs this site.Thank you for the new tribute video! What a great surprise!The music blends perfectly with the video.It brought a tear to this old Ranger's eye.Again,this site is always worth coming back to. |