Welcome to the new Jerry Quarry Foundation Letters Forum. We are still in the process of moving the web site to the new provider, but I've opened up the Letters pages, so you can begin adding your messages here. Look for a revised home page soon. This forum is a little different than before, but it's user friendly, and gives everyone a chance to add more information. We're glad you're back, so "Let's get it on!" --Carl

Just wanted to be one of the first to use the new letter section it was greatly missed. I hope to see comments by all of the regulars to this site.

Glad to see this back. Keep up the good work. We love & miss you Uncle Jerry!

Steve, I have been going to the Frazier site longer than most of those jokers and I am not about to be run off of the site by anyone. Besides, I have chosen to do sports journalism as well as other forms of writing so I had better get used to negative comments. I usually don't like to use this or other letter sections to plug my writing but this week I have an article at eastsideboxing.com about Jerry's fight against Ron Lyle. I hope some of you check it out.

Kent, please keep writing, Please keep us informed no matter what. Another note if it ever will be printed. I would like to read on the web page how some of the fans feel about Mike Tyson? Based on what I saw on the stage about him talking racial slurs. I feel the guy should be banned from boxing. There sure are some exciting boxing matches coming this year.

My Name is Jeff Ford, I am a professional fighter - Boxing, MuayThai Kickboxing, Ultimate Fighting. I am in
the K-1 held in Vegas on May 3, 2002. My website is www.jefffordkickboxing.com for more info on me. I am looking for fights and a manager. I have done over 40 fights by myself setting them up and my own training, I need assistance at this point. I can beat anyone out there, I need the training and a chance.  

Jeff Ford  
816-564-2064  

[1/24/02 07:55:22 PM] Joe Krause | Chicago, IL | sadmspats@yahoo.com | 10  
Good to see this back again. I am in the process of getting a whole bunch of rare fights from a collector and I am very interested to see these for the first time. Among the fights are Chuvalo vs Doug Jones, Chuvalo vs Terrell, Patterson vs Cooper and Frazier vs Machen highlights. In total I am getting over 100 rounds of stuff. I will let you guys know if I see anything real interesting. I have everything on Jerry except a 7 min clip against Machen and a very bad available copy of Quarry vs Alongi I from New York. Anyone know of any rare Quarry stuff let me know. I already have vs Orbillo and London 1, Billy Daniels and Alex Miteff which is the rarest stuff I have seen.

[1/25/02 12:22:48 PM] James Quarry | TJQF | boxerquarry@netscape.net | 10  
Joe; I have a copy of the Machen fight. I didn't know you were looking for it. I have just about everything except for Mathis, |

[1/25/02 03:39:55 PM] James Quarry | TJQF | boxerquarry@netscape.net | 10  
Are we back to normal?

[1/25/02 07:42:50 PM] Kent Appel | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10  
Mike Tyson should have been banned for life after he bit Evander Holyfield. Boxing is violent even within its rules but it still has rules just the same and there is no room for such clearly unstable behavior. The man has a "screw loose!" Recently a fighter named James Butler was suspended imdefinitly for "sucker punching" a fighter named Richard Grant after Butler lost to Grant and Grant was trying to congratulate him for a good fight after the fight was over. I had called for Butler to be banned for life but I have changed my position when you consider that if Tyson had done the same thing, would he have been banned for life? I doubt it because too much money is to be made by all concerned and it is easy to make James Butler the scapegoat for all that is wrong in boxing because he doesn't bring in the big money. Don't get me wrong, Butler still deserves to be punished for his actions so he should get at the very least a one year suspension and a hefty fine, but punishment should be fair for all. Maybe the boxing world will finally get rid of Tyson because of some of the alleged criminal activity he has been involved in. If Tyson is behind bars, then it will be very unlikely he will ever fight again.

[1/26/02 11:13:28 AM] Kent Appel | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10  
Anybody else watch Vernon Forrest dominate Sugar Shane Mosley? I don't know if Forrest can now claim to be the top of the pound of pound list but he is for sure the king of the welterweights. Anybody surprised at the outcome? One thing about tonight's fight, and that is it was nice to see two gentleman giving each other credit instead all the circus like BS and trash talking we have had to deal with recently. Much as I like the WWF, all of the nonsense going on lately in the boxing world is getting a little boring. After all, you would think that professional boxing is not supposed to be like pro wrestling.

[1/27/02 04:10:33 AM] Evren | London | Evren@btinternet.com | 10  
Enjoyed your article on the Quarry vs Lyle fight, Kent. It's good that Jerry and others are remembered elsewhere on the internet. Keep up the articles !!

[1/27/02 08:35:12 PM] Joe Krause | Chicago, IL | sadmspats@yahoo.com | 10  
Kent, nice job on the article. I also saw an article on Chuvalo-Terrell on there which is a fight I am getting soon and was written well. Mosley is a great fighter and I think he will beat Forrest in a rematch. Forrest is also great it seems, but I can see a much more focused Mosley beating an over-confident Vernon next time out. Vernon sure did look like Hearns though didn't he?

[1/28/02 12:33:56 AM] Kent Appel | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10  
Mosley looked good in the first round but he seemed to not have his legs under him
after an accidental head butt in the second round followed by two legitimate knockdowns. Forrest fought a great fight though and he deserves all of the credit in the world but I am not sure who will win a rematch because if Shane avoids getting hurt by mainly the right hand, and if he boxes like he did in the opening round in the second fight, the outcome may be different. Forrest said he would give him a rematch and I hope it does happen. We just may have the makings of a trilogy like Ali/Frazier and Leonard/Hearns. Yes Forrest does kind of remind me of Hearns.

1/28/02 05:58:24 PM|James Quarry|Hemet, Calif.|boxerquarry@netscape.net|I have o do it and get off boxing for just a moment. "What about them Rams?" It was a joke between Jerry and myself that the Rams would never win the Super Bowl. Just could be that they are going to win it twice. I was very surprised that Mosley lost. Soon we will have a new location for this web page. We will keep you posted. I hope our web master puts all the old letters back up for viewing.

1/29/02 07:40:33 PM|Kent Appel|La Habra, CA|oriononside@aol.com|Yes Mr. Jimmy, The Rams have won a super bowl and they may win another one this year, but are they really still the Rams we remember? I am from the Los Angeles area, just like Jerry and you. I haven't considered them my Rams since they moved to St. Louis from Los Angeles (actually Anaheim, but still in the area). I not sure your bet with Jerry would still count because when the discussion started you guys were talking about the Los Angeles Rams, not the St. Louis Rams (those traitors!)

1/30/02 12:58:40 PM|Johnny Q|Hanna-Barbara|johnqw@yahoo.com|I watched the Martin-Liston fight on CSN last night. I knew Liston had lost, but it was still a shock to see him on has back and out cold. People were in the ring and Martin was being interviewed even before Liston was revived. It was a very weird scene. There was some question sometime back as to how Jerry would have done against Liston at this point and I don't think Jerry would have had much of a problem in 1969. Once Martin recovered from being knocked down, Liston immediately began to get tired. He really looked all of his 37 years. It was very sad.

1/30/02 05:52:27 PM|Joe Krause|Chicago, IL|sadmspats@yahoo.com|Martin-Liston was a good indicator as to what Jerry would have done with him by that time. Max Kellerman was inaccurate when he said that the Martin-Liston fight was part of the WBA elimination tournament. We all know that Martin lost in the first round of that to Ellis and Liston wasn't even in the tournament. I already had the Liston-Martin fight, but was so pleased to get that nice crisp copy of Chuvalo-Ali I complete, which Classic showed last night as well. I am pouring through my 125 Ring magazines I purchased that range from 1965-1986 and am really enjoying going through various careers month by month. My goal after getting all the tapes of fights is to get every Ring magazine from 1960-1980. That is about 240 magazines and I have about 80 or so different right now. It may take a while, but I am sure it can be done. The way Ring covers Norton is funny, they start building him up then break him down after he gets knocked out by Jose Luis Garcia. They changed their tune again after the first Ali fight.

1/30/02 06:44:51 PM|Kent Appel|La Habra, CA|oriononside@aol.com|I too watched Leotis Martin verses Sonny Liston and it was scary when Sonny was out cold on the floor as Martin and his people celebrated. It is ironic how much bias there is in the media for a favored fighter, in this case Liston. Howard Cosell, when he was interviewing Martin after the fight, told Martin that Cosell thought he was behind in the fight, implying that Martin would have lost if not for the knockout, while Martin thought it was about even. If Martin was behind it was only because he suffered a knockdown. I thought the fight was very close up to the end. I have never seen what the scores were before the knockout. Anybody know what they were?
How did Martin do in his career after Liston? I seem to remember reading that he suffered a detached retina in the Liston fight. Anyone know about this?

Hey, when are we going to start up our tournament again?

Writing on behalf of the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing (AAIB) and The Jerry Quarry Foundation for Pugilistica Dementia (TJQF), I have provided below comments on your recently introduced legislation, S. 893, The National Boxing Commission Act of 2001. Both the Association and the Foundation, two organizations believe that the passage and implementation of this proposed piece of legislation in a properly amended form could greatly improve the sport in many ways.

The initial suggestions presented below for possible inclusion are based largely upon four major problems that exist within professional boxing. First of all, the fighters are always at a distinct disadvantage in bargaining for their financial, mental, and physical well being with the managers, the media outlets, and the promoters. As a result they often sign one sided, unconscionable, and extortionary contracts that do not represent their best financial interests and unwisely take cash advances from managers between fights. Secondly, as opposed to other sports, many people see boxing as a crooked and dishonest business that presents fights that are fixed and/or stained with obvious unfairness, and thus the fans and their favorite athletes are simultaneously exploited in a wide variety of ways. The third problem is that boxing has failed to address the relatively new, yet significant, issues of female participants and the movement of important matches outside of the United States. Finally, this sport has not improved itself in any measurable way since the passage of the Professional Boxing Act of 1996 and the Muhammed Ali Boxing Reform Act of 2000. These bills have not been used to alter the unfair and illogical ratings systems and officiating frauds frequently perpetrated by the self appointed, self perpetuating sanctioning bodies (e.g. IBF, WBC, WBO, WBA, etc.); foster any kind of meaningful labor movement, union, or organizational effort on the part of the fighters; create viable pension plans; promulgate any significant and important findings of the one hundred fifteen page, 1 June 1998, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health’s study regarding the health, safety, and equipment standards for boxing; or create a or encourage any type of civil or criminal litigation by individuals, private groups, or governmental entities that might right many illegalities and wrongs that often characterize the billion dollar boxing industry. Because nothing has occurred, much more needs to be done to change the “red light district of sports”, “anything goes”; image/mentality that constantly causes the sport to be the object of and/or perpetrator of ridicule, scandal, disrespect, tragedy, permanent injuries, needless deaths, unfair poverty, foreshortened life spans, consumer fraud, and unconscionable greed.

Given all of the above, I will now make initial comments regarding this proposed bill. Subsection (b) (3) of Section 5 describes the qualifications of the members of the Commission. It is significant to note that this part of the legislation does not refer to the mandatory appointment of members from what I call, the advocacy organizations. In my opinion, an advocacy organizations would be a federally tax exempt, not for profit, organization that has specifically and directly supported positive changes in professional boxing in exchange for minimal financial gain (less than $5,000 in net profit to the
organization in any year) from any activities related to boxing. Thus, for an organization to be described as acting in an advocacy role, it would have had to have written and sent letters to legislators, provided oral testimony at hearings, produced manifestos and other such public statements, and issued and distributed letters, newspaper columns, and press releases for public reading in publications and on various sites on the world wide web that supported changes enhancing the employment rights and consumer concerns of the boxers and their fans respectively. While I am currently aware of only two organizations in the United States that fit these criteria, the AAIB and TJQF, other groups might meet these standards. Given the sordid history of boxing and its enormous need for major and wholesale reformation, I believe that the Commission should have five members, three of whom should be active and ongoing members of these advocacy organizations. If this idea is not adopted, the Commission will undoubtedly be another "go along, get along, business as usual, don't rock the boat" bureaucracy that merely promotes the self-destructiveness of the status quo of professional boxing, Thus the adoption and implementation of this concept would be an excellent way of avoiding that problem and promoting positive change in boxing, something that this sport desperately needs.

If you want to provide feedback, I can be reached at 330.743.2898 or at 142 Upland Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44505. I am looking forward to your comments. Sincerely yours,

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Chief Counsel/Legislative Consultant

cc. Mr. Stephen Acunto, Sr., Co-Founder, American Association for the Improvement of Boxing
Mr. James Quarry, President, The Jerry Quarry Foundation for Pugilistica Dementia
The Honorable John McCain, United States Senate

It has been a long time since we've heard from Mr. George Otto. As you can see, when he speaks about boxing it is very well worth reading. Thanks George for letting us know that you still have something to say. Sometime in the near future we will be moving this web page to another server. From what I understand Carl Weingarten has re-designed our page. We are in the final stages of preparation. The safety in boxing has come along way since we went public with Jerry's dementia. My wish now would be that if a boxing commission make a decision regarding a fighter it should be enforceable in all areas. Example, Mike Tyson.
have the letters page back! Thanks for one of the best boxing sites on the internet.<br>Belated Happy New Year to all the regulars here and especially to James and the Quarry clan.| 2/5/02 11:07:53 AM|James Quarry|TJQF|boxerquarry@netscape.net|||10|We would like to apologize for any delays with video and T-shirt orders. The last 8 weeks have been complicated. At this point I have been told I have lung cancer. All kinds of test and treatment have been performed. Therefore, I have not been on the computer much and have been to sick to stay on top of things.<br>Please remember the magazine has not been printed yet and the people who promised this have not kept thier word.<br>Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Sincerely.| 2/7/02 03:57:59 PM|Evren|London||Evren@btinternet.com|||10|I am very very sorry to hear that James. It seems strange but my father was diagnosed with both lung and bowel cancer last week and my whole family are devestated and trying to deal with things in the best way for my parents. It is so important to keep positive and 'upbeat' through the hard times. The power of 'self belief' goes a long long way and I pray you will be fine. My dad has yet to start treatment but he is already negative and I am constantly trying to gee him up (putting on old fights). My thoughts are with you and I empathise with you and your family at this hard time. Best Wishes, Evren| 2/7/02 07:05:59 PM|Kent Appel|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|James, my hopes and prayers are with you and your family. You seem to me to be a kind and decent man and I wish you a safe and speedy recovery from your illness. I know you will take on this challenge with all that you have! After all, there is no quit in a Quarry!!| 2/8/02 10:58:09 AM|Rufus Defibaugh|Fort Loramie, Ohio||rufusdefibaugh@hotmail.com|||9|Jerry Quarry should have been a worlds champion, if boxing didn't have tko's I very much believe Jerry Quarry would have slugged the whole 15 rounds of both matches he had with Muhammad Ali and possibly could have beat him Querry was a tough guy.| 2/8/02 05:21:42 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|DID ANYONE SEE THE 32-MAN ALLTIME TOURNAMENT ON HEAVYWEIGHTS.COM? IT HAD HOLMES STOPPING JQ WITH A SINGLE BODY PUNCH FOR THE TEN COUNT. THIS WASN'T MAXIE "PAD" KELLERMAN'S DOING, OR WAS IT? THE WHOLE BOUT, IT ALLEGEDLY WENT 7 JERRY WAS HURT BY BODY SHOTS FROM HOLMES, I WOULD SAY HOLMES COULD NOT HAVE KNOCKED JERRY OUT WITH A HOWITZER MUCH LESS, A SINGLE BODY SHOT AT 43 SECONDS OF THEY 7TH ROUND. IT WAS THEY 1969 JERRY QUARRY VS THEY 1979 LARRY HOLMES. I AM NOT SO SURE HOLMES WOULD HAVE EVEN WON.ALTHOUGH I WOULD HAVE MADE LARRY AT LEAST AN 7-5 FAVORITE. THEY "EASTON ASSASIN" WAS THEY MOST UNDERRATED CHAMPION OF ALLTIME. BUT JERRY ONLY HIT THE DECK 6 TIMES HIS ENTIRE CAREER, AND ONLY LOST IN TWO OF THOSE, THEY HARDEST BODYPUNCHER OF ALLTIME JOE FRAZIER COULD ONLY GET A 4 COUNT ON JERRY IN 1974 AND THAT DID NOT EVEN STOP THE FIGHT. AND THEY OTHER CHUVALO, COME ON, JERRY SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN UP AND STOPPED GEORGE IN THEY 8TH, (instead of watching the clock). ONE OF THE 6 KNOCKDOWNS IN JERRY'S CAREER WAS A SLIP VS PATTERSON. I WOULD HAVE GIVEN 100-1 ODDS JERRY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN STOPPED BY A SINGLE BODY SHOT FRO HOLMES!!| 2/9/02 11:02:35 AM|James Quarry|TJQF|boxerquarry@netscape.net|||10|Evren; This is a message for you dad. It would be real easy to be negative to my situation.<br>If I did become negative then it would effect my whole family. Even though i may have cancer in the lungs, this doesn't mean the signing of my death certificate. John Wayne has lung cancer for 15 years. I must remain possitive.<br>Not for me but my family. I do not intend to walk around feeling poor me. If it is the case that I must die. Then I will leave my family with only possitive thoughts with my family after I am gone. Please, if not for me, please stay possive for your family!!<br>This part is for Jimmy Dorsey, There is no way that Holmes could have stopped Jerry with a body punch. Because of his style, it is quite possible that Larry could have a win over Jerry, but only
by decision. Larry's style was a stick and move, like Ali. Love to all.

I happened to meet veteran corner man Chuck Bodak last night at a local fight card here in Southern California. I am sure that this man, who has worked with 56 world champions, has more boxing knowledge in his little finger than most of us will ever have. He said he knew the Quarry family well. Interesting thing he had to say about Muhammed Ali. He said, "Ali is the greatest human being I have ever met." Mr. Bodak, if you happen to read this, I was the guy you talked to in the parking lot after the fights when you were looking for your group. I agree that there is no way Jerry would ever be stopped by a body shot by Holmes. Holmes may have won by a decision or maybe even by cuts, but never by a body shot!

Thanks for your kind words James - things do get very difficult and people can only understand it when they go through it - which I wish on no living soul. Best Wishes

Mr. Quarry your a great guy, but you and your family have to much guts for your own good/ please don't let this guy kent take over/ i have a lot of respect for you/ otherwise i would have gone all out against some of the people that come to this site/ koo koo clock is a good guy/ he just wants to know the truth about things/ by the way i'm glad jerry knocked out THUG SPENCER HA HA HA HA HA :)))))))

We'll start it soon - things are a bit pushed at the mo' but next week will be good if that is okay with everyone. Numbers and statistics are a bad way to pick winners in fights !!

James: Our prayers are with you. Best wishes for fighting this the way Jerry fought Shavers! As for Holmes vs. Jerry Quarry: My pick would be Holmes by hard fought decision or possible TKO. Holmes' jab was deadly for opening cuts. Also, Holmes could take a hard punch and get up from a knockdown. I think this would have been a very competitive and interesting fight.

In a great battle
I pick Ellis to score a late round Ko over the Swede but not before being decked himself. Ellis had a great chin in his prime and this would make him prevail. In the most boring fight of the competition Young does just enough to win and Bugner does just enough to lose. Ellis would win by landing one of his quick rights over the slow jab of INGO. KO 7 Ellis would win a snoozefest over Bugner 8-5-1 even.

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I ran across this great interview with Ron Lyle. When asked about Jerry he said, "Jerry was a very tough fighter. It was my first big fight in boxing and the first loss on my record. He was not given enough credit in boxing and really was a legit fighter in the ring. He had great combos with power who wasn't a big guy but was in a big division. Bottom line: Quarry had a heart of a lion." Go here: http://www.fightnews.com/berkwitt39.htm

I wish you all the best James. My thoughts are with you in your journey to victory over your illness!

I am picking Moorer over Savold by late round knockout. Moorer beat a better quality of fighters than Savold did. Savold never beat a name fighter except for two wins over Lou Nova. In a wild sloppy affair, I pick Galento over Berbick by mid
round knockout. moorer over lee savold by tko in 3 rounds, based on moorers' latest performance. berbick over galento in 3 rounds. galento cannot be seriously considered a viable professional, even by the standards of the 30's and 40's. not even against berbick. even though i don't place a lot of value on trying to compare fighters of remotely separated decades, i'm still going to pick the ten best i know of since dempsey. i hope everybody disagrees just to bring a little life back to this website. no disrespect intended towards the quarrys', as i'm sure they want to continue bringing attention to blunt force trauma problems in pro. boxing, despite james' illness.

1, joi louis 2, muhammed ali, 3, jersey joe walcott, 4 george forman, 5, rocky marciano, 6, joe frazier, 7, larry holmes, 8 jack dempsey, 9, evander hollyfield, 10 ezzard charles.

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DEAR MR. JIMMYQ. HOPE YOU ARE FEELING BETTER, THIS IS ONE GREAT BOXING SITE, HATE TO GO BACK IN YOUR TOURNAMENT BUT I PICK INEMAR TO GET A LEFT-RIGHT CLEAR UPSET KNOCKOUT OF JIMMY ELLIS, SORT OF IN THE FORM VS EDDIE MACHEN, JOHANSSON WAS 26-2 WITH 17 KNOCKOUTS, I KNOW ONE THING THAT COMPUTER TOURNAMENT HOLMES/ QUARRY WAS SORT OF A FARCE, ARE THEY SURE IT WAS NOT GERRY COONEY? I WOULD HAVE TO GIVE IT TO HOLMES BUT NOT IN THAT FASHION, NO ONE KNOCKED JERRY QUARRY OUT WITH A BODY SHOT OR ANYTHING ELSE, NOT EVEN THEY CHUVALO DEBACLE, IF HOLMES COULD NOT KO SHAVERS, THAN HOW THEY HELL IS HE GONNA KO JERRY? TAKE CARE!

OKAY I STAND CORRECTED, JERRY WAS KAYOED ON A SPARRING SEGMENT OF ELLERY QUEEN (BRAD "KID" HOGAN). BY THE SAME GUY WHO WAS THE POLICEMAN FRIEND OF AL'S IN "MARRIED WITH CHILDREN!" AND EARLIER SUFFERED A KO LOSS IN A STREET FIGHT WITH BARBARA EDEN ("I DREAM OF JEANNIE!").

AND THEY TV FIGHT WITH JEANNIE, I BELEIVE JERRY WAS TOOK OUT WITH A BODY SHOT!! DID ANYONE EVER FIND OUT THE BOXER'S WEIGHT OF THEY QUARRY-LOU BAILEY, JQ-RON CRAMNER, JQ-CHARLEY RENO?? I AM STILL RESEARCHING, AND DOES ANYONE KNOW IF THEY W.B.A.DID THEY OFFICIAL RATINGS OF THE HEAVYWEIGHTS OF THE 70'S?

The only time Jerry Quarry was ever down for the count except for the controversial Chuvalo fight was at the hands of none other than brother Jimmy Quarry who did the trick in the amateurs. Mr. Jimmy doesn't always mention that he was 14 years old and Jerry was 13 at the time! If memory serves me, Jerry was also knocked out in TV land by Batman or Robin when he was hypnotized and under the power of the Riddler.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF BOXING, INC.<br> 86 Fletcher Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York 10552<br> 914.664.4571<br>THE JERRY QUARRY FOUNDATION FOR PUGILISTICA DEMENTIA, INCORPORATED, 2255 East Oakland Avenue, Hemet, California 92544<br> 909.929.6977<br>6 March 2002<br>Dear Ms. Ambrose:<br>Councilperson, Council of the District of Columbia, Committee of Boxing and Wrestling<br>441 4th Street, NW<br>Washington, DC<br>Dear Ms. Ambrose:<br>The American Association for the Improvement of Boxing (AAIB) and The Jerry Quarry Foundation for Pugilistica Dementia (TJQF) are not for profit organizations that have often provided comments and input regarding proposed state and federal legislation regarding professional boxing. It is important for you to know that neither of them is currently or has ever previously promoted, staged, televised, or financially benefitted in any way whatsoever from the occurrence of any professional matches. It has come to our attention that your Committee will examine the operations of the D.C.
Boxing and Wrestling Commission at a public hearing on 12 March 2002. Based upon what these two organizations know about the legislation to be covered at this hearing and their collective expertise in such legal matters, the AAIB and TJQF would like to offer their comments on boxing commissions and their functions:<br><br>1) All boxing commissioners should be paid for their efforts. Implementing such a policy reduces the chances of bribery and chicanery occurring on the part of such persons. Paying these individuals will also enhance the possibility of appointing knowledgeable and honest persons to these positions.<br><br>2) Only those individuals who have demonstrated solid expertise in professional boxing should be appointed to serve on such a commission. The sport is too dangerous for any other arrangement.<br><br>3) Given the carnival and "stagey" nature of professional wrestling, the boxing and wrestling commission should be separate entities made up of different people. Even with all of its problems, professional boxing is a legitimate sport.<br><br>4) Because of the historically negative, corrupting, and undue influence of the so-called, self-appointed sanctioning bodies (eg. WBA, WBC, WBO, IBF, etc.) boxing commissions should have total control over all aspects of boxing shows. This jurisdiction should include: the equipment used, the referees and judges utilized, the scoring of the bouts, the weigh-in procedures, the contracts of the fighters, all safety and medical procedures, and all other similar items.<br><br>5) No boxing commission should have the dual responsibility of both attracting/soliciting boxing business and regulating it. No body should undertake these potentially conflicting functions at the same time.<br><br>6) All states, reservations, territories, and the District should have a state athletic commission that not only provides oversight and supervision to the separate boxing, wrestling, football, etc. commissions, but also reports directly to the chief executive officer (eg. Governor, Mayor, etc.) of that political entity.<br><br>If you have any questions concerning the above comments, please contact me at 330.743.2898 or ehnpbasa@aol.com. I am George L. Otto, BCD, ESQUIRE, ICADC, LISW, MSUS Legislative Counsel/Chief Counsel Legislative Counsel/Chief Counsel Mr. Stephen Acunto, Co-Founder, AAIB Mr. James Quarry, President, TJQF The Honorable John McCain, United States Senator The Honorable Anthony Williams, Mayor of the District of Columbia The Honorable Carol Schwartz, Councilmember, the District of Columbia<br><br>If you have any questions concerning the above comments, please contact me at 330.743.2898 or ehnpbasa@aol.com. I am George L. Otto, BCD, ESQUIRE, ICADC, LISW, MSUS Legislative Counsel/Chief Counsel Mr. Stephen Acunto, Co-Founder, AAIB Mr. James Quarry, President, TJQF The Honorable John McCain, United States Senator The Honorable Anthony Williams, Mayor of the District of Columbia The Honorable Carol Schwartz, Councilmember, the District of Columbia
SORRY GENTS: BUT I HAVETA WRITE IN AGAIN, (SEE I'M BETWEEN ROOFING JOBS AND HAVE TOO MUCH TIME ON MY HANDS) I ARGUED WITH A FIGHT BUDDY OF MINE ABOUT YESTERDAYS HEAVYWEIGHTS COMPARED TO TODAY. HE SAID TUA WOULD TAKE CARE OF BONAVENTA IN 2 ROUNDS, THEY ARE BIGGER TRAINED BETTER, SHARPER ETC. AND YU KNOW HE MAY WELL BE RIGHT THE BIGGEST GUY JERRY EVER FOUGHT WAS BUSTER MATHIS 238 1/2LBS. STANFORD HARRIS 233 1/2 . FINALS IN KC I THINK THE GUY WENT 238. (JQ ENDED HIS CAREER). I KNOW ONE THING THAT YESTERDAYS HAD BETTER-HEART. NOBODY QUIT, (APOLOGIES DURAN-LEONARD). AKINWANDE GETTIN HIS 8$MILLION DOLLAR PURSE QUIT AGAINST LEWIS; ( I THOUGHT REFEREE MILLS LANE SHOULD HAVE HIT HIM) McCALL CRYBABY THING. HOWEVER DID YU SEE TIM WITHERSPOON.

It is funny how people think just size rules over skill. It is ironic that David Tua is used as an example of the better fighters of today. In his last major fight Tua was handily outpointed by 213 pound Chris Byrd, a fighter similar to Jimmy Young in style. Tua with about a 22 pound weight advantage got his ears boxed off by Byrd and I believe Young would have done the same thing to him. Not to mention what Muhammed Ali would have done to the "Pineapple Head." Both Byrd and Young are not hard punchers and I think Jerry would have possibly kayoed Tua, probably in the later rounds. Tua is strong and he has a dangerous left hook but little else. Joe Louis in his prime knocked out the following fighters when he was giving away over 50 pounds to his opponents in some of these cases: Buddy Baer, Abe Simon, Primo Carnera, Tony Galento, and Max Baer all made Louis look small at about 200 pounds and out of these fighters; B. Baer, Simon, and Carnera all were above 6'5" in height and they were no match for the better skilled Louis. Jack Dempsey also destroyed much larger fighters like Luis Firpo and Jess Willard, so size alone doesn't guarantee victory. Out of today's larger fighters; only Lennox Lewis, and maybe the Klitscko Brothers seem to show any kind of boxing skill that would trouble the oldtimers. Because without the skill, they would not have a chance against the all time greats. But all of these fighters have question marks that need to be answered in order to include them among the greats. Lennox has a questionable chin and the Klitsckos have both shown not to respond too well when things are not going their way.

Wladimir K. fell from exhaustion in a later round when journeyman Ross Puritty didn't fall from from an early beating and Vitaly K. quit on his stool due to arm injury while he was ahead of Chris Byrd on the scorecards. I am not doubting that Vitaly K. was injured but an old timer would have fought one handed for a couple rounds and end up winning a decision rather than give in to defeat (I realize that Sonny Liston did the same thing in the first Ali fight-I am talking about oldtimers in general).

If you can agree, the only exceptions are Lewis and Bowe who were better when they were around the 220-230 lb mark....'nuff said !!!!!!!

The last 40 year - best heavyweights - Ali - 205-225lbs - Frazier - 200 - 215lbs - Foreman - 210 - 225lbs (prime) - Holmes - 206-220 lbs (prime) Mike Tyson - 216 - 224 lbs - Holyfield - 202-218 lbs - They have been the best - the only exceptions are Lewis and Bowe who were better when they were around the 220-230 lb mark....'nuff said !!!!!!!
Dear Senator Reid:

Writing on behalf of the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing (AAIB) and The Jerry Quarry Foundation for Pugilistica Dementia (TJQF), I have provided below additional comments on your recently introduced legislation, S. 893, The National Boxing Commission Act of 2001. As I indicated in my previous letter dated 19 January to you regarding this introduced bill, both the Association and the Foundation believe that its passage and implementation in a properly amended form could greatly improve the sport in many ways. Both the AAIB and TJQF firmly believe that professional boxing still lacks the unity, discipline, consistency, and integrity exhibited by other sports, despite the passage and implementation of The Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 and The Muhammed Ali Boxing Reform Act of 2000. For that reason, the Association and the Foundation believe that S. 893 must include provisions that provide for the establishment of a committee that would draw up uniform laws regulating all aspects of professional boxing, in all political subdivisions of the United States and their territories. Thus this bill, when passed in its acceptable form, would appoint all members of the Association of Boxing Commissions, five representatives of the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing, and four members of The Jerry Quarry Foundation to a rule-making group that would develop these regulations. The agreed-upon rules would cover all aspects of equipment standards; health and safety precautions; promotional guidelines; contractual regulations; pension provisions; the deportment of the fighters and their staff members during all public appearances to include the bouts themselves; the payment of the fighters; the training, qualifications, appointment, behavior, payment, and appointment of the referees; judges, timekeepers, cut persons, trainers, managers, inspectors, and boxing commissioners; and any other needed rules and regulations. The Federal Government would organize and pay all the financial expenses of those individuals carrying out such an enormous and important undertaking. Finally, the results of such an effort would form the basis of any laws imposed upon foreign countries that would stage and promote professional boxing matches throughout the world. Without question, professional boxing desperately needs such uniform standards and criteria in every location where it occurs. Otherwise, the unsanitary traditions of staging "back alley brawls," "waterway barge fights," and unsavoury spectacles will continue to haunt the sport and reinforce its already dreadful reputation for underhandedness, illegality, cruelty, and consumer fraud.

If you want to provide feedback or ask questions concerning this letter or any other related subjects, I can be reached at ehnpbsa@aol.com, 330.743.2898, or 142 Upland Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44505. I am Sincerely yours,

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could greatly improve the sport in many ways. Subsection (a)(6) of Section 9 of S. 893 covers the issues surrounding conducting discussions and entering into agreements with foreign boxing events and foreign boxers, trainers, cut men, referees, judges, ringside physicians, and other professional boxing personnel. The language in this section should be amended to reflect the following policies for numerous reasons. First of all, it is important to note that the most powerful people in the boxing industry, as well as most of the fighters and their fans are citizens of the United States. Thus, even though an increasing number of bouts now occur outside of the United States and an increasing number of fighters are coming here from overseas, the interests of United States citizens still dominate this sport. It is also important to note that the geographical sites of the fights have become increasingly unimportant in terms of generating revenue because of increasing amounts of money coming from pay per view and cable television fans paying subscription fees. Nevertheless, in attempts to secure additional revenue, some promoters have staged boxing productions overseas by presenting fighters who are not physically and/or mentally fit to pass any examination given by any boxing commission in the United States; also promoters, for the same reasons, have taken advantage of lax foreign safety regulations in eliminating certain expenses, such as having an ambulance at ringside to provide additional medical coverage for injured boxers. Given the spirit and intent of the previously approved and enacted Professional Boxing Act of 1996 and the Muhammed Ali Boxing Reform Act of 2000, this bill should ensure that all professional boxing matches involving any promotional, media, or athletic interest connected to the United States, and occurring outside the United States, comply with uniform medical, contractual, and safety standards as set forth by the Association of Boxing Commissions. Furthermore, these rules should be uniformly promulgated and enforced by the boxing commissioners in all local jurisdictions where such a professional boxing match occurs. To guarantee that these rules be enacted, all current and future trade agreements (e.g. NAFTA and GATT) should include provisions ensuring that the Association and the local boxing commissions work together to establish and implement these rules and regulations in a consistent and fair manner. Including this proposed amendment in S. 893 will greatly help in improving the safety and fairness of this sport overseas. As mentioned in my previous letter, if you have any questions concerning the above, please call me at 330.743.2898 or email me at ehnpsa@aol.com. I am<br>\textit{Sincerely yours,}

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Oleg Maskaev, completely was outboxing American Corey Sanders (not the same Corrie Sanders from South Africa). Maskaev easily won the first seven rounds and he was winning the eighth round when all of a sudden Sanders nailed him with a combo and down Maskaev went. He got back up but Sanders again hit him with a hard combo and the referee stopped the fight. The reason why I am bringing up this fight is for about seven and one half rounds the fight reminded me of Jerry's fight with Ron Lyle. Maskaev though a big guy at 6'3” 238 pounds, was dwarfed in size by the 6'6” 312 pound Sanders and until the knockdown, Maskaev was proving what I have always believed, that a smaller fighter with better skills can beat a much larger opponent. He was moving in and out and counter punching beautifully and he was beating Sanders to the punch until the first knockdown. One thing though I noticed Maskaev's corner telling him a couple of times to not stand in front of Sanders when he got in close and that he needed to give Sanders angles so Sanders would be less likely to catch him with good shots. I think Maskaev wishes he listened to his corner now!

In the competition we have Moorer and Berbick through. The next round we have All time great Rocky Marciano against TNT Tubbs and in the second match - Jersey Joe Walcott against Bonecrusher Smith...good matches you'll agree.

Marciano over tubbs by ko in two. Walcott over smith by a methodical beating and ko in five rounds. anyone watch a walcott fight film lately? i am amazed by the way he changes momentum on a dime. stops moving forward, and calmly walks to the side four or five steps, giving his opponent new angles to deal with. Walcott is highly underappreciated. He ranks in at least the top five all time greats.

The thing is Steve, for almost eight rounds Maskaev was wiping the floor with a guy who outweighed him by 74 pounds. There were several occasions where Sanders was rocked and he appeared hurt. If Sanders had not got lucky and tagged Maskaev with some "Hail Mary" punches, no one would mention the weight difference. It was not the size difference that did Maskaev in. It was his own stupidity of staying in front of Sanders. Maskaev earlier in his career did the same thing against David Tua when he was leading in the later stages of a fight and he got caught and knocked out by Tua and that time he was the bigger fighter and although the weights were about the same, he had a big height advantage against Tua.

I am picking Marciano by fifth round knockout over Tubbs and Walcott by decision over Bonecrusher. "Bonecrusher Smith" is a great name though. Maybe he should have been or should be still a pro wrestler. 

Ronny, as I remember it, the Olympic Auditorium in downtown Los Angeles had regular boxing shows on Mondays? one of Jerry's earlier bouts, in L.A. was on a monday. I say they only ran shows on Thursday and Friday at OLYMPIC. Seems like Saturdays were very special boxing events like the COLISEUM OR SPORTS ARENA. AND ANYONE KNOW THE WEIGHTS FOR JERRY Q-JOEY ORBILLO BOUT? JQ 192LBS AND ORBILLO??
boxing shows on Thursday nights with Friday nights being for the bigger name fights. I suppose they could have used Saturdays as well. They also had pro wrestling regularly on Wednesday nights with some Friday nights for their special events. I don’t remember any boxing shows ever being on Monday nights. Of course it has been many years and I may not be remembering correctly.

Marciano over Tubbs TKO 10. Walcott over Smith by decision. I saw part of the Maskaev-Sanders fight also. At the time of the KO, Maskaev was well ahead on points and was on his way to a decision win over a badly out of shape Sanders, at least he looked out of shape to me. I am one of those people who believe a good big man will beat a good small man most of the time. A good boxer will beat a good puncher most of the time. We had Marciano and Walcott in our bout this week. He was being wiped out by Walcott in their title bout. He made one mistake and it was over. And he was the smaller guy. I also believe Roy Jones can and will beat Vassiliy Jirov. A smaller guy wins. Consider this. If say, Jack Dempsey had been born in 1980 instead of 1895, he would be about 6'3" or 6'4" and weigh 220-225. Jack was a good size athlete in his day. The same goes for Joe Louis. So, I'm also one of those people who think we need more separation in the heavyweight division. Cruiserweight say 180-200, Heavyweight 201-225 and Superheavy 225 and up. Call me crazy, but if you are 185 lbs and you have a guy that weighs 235 or 240 and has two or three inches on you. You will have a very hard time.

I pick Walcott to eek out a close decision over a Prime Bonecrusher. I also see the Marciano fight closer than you other gentleman. After falling behind and getting cut an haymaking right stops Tubbs in the tenth round.<br>Well that puts Marciano and Walcott through. In the round next we have 60's hard man Ron Lyle against the wily Eddie Machen. In the second match (and final one of the first round we have a rematch of sorts as Riddick Bowe and Pinklon Thomas meet again. This time it will be an early-mid eighties Thomas against an early nineties Bowe. Will be a good fight.<br>

In a tough fight, I pick Lyle by split decision over Machen. Machen lands more punches but Lyle knocks him down twice in the fight to get the narrow victory with two 10 to 8 rounds. Thomas never threatens and Bowe wins a decision on all three judges cards. Bowe easily wins 9 out of 12 rounds for the verdict. Big Daddy Bowe by a close but unanimous decision over Pinklon Thomas, and Lyle over Machen by a middle round TKO. Bowe would tire toward the end of the fight, but hold on for the win.

based on machens'performances against liston and quarry, i pick machen by a decision in a brutal,exciting fight.these are the kinds of matchups i can savor!bowe by ho hum decision over thomas.why pick names out of a hat ?why not post fights you would really like to see? then tally the votes.i can think up a dozen matchups more interesting than fights involving tubbs and bonecrusher smith.pick x amount of fighters by vote or consensus among participants.then,vote on matchups,then conduct an elimination tournament.this would eliminate fights based on random change or a game of statistics.
CA||Sonia81@aol.com||||10|HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!  WE LOVE & MISS YOU UNCLE JERRY, AND WE'RE HERE FOR YA DAD!|
|3/30/02 05:15:10 AM|EVREN|London||Evren@btinternet.com||||10|I agree with SM - Lyle and Machen were my two of my favourite fighters and I am kinda sad that have been drawn against one another. I feel Machen would win a close decision as Lyle had difficulty with the crafty boxers and Machen definitely fell into this category. Machen on points in a tough tough battle. I also pick Bowe to outpoint Thomas in a surprisingly close contest. SM - I feel that we all picked fights we wanted to see then we would have a pre conception of the result already. Like the heavyweight tournament in the late sixties it was done this way with all the best boxers available. However if you really feel that way is better e-mail everyone with your idea and we can go from there. Best Wishes<br><br>Evren|

|4/1/02 08:05:20 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||||10|I DO NOT MEAN TO INTERRUPT THE TOURNAMENT, BUT HERE IS A LITTLE TIDBIT, JERRY SCORED AROUND 70 KNOCKDOWNS IN HIS CAREER, AND ONLY HIT THE DECK HIMSELF -6 (ONLY IN WHICH 2 HE LOST 69' CHUVALO 74' FRAZIER) THATS ABOUT 11 OR 12 TO 1, THIS IS AMAZING, SOME OF THE GREATS PATTERTSON, FRAZIER ETC. DO NOT COME CLOSE TO THAT RATIO, OF COURSE 8 OF FRAZIER'S 11 KNOCKDOWNS WERE TO FOREMAN, WITH THE CALIBER OF JQ'S OPPONENTS THIS IS HALL OF FAME STUFF, THEY ONLY ONES THAT HE REALLY DID NOT KNOCK DOWN WERE THEY ABSOLUTE BEST ALI, FRAZIER, NORTON, MACHEN, CHUVALO, AND ELLIS |  
|4/2/02 03:11:41 PM|sm|nj||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|i'm relatively new to this site, so some of this may be old ground already covered, but not for me. kent, great articles on welterweight div. and timetunnel: quarry upsets lyle. evren, i think you're doing a great job running the tournament. at his peak, jerry quarry would have won matches or at least rematches with ellis, chuvalo, norton, machen, and a good chance against foreman. remember i said at the top of his game. he's a very underrated fighter. if not for the winds of chance and fate, he could have been considered one of the very best all time. fights i'd liked to have seen, lyle vs frazier, norton, frazier vs norton, shavers, liston, quarry vs foreman, rematch vs ellis, chuvalo, machen, norton, again, both at their prime. |  
|4/3/02 12:33:02 PM|Evren|London||Evren@btinternet.com||||10|We need a deciding vote on Machen vs Lyle the we can proceed to the next round. Evren|  
|4/3/02 02:45:35 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||||10|I'M USING BOTH IN THEIR PRIME'S UNFORTUNATELY LYLE (7 1/2 YEARS IN PRISON) DID NOT REALLY HAVE PRIME YEARS, MACHEN WINS THEY FIRST 3 ROUNDS, IN AND OUT QUICKER THAN LYLE CAN REACT, LYLE GETTING MORE VISCIOUS, AND TAKES 4TH AND 5TH ROUNDS, AS HE LANDS A FEW BOMBS, MACHEN NOW MORE DEFENSIVE, TIES LYLE UP, 6TH-ROUND EVEN AS MACHEN WINS A FEW TOE TO TOE EXCHANGES BEATING LYLE TO THE PUNCH, 7TH ROUND LYLE TIRING MACHEN OUT A LITTLE LEANING IN ON THE CLINCHES OF HIS 25 POUND LIGHTER FOE, ANOTHER DEAD EVEN HEAT, MACHEN AGAIN WINNING A FEW TOE TO TOE EXCHANGES TAKES THE 8TH, BUT LYLE HAS HIS BEST ROUND OF THE NIGHT IN THE 9TH, SCORING A FEW POWERFUL AND DECEPTIVE COMBINATIONS, WHILE TRAPPING EDDIE IN A CORNER, LYLE GETS IN A 2 POINT ROUND, AS MACHEN IS HOLDING ON AT THE BELL. LYLE IS THROWING COMBINATIONS NOW, AND WHEN NOT USING HIS REACH WITH A JAB, MACHEN HOPEING TO GET A STRETCH RUN, STARTS HOOKING UNDERNEATH LYLE'S JAB. - LYLE'S ROUND. THEY 11TH MACHEN HAS REGAINED HIS SECOND WIND AND NOW CONFUSING LYLE WITH RIGT LEADS, IN CLOSE HE'S COUNTERING WITH HOOKS. - MACHEN'S ROUND. EDDIE TAKES IT HOME IN THE 12TH THROWING, TYING UP AND THROWING AGAIN, LYLE SLOWED FROM HIS OWN EARLIER PACE IS JUST FLAT GETTING BEAT TO THE PUNCH, EDDIE EXHAUSTED, BUT GOING FOR BROKE, LYLE'S FACE SAYS HE WOULD KILL MACHEN IF HE COULD GET AHOFLD OF HIM, AS HE IS SPENT BUT DETERMINED AS THE ROUND ENDS. JUDGE TONY CASTELLANO SCORES IT A DRAW 95-95 BUT IS OVERRULED BY REFEE REFEREE MERCANTE, AND THEY OTHER JUDE LARRY ROSADILLA 96-95 WINNER BY MAJORITY DEC. EDDIE MACHEN (NO KNOCKDOWNS)<br>|  
|4/4/02 06:44:53 AM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com||||10|Machen over Lyle by
decision, 7 rounds to five. Bowe over Thomas by KO in round 9.

Well there we have it Lyle and Thomas go out. Well guys that is the end of the first round. The real matches start from here. Will start the next round very soon. Evren

Thanks SM for your compliments about my article at eastsideboxing.com about the state of the welterweight division and my article about the Jerry Quarry/Ron Lyle fight. The welterweight article is on the home page, while the Quarry article is and several other articles I have written are on the more news page (page two) that can be found by clicking on the more news banner at the left side of the home page and also at the bottom of the home page. You will need to scroll down the pages to find my articles.

Okay the final thirty two combatants are - Ken Norton, Joe Frazier, Muhammad Ali, Sonny Liston, Mike Tyson, Carl Williams, Lennox Lewis, Hasim Rahman, Jimmy Young, Jimmy Ellis, Michael Moorer, Gerry Cooney, Tony Tucker, Ezzard Charles, Trevor Berbick, Rocky Marciano, Jersey Joe Walcott, Jerry Quarry, Riddick Bowe, Eddie Machen, George Chuvalo, Larry Holmes, Max Schmeling, Joe Louis, Earnie Shavers, Floyd Patterson, Michael Dokes, George Foreman, Evander Holyfield, Zora Folley, Roland La Starza and Cleveland Williams. Okay for the first two matches of the next round are...50's stylist Zora Folley takes on former world champ Tony Tucker. In the second bout Riddick Bowe meets murderous punching Earnie Shavers. Evren

I pick Tucker by close decision over Folley. Tucker uses his height and reach advantage to win enough rounds for the verdict. In a wild one where both parties hit the deck, it is Bowe by eighth round knockout over Shavers.

Tucker was a nice technical fighter, so was Folley. Tucker was much bigger however, and would pick apart Zora to win a tough decision. Bowe vs Shavers is a pick-em. I say Riddick got hit too much and Earnie takes him out pretty early. Like round 4.

In an excellent technical matchup Foley and Tucker engage in scientific boxing. The fight is even going into the later stages when Tucker lands a crashing right cross and Foley's chin gives out. The fight is won by Tucker in nine. The second bout is brutal - Bowe decides to match fire with fire against Shavers and is damaged severely for his ignorance. A crashing left hook right cross puts big daddy down for the count of seven in the first. The bell saves him. After an all
out effort in the second Bowe finds a way to survive the bombardment and comes fighting back at the bell. Shavers is a little weary in the third and Bowe begins to box keeping him on the end of a long jab. The fourth round is the same. The next stanza sees Bowe begin to unload on a tired Shavers who sags in the corner, badly hurt. The referee administers a count but lets Shavers continue. As Bowe comes in for the kill Earnie finds some strength and turns Bowe on ropes where he unleashes five savage punches to Bowes exposed chin. Riddick falls heavily on his front and the referee counts him out in a brutal bout. In the interview after Earnie considers whether he will fight on in the next round as he is so battered. He will of course.<br>
|4/12/02 12:12:39 PM|Evren|London|||||10|Tucker is definitely through - Shavers is ahead - 3-2 votes - I will post next matches tomorrow so if anyone else would like to vote then today is the day.<br>
|4/13/02 03:19:19 PM|EVREN|LONDON|||||10|Shavers and Tucker through. Next two matches are - Ezzard Charles vs Jimmy Ellis. Trevor Berbick vs Muhammad Ali (Rematch).|
|4/15/02 12:09:48 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|I pick Charles over Ellis by decision and Ali over Berbick by 8th round TKO.|
|4/17/02 02:07:03 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|MIKE PAUL COMPOSED AN ALLTIME RATING SYSTEM, THAT I CONSIDER GREAT FOR ALLTIME, AND TERRIBLE YEAR TO YEAR, EXAMPLE: JQ rated 18th in 1969??! but has Jerr no.26 alltime, it goes as a points system, off the fighter's biggest win, which by his standards Quarry's would be Shavers. there is a big discussion about this on boxingrec.i know for a fact JERRY QUARRY WAS ANYWHERE FROM TOP 8, (DRAW WITH PATTERSON) TO THEY NO.1 CONTENDER BY RING MAGAZINE FROM 1967-75. And the W.B.A. which were they official rating committe rated JQ even higher for they did not recognize Ali's exiled years. Disregard mike paul's year to year rating's. But on they other hand his Alltime were pretty damn good. There was an 64-month period were Jerry only lost to PRAZIER AND ALI, and beat 5 top teners, Foster#1, BODELL#8, MIDDLETON#7, LYLE#3, and SHAVERS#5|
|4/18/02 05:28:40 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com.au|||10|Mr James Quarry, congratulations on the tremendous work you have done with the foundation. While you deserve the appreciation of all boxers for this work, your family has also earned the respect of all fight fans for the courage always shown. I understand that you have a battle of your own. Having 'Quarry' as your last name must surely help. Best wishes from Australia. |
|4/19/02 11:40:50 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Come on guys and vote on the latest fight in our tournament. It looked like we were going good again in the last fight so lets keep it going.|
|4/19/02 06:46:07 PM|Sonia Hathaway|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia81@aol.com|||10|Yes, Dad, you've/we've got a battle to face but as the saying goes "THERE'S NO QUIT IN A QUARRY". We're behind you all the way. We love & miss you Uncle Jerry! Take care all!!|
|4/20/02 10:43:24 AM|Evren|London||Evren@btinternet.com|||10|A 212lb Ali comes out to meet Trevor Berbick in the center of the ring with a lightning right cross stamping his authority on his bigger foe. Ali starts his pattern of jabbing and moving, tying up Berbick on the inside. In the next few rounds Berbick continues to press and makes the fight exciting but continually gets beaten to the punch and is getting totally boxed out. In the 10th round a battered Berbick gives up and Ali moves in landing a 15 punch combination and the referee stops the bout with Trevor collapsing by the ropes.<br>The second match is a great tactical battle between two excellent boxers. For once, at heavyweight, both are fighting opponents their own weight and both perform admirably. The fight is close all the way with Charles taking a little edge due to his extra skill level and he wins a close unanimous decision in a 'purists delight'.|
Jerry was my only idol growing up in the late '60s and '70s. I remember listening to his late night fights from the west coast, or staying up late waiting for results. His passing hit me really hard. I truly regret not meeting him. This man gave it all in this brutal sport, he left a piece of himself in each one of those 66 fights for the entertainment of the public. Why do bad things happen to good people. He's truly a warrior who didn't deserve such a fate. A cruel ending to this remarkable person. May God Bless you Jerry.

Ali over Berbick TKO 8. Charles over Ellis by decision.

Ali (apart from that last fight) would always be way too strong for Berbick. Probably a TKO early, I'd say round 5. Ellis is better than history records, but Charles too tough for him. The Charles before the Marciano fight would win convincingly by TKO, while the Charles after Rocky might beat Ellis on points.

In their primes, Ali overpowers Berbeck in 4 or 5 rounds. I agree with Paul, Jimmy Ellis had some attributes that aren't mentioned very often. He had very fast hands, excellent ring movement, and a powerful, sneaky right hand. I still see Charles as a better fighter overall. Charles wins a 15 round decision.

Okay Ali and Charles are through unanimously. next round...Lennox Lewis meets the rabbit Floyd Patterson. In the second match Hasim Rahman meets Iron Mike Tyson.

Lennox is way too big and strong and would land in the 3rd round and Floyd would fall. Tyson in his prime would knock the slow moving plodding Rahman out pretty early. Let's say round 4.

Yes, Lewis over Patterson and Tyson over Rahman; both by knockout before the fifth round.

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Patterson gives Lewis some problems with his movement and speed but eventually gets battered along the ropes mid way through the seventh round though the fight was quite close at that point. The Tyson - Rahman bout is a real war with Rahman trying to outmuscle Tyson but soon realises that Mike wasn't just about speed - he was speed and dynamic and he crushes Rahman a la the way he destroyed Bruno in '96. Tyson by 3 round ko.

Patterson lands some good body shots, but goes down 5 times in 4 rounds before the Ref stops it. Tyson crushed the slow moving Rahman in 3 rounds. Rahman kept Mike off him in the first round, but is hurt by body shots. The second goes much the same. In the middle of the third, Tyson lands his classic uppercut, two quick hooks to the body, then a right forearm puts "The Rock" in a coma.

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was notorious about not taking a punch very well so that is why I think he would be knocked out by Lewis. If it was Jerry verses Lewis on the other hand, even though he was a lot smaller than Lewis, he would be more of a match for Lewis than Patterson if only because Jerry could take a terrific punch. I would say the same thing about Rocky Marciano verse Lewis as well. I will have to think about the current matches and post about them tomarrow or Sunday.

In the first fight, Quarry stops Young by TKO in the 6th. The first 3 rounds saw Jerry pressing the action to the body, Young using his jab to fend him off. Young is very hard to hit with a clean shot. In the fourth Jerry lands some hard body shots, a stiff right sends Jimmy reeling. The fifth round Young is holding, and ducks through the ropes when Jerry puts more than three punches together. The ref takes the round away from Young for this tactic. In the 6th, Jerry staggers Young with a left and right on a break, Young retreats to the ropes. Jerry try's to put Young away and drops him with a right. Young gets up at 7 and ducks through the ropes again. The ref stops it at 2:06. Young protests and says he is not hurt and later says he was robbed. Williams stops La Starza in the 5th round. Williams towers over the 5'11" LaStarza and uses his long left to set up right hands. Both fighters head hunt for the first two rounds and Carl gets the better of it. In the third Roland shifts to a body attack and gets in some good shots though Williams seems to take it well. In the fifth round Williams hurts LaStarza and opens a cut above his right eye. By the end of the round Williams is giving LaStarza a thumping. Williams opens the 5th with a hard combination that sends Roland reeling. A left hook drops him to one knee. Up at a count of 8 Williams hammers him along the ropes and drops him as the ref steps in. TKO 1:43.

Quarry vs Young is a tough one. Would it be like the Ellis and Machen fights for Jerry or like the Spencer and Patterson fights. I know I'm not going to win any popularity awards but I must pick Young - in his prime he gave Foreman, Ali and Norton fits and you could argue he won the last two (many do). If Ali and Norton couldn't knock him out I feel that Quarry couldn't do it either. Young on points. La Starza was a cagey boxer with a good chin, I believe he was stopped only twice (by Marciano and Julio Mederos). The size would be a big factor and believe Williams after a few scary moments takes a good decision. I do feel Williams would win a decision if the two were the same size however.

I pick Jerry by late kayo over Young and Carl Williams over La Starza by decision. Gil Clancy once said that Jerry was the best gym fighter he ever saw and that he used contenders like Young as sparring partners and he controlled the action. Interesting point about the Young verses Lyle fights, Lyle has always believed that he won both fights. As I remember them or at least one of them, Lyle landed the more telling blows and he kept up a steady body attack, but Young landed more punches and the fights were close.

Glad to be back after long absense. Had to get some business done across the US. Especially Georgia. Recently returned from Santa Ana, Calif. I'm very glad to see this site still going strong. Also glad that certain "characters" are no longer here. Very ineteresting match-ups. Jerry vs Jimmy is very tough. I pick Quarry by ko 6. This is Quarry prior to the 2nd loss to Frazier. If it was post Frazier I would pick Young. I don't think using Ali is a good measuring stick. Many could argue that Ali was finished after the Manila fight with Frazier. He was clearly out of shape in that fight. He looked fat to me. Clearly a lack of motivation on Ali's part. Also Young didn't go after Ali like my Norton did. Norton was far more robbed than the elusive Young. Norton beat Ali twice (official and unofficial) while Ali was in his prime. Of course Ali was washed up when Norton beat him the 3rd time. I'm no hypocrite.
Truth" Williams he is just too big and strong for the blown up light-heavy Laztarza. Easy decision win. Even if Laztarza is actually more skilled. Same goes for Lewis over Patterson. Patterson is one boxer who would do poorly against today's heavies. He's way too small and weak chinned. Can you picture him against massive Tua and mutants like the Klitcho's, Goofi Whitaker, McLine, etc. Lewis would KO him in about 8th round. <br>I saw a past match-up. The Ali-Berbick match is too easy. Ali would whip him thoroughly. Even Berbick must know deep down that he would have lost to the prime Ali and not the washed up 40 year old. <br>Where exactly is Bakersfield anyway? I was in California Bay area. Just realized that perhaps I could've stopped by. | 4/28/02 04:47:45 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com||||10|Welcome back JP. No Bakersfield is nowhere near the San Francisco Bay area. It is closer to Los Angeles, which is about 400 miles south of San Francisco. Oh by the way, you sent me a message a while back but I couldn't open the attachment for some reason so I never knew what it was about. I wasn't ignoring the message. | 4/28/02 04:51:44 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com||||10|JP, just noticed you were also in Santa Ana. That is close to where I live but also about 100 miles from Bakersfield. | 4/29/02 12:10:15 PM|Joe Krause|Chicago||sadmspats@yahoo.com||||10|Jerry was a shade better than Young and would win a tight-tight decision. I don't see Jerry knocking Young out though, other top guys couldn't other then Shavers once. | 4/29/02 01:35:25 PM|steve|nj||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|just looking at commen apponents,jerry outboxed and hurt ron lyle.both at thier peaks,i always believed quarry would have taken norton out rather handily.i believe jerry would have found a way to beat young,especially with a good ref who doesn't allow all that holding and sticking -his-head-through-the-ropes nonsense.young was a fighter i never enjoyed watching.quarry by decision after hurting young several times.williams too big for la starza,wins by decision.| 4/29/02 04:42:48 PM|Ricardo Ortiz|San Francisco,CA||ricort@msn.com||||10|Jerry's career was very moving,sad and exciting.<br>He had a great courage and gave his best for the <br>sport of boxing and tragically, resulted in harm for his health.He always will be remembered by his gallantry and bravery forever.| 5/2/02 06:04:12 PM|Evren|London||@||10|Well I was truly out numbered there - Quarry and Williams through. The next round sees Jersey Joe Walcott take on Larry Holmes in a beautiful match up and in the second bout George Foreman takes on Mike Dokes. | 5/3/02 04:08:28 PM|mark burgess|southsea ||mark.burgess7@ntlworld.com||||9|Could anyone tell me if thad spencer & leotis martin are still alive and what they are up too? i would be very grateful| 5/3/02 07:54:46 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com||||10|Sadly,Leotis Martin has been dead for about six years. I am not sure how he died. Thad Spencer is still alive. I don't know what he is up to. Anyone out there know?| 5/4/02 04:04:40 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com||||10|Foreman over Dokes, third round Kayo, Holmes over Walcott eighth round Kayo. Evren, I have what you requested lately. Will be sending soon.| 5/6/02 05:19:58 PM|brenda quarry|paso robles ca||bgquarry@hotmail.com||||10|I am writting on my brothers web page to let them know Jim had lung cancer. We have been informed he has two to thirteen months to live. I am asking for all to pray. He is going through chemo , rad. and has been for the last five weeks. This is also the month of our brother jerry's birthday, please add my mother, father and sibblings to your prayers. thank you bg | 5/6/02 06:38:55 PM|Evren|London||Evren@btinternet.com||||10|If James could e-mail me or if someone would give me his e-mail address I'd very much like to write to him about my father who is in the same situation. I can perhaps offer hope...please get well very soon I am praying. Kent once told me that Doctors
don't know 'cause they are 'nt God '. I have never forgotten those words and I have 'nt looked back since.|

|5/6/02 07:25:42 PM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia81@aol.com|||10|Yes, prayers are a good thing. Just remember "THERE'S NO QUIT IN A QUARRY". We love you Dad. Uncle Jerry, we love & miss you!|

|5/6/02 07:50:01 PM|Kent Appel|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Of Course Jimmy and his whole family are in my prayers. His family has been an inspiration for me for years and will continue to be so. Yes I do believe that doctors only tell people the worst possible news and that they can't know for sure if someone is going to leave this world or not as that is God's domain. Jimmy we are pulling for you as we still need your leadership to make the sport we all love, boxing, safer. Miracles have happened before, why not at least once more? |

|5/7/02 08:50:27 AM|Joe Krause|Chicago,IL||sadmspats@yahoo.com|||10|I will keep you in my thoughts James. |

|5/7/02 10:25:42 AM|Sabrina Quarry-Porter|Florida||sabrinalporter@aol.com|||10|Dad you're always in my thoughts, prayers and heart. i may not be there physically with you but i'm there in spirit always...I wish i didn't live 3000 miles away, i would be visiting you all the time....But always remember I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH!!! AND I LOVE YOU TOO UNCLE JERRY|

|5/8/02 04:33:50 PM|mark burgess|southsea||mark.burgess7@ntlworld.com|||10|first of all i would like to say to james quarry you are in my thoughts & prayers as you face your biggest fight.I would also like to add while i am not jerry quarrys biggest fan, i personally find this the best boxing website their is, and the love & support for the quarry family is fantastic and may it long continue. also i have got the bodell v quarry fight programme i am not intrested in money but if anybody has anything to swap to do with boxing that would be great!|

|5/10/02 02:07:22 PM|Paul Maduros|midwest||pama42@yahoo.com|||10|It's been a long time since I've posted here, I just can't believe what I've just read. Let me tell you if anybody can beat something like this it's James. I want James and the whole Quarry family to know that I'll being praying for a recovery. James Quarry is like a brother, God bless you James. |

|5/10/02 03:13:29 AM|Evren|London||@|||10|I think the Foreman - Dokes bout would be exciting while it lasted. Dokes being an underestimated cute fighter would give George a few problems with his slick moves and would share the first three rounds in a highly charged fight. But things would come tumbling down for 'Dynamite' in the fourth as he is blown apart on the ropes. I see the holmes vs Walcott very close and a pick-em fight. It is a master class by both guys as Holmes gets frustrated by Walcott's movement and cheekiness. The fight is even untill the eigth when Walcott catches Holmes flush with a counter and drops him for a count of five. Holmes, being the great champion he is fights back immediately and staggers Walcott as both trade at the bell. From then on it is no looking back for Holmes who pushes out a close decision with a late surge. Holmes by close, unanimous decision.|

|5/10/02 03:39:41 PM|Kent |La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Jerry took the Norton fight on about three weeks notice and he didn't have time to train properly. I think he took it because he probably needed the money but I am not sure about this. At this late stage in Jerry's career, he wasn't weighing in at 196 anymore. He could have been in good shape around 200 to 202 pounds like he was for the Lyle and Shavers fights. I know he weighed less than this for the
second Frazier fight but I have always thought he was too light in that fight at about 197. Jerry still fought well for a few rounds anyway against Norton. The third round when he got cut near the beginning of the round is one of the best non stop action I have ever seen. Jerry punched himself out in that round trying to go for a knockout because of the cut and he had little left after this because of poor conditioning going into the fight and because all of the ring wars he had been in up to that time had caught up to him. I think Jerry would have had a good chance to beat Norton if the two had fought earlier in Jerry's career.

I have also read and heard from other people that ken norton stated that jerry quarry was the only fighter he went in the ring with that he hated and wanted to punish because Jerry was a racist, i find this hard to beleive but is there any truth in what norton said?

Mark, Ken Norton may have said that but in his book he softens it a bit and says he didn't like Jerry but after they hugged each other in the ring after a tough battle, all the bad feelings he had for Jerry went away. He praises Jerry for being a very game fighter. I think Norton may have changed his mind years later after looking back at things. Anybody that has ever had contact with Jerry has said Jerry was in no way a racist and he had many friends of all races. I met Jerry in the early 1980s and I found him to be a down to earth guy, very easy to talk to and respectful. Regarding Norton, sometimes for unexplained reasons, people can rub each other the wrong way. I have never met Ken Norton but I have talked to people who have met him and some say he is a great guy while a couple of people said he was somewhat of an arrogant jerk. The only way I could form an opinion on him is if I met him.

A little up date on James he is not doing very well he is up her in central ca. with his family and wife. He has some very bad days seem more bad then good however, we are working on a small garden so when he does feel good he can work in it. Thank you all for your prayers we really need them. My dad is also very sick and not doing well, it seems sometimes when bad times hit they come all at once. Jim is having a hard time paying for all his meds. if anyone can help out please do it will be one less worry for him. Thank for listening to me sometimes I need to let it all out to others. God bless all. Jim woun't be on his site for awhile nonethe less if i can answer any questions i will. Thanks to all the quarlys!

Thank you kent,you have a mind of useful information which if alright with you i would like to about jerry quarry and other heavyweights from the 60s and 70s. I have just watched quite a few jerry quarry fights over the last few days i.e lyle,shavers,ali 1&2, frazier 1&2,bodell,mac foster,chuvalo to name a few and i must admit i could not work jerry out, he was brilliant against shavers & lyle and not so good against chuvalo & ali 2 why was this

Also could you tell me if possible why jerry quarry had to fight joe frazier the second time(surely his chance to fight ali for the title would of come round eventually),and what was jerrys tatics going into that fight. I hope you dont get bored with me asking these questions but to me this is really enjoyable and i do come from a country that bought you thrilling heavyweights like Bugner,bodell,mcalinden,bruno. I say no more!
back so I can ask you something further off of the letter section. 

[5/12/02 05:04:23 PM] Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 

in my last post I also put in a wrong address. My E mail is oriononside@aol.com. I am also going to try and write to the Jim's boxer quarry address and see if you get the message I sent.

[5/13/02 07:20:36 AM] Sabrina Quarry-Porter | Florida | SabrinaLPorter@aol.com | 

James is with some of his family, his children are elsewhere but we are always thinking of him. We all wish we could be there with him especially me being in Florida. But I'm always with him in spirit and he knows how much I love him with all my heart... Keep the prayers going please... Thank You all very much... I LOVE YOU DAD FOREVER!!!!

[5/13/02 07:37:15 PM] Bob Bumbera | NC | renfbera@aol.com | 

Hang tough James and all the Quarry's out there. I know everyone who contributes to this site is praying for all of you. I think Foreman would take out Dokes in 7 or eight rounds. Dokes was a good fast boxer and would win some early rounds but George, in his prime, is just too strong and powerful. Very few great heavyweights could handle George's power and Dokes is not a great heavyweight. Holmes vs. Walcott on the other hand is a battle between two great prizefighters. Both men are solid punchers with beautiful boxing skills. I see both men hurt with solid shots, in the end Larry would take a very close decision. That's hard to say. I'm from Jersey, and Walcott was always one of my favorites. I've met him several times and have an autographed program from the Qwai-Holifield Cruiserweight bout. A very nice man. But in their primes I think Holmes would get the nod.

[5/13/02 08:05:57 PM] Sheri Coolbaugh | Paso Robles, CA | lizardluver@hotmail.com | 

hello, I am Brenda Quarry's daughter. My mother's email address is bquarry@hotmail.com. I believe Kent was asking for it. The garden is going well. I just took a load of compost over there on Saturday in my truck. My uncle looked good that day and was excited about the garden. They are planning to plant a lot of vegetables, and trying to keep the deer out (that is going to be their big challenge!). Thank you for all your hope and prayers.

[5/13/02 09:32:35 PM] Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 

Mark, Jerry took the second Frazier fight because Foreman, who was the champion at the time, wouldn't give him a shot probably because Foreman had a chance to fight Ali and he didn't want to risk blowing getting the Ali fight. Jerry took the second Frazier fight because it was thought Jerry could Frazier at this point because Jerry had been on a roll. Joe proved everyone wrong just as Jerry did against Lyle and Shavers. Jerry's plan was to box and counter punch, which is what he did for the first two rounds with some success but by the third round he reverted back to slug it out with disastrous results. I didn't think Jerry looked too bad in the Chuvalo fight he just got caught with a good punch in the seventh round and it was being careless and not keeping track of the count more than anything else that beat him. I do believe that if Jerry had beat the count that he would have won the fight as he wasn't hurt too badly and he had been handing Chuvalo a beating up to the knockdown. The second Ali fight has always been a sense of frustration for me as a Quarry fan in that after the second round until near the end of the sixth round when Ali stepped up the pace to try and get Jerry out of there and Jerry fought back hard, Jerry just seemed to be going through the motions and he didn't seem to fight hard like he always had before. He just plodded after Ali throwing half hearted punches one or two at a time while at the same time eating numerous Ali jabs and right hands. I am not sure why he didn't seem to be up for the fight.

[5/14/02 03:04:22 PM] markburgess@southsea | mark.burgess7@ntlworld.com |

Kent, thank you again for replying, I just like to say that in reading an old ring magazine Jerry was stated in saying that how much he was affected by seeing his brother Mike being
knocked out by the great Bob Foster; so when he had to go in and fight Ali his heart was not in it, I don't know if you have heard this before but what is your theory on it. I've got the chance to order the quarry v Ellis fight is it worth watching and how on earth did he lose to Ellis a blown up middleweight,? One more thing for tonight, the first time I saw Jerry fight was when he knocked out Jack Bodell in London, (I saw it on TV a few years back) what has been the general opinion of that fight in Jerry's career, ie was he expected to knock out Bodell quickly, or a long hard fight? Over here in England the fight was billed as an eliminator was anybody in America aware of this!

5/14/02 08:52:54 PM Kent La Habra, California || oriononside@aol.com |||| 10 | Wow this is turning into the Kent and Mark show. Any other Quarry regulars feel free to jump in at any time. I have heard the idea that Jerry seeing Mike brutally knocked out by Bob Foster didn't help Jerry's concentration but I also think Ali got into his head in that second fight. If you notice Jerry is aggressive in rounds one and two but towards the end of round two, Jerry lands a good left/right combo to Ali's head and Ali plays acts like he is hurt by wobbling at the knees scornfully. It was like he was saying, "Is that all you got?" It was after this second round that Jerry's fire seemed to go out until he was in survival mode near the end of the sixth and he fought back like the Jerry Quarry we all know only to be stopped while out on his feet by Ali early in the seventh round. I had heard of Bodell but as I remember it here in America it was considered a tune up for Jerry at the time.

5/14/02 09:00:30 PM Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) Joshua Tree, CA || Sonia81@aol.com |||| 10 | Dad, we're all here for you, no matter what. This site is still awesome. Let's keep it up always!!

5/15/02 09:04:12 AM Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) Joshua Tree, CA || Sonia81@aol.com |||| 10 | HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNCLE JERRY! YOU'RE STILL LOVED & VERY MUCH MISSED!!

5/15/02 10:35:27 AM Sabrina Quarry-Porter Florida || SabrinaLPorter@aol.com |||| 10 | HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNCLE JERRY....WE ALL LOVE AND MISS YOU VERY MUCH!!!!!!

5/17/02 10:22:08 AM Slade Oregon || info@ptctel.com |||| 10 | I recall the after fight interviews of the Quarry-Ali II fight and the Bodell fight. Jerry mentioned 3 things that definitely affected his performance. First was the knockout of his brother. Second, of course, was the good performance Ali put together. I vaguely recall what the other things was... but there was definitely something else he mentioned that was bothering him... he may have felt he came into the fight overweight - not sure if weight was the specific 3rd issue he mentioned though. I think he scaled 198 in that fight, but I've seen him fight well at 205. One of the sports writers asked Quarry immediately after the Bodell what he thought of Bodell. Jerry said "Well, he fell awkwardly".

5/17/02 12:50:21 PM Kent La Habra, California || oriononside@aol.com |||| 10 | I think the thing that bothers me as a Quarry fan is that most of the time the only fight that is ever shown is the second Ali fight when Jerry wasn't at his best and people get the impression that Jerry fought lethargic like that every time. Ali had a style that was difficult for Jerry, and Jerry probably would have lost the fight anyway, but if Jerry had been at his best, then the general public would see what a good fighter Jerry was even in defeat. Jerry's best chance to beat Ali would have been in their first fight if he hadn't been cut. Ali might not have been as sharp as the bout wore on due to his inactivity and Jerry appeared to be stepping up the pace in that third round. You could sense a slight changing of the momentum starting towards the end of the second round of that fight and throughout the third round prior to the cut and it could have increased if the cut hadn't occurred. Ali still probably would have won the first fight also but at least Jerry would have given him a run for his money. OH BY THE WAY, ARE SOME PEOPLE HAVING TROUBLE COMING TO THE QUARRY SITE? EVREN
IN ENGLAND TOLD ME HE HAS BEEN HAVING PROBLEMS ACCESSING THE SITE. |  
|5/17/02 02:15:13 PM|Evren|London||@||10|I've found my way back Kent...see you all in a week - I'm off to the city of Istanbul...Best Wishes everyone. I have tried to e-mail James but get an error message as it isn't a recognised address anymore. See ya...|  
|5/18/02 08:47:08 AM|mark burgess|southsea ||mark.burgess7@ntlworld.com|10|I must say that in watching jerry quarry in action i do find him very unpredictable from one fight to the next, but can anybody tell me how and why did he lose to jimmy ellis a blown up middleweight, who i thought was very over rated!|  
|5/18/02 10:55:36 AM|Gerry Schultz|ohio||jgschultz@firstam.com|8|I guess I have to type this again... Hi, my first time here, I'm really impressed there is a site for Jerry and this cause. I'll try not to unload all my opinions on Jerry and his sport here now, but here are a few: I think, overall, he is probably one of the 20 or so greatest heavyweights ever, without being a true heavyweight. I have his small highlight tape, and his matches vs. PattersonII, Spencer, Lyle and Foster show very well his remarkable ability in the ring. I was always impressed with his courage, skill and effort. I was disappointed that my tape did not include any Mathis film, or any interviews from the many involved in his career to historicize him better. It is too bad he did not have better strategy vs. Ellis or Frazier as he was certainly good enough to beat both. He was certainly better than Chuvalo, and, I think would have defeated Foreman. Overall, I have him about equal to Frazier and Norton, who caught him on the downside. I also have him better than Patterson or Holmes, prime vs. prime, or most of the late 70's-early 80's dopers who followed until Tyson. He would be a sensation as cruiserweight champ today, but the heavyws now are too huge to compare. It is too bad he did not bulk a little to slug Ali as he certainly could have carried it. He absolutely SHOULD NOT have fought in '91, which was sick and stupid. In closing, I think headgear should be MANDATORY for boxing, that boxing (and sports as a whole) would clearly benefit from a government agency which would provide better fights with better opportunities for those who have ability, and better standards for judges and refs who often make the sport a laughingstock. As a kid in the 70's, I was a big Quarry fan, and I'm thankful he was there for me and so many others. Best Wishes Always.|  
|5/18/02 10:59:50 AM|Paul Maduros|midwest||pama42@yahoo.com|10|I hope and pray that when people come to this site that not only that they post but make a donation. I didn't know that James was having trouble paying medical bill which we know are sky high these days. I would like to donate to help James. I would hope all of would try and do the same. Hang in there James, a lot of people love you.|  
|5/18/02 01:38:17 PM|Evren|London||@|I have to disagree strongly with Gerry on his comments about Quarry having the ability to beat Frazier and Foreman and a better fighter than Holmes. While I am a tremendous Quarry fan I find those comments somewhat startling. Quarry was at his best when he fought Joe and was outsmoked - Frazier was'nt even at his peak yet. Holmes and Foreman were just a league above as is shown by their championship calibre. Quarry was one of the greatest contenders ever, however and if fighters were rated on intestinal fortitude then Mr Quarry would be in the top five best ever heavies. Evren|  
|5/18/02 03:51:22 PM|Kent |La Habra, CA||oriononside@aol.com|10|Mark, a lot of the reason Jerry lost to Jimmy Ellis had to do with the fact that he had a chipped vertabre, in essence a broken back, during the fight which was causing him pain but hadn't been discovered until he had a more complete physical after the fight. He was placed in a body cast soon afterward. Jerry wasn't as aggressive as he usually was but even so he lost by a split decision. Jerry probably would have beaten Ellis on most occasions. I too agree that Jerry wasn't better than Holmes and Frazier but I do think as I have stated before,
that prime against prime he would have had a very good chance of beating Norton. Ring Magazine in 1998 rated Jerry the 27th best heavyweight of all time. That is about right. 

I'm having trouble with the idea of a fighter preparing for a title fight, having a serious back injury, and his trainers and manager never picking up on it! I seem to remember Ali postponing a title fight for a hernia. Just for fun, transpose Holmes back ten years, then match him against late sixties and early seventies heavyweights. My point being in all this conjecture, that, given the superior competition of the time, and perhaps a better management team, Quarry could have very easily rated above both Ellis and Holmes, and again, Norton, who seemed to both fear and resent Quarry, and was managed well enough to wait till Jerry was used up before fighting him.

Steve, I am not sure why Jerry's management, at the time his father Jack Quarry and Johnny Flores, didn't listen to Jerry when he complained about being in pain. James and Mike Quarry have both said their brother fought Ellis with a back injury and James told me Jerry was put into a body cast not long after the fight. Jerry is rated above Jimmy Ellis in most all time rankings and rightly so, as Jerry overall was the better fighter. That is not to take anything away from Ellis, who was a fine fighter in his own right. I find myself in a rare instance when I appear to not be on Jerry's side when it comes to saying Larry Holmes was the better fighter. I am one of Jerry's biggest fans and of course I think the world of the Quarry family, Holmes was a master boxer, a top ten all time great who would be a champion in just about any era. Like I said, the ring magazine rankings of the all time greatest heavyweights was fair in regards to placing Jerry at number 27 in their list of the top fifty of all time. I think he is about number 20 to 25 but number 27 is objective.

Holmes' difficulty with Norton, Weaver, his lack of competition in his era, make me think he was an overexalted copy of Ali. How would he have fared against Joe Frazier, George Foreman, a prime Ken Norton, or even, yes, a prime Quarry? For all his boxing skills, he seemed to turn some fights into wars. Shavers, Cooney.

I have just read an article from the Philadelphia Weekly dated 26 Dec 2001 about the sad life of Jimmy Young who has been battling drug addiction and apparently suffering from dementia pugilistica, the very same condition in which Jerry Quarry suffered from. Young like Quarry did not duck anybody, Shavers, Norton, Ali, Foreman, Cooney, Lyle, Dokes, Page, to name a few but now as he fights his biggest battle I hope and pray there is some light at the end of the tunnel!

I personally think Young was one of the best heavyweights there has been, I think wins over Lyle, Foreman plus very controversial losses to Ali & Norton and a debatable draw with Shavers confirm this. I also think if young kept his weight and conditioning together particularly after the Norton fight he could of been world champ (well WBA champ young i dont think would have beaten Holmes for the WBC title).

Quarry was an unpredictable fighter who could have beaten Foreman if Foreman had analyzed Quarry from his fights with Ellis, Chuvalo, Ali and Frazier. You never knew what mind set Quarry had going into a fight a la Spencer, Mathis, Foster, Shavers and Lyle. I think Quarry would be up for Foreman circa 1971-early 1974.

To respond to Evren, I believe having the ability to defeat someone, and being a better overall fighter than someone are not the same thing. Quarry, in my opinion was clearly a better boxer than Frazier, and clearly had the edge after Round 2 in their first fight, so he did have the ability to defeat him. There are some interesting similarities between the two, both known for their courage,
toughness and punch, though Frazier more so. Jerry's flaw versus Frazier, and others, I think, was that he was prone to cuts and did not block punches well. Take those two items out of the mix, and he is very competitive vs. Frazier, a very good puncher vs. boxer matchup. So, I stand on my opinion that he was in fact, in Frazier's league. If you ask Joe, or read his book, he'd agree himself. Foreman beat Frazier twice, but most writers rate Frazier as better. I feel Jerry is also. Why? Foreman has admitted to dodging Jerry, who he saw as another Clay Hodges, a fighter who dominated Foreman in amateur matches. Foreman was a great physical presence but could not box, was flat-footed and unskilled. I believe Jerry could've taken his punch, and had the ability to outbox him. As for Holmes, who did this guy really dominate, of his real contenders? I don't think, despite a great effort, that he beat Norton, who was very underrated. He had a suspect chin, and should've been counted out versus Snipes, a fighter Jerry would defeat easily. A master boxer yes, with no real punch. Put him in the mix 1969-1975, he's in the pack with Young, Shavers, Lyle, Jerry, Norton et al. Not a top ten great certainly. Also, I think Jerry was best about 1973, not in Frazier I. Just my opinion, thanks.

5/20/02 02:47:48 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com||10|Gerry you make some good points in your last post. Having the ability to beat someone and being better than someone are two different things and yes in the best possible situation, Jerry could have beaten Frazier on a given day. As far as Jerry verses Holmes, it isn't who beats who and who lost to another fighter. It is styles that makes fights and Holmes' style would have been a difficult one for Jerry. His quickness of foot and fast jab would have been hard for Jerry to cope with and I see Holmes winning by decision or possibly by cuts. Holmes had a similar style to Ali's and that is why Norton gave Holmes trouble and he probably always would have. Just as Norton couldn't seem to handle sluggers like Shavers, Foreman, and Cooney while except for a knockdown suffered against Shavers in their second fight; Holmes beat Shavers twice rather convincingly-again styles make fights. I don't think Holmes had that weak of a field. Witherspoon, Snipes, Bonecrusher Smith, Carl Williams, Cooney, Weaver and a few others were all good fighters. The field may have not been as strong as the field Jerry Q, Frazier, etc had to contend with, but it wasn't weak and it was better than what we have today. The Larry Holmes of the period from 1979 to 1982 was almost unbeatable it was after this time that he started to have difficult defenses but he still seemed to find a way to pull out victories. Regarding Frazier being rated above Foreman; any writer that says so should have his head examined! Foreman defeated Frazier twice in the ring where it counts and once when Frazier was just below prime status. Don't get me wrong I am a very big fan of Smokin Joe but facts are facts. Foreman was dominate over Frazier.

5/20/02 02:58:17 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com||10|Gerry, one more thing I wanted to add to my last post. I too believe Jerry would have been a good bet to beat Foreman. We probably could have gotten good odds too, say 3 to 1 or maybe 5 to 1 favoring Foreman.

5/20/02 06:14:14 PM|Gerry Schultz|ohio||jgschultz@firstam.com||9|Nice replies, Kent. I don't mean to monopolize this space, but I am getting some good interesting answers here... I think if somehow Joe and Jerry were to go 10times, I think Jerry would win three, which is better than any given day. Foreman was a brutal puncher, but he was weary of Quarry, so I agree Jerry would stand a very good chance, despite being some 25 pounds lighter, of beating George, which is why there's a website for Jerry, I guess. Even though George did clearly dominate Joe, I still have Joe as better overall. Both had the great forward gear, but Joe could box some, and did clearly defeat Ali in their peerless matchup. I doubt George could ever catch Ali, which as you said, is about matchups. Quarry fared much better against a younger Lyle than George. You bring a nice list of opponents for Holmes, my issue is Larry's performances in
those fights. "The Truth" I think was made pretty visible. I enjoyed watching Larry, who was a real thinking man's boxer, but his lack of punch and chin are a good walk, to me, from Ali. Larry probably could discision Jerry, but lacks Quarry's list of quality performances. I give Jerry the edge based on that.

Thanks |

| 5/21/02 02:06:18 PM | steve | n.j. | dmodsrm@comcast.net | 10 | hey kent, or anyone else, is there anyway you could list the ring magazine top 27 up to and including quarry? i would think it would make for some fascinating debates on this site. by the way, kent, you and evren seem to be the only guys contributing regularly and trying to keep the conversations alive, thanks! i'm glad to see some new people venturing their opinions. i enjoy reading anyone's thoughts on jerry and his place in that golden age of heavy weights. |

| 5/21/02 07:27:34 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10 | Yes Steve I am also glad that some newcomers are joining in. I know some of the other regulars haven't been contributing as much lately and I hope it isn't because James hasn't been here lately because obviously he has more important things to take care and I am sure when he is feeling better he will join in again as before. I have to run at the moment but I will post not only the top 27 from the holiday issue of Ring Magazine 1998, I will post the entire top 50 as I have a copy of the issue. |


| 5/22/02 10:36:53 AM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | sonia81@aol.com | 10 | WE LOVE YOU DAD! LOVE YOUR KIDS |

| 5/23/02 04:32:44 PM | Evren | London | @ | 10 | Jerry you are entitled to your opinion. The facts are Frazier beat Jerry twice, without a tremendous amount of trouble. Foreman would have beaten Jerry easily I believe but I appreciate your points on that match-up. Holmes would have beaten Jerry easily, in my opinion. Evren<br>|

| 5/23/02 09:48:10 PM | Bob Bumbera | NC | renfbera@aol.com | 10 | Jerry beat Holmes, Foreman, Frazier? I don't think so. These men are three of the greatest Heavyweights of all time. And I don't think saying Jerry couldn't win against these guys has anything to do with not being on Jerry's side, it's just being realistic. Jerry proved what he could do against Frazier and I don't care what kind of fight plan he had, the result would have been the same. Joe was a better fighter. Yes Jerry did beat Ron Lyle a guy who had Foreman out on his feet, but I think Jerry's style would have been his undoing against George. And Holmes, he did take some easy fights later in his reign, as most long time champions do, but he dominated the division, scraped himself of the canvas several times and I don't see Jerry winning this fight either. I wouldn't keep coming back to this site, and I certainly wouldn't add my two cents in if I weren't a Quarry fan, but I just don't see him beating these three guys. |

| 5/24/02 01:08:10 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10 | Bob, out of the three, Foreman, Frazier, and Holmes, Jerry would have had his best chance against Foreman because of his counter punching style for the same reason Jerry decisioned Lyle. Jerry, if he followed his fight plan against Foreman could
keep George off balance and beat him to the punch like he did Lyle. Foreman had a tendency to wind up and telegraph his punches and Jerry's quick hands could be a plus in keeping Foreman honest because like the Lyle fight, Jerry would land some hard punches to let Foreman know he was in for a fight. Foreman badly hurt both Frazier and Norton early before either of them landed their best punches, something that would have made him have more respect for them. If you notice, in two of Foreman's toughest fights, a loss to Ali and a near loss to Lyle; Foreman was hit very hard in the first round and he seemed to take notice he was in for a tough battle. Another reason for Jerry having a chance against Foreman, his ability to take a punch. Jerry took some hard shots from Lyle and he was still standing. Jerry also absorbed a couple of hard punches from Earnie Shavers before lowering the boom on Shavers in the very first round. That Jerry did well with sluggers can be shown by the Lyle and Shavers fights as well as the Mac Foster fight which ended with Jerry winning by sixth round knockout. Foster entered his fight with Jerry 24-0, all by knockout and ended his career with a record of about 30-6, all of his wins by knockout. Bob when you say Jerry would lose to Foreman because of his style, it seems that you are going by the public's perception of Jerry's style of standing in front of his opponent and slugging it out. Sure Jerry could be something of a "lunkhead" at times and do just that, a perfect example of this is the first Frazier fight. But Jerry could also be a fine boxer if he used some in and out movement and counter punched. This is the style that would give him a good chance to defeat Foreman.
into a scenario against Quarry or Frazier? 
5/24/02 04:53:13 PM|steve|nj||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|I want to hear everyone's opinion on where Jerry Quarry really belongs on the top 50! I personally am trying to get him as high on the list as possible, but also with some degree of realism. I think I can honestly get him at about number 19 or 20. At this rarified area of fighters, every spot means a lot! Could you imagine one like Quarry in a street fight, or even against fighters below the top 20 of his era?

5/24/02 05:31:11 PM|mark|southsea||mark.burgess7@ntlworld.com|||10|As much as I like watching Jerry Quarry fight, I find it very hard to put him in the top 30. He lost all his career defining fights and that's not including losses to an ageing Eddie Machen & George Chuvalo. I do agree Jerry was a brilliant counter puncher and on his day potentially he was as good as any heavyweight I've seen, but to me he rarely lived up to his potential, his temperament being his biggest let down!

5/25/02 03:54:25 AM|Evren|Lon||@||10|Well I think in the last round of the competition for those who voted had Holmes and Foreman through - next round - Norton vs Schmelling and in the second bout - Moorer vs Liston. Thanks to everyone who votes.<br>

5/25/02 10:26:34 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Mark, Jerry lost eight times in his career and all of those losses were to bondafide contenders or champions (not counting the fiasco at age 47). Of those eight losses, six were to fighters who were world champions at some point in their careers as well as six were to fighters ranked in the top fifty of the greatest heavyweights by the Ring Magazine. Jerry lost to Muhammed Ali and Joe Frazier twice each, that is half his losses right there to better fighters. Of the other four losses; two were to fighters he should have beaten, Ellis and Chuvalo and that is disappointing while another loss to Machen was when Jerry was only 21 years old and Machen was vastly more experienced. The last loss in his original career was to Norton, which by this time Jerry was well on his way down and ready to be taken. Who did Jerry beat? He defeated fourteen fighters who at some point in their careers were ranked in the top ten in the world. Jerry's six biggest victories were over the following fighters: Buster Mathis, who outweighed Jerry by about forty pounds and who was supposed to represent the USA in the 1964 Olympics when he defeated Joe Frazier in the trials but he missed the games because of an injury; Floyd Patterson, a former two time heavyweight champion and still top five in the world when he fought Jerry; Thad Spencer, who was the number one contender when he fought Jerry and who had just beaten former WBA champion Ernie Terrell; Mac Foster, who had won 24 straight fights by knockout prior to his fight with Jerry; Ron Lyle, who had won 19 straight fights when he fought Jerry; and Earnie Shavers, who had won 33 straight fights by knockout when he fought Jerry. I would say Jerry did quite well and deserves at least a top 25 ranking of all time.

5/25/02 05:18:50 PM|mark|southsea ||mark.burgess7@ntlworld.com|||10|Thank you for your comments Kent I would like to answer these as follows, as successful as an amateur Buster Mathis was who did he beat in the pro ranks to get a top ten ranking and why was this a good win for Jerry was it because Buster was in the top ten or was he that good a fighter? Apart from beating a fading Ernie Terrell who did that Spencer beat? I believe that was a shot fighter when Quarry fought him and his fight record after this proves that. I know Jerry beat and shared a draw with an ageing Patterson but at the time the vast majority of people thought Patterson won both fights, what do you think? Mac Foster reminds me a bit of Frank Bruno in that he was fed on nobodies and shot fighters to build up their records, but when it came to the crunch TIMBER!!! Again what top fighter did Foster beat? But in saying all this, when he fought Lyle & Shavers he did look the part and was world class no doubt but as I have said before he was too hot and cold to be
in my top 20.

One more thing Jimmy Young should be in the top 30!

Mark, Thad Spencer was the number one contender when Jerry fought him who also had wins over Doug Jones (who gave Ali hell), Jack Bodell, Billy Daniels, and Amos Lincoln; hardly household names but good fighters. Spencer seemed to self destruct after his loss to Jerry and he never won another fight. His win over Terrell in the WBA tournament was an accomplishment though as Terrell still had some life in him afterwards, going 7-3 for the rest of his career including a win over Jose Luis Garcia, the man who gave Ken Norton his first career loss. Mac Foster was always a very dangerous opponent who landed a right hand in the third round on Jerry in their fight that seemed to almost take Jerry's head off but somehow Jerry absorbed it without going down. Foster is one of the few fighters who had all of his career wins by knockout, quite an accomplishment in itself. Not everyone thinks Patterson won both fights against Jerry. I for one think Jerry won both fights and although he would be considered biased because he is Jerry's brother, James Q here thinks likewise. I mention James because he said here before that the knockdown of Jerry by Patterson in about the sixth round (I would have to look it up to be sure of the round) in the first fight was a slip. I have watched the tape of the fight and it doesn't look like a clean knockdown to me. If in fact it was a slip, it would have given Jerry the win on the scorecards. In the second fight Patterson appears to have a slight edge in the number of rounds won but Jerry scored two knockdowns in two separate rounds, which gave him the victory. The truth of the matter is Jerry's fights with Patterson were both very close and no one had a clear edge in a lot of the rounds in both fights. Patterson also wasn't completely through after his fights with Jerry going 9-2 for the rest of his career including a win over Oscar Bonevena and a close loss to Jimmy Ellis for the WBA title. Patterson's last fight was a loss was to Muhammed Ali in 1972 in which he gave a much better showing than he did in 1965 when he fought Ali and his back went out early in the fight and he still bravely fought on in spite of the pain. In his second fight with Ali, Patterson was stopped in seven rounds while still on his feet when one of his eyes swelled shut. Buster Mathis didn't have a bad career as a professional. He had wins over George Chuvalo and Amos Lincoln. His career record was 30-4 and his losses were to Jerry, Muhammed Ali, Joe Frazier, and Ron Lyle. Mathis was a good boxer with a good long jab and surprisingly good movement for a man his size.

Kent, I do agree with you on Foreman. Jerry had a better than even chance to beat him if he could force himself not to slug with George. I know Jerry had very good boxing skill, quick hands and, of course, had true heavyweight power in both hands. But looking back, Jerry had more of a tendency to turn a fight into a war when maybe he didn't have to. I saw the Lyle fight a few years after it was fought and thought Jerry put on an almost Duran like performance against a guy who was just as big, powerful and faster than George. It was amazing to watch. If he fought Foreman that way he could have won. I just don't think it would turned out that way. I would have put Jerry a little higher on the list of top 50. maybe swap places with Baer. And Holyfield? No way he's #3. He belongs in the top ten for sure. Move everyone else up one and put Holyfield ahead of Liston. Also, by fighting tougher competition, Frazier belongs ahead of Liston. And who did Sonny fight to deserve to be on the top ten list anyway? He made one defense, beat some good fighters on his way to the title Machen, Williams and Folley. Tyson has done more than that. It seems Sonny's glare is still as strong as ever. Speaking of Sonny's glare, he KO's Moorer in the 8th round. Norton is too much for Max although Schmeling holds his own until the 10 round. TKO for Kenny. Oh yeah, prime vs. prime, Jerry KO's Norton in 4.

It's Memorial Day so
I have the day off! Steve you wanted to know about Harry Wills, Joe Jeannette, Sam McVey and Jimmy Bivens. All of these guys were great fighters. Wills, McVey and Jeannette were victims of the color line that was drawn at the time. Wills "The Black Menace" was 6'4" and fought around 220. A classic stand up boxer with good power he was given a good chance to beat Jack Dempsey. In fact, Dempsey had his licence revoked in New York for not fighting him. Dempsey's manager, Tex Rickard set up a bout between the two but the promoter couldn't back up the money. Race riots were also feared if Wills won. That set up the Tunney fight in Philadelphia in 1926. McVey was about 5'9" and 180-190. He was a very crafty boxer who was beaten by Jack Johnson. Joe Jeanette was another great boxer around the turn of the century he beat Johnson and beat McVey in Paris, a fight that recorded 38 knockdowns. Jeanette hitting the floor 27 times. These two along with Sam Langford and Jack Johnson were the best fighters of the era. White fighters drew the color line, if they were "allowed" to fight a white, they almost had to lose, draw or foul out to keep from being lynched. Jeanette, McVey and later Johnson exiled to Paris where attitudes towards blacks were more tolerable. Jimmy Bivens was another great boxer in the late fourties and early fifties. He was avoided by every heavyweight and light-heavy of the era. Given a good chance to beat the aging Joe Louis, I didn't look up his record before writing this but I believe he beat Walcott twice and lost to Ezzard Charles. He also fought Lee Ohma, Lou Savold, Elmer Ray. Steve, I hope this helps you out a little, and if I'm wrong on any of this please correct me.

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I was wrong about Bivins record Steve. He was beaten by Walcott and beat Charles although Charles beat him four times. He also had five fights with Archie Moore winning once by KO. He also decisioned Gus Lesnevich, Tami Mauriello, Bob Pastor and Joey Maxim. He also had wins over Middleweight Nate Bolden and future Middle champs Teddy Yarosz and Billy Soose. He retired in 1955 with a record of 86-25-1 with 31 KO's he met 11 world champions, defeating eight of them. Steve, look up some of these guys on cyberboxingzone, I should do it more often!

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Liston over Moorer and Norton over Schmeling, both bouts by mid round kayo.

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I realize it is somewhat subjective, but I'm impressed that Ring's list gave Jerry Q proper credit for his remarkable talent vs. the fighters in his very-strong era. The late 60's early 70's should be represented with Ali and Frazier ahead of Jerry, Norton and Foreman, who I'll refer to from here as "the group". It is tough to compare, but Foreman was well-suited to Frazier's style, Norton to Ali's and had the benefit of surprise. Quarry nearly surprised both of the above principles, but got cut before he could attack in AliI, and got too much of Joe in Round 3 in FrazierI before he could convert to counterpuncher. I think both Ali and Frazier were looking past Foreman and Norton respectively the first time, but both proved they belonged in their second fights. Jerry clearly belongs in this foursome given his list of remarkable performances versus slightly lower but strong contenders in the era, and all four in the Top 20. Prime vs. prime Jerry matches well vs. both Norton and Foreman. The other two took him very seriously certainly, he brawled too much with Frazier when he clearly could've challenged Joe even better as a counterpuncher. He needed size to slug Ali. It is curious how he brawled in some fights, was more a boxer in others, and often picked the wrong style for these opponents. Still, on talent alone, he belongs. Frazier and Foreman both agree themselves. Again, I rank Holmes somewhere near Norton, Jerry, and Foreman. Holyfield also about the same, with Bowe close behind the group. Lennox Lewis I rank ahead of Bowe, worthy of belonging with Norton, JQ, George and Holyfield. Tyson has to be a top ten pick, not much else from the 90's. I don't think Holyfield really beat Tyson as much as head-butted him and confused him. I put Tyson clearly ahead of him, ahead of the above group with
Frazier. Gerry Cooney, without all the racial pressure, was a better fighter than he showed I think, perhaps top 25 material. Micheal Spinks was very good and belongs with the above group. Schemeling is very underrated and was much feared during his era. He is much closer to Norton than you think. He dominated Joe LouisI, and Joe is #2. Ezzard Charles, to me, could be top ten, but behind Marciano and Tunney who I have as top five fighters. Patterson was very good, but I think Jerry was better and would have been champ if he'd fought between Marciano and Liston. Classic guys like Corbett, Jefferies and Jack Johnson who owned their era are, to me, at least top ten. How good could Greg Page have been versus what he actually did? thanks guys.

Joe Krause|chicago|sadmspats@yahoo.com|10

Norton wins close decision, remember Schmeling beat Louis. Liston 2 round demolition of Moorer. Sonny would have knocked his block off.

Johnny Q|Phila, PA|johnqw@yahoo.com|10

I'm skeptical of any "all time" ratings of athletes that include people who were active within the last ten years. Not only with the Ring ratings, but anyone who watched the Sports Illustrated Century Awards could not help but see how very recent athletes were stacked into the top numbers. The Ring Magazine's 75 Year Awards also missed the mark as often as they got it. I don't buy the idea that current athletes are superior across the board, which is what these ranking suggest. A look back at the press over the years, and the all-time rating that have been held since the Dempsey days, the fighters of each period are always overrated. It's only years after they are retired and the next generation comes through that we can have any genuine perspective. Especially if any of the fighters are still active, the etched-in-stone all time ratings can suddenly get changed? Case in point, the up coming Tyson-Lewis fight result will surely effect the ranking of these two fighters. Should Tyson win against Lewis, his rating goes way up, and Lewis's rating, already tarnished by Rachman, drops considerably.

Joe Krause|Chicago|sadmspats@yahoo.com|10

I would like to give my observation on the Foreman-Quarry fight. I have every fight on tape that either has fought until 1979 that is available except 10 minutes of Quarry-Machen which I will get soon. I feel very confident that Jerry would not have lasted against George. Lyle and Foreman were not the same type of fighter. Lyle was good, Foreman was great and that is a huge difference. Nobody could hurt Chuvalo, Foreman had him visibly shaken. Nobody could knock out Frazier, Foreman dismantled him. Foreman had those sweeping uppercuts that worked great against shorter fighters. I love Jerry and am a huge admirer of him, but everything I know points to Foreman. Jerry had great heart, but was very susceptible to the jab that Foreman had. I have been at this site a long time and am not a basher of Jerry. I have great respect for him, but wanted to give my opinion. Pre-Ali Foreman would have lit Jimmy Young up. Foreman wasn't the same fighter after that fight, his personal aura was gone.

Evren|London|10

Thankyou Joe - you speak great sense - Foreman was a great fighter not another top contender! Liston over Moorer in a bout similar to the two Williams bouts. 3rd round KO. Norton to win split decision over Schmeling after getting decked late.

Kent|La Habra, California, USA|oriononside@aol.com|10

Joe, of course you are not a Quarry basher as all of the long time regulars know already. To the newcomers, everyone who has been posting here lately is a very big fan of Jerry Quarry and are supporters of the Quarry family. Joe, one of reasons I believe that Jerry would have a good chance against Foreman, besides his performances against Lyle and Shavers; is how Gregorio Peralta, a fighter with a counter punching style gave Foreman a lot of trouble twice. Jerry had a similar style to Peralta except he hit harder than Peralta. Joe do you believer that the Foreman that destroyed Frazier and Norton was better than the up and coming Foreman who had trouble with Peralta?
The accounts I have of the 2nd Foreman-Peralta fight make it seem it was very one-sided in Foreman's favor with Peralta basically running for 10 rounds. I think Jerry would not have been able to run for that long because he was too willing to go to war. Jerry countering could give Foreman some problem, but Foreman would catch him and Jerry might slug. The Foreman against Peralta was a little green, he was about 75% of his max efficiency I believe.

I'm enjoying everyone's letters. A Foreman-Quarry in the 73-74 period would have been something of a toss-up. No doubt very exciting. This was the very best period for Foreman, but unlike Norton, and I believe Frazier, Jerry would have not been afraid of Foreman, and the fight may have easily ended up in a Foreman-Lyle scenario. Jerry had the necessary ammo, but it would also have had to depend on Jerry's variable state of mind. Focused and determined Jerry, or insecure and self-defeating Jerry? We do know for sure that Jerry and George did spar in 1968 and Jerry reportedly had the upper hand. We also have on record George's admission that he avoided Jerry during his career. This isn't saying he would have lost, but the fact that George did not avoid Frazier, Ali, Norton, but he did avoid Jerry says something. I do want to say that I think Foreman is among the all time greats. However, he had one of the most carefully managed careers in history, and it's too bad. The vast majority of Foreman's record was against unrated opponents with Gladiator-style results. The much smaller Chuvalo, his only pre-1973 credit, was little more than target practice. All the way up to the first Frazier fight, Foreman was still very sloppy, and down right clumsy as soon as he got tired. True, he did fight several of the 70s best, (Frazier, Ali, Norton, Young, Lyle) but that's basically it, and he still lost to two of those fighters (Ali, Young) and was nearly kayoed by Lyle. Even after having been champion, Foreman continued to fill his record with easy opponents, and avoided the other top ten fighters of the day. Win or loose, he never fought Foster, Shavers, Holmes, Quarry, Ellis, Bugner, etc. Foreman was fantastic, but never fully tested. His greatness may actually have been in his 90s fights. He pulled off an amazing comeback and finally fought the top ranks as he should have from the beginning.

No disrespect of Chuvalo intended. He fought bravely against Foreman, as he did through his entire career. My point being Chuvalo was only a test for Foreman, and not a risk. From 1969-1973, while the other heavyweight contenders were fighting each other, often more than once in order to get a title shot, Foreman was developed largely by reputation. Forman was finally matched with Frazier without having ever taken on any of the leading (top 5) contenders, and only after Frazier had spent himself defeating everyone else. After his 6 minutes with Frazier, Foreman then took most of a year off before yet another easy fight against Roman in September, then finally Norton in March 1974. I agree Kent, that Foreman did not duck anyone out of fear. But loose to Ali or not, his management played it very safe for him. 69-73 was a long time for an unbeaten professional not to fight another title contender. Foreman was a great champion, no doubt, but
spoon-fed most of his opponents, which makes him appear much larger in perspective. From 1969-77 Foreman put it on the line when he had absolutely no choice. All said, Jerry was tested to say the least. He was fearless against Frazier 1, matched speed with Patterson, chased after Ali 1, came back against Foster, handled Lyle and Shavers, but was careless against Ellis, unprepared for Norton, lackluster against Frazier 2, an emotional mess against Ali 2. But he came back many times before the end. However, after only the first loss of his career, Foreman fell steadily apart, and in only one fight, against Lyle, did Foreman show he had the stuff. Jerry would have stood a very good chance.

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<td>Norton over Schmelling by 8th round ko. Liston over Moorer in two rounds. Hey Bob Bumbera, formerly of N.J., I will take your advice and go to cyberboxingzone. Thanks for the info. on Bevins, Harry Willis, Joe Jeannette, and Sam McVey. I've argued in the past that it's impossible to compare fighters era's 2 or 3 decades apart. However, these comparisons will always go on. Since that's the case, I'd like to put my 2 cents in. In respect to Jerry Quarry's place the top 50, I would put him at #21, ahead of Floyd Patterson. As far as I can determine, Floyd's claim to fame is being knocked out by Johenson, avenging this with a knockout, and being crushed twice by Liston.</td>
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wrong-- he did get up then knelt to rest until 8--it was a joke. Quarry had clear command of Chuvalo, a very tough fighter past his prime when they met. Patterson may be a better all-round boxer than Jerry, but not a better heavyweight. Every time JQ hit Floyd he buckled. Marciano-Frazier would be a bloodbath, 8 rounds or less. Both fighters were poor defensively, but Rocky could not be stopped. I give him the nod.

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I agree with everything Gerry says except his claim that Chuvalo didn't beat Jerry. Jerry rose just as Clayton tolled ten. He simply misread the count. Jerry was certainly winning; Clayton himself had Jerry ahead 4-1-1 after six. Chuvalo looked ready to go before he launched that left hook that caught Jerry high on the temple. Jerry simply misread the count. Coupled with the split-decision loss to Ellis, the Chuvalo debacle was a bitter disappointment for Jerry. But as he did so often throughout his career, Jerry rebounded with the big K.O. over Mac Foster. Marciano-Frazier is very tough to call. Marciano, at 185, was exceptionally strong. Although Frazier had 20 pounds on the Rock in his prime, I don't think the added weight would favor Joe. Marciano by late round K.O. or Joe on points. My hopes and prayers are with James and his family.

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In perhaps the fiercest battle to ever take place - Marciano and Frazier launch nuclear bombs at one another for ten rounds and Fraziers extra advantage in speed and power is troubling the Rock. I pick Joe in a late round stoppage (cuts) or a close points decision. In the other bout Williams really holds his own for the first 6 rounds and decks Louis in the fifth - Joe rises however and comes back in the 7th to drop Williams this time it is the full count.

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Dad, I Love You!

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I LOVE YOU DAD...LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT WEEKEND.....

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LEWIS BY KAYO - ROUND 6-8 !!!!!!!

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My mind says Lewis will beat Tyson but my gut feeling is Tyson is going to explode all over Lewis' fragile chin in round four. I know Tyson should be rusty in he hasn't been very active for about two years now and that he tends to fall into his bad habits of standing up too straight and loading up and only throwing one punch at a time and wrestling around the ring with his taller opponent, but if Tyson has any of his old skills left and he does stay lower and come in behind the jab and use combinations, Lewis will be in a lot of trouble. I am going with my gut on this one and pick Tyson. Besides, Max Kellerman of ESPN picks Lewis to win and Max isn't right very often but you never know. Maybe Max picked one right this time.

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GO LEWIS......KNOCKOUT TYSON....

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Wow Evren, you sure did call it! Lewis by knockout in the eighth round. The pay for view system was down for my area so because of technical difficulties I missed the fight even though I ordered the fight and stayed home just for the fight and cancelled other plans I had for absolutely nothing. Oh well from the AOL report of the round by round action it looks like Tyson did all of the things I mentioned that are his bad habits. I have been saying that he needed at least four or five tune up fights to be sharp enough to challenge for the title. It is pretty cool that Lewis shut Tyson's big fat mouth. I used to say that I would probably root for Tyson if he ever fought Lewis as I usually root for an American against someone from another country but I have changed my mind here and I would like to give Lennox Lewis three cheers. Hip Hip Hooray! Hip Hip Hooray! Hip Hip Hooray! Maybe Mike Tyson can retire and take up his real
calling, shaking down old ladies for their retirement checks!

The fight, apart from the first round, was very one sided. Although I pulled for Lewis and hoped he would win I was very upset seeing Tyson and his Era end in such a devastating way. Tyson was absolutely terrible compared to the great fighter we remember. He was outjabbed, outsped and outfought. His footwork was slow and it seems the decision to bring him in heavier was a mistake. Mike wouldn't have needed anymore power than he had already. All the weight meant was that he wasn't able to get inside Lewis' reach with his notoriously fast movement. 

Lennox, it must be said was excellent, sticking to Emmanuel Steward's game plan, frustrating Tyson early and then dominating after Tyson had 'blown out'. The afterfight interview was touching and it was a great moment to see Tyson accept his defeat like a man. No excuses and full of praise for Lewis' ability. I think he may have earned himself a lot of respect right there. He can be a nice, intelligent person and it would be nice to see more people to try and get to his sensitive side when writing about him or interviewing him. 

The end of an era... 

I must rate Tyson of the eighties and early nineties in the top ten Heavyweights of all time with Lewis just outside maybe (it is very crammed up there). He must also, surely go down as among the top five 'punchers' in history along with Foreman, Liston, Shavers and Louis. My respect goes out to Lennox (once again) and my respect goes to Tyson for being graceful in defeat. Tyson's quote 'Thankyou, it was a great payday' was one to remember.

WAY TO GO LEWIS...TYSON IS ALL WASHED UP.I DIDN'T GET TO WATCH THE FIGHT BUT I'M SURE IT WAS A GOOD ONE...I KNEW LEWIS WOULD WIN.....

I did not see the fight but it does not surprise me at all. Tyson is not the fighter he once was and maybe he doesn't care to be. I said here a couple of months ago I wanted Tyson to win, but thought Lewis would take it. Hey, at least from what I read, Tyson went down like a man this time. I also believe there is nothing else for Lewis to prove. He should retire and live a healthy life from now on. The Marciano-Frazier fight would be brutal indeed. A Prime vs. Prime fight between these two, I'd have to give the nod to Frazier. I think Joe would get hurt, but that hook is too fast for The Rock. It would cut him up like it sliced up Ron Stander. I'm not positive, but the times Rocky was knocked down in title fights were from left hooks, Walcott and Moore. Neither man was a fast starter so I'll say 8th round TKO for Frazier. Louis would KO Williams within 6 rounds. Liston KO'ed Williams once in the 6th and again in the 2nd. So I know Louis could do it in the same time frame. Although, in the second fight The Big Cat hit Sonny with a tremendous right that bloodied Liston's nose, so Joe could have been knocked down by a right, as he sometimes was. A question for you guys. Who is/are the fighter(s) Jerry's putting the wood to on the opening page and home page of this web site? I've trying to figure it out for months now. My best guess is Lou Bailey. Am I way off base?

It's amazing how Lewis continues to peak. If he continues to fight, I wonder when we will see him start to diminish? At 37, 39, 41? He has done such a great job developing in his later years. Age probably isn't the most significant factor that effects a fighters ability. If you look at some of the great title fights over the last century, some folks might argue that fighters tend to lose skills because once they have fought their greatest fight (say, winning the title), they no longer have the overwhelming drive to peak at that point again. I noticed in the after fight interviews, Lewis was often asked "what's left for you to prove?" and he didn't have an immediate answer, other than he was going to take some time off and consider his options...
and Louis through. We now have the last two matches in the second round. Evander Holyfield meets Irish Gerry Cooney. Eddie Machen takes on George Chuvalo.<br>Bob, I do not mean to be pedantic but in order to get facts correct Liston beat Williams in three rounds and then two respectively. Also Marciano was dropped by a Moore straight right hand if my memory serves me correct (I have not reviewed the film). My thoughts are with James and his family as always. Bob Quarry did you get my e-mail.<br><br>Evren<br>| 6/10/02 03:19:21 PM|Gerry Schultz|ohio|||jgschultz@firstam.com|||9|Lewis vs. Tyson went pretty much as I thought, also. I made a couple bucks picking Lewis by KO9, because I expected a more motivated effort from Tyson, than the one who looked fairly resigned to defeat on Saturday. He certainly does look the tragic figure now. Lewis did well to use Buster Douglas's approach to jab and set up Tyson as Tyson came forward. Despite his win, though, Tyson still, to me, clearly out ranks Lewis all-time. This fight should've happened ten years ago, and would've had a much different outcome. Evander Holyfield helped back up my argument that he never really beat Tyson with another headbutting performance vs. flash-in-the-pan Rahman. Anyone who can rank this guy #3 all-time, to me, is smoking something. He's not much out of the ring either. Lewis does now have Byrd to train for, but has nothing left to prove as the best champion since Tyson in the late 80's. thanks|<br><br>Evren<br>| 6/11/02 06:56:19 PM|Joe Krause|Chicago|||sadmspats@yahoo.com|||10|Holyfield would be too tough and knock Gerry out in about the 8th. Machen would beat Chuvalo in a close fight. George didn't like slicksters like Machen and Folley and would lose a close one. Cheers to Lewis!|<br><br>Evren<br>| 6/11/02 07:51:42 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC|||renfebena@aol.com|||10|Evren, I wasn't sure if it was a right or left that Moore dropped Marciano with. I also read a bio on Liston that said he KO'ed Williams in the sixth so I've believed it until now. Anyway, I don't think Holyfield would KO Cooney. Gerry was a pretty good fighter. He took Holmes into the thirteenth round before he ran out of gas and it was a close fight at that. Holyfield is a tough guy no doubt and he would do a number on Cooney. A decesion for Holyfield. A decesion for Machen also. Eddie didn't have the power to stop George. He would have out boxed him though. I don't see George doing any major damage to Machen.|<br><br>Evren<br>| 6/11/02 08:05:43 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca|||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Evren, I wasn't sure if it was a right or left that Moore dropped Marciano with. I also read a bio on Liston that said he KO'ed Williams in the sixth so I've believed it until now. Anyway, I don't think Holyfield would KO Cooney. Gerry was a pretty good fighter. He took Holmes into the thirteenth round before he ran out of gas and it was a close fight at that. Holyfield is a tough guy no doubt and he would do a number on Cooney. A decesion for Holyfield. A decesion for Machen also. Eddie didn't have the power to stop George. He would have out boxed him though. I don't see George doing any major damage to Machen.|<br><br>Evren<br>| 6/11/02 03:39:15 AM|Evren|London||||||10|Quite a big thing was made about the knockdown by Archie. He claims that the referee cost him the fight. I think the referee was Harry Kessler (who also done Ali-Williams), Archie landed a perfectly time inside right cross and Rocky fell down and got up quicky. Archie claims that the referee gave Marciano extra time by getting him to go to Neutral corner or wiping Rockys gloves down. The film however never did justify this statement to me though. It looked fair and square to me. Holyfield late round drubbing over Cooney in a good fight and Machen on points.|<br><br>Evren<br>| 6/13/02 10:30:11 AM|bquarry|ca.|||bquarry@hotmail|||10|I was so glad to hear that Lewis won, perhaps a new era of fighters are about to come to pass. Boxing has not had good fighters for awhile now. The fighters of the past were not fighting for money like today, they fought because they loved the sport. Jim doesn't have much time left, thank you for your prayers and help he needs it bad. He keeps telling me he will be with Jerry soon. We are losing another brother our oldest and our father. Please keep up the prayers. brenda|<br><br>Evren<br>| 6/13/02 06:17:39 PM|steve|n.j.|||dmmsrm@comcast.com|||10|Just by utilizing the toughness factor, Holyfield would probably wear down Cooney and TKO him in the 10th round. Machen was way to technically proficient to have any trouble with a block of wood like Chuvalo. Machen by easy decision. So where do we put Tyson now
in the top 25? In some ways he reminds me of Jerry Quarry. He had all the talent needed to dominate the division, and yet he falls to Buster Mathis. Then he gets outsmarted by Holyfield. It seems as though his emotional instability would not allow him to train and develop strategies for different opponents. Just as Jerry seemed to either fight down to the level of his opponent, {Floyd Patterson}, he seemed not to fight with the same intensity as in other fights. He slugged with Frazier and boxed with Jimmy Ellis. He should have and could have blown both Patterson and Ellis out of the ring! He had some some mediocre efforts in some of his draws such as Tony Longi. I think I'm trying to say that some of the most exciting fighters, like Quarry and Tyson, have attracted so much attention over the years because they where both unpredictable knockout artists.

Kent, it was a right that dropped Marciano. I don't have the fight on tape but I think Moore threw a left hook before or after the right I not sure. Steve from Jersey, I think I told you Tex rickard was Dempsey's manager. It should have read "Tex Rickard, Dempsey's manager". Doc Kearns was Dempsey's manager. Rickard also promoted the Johnson-Jeffries fight and swore he'd never promote a fight between a white and black again. Sorry about that.

I pick Holyfield to stop Cooney in ten rounds and Machen to outbox Chuvalo for a wide decision. Okay the last sixteen are: - Tony Tucker, Jerry Quarry, Mike Tyson, Larry Holmes, George Foreman, Eddie Machen, Evander Holyfield, Sonny Liston, Ken Norton, Joe Frazier, Muhammad Ali, Carl Williams, Joe Louis, Ezzard Charles, Earnie Shavers, Lennox Lewis.

Well its time for the last sixteen - first match - Sonny Liston vs Carl Williams. In the second match we see World War III - George Foreman vs Earnie Shavers. May I say it was terrible to read of James in his condition all my thoughts go out to the Quarry family and friends. God bless you all. Evren
going for a knockout and he had very little left except for his great heart after this round. No one else comments when I say the third round of Quarry/Norton is one of the best rounds of heavyweight action I have ever seen. The two go toe to toe for almost the entire round. Jerry controlled the action landing more punches but Norton landing damaging blows on the cut. When the call came for Norton, Jerry was living the good life in Hawaii. He had less than two weeks to prepare which wasn't nearly enough for the likes of Ken Norton. He was woefully ill-prepared. He was soft at 207. Norton admits that Jerry stung him in the first round. Jerry told Clancy between the second and third rounds that he was going to try to knock Norton out in the third because he knew he didn't have the staying power to go the distance. Kent has already alluded to how thrilling that third round was. I'm with Joe: prime vs. prime Norton-Quarry is a pick-em fight. 

I too beleive Jerry would have KO'ed Norton. Kenny didn't fight well going backwards, and Jerry would have forced him to do so. Jerry was the harder puncher as well. Norton has said that he never fought Joe Frazier because they were too close as friends. But he knew from sparring with Joe he would have been KO'ed. Anyone who moves in against hard punchers like Joe and Jerry are in big trouble. Liston over Williams in 6 rounds. Foreman over Shavers in...I'll give Ernie a break and say 2 rounds. He didn't have the chin or defense to stand up to George. 

The thing is Bob, Jerry did land some very hard punches on Norton when the two did fight and the saying goes that even if Jerry was on his way down skillwise, the last thing a fighter loses is his punching power. Prime against prime Jerry would have been more accurate which would have given him a much better chance of winning the fight. There was still a possibility of Jerry being cut as Norton had a very good long hard left jab and poweful overhand right. Can you imagine the action if say Jerry had been cut and he went toe to toe with Norton and still had something left if the knockout didn't occur and the two of them would have traded like they did in their fight in the third round for several rounds? What a fight it would have been! I think Quarry verses Norton would have been a good candidate for fight of the year in almost any year if the two of them were at or near their best. Of course there was always a possiblity of Norton, often a slow starter, getting caught with some hard punches in the first or second round by Jerry with Norton being an early knockout victim. The other way around with Norton knocking out Jerry early or at all isn't likely due to Jerry's great chin. A Norton victory would most likely be by decision or by cuts. 

I'm joining the rest of you to say Liston by early - mid kayo over Carl Williams. Foreman - Shavers would be a WAR !!! Foreman's better chin would win him a wild affair that would see possibly both of them on the deck before George ended Shavers' dreams with a savage flurry in the third ! Tha puts George and Sonny through to the last eight. In the next two bouts we have Mike Tyson taking on Ken Norton and Joe Frazier meeting Eddie Machen. This time around it is a prime, fit Machen not the end of career version. All fights scheduled for 12 rounds. In the quarter-finals we will move the distance to fifteen rounders. Hope this is okay with everyone. Evren<br>
have enough. Frazier by decision.

I've read some pretty wild stuff about the events leading up to Quarry vs Norton. Norton accusing Quarry of being a racist. I believe Jerry was still married to that beautiful blond called "Charlie". If I remember correctly, that this couple where the darlings of the boxing magazines during this last of Quarry's comebacks. I remember a cover with Jerry and Charlie on it. The splash on the cover yelled, "what hidden power is driving Quarry to the heavyweight crown!" There seemed to be rumors that Norton treated Quarry with very little respect, even going so far as flirting with Quarry's wife. Norton had great physical strength, and a fairly effective, difficult style. His defence could be punched through by a powerpuncher. I personally think Norton is overrated. He would have been KO'd early by a prime, top performance Quarry, such as the Quarry who handily defeated Ron Lyle, in my opinion, his greatest performance. Liston Ko's Williams as soon as he catches him, 4th or 5th round. Foreman over Shavers by KO in 2. He wasn't in the same league as a pro. fighter. No boxing skills, no chin, only a freakishly hard punch, if he could land it. It didn't work on Larry Holmes, or Ali. Norton's inability to cope with power punchers who start fast would continue and Norton is KO'd in the second round. Joe Frazier is still too much even for a prime Eddie Machen. Frazier by decision again.

Tyson by third round Kayo and Frazier by decision over Machen. There is always a possibility of an in prime Jerry catching Norton early and knocking him out but, Norton had a style that gave Jerry trouble, so we can't automatically say Jerry is a clear winner. Jerry's strong showing for at least three rounds in their fight in his bad condition and diminishing skills point to a victory for Jerry if the two had fought earlier in Jerry's career, but you never know in a fight what will happen. Oh by the way, did Norton and Jerry ever spar? If so, does anyone know how the action went?

Norton and Jerry never sparred. In the fall of '66, however, Joe Frazier was in L.A. getting ready for Eddie Machen. One day, Joe sauntered into the Main Street gym and spotted Jerry in the middle of a workout. The two laced up and, according to witnesses, went two blistering rounds. Jerry got cut but Eddie Futch told the people at Cloverlay Inc., Frazier's braintrust, to hold off fighting Jerry in '67. "Those two are too evenly matched," he said. Fight fans would have to wait 2 1/2 years before their first memorable fight in the Garden.

On a lighter note, I saw the Batman episode that Jerry was in yesterday on TVland on cable. He is only in it for a minute. He is one of the boxers taken hostage by the Riddler, who is trying to control boxing in Gotham City. Jerry is put under a spell by the Siren, played by Joan Collins.
have gone past six or seven rounds. And I don't think Kenny's hand would have been raised as the victor. But you never know. Jerry was kind of unpredictable in big fights, but most of his losses in big fights, during his prime years, were to great fighters. Kenny was a very good fighter, not an over rated one, but a very good one. Jerry just had too much fire power in his prime. And Tyson vs. Norton? This one would have been like the Spinks or Marvis Frazier fight, no contest. Jaws by KO 1:35 of the first round. Frazier by decision over Machen. Eddie takes a knee in the last round. Joe wins 8 to 4.

In the Tyson fight I think it would be more evenly contested than you other guys have predicted. Norton was a smart fighter. I think he would have known what was coming at him in Tyson and dealt with it in an intelligent way. Using his strength to tie up Tyson and his considerable skill to frustrate him. I do feel however, perhaps in the manner of the first Ruddock fight, Tyson would catch him and force a stoppage in about 7 rounds. I thin the Frazier - Machen bout would be similar to their actually contested bout except at a more frenetic pace. In their actual fight, Frazier hadn't reached his peak and Machen was passed his. The result I feel...Frazier by late round kayo, say around the ninth. In the next two bouts we have Larry Holmes vs Joe Louis and the second bout, Lennox Lewis vs Muhammad Ali. Some great matches there. Evren

In two great fights, Joe Louis wins a split decision over Larry Holmes and Muhammed Ali wins a close but unanimous decision over Lennox Lewis. In the Louis/Holmes fight; two judges vote for Louis by only a two point margin while the third judge votes for Holmes, also by a two point margin. In Ali/Lewis, two judges give the bout to Ali by a two point advantage while the other sees him winning by only a single point.

The huge Lewis would cause Ali huge problems. Ali would not have the reach and would have to move inside to land. That was never Ali's style and it wouldn't be here. Ali would lose a boring tactical fight as Lewis' size is the determining factor. Holmes-Louis is a toss-up, but I think Louis never fought anyone with the speed to match and surpass him and Holmes would win a unanimous decision by a couple of points.

The Joe Louis vs Larry Holmes fight would be a real toss-up. A great, great match-up. In a highly competitive fight Larry Holmes would take a close decision, winning the rounds late. I feel Ali would have been far to fast for Lewis. Ali had good natural size and his reach wasn't too far off Lewis'. Lewis could n't use his size and bulk against Muhammad as he would n't be there to be hit. The Terrell fight comes to mind with Lewis being not nearly as awkward or fast. Lewis strength and weight would make it hard for Ali during the middle rounds but I would see 'The Greatest' stopping Lennox late with an unanswered barrage against the ropes.

I always felt that Quarry and Bonavena would have been an excellent match-up. A real war! Cold bless both of them. they gave us all alot of thrills.

I am an admirer of Lennox Lewis. However, I wouldn't rate him to win a fight over Ali. "Reach" would not be an issue in this fight. Ali had an 82 inch reach, Lennox 84 - very close, but Ali was much more agile and quicker. I don't mean to take anything away from Lennox - I like him very much. Some may argue that Lennox fought and old Holyfield and an old Tyson.
actually took place. The Bonevena fight was supposed to replace the Shavers fight or be a tune up for the Shavers fight. What a tune up to look forward to! I don't think Bonevena was ever an easy fight for anyone. I would have loved to see Foreman fight Bonevena as Bonevena was not afraid of anyone. I think Foreman would have won but it would have been wild while it lasted. |  

Here is my honest, unbiased assessment of Oscar Bonavena vs. Jerry Quarry. My guess: Jerry by decision.<br>|  

Size: Even<br>Speed: Edge to Jerry<br>Boxing skills: Edge to Jerry<br>Power: Slight edge to Oscar (his right knocked Frazier down twice)<br>Stamina: Even<br>Heart: Even<br>Durability: Slight edge to Oscar - he did not cut and could really take a punch to the jaw (as could Jerry)<br>Common opponents: Ali, Frazier, Ellis, defeated both of them.<br>Bonavena beat Chuvalo, who Ko'd Jerry. Jerry beat Patterson and Lyle both of whom beat Oscar via decision<br>Additional: both men were trained briefly by Gil Clancy.<br>  

I pick Ali to knockout Lewis in 12 rounds. I thought Lewis's performance again Tyson was much ado about nothing. It never ceases to amaze me how easily even knowledgeable fight fans, even the guys on this site, can have their judgement swayed by the promoter's hype! Tyson hadn't beaten a decent opponent in many years. Lewis is getting rave reviews for beating up a shell of the old Mike Tyson. Lewis looked clumsy, he missed all of his uppercuts, was hesitant with his right hand against a guy with no upper body movement who either stood still, or leaped in with one punch. Joe Louis over Larry Holmes by decision. Either Joe Louis wasn't as hard punching and fast-of-hand as he looked in old fight films, or Larry Holmes was a much better fighter than the one I remember losing his title to a lightheavyweight, Michael Spinks.

I agree with your assessment of a Quarry/Bonevena fight. Jerry would have probably outpointed Bonevena but it would not have been easy.

The votes at the moment - 4 - 1 for Ali over Lennox. The Lewis-Holmes bout is on 2 - 2 - we need some deciding votes. The round will end by the end of Sunday.

I am sure that Earnie Shavers' autobiography, 'Welcome to the Big Times' is out in the United States, but does anyone know when it is being published in the UK? I'm sure a decent sports bookshop will have it but I've heard a rumour that you may have to order. I'm sure it would be a great read, considering the desperate beginning to Shavers' life, his very hard-hitting exploits, and his ability to talk honestly about the 'golden era' of the period. Wars with Ali, Holmes, Norton, Quarry, Lyle, Ellis, Young and Bugner should make for a great book. As well an interesting fact, particularly for the UK readers, do you know that as well as spending time as Don King's chauffeur, Earnie has a house in Liverpool where he lives for six months of the year with his English wife? Not only that but he as also worked as a 'greeter' for some of the city's more fashionable clubs! I imagine he doesn't have too many problems!

Mark: you'll have to order the Shavers book on-line through Amazon.com or you may be able to order it through www.sportspublishinginc.com. Sports Publishing Inc. are the same people who published the Norton book a few years back.

I think the Shavers book is the one where James contributed to the section about Shavers' fight with Jerry. I remember a while back that Earnie had contacted James regarding the book. I am glad to know it is out as I will get a copy soon.

Oh one more thing, tonight on HBO is Wladimir Klitschko versus Ray Mercer. It should be interesting. Let's see if Dr. K is for real. Mercer is a bit old though.
could give Klitscko real problems. I however feel that Klitschko is fresh and will force out a one sided battering. He may stop Mercer late or wide decision.<br>

|6/30/02 04:18:56 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10| Klitschko looked very good stopping Mercer in the sixth round. Mercer was still on his feet but taking too much punishment. Klitschko dominated the action and scored the only knockdown with a left hook at the end of a combination in the first round. Mercer did cause a slight abrasion under Klitscho's left eye and swelling under both eyes with a good jab but otherwise Mercer never really was in the fight. Looks like Lewis verses Klitschko is going to be the next big fight in the heavyweight division. |

|6/30/02 05:59:51 AM|Evren|London||@|||10| I agree Kent, Wladimir looked very good - but it was a little flattering to deceive with the way Mercer was. Ray has always been one of my favourite fighters - sharp, hard punching with a real buzz to his fighting style. He unfortunately has none of that left. His punch resistance has gone also I feel. It really saddens me seeing 'the old boys' taking a beating like Mercer did - it tarnishes their reputation. In the entire pantheon of history it's hard to think of but a handful of heavies who got out the game without taking a beating. Tyson, Ali, Frazier, Norton, Louis, Holmes all took a beating at the end. George Foreman never took a real beating where he lost -he took a beating in the Moorer and Stewart fights but still won. There are but a few men in history who could ever match the toughness of Foreman. I think that aspect is overlooked as people always see his punch power as his only asset (and it was a good one). A definite top 10 heavy of all time for me. I admire him tremendously. Evren. |

|6/30/02 07:42:15 AM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com|||10| Holmes vs. Louis. A battle of jabs, with Joe landing some strong body shots. Larry scores more, Joe does more damage. Both men are shaken up, Joe does more body work and this slows Larry down late in the fight. Louis goes down from a right in the fifth. Joe catches Holmes in the last round and puts him down but can't finish him. Louis in a close decesion. Lewis vs. Ali. Lennox ain't slow but Ali makes him look like he standing still. He also looks awkward against the silky smooth Ali. Lewis is much bigger, at 245 is 33 pounds heavier,3 inches taller and 4 inches in reach. Remember, Liston had an 84 inch reach and he was only 6'1". Ali comes out fast moving in and out jabbing to the head and body. Lewis is much stronger and hits harder and Ali avoids clinching, when they do Lennox lands some very effective body shots. Ali is scoring more with combinations. Lewis can't find Ali's head, but the body work slows Ali down. Muhammad ends the last 3 rounds with flurries. In the end Ali wins a 7 to 5 decesion. |

|6/30/02 07:54:47 AM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com|||10| By the way,in a re-match six months later, Louis KO's Holmes in the 7th round. |

|6/30/02 04:12:04 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10| Well Holmes crashes out and Ali goes through after a tough battle with Lennox. The last two matches in this round to be called tonight. |

|7/1/02 03:08:22 AM|Evren|London||@|||10| Yes, I am not sure how beating up an aging ex contender Mercer does to show what Klitschko can do. If the Mercer of a few years ago, the one that gave Lennox Lewis hell, where in the ring last night and he landed more powerful right hands on Klitscho, the fight would have maybe taken on a far different meaning. As it was, Mercer landed the right the few times he threw it and the jab connected numrous times. Mercer may have seen openings but most of time he couldn't react fast enough to take advantage of them. We still can't be sure how good WK is even though he looked very good last night against Mercer. |

|7/1/02 10:30:37 PM|Sabrina Quarry-Porter|Florida||sabrinalporter@aol.com|||10| I JUST WANTED TO SAY I LOVE YOU DADDY COOL!!!!!!! |

|7/1/02 11:11:11 PM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree,
CA||Sonia81@aol.com||||10|I LOVE YOU TOO DADDY COOL!|

[7/2/02 07:46:46 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com||||10|Saw Klitchko battery Ray Mercer on HBO.<br>Its true Mercer had seen better days but the Russian showed he can throw every punch well, is light on his feet, is technically sound, and does not cut (he swells). The only thing he did not demonstrate was if he can take a punch or if he has heart. If he has those 2 qualities he may be the best since Ali and Foreman. Those are ver bigs IFs, however.|}

[7/2/02 08:46:04 AM|evren|london||@||||10|I agree Klitschko looked really good and is destined for the very top. What we need is to see him against a fighter on the way up - one with desire. There are not many heavies I see out there with that burning desire to win. The future of the heavyweight division is terrible with the only few decent heavies are ones in their thirties so there the Klitschko's stand alone !!!<br>|}

[7/2/02 11:41:14 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||||10|DEAR EVERN: CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIGHTER LENNOX LEWIS RECENT VICTORY, NOTHING TO DOWNLOAD LEWIS TALENT, BUT WHO HAS TYSON EVER BEAT, NOT MANY PUNCHERS OBVIOUSLY! LOOK AT HIS RECORD (NO PUNCHERS). DON KING IS A SMART MAN, NO - BOWE, MERCER, MORRISON, WITHERSPOON, FOREMAN, COONEY, MOORER, ONLY HOLYFIELD (BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT HE WAS PAST HIS PRIME AND TOO MANY RING WARS) WHICH TYSON DID NOT HAVE TO ENDURE!! THAT IS ANOTHER THING ABOUT WHY LEWIS IS FIGHTING THIS WAY AT HIS AGE, VERY LITTLE WEAR, ANYWAY CONGRATSES!!!|

[7/2/02 04:37:54 PM|Evren|London||@||||10|Sorry for the delay in the next round: - Evander Holyfield meets Tony Tucker and Jerry Quarry meets Ezzard Charles - another two great matches.<br>I do not agree with the opinion that Tyson has'nt beat anyone...on the contrary I think he beat alot of very good fighters and beat alot of them easily. He is amongst the top 10 heavyweights who ever lived, in my opinion. Above Lewis.<br>|}

[7/2/02 06:29:28 PM|Joe Krause|Chicago||sadmspats@yahoo.com||||10|I think Tucker was a pretty decent fighter, but Holyfield would win a pretty lop-sided decision, let's say 9-3. Charles and Quarry match up similarly in terms of talent, I think this would go the distance with Jerry taking a close decision. Charles was the better fighter historically, but he was at his best at lower weights and was naturally smaller. I think Jerry was better then past-prime Walcott, although he was a real good fighter against Marciano, who is over-rated himself. I think the 50's heavyweights are a run of the mill group to be honest with you.|}

[7/3/02 02:42:16 AM|EVREN|LONDON||@||10|I have seen a lot of Charles film including some in his prime and cannot see Quarry beating him - Ezzard takes a points decision in a good match or late round cuts stoppage. Evander by decision over Tucker - say 9-3 or 8-4 in rounds.|}

[7/3/02 07:20:06 AM|John Gerard|NYC, NY||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|As a side note, I think that one of the most under rated punchers of all time was Ingomar Johansson. Note I did NOT say one of the most under rated fighters, I mean when just measuring punching power. Johansson's right was just as good as any punch ever thrown by anyone -- but Ingo had no left, could not take a punch and hated to train. But he is very under rated when it comes to sheer punching power. He eaily kayed Machon, Cooper, Patterson (once!), and others. The guy could really hit.|}

[7/3/02 08:28:44 AM|Joe Krause|Chicago||sadmspats@yahoo.com||||10|It has to be taken into account though Evren that Charles was really at his best at light-heavy where he had his best form. He had the weakest crop of title defenses in history and that includes Patterson. If you were to put Charles in his prime as a heavyweight then you have a fighter that never really existed. Charles wasn't ever in his real prime as a heavyweight. By 1948-1949 he had been in many wars with Bivins, Moore and other decent light heavies in the mid 40's. I
don't think the Charles I see in early 50's film vs Louis, Walcott I,II and Marciano twice was that overly impressive. He didn't have a real big punch at heavy and I really think Jerry of '69 would have beaten Charles of '50 or '51. I would realize I would be in a minority in this opinion, most experts would agree with you Evren.

Last night ESPNCL ran the entire Holmes v Cooney fight. I'd never seen it before, though I'd heard about it from many people over the years, including how out classed Cooney was, and how the fight was over hyped etc. What I saw was something different. I saw a close fight, up until the last couple of rounds. I saw a great fighter in Holmes, fighting a tactical fight and having a tough time with a big determined challenger. Cooney did not have the skills and experience to take the title, but he came back from a second round knockdown to stand with Holmes until the 13th round. Cooney did a lot better than the majority of Holmes other opponents. Despite what I've read, Holmes never beat Cooney up. He outboxed and outlasted Cooney, who ran out of gas. It was perhaps Holmes toughest fight next to Norton, and until he lost to Spinks. Cooney made for an exciting fight, and got bashed by the press who exploited the racial element. I was glad to see the program pointed out that Holmes and Cooney have since appeared at events together and show mutual respect.

Them fights mentioned of Charles' were not I agree his most impressive but watch some of his non title encounters with Satterfield, Layne, Norkus, Reynolds etc and you see a completely different beast..a very aggressive sharpshooting fighter who was smart, real smart. In my opinion he would have been to good all round for Jerry, but then again we all see fights differently and I respect everyones opinions and thoughts greatly.

I agree Johnny, Cooney fought an in prime Holmes very tough and he actually would have been ahead on the judges scorecards at the time of the stoppage if not for three points being deducted for low blows, in which two of the deductions were legitimate and one was shown on a replay to be a good body shot that was called a low blow by referee Mills Lane. It was one of Holmes toughest title defenses in which he pulled out a victory in true championship form. Holmes showed true championship heart by facing adversity and coming out on top. It was in no way an easy victory and I have new found respect for Cooney as I haven't seen the fight since it happened. After much consideration, I have to say the Ezzard Charles that split Rocky Marciano's nose and gave Rocky hell would beat our Jerry by decision. As much as I love Jerry, I have to rate him below an in prime Marciano and I think Charles would outscore him. In a fight that could have taken place for real, Holyfield wins by decision over Tucker. I think Tucker is an underrated fighter but Holyfield would outwork him over the distance but it would not be an easy fight for Holyfield.

I AGREE, HOLMES WAS A GREAT CHAMPION. NO OPINION ON CHARLES-QUARRY! ELLIS 4TH RANKED BY W.B.A. AT THE TIME OF HIS SHAVERS LOSS, MUST MEAN QUARRY'S LYLE WIN HAD HIM #5. THE RING MAGAZINE LIKED TO DIFFER.

I agree, Holmes was a great Champion. No opinion on Charles-Quarry! Ellis 4th ranked by W.B.A. at the time of his Shavers loss, must mean Quarry's Lyle win had him #5. The Ring Magazine liked to differ.

Bob Bumbera: I have not been around Bob but the fighter on the front of the site, whom Jerry is putting the wood to. is none other than "bad" Thad Spencer. I recently sent to Iowa to get the Quarry/Bailey Fight off microfilm, they wanted too charge JQ admission, than after decking Bailey 5 times and going 10. Second-ranked Jerry was locked out of his dressing room!! He got treated a little tacky down there in DES MOINES, Lew Eskin referee, Quarry said in 50 bouts it was they worst he'd experienced in 50 pro bouts!! Eskin was editor of Boxing Illustrated, maybe that accounted for there terrible top ten ratings!! ha ha

Having no opinion on Quarry - Machen -
does that mean you cannot pick a winner or just not interested...(FOR JIMMY). Lennox is'nt my fighter by the way. He did however grow up about 100yds from where I work today...I used to see Lennox running in the park nearby when he was just turning professional...

| 7/4/02 10:10:24 AM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia81@aol.com | HAPPY 4TH OF JULY EVERYONE! WE LOVE YOU DAD! WE LOVE & MISS YOU UNCLE JERRY! |
| 7/4/02 02:27:00 PM | Gerry Schultz | Ohio | jgschultz | As much as I hate to say it, I have to agree that Charles would edge Jerry, based on his aggressiveness, quickness and accuracy as a puncher. Jerry would not go easy and both fighters would probably cut, but Charles was a better defensive fighter. It is a shorter list, as I've said, of fighters than Ring Magazine has led many to believe, the heavies who are better than Jerry, certainly not 26. But Charles is on that short list, in my opinion. I don't think Ez could knock Jerry out, but he would outbox him. |

| 7/5/02 09:23:29 AM | Kent | La Habra, CA | oriononside@aol.com | EVERN: I GUESS MY CONGRATS FOR YOU ON LEWIS WAS A LITTLE, PREMATURE. WHO BY THE WAY WAS A GREAT FIGHTER THAT MR. TYSON BEAT?? I CAN NAME MORE HE DUCkED (ALL PUNCHERS!!). I DO NOT REMEMBER EVEN MENTIONING MACHEN! AND HIS BOUT, AS FOR QUARRY-CHARLES I DID NOT COMMENT. BECAUSE I FELT I'BD A LITTLE BIASED FOR JERRY. ITS HARD TOO SEE JERRY LOSE TO A SMALLER OPPONENT, WHEN HE WAS BEATING MONSTERS LIKE LYLE, SHAVERS, FOSTER, MATHIS, ETC. I KNOW YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN AT THIS TOURNEY FOR A LONG TIME, AND SEEM TO BE HAVING FUN WITH IT, PERSONALLY AS MUCH AS I LIKE AND RESPECT EZZARD CHARLES, HE WAS BEFORE MY TIME, LIKE I HAVE A TENDACY TO DOWNGRADE MARCIANO, AND SAY FRAZIER, ITS HARD TO ARGUE WITH 49-0 43 KNOCKOUTS. |
| 7/5/02 03:53:38 PM | Evren | London | @ | Just look at Tyson's record he beat many many top rated fighters... |

| 7/6/02 02:21:14 AM | Kent | La Habra, CA | oriononside@aol.com | I understand that the person I saw who I thought might be Mike was probably just someone who looked like him. I hope Mike is doing well. |
| 7/6/02 04:27:59 PM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | On the subject of lightheavys vs heavyweights; First, how would you guys rate Bob Foster vs Ezzard Charles? Foster had no success against any heavyweights of his era. Yet has to be considered one of the top two or three lightheavy weights of all time. Ezzard Charles had mixed success against the heavyweights of his time. We could either assume that Charles' heavyweight opponents where superior to Foster's, Walcott, Louis, Marciano, ect., as compared to Ali, Frazier, ect., or not. Having said this, I think Charles vs Foster would have been a fascinating fight. Does anyone think Foster could have stood up to Quarry's weight and power advantage? I do not think Quarry would lose to any fighter 15, 20, or 25 lbs lighter. He was much too powerful for his size, and too used to wrestling with much bigger, stronger fighters like Lyle, Frazier, Spencer, Mathis, ect. |
| 7/6/02 04:38:08 PM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | While I'm on the subject. If you belief Charles could defeat both Quarry and Bob Foster, then that would surely put him in amonug the top ten heavyweights of all time. |
| 7/6/02 06:30:00 PM | Joe Krause | Chicago | sadspats@yahoo.com | I have Charles and Quarry in the 15-25 range all-time heavies. As far as light-heavy the
Foster-Charles match would have been incredible. Foster would have been my favorite. Charles peak heavyweight weight was about 188ish. He was never really bigger than that until his last couple fights which should not even count in evaluating him.

I think Jerry could have beaten Bob Foster. Foster never had much success against heavyweights. It would have been a crowd favorte that could have been billed as the Quarrys' revenge, for Foster knocking out Mike. While I think Jerry would not beat Charles at heavyweight, I think Jerry could take the light heavyweight version. I am basing my vote in he tourney on the Charles at heavyweight peak of the Marciano fight. While Charles didn't have a long prime at heavyweight, at this prime would have been a very tough task for Jerry.

I've been knocked off aol 3 times this morning so I'll make this quick. Thanks Jimmy. I notetced they were wearing Flores gloves and that would point a finger to a West coast fight. Charles over Quarry 6-5-1. Charles out-boxes Jerry but Jerry does hurt Ez in the 6th and it looks like he's ready to go but Charles hangs on and comes back strong in the 8th. Tucker-Holyfield. Evander does his usual workman like job on Tony and takes a 8-4 decesion. Tucker starts and with a good hard jab and combinations takes the first 2 rounds. Evander works the body trying to slow him down. Holyfield lands a good headbutt in the 6th and again in the 9th after he is hurt by a Tucker right. Tony spends the rest of the fight protecting his very swollen left eye.

My deepest Sympathay goes out to you all.gov bless his soul and may he rest in peace.

I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the entire Quarry family on this sorrowful day. As president and co-founder of TJQF, James made a an invaluable contribution to the integrity of professional boxing. With an eye to chronicling his brother Jerry's life and career in a biography, I flew out to Portland several years ago and met James. Although the book project has been shelved (for the time being at least), James was unfaillingly supportive in my efforts. My prayers are with all Quarrys in this their grieving hour.

My heart goes out to the Quarry family. Jim faced his battle with the courage and dignitiy that showed the true meaning of the family motto of "there is no quit in a Quarry" Mr. Jimmy, I will be drinking a toast to you tonight! You will not be forgotten and your great work will continue!

We mourn the passing of Jimmy Quarry--a stand-up guy and a worthy representative of his family, always ready to fight for what he believed in.

I want to say "Thank you all" for your kind words. Yes, I do agree he sure lived by the Quarry motto "There's no Quit in a Quarry" cause he sure didn't give up. Now he'll be with Uncle Jerry, so Dad, I love you & I will surely miss you. We love & miss you too Uncle Jerry.

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Porter|Florida||sabrinalporter@aol.com|||10|Grandpa we love you always...and forever in our hearts...Love Your Grandkids, TJ, Bobi & Donald|

CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAIN@YAHOO.COM|||10|I cannot believe JIM IS GONE!! My goodness what a great guy!! He always had time for me wether on the phone, emails etc. My deepest condolences to the QUARRY FAMILY, JAMES QUARRY WILL BE MISSED.| 7/8/02 02:46:12 PM|Brenda Quarry|Ca.||bquarry@hotmail|||10|Jim's services will be held Sat. the 13th at the Shafter Memorial Park 18662 Stanta Fe Way Shafter Calif. 93263 Peters Funeral Home 844 East Lerdo Hwy. Shafter, Ca. # 661- 323- 7119<br>Jim will be missed I loved him very much, bye brother. Jim will be layed to rest by to Jerry his best friend and brother and Debbie our niece.| 7/8/02 03:41:53 PM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia81@aol.com|||10|THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR THOUGHTS, PRAYERS AND VERY KIND WORDS ABOUT MY FATHER....AND TO HONOR HIS MEMORY I HOPE WE ALL CAN KEEP THIS WEBSITE GOING FOR A LONG TIME TO COME..MY DAD WAS THE BEST FATHER IN THE WORLD AND HE WILL BE MISSED BY US ALL....| 7/8/02 07:05:15 PM|George L. Otto|Youngstown, Ohio||ehnpbsa@aol.com|||10|In a variety of roles, I had the good fortune of working with James Quarry on multiple boxing issues since 1995. He was a good listener and compassionate man who strongly supported TJQF's involvement in all of the important activities and issues that supported the rights of the professional fighters. These included the Professional Boxing Act of 1996, the National Association of Attorney Generals' Hearings On Professional Boxing in 1999, and the Muhammed Ali Boxing Reform Act of 2000, and National Boxing Commission Act of 2001. Because of James' interest for these types of issues, TJQF played a key role in promoting the betterment of the sport-- especially in working in conjunction with the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing and U.S. Senator John McCain of Arizona. All that is right and good in the world of professional pugilism mourns this terrible loss! | 7/9/02 07:44:33 AM|Sabrina Quarry-Porter|Florida||sabrinalporter@aol.com|||10|THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR THOUGHTS, PRAYERS AND VERY KIND WORDS ABOUT MY FATHER....AND TO HONOR HIS MEMORY I HOPE WE ALL CAN KEEP THIS WEBSITE GOING FOR A LONG TIME TO COME..MY DAD WAS THE BEST FATHER IN THE WORLD AND HE WILL BE MISSED BY US ALL....| 7/9/02 08:09:52 AM|steve|NJ||dmsrm@comcast.net|||10|My deepest sympathy to the Quarry family on their tragic loss. I'd also like to help keep this great site going. As long as this site continues, it will keep the memory of James and Jerry alive for all of us old guys who inhabit this website. May James Rest In Peace.| 7/9/02 10:17:48 AM|Evren|London|||10|I think that with things as they are at the moment I am leaving the competition for a couple of weeks. I hope that is
alright with everyone.<br>I think that is the greatest compliment any child could give their parents ' My father was the greatest father in the world'... I feel the same about my dad..<br>|7/9/02 09:10:04 PM|brenda quarry|ca.||bquarry@hotmail.com||||10|Jim's services will be held at 2 in the afternoon on sat. the 13th. Thank you for all for your prayers. Jim rest in peace knowing that your web pge will go on as you wished thanks to your kids and your wife Brandy and of course George Otto. I know you are in God's arms now and no more pain. bye Jim|
|7/10/02 04:00:08 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca.||oriononside@aol.com||||10|A friend of mine asked me if there was to be any donations requested in lieu of flowers for Jim's service; and if so, is there an organization that donations could be sent to in memory of Jim?
|7/10/02 12:30:13 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|I think I speak for all the regular visitors to this site when I say that James Quarry was appreciated as a fair-minded, honest, intelligent, all-around good man. He will be sadly missed by each of us. Throughout the last 3 years, the Quarry family has experienced more than their share of adversity. But through it all, the obvious strength and courage this clan possesses has made them stronger. James' passing will be no exception. To Sabrina and the rest of the Quarry family: You're in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you. |
|7/10/02 04:27:56 PM|Brenda Quarry|ca.||bquarry@hotmail.com||||10|Thank you all for your prayers and comments regarding Jim, he will be missed. Peters Funeral Home 844 East Lerdo Hwy. 661-323-7119<br>Graveside Ceremony will be held Sat. the 13th of July at 2 p.m Shafter Memorial Park 18662 Santa Fe Way Shafter Ca. 93263 661-746-3921|
|7/11/02 12:36:45 AM|Eric Quarry|Santa Rosa, Ca||esq1064@aol.com||||10|I would like to thank all who visit our web page, I know my Father would be very proud from all the concerns that have poured in to the family. I would love to invite all that are interested in attending the servises for my Father (James M. Quarry) at Shafter Memorial Park in Shafter Ca.on Saturday 13, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. Once again, Thanks to all who have visited my Fathers Web site in memory of his brother The Irish Jerry Quarry. |
|7/11/02 07:24:49 AM|Sabrina Quarry-Porter|Florida||SabrinaLPorter@aol.com||||10|They say memories are golden<br>well maybe that is true<br>I never wanted memories<br>I only wanted you<br>A million times i needed you<br>A million times i cried<br>If love alone could have saved you<br>You never would have died<br>In life i loved you dearly<br>In death I love you still<br>In my heart you hold a piece<br>No one could ever fill<br>But now i know you want me<br>To mourn for you no more<br>To remember the happy times<br>Life still has much in store<br>Since you'll never be forgotten<br>I pledge to you today<br>A hallowed place within my heart<br>Is where you'll always stay<br>If tears could build a stairway<br>And heartache make a lane<br>I'd walk the path to heaven<br>And bring you back again<br>Our family chain is broken<br>And nothing seems the same<br>But as God calls us one by one<br>The chain will link again...<br>I WANT TO READ THIS AT THE SERVICE BUT I DON'T THINK I WILL BE ABLE TO SO I PUT IT ON HERE FOR EVERYONE TO READ...|
|7/11/02 05:53:37 PM|Selina|Hemet||res0x4lt@verizon.net||||10|I will miss my Dad very much. It makes everything easier for me to know that he doesn't have to suffer any longer and can finally be at peace. I don't visit this site very often, but what I do see impresses the hell out of me. My father did all he could to make boxing better for the fighters of our future, and I hope that it will keep getting better. Please everyone do not let his dream die. Support it and keep it going. I love my Dad very much and will miss him. Thanks for the support. |
|7/13/02 06:10:45 PM|George Otto|Youngstown, Ohio||ehnpbsa@aol.com||||10|My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Quarry family regarding the death of
James! He was a positive force for all of us in many ways!!

7/14/02 12:12:41 AM | Paul Maduros | midwest | pama42@yahoo.com | 10 | To all the Quarry family, you have my deepest sympathy. I just met James over the net in 1998 and now he's been taken from us all. I just don't understand life. The greatest gift I ever had is being able to tell James how strongly I felt about Jerry and now James has been taken. My biggest regret is that I never got to meet him in person. What a great person James was, I will miss him deeply. God take of you James, we will meet someday.

7/14/02 03:03:20 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10 | It was nice to see the Quarrys yesterday. Jim's service was very good and the family was very nice to me, even though they were missing their loved one. I think Jim was there though, smiling down on his family. Oh by the way, Mike if you read this, I am going to practice up on pool and whip you next time. You had the home field advantage, you are used to the Bakersfield sun.

7/14/02 03:59:06 AM | Evren | London | 10 | Couple of interesting things I heard on Jerry recently...I was watching a tape of Larry Holmes vs Rodney Bobick which was on the undercard of the Thriller in Manila and Ken Norton was the commentator along with Don Dunphy. Don mentioned to Kenny that he was excellent against Jerry to which Norton responded 'I was lucky. I had an excellent night'. I thought that was quite interesting. In another fight Liston vs Clark - Liston mentions in his afterfight interview that he wanted a fight with Jerry Quarry as Jerry had shown a willingness to fight him. Does anyone know if negotiations ever got underway etc..<br>

7/14/02 10:00:38 AM | Bob Bumbera | N.C. | renfbera@aol.com | 10 | I was out of town last week and did not have a chance to log on. My deepest sympathy to all the Quarry's and may James rest in peace.

7/14/02 03:03:29 PM | Slade | Oregon | info@ptctel.com | 10 | Evren, a couple years back there was some postings on this site discussing the issue of a Quarry-Liston fight. There was some very interesting postings. Based on comments made, ideally the fight would have occurred in 1968 - Liston was still strong, but on his way out - and Jerry was on his way up. If I recall correctly though, in reality, the fight did not occur because there was no significant demand for it at the time (circa 1968) - I think it would have been a very interesting fight though.

7/14/02 10:51:17 PM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia81@aol.com | 10 | Dad, I love you and will miss you always. You are the best. Kent, it was nice to meet you at my Father's Services. Now Dad, and Uncle Jerry, are together again, taking care of each other.

7/15/02 07:36:12 PM | Gerry Schultz | Ohio | gschultz@firstam.com | 10 | I just wanted to say I'm truly impressed with the sense of family and mutual support at this site, especially being expressed at this time. I became a fan of Jerry's as a kid who found this athlete as someone I liked more than most others of so many in the early 70's, often reading of his sense of family, of the Quarrys as a whole. I had to age a little myself to appreciate the real value of that. There are, and have been, some great families in sports, not just of families who produce surprising sibling performers, but also of those who sacrifice so that others can be the stars we so much enjoy. Not everyone, especially in this age of glitz, cash and excess, gets just how important family is to everyone, let alone entertainment superstars. I bet even the great Ali must have been truly impressed with the spirit of unity represented by the Quarrys when he first met them. Wins and losses aside, I come away from these recent entries impressed that this family knows that their greatness in supporting one another makes them all a champion, which is how it should be. Quarrys, you represent well.

7/15/02 11:11:06 PM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | 10 | Gerry, well said! I once read somewhere a writer referring to the Quarrys as a "Steinbeckian clan". I guess he was talking about the "Grapes Of Wrath" novel about Oklahoma families migrating to California during the dust bowl depression days of the
1930's. If so, I can't imagine a greater compliment to the Quarry family! The living conditions of these people, the hardships of their journey, is what produced the tough, close-knit, tenacious families. This kind of American stock is what produces people like Jerry and James Quarry. A few more families like this clan, and maybe the terrorists would leave us alone.

REGARDING JERRY VS. LISTON.<br>LISTON was full of hot air about wanting to fight Jerry. Sonny turned down a Seattle offer from Jack Hurley to fight Boone Kirkman. If he was scared to fight Kirkman, he would have never have messed with Jerry.

My sympathy goes out to all the Quarry's. Steve, you were right in saying that a strong family bond comes from within, and Arwanda (Jimmy's mom) had taught the values family well as did her brother. My mom and the rest of the Tolbert bunch send out sincere condolences!<br>Faye "Tolbert" Sneed<br>

I think Jerry would have had a good chance against a '68 Liston but not against a '58 - '62 Liston...few people would have. The Liston is famous for a couple of things. One was the fantastic beating Wepner took to his face which was so badly cut up that Al Braverman didn't know which one to work on. Secondly, a comment made by Liston after the match...When asked 'Is Wepner the bravest man you have met'. Liston replied 'No, his manager is'. Not reported on so much but clearly visible in the film is that Liston decked the tough Wepner with a body shot.

Has anyone have any old boxing illustrated magazines 1966-1975. I am interested in they monthly ratings of JERRY QUARRY, I have every top ten world rating of JERRY FOR RING MAGAZINE, which i consider they best, but interested where WBA WBC HAD JERRY IN THEIR RATINGS. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY OFFICIAL RATING COMMITTEE was they WBA, during QUARRY'S TIME. THANKS FOR THE HELP!

I'm very sorry for using the website for voicing my opinion and I will never let it happen again...all of us fans want to keep this website going for James and Jerry's memory...and I don't want to be the cause of it shutting down....
No none of this matters, you just have to Love them. bye Jim
Mr. Dorsey I have the magazines in question, please give me a couple of more days I will go thru them.]

| 7/17/02 08:57:10 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | | 10 | Johnny Q, the old Joe Frazier's gym website is gone but there is a new site at www.joefrazier.com. It looks like it is still under construction but I don't see a letter section yet. I hope they have one there as we had some interesting dicussions there. Besides where else have I ever been so popular? I was so loved by the posters over there! HA! HA! HA! For some strange reason, I kind of miss some of the comments that were regularly sent my way by my "friends." I HAVE BEEN RESISTING GIVING BOTH BARRELS TO A CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS RECENTLY SHOWED UP HERE AND I THINK I WILL CONTINUE TO IGNORE THIS PERSON AND I HOPE EVERYONE ELSE WILL DO THE SAME. |

| 7/18/02 03:31:25 AM | Evren | London | | 10 | All I can say Kent is that if people have such strong feelings and want everyone to know about them they could at least identify themselves, but that is the way cowards work...ignorant and without a backbone. None of us are perfect and if I wanted to say anything to anyone my name would be at the bottom of it... |

| 7/18/02 09:21:20 AM | Sabrina Quarry-Porter | Florida | sabrinaquarryporter@aol.com | | 10 | well i must say i agree with those people on what they said about my aunt and grandmother because it is the truth.you guys don't know my family very well and i guess thats a good thing...all they do is talk bad about people behind their backs...even after my father was buried, Arwanda was talking crap about my step mom Brandi until someone stepped in and told her to stop...it's pretty sad that people can do these things.My father would not be happy to hear this stuff...But as they say everyone is entitled to their opinion, we don't have to agree with it just deal with it....Kent thanks again for coming to the service it really meant alot...DAD AND JERRY I LOVE AND MISS YOU BOTH VERY MUCH!!!!ALWAYS IN MY HEART!!!!KEEP PUNCHING!!!!! |

| 7/18/02 10:47:36 AM | Selina (Quarry) Parrini | Hemet | res0x41t@verizon.net | | 10 | I want to thank every one who came to my Dad's services, we appreciated the support. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, be it good or bad, We do not have to agree with it. This site was started for a specific reason, let us keep that reason going. Thank you for the support!! |

| 7/18/02 11:01:57 AM | Sonia Hathaway(Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia81@aol.com | | 10 | YOU GO GIRLS! WE'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU DAD & MISS YOU, UNCLE JERRY, YOU TOO. LET'S KEEP THIS SITE GOING FOR THEIR SAKE. |

| 7/18/02 12:04:20 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | | 10 | Sabrina, my main objection to the person or persons bringing up negative comments about your family members is the timing. I obviously don't know anything about the family conflicts, every family has them. I just thought that since your dad had just passed away that it was the wrong time to air differences. Of course I don't know anything about your grandmother saying something about your step-mother. It is best I stay out of your family business anyway. P.S. I hope you got the message I sent you that your dad had sent me. |

| 7/18/02 01:23:30 PM | Sabrina Quarry-Porter | Florida | sabrinaquarryporter@aol.com | | 10 | Yes Kent i got your email and i thank you very much...We all miss Our Father, and it is just hard to understand why family members treat other family members the way they do....But enough of that sappy stuff....Lets keep Dad and Jerry's dream going on this website.... |

| 7/18/02 03:28:06 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | ronnyrains@yahoo.com | | 10 | THANK YOU BRENDA QUARRY WAS THAT YOU, WITH JIMMY AND JERRY, ON THE PHIL DONAHUE SHOW??THEY ONLY BOXING ILLUSTRATED FOR 1966 WAS THEY NOVEMBER ISSUE, AND JERRY WAS RATED 22ND, IT WAS RIGHT AFTER HIS DEFEAT TO MACHEN, WHO WAS 11TH,I AM A YOUNG SPRY 42 WITH NO GREY, BUT I CAN REMEMBER WHEN JQ SANG "BY THE TIME I GET TO PHOENIX" ON THE MERV GRIFFIN SHOW,
Hey Jimmy Dorsey, where did you see that show with the Quarrys' on it? I definitely would spend money to get that tape! Anyone have an observations or opinion on Liston's hand speed or quickness? I'd have to give the edge in power, especially the left jab, to Liston. I based this, (wrong or right), on their common opponent, Floyd Patterson. Didn't Liston have an unusually long reach, increasing the effectiveness of his jab? Without knowing much about Liston's boxing ability, I'd give him the edge over Jerry just based on pure power.

Hey Kent, so what was Mike Quarry like? How is he holding up? Have the years been kind to him? Weren't you just a little afraid about shooting pool with him? Did you lose on purpose? Just kidding.

Steve, Mike seems to be doing well. He is making every effort to stay physically and mentally as sharp as he can be. As those that have met him will tell you, Mike is a funny guy. He was joking around with me doing his Muhammed Ali impression (I remember seeing Jerry do this also on a T.V. program). No I didn't lose to Mike in pool on purpose. He wouldn't respect me if I did. I am just not a good pool player. Robert Quarry also looks to be in good shape. I will tell you, both surviving Quarry brothers are in shape, trim and fit. A lot of us could take a lesson from them in fitness, myself included. I am still on the wrong side of 300 pounds but am working to solve that problem.

Steve, nothing really earth shaking about boxing was said. Of course the subject came up in conversation but the only thing I remember Mike saying about it was he thinks Bob Foster would have knocked out Mike Rossman and also Roy Jones Jr. One other thing, I do know that the Quarrys prefer Elvis Presley to the Beatles. I mentioned that I had Jerry years ago and he and I had discussed music as Jerry was a good singer and I am one also (although I never got further than the bar bands). When I said that I had told Jerry that I liked the Beatles better than Elvis, several Quarrys all said Elvis by far is better. That was Jerry's opinion also. Mike also said Jerry's son, Jerry Jr, kind of looks like Elvis and he does a little bit as did Jerry Sr. I personally think Jerry Sr. would have had a good chance to be a star in the entertainment business, singing or acting, if he had pursued it full time.

Steve: NO STEVE I DO NOT HAVE A TAPE OF JERRY SINGING ON MERV GRIFFITH, I WAS 12 AND LIVING IN KERN COUNTY, IF JQ WAS NOT SO RUGGED YOU WOULD HAVE NEVER KNOWN THAT HE WAS EVEN A FIGHTER, HE SURE HAD CHARISMA, A SHAME HE WAS TOO TOUGH FOR HIS OWN GOOD, I THINK 25TH OF ALL TIME WOULD BE A FAIR ASSESSMENT OF JERRY'S TALENTS, AND YES I THINK SONNY LISTON/QUARRY WOULD HAVE BEEN A WAR. IN SAY 1969, ANY EARLIER I WOULD HAVE TO GO WITH SONNY AND THAT DAMN JAB. JERRY NEVER DUCKED SONNY HE JUST DID NOT HAVE THE TITLE. TAKE CARE.

FOLKS; I REALLY DO NOT HAVE ANY COMMENTS, ON THE BICKERING OF THIS GREAT SITE, AND LATELY ITS BEEN GOOD, REMEMBER THIS SITE IS FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMAN, AND SOME COMMENTS WILL ONLY COME BACK TO HURT YOURSELF.

Uncle Jerry had a wonderful singing voice. I remember him singing alot to us kids when we were little.. And my Dad
sang a song "Daddy Cool" and it fit perfect because he will always be OUR DADDY COOL!!!! I LOVE YOU DAD FOREVER!!!!!!

It is interesting to hear of Jerry's other interests and talents. No one, of course, is one-dimensional, though I get the feeling JQ's die was cast as early as age five. I think I'd read somewhere was he was a pretty fair baseball player also. I think if he'd arrived today instead of 1966 or so, Jerry might well have had a better chance to see how well he could act or sing. While we've all had our chances on the subject, again, I feel more than a few of Ring's Top heavies are in groups side-by-side, with Jerry in a cluster of six or so outstanding guys between #15-20. If he'd been a little bigger, had boxed more and resisted the brawl a little, and defended more, he'd have a belt, then where would you put him? Many champions have said so. How many heavies since his time have been clearly better? Pretty few, in my opinion.

Gerry, you're right. James claimed that Jerry excelled at everything he touched athletically. He hit a hefty .375 in 2 years of American Legion Ball and could drive a golf ball 300 yards down the middle of a fairway. And he was far from being one-dimensional. Apart from his singing ability, he had a fine mind and capacious vocabulary. His mother, Arwanda, said he could scan a financial sheet and instantly spot an error. He had rare mathematical acumen and a photographic memory. Randy Gordon, the former editor of Ring magazine, told me it was uncanny the way Jerry habitually knocked off the New York Times crossword in less time than a four-round prelim. He certainly put the lie to the stereotype of prizefighters as crude, unthinking louts. As you so ably put it, the die was indeed cast early on. Despite the shroud of dementia that enveloped Jerry in his last years, there were moments of lucidity. He prided himself above all on what he had been, a prizefighter, and he was a damn good one at that. The fact that he couldn't quite crack the heavyweight quinella of his day - Ali and Frazier - means little in the grand scheme of things. Dante wrote: "The victory lies in the struggle." Reflect on this for a moment: you're a youngster and have been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, nephritis. Doctors declare your chances of survival are no better than 50/50. If you're lucky enough to survive, the remaining days of your abbreviated life will be spent as a semi-invalid. In a dozen years, you're a top-flight heavyweight contender and you remain so for a half-dozen more. That is a jaw-dropping feat. It was only one of many hurdles Jerry overcame. Dante's saying is a fitting epitaph for both Jerry and his brother, the co-founder of TJQF, James Quarry.
Ali over Holyfield easily, you might as well give him the title now. Ali's gifts were numerous, the height when on his toes, the rope-like reach, weight at least even or above most of the competition of his time, mental edges, I could go on and on. Holyfield was great at Jerry's weight, and clearly a very good fighter, but nowhere near what he was made out to be at his peak. He would have to be much better defensively for Ali. He'd probably try to head-butt Ali! He never honestly beat Tyson, could not handle a prime Bowe or Lewis. Jerry vs. Evander would be a better match.

Muhammed Ali outpoints Evander Holyfield over the distance on the basis of better defense, footwork, reach, and hand speed. We Quarry fans have at times been accused of being biased in favor of Jerry but we have shown more objectivity than we are given credit for by voting Jerry out of the all time tournament on his own website (although he did well to get to the final 16 out of 64).

Paul Droulet: You are right Jerry was very good at a lot of things, they 1974 SUPERSTARS, (NOT 1975). Jerry did so good he earned enough points to be called back, set records in bowling and baseball hitting, second in golf and went out at 220lbs in the lifting, finished second in the bike race. (no one seems to have a tape of it). But it was filmed right after JQ KO OF SHAVES. He was in shape and there to win, TAKE CARE.

I remember Jerry on the Superstars too. I think it was the same one that Joe Frazier sunk to the bottom of the pool and needed help getting out. Jerry was an athlete, Joe was a prizefighter. I also recall other shows, Ernie Shavers coming in second to O.J. in the 100 yard dash and Foreman's epic battle with Greg Pruitt in weight lifting. I almost forgot that show. Ali vs. Holyfield. Ali KO's Evander in 8. Holyfield was (is) not a big banger, Evander would press Ali early, Ali circles and jabs, the endless jabs. Holyfield try's the classic "Atlanta Headbutt". (I've heard rumors he opened a school to teach it to welterweights). Ali gets pissed, a whirl of punches and the fight over. Evander doesn't have the power to neutralize Ali's speed. If you don't have it against Ali, you're doomed. Sabrina, I feel for you. I lost my Mother and Sister within a year and my dad's not doing well. Life goes on, but it's never quite the same. You are in my prayers.

I have the tape of Jerry on the Superstar's when he is in the bike race. It looks like he has a chance to win the race - then a fellow cuts him off (he may even bump him) and slow him a bit. Jerry hops off the bike after the race and tracks the fellow down who cut him off and jokingly with his fists in the air says "Hey, how about you and me go 3 or 4 rounds...". Keith Jackson interviews him and they show some clips of his fights - Jerry tells Keith that if he doesn't get a Title fight within the year, he will probably hang up his gloves. Jerry is in a swimming contest, but this is not the one where Frazier swims. I got a copy of the tape from a fellow named (if I recall correctly): Kent Noltimier in Minnesota. As I recall, he had most of Jerry fights on tape (as well as other fighters). I paid him to put a few fights and a VHS tape for me. If you need his phone number, let me know and I'll email it to you.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...THIS IS A VERY DIFFICULT TIME FOR US KIDS BUT SOMEHOW SOMEWAY WE WILL
GET THROUGH IT, I HOPE...BUT YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS REALLY MEAN ALOT.....|

CALIFORNIA] [RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM] [10] Dear Slade: I have a tape of that one it was they 1975 version: JERRY Q. was not near as competitive on that one, as the one in 1974, and the 1974 superstars, had better atheletes, i think one big difference, was 74' he had just ko'd SHAVERS ( WHO BY THE WAY RAN A 10.5 HUNDRED IN THE SUPERSTARS) AND WAS IN SHAPE AND ON A HIGH, AND THE 75' VERSION, HE HAD NOT FUGHT IN 8 MONTHS AFTER THE SECOND FRAZIER LOSS, AND MAYBE ON A LOW. THEY IRONIC THING,IS MOE (JIMMY) TOLD ME JERRY WOULD HAVE WON THE WHOLE THING IF THEY WOULD HAVE HAD IT IN 1969.WOULD HAVE LOVED TO HAVE SEEN IT.|

Ali takes Holyfield rather easily, piling up the points round after round and finishing with a flurry to win by late round TKO. Holyfield would be scrappy, but simply outgunned. He would try to pressure Ali ala Smokin' Joe, but wouldn't succeed. He would just get jabbed to death and pounded as he bored in. |

They showed last night on ESPN classic Muhammed Ali verses Joe Frazier 3 and Ali/Quarry 2. The Thrilla In Manila is always worth watching but once again it is disappointing that the only fight they ever show featuring Jerry is Ali/Quarry 2, of course not one of Jerry's better performances. |

Very interesting Superstars stuff... In mentioning again Ali- Quarry, and our current Ali-Holyfield, good points are made regarding what it took to really challenge this guy. Opponents would almost surrender speed, height, movement. Regardless of their package, they would have to pursue, get inside, slip, eat jabs. Frazier, of course, was great at this, and was the only one to really put dents in this guy's smile, which I enjoyed. Ali had to get arrogant and slip up for a cunning boxer like Jerry to seize on him, which he nearly did. Jerry bullied Frazier in their first fight in the first two rounds, and was amazing, I think. This was his best chance against Ali, who might then be inclined to play into JQ's counterpunching by pursuing. Jerry showed Ali a great deal of respect, and did not build up in training to be the "Frazier type" to slug him. You're right, this fight is overplayed, but for Ali fans and the race angle. You have to be a boxing fan to know how good Jerry was, which is too bad. But if their fight had turned to where Ali had to exchange and box JQ, the better side of Jerry's game would've been displayed. He just couldn't put Ali in that positon.|

We need to get a letter campaign together to ESPNCL. Coming up is Jerry's fight with Norton; another example of using Jerry's losing efforts for the ratings game. They use to show the Jerry v Earnie Shavers fight, until Classic Sports was bought out by ESPN. That's when it became, all too often, the Ali & opponents show. I'm going to petition them to show Jerry v Shavers, Foster, Lyle, Bodell, Frazier 1 and others.|

That is a good idea to lobby ESPN to show other fights besides the same old tired ones we have seen a million times. I am looking forward to watching Jerry verses Norton though because I only have parts of it on my highlight tape and that fight was a good one even though Jerry lost.|

ok here goes, we are trying to find the lyrics or even the record "Daddy Who Daddy Cool" by Robie Porter, its a song our father sang to us when we were kids, tried to find it for his services, but couldn't. So thought maybe someone out there could help. Dad, we love & miss you so much, its so hard to believe that you are not with us any more. Uncle Jerry, we love & miss you also. Take care of each other. |
unanimous but not landslide decision over the real deal. The next matchup sees George Foreman take on Ezzard Charles.

I don't know if it is the same song but the flip side of "Silhouettes" by The Rays is called "Daddy Cool." According to the Billboard book of top 40 hits, it was released in 1957. Ezzard Charles may stay away from Foreman for a while but I pick big George to catch him by the fourth round for a knockout.

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I have the Miteff fight and Jerry doesn't get knocked down if I recall correctly.
My apologies Paul for seeming to pile on but, Jerry was decked in the first Patterson fight, which was scored a draw. Jim Quarry said in a post here once, that Jerry was not really hit with a solid punch and that the knockdown was really a slip. If this was the case, then Jerry would have won the first Patterson fight.

I agree Joe - didn't see Quarry take a count in that one!

Wasn't Jerry decked by Memphis Al Jones?

I believe Jerry was decked and in real trouble against Al before knocking him out in the 5th. No tape of that one is available.

So it was Jones and not Miteff who knocked Jerry down. Thanks for setting me straight, Joe. |

Never say never when looking for old fight tapes - it's amazing what turns up.

Jerry Quarry scored a 12 round TKO over Thad Spencer in the semi finals of the WBA tournament to crown a successor to Muhammad Ali, who was stripped of the heavyweight title. Jerry scored two knockouts in the fight, one by a left hook in the fourth round and one by a right hand in the tenth round. Jerry stopped Spencer with seconds remaining in the fight with a barrage of punches that had Spencer helpless. EVREN, I GOT THE EARNIE SHAVERS TAPE. THANKS, IT IS GREAT.

Jerry Quarry was knocked down a total of 6 times, twice in the third round against "MEMHIS JONES" were he lost 4 teeth and a broken jaw, only to kayo JONES IN THE 4TH, A PECULIAR CALIFORNIA RULE, WENT IN THE BOOKS AS KO-5, BECAUSE IT WAS AFTER THE 4TH ROUND BELL (very strange rule). Then the slip vs PATTERSON, THEY CHUVALO DEBACLE, ALEXANDER, 2ND "smokin" JOE FRAZIER. THEY RUFUS BRASSELL BOUT, DID NOT GO IN THE BOOKS AS A OFFICIAL KNOCKDOWN, FOR IT WAS AFTER THE BELL. ONCE BEATEN RUFUS(at THE TIME). HIT THE DECK FOR A LONG TIME THE NEXT ROUND, COURTESY OF A VERY POTENT LEFT HOOK BY A VERY ENRAGED "IRISHMAN".

KENT: VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE COMMENT, on they PATTERSON/QUARRY ist bout, Many people think they 2nd bout was so controversial, how about JERRY'S 2 POINT ROUND SLIP, VS FLOYD AT THE COLISEUM. No one talks about that one, EVEN FLOYD said it was a slip, still say CORLETTI BOUT at the forum knuck,knock, knuck, and leslie BORDON BOUT at WOODLAND HILLS, MIKE AND MIKE NIXON'S old stomping grounds, TAKE CARE.

OKAY IM GETTING A LITTLE LONG WINDED. ONE THING I KNOW I RESEARCHED IT EVEN AMAZED MOE(MR.JIMMY) IS THAT JERRY WAS IN RING MAGAZINES TOP 8 (NEVER 9TH OR 10TH) 87 MONTHS, AND WOULD HAVE BEEN 93, IF NOT FOR A 6 MONTH RETIREMENT HE WAS RATED #1 (4) #2 (10) #3 (20) #4 (29) #5 (8) #6 (6) #7 (6) #8 (4), IM SURE THEY W.B.A RATED JERRY EVEN BETTER, FOR THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE ALI.

I'd seen, elsewhere on the internet, that Ring Magazine had JQ in the top 10 from 1967-1974, except for 1972, I think. That is exceptional staying power in such a brutal sport, which says volumes to me not just about his talent, but his
toughness. For folks on the outside, boxing appeared to be Frazier and Ali, and a faceless pack until Foreman and Norton gained credibility by beating both, and Holmes took over later. Quarry, other than being the White Hope who almost did, did not get the public respect those five champions got. But what he did accomplish, what he gave, what he had, and the damn good fighters he did beat, I'm glad it's not as much a secret now as it once was. I hope this is not a stupid question: "The Great White Hype", with Samuel L. Jackson, is playing somewhere on cable. Is this flick a swipe at Jerry?

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DEAR GERRY; YES THAT RING MAGAZINE THING, WAS YEARLY RATINGS, WHICH DID NOT REFLECT THEY ENTIRE YEAR, CASE IN POINT, from FEB 72 RING MAGAZINE TO AUG 72 RING MAGAZINE, JERRY QUARRY WERE THEY NO.2 CONTENDER, SEP 72 ISSUE HE WAS MOVED DOWN TO #4(2ND LOSS TO ALI). AND OCT 72 #5 then he annouced his 6 month retirement at a press conference. ELIMINATING HIS SELF FROM 1972 YEARLY RATINGS. FROM SEP 67 TO JUNE 75 RING MAGAZINE ONLY HAD 37 TOTAL HEAVYWEIGHTS, YOU REALLY EARNED YOUR RATING WITH RING MAGAZINE, IRONICALLY THEY GOVERNING BODY W.B.A PROBABLY HAD TWICE THAT MANY, EVEN RON STANDER AND TERRY DANIELS, TOUGH GUYS BUT THEY NEVER BEAT A CONTENDER, THIS IS ONE REASON ALTHOUGH I LIKED DUANE BOBICK, HE NEVER BEAT A TOP TENER.

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In an excellent match up the smaller Charles takes the fight with the Gregorio Peralta-Foreman match in mind. He aims to use his speed and cunningness to take George into the latter rounds. The first two stanzas see the viscious Foreman deck Charles twice only for Ezzard to get up each time shaking his head "I'm alright". In the third and fourth as Foreman tires Charles begins opening up and landing razor sharp combinations making the big guy look pedestrian. As round 7 enters Charles begins to take the lead, boxing, bouncing and slipping punches. It's all going the way of the underdog until a sneaky in close left hand renders Charles almost senseless, guard down against the ropes. A suddenly energised Foreman measures up the 'Cincinatti Cobra' and unleashes a frightening torrent of savage hooks. the ref jumps in as Ezzard crumples to the ground for the count of 70.<br>(in the next round Joe Frazier takes on Mike Tyson.)

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Tyson and Frazier would be a war. The difference between the fighters was heart because both would hurt each other. Frazier would out gut Tyson who never won a fight where someone stood up to him. Frazier by KO in 6|

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I also think Tyson verses Frazier would be a war but I think Tyson would be too strong for Joe so I pick Tyson by knockout in the third round.

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FRAZIER 1969, BY 6TH ROUND OR LESS KNOCKOUT, WHO'S THE LAST PUNCHER TYSON EVER BEAT, THAT DID NOT KNOCK HIM OUT????????????????HE MISSED BOWE, MERCER, MORRISON, WITHERSPOON, TOO ONLY NAME A FEW.

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I just don't think the competition Tyson faced in his heyday match up well against the guys Frazier fought, Quarry, Bonavena, Jimmy Ellis, Eddie Machen. Compared to Razor Ruddick, Trever Berbick, Michael Spinks. Can you compare thier opponents in thier
first defeats? George Foreman and Buster Douglas? How strong was Tyson? He got outmuscled by Evander Hollyfield! I think it would be an exciting fight, with Tyson probably getting to Frazier and shaking him or maybe dropping him once or twice in the first three rounds. I also see Frazier moving Tyson all over the ring and hurting him inside with body shots and uppercuts. Tyson had very fast hands and threw beautiful, multi-punch combinations. Frazier, however, had great upper body movement and was very difficult to hit cleanly. Joe would stay in Tyson's chest and smother most of those combos. In rounds four and five, Tyson starts getting frustrated and wearing down. He loses his concentration and starts to slow up and hesitate just a little bit. As soon as Frazier feels this, [I've heard Frazier called, "a truth machine"], he would turn up the pressure and the pace. By round seven he'd be picking his shots and methodically battering Tyson. The fight is stopped at the end of seven, Frazier wins by TKO.

The big difference between Frazier and Tyson was that FRAZIER HAD HEART. He got up six or seven times against Foreman. No other man alive could have or would have got up again and again to face that onslaught. Joe would have knocked him out in about 7 rounds.

Evren, I like your take on the Foreman-Charles fight. Charles was a very crafty boxer, one of the best heavies ever. He was even better as a lightweight. Frazier-Tyson. Tyson's hands and feet are quicker than Joe's, he has a bit more power and out weighs Joe by 12 or 13 pounds. But, Mike loses it when he is attacked. He would hurt Joe for sure, Joe in the late 60's was not easy to hit with a clean shot, Ali was one of the few to land solid combinations on him. Mike had the uppercut to do some damage, and the hand speed to maybe knock Joe down. And Joe was not a fast starter like Tyson so the first couple rounds would be shaky for Frazier. But I think Joe was just too tough for Mike to beat. I'll go along with a 7th round TKO for Frazier. Hey Steve, although Holyfield was not a massive heavyweight he was very strong, he stood up to Bowe and Lewis, and Rahman all very big very strong heavies. If Evander had a true heavyweight KO punch, he would be a lot higher on the alltime top ten list. I lived in Atlanta for 20 years and have seen him around quite a bit, never really liked him that much but I do respect what he did in the ring. He is one tough cookie and I would give him a shot at any former heavy champ. He might not win, but it would be a war.
Hey Bob the rambling man, [formerly from N.J.] I agree with you totally on Evander Hollyfield. I didn't mean that he was a weak heavyweight, quite the opposite. He did stand in there and held his own against bigger guys. With Tyson however, Hollyfield seemed to be much stronger of the two. He stopped all of Tyson's charges cold, without backing up very much. It seemed to me he outmuscled and moved Tyson around much more easily than he did Bowe or Lewis. So how strong does this make Tyson? Overall size and strength does not allways equate with a knockout punch, example Oscar Bonavena. That's why I feel Frazier would be able to get Tyson going backwards after the first few very dangerous rounds. Look at the Chuvallo vs Frazier fight. When Chuvallo tried to bull Frazier into the ropes, Frazier would grab him and spin him around, and then hit him!

Steve, you are right about Joe Frazier's strength. Interesting story that I heard about the Frazier/Chuvallo fight; that before the fight, the two fighters armed wrestled and Chuvallo beat Joe both right handed and left handed. Joe was embarrased and took it out on Chuvallo in the ring. I think what I meant about Tyson being stronger than Frazier was his punching power and I can see Joe charging into Tyson like he did against Foreman in their first fight and Tyson catching Joe early before Joe was fully warmed up, like Foreman did. It was because of styles and the fact the Joe was always a slow starter and would be vunerable to the Tyson power early that makes me think Tyson would win by early knockout. Jerry was also very strong for a small heavyweight. The way he threw either Thad Spencer or Mac Foster, I can't remember which, to one side to give him a better punching angle leading up to stopping his opponent showed how strong Jerry was.

Hey Kent, that's a great little anecdote about Frazier and Chuvallo arm wrestling. That's the kind of info I really enjoy picking up. It seems as though a few of you guys, Paul Drolet and Jimmy Dorsey and yourself, have alot of good insider information. As for Tyson vs Frazier, I think you and I will have to agree to disagree. Your right about the possibility of Tyson getting Frazier early and cold. However, it only happened to Frazier against one guy, The monster, known as George Forman. Forman was so much bigger and stronger that it looked like they belonged in different weight classes. I am of the opinion that Forman would have controlled the smaller Tyson and battered him much as he did Frazier. Here's a question for everyone's opinion. Is there a difference between a heavy handed puncher and a sharp, high velocity hitter like Quarry? Who was a more effective ko artist, a Quarry or a Forman?

Steve, no problem. I'm only in Texas till Tuesday then it's back to Charlotte. George Foreman would destroy Mike Tyson, 5 rounds tops. George was just too strong for him. A common opponent? My old head-buddy Evander Holyfield. I read an article in SI a loooong time ago about an arm-wrestling champ who was a sparring partner for Rocky Marciano. I can't remember his name, he said he and other sparring partners would beat The Rock arm-wrestling all the time, he didn't seem that strong outside the ring. But inside, when he hit you, you wanted to run for your life. Guy's who can hit like that, the Ernie Shavers, Tysons, Bob Fosters of the world will have a better KO percentage than a more accurate guy most of the time. If nothing else it won't take them as long to do the job. There are a lot of big strong guy's, people who can pick you up and toss you across the room, when it come to punching power they just don't have it. Of course there are those that do like George Foreman. Foreman will cream guy's like Frazier and Tyson every time. Put him in against Ali, Young, Larry Holmes accurate guy's who'll pick you apart and he'll lose. I guess it's all about styles, and who can take a punch. Ali-Foreman, Leonard-Hearns. Who's the harder hitter and who can take a better punch. Ok I'm getting long winded, it's time to get back to
work.  

Yes, it is all about styles. Ali beat Foreman and Norton beat Ali (although Norton caught Jerry on the way down), Frazier doing it twice, but Jerry would have had a better chance of beating Foreman than either Frazier or Norton. I don't think Jerry could have ever beaten Ali unless he was in his prime and Ali was over the hill like against Leon Spinks. Ali won almost every round against Jerry in both fights and Lyle and Shavers came close to beating Ali and both lost to Jerry.

Jerry gave Ali too much respect & he never really pressed the attack, preferring mostly to counterpunch. Foreman ducked Jerry for very good reasons, he said, "I dodged him purposely." He goes on to say about Jerry, "He chose to go toe to toe with Ellis & Frazier.....if he had only switched tactics, he would have been the Heavyweight Champion of the World." AND, geocities.com says a fantasy Lewis - Quarry match has Lewis' jab being counter well by Jerry's counterpunching. Jerry would stay busy throughout the fight and steal some close rounds. Prediction....Quarry by split decision.

Boxing News and the BBC in England proved with the original film footage and radio footage for the Cooper-Clay fight in 1963 that the time in between rounds was around 60 seconds give or take a couple. It has been proved that this story of a long gap in between rounds was a myth that has grown and grown over the years. Apparently (according to him) Angelo did help the tear along a little but this did not give them more time. That is what I read and I remember Boxing News have asked that's this issue be dead and buried as it is untrue. Ali would have beaten him regardless of the bell going anyway - he was the Black Superman.

Pick your poison.  

Steve, by way of an answer to your question on whether there is a difference between a heavy hitter like Foreman, and a sharp, high velocity puncher, here's what the uncontested authority on taking a punch, George Chuvalo, once said when asked to compare Frazier and Foreman: " When Frazier hit you, it was like being rammed by a Chevy at 100 miles an hour; with Foreman, it was like being hit by a semi at 50." Pick your poison.

EVREN: I WILL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT, FOR I REALLY DO NOT KNOW THE DETAILS, FROM WHAT I HEARD THE BELL SAVED ALI, WHO TOOK A REAL GOOD LEFT HOOK FROM "ENERY"! AND WAS NOT AT ALL IN GOOD SHAPE, SO ANGIE TORE THE GLOVE AND THEY HAD A HARD TIME GETTING ANOTHER ONE TO THE RING, I DID NOT READ THIS IN A MAGAZINE, I WAS TOLD BY AN VERY ADEPT OLT TIMER, BUT I KNOW HOW STORIES CAN GET BENT WAY OUT OF PROPORTION. TAKE MIKE TYSON FOR INSTANCE.  

Thanks everyone for keeping this going!  Dad, and
Interesting stuff about strength and punching power. Arm wrestling, of course, is concentrated strength. Throwing a punch, or a baseball, requires a series of things, like leverage, or coordination of the related muscle groups. There are major league pitchers who couldn't do 30 pushups but can throw 90mph. Punchers like Marciano and Frazier got power out of their shoulder motion in the way they threw that arm-strong guys like Chuvalo didn't have. As with the 'Superstars' entries earlier, Jerry proved to be a very good all-around athlete, who became a great boxer by virtue of his intense training and experience. Frazier was good at little else, but had the gift of his 'fastball' or punching ability to be the legend he became. Without it, Jerry would have beaten him. Good stuff about styles also regarding the 70's heavies JQ, Foreman, Norton, etc. Joe proved to be better than Jerry, but would not fare as well vs. Foreman, Joe much better vs. Ali than Jerry. All of these six (Ali, Frazier, Foreman, JQ, Norton, Holmes) showed to be of championship caliber. It was simply a matter of who fought who when, and in what order. Hasn't been that way in quite a while.

Gerry, you are so right about the motion of the shoulder and the coordination of muscle groups being the basis for a good power punch. We hear people say to put your shoulder into a punch but it doesn't mean using shoulder power because that would be just an arm punch. It means to turn the shoulder in coordination with the hips and the legs, which are the anchor to true punching power, putting the whole body weight behind the punch. By relying on the shoulders and arms alone a fighter actually loses power because he can be too tense in the shoulder area. The shoulders need to stay relax.

Well Dad this is my first birthday without you and Mom...Boy is this hard. but i know you're watching over me wishing me a happy birthday....I LOVE AND MISS YOU VERY MUCH....ALWAYS IN MY HEART FOREVER....

Tyson vs Frazier is such a hard one. The Frazier of 70/71 was one of the most complete fighters I have seen - It's all a matter of whether Joe can survive the initial 2 round on slaught and my guess is he'll know what's coming and play smart and then out tough Tyson down the stretch. I here Mike is fighting again in November possibly against Clifford Ettiene ! Anyway the last match of the quarters sees Joe Louis take on Sonny Liston.

Louis vs Liston would have been a great fight. Someone on this site recently stated that "the difference between Frazier and Tyson was that Frazier had more heart". Tyson has been accused of having a bully's mentality, and so has Liston. I do think that
both fighters relied heavily on intimidating their opponents. I do not believe Liston ever faced anyone even close to the physical skill level of Joe Louis. Liston was a great fighter and probably belongs in the top 20 heavyweights. That said, I still think Louis was quicker, a better combination puncher, tougher, and may have hit just as hard as Liston. I pick Joe Louis by TKO in eleven or twelve rounds.

In my last post I forgot to factor in Sonny Liston's very long armed, accurate and powerful jab. This would not have changed the outcome of the fight but would have made it even more exciting. A question for everyone's analysis, who had the most effective jab of all era's? Effective meaning it played a large part in the fighter's victory. In terms of speed, accuracy, and power, and ability to cause damage, cuts, swelling, etc.

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Just watched on ESPN Classic Jerry verses Norton and Jerry verses Frazier 2. We have recently discussed that Jerry was on the way down when he fought Norton and was not in his best condition but still gave Norton a good fight, in the first three rounds at least. In Frazier/Quarry 2, Jerry boxed very well in the first round but seemed to abandon a good plan of moving and counter punching after that. It made for some great action of Jerry and Frazier going toe to toe, it became a war, but Frazier was in complete control by round four on the way to a fifth round TKO win. Did Jerry go away from his plan of boxing instead of slugging because as the announcer said, Frazier would not let him move or was it because Jerry was stubborn and chose to slug it out with Frazier? I think it may have been a combination of both.

I just recently watched Joe Frazier vs. Ron Stander on ESPN, after two rounds it was tough to watch. I give Joe a lot of credit for the way he trained, his courage and attitude as a fighter, and how well grounded he was/is out of the ring. During their day, I cheered for both he and Jerry about equally because he came across well as a good guy and an overachiever. But I do not see him beating Tyson, a harder, quicker puncher who could do Joe like Foreman did. Joe would be tougher and more skilled, but also easier to hit. While I prefer Joe, I have to be honest... As for Liston/Louis, I do feel Joe was the fighter of the century because of the way he conducted himself, that he united people in a tumultuous era, and he stood for the country even when it did not for him. Again, I have to pick the villain, Liston, though. Joe, from the waist down, was like most fighters of his era, not mobile, but was a punching machine from the waist up. Liston was bigger, stronger, very intimidating and just as methodical, plus he had that ridiculous jab, which required a movement fighter, an Ali, to avoid. The good guys lose both of these, in my opinion. Great fantasy bouts, though.

Also, to answer Kent and Steve, I feel Jerry had two real flaws in an otherwise outstanding package, 1) low hands 2) an instinct to brawl that squashed good tactical opportunities. He had Frazier early in their first fight, and figured that he could continue to push and trade with him. The Norton fight shows flashes of what Jerry could have done if they'd fought sooner, but does not come close to prime vs. prime, which is about even. I think if you want to look at a fighter who built a great game around the jab, Larry Holmes might be the guy. Ali was amazing, but also had so many other weapons. Holmes really managed his opponents with the jab, I think.

I agree, Jerry held his hands low, even when he punched, he'd hold em' low and punch again, (mac Foster). I personally think both he and Frazier would have given "Iron" Mike tyson, all sorts of hell, Tyson's intimidation factor would not be in effect, "Iron" or aluminum, Always lose's in that aspect Where larry holmes, was the most underrated CHAMP, "Aluminum Mike" was the most overated, back to where
JQ carried his hands low, he must have been comfortable with it. He sure won his share of bouts, same as his age at his untimely death (53).

In Frazier 2 Joe threw too many right hands that Jerry did not expect to see. Joe was real sharp that night, maybe the best complete fight of his career because he used both hands effectively. Jerry looked like he slapped with his right hand against Frazier and Norton. Looked like the only thing he wanted to throw was a left hook.

As expressed earlier, Holmes was and is a very underrated Champion. He beat whoever they put in front of him. They lined up the ducks and he knocked them down. He had a jab that rivaled Liston's and Ali's, plus great boxing ability. On the times that he got caught, like against Shavers, Weaver and Snipes, he recovered to take control and score a knockout each time. An "on the hill" Holmes should have been awarded decisions over Michael Spinks, because Spinks didn't do enough to take the title from a Champion. An over the hill Holmes gave Tyson a few tough rounds on short notice, gave Holyfield a very good fight and beat Ray Mercer in an upset. The win over Norton was a classic. And speaking of Norton, people forget that he might have made a career out of matching up well against Ali---but also had good power, a bizarre crablike style that confused his opponents and good stamina too. His close win against a prime Jimmy Young and the one round KO of Bobick, as well as the war with Holmes showcased the various styles/abilities this guy had.

I'm starting to come around to the theory that Tyson isn't as good as everyone thought. I always thought he was an awesome power puncher who was mishandled and could have been an alltime great. But so many people are now making excellent points about how horrible his early competition was. He beat Larry Holmes after Holmes frustrated him for 3 rounds. He KOed Marvis Frazier and Michael Spinks. But what legitimate great heavyweight did he beat? After Douglas exposed him, it seems as though most decent fighters stood in with him and either beat him or at least tagged him a few times like Ruddock did. I mean, people love to take cheap shots at Gerry Cooney, but quite frankly, his wins over the senior circuit (Lyle, Norton, Young, etc.), wins against club fighters like Horace Robinson and 13 rounds with Holmes are as good as Tyson's career. A few years ago, I would have picked Tyson to beat Joe Frazier handily. Now, I look at the greats that Frazier stood in with, I look at his heart in wins and losses and I think he would survive Tyson's intimidation tactics to possibly get the win. I'm on the fence about Tyson----I actually picked him to beat Lewis. But now, I'm thinking he might not be anywhere near the fighter we all thought he was.

I feel Tyson was and is perhaps still a great fighter. He may have not beaten all time greats (Larry Holmes not counting) but look at how many decent fighters he beat— you can argue that some were past their primes or some not really that good but you'll find a lot of Tyson's opponents done miles better with other opposition. Trevor Berbick—demolished in 2<br>Pinklon Thomas—demolished in 6<br>Bonecrusher—easy points<br>Tucker—points<br>Biggs—demolished in 7<br>Holmes—demolished in 4 (no one has done that since)<br>Tubbs—demolished in 2<br>Spinks—demolished in 1<br>Carl Williams—demolished in 1<br>Bruno—demolished in 5 & 3<br>Alex Stewart—demolished in 1<br>Ruddock—stooped in 7 and points<br>Seldon—ghosted in 1<br>Golota—destroyed in 3 (later no contest)<br>I think Tyson is a great fighter. Nobody had such an easy time with this amount of
DEAR EVREN: I am forced to go with ANGELO, on this one, he just made points that i have said all along, do you honestly think, the "greatest" ALI would have ducked "merciless" RAY MERCER, RIDDICK BOWE, GEORGE FOREMAN, TOMMY MORRISON, TIM WITHERSPoon, DAVID TUA, THE KLITISHKO'S, AND THERE ARE MORE, ALI WOULD HAVE Fought AND BEATen THESE GUYS TWICE, IRONICALLY THERE IS ONE THING ALL THESE FIGHTER'S HAVE IN COMMON (THEY ARE BIG PUNCHER'S). SEEMS LIKE THERE IS SOMETHING TO THIS AND TYSON BEING ALLEGGEDLY BROKE, HE WOULD HAVE MADE MORE MONEY, FIGHTING THESE GUYS, THEN THE CREAM PUFFS YOU MENTIONED, FRANK BRUNO, TREVOR BERRICK, RUDDOCK, BONE CRUSHER, MICHAEL SPIKNS, WERE SCARED TO DEATH, THEY WERE BEATEN BEFORE THE BELL, RUDDOCK COULD HAVE SMOKED HIM, HAD HE NOT BEEN SO INTIMATED, OKAY LETS SAY HE WOULD HAVE RUN ROUGHSHOT, ON THEM ALL, HOW COME WE DID NOT SEE IT, PEOPLE STILL TALK ABOUT FOREMAN/QUARRY, I ONLY WISHED JERRY WOULD HAVE GOT THE SHOT THAT HE DEFINETILY DESERVED, IT WOULD HAVE ANSWERED ALL THE 30 YEARS OF QUESTIONS, BOY TIME FLY'S WHEN YOUR HAVING FUN!

What annoys me is that Tyson's opponents suddenly become 'poor' after Tyson wiped them out. You heard 'nuff about Spinks, Biggs and Ruddock before Mike dealt with them. Then they were suddenly chimney or scared. tyson was a great great fighter. Is Marciano also not a great for all the fighters he avoided - I think no! Is Dempsey not a great for not facing the brilliant black fighters of his time. Is Holmes not a great for defending against moderate opposition and a few good'n's past their best. I am not saying he is ali - no one is - but a great - definitely. Could have and should have been one of the best ever! He dealt with so many good fighters easily and has only had three losses by opponents who were better on the night. He is past his best now and will never reclaim his past glories. He will forever be remembered both good and bad.

Tyson at his very best would have been tough to beat in any era. The problem with him is his screwball personality and it is because of this that he squandered his talent. His prime was not very long, about 3 years from 1986 to 1989 and he did beat some good fighters during this time but after this he wasn't the same anymore. By the time Douglas got a hold of him the problems in his life had taken their toll. I hate to pass judgement on any person and there may be some good in the man somewhere inside of him but, I have always hated the term that is often said after a fight that the best man won the fight. IN TYSON'S CASE, THE BEST MAN MOST OF THE TIME WOULD NEVER WIN THE FIGHT AS MOST OF HIS OPPONENTS ARE PROBABLY BETTER MEN THAN HIM BUT NOT BETTER FIGHTERS.

Here's an item I just came across on another site that I thought I'd share. Rick Farris, who would become a main-event lightheavyweight from L.A, said the following about a gym tussle he witnessed between Jerry and Ken Norton: "I saw Jerry literally knockout Norton 3 years earlier at the Main St. Gym, shortly before Kenny upset Ali. Norton's trainer, Bill Slayton, kept Norton laying on the canvas for a couple of minutes after a brutal left hook to the body, right cross to the head paralyzed Norton." By the way, Bill Slayton was one of the first trainers Jerry had as an amateur.

Paul, it doesn't surprise me that Jerry handled Norton well in the gym. Gil Clancy said that Jerry was the best gym fighter he ever saw. Jim Quarry said once that Jerry sparred with Joe Bugner a couple of times in the early 70s and he also was dominant over Bugner and Clancy said that Jerry used to have is way with Jimmy Young in the gym as well. In his era, the only people who really should have beaten him when Jerry was at his best were Muhammed Ali and Joe Frazier. He would have had a good chance of beating Norton and even Foreman. Of Jerry's
other losses, Eddie Machen got Jerry when Jerry was only 21 and Jerry would have beaten him prime against prime and I don't believe that either Jimmy Ellis or George Chuvalo could have beaten Jerry in rematches and he never should have lost to them in the first place. | 8/18/02 11:22:30 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|DEAR EVREN: I guess we are never going to agree on MR.TYSON, I'd say this is why we are boxing fans, (and i respect you as one, believe me). How about this, similarities between "IRON MIKE". And the "bellflower Bomber". WHEN JERRY, beat a top contender, all the sudden the guy was a "BUM". And when JQ lost 4 BOUTS, He was termed a loser, a JUNIOR CHUVALO (no disrespect to George). And the opposition TYSON LOST TO HIS FIRST 4 WERE NOT ANY SUPERIOR TO THE FIRST 4 THAT BEAT JERRY. Tommy Morrison and tyson, have identical records now, PRIME FOR PRIME AND POWER FOR POWER, i would have paid to see that one. TYSON would have been at least 5 to 2 favorite, but i think it would have been exciting, say what you say about Morrisons chin, he did have a wallop in that hook, and intestinal fortitude, maybe we can agree on that, TAKE CARE. |
8/18/02 11:31:10 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|One thing I do not get, (and i was there). Is how JQ was treated in California, Here is a local, that has enough odds against him anyway, And the media and boxing public treated him tacky, later in his career NEW YORK took him in as there own. And it should have been that way in CALIFORNIA, and I KNOW IT BOTHERED JQ. |
8/18/02 11:57:41 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|On they other hand EVREN: KENT and I SUFFER from "STOOGEMANIA", and sometimes think JERRY was superhuman, and still fighting somewhere. "WATCH OUT, IT MIGHT BE A MACKERL?" KNUCK, KNUCK, KNUCK. |
8/19/02 02:19:39 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|I don't think the people were down on Jerry here in Southern California, it is the press that was down on him, not the people. There are still a lot of people in this area who had and always will have a lot of respect and fondness for Jerry and the Quarry family. OH, I SEE JIMMY DORSEY IS STILL BEING A WISE GUY! SHUT UP YA LUNKHEAD! KNUCK! KNUCK! KNUCK! |
8/19/02 08:02:17 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|you are right KENT, Jerry was respected, by the california people, i should have made it a little clearer on that, the media chastised him, he was n't to into the press there for a long time, and i did not blame him one bit |
8/20/02 07:36:38 AM|Sabrina Quarry-Porter|Florida||sabrinalporter@aol.com|||10|THANK YOU DAD I RECEIVED YOUR GIFT YESTERDAY....AND IT MEANS THE WORLD TO ME THAT YOU THOUGHT OF US KIDS.....I LOVE YOU ALWAYS IN MY HEART FOREVER......|
8/21/02 01:39:01 PM|Evren|London|||10|Liston was amongst my top 10 fighters but I could see Louis outlasting him and battering him to defeat in the late rounds.<br>|
8/21/02 08:29:58 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com|||10|Mike Tyson a great fighter. Oh yeah! He is a top ten great for sure. Untill he went to prison he was the best heavy out there. His involvement with Don King and his thug like actions outside boxing led to his downfall. His own doing mind you, he made those decisions by himself. The only fighters the "young" Tyson would have had problems with were, of course Holyfield, Douglas and Bowe. His early fight with Bonecrusher Smith showed he could be tied up and out-muscled by a big man. If Smith had opened up earlier in the fight he may have hurt Mike. Was Smith and the others intimidatad by Tyson? Sure. But that wasn't Tyson's problem. Did he take advantage of their emotional short comings. Yeah. So did Liston, Louis, Foreman and Ali. Liston was a guy who beat up the contenders that Floyd Patterson would not fight. He did nothing after he won the title, yet most people rate him high as a Heavyweight Champion. Holmes wipes out a whole
generation of good, bad and indifferent heavies and is rated low on the totem pole. People compare Tyson to Sonny, but Mike did a whole lot more during his career in the ring. So as far as I'm concerned he was a great champion, and would hard for anyone from any era to beat in his prime. I still think Frazier would beat him prime vs. prime, I can also see him losing by early KO, but we'll never know for sure. As for Liston vs. Louis. Sonny did have that 7 foot arm span to deal with, he was a little quicker on his feet and about 14 pounds heavier than a prime Louis. He also had a habit of bringing that jab back slow and would be a prime target for a Louis right counter. Both men were fearsome punchers, but Joe was more accurate than Sonny. I think it would a battle of jabs for a while, Joe might get hurt by Sonny's hook, maybe knocked down. But Louis would hurt Sonny, and if Louis hurt you, your finished. Louis by 9th round KO.
suggesting Jerry would give him a good fight. Time and perspective do change, and now people are seeing better what Lyle, Shavers, Spencer, Alexander and others did then. That, and the fact that the depth of talent was so much more than it has been since. Real talent stands up with time.

[8/27/02 01:11:40 AM] Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Gerry, people laughed at you because you said Jerry Quarry would have given a good fight to Leon Spinks? Now that in itself is very funny! Jerry would have not only given Leon a good fight, he would have knocked "Neon Leon" out! Jerry would have used angles to make Spinks miss as he charged in and he would have made Spinks pay big time with hard accurate counter punching. I would pick Jerry by mid round stoppage, if not earlier. Steve, Paul D. was working on a book about Jerry which Jim Quarry had a lot of input. I hope you put it together soon Paul. I know of another book that someone else has in the works about Jerry's life that we should be hearing about some time in the near future. It really is a shame that Jim Q is no longer with us as he was a wealth of information on Jerry and boxing in general.

[8/27/02 06:11:26 AM] Sabrina Quarry-Porter|Florida||sabrinalporter@aol.com|||10|I THINK WRITING A BOOK ABOUT MY UNCLE JERRY IS A GREAT IDEA....I HEARD RUMORS ABOUT IT BUT NOTHING HAS COME OF IT YET.....IT WOULD BE A VERY GOOD BOOK TO READ...A MOVIE WOULD BE GOOD TOO THERE'S LOTS TO TELL....JERRY WAS THE GREATEST CHAMPION TO NEVER WIN A TITLE AS GEORGE FOREMAN ONCE SAID...MY FATHER JAMES WOULD BE VERY PROUD..LOVE YOU DAD AND JERRY.....|

[8/27/02 01:18:45 PM] Jimmy Dorse|ventura california||RONNYRAINS@yahoo.com|||10|I also believe QUARRY would have ko'd SPINKS early,if those guys laughed at JERRY,is only because he was on the shelf, and probably after ZANON,WHO WAS THEY NO.1 EUROPE GUY AT THE TIME, Jerry say 1969-70 beats SPINKS easy.I observed almost every one of spinks bouts,JERRY WOULD TURN HIM EVERY WHERE BUT LOOSE,I'M not so sure JER would have even lost to MICHAEL SPINKS.|

[8/27/02 02:12:00 PM] Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|I think Jerry would have been too strong for Michael Spinks. M. Spinks was a blown up light heavyweight who like his brother Leon, was lucky to catch a great champion, in M. Spinks' case Larry Holmes, on the way down. I pick Jerry by Kayo over Michael Spinks as well.

[8/27/02 02:39:33 PM] Joe Krause|Chicago||sadmspats@yahoo.com|||10|Let's be honest, Leon wasn't real good and was quite possibly the worst Lineal Champion ever. Michael was far superior and would Jerry a good fight. Mike Spinks reminds me a bit of Jimmy Young at heavyweight with a weird style and counter-punching style. Jerry would be a slight favorite over Michael, although it is no sure thing.

[8/28/02 11:48:38 AM] Jimmy Dorse|V ENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|dear kent: your mission,if you decide to accept it (get me those quarry clippings on microfilm). FROM LOS ANGELES,ironically KENT,NEON LEON, is seen quite frequently at a JOPLIN MISERYBAR!! called "irish" murphy's. SEEMS as thou he owns a part in it. KENT what i am trying to do homework on. IS was JERRY'S BOUT with J.p. SPENCER, at OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM,OR las vegas HACIENDA, and the dates AUG 2,or AUG 27,1965, I'VE GOT SO CAUGHT UP IN THIS RESEARCH, I EVEN SENT FOR MICROFILM, FOR THE LOU BAILEY, BOUT IN DES MOINES, THEY WERE OBLIGING. TAKE CARE FELLOW 'stooge'|

[8/28/02 02:24:08 PM] Jimmy D|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Where would I look for these bouts, maybe microfilm of the Los Angeles Times? I remember the school library when I was going to school at a community college had a lot of back issues of newspapers and magazines on microfilm. I have that
scrapbook of clippings that I got from the website, but I don't remember seeing anything about those fights in it. It doesn't have a lot about obscure fights in Jerry's career anyway, so they might not be in there. Anyway, maybe we can clear up where the Corletti fight happened after all. KNUCK, KNUCK KNUCK | [8/28/02 03:06:32 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA] | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | ||| 10 | DEAR KENT: Any major newspaper where you are at, HERALD EXAMINER, LA TIMES, ETC. they should have them at the libraries, I got into this 3 years ago, unfortunately, I could have researched everything on JERRY FROM THE TOWNS I WAS AT, LOS ANGELES, BAKERSFIELD, LAS VEGAS, ETC. BUT I HAD TO MOVE TO A LITTLE ONE-HORSE town in OKLAHOMA WHERE JUST GETTING A NEWSPAPER IS AN ADVENTURE. I HAVE 20 YEARS OF NEW YORK TIMES MICROFILM, they only covered JERRY'S BIG BOUTS OF COURSE, HAVE RESEARCHED ALOT THOUGH, NOW I WANT TO GET THE LITTLE DETAILS, WEIGHTS, CARD SCORES, KO TIME, TKO OR KO, ARENA, THEY HARDEST TO FIND. are JERRY'S FIRST BOUT WITH, "SERGEANT" GENE HAMILTON, AND HIS LAST BOUT WITH RON "THE CREEP" CRAMNER IN COLORADO, I HAVE COMPLETED EVERY TOP TEN RATING RING MAG. ever gave JQ, and now researching what WBA had. TAKE CARE, MY MONIES ON FABOULOUS FORUM FOR CORLETTI, KNUCK KNUCK KNACK!! | [8/28/02 07:05:30 PM | Kent | La habra | ||| 10 | Boy, I must be getting old. I signed in as Jimmy D, when I meant to sign in as me. Go figure? | [8/29/02 10:28:22 AM | Johnny Q | NYC | jjohnq@yahoo.com | ||| 10 | My Friends, <br> The CORLETTI fight was at The Forum. I watched it on TV in 1972, as part of a series that had Foreman on a couple of weeks earlier. ESPNCL has the tape and could show it, however it seems to be asking too much for them the air Jerry's winning fights. The only victory of Jerry's they show is the Shavers bout. ESPNCL's recent double bill of Jerry Vs Frazier II and Norton back to back was insulting. Can't help but notice they have scheduled two of Chuvalo's losing efforts in a row next week as well. <br> | [8/30/02 10:20:30 AM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA] | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | ||| 10 | I can remember JQ being interviewed, and he was saying every fighter, fights his share of bums. It's the learning process, but YOU LOOK AT jerry's record LORENZO ZANON european champ BODELL every major title in europe, James J. WOODY NEW YORK CHAMP, (I SAW THAT ONE LIVE). TONY ALONGI 38-2, SEEMS EVERYONE JQ fought was at least a top 50 heavyweight or better, can DUANE BOBICK say that?? | [8/30/02 11:37:04 AM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | ||| 10 | what's going on with the tournament? I missed the results of the last two matches, Liston vs Louis and Frazier vs Tyson. | [8/30/02 12:12:19 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | ||| 10 | Steve, Evren is doing the tournament. He hasn't posted in about a week. I think we agreed that Frazier won over Tyson but the results of Louis and Liston hadn't been posted yet. I think, without going back to the posts, that Louis was probably our pick to win. Hurry back Evren, we have gotten this far with the tournament, we might has well finish it. I think it would have been a better idea to do 32 fighters at the beginning of the tournament instead of 64. I do hope we can finish it though. We sure have been through a lot in the time since it started, and not all good of course. | [8/30/02 12:12:51 PM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | ||| 10 | I read an interesting article on another website by a guy who was trying to become a fighter as a teenager. Jerry was just turning pro at the time, coming of his amazing amateur career. this guy was inspired by Jerry's success. He tried to contact Jerry without any success. He finally just looked him up in the phone book. To his amazement, Jerry himself answered the phone. Jerry was full of encouragement and even invited him to visit when he was training, at the time in a converted garage in Johnny Flores backyard. I don't know the guy's name, but wonder if it might be the heavyweight Rick Farris mentioned by Paul Drolet. | [8/30/02 12:27:59 PM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | ||| 10 | Kent, I enjoyed your latest article on eastside boxing. Why don't you try to sell more articles to
Eastside for their "Time Tunnel" series. Especially anything about 70's fights.

8/30/02 05:53:38 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|Louis through 4 - 0 - 1 draw. Okay the last 4. In the first semi-final we have - <br>Muhammad Ali vs Joe Frazier - WOW !<br><br>Good luck chaps.<br>
8/30/02 08:12:25 PM|paul|Montreal|drolpaul@aol.com||@||10|Steve, the man who called Jerry was indeed Rick Farris. I think I may have been mistaken in claiming Rick was a lightheavy. He was lighter. I believe Rick hailed from Burbank, an area not known as being fertile ground for aspiring prizefighters, but he had a lengthy, good career and fought main-event bouts in the L.A. area. Rick is also a boxing writer. You probably read the piece on the "cyberboxingzone" website. It has a section called Wail which I highly recommend. Rick's piece is called "My Memories of Jerry Quarry." |
8/30/02 09:34:35 PM|Kent|oriononside@aol.com||oriononside@aol.com||@||10|Steve, thanks for the compliment on my article about the recent James Toney fight. I have done one piece for the time tunnel section over at Eastside Boxing about Jerry's fight against Ron Lyle. I will probably do some more about fights from that time period in the next few months. I have been working on a series of articles for Eastside and another site called Heavyweight News featuring hypothetical fights between Wladimir Klitschko versus six of the all time greats. I have done four or the six bout series so far. I am also doing the series of all time greats verses each other for Heavyweight News. The editor gave me the assignment after I complained about the results of Jerry Quarry losing to Larry Holmes by a knockout by a body shot and now I am working on a bout between Jack Johnson and Max Baer. That is if the editor over at heavyweights isn't impatient with me as I promised him that piece a few weeks ago but I have been too busy to get it done. Finally, I will be reworking an interview I did last year with James Quarry about the foundation that appeared here on the Quarry site homepage and at Eastside boxing, and I am updating it to acknowledge his passing away. It should be up at Heavyweight News in the coming weeks. |

9/1/02 10:41:43 AM|George L. Otto|Youngstown, Ohio|ehnpbsa@aol.com||@||10|Below is a copy of a document that I helped write and edit for the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing, 86 Fletcher Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York 10552-3319, 914.664.4571, email--aaib@worldnet.att.net, and website: http://www.aai.b.att.net. Those of you who have followed the efforts of TJQF to make boxing better for the fans and fighters know that TJQF has frequently worked closely with the AAIB to support the same positions on many legislative issues through the efforts of James and myself. In my next posting, I will provide a copy of MANIFESTO 2001, a document that contains many of those positions and refers specifically to the importance of TJQF's role in all of this. Please read this and provide any feedback on this to me, as your comments are very important in keeping the reform movement of TJQF moving ahead !!!<br>Thanks !!|

9/2/02 12:35:41 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com||@||10|Special thanks to Mr. George Otto for all of his hard work in keeping the spirit of TJQF alive. I will read the item when time permits and comment accordingly. I pick, after some rough early rounds in which Joe Louis is decked twice by George Foreman, Louis recovers to win a decision over Foreman. I pick, prime against prime, Ali to win by decision over Frazier.|

9/2/02 02:18:17 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC|renfbera@aol.com||@||10|Wow! There's a lot of stuff here. One thing I noticed was 13 round championship bouts. Why is 13 rounds any safer than 15? An athlete who is trained well should be able to go the 15 round distance. The ones who aren't will fade long before. I know championship fights went form 15 to 12 rounds shortly after the Mancini-Kim fight. The reason, of course, was in the the name of safety but at the time, many politicians were calling for a ban on the sport. In an effort to quiet them down the major organizations reduced the title fight from 15 to 12 rounds. I believe with proper training of ref's and cornermen, it will reduce the chance
of injury. There will always be fighters, and athletes in many other sports who have too much guts for there own good. They don't know when to quit. If the people around them, their "team mates" if you will, and the officials, can stop the event before it goes too far serious injury can be avoided. But in the sport of boxing many will still wind up like the Robinson's, Quarry's or Ali no matter what safe guards are in place. I will have to pick Ali by decision over Frazier. Louis by KO in 7. |

| 9/3/02 08:08:31 PM | charles anderson | pine bluff, arkansas | ctjjandfam@aol.com | |||10|| | I would like to see some of jerry's fights where he wins, such as lyle, foster, etc. even zanon would be better than watching the ali and frazier fights over and over and over on espn classic. |

| 9/3/02 08:11:44 PM | charles anderson | pine bluff, arkansas | ctjjandfam@aol.com | |||10|| | what do you think, kent? you got any pull with espn? |

| 9/4/02 04:07:34 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | |||10| | Charles, the only pull I have with ESPN is that I sat right behind the announcers table a couple of times on ESPN 2 Friday night fights. Teddy Atlas gave me a funny look as if to say, "that is pretty lame," because I kept yelling, "let's get ready to rumble," every time the public address announcer (not Michael Buffer) had his back turned. I only had those ringside seats because I showed up the first day they went on sale. It is difficult to get sites or publications to "comp" me tickets at times, so often the money comes out of my pocket. Trying to break into the big time in sports journalism can be difficult. So to make a long story short, no, I have no pull with any of the networks. It does give me an idea of doing an article about how fans have to watch the same repeats over and over again, and about how sick we are of it. I could send it to ESPN and see if it helps any. PS, I actually do a fairly good imitation of Buffer's signature saying. |

| 9/4/02 08:59:03 AM | Joe Krause | Chicago | sadmspats@yahoo.com | |||10| | Louis didn't run from anyone, and if you didn't run from George he would cream you. This would end in a KO in the 6th for Foreman. Ali in his prime was not as much better than the "old" Ali as everyone says. I have all his fights so I should know. He was quicker but made more mistakes. Nonetheless Ali by close decision. |

| 9/4/02 08:33:29 PM | Gerry Schultz | Ohio | jgschultz@firstam.com | |||10| | Your tournament has been fun to follow, but must say I'm surprised Foreman is in your Final Four. A huge puncher, yes, but with poor balance and few real skills which Lyle and Young further exposed after Ali skillfully handled him. Louis would pick him apart, but his flat-footedness might indeed give George his opening, tough call. I think Ali was peaking about the time he was stripped, 1967 or so. Frazier is as courageous a fighter as anyone I've ever heard of, but could not defeat a focused Ali. One thing I noticed in their fights is the way Ali would lean way back on the ropes where Frazier could not head punch him, then come down on Joe when Frazier went back to the body. I'm not an Ali fan, based on the way he treated Joe, and his politics, which were very anti-christian. But he's the best I've ever seen. Jerry was very respectful of him, and did not get much back for it. |

| 9/5/02 11:06:05 AM | Bob Bumbera | NC | renfbera@aol.com | |||10| | C'mon Joe. Foreman over Louis? Ok, Foreman is bigger by about 20 pounds and taller, there's no doubt he was one of the strongest heavyweights of all time, his upper body strength was tremendous, and he would use that to push, pull and throw guy's off. Louis was also a very strong guy, who was a very accurate and deadly puncher. His left jab was one of the best ever seen in a heavyweight. So good that other fighters jabs are judged against it. Big George was very easy to hit, he telegraphed his punches, he had no stamina or footwork. He could take a good shot but, if he didn't take you out in the first 5 or 6 rounds, which was a strech for him, you could pile up the points. His style was tailor made for a
guy like Louis or even Dempsey. Fast, accurate, deadly punchers. No way would George beat Louis.

Foreman and his twenty pounds would manhandle Louis and put him into position to be hit. Louis stands right there and used an offensive not defensive jab. Louis moved forward and could be hurt by good punchers. He would be hurt and decked using this strategy which is the only one he ever employed. You can't stand in front of George and that is what Louis would do and it would be lights out no question in my mind. Of course it is only a fantasy bout, who knows?

I last night saw Mr Earnie Shavers who, as many of you know, lives in England. Earnie was very sad to hear of the death of James Quarry and he asked me to communicate his sympathies, and his support, to the Quarry family.

As great as Louis was for his day, Foreman would have ko'd him in 3 or 4. George was wild, but not slow. He had a good reach, and his power is legendary. Louis was not the iron man that Frazier was, and Joe got demolished. Foreman was also about 20 pounds heavier. Dick Saddler was a good trainer and teacher. In all honestly, I am not even sure Louis could have beaten the Sonny Liston who beat Cleve Williams.

You know, I've been way off base here before. Sometimes dead wrong, but geez Foreman over Louis. Can't see it. George was KO'ed by Ali, not the hardest puncher in the world, almost KO'ed by Ron Lyle and fell apart against Jimmy Young. Yes, Ali and Young were defensive minded fighters. Young and, more so Ali took a beating trying to wear George out. Lyle who was every bit the puncher George was, went after George from the opening bell. He hurt Foreman from the first round until he collapsed in the corner. Louis was quicker and more accurate than either of them. He could box defensively, if he had to. George could not. If a prime Joe Louis hurt you, you were finished. And Louis would have hurt George early.

Louis was not a bobbing weaving fighter who needed to get in close and wear you down, like Frazier. Frazier was a slow starter who could be hurt early, Ali did it in all three fights, Jerry hurt Joe early, so did Manual Ramos, Bob Foster buckeled his legs, even Ron Stander shook Joe up. Louis was not a wild puncher, he threw every punch from the balls of his feet straight off the shoulder with tremendous force. He would punch between George's looping punches and destroy him. I think George's best prime fight was his second fight with Frazier, a nice straight forceful jab set up his looping right hand shots. But I think Louis could have easily avoided Foremans right, if it went five or six rounds, and countered with deadly results. George was very strong and that would have kept him in the fight for a while. But he would take too much punishment from Joe. It seems as though you guys are only looking at what Foreman could do and not what Louis could do. As for Louis-Liston. If anybody on the top ten all time great heavyweight list is overrated it's Sonny Liston. Hey Evrin, Kent, Steve where are you guy's on this one? Are you going to bail me out or put me in my place?

Bob, I am with you on this one. I picked Louis over Foreman, although with some rough early going. I think Louis speed would be a key element and I think he was much stronger than people give him credit for.

REGARDING LISTON: Well, I think the problem with Liston was that even early in his career he was much older than people thought he was and probably started out almost past his prime. But his fights in the late 1950's and early 60's were pretty impressive. But I realize that part of greatness is longevity and Liston was really a flash in the pan, but a very impressive one while he was hot. I have seen films of him against Cleve Williams, Eddie Machon, Patterson, etc. and for a brief moment he was awesome. the pay he pulverized Nino Valdez had to
impress. By the time he fought Ali he was about 40 (in my opinion) and washed up. And yes, he lacked heart, he never should have quit in the Miami fight against Ali. I still don't know the real story on that one — or how he died. |

9/13/02 02:41:24 PM|Steve|N.J.|dmmsrm@comcast.net|||||Hey Bob, I agree with you completely on Joe Louis. I personally think he and Ali are a pick-em for all time great heavyweights. Louis threw faster, more accurate combinations than either Foreman or Liston. He was also a harder puncher and stronger guy than he seems to be getting credit for on this site. |

9/13/02 03:59:39 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC|renfbera@aol.com|||||John, Liston's mother once said she thought Sonny was born in 1929 then later changed it to 1932, no one knows for sure. I don't think Sonny knew how old he was. He was born on an Arkansas plantation with no birth certificate. I believe his mother had 12 or 13 kids with various men. So he may have been as old as 35 when he won the title. I think in the first Ali fight he just said the hell with it, I'm tired, I can't catch this guy I'm going home. Another day another dollar. I remember a story when Sonny fought Chuck Wepner. Wepner said during the ref's instructions Liston looked like he was 50 years old and been out drinking all night. He was a good, strong fighter with one of the best jabs in boxing history, but he had a hard time coping with crafty boxers like Machen. Maybe if Liston had given himself a break earlier in life he would have made a great champion. |

9/13/02 07:35:10 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca|oriononside@aol.com|||||How come we don't have more comments on Ali verses Frazier, prime against prime? I want to say again, or if I have neglected to do so, thank you to Evren for keeping our long time tournament going. It has been a long hard road from start to finish. |

9/14/02 12:16:28 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||||EVERN: It must be nice!, no, I hope you are having a good time there (especially on there beaches!). I've sat back and pondered the FOREMAN/LOUIS bout. I have to agree with JOHN G. AND GO WITH BIG GEORGE. And only going by opponents alone, didn't LOUIS have a "BUM OF THE MONTH CLUB?" I know George fought more than his share of "bums!" But at the same token, he sure took on a lot better, Lyle, Ali, Frazier (twice), Norton, Holyfield, Chuvalo, Moorer, Morrison, Young, ok ay big GEORGE never used footwork, and neither did LOUIS, (THEY DIDN'T HAVE TOO!) GOING OUT ON A LIMB. EARLY ROUND KAYO-FOREMAN. |

9/14/02 03:31:52 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||||TWO-THINGS THAT I HAVE FORGOTTEN, EDDIE MACHEN TURNED 34 THE NIGHT HE UPSET JERRY. AND SHORTLY (A FEW MONTHS) BEFORE QUARRY'S COME BACK VS LORENZO ZANON. JERRY ROLLED HIS PICKUP AND BROKE HIS BACK FOR THE THIRD TIME, ON A CALIFORNIA BACK ROAD BY WHERE, JAMES DEAN MET HIS DEMISE. MIGHT HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH JERRY'S PERFORMANCE ALTHOUGH HE GUTTED IT OUT W/ KAYO WIN. QUARRY SHOULD HAVE BEEN FIGHTING SOMEONE LIKE 8TH RANKED EVANGELISTA, AND GOT AN EARLY KAYO, WITH THE RANKING RATHER THAN TAKE ON A MATADOR LIKE ZANON. I REMEMBER BOXING ILLUSTRATED DID RATE JQ 15TH WORLD FOR THE COMEBACK WIN. |

9/14/02 06:25:04 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca|oriononside@aol.com|||||Jimmy D, Jerry had no business fighting anybody in 1977, Evangelista included. Even though he was still at a relatively young age of 32, he had taken far too much punishment and he should have stayed retired after the Norton fight. As a fan of Jerry's I was happy to see him fight again, and I screamed at Jerry on the TV to please throw punches all the way through the bout, which saw Zanon outbox him for almost eight rounds before Jerry lowered the boom. In hindsight though, I think I was a bit selfish for wanting Jerry to fight again because it was in Jerry's best interest not to do so. Oh by the way, I think Jerry would have beaten Evangelista, even at that stage of his career. |
KENT; I agree, JERRY should have stayed right there in that broadcast booth, for CBS SPORTS SPECTACULAR, and been happy. There were a lot of heavyweights around making ungodly money that were far inferior to JERRY'S CAREER. And of course the lure of $ included JQ TOO. Even BOONE KIRKMAN was MAKING A COMEBACK!! I had a ring magazine "comebacks in jeopardy" and IT WAS AN ARTICLE, on DON KING, and JERRY'S Bout with ZANON. JQ was getting pressure from friends, even the networks were bidding for his comeback including CBS. TO "get in there". Of course when you see EVANGELISTA going 15 w/ALI, FOR MORE DOUGH THAN JQ EVER MADE IN ONE FIGHT! When you doing the commentary!? I also remember seeing on the news were JQ had broken his back, than sometime later he's on a comeback in "VEGAS" and also, I BELIEVE THEY BEST TIME FOR JERRY to retire permanently would be after that terrible cut vs ALI. As you selfish me would have wanted him back on the scene. Although we were all ready for him to call it a day after NORTON permanently. also "CURLY" I MEAN "KENT". I have that clipping of that truck wreck i could send a copy. He was also doing a lot of television at the time. TAKE CARE!!

I've just returned from fabulous Sunny Sardinia - what a place - great food and wine lovely scenery great company - WOW! Anyway - In a fight greater than their actual three Ali will eek out a decision over Joe. I'll go for Foreman over Louis by 5th round ko.

I'll go a step further---<br>I think Frazier would have beaten Louis. Joe had a real hard time against a crouching, plodding Arturo Godoy. Frazier was faster, smarter, much harder punching, and heavier than Godoy. Please don't get me wrong, I think Joe was great for his day, but he fought small men and fought none of the top African American heavies of his day. If a white fighter had avoided fighting a black fighter for as many years as Louis did, he would have been crucified by the press.

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John in your opinion then who were the 'great black fighters' of Louis' era that he avoided ?

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Steve, I have been having some trouble with my computer lately. I haven't had any kind of virus alert come up. Any suggestions as to how to fix this problem? Also, would I be sending it to other people I have E-mailed? I have never set up my address book and I send each E-mail seperate. I am hoping this means that I haven't sent the virus to anyone else.

That is one fighter - Louis beat him in '51 when both were old anyway. You can argue that most fighters in any era 'ducked' certain challengers.


I don't think Ali or Frazier ducked anyone. Holmes you could argue Pinklon Thomas, Tim Witherspoon (rematch). I agree that Louis had poor opponents as did Larry. Ali and Frazier met them all between them.

Joe did duck Jimmy Bivins, Archie Moore maybe, Charley Burley was too small to fight Louis. Ezzard Charles was avoided for a couple of years. But Joe was old and soft by then. All of these guys were too young for Louis to fight during his prime years 1937-1941. Not a lot of great black heavies of that era, at least no one Louis couldn't handle. Besides, there was no money in two black guys fighting for the heavyweight title. No one would back a fight like that in 1940. White people liked Joe Louis, if Joe lost to another black fighter and didn't regain the title he would have never been forgiven and blacks would not have been given the chance at the title. Lose to a white guy and Joe is still a hero and we have our Great White Hope. As for Ali, Holmes and Frazier. Frazier has the worst record here. After "The Fight", Frazier fought Terry Daniels and Ron Stander, Stander KO'ed Shavers to get the title shot. I don't know where Daniels came from or where he went after he got out of the hospital. Those two were not world beaters. Ali, on the other hand fought 9 times including Mac Foster, Blue Lewis, Euro Champ Jurgen Blin, Bob Foster. Maybe Frazier was taking it easy for a couple of fights while Ali went right to work. Holmes fought every one out there at the time. He didn't duck anyone. They may not have been the greatest bunch of fighters, but no worse than some and far better most. I still don't think he lost to Spinks - I thought it was a bad decision.

Frazier took two easy fights as champ. However he never really "dodged" anyone. He fought Foreman when told not to. He also fought a who's who list of heavyweights in the late 60's. Look on Boxrec.com and see the records and opponents he fought. He went through them all except Liston who nobody wanted anything to do with.

Frazier's two "easy fights" I assume you mean Stander and Daniels. Stander KO'd Shavers and I would match him up against ANY of Louis' bum of the month club boys and bet on Stander to win. Holmes was VERY good and probably great.

was quarry-lyle on espn classic? i have never seen it and it was one of the fights i really wanted to see. was that clancy's first time in jerry's corner?

Ken, I recived e-mail.
from what i guess was your virus scanner informing me that i had a virus. the way the klef virus works is that it attaches itself to your e-mail address and sends infected e-mail all over the place! the older anti-virus scanners often don't detect and alert you. i checked mine every week and was informed that no viruses where detected. i had a new scanner installed for $50.00 and this cleaned the virus off my computer. it also showed me the 4 infected e-mails i received that started my problem. i was told to use an anti-virus scanner that constantly updates itself, or do so yourself.

9/18/02 07:10:33 AM | Paul Drolet | Montreal | drolpaul@aol.com |
Charles, the Lyle fight was Clancy's second as Jerry's trainer. Clancy replaced Teddy Bentham after Jerry's second bout with Ali. He was in Jerry's corner for his comeback against Randy Neumann and remained until the Norton bout in March '75. They had a good run together until Jerry ran into Frazier again in June '74.

9/18/02 07:44:50 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com |
Has anyone ever seen the Bonavena-Chuvalo fight? Bonavena won a decision, but i remember reading in Ring magazine that Bonavena scored a knockdown which i find hard to believe. Can anyone verify this?

9/18/02 08:44:12 AM | Paul Drolet | Montreal | drolpaul@aol.com |
John, although i haven't seen the bout, this can't be right. In a 91-bout pro career, Chuvalo was never felled by any man. "Ringo", however, did have Frazier on the deck twice in the first round of their September '66 bout in New York.

9/18/02 09:34:44 AM | Adam Doyle | London |
Actually, there are many talented 80s Heavyweight whom Holmes did not fight, which is why some observers have a problem with his legacy since he was unable to "clean up" the division as Tyson would later do. It's true that Holmes didn't fight Page, or Thomas or Coetzee. Nor did he fight Dokes or Tubbs whose hand speed might well have caused Holmes troubles. Personally, I rate Holmes very highly, but it's true that, unlike Ali in the 70s, Holmes missed fighting some of the more talented fighters out there.

9/18/02 11:59:25 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com |
Just as a side note -- when discussing champs who ducked certain challengers we must take into consideration that sometimes contracts between rival promoters make fights impossible even if both boxers want to actually fight. I remember hearing Gerry Cooney say that one reason he fought so many few top ranked heavies was because they were all controlled by Don King and he would not sign a multi-bout contract with them. Don't get me wrong, I know he is not a good example because he was a very protected fighter, but you get my drift. I honestly don't think Holmes was afraid of anyone and I think he had the best left jab of any heavywight champ. Other great jabs were Louis, Ali, Liston, and when he remembered to use it like in the second Frazier fight, Foreman.

9/18/02 01:43:21 PM | Joe Krause | Chicago | sadmispats@yahoo.com |
I have Bonavena-Chuvalo and Chuvalo was robbed in that decision. I had it 6-4 Chuvalo and it seemed a draw was the worst George would do, he outmuscled Bonavena on the inside and won most of their confrontations. Chuvalo was not knocked down in that fight, although he slipped. The only time i ever saw George visibly shaken in my large library of Chuvalo fights was the 3rd round against Foreman. He was never shaken like that before or after.

9/18/02 01:46:35 PM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com |
THANK YOU JOE. I always wondered about that. George really was an iron man. Bonavena was pretty tough too. I think he may have hit harder than George.

9/18/02 01:50:48 PM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net |
Paul Drolet, what's your statis regarding a Jerry Quarry biography? Nows the time for it, since the 70's heavyweights seem to be experiencing a surge in popularity among a growing number of younger as well as boomer fight fans. Are you still considering it or have you given up?

9/18/02 03:06:17 PM | Kent Appel | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@sol.com |
Kent, for quite some time now. All my life I have had to correct people on this as well as my last name. My last name is Appel, pronounced A-Pell, not apple. You would be surprised how many people get this wrong. Back to boxing, I just saw some highlights featuring Ali's early championship bouts and the first Ali/Chuvalo fight was one of them. Very few people fought Ali tougher than Chuvalo did. Besides the Bonevina fight, Chuvalo seemed to get the short end of the stick on other decisions as well. One that comes to mind is when he appeared to beat Ernie Terrell only to have Terrell declared the winner. Jerry was just about the only major contender Chuvalo beat and this is surprising as Chuvalo was one tough guy.

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extended Jerry Quarry fight tape from the Foundation and what fights are on this tape? I would prefer purchasing from the Foundation and making a contribution to the cause. I would, however, like to buy any fights not on the Quarry Foundation tape.

9/19/02 12:23:35 PM| Evren| London||| ||| I have all those fights and Joe has all those fights. I suggest that you can buy them off Joe and he can donate some of the money to the Foundation or Maybe Mr Lonis Tuna could give money to the foundation as this is a non-profit making site. Evren

9/19/02 04:43:08 PM| Bob Bumbera| NC|| renfbera@aol.com||| | Frazier did fight every top contender in the late 60's. Never said he wasn't a great fighter. He would have beaten Liston in 68' or 69' and clobbered Norton in 73' or 74'. And he has my vote for fighting Foreman, when his people knew what would would happen. And Stander did rock Joe in their fight. All I'm saying is that between the three, Frazier didn't fight as often or defend his title as successfully as did Ali and Holmes. Style has a lot to do with it. As for Leroy Haynes? I think he had something like 20 wins and 19 or 20 losses. Very formidable guy. Elmer Ray, Obie Walker and Turkey Thompson would have given Louis a good tumble. But there's that black-white thing again. |

9/19/02 08:38:12 PM| JON| Montreal|| superflyflamboyant2000@yahoo.com||| | ANYONE LOOKING FOR BOXING VIDEOS TRY THIS WEB SITE www.boxingtimes.com then hit classifieds.......then hit videotapes there are tons of guys selling video tapes. I would recommend Pat Merrick and Lonis Tuna good prices and excellent quality videos........cool web site also|

9/19/02 07:01:57 AM| John Gerard| NYC|| rock289z@yahoo.com||| | There is no doubt in my mind that the reason Leyron Haynes at 20 loses was because he didn't he would "never work again" <br>I could be wrong. No proof.|

9/19/02 07:35:09 AM| Kent| La Habra, Ca|| oriononside@aol.com||| | Yes there is a dark side of boxing and there is a related story that Jim Quarry either told me or posted here, I don't remember which. I tend to think he told me as it is something that could have gotten him in trouble and since we don't have some of the archives, I can't go and look it up here. Anyway, Jim said that there was a famous boxing official who approached the Quarrys and said if Mike ever was in a close fight, if the Quarrys gave him a specified amount of cash, he could make sure Mike got the decision. Anyone that knows about Mike's career knows he was on the short end of some close verdicts that he might have won. I am not going to say who the official is as what I am saying is legally hearsay and it could bring a libel lawsuit. I tend to believe the story is true. I guess if I get a chance to see Mike again in the near future, I could ask him myself, but I am still not sure I would repeat his answer here. Sorry about leading you folks on by not saying who the official is, but I don't want to cause any problems for the Quarrys as everyone knows how "sue" happy people are these days. Oh by the way Steve, I would call you mister but that title around here was reserved for Jim Quarry, AKA "Mr. Jimmy." |

9/20/02 02:35:53 PM| Jimmy Dorsey| Ventura California|| ronnyrains@yahoo.com||| | KENT: Okay Kent I'm not being a "wiseguy!".KNOWN-KNOWN-KNUCK. finally researched all of JERRY Q'S Los Angeles BOUTS: 16-1-1 (8 KNOCKOUTS). At they OLYMPIC, 1-0-1 (including pro debut) at they COLISEUM, 1-0-1 w/knockout at the SPORTS ARENA. 1-0 WITH A KNOCKOUT AT WOODLAND HILLS, AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, 2-0 w/2 big knockouts of TONY DOYLE AND none other than EDUARDO CORLETTI. |

9/20/02 02:40:57 PM| Jimmy Dorsey| Ventura California|| ronnyrains@yahoo.com||| | WHICH WAS AT NONE OTHER THAN THEY "fabulous forum" INGLEWOOD CALIFORNIA, ANOTHER TOPIC IS NOW THEY ARE SAYING THEY J.P. SPENCER BOUT IN 1965 WAS AT THEY HACIENDA HOTEL IN CALIFORNIA. I WONDER IF "mr. JIMMY" ALSO HAD HIS PRO DEBUT THERE. YOU DO KNOW HE Fought a BOUT AT LIGHT HEAVY? IN LAS VEGAS! |

9/20/02 07:40:16 PM| Keith White| Seattle, WA|| QuarryJKW74@aol.com||| | Hello
all. I was REALLY hoping that Jerry's big 1977 comeback against Lorenzo Zanon would have been much more eventful and successful than it was for Jerry.... I saw the fight in full back then. I know Zanon was a skillful boxer, but he had a reputation as having a glass chin. Zanon also gave Ken Norton a tough go of it. It broke my heart to see Jerry get out-boxed so bad against Zanon.... This was a great chance for Jerry to jump back into the top 10 with an impressive win, but as you know the win wasn't impressive at all. I think Jerry in his prime would have crushed Zanon! Why in you guy's opinion didn't Jerry prepare himself better for this big comeback ON NATIONAL TV???? What happened????

Howard Cosell said that Zanon was knocked out by what he called "glancing blows". Do you think Zanon actually took a dive so Jerry could possibly continue his career????

| 9/20/02 08:06:26 PM| Kent| La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10| Keith, Howard Cosell was famous for saying, at times during a bout, that a punch did no damage. After all, he can say that from the safety at ringside as he wasn't the one getting hit. I do believe that Zanon got hit with good punches and I don't believe he layed down at all. Why would he fight hard for almost eight rounds and then all of sudden take a dive? It doesn't make sense. Also Keith, Jerry wasn't in shape but as we have stated here recently, Jerry had no business getting in the ring at that stage in his life. He, for his own good, should have stayed retired. Jimmy D, you are right, the Corletti fight was at the forum. I stand corrected. Mr. Jimmy never said where his one and only pro fight was, only that he lost. Maybe someone in the Quarry family knows this information. Sabrina, Sonia, or Eric, do you know where and when your dad's only pro fight was?

| 9/20/02 08:27:35 PM| Evren| London | @ | 10| The Quarry vs Doyle fight of '73 was on the undercard of Ali - Norton 2 - This probably means that there is footage of this fight somewhere. I hope it turns up.

| 9/21/02 09:03:25 AM| Sabrina Quarry-Porter| Florida | sabrinalporter@aol.com | 10| Kent, i don't know where my Dad's one and only pro fight was held, but i have seen a picture of him in the ring, my Mother had it all these years...Thanks to everyone for keeping this website going, it really means alot to us and i know my Dad would be proud....

| 9/21/02 10:09:36 AM| Jimmy Dorsey| Ventura California | ronnyrains@yahoo.com | 10| KEITH WHITE: Keith there is no way Zanon took a dive, Jerry always had problems when his foe was a "JABBER" and had an 80' inch reach, Tony Alongi, Tony Doyle, of course MUHAMMAD ALI, KEN NORTON, LARRY MIDDLINGTON etc. like fellow "stooger" Kent, we think he should have fought 8th ranked ALFREDO EVANGELISTA and got the KAYO and his RANKING#8. I HAVE a clipping of JERRY ROLLING HIS PICKUP and breaking his back that same year, before, they comeback. And i still say that had alot to do with his performance vs ZANON, HE HAD NO BUSINESS TAKING ON A "BOXER". SHOULD HAVE TOOK ON A SLUGGER WHO COULDN'T HAVE HURT HIM LIKE EVANGELISTA. KEITH COULD YOU LOOK UP 2 BOUTS AT SEATTLE LIBRARY MICROFILM, JAN.27,1969 QUARRY VS CHARLEY RENO, AND JUNE 19,1971 VS RICHARD GOSHA,THE GOSHA BOUT WAS AT OCEAN SHORES INN.(ESPECIALLY WANT TO KNOW THE BOXERS'WEIGHTS OF THE Reno BOUT, THANKS ALOT JIMMY|

| 9/21/02 10:23:36 AM| Jimmy Dorsey| Ventura California | ronnyrains@yahoo.com | 10| Kent; "MR.JIMMY" FOUGHT IN LAS VEGAS, I SENT HIM, THEY "ring magazine" clipping about a year and a half ago. i will look it up again, he weighed 174, and had come down from 189lbs!! He was so weak he couldn't fight, and was stopped, And was made to lose the weight! Funny those who were driving him weren't taking any shots. (imagine that). I THINK IT WAS AT THEY OLE HACIENDA HOTEL IN "vegas", take care.

| 9/22/02 05:19:45 AM| Evren| London | @ | 10| At the moment the scores as far as I can work out are 4 wins to Foreman - 3 to Louis and Bob Bumbera seemed to sit on the shelf a little. Bob can you give your final verdict on this one. I am off to Turkey today to join my dad on holiday who is convaelscing from his Chemotherapy
treatment. Will return in a week or so. Evren

[9/22/02 11:44:52 PM] Kent Appel | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10

if you are still here, I think Bob voted for Louis over Foreman. Which means we may need someone else to decide the final verdict. Anyone else want to write in and vote as to who you think would win, Foreman or Louis, prime versus prime.

[9/23/02 10:54:29 AM] Bob Bumbera | NC | renfbera@aol.com | 10

I picked Louis to KO Foreman.

[9/23/02 11:51:43 AM] John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10

I don't think Zannon took a dive. He just had a style that always gave Jerry trouble. If you remember, Randy Neuman was doing very well against Jerry till he got ko'd. Against Zanon, Jerry was just very rusty and I believe it was the first and only time Richard Giachetti was in his corner.

[9/24/02 09:05:17 PM] Gerry Schultz | Ohio | jgschultz@firstam.com | 9

I well-remember JQ's fight with Zanon, Jerry was not Lyle-Shavers caliber at all, looked sluggish. Zanon was sharp but could not hurt Jerry enough to win. I don't know that Jerry won a single round, but he finally caught him and that was it. I was glad to hear he'd retired after. No dive, guys. Zanon got nailed.

[9/24/02 10:07:31 PM] Steve Morris | Oaklyn, N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | 10

Since we were down to the last matchup of the tournament, maybe now we can address the rope-a-dope! I've brought this subject up before without a response. Can it possibly be legal to lean outside the ropes to the extent that your opponent literally cannot reach your head with his punches? Can anyone tell me those ropes weren't illegally loose? C'mon, I agree Ali was a great fighter and arguably the best heavyweight except for the way he began and ended his career. No one will ever convince me the two Liston fights and the Foreman fight were on the up-and-up. I think Liston was coerced by the "mob", and the Zaire fight was decided by even more powerful racial and political factions in both Zaire and the United States. Odd that I've never seen ropes that loose again, except maybe in the Foreman vs Jimmy Young fight.

[9/25/02 06:55:36 AM] John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10

I respectfully disagree on the part about the Ali-Foreman fight being fixed. Maybe Liston took a dive -- nothing he would do would surprise me. Call me naive, but I honestly think that for the most part, the big fights are on the level. If boxing was fixed, Cooney would have beaten Holmes. Everyone was drooling for a white money maker like him and he fizzled. Just my opinion.

[9/25/02 09:50:48 AM] Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10

Steve, yes the ropes were loose in the Ali/Foreman fight, but I don't think they were as much of a factor as the media has led us to believe. After seeing the fight again recently, I was surprised how active Ali was during the whole fight. I had remembered him spending a lot of time leaning out to avoid Foreman's punches but when I saw the fight again, Ali was punching more than I remembered and about the only round he was really leaning back solely was in the fifth round. Yes Ali had his back to the ropes in much of the fight, but Ali was counter punching and giving Foreman angles and beating him to the punch a lot of the time. It was a good strategy as Ali knew he couldn't dance for the entire fight. Ali was also tying Foreman up by grabbing his a lot. I think one of the main things that did Foreman in was the heat. Remember it was held at 4 am in the morning, Zaire time, and the temp was still over 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

[9/25/02 02:10:37 PM] John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10

As a side note, I saw Jimmy Young fight Ali. Young got robbed big time. And there was not even talk of a rematch.

[9/25/02 05:33:10 PM] Bob Bumbera | NC | renfbera@aol.com | 10

I don't think either Liston fight was fixed. Liston got tired chasing Ali around and quit. Liston kept up with Ali for most of the fight and caught him a couple of times, he just didn't have it in him to continue. In the second fight he got caught by Ali with a right hand as he was coming in to jab, with his left foot off the canvas, off balance. It was a fast flush shot that shook him up and set him down. I
think if the ref had been a pro and kept Ali in a neutral corner, Sonny could have gotten up and continued. With Ali standing over him not moving away the ref, Jersey Joe Walcott, should have called time and restored order. Ali would have KO'ed him anyway. Liston was hurt by smaller guy's than Ali. Machen shook him up, and the guy who took Sonny 10 rounds twice, I can't think of his name(I'll look it up), also shook Sonny up and remember Leotis Martin. Also, Liston was a strange bird, nobody liked him and he might have just said to hell with it who needs this crap both times. We may never know. As for "The Rumble in the Jungle", the ropes were loose, witch doctors were dancing the Moon was in the Seventh House yadda,yadda,yadda. I don't think it made any difference. George never had the kind of endurance needed to keep up with Ali. Ali took a body pounding on the ropes yes, he also landed straight hard shots on Foreman that wore George down. Big George's legs were gone after the 6th round. The heat may have bothered George but it was the same temperature for Ali. The time off for the cut eye? George had enough time to get back into shape. Don King? Well maybe. But a fix...no way. George can't beat Ali period, prime vs. prime, 32 vs. 28. I also don't think Jimmy Young got robbed. He did jab Ali's head off, but every time Ali went on the offensive he ducked through the ropes to hide. If you say "thats his style" fine, that style won't win you a championship. Judges are influenced by your style and, if your trying to win or just survive. Young wasn't trying to beat Ali like he was vs. Norton or Foreman. He was in there, that night, to survive. | 9/25/02 05:52:15 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com|||10|Bert Whitehurst was the guy that took Liston the distance twice. I think Sonny hurt him in both fights and couldn't put him away. Small crafty guy from St. Louis. Oh, Steve, what was questionable about the way Ali began his career.| 9/26/02 12:09:26 PM|Joe Krause|Chicago||sadmspats@yahoo.com|||10|Liston got hit with the best shots Cleveland Williams had and wasn't seriously hurt. Ali beat Liston twice the record books say. I have heard many stories about those fights and can only say no one really knows what happened except for Sonny. The Foreman fight was legit with Ali of course having all the advantages. He always had them by that point of his career because he was Ali.| 9/26/02 01:40:55 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|I believe Liston and Williams fought twice and they both ended in round 2. Williams was good fighter with a good left hook and left jab.<br>Sadly, he was hit by a car and killed about two years ago in Houston. | 9/26/02 08:46:48 PM|tim|New York||steinmec@frontiernet.net|||10|I loved Jerry Quarry. Does anyone remember his fight with Chuvalo? Seems to me that Jerry was kicking his butt when he got caught with a left hook. He went down, jumped up and for some reason took the 8 count on one knee. But he stayed down until after Zack Clayton counted 10. He went nuts claiming he missed the count. Later Boxing Illustrated magazine implied the Quarry quit because he couldn't put Chuvalo away. That is the dumbest thing Bert Sugar ever said. He said something about the draw with Tony Alongi--that Jerry complained about low blows and at one point wanted to quit that fight also. I seem to rember Ring magazine describing Chuvalo after the fight as a "mess" and "took quite a going-over even as a winner". Any comments out there?| 9/27/02 06:51:27 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|Chuvalo was a very tough guy and won fair and square. He did take a beating, but Jerry stayed down too long. I don't know why. He certainly did not quit. Perhaps he was too disoriented by the punch, the crowd, or whatever. Bert Sugar will say anything just to get quoted. He thinks he is terribly clever and is his own greatest fan.| 9/27/02 09:36:54 AM|P. Drolet|Montreal||drolpaul@aol.com|||10|John, the first Liston-Williams fight, held in Miami on April 15th, 1959, ended in the 3rd round. Jerry's losses to Ellis and Chuvalo were the ones he most regretted. The Ellis fight should have been postponed. Jerry was devastated by the loss to
Chuvalo. In the fight's immediate aftermath, Jerry's entourage claimed that Clayton's count was quick. There was no malfeasance on Clayton's part, however; Jerry rose just as Clayton had tolled ten. Like Cosell, Sugar has a strain of bluster and self-promotion about him. I wouldn't give much weight to remarks he may have made about Jerry looking to quit. I've seen a tape Sugar narrated several years back that featured highlights of Jerry's career. After his ill-advised last comeback against Cramner, Sugar remarked that it was tragic to see what had become of a "once great fighter". Gone were the heady days when he floored and bested his boyhood idol, Floyd Patterson, at 22; his pitched battle against Frazier in 1969; the disappointments against Ali, and the nights he soared against the likes of Lyle and Shavers. He was reduced now to fighting some no-name pug in a Denver hotel for a thousand bucks.

As a fan, the losses to Ellis and Chuvalo were the most frustrating. In hindsight we know Jerry was injured before the Ellis fight. It is just that Jerry should have been at least WBA champion, even if only briefly. I wish Ellis had given him a rematch instead of Ellis fighting Patterson. Jerry would have won the rematch. As far as Chuvalo goes, Jerry was put down with a good punch but he didn't appear too badly hurt, Jerry somehow forgot he had jumped up at about the count of two and when he kneeled down, he thought he was taking the eight count. It was a mental lapse on his part, he simply lost track of the count. Jerry Quarry never, ever quit in a fight.

OKAY: I happen to have both press clippings of 2 N.Y. papers on they alongi,bout in old msg.I was proud of Jerry in this one, and i will post it SUNDAY, get your own opinion.Is all I am going to say, new york times, AS FAR AS CHUVALO, Only reasonitly put it on Jerry's record as a loss!!!

"californian Drops opponent in rough bout at Garden"-Jerry Quarry of Los Angeles,tough resilient and dogged,fought to a 10-round draw with they more experienced Tony Alongi,and emerged as they most interesting heavyweight of Madison Square Gardens dozen last night.Pressing his attack on the bigger man,Quarry managed to get underneath Alongi's good left jab,and knock him down in the 7th with a left hook to the face,the crowd seemed ok with they verdict. And they really didn't seem to consider Alongi's long and vicious thumb. His three solid left hooks to Quarry's groin,and his quick elbows in the clinches,Quarry a 20 yr old 6-footer,4 inches shorter, 7 years younger, and about 15 pounds lighter, tried not to consider them either, but his legs slowed in the later rounds due to the low drubbing.Referee Mercante(one of his infrequent bad nights scored the bout even)as did judge Aidala 5-5.and Leo Birnbaum,who should have never been gave a pencil had it 7-2-1 Alongi.n.y TIMES Scored it 6-4 Quarry. all six HW MATCHES CONSISSED of young heavyweights, but only Quarry seemed to combine a sense of patterned intelligence with pure animal power,his jab needs more training, but his reactions were quick, and his willingness to stay belligerent and pressing ahead was impressive.P.S. JOE FRAZIER WAS ALSO ON THEY UNDERCARD!!I'll take this article by Robert Lipsite,over anything ole Bert Sugar had to say of JQ!!!!!
thing about belts and talent, the same guy doesn't always have them both. In the public eye, Jerry was considered a "champion" from before the Ellis fight to the first losses to Ali and Frazier. It took Joe some time to be considered clearly better, and Ali was out of the picture and had lost to Joe. During this period, Jerry was often treated as a champion, and better than Ellis, whom actually briefly had a belt. Says a lot about perception and opinion.

9/27/02 11:35:05 PM | tim | new york | steinmec@frontiernet.net | 10 | Thanks for the comments. However to be fair re the Chuvalo fight: Ring magazine wrote in their fight report that Chuvalo "appeared to be coming on stronger in the 5th and 6th rounds. Boxing Illustrated gave a very slanted report of the fight claiming that "in spite of fighting with practically one eye Chuvalo took the 6th round when he forced Quarry to the ropes and whaled away at the body. Quarry was being forced to stand and fight instead of boxing Chuvalo" Forced to stand and fight? Hello, at no time in his career was Jerry "forced" to stand and fight! Also, Chuvalo was quoted as saying "I wasn't too badly hurt no matter how I looked. I was smothering a lot of his shots" With what George, your face? Sorry, but it seems to me that George was getting pounded. Also as I recall watching this fight on WOR TV I recall that announcer Don Dunphy did not like Quarry. He consistently highlighted every time Chuvalo landed a punch. Later when Quarry KO'd Mac Foster, during the post-fight interview in the ring Dunphy kept saying "I know that, Jerry" in a very condescending manner. Oh well, Don never stepped into a ring himself, did he? In closing it should be remembered that Zack Clayton was in fact yelling the count in Jerry's ear. I can't blame Clayton-when he yelled "10" Jerry's knee was on the canvas. It was Jerry's mistake and he paid for it. No surprise that Chuvalo never stepped into the ring with Jerry again.

9/28/02 05:46:17 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10 |
Yes it was hard to accept that Jerry lost the Chuvalo fight. But Jerry did lose, it doesn't matter what the circumstances were. The main thing that bothers me now is when I read where Burt Sugar said Jerry quit. I will repeat again, Jerry never quit in his life! Sugar does not know what he was talking about. For my own reasons though, I think Zack Clayton didn't like the Quarrrys and he wouldn't have gone out of his way to give Jerry the benefit of the doubt if there was any way he could have decided in Jerry's favor.

9/29/02 01:34:08 AM | Daryl Breese | Bakersfield | CALBREESE@AOL.COM | 10 |
Prime versus Prime Louis takes Foreman by mid to late round KO, Louis' boxing and power begin to dominate in the 6th round and he goes on to a 9th or 10th round KO. Foreman's youthful ability to overextend himself was brought in full view by Ali and Jimmy Young. The feeling of omnipotence that floods us in youth has no place in the heavyweight arena. Sure, George won alot, but was outpaced and outfought by Ali and Young when planning, wisdom, and vision outweighed a near equal amount of talent and intestinal fortitude on both sides. Granted, later, Big George with more wisdom and the big picture tanked Moore in ten to regain, and if he had had the same planning, maturity, and ability to pace himself in his prime (with his incredible physical ability), he would have KOed Louis inside nine rounds. Remember, George had tenacious counterpunching and boxing ability, but preferred to attack. That, in his prime, was his mantra, and in a few fights, it cost him.

While running a health spa in Houston, I invited George to a workout, just after the Young fight. What an incredible guy! He had just been rope-a-doped twice, and still maintained his personality. A quick comment on the rope-a-dope; Ali & Young used their full talent in conjunction with the parameters that the ring offers just so they might not miss out on the biggest individual title on the planet! Sounds smart to me. What do you think?

9/30/02 09:10:40 PM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia81@aol.com | 10 |
Way to go all, the way this is all kept going. Thank you all, our Dad, & Uncle Jerry, would be glad to see all this.
Well - Louis pips Foreman thanks for the great vote - the biggest yet ! ! So there we have it the Final. Muhammad Ali vs Joe Louis. I agree personally that these were the two finest Heavyweights in history both in their accomplishments and ability. If we can have all the results by next tuesday. Thankyou.

Ali U dec over 15 9-6 8-6-1 7-5-3 judges scores

In reference to some of the conditions that where allowed in the past, and were legit at the time. If they were within the "parameters of the ring", then I guess I don't a legitament complaint. I did notice that after the Ali vs Foreman fight there was allot of attention paid to rope tension among fight managers and safety commision inspectors after that fight. After the Young vs Ali fight, I've never seen the rope- a -dope tactic used successfully again. Bob, I expressed myself poorly on one of my posts. The opinion I ment to give was that Ali's heavyweight championship tenure was damaged at the beginning by the two Liston fights. If I'm wrong about the Mafia and black muslim influence, then okay I could be wrong. What about, however, the claims that Liston was much older than he claimed. I read somewhere that he might have been as old as 50! If just that this guy Liston went from crushing guys like Cleveland Williams twice and Floyd Patterson twice, to suddenly looking like an old man, chasing Ali without without a clue. I guess in retrospect, it doesn't matter. No one else of that era could have even touched Ali anyway. I would pick the Ali of the Cleveland Williams fight, which I consider his masterpiece of speed and reflex against a heavy hitter. [Although I don't know how old Williams was, I did see a tape of the fight] This Ali would confuse Louis with his movement and batter him with those lightning fast combinations and those accurate, lightning fast jabs. Ali would tko Louis while still on his feet in 10 rounds. The heavier, slower, stronger Ali who fought Joe Frazier at any time during those three fights would have ko'd Louis in 8 to 10 rounds.

Louis is like Tyson is just one way. Both were blessed with fast hands but not particularly fast feet. Louis would never touch Ali and even if he did, no champ ever took a punch like he could -- and that includes Jeffries, Marciano, and other iron men. Probably only Chuvalo was more durable than Ali. To make a long story short -- Ali by 9th round TKO. In my mind Ali was about as good they get.

Here is something to think about, i came up with 13 major bouts of JERRY QUARRY'S career that were upsets, all four draw's, Jerry was they underdog (YES ALL FOUR!) . then Jerry "UPSET!" Patterson, spencer, Mathis, Foster, and on him being "upset". Machen, Ellis, Chuvalo, and SECOND JOE FRAZIER (QUARRY 6-5 FAVORITE). I do not know of any other heavy that had many "upsets" win, lose, or draw! 

OH YES NO.13 RON LYLE OF COURSE, JERRY WAS 12-5 UNDERDOG. some places however went 7-5 LYLE BY FIGHT TIME, JERRY WAS FAVORED OVER SHAVERS SO I COULD NOT INCLUDE THAT ONE. 13 UPSETS IN MAJOR BOUTS OF ONE'S CAREER IS ASTOUNDING, WIN LOSE OR DRAW. Another thing was after only 13 fights, jerry was rated #33 world. and #22 after machen, I THOUGHT HE WASN'T BROUGHT UP THAT QUICKLY? 

Steve, Sonny may well have been payed off by the mob or threatenend by the Black Muslems, wouldn't suprise me a bit to find out Sonny took a couple hundred thousand to tank it. And no one knows for sure how old Liston was when he fought Ali. I think he was closer to 40 than 32. So yeah, Ali did start his reign with controversy. I just wasn't clear what you meant. A 40 year old guy trying to catch Ali in 1964? I beleive, like I've said before, he just said screw it. He hit Ali with
everything he had, couldn't catch him long enough to hurt him, he didn't really train hard for the fight, thinking he would take the kid apart in two or three rounds. He was tired and in pain and quit. Please don't think I took offense to your post. Hey, I come here because I love boxing, Jerry was a hero of mine and I like to re-live the past little bit, maybe gain a new insight or perspective on some idols of my youth. And this site has done that for me. As for the Ali-Louis fight. I'll have to go with Ali. Louis was not that great when opponents showed movement and kept him off balance. Tommy Farr and more so Billy Conn showed that. Conn was 5'11" at 174. Ali would come in about an inch and a half taller and 10 pounds heavier than Louis, Ali had size, speed and was too smart to get cornered by Joe. Ali by 9th round KO. | 10/2/02 08:51:03 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|I always thought Jerry was rushed too quickly into the big time. He fought Machen at age 21 and Patterson for the first time at 22. He also had his only two title shots at age 25, against Ellis and Frazier. Jerry had so many tough fights that by the time he was 29, he was through as a major talent. Bear in mind he also had over 200 amateur fights. In hindsight, maybe if he had been brought along slower, than maybe he would have had a better chance of winning a title. In contrast, Wladmir Klitschko of Ukrain is now 26 and he has not had near the level of competition that Jerry had early. Klitschko is the biggest threat to Lennox Lewis around (both literally and figuritively) but could it be that he is being moved too slowly? The opposite of Jerry?| 10/3/02 09:23:09 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com||||10|As a sidenote: I think that Jerry and Joe Bugner would have been a good matchup. Bugner could box, take a punch, was gritty, but was not a great puncher. We all know what Jerry brought to the table.| 10/3/02 11:43:56 AM|Evren|London|||10|The one and only Ali would have stopped Louis late in a match that would be very tough in the early going. When Ali's weight tolled in the later rounds a battered Joe would be caught on the ropes defenseless as Ali 'ripped into him'. The Winner is the greatest. I think Jerry would have edged Joe Bugner in a tight match because of his greater desire.| 10/3/02 03:16:18 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z2@yahoo.com||||10|JOHN GERARD: YES I THINK QUARRY-BUGNER WOULD BE INTERESTING,ALTHOUGH MR.JIMMY TOOK THE TRIP TO ENGLAND WITH JERRY AND SAID HE TOYED WITH BUGNER IN THE GYM WITH INSULTING EASE(About 1972). OF COURSE BUGNER CAME ON IN 75' WHERE QUARRY HAD THE WARS WITH FRAZIER,NORTON. I USE TO TALK TO MIKE QUARRY OFTEN IN BAKERSFIELD SUMMER 1980. AND HE PRETTY MUCH KNEW JERRY BEST,BOBICK,BONAVENTA,BUGNER,KIRKMAN NO PROBLEM, I ALSO BELIEVE RANDY NEUMANN WAS A BETTER FIGHTER THAN EVER GIVING CREDIT FOR,HELL HE WAS A COLLEGE STUDENT WITH A 22-2 RECORD, NO PUNCH,BUT I SEEN HIM WIN EVERY ROUND VS BOONE KIRKMAN ON THE 1975 FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS, ALSO ONE MORE THING, I HEARD OF RAY "WINDMILL" WHITE'SPARRING EXPERIMENT WITH JQ IN L.A. WHEN WHITE WAS A HEAVYWEIGHT EARLY ON.JERRY STARTED OFF TAKING IT EASY WHICH RAISED SOME EYEBROWS, THEN WHITE CLINCHED AND DID ONE OF HIS PATENTED BEHIND THE BACK PUNCHES TO THE FACE,JERRY WAS NOT AMUSED CORNERD WHITE AND DECKED HIM BREAKING A COUPLE OF RIBS!!| 10/3/02 07:52:37 PM|Gerard Carrier|San Jose, California||gcarrier62@go.com|||10|Any chance of a book on the life and career of the late Jerry Quarry being published in the future?|
It is almost unfair to compare eras when Ali and Louis are paired. I agree, they are the two best ever. But Louis is a victim in that his movement and physical attributes as a fighter, while ahead of the class for his day, pale when compared to athletes who came later. A prime vs. prime does not do justice to Louis, who would be even better had he come along later. Still, Ali is nearly unbeatable anyway. Despite what some have said, I think highly of some of the heavies mentioned, Jimmy Y, Bugner, Bonavena, and Chuvolo. I think Jerry probably would have all their numbers, though. I also agree, as I've said, that JQ was rushed, and took too many real fights too soon. It had a big impact on the way his career unfolded. As good as he was in 1973, he'd have probably been even better with a climb less steep.

I have been working on the JQ Biography for months. I still have a dozen interviews to get, and could used all your help with any special stories and memories. Call my cell phone 661.703.4444. This will be a very positive book with no cheap shots. My goal is to have this book hit hard---just like Jerry.

Gerry - that Louis reached the final is testament to his abilities regardless of era's. It is no shame to lose to Ali.

I am picking Ali by decision over Louis. Ali had the advantage of movement and hand speed as well as at his best, he was very hard to hit. Add to this his ability to take a punch and we have Ali winning by out landing Louis over the distance. Louis had trouble with Billy Conn because of his movement and boxing ability and Ali was bigger and better at it than Conn. So the winner and still THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME, MUHAMMED ALI!!

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Kent - if you are gonna be a good journalist you are gonna have to learn how to spell the greatest heavyweight fighter of all times name !! (joking)

Don Dunphy was o.k, he let the action speak for itself most of the time. I really enjoy Dick Enberg's call of the Quarry-Orbillo fight in Los Angeles I believe. Any of you Californian's know what network Dick was working for back then? Was he a west coast NBC guy?

Kent, Enberg was with California independent station KTLA, channel 5 during this time. I don't think he went to NBC until much later. Enberg was the voice of Southern California major league baseball team, the Angels, for quite some time and they broadcast on KTLA.

You got it right about Ali -v- Louis. Both were great punchers, but Ali absorbed punishment better. It is sad that there would have to be a loser from these two great fighters, however, for mine, Ali wins on points. He got up when knocked down (and at some stage he would have tasted the canvass against Louis); he scored points even when off balance; his punches hurt even when he was going backwards; and his evasive skills were freakish and only the best managed to hit him. Add the best jab in the business, and the most reliable chin that ever survived bombs like Henry's Hammer and Joe's left hook, and there you have it ......... the greatest of all time! At least in my opinion anyway. By the way - this is a terrific site.

So the votes are in and they are unanimous - The Greatest of All Time - Ali! Ali! Ali! Thanks for everyone that took part, Evren.

Joe Krause: Joe did ENBERG give the fighter's weights of the Quarry/orbillo BOUT? mr.JIMMY SAID JERRY WAS 192LBS BUT
I'm not sure if he mentioned the weights, I will be watching that fight again soon and will let you know. That is a very good fight.

Special thanks again to Evren for running the tournament. It was a long hard road from beginning to end. You know, my spell check kept saying I was spelling Muhammad wrong, but I just ignored it. That means everything I have ever written, in posts and articles, is wrong as I never bothered to check it. Thanks Evren.

The tournament was interesting, as it allowed for comparisons between fighters from different eras, and gave us a chance to appreciate what made each of them remarkable. Again, I don't think the more classic guys, except Louis, received their full due, but it is all fun and opinion anyway. Particular to Jerry, who fight 3 of the Final Four, it again gives him credit. He took rounds from Frazier in their two matches and outboxed him before succumbing to Joe's power and steam. Had Jerry fought Foreman in '73 or '74, some think he might have made history. In this tournament I think Jerry just made the Sweet 16, showing that the difference between some of these guys is pretty slim. I'm glad there's a site like this, with these kinds of discussions. Fun stuff.

I don't have any direct knowledge on how Jerry got along with Cosell. I know Cosell at times said some unkind things about Jerry. For example, in the commentary leading up to or during the Ali verses Lyle fight, Cosell made a snide comment when he mentioned Lyle had lost to Jerry, he said, "not many can make that claim." Which is to say that Jerry almost always lost, which we know isn't true. Cosell was very much a fair weather friend who didn't have much use for someone who wasn't on top anymore.

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I've heard a lot about Cosell's comments on Jerry Quarry, good and bad. I remember Chuvalo saying Jerry was cocky, but I truly believe Chuvalo liked and respected Jerry, I know JERRY was steamed a lot.
about how their bout went, How about the Giants-angels, ive been a giant fan since 1969!

Hey, Look, Quarry fans it is time to step up to the plate and provide the quotes and stories to put the polish on the JC Bio, whether you want credit or to remain anonymous, good Lord call me, Daryl 661.703.4444 Jerry would have loved this, it will be good for boxing, holy cow they are doing Sandy Koufax BIO for Pete's Sakes..........please, pitch in, NO QUIT! Call me, I am friendly, I have lunch with Bobby on a regular basis. The input I have from senators and professional heavyweights is good, but the fans of the sport remain a little lean. So let's glove up and do this for the Quarry Family. I admire them more than any other boxing family I know.........help me honor them. My mailing address is 12124 Cliff Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93306 |

Mr. Breese, can't wait to see a biography on Uncle Jerry. Dad, we all love & miss you, Uncle Jerry you too. It's great this site is still going, boy my Dad, and Uncle Jerry, would love this. |

Looking forward to attending The Battle Of The Badges at Soboba Casino in San Jacinto Ca next Saturday, October 26. Eric Quarry, Jimmy's son, will be fighting an exhibition. Eric, I know your dad will be in your corner, just like before. Hello to Sonia and everyone, I am sure I will see you there and if you can't make it down, hello to Sabrina also. Speaking of Bobby Quarry, he is planning a tribute to Jerry Quarry and a battle of the bouncers in Bakersfield, Ca, at the Dome for Saturday, November 26. It is the fourth annual event. More information on this event is to follow.|

Regarding Bobby's event, the date is November 23 or 30. I need to check on this. As I said, more information to follow.|

Kent, I will be there at Saboba Springs to watch Eric's fight. So maybe we'll see you there, should be fun. Yes, Dad, will be there to watch over it all, Uncle Jerry, too. <br>|

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Norton and also Baer and Sharkey and been rated a little higher. Sharkey would have been a tough one for Jerry, Schmeling would have out-boxed him and I've always felt he would have creamed Norton. But hey, 27th all time is not too bad for a guy who never became champion.

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Talk about some of the bouts we missed, of that great 70's era, RON LYLE- KEN NORTON, THEIR RECORDS ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL, AND PRETTY MUCH AGAINST THE SAME COMPETITION, although sure to be Norton they odds on favorite, i might have threw a few bucks LYLE'S way.

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Steve, Jerry's trainer at the time of the Ellis bout was Teddy Bentham. But it wasn't Teddy's call; it was Jerry's father, Jack, who green-lighted the bout with Ellis. He feared that postponing the bout would jeopardize Jerry's largest purse up to that point, $125,000.00. The decision doesn't cast a very favorable light on Jack.

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I am not siding with Jack Quarry's decision to go ahead with the Ellis fight because if Jerry was in pain, he should not have taken the fight. But in all fairness to Jack and Bentham, I don't think they knew the severity of Jerry's injury before the fight. It is my understanding that it was after the fight that they discovered that Jerry had a broken back and it was then he was put into a body cast.

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fantasy match up ..........WHO WOULD HAVE WON IF JERRY QUARRY GOT A CHANCE AT GEORGE FOREMANS CROWN IN 1973?????????? ILL GIVE U MINE.......I LOVE JERRY QUARRY.........BUT BIG GEORGE WOULD HAVE REALLY PUT A HURT ON JERRY..........CHUVALO HAD A GREAT CHIN AND QUARRY DOES ALSO ....I THINK JERRY WOULD HAVE LASTED 1 MORE ROUND THAN CHUVALO..THE BOUT WOULD END IN 4TH RD TKO.....I THINK JERRY COUNTERPUNCHING MIGHT HAVE BOthered BIG GEORGE IN THE 1ST RD BUT THATS IT.........FOREMANS CHIN AND HEART IS GREATER THAN SHAVERS..........AND JAB...............MY OPINION ONLY.........MAN I WISH THEY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN IT ON .........MY VHS COPY OF THE SHAVERS/QUARRY HAS GIL CLANCY (QUARRYS TRAINER/MANAGER AT THE TIME)) CALLING FOREMAN ON. SAYING FOREMAN WAS DUCKIN QUARRY.............TO LARRY HOLMES DIDNT PEAK A LITTLE YOUNGER HE PROBABLY COULD HAVE FOUGHT QUARRY AROUND 75.......THAT WOULD BE A TOUGH CALL............IN 75 HOLMES WAS FIGHTING NOBODIES IN THE PA AREA........HE DIDNT FIGHT ANYONE WITH A NAME UNTILL 76 (ROY TIGER WILLIAMS) AND AN 34 YEAR OLD SHAVERS IN 78....I SAY QUARRY HAS DECENT CHANCE IN 1975..........BUT NOT REALLY AFTER.......HE LOOKED HORRID AGAINST ZANON IN 77 AND LARRY STARTED LOOKING GOOD ON ABC TELECASTS LIKE HIS FIGHT WITH TOM PRATER IN 77.....|

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DOES ANYONE HERE HAVE J QUARRY VS DOYLE ON VHS VIDEO?????? |

My 2 cents on Foreman-Quarry. In all respects to Jerry, I think Foreman would have won. Similar to Foreman-Chuvalo. In my book, George was a great one, Jerry a very, very, good one. I think the combination of George's size, Jerry's tender skin, George's power, and a few other things would have conspired against Jerry. With all that being said, I would not have been shocked to hear Jerry won. He was that good a competitor and that game a fighter. |

Jerry verses Foreman seems to be a recurring theme around here but here goes, again. One thing Jerry would have to do is to get respect early in a fight with Foreman. He would have to tag him hard in the very first round, and probably he would have to do it more than once, something Frazier and Norton were not able to do as they both got hurt early and they were never really able to recover. The fact that Foreman would wind up and telegraph his punches would be to Jerry's advantage and Jerry could take advantage of this with his superior speed by moving side to side and in and out, beating Foreman to the punch. Remember Jerry took a couple of bombs from Earnie Shavers in their fight in than he knocked Shavers out just after this. Jerry also took some bombs from Ron Lyle and Mac Foster and he won those fights handily. The point is, Jerry did well against big punchers. I think Jerry could take Foreman's best shots and not go down. Remember, Chuvalo was still on his feet when his fight was stopped against Foreman (when was he ever off them?) and I think Jerry would not have been knocked down too. But could Foreman cut Jerry? This was a recurring problem during his career as half of his losses were due to cuts and it is a possible ending to a Foreman fight. |

John, Jerry was fast, even at the end of 1973, when he knocked out Shavers. He must of hit Shavers with 20 quick unanswered punches, all within a few seconds leading up to the knockout. He was also beating Lyle to the punch throughout their bout and Lyle was as quick as Foreman, as Lyle proved in their slugfest. In a bout with Foreman, Jerry may not have been as fast as he was in say, 1968, but he was certainly faster than Foreman, one of the advantages of Jerry being a small heavyweight. John, you make a good point about Foreman having a good jab and that is why he might have cut Jerry.

Bobby Quarry's event, A Tribute To Jerry Quarry and the Battle of the Bouncers, is scheduled for Saturday, November 30. It is a benefit for Puglistica Dementia and it is going to feature bouts between local bouncers and other bouts as well. I will be there and I hope to see and finally meet some of the regulars that frequent this board. More to come on this event.

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TO JIMMY DORSEY: yes, agreed Jerry did have hand speed over George. But the Foreman who destroyed Norton had legs that were just as fast as Jerry's. Also, even though the Foreman-Lyle fight was one of the most exciting and re-watched fights of all time it was actually George at his worst. He was very rusty after the Ali fight and had still had some mental things to work out after that loss. He was wild, slow, and rusty in that fight. But in his next major fight, the second Frazier battle he overcame all that and looked very good. We can't judge Foreman solely on the very sloppy (but fun) Lyle fight. It was George at his worst, even though he won. I saw Jerry fight Joe Alexander (who I believe scored a knockdown) and Randy Neuman and even though he won, they were by no means a fair indication of how good Jerry really was. All fighters have performances like that but they can't be extrapolated and have their entire career evaluated on that. Personally I think George peaked with the second Frazier fight. And since he retired way too early we will never know how good he could have been.

TO KENT: Agreed Jerry could fight moving backwards much better than Frazier. Not sure about Norton. I think George just cut the ring down on Ken. Peralta fought pretty well on the run against a very young George. All things considered, I still think George's size, jab, power, combined with Jerry's tender skin would have done it for him. But Jerry could counter punch and early in his career George lacked stamina and maybe Jerry would have gotten to him in a late round. I would still pick George.

I am up early on a Saturday morning and low and behold, something is not right in Quarryville! I have spoken to Bobby several times, mainly about the event he is putting on (which I am helping get the word out on) and boxing, and though I don't know him well, some anonymous comment does not make me form an opinion on Bobby. Besides, it is not my place to get involved in Quarry personal matters anyway.
JERRY QUARRY OR GERRY COONEY?????

|10/26/02 03:10:18 PM|paul|montreal||drolpaul@aol.com|||10|Jerry...in a walk over Cooney. Cooney had poor coordination, a brittle chin and a spindly set of pins. He did ride that big left hook to considerable success, however. But Lyle and Norton were both shot when Cooney lowered the boom on them. Although Jerry would have to be careful, I'm convinced he would have side-stepped Cooney's jab and put some serious hurt on him on the inside. Jerry within 3.|10/27/02 09:53:25 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|I agree with Paul, Jerry could take Cooney, probably mid round stoppage. If someone doesn't think such a smaller man could do Cooney in, just remember what Michael Spinks did to him. I realize Cooney was ill prepared for that fight, but if Spinks could hurt Cooney, then Jerry could hurt him too.|10/27/02 01:41:16 PM|mark sargeant|UK||lpu00mts@reading.ac.uk|||10|Although i believe that Jerry would beat Cooney, and probably by knockout, I don't think it would be that easy. Cooney may have knocked out excellent fighters when they were past their prime (Young, Norton, Lyle) but it still took something decent to do it. Likewise, I thought he gave the magnificent Holmes a good battle as well, showing that he could take punishment and dish some out. Holmes admitted in his autobiography that Cooney hit him with some of the hardest shots he experienced and coming from someone who fought Tyson and Shavers, that is no small tribute. Jerry was at times a bit inconsistent, but still an excellent fighter, but at his best I think his handspeed would have given him the edge, and gone towards ensuring a pretty convincing points win or late knockout. The Quarry who fought Lyle, Shavers and the first Frazier fight in particular would have been too much for Cooney.|10/27/02 01:49:44 PM|steve morris|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|I've just read three so-so books on 70's and 80's fighters. Norton's book gives very little in the way of respect for Jerry's qualities as a fighter or person. He has no solid facts to back up his somewhat vague assertions that Quarry may have been a racist or that he was cocky. He says that he always felt he could beat Quarry, Larry Holmes does say that Quarry was one of a group of fighters who would be champion's if fighting the more recent heavyweights. Ernie Shavers ,however,seems to have given Jerry the most respect. He writes that Jerry "pummelled me from ringpost to ringpost" and generally gave him the worst beating of his career. He makes no excuses about walking into a lucky punch.|10/27/02 08:47:46 PM|Kent |La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Thanks Eric for winning last night at Soboba. I was getting a complex because the last five fighters I have met that I have seen fight recently have all lost. For those that don't know, Eric Quarry, son of Jimmy, fought in a benefit for the Police Activities League (PAL). It was rough going but in true Quarry sprit, he pulled it out by close decision over Richard Perry. It was nice to see that Brenda and Sonia were looking well (they worked Eric's corner) but I didn't get a chance to get back stage to say hello to everybody as I was taking notes for an article about the event that I am doing for an Native American news site that is at the following address, www.pechanga.net. My report will probably be up on that site on Tuesday under the Native News section. Sorry Eric, I can only give you one line as there were 13 other fights. |10/27/02 09:52:24 PM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia81@aol.com|||10|Thanks Kent, it was awesome to be there with my brother Eric, to support him. I will say though I was a bit nervous, not that I was afraid he'd lose but I goof up or something, but it was all well worth it. I am proud of my brother, cause not matter what "he didn't quit" so as the saying goes "THERE'S NO QUIT IN A QUARRY". Richard's a nice guy also. Dad, would've been proud, but then again he always was.|10/28/02 07:07:40 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock2892@yahoo.com|||10|ON QUARRY VS. COONEY: Are you guys kidding? Jerry was a REAL fighter not some built up phoney. Spinks and Foreman revealed Cooney for what he was. Cooney had a fine left hook
-- and NOTHING else. Jerry would have KO'd him in four or five. Granted, Cooney looked good in his loosing effort against Holmes, but if Holmes at not been so overly careful, he could have ended it in the second round -- Jerry would have. Don't get me wrong, I picked Foreman over Jerry, but there is NO COMPARISON between Cooney and Quarry. | 10/28/02 01:44:49 PM|Joe Krause|Chicago||sa....|||10|Quarry would be a terrible match-up for Cooney. Cooney would hit Jerry and Jerry would smile a little and Cooney would say oh .... and crumble shortly thereafter. I say Quarry about in 5 thinking that Jerry would play with him a couple rounds. Cooney was not a bad fighter, but this isn't the right match-up for him at all!| 10/30/02 12:55:27 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Steve, I also have Ken Norton's book and in it, he never says Jerry was a racist. He may have been quoted saying this in another source, but in his book, while he does say that he and Jerry did not like each other, he never brings up the race issue regarding Jerry. In fact, he praises Jerry for being a very game fighter and for fighting his heart out until their fight was stopped. Norton also says that all of his bad feelings for Jerry went away after he and Jerry hugged after the fight. |

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CALIFORNIA|ronnyrains@yahoo.com|||10|I agree with Kent,Norton and Jerry had some issues,i think they 1969-1970 QUARRY COUL'VE HANDLED THEM DIFFERENTLY, also heard Jerry kayoed in training,I wished Bonavena would have went ahead with his bout with Norton,QUARRY was a replacement,if you can fathom that, and only had a few weeks of training,regardless, man i wished that would have been JQ's last and final bout,no more sparring or nothing,i also heard they used to give JERRY and BOBBY THE KEYS TO stronbow stadium,In Bakersfield and they hammered on each other sparring thru out BOBBY's career,i'm sure that never helped Jerry's eventual condition!! Does anyone have any old BOXING ILLUSTRATED'S from 1965-75?| 10/30/02 08:18:50 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com|||10|I'd have to go with Jerry over Cooney. Gerry never impressed me at all even in the Holmes fight. As mentioned before, Larry could have taken him out earlier if he turned up the pressure. Jerry was a far better boxer than Cooney and would have hammered him. And Big George would have battered Jerry. Jerry was faster and would have hurt George but I don't think Jerry could have put a series of hard combinations together to put George away. Foreman was just too strong and he could take one hell of a wallop. On another topic, if Roy Jones fights Ruiz, who do you think will win. I know Jones could beat Jirov and don't know why he won't fight him...Money? Anyway, I think Jones has a good shot vs Ruiz. What do you think boxing fans? I have some old Ring mags going back to 68'-69' somewhere, when I find them I'll post where Jerry was rated. |

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ON JONES VS. RUIZ: I wonder what round Ruiz is going to clutch his groin, fall down, and complain of a low punch. I think doing that is an official part of his training.| 10/30/02 08:04:41 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|ON JONES VS. RUIZ: I wonder what round Ruiz is going to clutch his groin, fall down, and complain of a low punch. I think doing that is an official part of his training. |

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO ALL! HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE! LOVE YA DAD, MISS YOU TOO. |

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Jones verses Ruiz is an interesting match up. A good big man versus a great smaller man. I am not sure who will win. It is kind of a test to see if some of the smaller great heavyweights of the past could have handled a big heavyweight from today. Jones should come in at about 185 pounds and he is strong for his size, but can he hurt the 235 pound Ruiz? Another question, is Jones going to be too fast for Ruiz? Will Ruiz be able to land effectively? Like I said, I just don't know who is going to win this one. The bigger question is if the fight will come off at all. I have my doubts about this. |
Jones may be making a big mistake in fighting Ruiz. If it comes off, it could be interesting.

U GUYS ALWAYS TALK ABOUT QUARRY ON THIS MESSAGE BOARD BUT WHAT DO U GUYS HAVE OF JERRY ON VHS????????

JERRY QUARRY VS INGAMAR JOHANSON<br>PS INGO BEAT MACHEN.........QUARRY DIDNT!

Here are the ratings for Jerry that I could find. The Ring mag's I have (10 in all) are between Feb 74&#8217;s and July 76. Jerry is not rated any of in them. I thought I had more from the late 60's and early 70's but I can't find them. They were more than likely lost in one of my many moves over the years. I thought it was interesting that Oscar Bonavena was rated in the top ten International Boxing: Jan 72 Jerry rated 4th Ali 1, Foreman 2, Bonavena 3.  Mar 72 Jerry rated 3rd Ali 1, Foreman 2.  June 75 Jerry rated 7th, Norton 1, Foreman 2, Bobick 3, Holmes 4, Young 5, Lyle 6.  World Boxing: June 72 Jerry rated 3rd after Ali 1 and Foreman 2.  March 75 Jerry rated 3rd Foreman 1, Frazier 2.  May 75 Jerry rated 3rd after Foreman 1, and Frazier 2.<br>July 75 Jerry rated 4th Norton moves to 3rd behind Foreman and Frazier.  Sorry about the skewed sentences, I pasted this from Word.  Tuna, i've thought this matchup before and my first reaction is that Jerry would kill him. But Ingo did knock Patterson out and down, what 10-11 times in 3 fights. And KO'ing Machen in 1 round was quite a feat. Liston and Williams couldn't knock him down! I don't know the circumstances surrounding that fight, was Machen in shape? How cold was it in Stockholm that night, the fight was outside. Anyway, Johansson had one hell of a right hand. He might have dropped Jerry a couple of times. Although Jerry could have blasted him like he did Earnie Shavers. I do think Jerry would have KO'ed Ingo but there might be some interesting rounds of boxing before the end. Good matchup!

I preveiwed my post really fast because I keep getting knocked off AOL. Here's the rest of my thought about Oscar. I don't find it so interesting that Bonavena was rated, but that in the ratings I looked at he's in the top 10 more than Jerry during the same period. Maybe a 3 to 1 ratio. More activity?

Jerry was a better boxer than Ingo and he was only 21 when he lost to Machen. As I said in making a case for Jerry having a good chance of upsetting Foreman, Jerry took very hard punches from Lyle, Shavers, and Mac Foster, as well as from Joe Frazier and he was still standing (except for one body shot from Frazier in Frazier/Quarry 2-he got up from this one), he would have been able to take Ingo's best shot and not go down. Jerry had trouble with fighters with hand speed; Ali, Frazier, Ellis, Norton, and even Patterson. Ingo was slow and ponderous. Jerry wins by decision or mid to late round stoppage. Jerry and Norton had a personal problem not a race problem. Don't forget Norton trained in hemet where Jerry was already training. So there was a lot of stuff being written to promote fights. However, Jerry never held a grudge towards anyone. Jerry would have knocked Conney out in four rounds, Conney would have been a punching bag for Jerry. Eric you did well and for a good cause.

Sorry Cooney for the spelling nonetheless same result four rounds.
Bonavena was rated by "THE RING MAGAZINE". A total of 95 months.never No.1 contender, but he did have a number one W.B.A. RATING over JERRY, oct 25, 1970. the day before JERRY FOUGHT ALI?wonder who he beat for that one?Everyone else rated JQ #1. Oscar Bonavena's RING MAG. #2 (6) #3 (14) #4 (13) #5 (24) #6 (12) #7 (13) #8 (5) #9 (7) #10 (1). for a total of 95. vs World champions QUARRY 1-6-1, BONAVENA 0-5, VS World Top Ten Current Contenders QUARRY 7-0, BONAVENA 4-2, THEIR COMMON OPPONENT'S were astounding JERRY 7-6-1 3KO, TO oscar's 6-6 3ko, take care! it was interesting to look up.

Any thoughts out there on Ward-Gatti II? 
the original TV broadcast - quality is mint. I have also obtained a highlight of Quarry vs Machen in colour which is about 5 minutes - colour mint. Does anyone have the full fight of that?

11/6/02 09:19:47 PM|charles anderson|ark.|ctjjandfam@aol.com|10|has mr.jack ever reflected on how he would have handled jerry's career if he had to do it over again?

11/7/02 08:12:54 AM|John Gerard|NYC.|rock289z@yahoo.com|10|Even though I know it is a waste of time to look back and say "what if", I often think how different Jerry's career would have been had he been handled by Rappaport and Jones (the people who so carefully protected and guided Cooney). Victor Valle was a very protective trainer. But then again, I don't think anyone "protecting" him.

11/7/02 05:20:35 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca.|oriononside@aol.com|10|Would Jerry had won the title if he was brought along slower? Maybe he would have, or maybe he wouldn't have, because say for example, Jerry got his first title shot in 1970 instead of 1968, the champion would have been Joe Frazier at this point and maybe Jerry still might have not defeated Frazier. The real question would have been if Jerry would have been as damaged in the end if he hadn't had so many tough fights early and there is a good chance that Jerry would have had a longer career. The way it turned out, Jerry was a shot fighter before he was thirty. Jerry might have had something left later and it could have been Jerry instead of Leon Spinks taking the title away from Ali in 1978. Jerry would have been 33 and quite possibly still going strong. About Jerry not wanting to be protected; fighters sometimes need to be protected from themselves. It is ironic that I remember hearing that Mike Quarry was upset with Jerry because Jerry was working the corner in one of the Mike Rossman fights and Jerry had the fight stopped because Mike was taking a beating. If Jerry had been the fighter and Mike had been working the corner and Mike had the fight stopped, then it would have been Jerry who would have been upset with Mike!

11/8/02 09:26:05 AM|John Gerard|NYC.|rock289z@yahoo.com|10|Some years back I heard Dennis Jones, the manager of Gerry Cooney discussing Cooney's career. He said something to the effect of "Gerry may not have been the artistic success we had hoped for but he was a finanical one and left with his health." <br>Had Jerry had this type of mentality in his management, I honestly believe things would have turned out much different for him. Can you imagine the hype Jones and Rappaport would have created after Jerry beat Lyle and Shavers? They would have beaten the drums so loudly that Foreman would have had to have fought Jerry. Don't get me wrong I said all along that I think George would have beaten Jerry, but perhaps if Jerry had less wear and tear and Victor Valle traning him ......???

11/8/02 03:30:10 PM|bquarry|ca.|nnn|10|Most people do not know that my father Jack begged Jerry not to fight. Yes my dad loved fighting and wanted one of his son's to be champ.however, when Jerry turned 18 he told my dad he wanted to turn pro. dad said go train, run and hold a job 8hrs a day and in 6 months if you still want to fight i will help you. All the boys did jr gloves. But when it came time to turn pro. this was the boys choice not my dads. Jerry loved fighting it was a excape for him. He loved his fans the cheers and yes the money. But money came last untill the last. My dad gets a bad rap with this side of jerry's career. Once they started and the fame came and money then perhaps if they had the knowledge about boxing and the politic of the sport things would be very different. |

11/8/02 04:31:50 PM|John Gerard|NYC.|rock289z@yahoo.com|10|I am sure your dad did what he thought was best for his sons. Hindsight is 20/20 and if the cards had fallen a little differently, everyone would be saying what a fine manager Jack was. I made a mistake comparing Jerry's management to that of Cooney's. Different times, different personalities.

11/9/02 08:47:24 AM|Bob Bumbera|NC.|renfbera@aol.com|10|Jimmy, I double
checked the ratings and they are all correct. I thought some were strange also, but maybe it's because the magazines are printed 3 or 4 months in advance, say the November issue would be printed in July or August. I guess it would not really change the fact, as has been said, that Jerry fought at the same time as Ali and Frazier, and being THE champ was not really in the cards with those two out there. That being said, Jerry's accomplishments are still very impressive. I know that when I first signed in here, I felt Jerry was "about equal" to Joe, he certainly matched well with him, as he would with Foreman. Joe could reach down, though, and find a little more. Jerry pushed as hard as just about anyone Frazier ever fought, and given how many good heavies were out there, that's really saying something. His aura being brought up, Jerry, to me, really did have something special. He was a very good athlete, a hugely likeable guy, and what anyone thinks of that 1968 WBA tournament, he was unquestionably the star of it, no disrespect to Jimmy Ellis. Because of that, he was treated often like a champion, something Mike Tyson might not be able to have often said. Since he was, in my opinion, better than Ellis - a very good fighter in his own right - I consider Jerry a champion. But two things I'd like to add, first, quality contenders like Jerry who come up short of a belt are not often given the respect they deserve for being outstanding fighters and athletes. Second, as boxing is not treated the same as others sports, unless these contenders grab public attention like Jerry did, they disappear quickly from public light. It's too bad that the public doesn't take this sport seriously enough to 1) respect them from a health and safety standpoint to demand they wear headgear, given that a public outcry brought out football helmets and goalie masks, and 2) that those who fall just a little short of the top are not as praised as other athletes in other sports who never win the big one. I think the fact that this site is here is proof enough that even without a pro belt, Jerry impressed a large population of people and lived a very compelling life.

It is a shame that in our competitive culture that second place is just not good enough. I have heard some people saying that the San Francisco Giants failed because they lost a close baseball world series to the Anaheim Angels. I have been a huge baseball fan for many years and I have to go back quite a long way to find a better played series than this one. There really were no losers in this one. Back to boxing; two former long time contenders come to mind who both fought in very tough eras but who, like Jerry, never won a world title, but still deserve the title of great fighter they are, middleweight Bennie Briscoe and light heavyweight Yaqui Lopez. Both of them will be well remembered by fans much longer than some palooka who got lucky in an easier era and held a belt for one fight. We can also add our own Mike Quarry to this list. Mike, like Jerry, fought his heart out every minute of every round and though he may have also come up short of a title, he could have well won a title in a less competitive era. I think we should stop knocking Jack Quarry here. After all, he is the one who instilled the motto of "there is no quit in a Quarry" in his family and who knows, without Jack, maybe Jerry wouldn't have had the drive to go as far as he did in the boxing world.

Good news is out on Parkinson's Research. A new Synchromed XL pump delivery system when used in conjunction with GDNF (glial cell line derived neurotrophic factor), a protein produced by the connective tissue has shown to not only halt, but REVERSE the damage caused by Parkinson's with no apparent side effects, human studies started in May 2002. The drug had been dismissed three years ago as ineffective, but when coupled with the new delivery system, shows promise for
brain cell regeneration. Business Week November 18th 2002 pp. 58-60. By Catherine Arnst and Arlene Weintraub. This is simply great news! Daryl, 661.703.4444.

| 11/11/02 06:56:36 PM | TUNAMAN | CANADA | jabboxing@yahoo.com | 10 | MANY JERRY QUARRY FIGHTS ON VHS CALL 1 604 5171558...........OR EMAIL JABBOXING@yahoo.com...........i also have rare british prefight of ali/quarry 1 on vhs..............includes footage of jerry sparing.......... |
| 11/18/02 07:30:55 PM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | 10 | How about Archie Moore vs Roy Jones Jr. at 175 lbs or 190lbs? |
| 11/18/02 08:02:34 PM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | 10 | I just read a good article on the East Side Boxing website. It's in the time tunnel, where our own Kent Appel occasionally writes some great articles when the mood seizes him. This article goes into light heavyweight history and sort of puts the great Roy Jones Jr in a more realistic perspective for less than serious boxing historians who think that Max Kellermen is the final word concerning the place of Jones in boxing history. |
| 11/18/02 08:20:39 PM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | 10 | How would Roy Jr. have fared at 175 and 190 against the likes of Billy Conn, who competed quite well with Joe Louis, Harold Johnson, a 5 ft. 10 in. lightweight who defeated Eddie Machen and Doug Jones. How about Roy vs that freak of nature, Bob Foster? |
| 11/20/02 12:01:30 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10 | Roy Jones Jr. needs to be tested and until he faces some tougher challenges and comes out on top, then we will know what he is made of. The Ol' Moongoose knew every trick in the book and I would bet he would find a way to win out over Jones. Jones is a good talent but the jury is still out on him. Thanks Steve for the roundabout compliment and I will try and kick myself in the butt more and increase my work load of articles in the coming months. Right now I am concentrating on my book of children's stories, not sports related, that is coming out very soon called, "Kent's Story Telling Book-Volume One." I have always felt funny about plugging my own projects here but Mr. Jimmy always told me to do so. So I guess there is no harm done. |
| 11/25/02 06:12:57 PM | Sabrina Quarry-Porter | Florida | sabrinaquarryporter@aol.com | 10 | QUARRY RULES FOREVER!!!! WE LOVE AND MISS YOU DAD AND UNCLE JERRY FOREVER!!!!! |
| 11/26/02 04:06:45 AM | Paul | Sydney, Australia | plmls4@aol.com.au | 10 | The Ol' Moongoose was gutsy enough to step out of his division and fight heavyweights like Ali. He was always prepared to have a go against the odds (even into his forties). Bob Foster was the same. Roy Jones Jr has been tremendous against his own division, but has he ever chanced an arm by fighting against the odds? Not yet anyway. And for guts and perserverence, the Quarrys deserve to rule. |
| 11/26/02 07:23:36 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 | WHAT ABOUT FRAZIER VS. TYSON? Personally I think Tyson had superior physical gifts such as power and speed but Joe had more heart, determination and stamina. I think Joe would have gutted him in 9 rounds. |
| 11/26/02 10:44:23 AM | Mark Sargeant | UK | lpu00mts@reading.ac.uk | 10 | Frazier vs Tyson is certainly a dream fight, but I'm probably one of those who believe that Frazier would win out of favouritism for the ex-champ. As long as Tyson didn't catch Frazier early, Joe would slowly wear him down and knock him out between the 10th and 12th rounds. I think it's important to remember that whilst Tyson was at his awesome peak for three years and beat only a couple of very good fighters (and none for 14 years since Spinks!!), although Ruddock proved himself in both their fights), Frazier was doing the same seven years and beat a longer list of competitors. |
| 11/26/02 02:32:51 PM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | 10 | I still want to know what the varied and interesting mix of opinions are from our regular contributors on this website. I'd like opinions on the outcomes of the following
matchups. Billy Conn vs Roy Jones, Harold Johnson vs Roy Jones, Bob Foster vs Roy, and how about Jerry Quarry vs Roy Jones or Jerry vs Bob Foster? Hey, it's all just conjecture and fun, right?

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<td>I think Jerry would have clobbered Foster. Foster had that long lean body Jerry would have feasted on. Don't forget what Frazier did to Foster. Jerry was more of a counter puncher than Joe so the fight would have probably gone more than a round and a half, but Jerry would have KO'ed him. As for Roy Jones, Jones over Foster over 12 rounds, I think Billy Conn would have a good chance to beat Jones. They match up size wise and Conn was very strong, though not quite the puncher Jones is, he still managed to hurt Joe Louis. I'd also have to give Archie Moore the benefit of the doubt. There wasn't much you could put over on the 'Ol Mongoose.</td>
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<td>I agree Jerry SHOULD HAVE BEATEN FOSTER, BOB NEVER BEAT A HEAVYWEIGHT CONTENDER, I SAW THEM BOTH ON THE &quot;SUPER STARS COMPETITION, THE ONE BEFORE 1975, WHERE JERRY EARNED ENOUGH POINTS TO BE INVITED BACK, AND BOB ACTED A LITTLE SCARED OF JERRY, OF COURSE QUARRY WAS ALL BUSINESS THAT FIRST COMPETITION, I'M SURE THERE WERE GUYS THAT COULD HAVE BEATEN JERRY THAT WE QUARRY FANS, THINK WOULD'NT HAVE, AND GUYS JERRY WOULD HAVE KO'D THAT WOULDN'T HAVE ADDED UP! FOR BOXING IS A BATTLE OF STYLE'S, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SURPRISED IF JERRY COULD HAVE BEATEN BOTH ALI AND FRAZIER IN A STREET FIGHT! HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL</td>
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<td>Hey, Jimmy Dorsey, aah, so glad you brought the subject up. Ali would not have done any better than any other 6 ft 3 in. 210 lb, super fast guy with the courage to fight in the street. I think Quarry and Frazier would have probably killed someone in a street fight fairly early in their career and been sentenced to prison.</td>
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<td>I discovered a web site devoted to petitioning&lt;br&gt;ESPN Classic for better programming. The creator of the site feels that ESPNCL has lost its way, &quot;What once was a great concept has become mainly a channel for newer sports games and events and they show very few 'classic' games&quot; (you mean fights!). I have to agree. Please visit and devote your rant toward showing the great fights we never get to see. Visit: <a href="http://www.petitiononline.com/sportfan/petition.html">http://www.petitiononline.com/sportfan/petition.html</a></td>
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<td>Jerry was a very good street fighter. In fact Jimmy Q said he doesn't remember his brother ever losing in the street. This is a story that I posted here about two years ago that was lost in the old archives: Years ago I was working as a security officer and my partner was a retired Los Angeles County deputy sheriff. He told me that he once responded to a call to the Quarry family bar in Bellflower (as I remember the story) and that apparently Jerry had been attacked by a customer with a pool stick in the parking lot. The man had stolen the pool stick and Jerry went outside just to ask the man to bring it back into the bar. But instead of listening to Jerry, the man hit Jerry in the head with the pool stick and when he tried to swing the stick again, Jerry stepped in and hit the guy</td>
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with a short left hook that knocked the man down and out in a bloody heap. My co worker, the former deputy sheriff, recounted the story and he said that when he arrived on the scene, he thought that the man was paralyzed except that one of the man's feet was twitching as the man laid there unconscious in a pool of blood. No charges were brought against Jerry as it was a clear case of self defense. Oh by the way, the man was said to be about 6'6" tall and about 260 pounds. I asked Jimmy Q about this once and he told me the same story. My feeling is this is a true story because Jerry's brother and a retired police officer told me the same story.

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| LET ME BE MORE SPECIFIC, MOST OF JERRY'S "STREET BRAWL" STORIES. ARE WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, AND NOT A SEASONED PRO, LIKE HE OWNED VIKINGS HALL OF FAME TACKLE RON YARY IN HIGH SCHOOL, THEN THEY BECAME BEST FRIENDS, I REMEMBER WHEN JERRY AND DEACON JONES WERE PROMOTING BOXING SHOWS UNDER "salt and pepper enterprises" in Los Angeles.

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| I really don't think Jerry went looking for trouble but that some people, even after he became well known, wanted to try and take him on. I met Jerry in person and I am about 5'11" tall and Jerry seemed about the same size as me. He may have been slightly taller than me but I didn't notice much of a difference. My point is, people who thought they were tough wouldn't be intimidated by his prescence. Plus, Jerry was an easy going guy and I don't think he was that easy to provoke but some people were probably stupid enough to cross over the line.

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| Kent: yes I agree I've had alot of people tell me some would take a sucker shot at Quarry, just to say "They hit Jerry Quarry" And I'm sure alot of them paid for it, I know he had that scuffle with the pipeliners up in Alaska, where one pulled a gun, Even "Irish" Mike Nixon SCUFFLED with Jerry!

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| Kent: Where did you talk to JQ AGAIN? And what where the circumstances, in other words elaborate for us Kent, Was he still boxing? or still in the top ten rankings? Sorry to put you on the spot, But had a boring Thanksgiving, except for watching the Redskins blow another one to Dallas!! Where is John Riggins when they need e'm? ?

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| Jimmy D, I met Jerry at a bar in the early 1980s and he was just about through with his career. Jerry was in a place in Costa Mesa, Ca (near Newport Beach). I can't
remember if he lived in the area at that time or if he was just visiting friends. I had a chance to chat with him a couple of times and we mainly talked about music. Him being a singer and I am a singer also. I used to do some bar gigs but never anything big time. I saw Jerry in this bar several times but he never seemed drunk or out of control and he never had an incident while I was there. Jerry didn't seem to me to be the type of guy who went looking for trouble. I was just speculating as to why someone would be foolish enough to mess with him. Regarding the incident at the Quarry family bar, I was repeating what Mr. Jimmy and the retired police officer I used to know had told me. I found this site with a search engine, not knowing that it existed. I was a huge Jerry Quarry fan in the 1960's and 1970's. Having grown up in San Diego, I saw him and Mike on Olympic Boxing Thursday nights. I was deeply saddened upon hearing of Jerry's death a few years ago. Some of the streaming video at this site of Jerry in 1995 brought tears to my eyes. In an age when heavyweights seem to bounce in and out of prison, Jerry was a real class act. Nobody has adequately filled his shoes in the boxing world. A champ among champs.

For any Quarry fans that may be interested, I have found a rare copy of one of the three Mike Quarry bouts with Mike Rossman. It is the third bout of the trilogy. I would rate the quality of the footage as Good. Also, the same collector has a Mint version (Excellent Quality) of the 2nd bout between Jerry and Joe Frazier. It is the complete program with cameo appearances by many former Boxing Greats during the Intro's and has the postfight interview with Joe Frazier. If anyone is interested contact me and I will provide you with the name and address of the collector. This is a great site for us Quarry fans, keep up the good work.

Also KENT: JERRY DID TWO OTHER THINGS IN LAS VEGAS WHEN HE WAS RETIRED, HE HAD A SINGING GIG AT CAESARS PALACE CALLED "JERRY QUARRY WITH PLEASURE" AND BAR TENDED AT THEY NEARBY "STAGE DOOR". I THINK I WAS LIVING IN LAUGHLIN, NV. AT THE TIME. WHERE THEY HAD HIM DOWN AT THE "EDGOWER" ALAS I HAD TO WORK. WE AT QUARRYVILLE DO HAVE A TENDACY TO TREAT
JERRY AS A LITTLE SUPERHUMAN. HOWEVER I SUFFER FROM THE AFFLICTION,"STOOGEDIS". AS WELL AS KENT, TAKE CARE.

I had the great pleasure of hearing my uncle Jerry sing on many occasions, and I think he was a great singer and one song that sticks in my mind is "A Closer Walk with Thee". Uncle Jerry was the best at everything he did. And him and my father James would be very proud to see this website still going strong. Thank you to all the fans of this site and please let's keep it going for the memory of Jerry and James....Dad and Uncle Jerry I miss you with all my heart and I will love you both always in my heart forever. Looking forward to seeing you in the afterlife...Keep Punching!!!!!!

I really thrive on these tidbits of info we occasionally get on this site, mostly from Jimmy D. and Kent, about Jerry's life outside the ring. I've always somehow identified with his life {wishful thinking} I don't know the psychological reasons behind that. I do know that he gave my friends and I, who gathered in front of TVs or went to the Cherry Hill Coliseum, long since burned down, alot of enjoyment, and disappointment, during the late 60's and early 70's. He held our interest and attention, and maybe mirrored our aspirations, like no other heavyweight of those wonderful decades could.

Three of my friends and I arrived late for a closed circuit, and very expensive in those days, live broadcast of Jerry Quarry vs Earnie Shavers. As we fought our way down the isle to our row of seats, we could hear the fighters being announced. We couldn't see the screen yet because everyone was still standing up. As we got to our row, the fight started, NOBODY was sitting down. We had to force our way down the row to our seats. We could hear the KO taking place. When we reached our seats it was over! Watching the replays just wasn't the same as seeing it live. Still, it was a great night out with my friends. A memory for a lifetime.

STEVE: Did not know, you were so close too Cherry Hill, New JERSEY. I have never been any farther East, than Chicago, But didn't Muhammad Ali live there for a while, At the same time Joe Frazier lived in nearby Philadelphia, before the "Battle of the Century". Thats where Ali was gonna meet Frazier in the park, Remember that one 1970??

Jimmie D., I live between Camden and Cherry Hill. I'm about 4 miles across the Delaware River from Philly, and 5 miles from Cherry Hill. We used to go to the Blue Horizon, which was at that time a pretty well known albeit small fight club in North Philly. I saw Bennie Briscoe fight there twice. I was there the night Joe Archer and Eugene (Cyclone) Hart fell out of the ring locked in a clinch. They landed on a table with a crash you wouldn't believe. I think Joey Archer hurt his neck. He was a very slick, classy boxer. Hart had a monster left hook, and and nothing else. Both of these guys were top ten middleweights in the early 70's, and hugely popular in Philly. The way that club was set up, If I am remembering correctly, was that the best seats to view the fights where in the eighth row. Anything closer you couldn't see over the people standing up. Also the cigarette smoke enveloped the first seven rows like a fog. I saw Emile Griffith there several times when he came down from N.Y to scout a future opponent. He had shoulders that in a suit looked about 8 feet wide. Joe Frazier still actively runs the cloverleaf gym. I've never met him, but have been told he's very accessible to the public. When Ali came to Philly, it was like the president was visiting. Down town Philly is beautiful, but all the secondary streets are narrow. Whenever someone important comes to town, the police start blocking of streets, and it turns the town into bedlam. Ali had that effect. He almost caused a riot when he went to Frazier's gym.

Jimmie, you want to talk about a sports town? You should have seen Philly and South Jersey the night the Flyers won the Stanly Cup!! Ali had a beautiful home.
in the ritzy part of Cherry Hill. Where all the mob guys live. No one I know ever saw him there. I lived about three blocks from Bobby Clarke's house the night they won the Stanley Cup. People were wandering all over his property just drinking, partying, and raising hell.

12/4/02 02:16:23 PM JIMMY DORSEY VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM |

THANKS STEVE: I can talk all day about stories like that, Ali acting crazy the day in Philly with Frazier, had to be one of they all-time classics, I'll bet it was bedlam, if I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, he was either still exiled from the sport, or had just beaten Quarry on cuts, and Bonavena. (exhiled I believe to be more accurate). I REMEMBER THE world rankings W.B.A had 1-Bonavena 2-QUARRY, RING MAG. 1-QUARRY 2-BONAVENA, so you have to give Ali credit for going right to the top three guys ending with Frazier, did you ever get to see Jerry Quarry on "I DREAM OF JEANNE" it was hilarious, not just because of Jerry, wished I had it taped, also Steve, do you remember Middleweight Mike Nixon? (QUARRY CLAN- brother in law). He beat Mike Rossman in Binghamton N.Y. AND South African contender Gert Steyn by KNOCKOUT!, his big problem was his chin he lost 6 of 8 bouts by KNOCKOUT, and in 4 he'd won every round, and a televised rematch in VEGAS with ROSSMAN, and ko'd on "FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS". WE ONLY HAD IT 3-2-1 AFTER SIX ROUNDS TO ROSSMAN, BEFORE NIXON got clocked (he was the first fighter to beat Rossman as a pro). ended career by 4th round KO to Vito Antofermo in MSG. He was one of the best built middleweights I have ever seen, and although only 10 ko's in 27 wins, was known for his big punch, and boxing ability, once ranked 14th world for his Rossman win, International boxing had him #5 Junior Middle, after a great Steyn win in 1977. take care!

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Jimmy D. I worked on a hi-rise with two guys who lived in Cherry Hill and went to school with Mike Rossman. His real name is DiPiano. He took his mother's maiden name Rossman, maybe because they thought it would be more marketable at the time. Cherry Hill has a very large Jewish population. By all accounts I've gotten, Mike doesn't seem to be a real nice guy. One of the guys told me he had a gym in his cellar. He was always trying to get neighborhood kids to fight him.

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Steve: I can believe that about Rossman, it is too bad Mike Quarry did not have the big punch he would have been 3-0 vs Rossman, instead of 1-2, One fight I recollect, is when Rossman quit in his second title fight vs Victor Galindez, because of a hand injury, Can you ever imagine JQ or MIKE QUARRY ever Quitting with any type of an injury----now way!! especially a title tiff!! I'LL tell you though a natural would have been a Bobby CYZZ-Mike Rossman encounter, any predictions on that one ? I'd go with Cyzz i guess.

12/4/02 06:51:11 PM Bob Bumbera | NC | renfbera@aol.com |

Cherry Hill eh' Steve. Part of my yout was spent in Willingboro. Ages 5 through 14. I was born in Passiac and most of my family lives in the Clifton, East Rutherford area. My mom used to drive us by Ali's house on the way to the Cherry Hill Mall. As I remember it, a Spanish style house with a black iron fence around it. I think he had a couple of Mercedes sedans in the driveway. When I was in the Boy Scouts we'd get tickets to sporting events in Philly, Eagles and Fliers games, Rollerdurby, the SF Bay Bombers kicked butt. And the the event that sparked my interest in boxing a Joe Frazier training session. I don't know what fight he was training for but it was in late '69 or early '70 it was probably Jimmy Ellis. Hey, speaking of Philly remember Matt Franklin vs Marvin Johnson. Blood and guts for 12 rounds!!

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My 6 rating of the site was based only on having hit so many dead links at the time I perused it. On the video page, about half of the links were dead. I'LL go back and check it.<br><br>But while I'm on the line, I think Jerry would have
pulverized George Foreman had they fought when Jerry was still in his late 20's. Jerry never had problems with big sluggers (although I remember his getting nailed with one big Mac Foster right hand a bit before kayoing Foster). Jerry walked through slow sluggers like Ron Lyle, Mac Foster, and Earnie Shavers. And pounded the stuffing out of a big fast puncher, Buster Mathis. Jerry turned out to be everything that Gerry Cooney wasn't. His tendency to cut is what cost him just about every fight.<br><br>I have many fond memories of Jerry. Vastly underrated in the big picture of heavyweight boxing.<br><br>George was NOT just a big slugger !<br>George was a great one, Jerry was a very, very good one. George would have won.<br>

I have to agree on one thing, BIG GEORGE would have definetly been favored, about 12-5 odds,Seemed like he had a little "extra" from the punchers that were mentioned, I still say the Lyle bout was the most exciting ever,at a cookout of that FOREMAN-LYLE BOUT, in the SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY,CA.Even the ladies were into that crazy bout, and betting!!! I SURE wished JERRY AND GEORGE WOULD HAVE GOT IT ON IN 1974! It would have answered all the 30 years of questions, I wouldn't have minded Bonavena getting in there with BIG GEORGE. Besides i would have liked to see Jerry in there with GEORGE FOREMAN, rather than FRAZIER, Anyone who saw JOE INTERVIEWED BEFORE HE WENT IN THE RING WITH JERRY QUARRY KNEW HE WAS GOING TO DEFINETLY WIN THAT NIGHT, TAKE CARE! Jerry was an excellent fighter and a wonderful asset to boxing during its toughest era. However, to say he would beat George really is going a bit over the top. Foreman was desperately formidable and with Jerry's cuts and slight inconsistency, alongside Foreman's power, I really do think that there could only be one winner. Jerry at his best would have given him one hell of a fight but it simply wouldn't be enough-similar to Frazier. Outside Ali and Louis, Foreman, Frazier, Holmes make up the next category, with the likes of Holyfield, Norton, Tyson, Lewis, Bowe, Walcott, Marciano , Charles. I would put Jerry in this group along with a few others which is one hell of a complement to a tremendous fighter-but he simply was not in a higher one with George.<br>

Jimmie D., I won 25.00 on the Quarry vs Lyle fight. I've mentioned before that I thought it was my alltime favorite fight. You say you saw it during the day. I remember watching it at night. It must be the time zone difference between Cal. and N.J. Based on that fight, I always thought the same caliber of performance from Jerry would have at least gotten him a decision over Forman. I remember Mike Nixon very well. He was a very muscular, strong fighter, but I saw him get knocked by two fighters, weirdly enough, both named Davis. The one, I think his name was Indian Red Davis, knocked Mike out twice!! I believe these fights where shown here out of New York. I can remember getting real frustrated with Mike, since in both fights he was beating the heck out of Davis, and then you caught, and KO'D.<br>

Nixon's foes were Art Davis and Indian George Davis, as I remember. Back to Foreman, anyone who saw his fight with Lyle knows that he was slow, and that he could be counterpunched. Frazier was not a counterpuncher, and his style did not work well against Foreman. Lyle lost a lopsided decision to Quarry when he was a few years younger than when he floored Foreman twice. Lyle's problem was that he was so muscle-bound, he couldn't hold his arms up after 20 seconds of trying to finish a guy off. Jerry was a good finisher who didn't waste a lot of haymakers. Keep in mind that, in the Lyle fight, Foreman tried (for the first time) a left jab and a straight right in hopes of getting his punches home a bit faster. Didn't work at all, so he stopped doing it. I think Jerry would have beat him to the punch. George Foreman was much more than a slugger? Not in the fights I saw. No jabbing, no counterpunching, no leg movement, no
ring generalship other than walking forward, pushing, forcing an opponent to the ropes, and unloading bombs. To me, that's a slugger. At least Sonny Liston had a good jab.

For the Foreman fans, he was susceptible to boxers. Gregorio Peralta boxed him twice without much trouble, but was always retreating (losing a decision, and then getting kayoed in the late rounds of a fight in which he frustrated the dickens out of Foreman). Jimmy Young also was able to evade George's bombs and win a decision. Jerry had trouble when he was drawn into slugfests at close range, but potshooting big, strong guys (even very tall ones like Buster Mathis.

I bet $5 that Lyle would knock out Quarry, and was totally humiliated that (1) I bet against him, and that (2) he completely dominated the guy I picked to beat him.

Here's a question. On the web, I keep seeing that Jerry was from Bakersfield. I remember him early in his career as the Bellflower Bomber, which is closer to Orange County. Did he ever live in Bakersfield?

Jerry was born in Bakersfield and he lived there as a young boy and later moved to Bellflower. Bellflower by the way is about halfway to Anaheim, which is in O.C. from Los Angeles. Where I am in La Habra is on the border of O.C. and Los Angeles counties about 10 miles from Anaheim and 25 miles from L.A.

The Foreman of the SECOND Frazier fight was the best heavyweight boxer/puncher I ever saw -- he had it all a wicked jab, awesome power, and decent speed. The Foreman of the FIRST Frazier fight was the hardest punching heavyweight I've ever seen -- before or since. Either way, in my book, George is #2 of all time -- right behind Ali. Foreman was very rusty in the Lyle fight and it showed and against Peralta he was just a kid. Watch him demolish Norton, Chuvalo, etc.

Hey Ramblin' Bob Bumbera, did you deliberately spell youth as "yout". If so, how dare you make fun of our Joisey accent! Just kidding. You are right on the description of Ali's house, and boy are you right about Matt Franklin! Do you know the story of how he got his name? He was found by nuns wandering on Franklin Ave. in Philly. Has only about two or three years old. The nuns took custody of him. I believe they were nuns from St. Mathews Parrish, and since he was found on Franklin Ave., they named him Mathew Franklin. He later converted to Islam and took the name Mathew Saad Mohammed. He had to have been one of the all-time most exciting light-heavy's. Yes, his fight with Marvin Johnson, or were there two, were classics. Do you remember his fights with Dwight (the Camden buzzsaw) Braxton? He also changed his name to Dwight Quawi.

I was just going to mention, all 3 of those, LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS recently, Franklin, Braxton, Johnson, Jerry Martin etc. GUESS WE ARE HAVING A PHILLY WINTER!! DIDN'T JOHNSON FINALLY KO GALINDEZ? FRANKLIN WAS ONE OF MY FAVORITES; I REMEMBER HIM CUTTING AROUND THE EYES ALOT IN HIS BIG BOUTS, SO DID GALINDEZ OF COURSE WHO BEAT THEM ALL, EDDIE GREGORY ETC. I KNOW GALINDEZ WAS A BRAWLER, BUT HAD BOXING ABILITY A SMART CORNER, AND COULD ALWAYS SEEM TO GO 15 ROUNDS, WONDER HOW MIKE QUARRY WOULD HAVE FARED? I CAN ALSO REMEMBER WHEN HE Fought RAY "THE BULL" ELSON. ON AN ALI UNDERCARD, SEEMS ALL THOSE GREAT ARGENTINE BOXERS DIED IN TRAGEDY, Monzon, Bonavena, Galindez, |
name another fighter who achieved what George did over a period of 30 years including the Olympic Gold with these limited abilities. I love Quarry to bits and have most of the material available on him. But to say that he could have beaten Foreman is unrealistic in my opinion. True, you never can tell what can happen in the ring but statistics speak for ability in this case. For those who say George is just a slugger I say to them you have EXTREMELY LIMITED knowledge of Boxing. Watch Foreman against Jack O'Halloran and see how George outboxes the bigger man for a few rounds then destroys him.

Perhaps I'm overrating him here, but in retrospect, whenever I expected George to win, he lost (Ali, Young, Holyfield, Morrison), and whenever I expected Jerry to lose, he won (Foster, Lyle, Shavers, Mathis). And it is because he won against overwhelming power punchers. My "vision" of Jerry is not from 1974 on, but between 1967 and 1974, when he was at his prime. Some fighters are able to fight and do a credible job for 3 decades (Foreman), and some are at their peak for a relatively short time (Quarry, Frazier). I thought Frazier was unbeatable. I thought Foreman was unbeatable. I thought Tyson was unbeatable. When they lost, they lost BIG, as in humiliating defeats. Jerry was tiny by today's standards, but he packed more oomph in 200 lbs than anyone other than Dempsey and Marciano.

Jerry Quarry had the misfortune of having been born in the same era as Frazier and Ali. He was a much smarter and faster boxer than Foreman. I love George to death, but he was a bulldozer who could be avoided. He was probably at his best when he fought Boone Kirkman the first time because he didn't stop to admire his work. Two years later, he stopped not to admire his work but to catch his breath. His feet were in cement. Jerry had a field day with guys with their feet in cement.

I'm not trying to be difficult. I rehearsed Quarry versus Foreman 1,000 in my head. Jerry always won. :-)

By the way, I saw Jack O'Halloran fight many times (he became a San Diego native soon after George ate his lunch). Another truly good guy, but not a fighter. Mac Foster demolished him in one as I remember.

On this Foreman thing, Evren you certainly have right to your view, and I may be repeating my take on this, but I don't see big George your way. Foreman was runner-up for the Olympics in '68. The winner was a Quarry-like Clay Hodges, who went to Vietnam, so George could win the gold. George won that gold by being a huge intimidating kid, not by being the best, which is no discredit to Foreman. The best man cannot win if he doesn't think he can. Foreman has admitted to respecting Quarry a great deal, and dodging him. They make a great match, slugging/pursuing George vs. tough/counterpunching quicker Quarry, which was the same thing, basically as Frazier/Quarry. Only Jerry's lack of defense skills kept him from beating Joe, who he could clearly outbox. Joe had better fundamentals than George, but not his size. The Foreman I recall had flat feet, poor balance, no real jab, and poor defense, power and size being his major assets. I don't agree that George is #2, considering Louis, Marciano, Tyson, Tunney and others who dominated for long stretches with just one belt to chase. Foreman did look perhaps his best in Frazier2, but as Perielta, Lyle, Young and Ali showed, could be outboxed by guys who weren't intimidated by him. Jerry definitely fits that profile. We will never be able to truly solve this, and it's just opinion, but I see Jerry as a match for not just for Foreman, but also Norton, Holyfield and Larry Holmes, all of whom many regard pretty highly. Movement fighters with height, like Ali and Ellis, to me, gave Quarry more trouble than the Lyles and Shavers who charged him, as George undoubtedly would.

Jimmy D, I spoke to Bobby Quarry earlier in the week and he said the Battle of The Bouncers and tribute to Jerry Quarry is going to be January 4, 2003 at The Dome in Bakersfield, formally called Strongbow Stadium. It looks like it is a go this
time. I hope nothing happens this time to derail the program as I am looking forward to it.

Can anyone tell me how much time elapsed between Lou Saverese's TKO of Tim Witherspoon in the fifth round, and this [fistfull of dollars] thing Witherspoon fought in?

Everyone is entitled to their views I guess. I don't agree with the Foreman was runner up tag. Anyone can pull out certain scenarios and use it against a fighter. I could say the same thing about Frazier being runner-up. When a fighter has passed all you can do is look at their achievements. Unfortunately Jerry never achieved a major title and I feel real bad for him—shame he wasn't around 8 or 9 years earlier. He was one of the great nearly men. George Foreman was one of the greats....full stop.

The gap between Witherspoon-Savarese and Witherspoon-Thunderbox was probably just about the minimum (30 days). I'm wondering if the Thunderbox was listed as an "exhibition" in the same manner as "Foreman Fights Five" in the 70's. I doubt that a boxing commission would allow someone to fight 3 times in the same night in pro fights.

Believe it or not, the Savarese-Witherspoon fight was September 23, 2002. Seems more like 3 weeks ago.

I say Foreman would have stopped Jerry in three. Too much force too much power - thunderous punches downstairs and a powerful left would have been too much for Jerry.

Just wished the danged bout would have happen, Joe had no business taking on Frazier. The public would have eventually demanded that JERRY GET HIS SHOT!, off his winning title-eliminations over Iyle, Shavers etc. I could see Foreman powering his way, Although have you ever seen Quarry get knocked out? Punchers were his roast, too tough to call, like I said FOREMANS 12-5 FAVORITE, Kent, I used to box at the DOME in BAKERS, ONLY IT WAS THEY STRELICH STADIUM, NAMED AFTER STEVE STRELICH, THAN IT WENT TO STRONGBOW, AND WAS PREDOMINATELY USED FOR wrestling, NOW ITS THE dome, it looked like a DOME!!

Did any of you see Quarry's last fight? I could swear that in his last fight, he fought an African American slugger type who knocked him down (I only recall seeing about 5 seconds of a video clip). I know he didn't get knocked out, but was wondering if I dreamed the video.

Jerry's last bout was against a fighter named Ron Cramer, I don't know Cramer's race. Reports I have heard say that although Jerry had some teeth knocked out, and he did take a lot of punishment in the bout, he also gave a lot of punishment in return, fighting like the true warrior he always was. As I understand it, Jerry lost due to three one point deductions for low blows and that he got the better of the action. Of course, they never should have let Jerry in the ring at the age of 47 after all of the tough fights he had in his life.

I HAVE ULTRA RARE ABC VERSION OF ALI VS QUARRY #2 W/H COSSELL COMMENTATING....THIS
THING IS MINT AND VERY RARE........IF INTERESTED GIVE ME AN OFFER...........PS I ALSO HAVE THE BRITISH CLOSED CIRCUIT VERSION OF THIS FIGHT........ALI AND FOREMAN GET AT EACH OTHER.....BOTH COPIES ARE MINT AND RARE|

|12/8/02 05:54:04 PM|Evren|London||@||10|Just watched the disappointing fights between Mayweather and Castillo and Klitschko-McCline (zzzzzzzzz). Then I watched Kid Gavilan fight Danny 'Bang Bang' Womber...1953...oh my what a difference. Both guys fighting their hearts out (for next to nothing I guess) unafraid of each other but with consummate skill. A wholly awesome fight and a great upset - there was'nt a title on the line - it was'nt necessary! I feel the fifties and sixties were the pinnacle of boxing. It was as if the point of ascent for skill had just reached it's peak in boxers and the 'desire' that fighters had was at it's highest plateau before big money ruined most fighters appetites as their hunger waned. <br>It's interesting to note how often the guys fought back then - Gavilan won his title in May 1951 - defending it once more that year - he also in between title fights had another 5 bouts. In 1952 he had 9 bouts (all wins) - 3 of which were title fights. 1953 there were 10 more bouts (9 wins) - 3 of which were title fights. Amongst the fighters he beat in them 3 years - Eugene Silent Hairston, Johnny Bratton (twice / 1 draw), Billy Graham (twice), Walter Cartier, Bobby Dykes, Gil Turner, Chuck Davey, Ralph Tiger Jones and Carmen Basilio !!!!! In his title winning year of 1951 he was unbeaten in 12 ! 29 wins 1 loss and 1 draw in those three magical years in the Pabst Blue Ribbon Age of Boxing of the early fifties...aaahhh! |

|12/9/02 06:08:25 PM|Jeffery Smith|New Orleans||jjs@runbox.com|||6|That heavyweight fight was a snoozer. McCline seemed to be too terrified to fight other than a few acts of bravery with grimacing and grunting. And Vladimir didn't do any more work than he had to do (almost none). I think Vlad is better than Vitali, so the Lewis fight might be interesting. Or it might be just like this one.<br><br>Next week is Holyfield and Byrd. Lord, I hope you poor guys in London don't have to wait until 4:00 a.m. to see these things. Are they tape delayed?|

|12/9/02 06:39:28 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Kent I have that particular tape JERRY QUARRY VS RON CRANMER (MR. JIMMY SENT IT TO ME). Cranmer was a white boy, he looked to weigh about 190. Jerry missed a left hook, the first punch of the fight that would have koed Cranmer. I'm sure, JERRY had all the points took away and the crowd booed, they weren't that bad, But Cranmer would have won anyway, in fact they had him winning every round.|

|12/9/02 07:15:08 PM|gerry schultz|ohio||geraldschultz162@msn.com|||9|One thing about a point of view is it is always a work in progress, and I've definitely had fun and learned a few things on this site. In rethinking a few things, I can see where Jerry fighting Foreman might be much the same as his fighting Frazier. To me, Jerry had a real chance to win, and found Joe a lot in their fights, before losing in a great effort. A fight in '73 with Foreman might well have gone the same way, I just again see where Jerry could beat him. Maybe that in and of itself is enough. Holmes the boxers would give him a lot trouble with movement and jab, and probably would defeat Jerry, but again I see where Jerry could beat him. His fight with Norton did not represent Jerry's ability at all. It may sound denegrating, I don't mean for it to be. Foreman, Frazier, Holyfield, Norton, Holmes are all men of accomplishment, where Jerry must get the benefit of speculation while having not quite gotten there. I simply see where his possibilities were with these guys, which is a good compliment in itself. Also, I consider Jerry champ-caliber, though he did not actually get there. I hope that clarifies a little. |

|12/10/02 12:52:05 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Wladimir Klitschko did what he had to do to defeat McCline. McCline seemed to only have one plan, to set the tempo with his jab; and when it became apparent that he couldn't out jab Klitschko, he didn't seem to know what to do. He had some
moments in the sixth round where he shook up Klitschko with some hard body shots but he seemed unable to continue this or to switch the attack to the head. When he saw that he couldn't win the battle of the jabs, he should have tried to press the attack behind the body attacks to set up head shots. McCline seemed frustrated and his performance reminded me a lot of Jerry's poor showing against Ali in their second fight. He did put on a game effort but it just wasn't enough. Klitschko looked pretty good and even though the fight wasn't exciting, he showed some excellent tools such as, defense, hand speed, and some good power shots when they were needed. |

12/10/02 03:01:27 AM|Evren|London|@||10|Good points Gerry. Yes I also feel Jerry was of championship caliber and had he been around 10 years earlier or later he may well of been champ (if he avoided Holmes)<br>|
12/11/02 07:30:41 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com|||10|Yes Steve I do remember Qwai. I was at the Omni in Atlanta when he lost the title to Holyfield in a 15 round give and take fight. A great thrill for me was shaking Jersey Joe Walcott's hand, he was there to give some moral support to Qwai. Even though he was in his 70's he still looked like he could step in and go a few rounds! I still don't believe Jerry could have beaten George Foreman. Foreman was just too big and strong for Jerry. Above everything else, don't forget Big George had tremendous heart. Scraping him self off the floor in his fight with Lyle, few fighters could have done that after the beating he took, then to come back and KO Lyle. Jerry may have had a chance when Foreman was young and wild but after Peralta and Frazier I don't think so. Foreman always had a punishing left jab and I think that would be Jerrys undoing. I'd like to see a 23 or 24 year old Jerry Quarry in with some of today's Crusierweights though. I think he'd run through them all. You can never take anything away from Jerry. He fought well against some of the biggest names in boxing history, and they will forget being hit by Jerry Quarry. Now that my power has finally come back on I'll spend the next few days clearing the fallen trees from my yard. So much for the "Sunny South". |
12/12/02 01:24:46 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Jerry sure handled George in a 1968, workout, I know that does not mean anything of course for 1974, although Muhammad showed "BIG GEORGE" was'nt completely invinceable. And YOU NEVER SAW JERRY GET MUSCLED AROUND all that much, and if he did it was great because he was a better boxer, when he used his true talent, LIKE THE CHUVALO DEBACKLE, WHEN CHUVALO GOT RUFF IT DIDN'T BOTHER JERRY ALL THAT MUCH, HE PRACTICLY WON EVERY ROUND although he was also a good brawler and slugger, but not quite in that FOREMAN/FRAZIER CLASS|
12/12/02 01:34:03 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|ALTHOUGH JERRY HAD JERRY'S NUMBER, WHAT WOULD "SMOKIN JOE" DO VS THAT BIG SLUGGER, LIKE MAC FOSTER, RON LYLE EARNE SHAVERS, JEFF MERRITT TYPES? IT MIGHT OF BEEN ALOT LIKE FOREMAN, HOW ABOUT SONNY LISTON??and i have they utmost respect for Frazier, and that 1974 bout with Quarry was my most disappointment of my life as far as BOXING WENT, I WAS SURE JERRY'D GET THE TITLE SHOT, OF COURSE HE HAD BILLS TO PAY.|
business, refereeing QUARRY/CHUVALO FOREMAN/ALI, and i'm not talking about a fast count or the canvas being soft or the ropes too loose!!

I've watched that Chuvalo vs Quarry bout many times and feel, sadly that Jerry got up too late. I felt Zack done a good job in that fight and he did shout the count into Jerry's ear. It was very similar to what happened to Jersey Joe in the rematch with Rocky.

Jerry lost fair and square to Chuvalo. Not because he was hurt, it was simply a mental lapse on Jerry's part. It seems to me that he forgot he had gotten back up quickly before kneeling down to take the eight count and he thought he had more time to get up than he actually had. Even Don Dunphy, the announcer, was shocked and he can be heard shouting, "Oh no!" when Jerry was counted out. I think Frazier of the second fight with Jerry would have been hard to beat by anyone. He felt he had something to prove after losses to Ali and Foreman. Frazier worked hard to get ready for that fight because he knew Jerry was capable of taking what he had wanted very much, another shot at the title. Louis was late in stopping the fight. I don't know how he didn't notice that Jerry was bleeding badly and no longer throwing many punches in return. I will say this though, I lost respect for Angelo Dundee after watching Frazier/Quarry 2 again recently because it reminded me how disrespectful he was to Joe Louis. You can hear him yelling several times in the fight to Louis, "get out of the way Joe, work the other side," in a very sarcastic tone of voice. I realize Louis may have been in the way of his line of sight or the television cameras but, the ring is the referee's territory and Dundee had no right to say these things and to treat Louis like that. Joe Louis was boxing royalty at that point and he should have been treated as such.

Joe Krause|Chicago||sadmspats@yahoo.com||12/13/02 08:42:55 AM|Joe Frazier 1968-1971 was one of the best ever. After the first Ali fight he was never the same. He always had a layer of fat in the middle and was just not as ferocious. Early Frazier is such a pleasure to watch. I sure wish Frazier-Bonavena II could be found complete. It looked like a war in the 5 rounds I do have.

|12/13/02 01:13:30 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||EVERN AND KENT: AGAIN I WAS NOT PUTTING ZACH CLAYTON DOWN FOR THE QUARRY-FOREMAN BOUTS HE OFFICIATED, I WAS PUTTING HIM DOWN FOR HIS OWN SHADINESS OUTSIDE THE RING, ANYBODY REFEREEING A QUARRY-CHUVALO WAR OR FOREMAN-ALI, IS DUE HIS RESPECT, BUT SHOULD ONLY BE PAID BY HIS OWN EMPLOYER, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, KENT (THE CURLY Q. LINK OF OUR NON-DEFUNCT FEARLESS LEADERS CLUB) I RECENTLY WENT OVER THE RON CRANMER/QUARRY BOUT, CRANMER WAS LISTED AT 8-5-1 5 KO'S. THE SCORING WAS 56-59,53-60,54-58, BY THE JUDGES, CRANMER WOULD NOT HAVE EVER BEEN ALLOWED IN AN ARENA WITH JERRY AT ANY OTHER TIME, FOR HE WOULD HAVE BEEN PROBABLY KILLED IN THE RING, AND THEY QJ OF 1983 WOULD HAVE WON EASILY BY KNOCKOUT, JERRY WAS SUFFERING FROM DEMENTIA ALREADY, AND EVEN AT 205LBS HAD LOST ALL HIS MUSCLE TONE, IN 1983 VS GUERRA, HE DID LOOK LIKE A 195LB CRUSIERWEIGHT DESTROYER, 2 PUNCHES 2 KNOCKDOWNS-ONE FOR FULL COUNT, TAKE CARE! |

|12/15/02 01:59:45 AM|Steve |n.j. |||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||How about Tyson vs Hollyfield again? Consider their positions again. Could set up a Tua vs Byrd, the winners of these two matches might actually get to fight one of those weird, tall, Russian communists who are bent on destroying our very way of life. 

|12/15/02 02:23:27 AM|Steve |N.J. |||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||A professional referee's function is first and foremost to protect the fighters and ensure a clean and fair fight. Allthough recently I have heard ref's admonishing fighters to "lets go, let's fight!!"
Phillip, What do you mean you were not impressed with what Jerry was taught? You mention he was a brilliant counter puncher. He must have learned that from somewhere. If not from Flores early on, then where? You are right, Jerry was a great guy. He was down to earth and he didn't act like he was above his fans. He was very easy to talk to. Jimmy D, I am not a fan of Clayton at all. In fact just the opposite. Our own Mr. Jimmy Q said he had questions about his integrity. This doesn't surprise me. But like I said, Jerry did lose the Chuvalo fight fair and square. Any other Ref. would have countered Jerry out too.

Clayton was not saint, but I have seen the Chuvalo-Quarry tape a few times and frankly Clayton did nothing wrong. Jerry should have gotten up and he did not. I don't for one minute think Jerry dogged it, there was no quit in him. I think the punch disoriented him to the point of either not hearing the count or not having the awareness to realize that time was running and to get up when he should have. Foreman claims that in Zaire, Dick Saddler asked him for $25,000 to give to Clayton to make sure Foreman to fight his fight. Foreman said he gave Saddler the cash but he has no idea of if it ever reached Clayton. Obviously Foreman didn't trust Saddler either, the implication being perhaps he just kept it. I don't know much about Saddler except that i believe he worked with Liston at the end of his career.

I have heard other stories that Clayton was not above taking side money also. Since I have no proof, other than my own feeling that it is true because differing sources say the same thing, I will just leave it at that, that it may be true.

I will always remember with joy the thrills Jerry gave me as a 12 year-old kid. I saw his fight with Foster in the Felt Forem in NY and it was a great night for Quarry fans. I also saw on TV his fight with Chuvalo but can't seem to remember much except for Don Dunfey's anti-Quarry bias. Can anyone help me remember this fight? Was Jerry really kicking his butt for 6 rounds. I remember Boxing Illustrated in their fight report saying that "Chuvalo was rocked back on his heels from a wicked one-two to the button in the first few moments of the fight". Chuvalo sure looked a mess after the fight. Also any recommendations on where to get Jerry's fights on tape? Sure would have liked to see Jerry fight Bonavena. I give the edge to Jerry in that one but Oscar was one tough hombre! By the way in Ring Magazine Joe Frazier was quoted as saying after the first Quarry fight " Quarry is a hard puncher but I was tagged with stiffer punches from Bonavena and Ramos" Interesting comment from Smokin' Joe.
out in round one against Charlie "Devil" Green), and Harold Valan (who gave
Jimmy Ellis a win over Floyd Patterson when nobody in the world apparently saw
the same fight). I liked Richard Steele. He was a good guy. As a boxer, he
couldn't endure pain, and he didn't like seeing boxers in the ring enduring pain.

|12/18/02 08:14:46 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com||||10|A friend of mine who used to publish a great boxing newsletter used to call Harold Valen "the
best referee money can buy". <br>Patterson whipped Ellis and got robbed. I
believe the bout took place in Europe. Years ago, I was watching a really boring
prelim fight that everyone was hoping would end at the Garden and someone in the
crowd yelled out "Where's Richard Steele when you need him?"

|12/18/02 11:54:26 AM|Jeffery Smith|New Orleans||jls@runbox.com||||7|Patterson/Ellis was outdoors in Sweden. I remember
seeing their breath.

|12/18/02 03:44:56 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|HEY!Jimmy
Dorsey,Kent,and Paul Drolet,what's the deal? I've asked about that Alaska fracas
about five times now with no response!Now Jimmy Dorsey goes and mentions it
again.Have you guy's got a code of silence on this one? C'mon,let's round out
this man's personality for everyone on this site .I need details,yous
guys,details! Please don't take me too seriously.Also,what about the story that
Jerry injured his back before before the Ellie fight while engaging in horseplay
with brother Mike and got his back slammed into a cigarette machine? I CANNOT
remember where where Iheard or read it.

|12/18/02 06:55:44 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com||||10|Steve, I
don't know anything about what happened in Alaska. That is Jimmy D's
department. Anybody else know what happened? The incident where Jerry injured
his back happened at the family bar in Bellflower and it was Jimmy Quarry who
fell into the jukebox while wrestling with Jerry, not Mike. I think Jimmy Q
recounted that story here or he told me himself, I don't remember which. It was
during the celebration of Jerry's win over Thad Spencer to get his title shot.
Needless to say, the boys were doing some drinking. A lot of this stuff was
posted here but it was lost when the old server went down. We lost a lot of
good posts but we also had some troublemakers stirring things up here also that
I don't need to see their posts again, thank you.

|12/18/02 07:47:47 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@yahoo.com||||10|Steve: Steve one thing I have in common
with Jerry is I never ducked anything,Okay what do you want to know, when II was
younger I did not Know I could get Microfilm,On every one of QUARRY S BOUT S, I'M
TALKING SPECIFICS,weights,what he was ranked,unaminousdecisions,ko's vs tko's-
arena's. AND I LIVED IN EVERY TOWN THAT WOULD HAVE HAD THEM. okay-here it is,
Quarry weighed about 230, he was doing they CBS Sports Spectacular, And he went
to ALASKA where MIKE QUARRY WAS FIGHTING COOKIE WALLACE, I heard Jerry's buddy
Fred Dryer was with him, ANYWAY after the bout. They went to a tavern where some
pipeliners attacked Jerry, QUARRY DECKED THREE ASSAILANTS, but a forth pulled a
38 calibur on him, where JOSE"king" ROMAN. knocked it out of the guys hand, Jerry
said the man would have definetly "shot him".On the date it would have been one
day later where ever MIke decisioned Wallace. TAKE CARE!!

|12/18/02 08:07:13 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||||10|Steve and gang: I had the clipping to the
oforementioned incident, when I was 16, March 24th 1977, I threw it away about 20
years ago,seems like it was LA'S own HERALD EXAMINER,or LA TIMES.It would still
be on Microfilm out there!

|12/18/02 09:13:01 PM|Steve|n.j.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|Kent and Jimmy
Dorsey,thank's for your prompt responce.It's great to have guys to talk to at
some of these odd hours.Remember,you guys,don't let's take everything too
seriously.Kent,I appreciate that info on the back injury of Jerry's.Apparently I
was misinformed. Jimmy Dorsey,thank you for info on the Alaska event.
YOUR welcome Steve, you have alot of boxing knowledge yourself, I think Kent and I do not take it too seriously, besides, we have our own fearless leaders club, where as JIMMY Q was our leader Moe, and you can join anytime HA HA! This particular site is great, and usually everyone conducts there self as ladies and gentleman. Its ironic how famous Jerry really was and is, and how so many people can remember him, take care!

Yes, our little club started out by us, Mr. Jimmy Q and me trying to remember where Jerry's fight with Eduardo Corletti took place. Mr. Jimmy thought at first it was at the L.A. sports arena or the L.A. convention center, while I thought it was at the Olympic auditorium. Jimmy D jumped in and said it was at the L.A. Forum. I think he turned out to right in the end but when he first said it, I told him, "OH A WISE GUY!" KNUCK! KNUCK! KNUCK! We all went back and forth a couple of times like a bunch of LUNKHEADS, just like the real Moe and his two friends used to. I realize only those in the Los Angeles, Ca area or those that have live there would know where any of these places are.


Jerry's fight with Mike Nixon in a kitchen in Bakersfield. He said "Now that was a street fight"! He said he witnessed a fight between Bobby Quarry and Mike Nixon in a kitchen in Bakersfield. He said "Now that was a street fight"!

Okay, Jimmy Dorsey and Kent, I may have gotten a sliver of info. you guys don't have. I'll get to that in another hundred words. This way I can hold your attention. When I say,"don't take things too seriously, I mean don't take ME too seriously when I kid you guys. Jimmy, you're absolutely correct about Jerry's amazing popularity after thirty some years. It goes way beyond "The Great White Hope", racial factor. This guy had so much charisma, it was as Evren said "He seemed to have an aura around him. Did you see him on the tape of the superstars competition where he was competing in the home run derby? With his shaggy blond hair, golden California tan, wearing a sleeveless, t-shirt showing off his shoulders and arms in the bright sunlight? Every time he smashed one of those pitches past the home run markers, the crowd went wild. You could tell He loved the crowd and the crowd loved him. Okay, back to the new info. I recieved it from someone whom I can only suppose does not choose to take part in these discussions. I therefore will respect his privacy. He said he witnessed a fight between Bobby Quarry and Mike Nixon in a kitchen in Bakersfield. He said "Now that was a street fight"!

Okay, Steve, I talk to Bobby Quarry on a fairly regular basis and I will try to remember to ask him the next time I talk to him, maybe this weekend, if he ever got in a fight with Mike Nixon. I had heard that Jerry had gotten in a fight with Nixon, but this is the first time I have heard anything about Bobby fighting with him. Wasn't Nixon married to Wilma Q at one time? This is true isn't it Sonia or other family members out there? I do know that Wilma Q is married to a nice man now, as I met him at Jimmy Q's memorial reception and Wilma and him were very gracious hosts. I think it is amazing also that not only is Jerry still popular with the fans, that the Quarry family is still on people's minds. There are not any families out there like them. they are unique. But in a way, I feel rather silly thinking about some of these details of things like who fought who in a street fight. I sometimes think that maybe we should get a life! NAH! What would we do if we didn't come to this board, my favorite boxing site on the
JUST WANTED TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR...WE LOVE AND MISS YOU VERY MUCH
DAD AND UNCLE JERRY AND OF COURSE OUR MOM TOO.

Yes, Kent, Mike Nixon, was married to Aunt Wilma, at
one time, but that was long ago, and she's married to a real nice guy and has
been for years. Have fun all.

Kent, Bobby Quarry and Mike Nixon did have a fight. Funny thing is, they were hanging
out together and had gone to a concert and it started out as horseplay, hitting
each other on the arms, and it got out of hand and it turned into a full fledged
fight. Bobby says that they ended up being friends again the next day. On the
subject of Nixon, I know nothing about him as a person and just because I say
that one of the Quarry sisters, who was married to Nixon at one time, is now
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Welcome Rick, I have read your piece on Jerry. You have good insight on the events in
Jerry's life and career. Your article is very good reading. As far as Mike
goes, I met him this past summer and he seemed to be holding up pretty well. He
is in excellent physical condition and is doing his best to do the work to be
mentally strong as well. He has good insight on his and Jerry's careers and
boxing in general.

Evren
London

Just watched Ali-Frazier 1 - A
beautiful version shot in colour with the original Sound that I obtained on 16mm
no commentary. Just the most amazing thing you ever saw! In my top 5 favourite
fights. Perhaps no man in history would have stood up to Frazier that night - I
was thinking; poor Jerry matched with these two. Watching the fighters of today
he would have had a better chance. Though smaller he had a far higher workrate
and level of fitness to win against these ponderous slow heavies.No matter what
happens Joe Frazier can always say he won the biggest fight that ever was.

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thank you BOB BUMBERA, for the
WORLD/INTERNATIONAL RATINGS. And I have another comment on Jerry's fracas in
Alaska. I've been recently informed that one of the WORLD OR INTERNATIONAL BOXING
magazines, also had the incident in it, in editorial, will see if I can locate
the mag, And I heard also from an very reliable source, where NIXON fought Jerry
in a bar, where both parties ended up in the hospital, And Jerry who was not
expecting they attack, took care of matters very quickly, Nixon is driving a
truck in VENTURA CA.

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I was a stablemate of Jerry's in the late 60's,
when he was still with Johnny Flores. I wrote a story on Jerry in the December
1999 issue of the Cyber Boxing Zone. I knew Mike real well, we fought amateur
at the same time, we both traveled to Kansas City on the same team for the 1969
National Golden Gloves tournament. Rest in peace Jerry and thanks.

Evren
London

Just watched Ali-Frazier 1 - A
beautiful version shot in colour with the original Sound that I obtained on 16mm
no commentary. Just the most amazing thing you ever saw! In my top 5 favourite
fights. Perhaps no man in history would have stood up to Frazier that night - I
was thinking; poor Jerry matched with these two. Watching the fighters of today
he would have had a better chance. Though smaller he had a far higher workrate
and level of fitness to win against these ponderous slow heavies.No matter what
happens Joe Frazier can always say he won the biggest fight that ever was.
Frazier is a great, great fight, and it was Ali himself who made Joe the monster he was in that fight with his insults for Joe, who I respect a great deal. Their third fight, though, to me, approaches the unbelievable. I've never seen anything better in boxing. They were each so great, so opposite, so equal, only Ali's height/reach made him barely better. I've read Mr. Farris' piece also, as I'm sure a lot of Jerry fans have, good writing which I really enjoyed. Happy Holidays.

In my opinion the Ali that beat Williams was the greatest heavy ever followed by the Frazier that beat Ali...followed by the Louis of the late thirties/early forties then the Tyson of the late 80's. Ali superb! A fight I would have love to have seen was Quarry vs Holyfield - that would have been a great one.

Evren: Foreman beat Frazier easily twice, but you still rate Joe higher? In my mind if A beats B, than A is the better fighter. | 12/30/02 01:36:30 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|Was no where near the same man - Frazier was never Smokin' Joe after March 1971! |

Yes, I agree that Frazier left part of his ability in the ring after Frazier/Ali one, but he still had plenty to offer after this. The Frazier who beat Jerry overwhelmingly in 1975 in Frazier/Quarry two and the Frazier of Frazier/Ali three would have been hard to beat in any era by any fighter. Frazier was always a slow starter and he got caught and hurt early in Frazier/Foreman one. He never recovered to be a factor in the fight and Frazier was a shot fighter by the time of his second fight with Foreman but I have to agree that Foreman should be rated higher as he did beat Frazier where it counts, in the ring. |

With the risk of again drawing Evren's ire, I have to disagree regarding Foreman/Frazier. Yes, George did pound him in the ring. But that is as much the product of two immovable objects, one larger than the other, as anything. They may as well have been sumo wrestlers. Ken Norton, to me, did a great job vs. an older, slower, fatter Ali. But no one I know gives Norton credit for being better. Joe was fundamentally a much better fighter than George, whose size and strength was ahead of his time. This is also why I think Jerry matches better with Foreman than Norton, who did not take a punch as well, or Joe, who fought more poorly going backward. Yet, it's not accurate to say Jerry is better than Joe/Ken just because of that matchup. In Frazier and Michael Moorer, Foreman found two champs who matched up poorly with him. I think Carl the Truth would have given George fits if it had been him instead of Moorer, or Mr. Lewis as well, the current champ. George had truly rare power, but to me he and Joe run pretty equally. Joe overcame a lot to be the courageous and successful champ he was. Don't let their fights fool you. And I don't think Foreman could ever have beaten Ali.

Good points Gerry - let's leave it as Frazier may have done better if he was his 1971 model. Carl Williams would have done well vs George until the wind from one of George's hooks blew him out the ring and shattered the crowd with China!

Hey all wanted to say "HAPPY NEW YEAR" to all. We hope you all keep coming back its great to see it still going. Dad & Uncle Jerry, would love it.

In my book, Joe Frazier was a very, very good, near great champ. You would have to look long and hard to find a champ with Joe's guts and left hook. That being said, I don't think Holmes would have given him trouble and in my book that one is too close to call. But
I rate Joe as one of the best body punchers ever in the heavies.

Quarry-Holyfield, that would be a good fight. Holyfield reminds me Norton in some ways, I think a prime Quarry would have done some damage early against Holyfield, who could be hit. But I think Evander would prevail, nine round TKO. Holyfield’s package of size, intensity, and speed would be too much, despite another amazing Quarry effort. Again, as Mr. Dunphy once said, Jerry only lost to the best. I put Holyfield on very short list, not too many guys behind Frazier or Foreman, overall.

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| 1/14/03 06:34:05 PM | Evren | London || @ || || 10 | Also seen for sale is Jerry Quarry on the Phil Donohue show - never seen that before. |
| 1/14/03 07:59:56 PM | Gerry Schultz | Ohio || jgschultz@firstam.com || || 9 | Glad to here things are looking up for Mike Q., surgery-wise. I remember seeing Mike in the 70's as well, pre-Bob Foster. The Quarry boys made quite a splash in those days, good fun. Here's to hoping things continue to go the right way for you, Mike. |
| 1/14/03 08:13:21 PM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA || Sonia81@aol.com || || 10 | Good Luck Uncle Mike! We are all praying for you, and we're all here for you no matter what. There's no quittin now. We love you. We miss you Dad & Uncle Jerry, Mom too, and love you all. Thanks to everyone else for keeping up with this site |
| 1/14/03 10:17:35 PM | Kent | La Habra, CA || oriononside@aol.com || || 10 | Has Mike already had some surgery? I thought he was going into treatment in the next month or so but wasn't having surgery yet. Anyway, like I already said, Mike has a positive attitude and that goes along way in helping with his recovery. |
| 1/15/03 07:54:34 PM | Charles Anderson | Pine Bluff, AR || ctjjandfam@aol.com || || 10 | i wish mike the quickest recovery. best wishes to the rest of the Quarry's. what is the latest on a book or movie. James is missed very much. |
| 1/16/03 04:00:17 PM | Jimmy Dorsey | Ventura, CA || RONNYRAINS@yahoo.com || || 10 | Steve: Yes JERRY KO'D Crear for both his 12th and 13th win. I CANNOT believe Jerry was decked, so now i'm counting 7 for his whole career, remember Brassell doesn't count. (after the bell) and neither should Patterson I (a slip) but its 7 total: just researched JERRY'S other SAN ANTONIO bout. a decision over willis earls, 100-93, 99-91, 94-91 were the scores no knockdowns, (earls knocked SONNY LISTON down, his bout before).ALTHOUGH earls weighed in at 185 to Quarry's 203 1/2, he went the distance (no knockdowns). JERRY was listed as #3 contender (probably WBA). Now how many times did JQ GIVE AWAY 20 pounds?? Hang in there MIKE QUARRY LIKE YOU ALWAYS DID, WE ARE ALL PRAYING FOR YOU. |
| 1/16/03 06:19:40 PM | Steve | NJ || dmmarm@comcast.net || || 10 | I know words like honor and shame don't seem to mean much in the world of boxing. I still can't get over feeling sick every time I see the absolutely inexcusable lapses in prof. conduct by the referees in the two Quarry vs Frazier fights, and the Quarry vs Norton fights. The amount of damage he suffered in the last rounds of those three fights was horrible. To have a drug addled Joe Lewis as a referee in any fight, defies logic. |
| 1/16/03 08:07:00 PM | Forest Ward | South Carolina || waynemaggee@cs.com || || 5 | Steve, thanks for your insightful comments. The only way you can prevent these things from happening is by abolishing boxing. We must also remember how many brains did Jerry Quarry damage with his powerful fists, quite a few I am sure. Where is the sorrow for Quarry's victims? I have yet to see that written on this site. How many people did Jerry Quarry permanently injure and maim, Thad Spencer, Floyd Patterson, Mac Foster, Brian London... Was it really necessary to remind people of Joe Louis's drug problem. Jerry and Mike Quarry both had cocaine and alcohol addictions. That certainly contributed to their impairments. Folks lets not forget Jerry Quarry has the blood of a lot of boxing victims on his fists |
| 1/16/03 09:00:18 PM | Kent Appel | La Habra, CA || oriononside@aol.com || || 10 | Forest, obviously you are new to this site as one of the main purposes of it is to bring
awareness to the terrible tragedy of fighters being injured from their days in
the ring. With the help of Geoge Otto and James Quarry, the Quarry Foundation
helped pass legislation here in the United States to make boxing safer and for
betterment of the sport including, the Reciprocity act and the Muhammad Ali
reform act. Sure there is more work to be done and short of banning boxing,
which we don't support, there are still going to be fighters injured in the
ring. What we can do is make the sport as safe as possible. So Forest, instead
of being critical, what are some measures we can take to help us achieve our
goal? Sure there are fighters that were injured by the powerful fists of Jerry
Quarry but the point you miss is that not one person who has ever visited this
site, let alone the many fine fans of the Quarrrys as well as members of the
Quarry family who visit here, supports any fighter being injured. Yes, there
are inhearrant dangers in the sport but I will say again, we can work to limit
those dangers as much as possible.

| 1/17/03 11:31:10 AM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA
CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | 10 |
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KENT: JERRY WAS OUTWEIGHED IN HIS BOUTS 20-40-1. I'M LACKING 5 BUT OF THOSE QUARRY WAS AT LEAST OUTWEIGHED 3 OF 5 I KNOW. ANYWAY BOY WAS HIS CAREER INTERESTING, EVEN THE BOUTS YOU NEVER HEARD OF HAD A LOTTA INTEREST IN THEM. FOREST WARD, ARE YOU THE HEAVYWEIGHT, THAT FOUGHT FOREMAN ON TIMES SQUARE??, JUST A LITTLE CURIOUS |

| 1/17/03 05:57:21 PM | Steve | nj | dmmr@comcast.net | 10 |
First, I was amazed and saddened to hear about Mike's health problems, it seems like no good luck has visited this strong, deserving clan lately. From thier posts, they seem to be a family of strong faith. This will bring them through anything! Kent, I think my comments where misunderstood by Forest Ward. I love the sport of Boxing! While I agree with you, Kent, that being critical of the sport without suggesting any solutions helps no one. I stand by my criticism of the referees in the Frazier and Norton vs Quarry fights. I felt it certainly was necessary to remind people of Joe's drug addiction. He was put in a position of grave responsibility, where literally, the fighter's lives were at stake! In this instance, that life was Jerry Quarry's! Joe was clearly befuddled, confused, and not really sure what to do! He continued to wave Quarry in after he'd absorbed many powerful, unanswered blows. I think the first and most obvious steps that can be taken would be to demand from our Congressional leaders and Senators that a Federally controlled boxing commission be set up. Now by that I mean a legitimate organization, manned by people who have nothing to do with the sport personally. That is, they have no conflicting interest. Second, get serious about eliminating the criminal elements from the sport. I don't mean fighters with jail records. Pete Rose was banned from baseball for gambling. Don King is a convicted numbers runner who kicked a man to death, is widely acknowledged to regularly cheat fighters out of millions of dollars, and yet is paraded around the ring after every major fight, preening and strutting for the cameras. I mean the Panama Lewis types who stripped the padding out of his fighters' gloves in the John Collins' fight of years ago. I believe John Collins committed suicide soon after that fight, his career in ruins. Now, after being banned from boxing, I see that our old friend Panama is now in the corner of Mike Tyson. Hey, Enttienne, better have your corner check Mike's gloves! Boxing is a great and noble sport. It deserves the loyal following of the very patient, long suffering fans. It could very easily be made much safer. I think a federal commission to oversee boxing could do wonders. FFFFFFIRST OF ALL, A pension plan, health insurance. This to be funded by a percentage of the profits made by all venues involved in the fight! Casinos, promoters like Don King, managers and the fighters themselves. THE IRS is quick enough to be there to collect their income tax from the purse, aren't they? Let's hear some ideas and opinions from all you regular guys on this site. Would a letter writing campaign be useful? Which Senators and congressmen would be most receptive to our cause? Remember, we all vote. |

| 1/18/03 02:05:59 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAI |
STEVE: There is no reason for either party to apologize, i do not get in these wars for i believe bickering over the internet is trivial, i am sure Forest Ward believes the same, must be at least a boxing fan, if not a fighter. Both of you made good points as far as i'm concerned, Also JQ was too tough for his own good we said that all along, i followed the man's career of course, where i grew up it was easy. I saw the Ali-Wepner bout they other day, sure brought the memories back, RIGHT Joe Louis should have stopped the bout, But Jerry was hot and maybe Joe was gonna give him every chance of winning, WHO KNOWSII KNOW the man was bleeding bad, but he was so tough and refused to go down same as Norton bout, personally i was only 14, but very against the even signing of the bout, i wanted JQ to get his entitled title shot and leave "SMOKIN" JOE FRAZIER ALONE!!!

The thing is Jimmy D, Forest comes on here and says nothing positive at all so a response is warranted. But rather than enter into an argument with him, I have tried to ask him for some positive input. I do question his statement that both Jerry and Mike had addictions to alcohol and cocaine. Maybe there was some substance use on their parts, but addiction? I think this is unfounded. As far as Joe Louis having some problem with drugs, prescription or otherwise, I don't have knowledge of this and I can't comment on it. I do agree that Joe should have stopped Jerry's second fight with Frazier sooner though. Interesting comment Ken Norton had to say in his book about Jerry's condition. Basically Norton said he had some concern that he caused some of the damage Jerry suffered from but that it just as easily could have been himself who suffered from the damage and he knew what he was getting into and so did Jerry when they entered into a dangerous sport like boxing.

JOE LOUIS WAS A GREAT CHAMPION OF BOXING AND GREAT CHAMPION OF HIS COUNTRY WHO DESERVED BETTER THAN HE GOT, BUT HE WAS IN NO CONDITION TO REFEREE ANY BOUTS IN 1974 FOR ANYONE LET ALONE JERRY AND JOE. WHAT ABOUT THE BOOK?

FOLKS IF I MAY LET ME RESPOND TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED. #1 I WAS NOT CRITICAL OF STEVE, I THOUGHT HE WAS A VERY CONSCIENTIOUS FAN, MY FEELINGS ARE SIMPLY STATED AS A BOXING HISTORIAN AND A FAN FOR OVER 40 YEARS. TRYING TO MAKE BOXING SAFER, IS COMPARABLE TO MAKING THE CIGARETTE SMOKING SAFER, IT CANNOT BE DONE. A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO A FIGHTER WAS KILLED HERE IN NEW YORK, THAT IS ALMOST 35 YEARS AFTER JERRY QUARRY MADE HIS DEBUT THERE. I AM NOT CALLING FOR THE ABOLISHMENT OF BOXING OR CIGARETTE SMOKING, I AM SIMPLY SAYING THAT THE RESULTS WILL NOT CHANGE, AND THE JERRY AND MIKE QUARRY'S WILL MULTIPLY AND OLD FANS WILL TALK ABOUT THE QUARRY'S GLORY DAYS, AND THESE GUYS WILL BE DAMAGED FOR LIFE, AND DEPEND ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND CAREGIVERS TO CARE FOR THEM AT THE AGE OF 45. THAT DOES NOT SOUND LIKE THE AMERICAN DREAM TO ME, IT SOUND LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF DICKENS. THE OLDER I GET
THE MORE I REALIZE HOW SHORT LIFE IS. DOES ANYONE REALLY BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS CAPABLE OF REFORMING BOXING, THE GOVERNMENT CAN'T EVEN ALLOW PRAYERS TO BE SAID IN SCHOOL.<br>#2 JIM, I AM NOT THE FOREST WARD WHO YOU ARE REFERRING TO, IT IS A PEN NAME(ALTHOUGH MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS REAL), I WAS CURIOUS TO SEE IF ANYONE WOULD REMEMBER HIM. JIM, YOU KNOW YOUR BOXING. I WAS AT TIMES SQUARE THE DAY HE BOXED GEORGE FOREMAN. FOREMAN NAILED HIM IN THE 1ST ROUND WITH A LEFT HOOK, AND IN THE SECOND ROUND HE NAILED FOREMAN WITH A RIGHT HAND. QUARRY AND FRAZIER ALSO SPARRED THAT DAY, THAT WAS IN JUNE OF 1969. LETS SEE HOW THE FIGHTERS FROM THAT DAY ARE DOING, JERRY QUARRY IS DEAD, FOREST WARD THE LAST I HEARD IS STILL ALIVE AND HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF JAIL, AND HAS BEEN DECLARED MENTALLY INCOMPETENT, JOE FRAZIER IS SLOWING DOWN, BUT HE MAY BE ALRIGHT I REALLY CAN'T SAY,DESPITE THE FACT HE Fought MOST OF HIS CAREER WITH ONLY ONE GOOD EYE (SO MUCH FOR BOXING PHYSICALS). AND GEORGE FOREMAN IS A NATURAL TREASURE. DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY 75% OF THE FIGHTERS I JUST NAMED ARE PERMANENTLY DAMAGED OR PREMATURELY DEAD AS A RESULT OF BOXING. PLEASE MAKE NO MISTAKE I LOVE THESE GUYS ESPECIALLY FOREST WARD, I FOLLOWED HIS CAREER FROM THE AMATEURS HERE IN NYC, I REMEMBER HIM BOXING IN THE THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE, AND WINNING THE GOLDEN GLOVES, AND BEATING KENNY NORTON IN THE NATIONAL AAU FINALS IN SAN DIEGO IN 1967, AND WINNING THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES IN CANADA IN 1967. WELL, HERE I AM SEMI-RETIRED AND ENJOYING GOOD HEALTH, AND REMEMBERING WELL THEIR GLORY DAYS. WHAT WAS JERRY QUARRY DOING THE LAST YEARS OF HIS LIFE, WANDERING AWAY FROM HIS CARE GIVERS AND ASKING PEOPLE IF THEY HEARD OF ALI OR FRAZIER, AND THEN TELLING THEM THAT HE FOUGHT BOTH OF THEM, AND THEN NOT REMEMBERING HIS WAY BACK TO HIS HOUSE. I NO LONGER WANT TO LIVE WITH MY MEMORIES OF THESE GUYS IN THEIR GLORY DAYS,IF IT MEANS THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY SUCH A TERRIBLE PRICE. ONE MORE PIECE OF INFORMATION. I SAW EMILE GRIFFITH FIGHT A LOT IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN IN THE LATE 60'S AND EARLY 70'S. I USED TO SEE HIM AROUND NEW YORK A LOT, NEVER MET NICER GUY IN MY LIFE THAN EMILE. THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM WAS ABOUT 3 YEARS AGO AT THE RING 8 VETERANS BOXING CLUB HERE IN NEW YORK, HE SEEMED FINE. WELL A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN 3 YEARS. RECENTLY HE WAS AT A BOXING BENEFIT IN WASHINGTON D.C. AND A FAMOUS CUT MAN FROM NEW YORK WHO HAS KNOWN EMILE SINCE HE WAS IN THE GOLDEN GLOVES IN 1958, TELLS ME THAT EMILE DID NOT REMEMBER HIM, AND THAT EMILE NEEDS A CARE GIVER TO BE WITH HIM ALL DURING HIS WAKING HOURS, AND DURING THE TIME THE THE CUTMAN SPOKE WITH EMILE, EMILE CONSTANTLY ASKED HIM WHERE HE WAS. IT GET'S WORSE, LATER THAT NIGHT EMILE WANDERED FROM HIS HOTEL, AND COULD NOT FIND HIS WAY BACK. THE POLICE HAD TO LOOK FOR HIM AT NIGHT WITH HELICOPTERS, EMILE IS ALL OF 64 YEARS OLD. QUIZ TIME, WHAT DO EMILE GRIFFITH, FOREST WARD, AND JERRY QUARRY HAVE IN COMMON? THEY WERE ALL TRAINED AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER BY GIL CLANCY. GIL IS OVER 80 YEARS OLD AND IN GOOD HEALTH AND WELL OFF, AND A NICE GUY, AND NONE OF HIS SONS OR DAUGHTERS EVER BOXED, ALTHOUGH ONE DAUGHTER WAS A BOXING COMMENTATOR. FLOYD PATTERSON IS IN THE LAST STAGES OF ALZHEIMERS, HE HAS GREAT TROUBLE SWALLOWING HIS FOOD, SOON HE MAY NEED A FEEDING TUBE. PERSONLLY I BELIVE IT WOULD EASIER TO MAKE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT SAFER THAN IT WOULD BE TO MAKE BOXING SAFER.<br>#3 FINALLY WE COME TO KENT. KENT, I AM NOT NEW TO THIS SITE I'VE MADE POSTING'S OVER THE YEARS, NEVER LOOKED TO PROVOKE AN ARGUMENT, AND ALWAYS LEFT A LEGITIMATE EMAIL ADDRESS. IF YOU WANT TO LIVE IN THE WORLD OF ONE SIDED THINKING, THAT IS YOUR CHOICE, BUT REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT THE ARBITRATER OF WHAT IS ALLOWED TO BE POSTED ON THIS BOARD, OR WHAT CONSTITUTES INSIGHTFUL THOUGHTS. YOU ARE NOT JUDGE AND JURY. ONCE AGAIN IF WE ARE TO TALK ABOUT THE PAIN AND SUFFERING THE QUARRY'S SUFFERED WE CANNOT FORGET OF THE PAIN AND SUFFERING THEY INFLECTED ON OTHERS, IT TAKES 2 TO BOX, AND ONE IS GOING TO BE THE WINNER AND ONE IS GOING TO BE THE LOSER. THAT IS AS IT IS IN LIFE AND IN BOXING. SINCE YOU BROUGHT IT UP AGAIN I WILL TALK ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUE, YES, JOE LOUIS HAD A SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM WITH COCAINE, HE STATED AS MUCH IN HIS BIOGRAPHY WITH BARNEY NAGLER. AND SO DID JERRY AND MIKE. JERRY DID TIME IN JAIL FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE(THAT'S PUBLIC RECORD), AND MIKE QUARRY MOVED TO
NEW YORK FOR A TIME ABOUT 20 YEARS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF KICKING COCAINE
PROBLEM, AS PUBLICALLY STATE BY MIKE IN A NATIONAL MAGAZINE. IT WOULD NOT BE
FAIR TO MIKE TO END THE STORY ON THAT NOTE, GOD BLESS HIM DID OVERCOME HIS
COCAINE PROBLEM ONE DAY AT A TIME, AND FOR THAT REASON HE IS A HERO OF MINE.
KENT, ONE MORE TIME I GIVE YOU MY FEELINGS ABOUT MAKING BOXING SAFER, IT CANNOT
BE DONE. END OF STORY|

|1/19/03 04:55:27 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com||||10|Forest, I in
no way ever want to censor anyone's options. I was just stating mine in return
and yours are very welcome by all of us here. I disagree that nothing can be
done to make boxing safer. One of the things the Quarry foundation has pushed for
is a test to show the presence of a gene that shows whether a person is more
likely to have the symptoms of pugilistica dementia if they enter into boxing or
other contact sports. The last I heard is that a company owns the patent to this
test and they have not made the test available at an affordable price so that it
can be widely used. If a test like this is available, then people who want to
enter into sports like boxing can make a more informed decision about if they
should compete or not. Ever notice that fighters like George Foreman and George
Chuvalo don't have signs of damage from the ring while others like Jerry did
have damage. The test would have shown that Jerry was more at risk than either
of these two fighters. Someone asked about any senators or congressmen who are
helpful in trying to make contact sports as safe as they can be and one in
particular stands out, Senator John McCain of Arizona. Sen. McCain was very
helpful in helping pass legislation supported by the Quarry Foundation so far.
As far as Mike's substance abuse problems in the past, I don't have knowledge
that his problem was severe. It doesn't mean it couldn't be possible, and
I guess we could ask him, but it wouldn't be a good time to bring this up as he
is battling an illness, not boxing related, that needs his attention at the
moment. All I know is I don't think he drinks or takes any kind of illicit
drugs now. That Jerry was arrested at one time for an alcohol related offense
doesn't mean he had a substance abuse problem. It means he made a mistake. He
too may have had a problem but why bring that up now? Oh by the way, was the
cutman you spoke about Mr. Chuck Bodak? I met Mr. Bodak last year at a fight
card and if Emile Griffith didn't remember him, then Griffith does have a major
problem as Mr. Bodak is quite a colorful individual. |

|1/19/03 10:11:37 AM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|'Joshua Tree,
CA||Sonia81@aol.com||||10|You know I am not saying they did or not saying they
didn't, but you know people are human and allowed to make mistakes and most of
us learn or have learned from them. That was the past this is now, and we need
to all realize that, cause right now its not what needs to keep being brought
up. Keep fighting Uncle Mike, and yes "There's No Quit In A Quarry" and in my
whole life thats the way we've all really lived. Cause all that we've been
through losing family members, and illnesses happening, NONE OF US ARE QUITTING.
To bad everyone isn't this way. Keep up with the site, its great to see what
people have to say about our family, good or bad, everyone is human. We love &
miss you very much Dad, Uncle Jerry, Uncle Mike, and the rest of the clan.|

|1/19/03 06:11:24 PM|EV|LONDON||@|||10|Very interesting goings on here. It is
extremely sad to hear the stories of past greats in such a bad way. It breaks my
heart. Boxers essentially damage one another so all are to blame(as we are). You
can make measures to protect a boxer to a limited extent.i.e less rounds, weight
checking etc but in the end that does not stop the object of a man's fist
striking an opponents skull and causing damage, both temporary and permanent.A
very sad story I heard was from the latter years of Sugar Ray Robinson's life.
Whilst attending the Hagler-Hearns bout in Las Vegas he asked one of his
journalist companions if he had ever fought either Marvin or Tommy.Yes the
Quarry's are as guilty as anyone when it comes to damaging another fighter in
the ring but obviously being on this site we devote our feelings to them as this
is their 'fanclub' in effect. Mr Ward makes some very good points that are very
valid and seems very much bitter towards the game since seeing his heroes ravaged by brain damage.<br>

I have read about Joe Louis' drug habit from several sources, one being from the Liston biography by Nick Tosches. That journalistic piece went as far as to say that Louis introduced Sonny to drugs which led to his eventual demise. Whether this is true is subject to debate. Boxers are victims of boxing with very few making out with all faculties in tact. The only way to fully protect them would be to ban the game. This of course will not happen. All boxers know the risks so, I guess the cause of their injuries lie with themselves. They are victims of their own 'habit'.

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Evren, the only way we can eliminate boxers from getting permanently injured in the ring would be if boxing matches never happen again. But this is not going to happen. If boxing were banned, then it would go underground and these illegal matches would put the contestants at even greater risk as there would be no regulation of the sport. American football, rugby, and similar sports also cause a lot of permanent head trauma. Does that mean these sports should be banned also? This is one of the times where James Quarry is sorely missed as he had some good insight on the very subjects we are discussing now. The choice we have is to sit and do nothing to improve boxing or we can do the best we can to try and limit injuries as much as possible. Since boxing is not going away, then I choose the second course of action over inaction. Forest may not believe this, but I am glad he posted here as he made things a little more lively here again.

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There has been some positive measures to improve safety in boxing in recent years. This may help but you can't guage long term affects by rules that are being administered now. Boxers still take punches to the head day in and day out. The intention of a boxer is to strike the opponent about the body or head to inflict damage. This is where it seperates itself from other sports. I love boxing and am the biggest fan but I guess hide myself from the real dangers. I don't have to take the punches or bleed like they do. That the boxers are doing this sport voluntarily makes me bear it. It is barbaric but it is the boxers choice to duel. There are both sides to this argument but as long as there are boxers and money the game will go on. We can only try to improve on making retirment and health funds for ex boxers.

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Hi, Evren, why don't you consider using your organizational and motivational skills in starting a new tournament for alltime greatest Light heavyweight and or middleweight fighters, including crossovers! You did a great job on the heavyweight tournament! There are surely enough candidates over the years to come up with a lot of dream fights! Charles Anderson, you keep asking about a book on "The Quarry's", and I believe me, I share your interest. I now am aware of at least two, and possibly three people, who are interested in developing a story. Kent, I disagree with your assessment of Norton's statements and attitude towards Jerry Quarry in his book, "Going The Distance". Basically, Norton said he was concerned that he had caused some of the damage Jerry suffered! Based on some of his later comments in his book, this sounds distinctly like gloating. He qualifies his brief sense of guilt by saying that it could just as easily have been himself who suffered from the damage. Once again, however, He fails to mention that Quarry was only carefully selected as an opponent after the fearful, career ending beating he took at the hands of Joe Frazier only a few months earlier. Quarry at that time was a shot fighter, he was ripe for a beating, and Norton's people knew it. In his book, Norton states "I freely admit that I did not like Quarry." "Quarry was the only man whom I fought in anger." "I went in to punish him." "I wanted Quarry to be carried out on a stretcher." "My point is, Quarry, who by all accounts I have heard, was a pretty nice guy, seems to have been hand picked, an acknowledged shot fighter, to be a whipping boy for Norton. I guess Norton's hard feelings for Quarry did dissipate after he nearly killed him in the ring. Norton still comes of to me as a guy who, in that fight with Forman, was looking for a
place to lay down.|  
| 1/20/03 06:05:57 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|I would like to do a competition but am really pushed for time at the moment. Will consider it later in the year. Just watched Quarry-Spencer... again. I guess no one has the Quarry-Orbillo complete. Shame. I have to hunt for that now! |
| 1/21/03 12:30:36 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|I don't think Norton laydown for Foreman. He always froze against big punchers like Foreman, Shavers, and Cooney. |

| 1/21/03 02:30:54 PM|Joe Krause|Chicago||sadmspats@yahoo.com|||10|I have Quarry-Orbillo, but one of my VCR's crapped out on me and I can't duplicate anything right now. I did pay close to $50 dollars for that fight, Quarry-London, Chuvalo-Ellis and Machen-Johansson from Kurt Noltimier. He's on the web and has that one and Quarry-ALongi I in bad condition he says. Pat Merrick also has Quarry-Orbillo I believe. He is cheaper as well. |
| 1/21/03 02:56:30 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|Is the Orbillo fight the live broadcast - what is the quality like? I'm very interested in getting this fight in perfect quality if possible. |

| 1/21/03 03:08:38 PM|Sabrina Quarry-Porter|Florida||SabrinaLPorter@aol.com|||10|The new home page looks great... and it really means alot.....Thank You!!!!! |
| 1/21/03 03:37:22 PM|j.krause|chitown||sadmspats|||10|It is no where as good as the clip you have which I have as well. It is the live broadcast, I would rate it fair-good quality |
| 1/21/03 04:02:03 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|I may still be interested... when your video is okay - maybe I can purchase from you. Evren<br>It looks a fabulous fight. |
| 1/21/03 06:57:46 PM|charles anderson|pine bluff arkansas||ctjjandfam@aol.com|||10|thanks, steve. i thought i was the only one interested in a book. i know the quarry's have had a lot more on their minds lately than a book and my hearts go out to them. i still think it would be a great read. |
| 1/22/03 05:23:40 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|I think rather than maybe starting a big tournament at the moment we could create some Jerry Quarry fantasy fights. I'd select say ten separate opponents from a random draw one by one and 'poster's' could give their view of the outcome. |

| 1/22/03 05:59:29 PM|Carl Weingarten|TJQF||TJQF|||10|Sonia, Sabrina and family,<br><br>I am very happy that you like the new home page. Before James passed, he had asked me to use that photo of him and Jerry. Brandi had also asked about that photo, which I thought would be great for the cover, and a perfect tribute to both Jerry and James. There are additional design changes on other pages, which I hope makes the web site more professional and attractive. New video clips will be added as I have time. James had sent me all kinds of footage that I never see anywhere else - mostly rare interviews and sparring sessions. <br><br>Anyway, it's my pleasure to work on the site and help the foundation. It's been and honor as well, to have known James, and having followed Jerry and Mike since the early 1970s, when I was growing up in St. Louis. I spent many late and anxious school nights with my ear glued to the radio, waiting for fight results. <br>|
| 1/23/03 12:50:02 AM|Daryl Breese|Bakersfield||CALBREESE@aol.com|||10|The book is progressing nicely, Paul Drolet is co-authoring. Very talented. As more and more material pour in, it has to be sorted, edited and verified. I have to tell you straight up this book needs to (will) be as comprehensive and interesting as possible. A complete story. That being said, everyone and anyone with firsthand knowledge of Quarry Family Stories, please call me for a SASE that I
will mail to you so you may include those thoughts in the book. Keep it positive and upbeat! I will interview you if you would like. I do need a couple of volunteers to submit (handwritten) the complete Quarry Family Tree with birth years, connecting as many dots as you can...we love the duplicity of multiple sources. Also, Carl, TJQF please call me at your convenience. cellular 661.703.4444 Contributors, if I don't answer, please leave a message on my voice mail with your address for your SASE. Thanks Paul, Kent, Steve and Jimmy! No Quit until it is on the bookshelves! Daryl|
|1/23/03 08:18:53 PM|charles anderson|pine bluff ark.||ctjjandfam@aol.com|||10|thanks for the update on the book, d. after the books a hit they can make a movie. matt damon would be cast as jerry and brad pitt as mike. what do you think?|
|1/24/03 07:27:58 AM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia81@aol.com|||10|Whoever is doing this book, hopefully it was cleared before my Father died, and not just ramblings on about thing when some don't have a clue. It needs to be done through the proper channels, and all done legally.|
|1/25/03 03:53:42 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PIMls4@aol.com.au|||10|In regard to the poster calling for the abolition of boxing, I must say that such a call is analgous to saying that life should be banned simply because people eventually become ill and die. People are seriously injured or killed from a broad raft of sports - football, water skiing, sky diving, horse riding, motor racing, etc - and injuries and deaths also result from lifestyle choices (alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, eating MacDonalds, etc). Boxers enter the sport aspiring to better themselves and for every death there are literally thousands of successes that otherwise save people from living in the gutters from poverty or stopping then from ending up in the morgues from drug overdoses. The Quarrys - because of all the family trials and tribulations - are far better placed than the rest of us to make a call on the viability of boxing, and even Jerry Quarry, despite what happened to him, would probably have not changed even one second of his courageous career. If people really want to ban dangerous sports and lifestyle choices, then medicines and anti-biotics must also be legislated against. After all, for every thousand people these medicines save, there is one in ten thousand that are killed from allergies to those drugs. |
|1/25/03 09:19:02 AM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia81@aol.com|||10|You are right Paul! Couldn't have said it better. Thanks!|
|1/25/03 07:13:25 PM|Forest Ward|South Carolina||joekevin@cs.com|||8|Hello folks this is in response to Paul from Sydney. I did not call for the abolition of boxing, I merely said that trying to make boxing safer is comparable to making cigarettes safer. I further stated that it would be easier to make capital punishment safer than to try making boxing safer. Paul you said there are literally thousands of success stories in boxing for every death. Okay, name just 50 success stories. That's all just 50 names from your list of thousands. Your suggestion that the Quarry family because of the brain injuries suffered by Jerry and Mike makes them the most qualified persons to decide the merits of boxing, defies all logic. <br>My intention is not to upset the Quarry family, or Quarry fans (which I consider myself one). But folks, I am not going to stick my head in the sand and pretend things aren't that bad with boxing, it's a terrible corrupt sport beyond redemption. And I will say it again, it would be easier to make the death penalty safer, than it would be to make boxing safer.|
|1/27/03 03:14:00 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PIMls4@aol.com.au|||10|Forest, sorry for misquoting you calling for the abolition of boxing, but you were so negative about the sport that the bit about you being a fan and a historian somehow snuck past me. With all due respect, I am not going to waste space on this site listing all boxing's success stories as I am sure that most of the posters already know who they are. All you need to do is run your finger down
the index of any good boxing book and the successes are there alphabetically listed. Even over here in Australia where boxing is a tiny sport, we have had many successes such as Jeff Fenech who readily admits that the alternative to boxing was gaol. He won three world titles, is now fabulously wealthy, and is training kids trying to give them the same chance in life boxing gave him. Other successes here include Barry Michael, Lester Ellis, Rocky Mattioli, Hector Thompson, Tony Mundine (senior), Johnny Famechon, Jeff Harding, George Barnes, Jimmy Carruthers, Fred Henneberry, Ambrose Palmer, Les Darcy et al. The simple fact is that most if not all boxers come from the poorer side of life and in lieu of NASA offering them fabulous careers as rocket scientists or astronauts, boxing lends them their only viable opportunities in life. You talk about deaths in boxing. There are deaths in all sports. Over the last decade in Australia more jockeys have been killed than boxers. Everything has its inherent risks.....even walking out the front door or playing golf in a storm. People who never boxed get dementia-related conditions, and non-smokers get lung cancer. Those who enter boxing know the risks and the choice is theirs, not the 'kill joys' who generally don't like things that they are not good at (and I am not suggesting that in your case). As far as the Quarry family is concerned, I stand by my belief that they are far better placed than the rest of us to judge. They rode the thrills and spills of Jerry's career and they were also the ones who had to confront on a daily basis the sad aftermath to his courageous career. I don't know about you, Forest, but they are certainly more qualified to judge than me, as well as all those fat senators who like to call inquiries about anything and everything. I don't know how corruption entered the debate, but anything that generates money also breeds dishonesty in any walk of life. Anyway, Forest, if I'm wrong then it wouldn't be the first time and I wish you all the best.

I hope members of this site will share sympathy with the plight of Riddick Bowe who was jailed last week. Although deservedly in prison for the crime he committed, I can't help feel sorry for the man who had everything and let it all slip through his fingers.<br>In many ways Bowe was the best fighter since Holmes. At his peak he had remarkable skill, speed and footwork for such a big man. Combined with a lot of power and a very good and brave chin, he was a wonderful fighter. He beat Hoyfield twice, being the only man to knock out him out in his career, and in their first fight, the best since Holmes-Norton and the years following, outboxed a very courageous Holyfield to a comprehensive decision. Although his reign was short, he continued to beat handily a number of decent fighters, but will always be remembered for the fights against Holyfield.<br>His decision not to fight Lewis was disastrous for both men as it undermined each other's claim to be fighter of the 90s. Although deemed to be cowardice on his parts, the punishment he took from Golota, particularly in the second fight in which he staged great comeback rallies and some of the most devastating shots I have ever seen, show that he had a heart as good as anyone. It was just in his mind, and advice from others and the behaviour of his entourage that made him look like a thug. In reality, even during his horrendous period of growing up, he was acknowledged to be a decent and funny man. I sincerely hope that he pulls through this nightmare, one of many that boxers go through, and comes out ok.

Of course Mark, we have concern for what Riddick Bowe is going through. I was not aware of the latest trouble he is in. He was a great champion, one of the best of all time, and I wish him the best for his life.

I restored the Letters Archives dating back to the early days of the web site in 1998, up through 2001. See the links above. As some of you know, many letters and messages were lost due to ISP serves failures. I saved as many as I could and archived them according to each individual year. There's some great history here, from fans,
There's also George Foreman's gracious visit in 2000. The information contained in these letters is public record, but The Jerry Quarry Foundation owns the letters themselves and their content.

**FOREST WARD|SOUTH CAROLINA||JOEKEVIN@CS.COM|||6|DEAR KENT AND MARK, WHAT DO MICHAEL DOKES, RIDDICK BOWE, MIKE TYSON, TONY AYALA, JAKE LAMOTTA, ALL HAVE IN COMMON? ANSWER: THEY BEAT WOMAN! AND YOU GUYS FEEL SYMPATHY FOR RIDDICK BOWE. WHAT ABOUT THE VICTIMS? IS THERE ANY SYMPATHY FOR BOWES WIFE, THE MOTHER OF HIS CHILDREN? PLEASE REMEMBER FOLKS, I DIDN'T START THIS ONE. MARK FEELS SORRY FOR RIDDICK BOWE, AND KENT AGREES. I FEEL LIKE VOMITTING.**

**Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Forest, I wasn't aware that Bowe beat his wife. As you know, if that is what he is in trouble for now, I said I didn't know the circumstances of what he did. Yes, beating one's spouse is a terrible thing but to stereotype boxers as being more likely to do this is just stretching the truth. Are there some boxers who do this, of course there are however, it is a problem that rears its ugly head in all professions, social economic status, and race. All in all, I would bet my bottom dollar that the overwhelming majority of boxers do not beat their spouses. CARL, YOU BROUGHT THAT STUFF BACK?! OH MY GOD! I AM GOING TO GET A BELLY LAUGH OUT OF A LOT OF THAT STUFF.**

**Evren|London||@|||10|Forrest. You seem anti everything boxing. Why do you have an interest in this site? You seem to like shooting everyone down in flames.**

**FOREST WARD|SOUTH CAROLINA||JOEKEVIN@CS.COM|||7|EVREN, I HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS SITE BECAUSE I AM A JERRY AND MIKE QUARRY ADMIRER, AND BECAUSE I AM A BOXING HISTORIAN. THOSE RECENT REMARKS BY MARK AND KENT ABOUT FEELING SORRY FOR RIDDICK BOWE BECAUSE HE IS GOING TO PRISON;IGNORE THE FACT THAT HE IS GOING TO PRISON FOR COMMITTING A VIOLENT CRIME AND BEING FOUND GUILTY. AND THIS IS NOT THE 1ST TIME HE HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF A VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST A WOMAN. BUT BECAUSE OF HIS CELEBRITY STATUS HE IS GIVEN A FREE PASS TO GO OUT AND COMMIT MORE VIOLENT CRIMES, AND PEOPLE ON THIS BOARD FEEL SORRY FOR HIM, AND NOT A WORD IS MENTIONED ABOUT HIS VICTIMS. EVREN, I WILL ASK YOU, WHAT DOES FEELING SORRY FOR RIDDICK BOWE A FEMALE PREDATOR HAVE TO DO WITH THIS SITE? I THOUGHT IT WAS DEDICATED TO IMPROVING BOXING; AND REMEMBERING THE FIGHTING QUARRY'S. WELL, AS LONG AS OTHER PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BRING UP OTHER TOPICS, WELL THEN I WILL RESPOND TO THEM ACCORDINGLY. ONE MORE ITEM, I AM NOT ANTI-EVERYTHING IN BOXING. RECENTLY I SUBMITTED THAT MIKE QUARRY IS A HEROE OF MINE. AND THAT IS NOT BECAUSE OF ANYTHING HE DID IN THE RING. IT IS BECAUSE HE OVERCAME A SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM ONE DAY AT A TIME. AND HE HELPS OTHERS.**

**JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|FINALLY: Got to see some great footage of ESPN "Classic". Too bad no one could find a Quarry-Mathis tape. I'd seen the Foreman-Roman bout "live". and QUARRY-WOODY was they undercard from Las Vegas. I'd have to say Foreman was the hardest puncher. Mike QUARRY BEAT ROMAN, ROMAN Also saved JERRY'S LIFE IN ALASKA, does anyone have any old world or international boxing mags from 1976-77, Was told that Alaska incident is in one of them on a Thomas J. Thornton post. Also are very concerned how Roman is faring today.**

**Evren|London||@|||10|Riddick Bowe ran an anti-gun programme in Washington. Should we remember people for just their downpoints? I personally do not feel sorry for Riddick Bowe. With that I agree with you. It is however sad to see the plight of this former great fighter follow the footseps of far too many a former champion. BY THE WAY..IF PEOPLE ON THIS SITE FEEL SORRY FOR HIM THEN WHAT IS IT YOU...?IT IS THEIR CHOICE. I feel you are over scrutinizing what people are saying and being harsh on them. You seem like a real contradiction to me.. you say you are a boxing historian. Do you study boxing's past but are opposed to it's morals? Do you study all things negative in
Boxing and have an interest that way? Explain yourself!!

Historians can't see the forest for the trees!

Forest, you make it sound like we support men beating up their wives. This couldn't be further from the truth! Again, I wasn't aware that Bowe beat his wife and also even if I did know this, by saying I have concern for what has happened to him is not the same thing as supporting what he did. Of course I feel for the victims of spousal abuse. Forest you seem to pick and choose what to respond to. Once more, why pick on boxers only when other people, even so called professional white collar men, such as doctors and lawyers also beat up their wives. Everything I have ever seen on the subject shows that the abuse knows no racial, social economic, or other boundaries. Anyway, I am glad Forest comes here and shakes things up as things have been getting a little dull around here. SURE WISH MR. JIMMY WAS HERE TO GIVE HIS INPUT. HE IS SORELY MISSED!

I just wanted to say first, I really like the look of the site now, really good job... On Riddick Bowe, it's easy to jeer the guy for the choices he made after becoming champ, I especially enjoyed his very short stint in the Marines. But there is more at work here, and I don't find much humor in it. Bowe is like alot of athletes, particularly black athletes, who see themselves pretty one-dimensionally. They find a talent very young in life and build themselves and their identity around it. Once they get the holy grail in their chosen sport, their frontier ends. Self-parody soon follows. The money they've earned slips away, unless they have the benefit of college education or business acumen, a lot of great athletes are little else than that. Micheal Dokes did the same thing Bowe has done. Promising stars like Jimmy Young, Greg Page, Duane Bobick, all fell far from their path. Remember Aaron Pryor? What Bowe is experiencing is not much different than O.J.Simpson, that huge sense of loss that follows fame when it leaves, pretty bleak stuff. It's why Ali fought so long, and maybe Jerry as well. Gerry Cooney has an amazing site dedicated to returning former fighters to mainstream real-world work activities. It's sounds bizarre at first, but there are plenty of wandering souls out there, former stars like Bowe who don't know what is left to pursue. There's nothing funny about that, and he has my sympathies.

I've just finished reading the the posts in the archives. As you say, Kent, what a hoot! I've got to give you and Evren credit for your single mindedness in trying to get your point across in the face of personal attacks from some of the idiots who used to post here. I personally feel that anyone who has a legitimate point, or even an argument to make, has a right to post his views on this website. However, let me qualify that by writing that anyone should express their opinion without fear of being ridiculed or insulted. After all, I would assume that anyone who is attracted to this site would have an interest in heavyweight boxers from the sixties to today. Otherwise, why bother posting on this site? This site's primary function is trying to bring Pugilistical Dementia to the attention of the greater public and the politicians who are empowered to make changes. It's also here for boxing historians. I was frustrated by some of the more exotic characters in the archives and their mostly worthless, idiotic posts. They set a tone of distinct hostility towards anyone who dared to disagree with their seemingly "written-in-stone" views and opinions. One of the big attractions of this site is that everyone respects all opinions. I love the sport of boxing. I'm not here to make moral judgements on any anyone. Actually, I think if Jerry had a drinking or drug problem and he overcame it, it would have made his life even more fascinating! It's too easy to get nasty over an anonamous web site! For one don't want to have to read posts from serious people who are apologizing to the troublemakers for daring to have a conflicting view. What's next, we'll start exchanging "M---- F----er's with some angry teenage boys?!
I just spoke to Mike Quarry and I told him his fans have been praying for his recovery from cancer and that his fans have not forgotten him. He was very happy to hear this. Hang in there champ (and yes he has earned that title regardless if he won it in the ring) we are in your corner always. Steve, yes those characters were quite a hoot! It was even worse over at the old Joe Frazier's gym site. In some way, I kind of miss some of my old friends who were always sending snide comments my way. Oh by the way, I ran across our old pal Brother DKS a few months ago on another site and he seemed very concerned that I had found him. He said something like, "oh no, you found me! Can't I get any peace?!" He also asked me not to tell any of the Quarry people where he was hanging out on the internet. As if they would follow me just to bug him! Of course I didn't let on I had found him to anyone and I still haven't said where he posts at.

I just found out a few weeks back that we'd lost James Quarry. It was particularly sad news, as I'd spoken to him on occasion over the phone and written him, but never met him face to face. I was looking forward to that possibility, but it wasn't meant to be. Just weeks before this tragic news, I'd written this poem, "The Voice". Since his beloved brother Jerry was a poet, perhaps it belongs here as a tribute to James. As I recall, his voice was deep and gravelly, unique and truly impressive. We may never hear it again this lifetime except on tape, but along with Jerry's, it will continue to be wonderfully audible just the same - as he guides us all as forcefully as ever - as to where to take this gift of their Foundation for the greatest possible good.

"Aren't renewed friendships just THE BEST ??!! They come complete with melodies - like those favourite tunes that resonate in your memory long after the evening has passed. They always come back to comfort - and to bring THE FEELING back alive. And if they have words - the "JUST RIGHT" words - the ones that touch you more deeply than you ever dared dream of being touched - well, they're all the better still, no? On the other hand, if the tune happens to be from Beethoven, no words could possibly enhance."
"IBAR" URTAIN had killed himself. Can you give me the details? I always thought Urtain was overrated, and Nat Fleicher "RING MAGAZINE". Really took interest in him, saying only BONAVENA could match him in strength. To me that was one of the few times, RING MAGS RATINGS WERE INACCURATE, how could you have rated ROMAN OVER NORTON IN 1973? Or even any other time, from sept. 1967 to May 1975, only 37 heavyweights graced RING MAGAZINES TOP TEN LISTINGS, NOW THAT TO ME IS ACCURATE.

1/30/03 09:37:12 PM | FOREST WARD | SOUTH CAROLINA | JOEKEVIN@CS.COM | 8 | JIMMY DORSEY, SADLY A TAPE DOES NOT EXIST OF THE QUARRY-MATHIS FIGHT. I WAS AT THAT FIGHT. MATHIS WAS A HEAVY FAVORITE. JERRY TAGGED HIM WITH A LEFT HOOK HIGH ON THE HEAD IN THE SECOND ROUND AND MATHIS SUFFERED A DELAYED REACTION AND WENT DOWN ON ONE KNEE AND TOOK A MANDATORY 8 COUNT. IT WAS OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE AT MSG THAT NIGHT THAT BUSTER WAS SCARED STIFF OF JERRY. WHAT WAS NOT WELL KNOWN AT THE TIME WAS THAT MATHIS AND HIS HANDLERS WENT TO JERRY'S CAMP AT GROSSINGERS 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE FIGHT FOR A PRE-FIGHT PHYSICAL. MATHIS TRIED TO PULL AN "ALI" BY BOASTING AND THREATENING JERRY. IMMEDIATELY ON THE SPOT QUARRY TOLD MATHIS TO "GET THE F..K OUT OF MY CAMP OR I WILL KICK THE SH..T OUT YOU RIGHT NOW."

MANY PEOPLE INCLUDING MATHIS'S TRAINER THE LATE JOEY FARIELLO SAID THE FIGHT WAS DECIDED THEN AND THERE. AFTER THAT MOMENT MATHIS WAS TERRIFIED OF QUARRY.

DURING THE FIGHT, JERRY WOULD WALK IN AND LEFT HOOKED MATHIS TO STOMACHE, MATHIS WOULD GRUNT AND CLINCH. THIS CONTINUED FOR THE WHOLE 12 ROUNDS, EVEN SO IT WAS STILL AN EXITING FIGHT. JERRY WON EASILY 10 OF THE 12 ROUNDS. ADDING INSULT TO INJURY MATHIS SPLIT THE SEAM IN HIS TRUNKS IN THE 12TH ROUND, AND BETWEEN ROUNDS HE HAD TO SLIP ON ANOTHER PAIR OVER THE RIPPED TRUNKS.

DURING THE PRE-FIGHT INTRODUCTIONS THEY INTRODUCED ROCKY MARCIANO, AND HE WALKED TO JERRY'S CORNER AND WISHED HIM LUCK (OR SO I IMAGINE), AND THEN ROCKY WALKED OUT OF THE RING WITHOUT GOING OVER TO BUSTER'S CORNER, AND WISHING HIM LUCK. EVERYONE IN THE CROWD NOTICED THE SNUB. AFTER THE FIGHT I AM IN THE SUBWAY AND WHO DO I SEE BUT JOE FRAZIER AND YANK DURHAM. I ASK JOE HOW HE WILL HANDLE QUARRY (AT THAT MOMENT I AM CONVINCED JERRY WILL KO FRAZIER WHEN THEY MEET), JOE REPLIES, "I AIN'T GOING TO RUN FROM HIM." IT WAS A GREAT NIGHT I WAS ALL OF 15 YEARS OLD.

1/31/03 10:19:20 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 | ON JOSE URTAIN: yes, I read a few articles about his death. It was revealed that most of his fights were fixed. They even interviewed one of the guys who lay down for him in the 1970's. Ring Magazine made a big deal of him because he reminded them of Paulino Uzcudon the other Basque heavyweight and Fleisher was forever stuck in past. If I find the exact article on his suicide, I will let you know.

1/31/03 12:34:12 PM | Carl Weingarten | TJQF | TJQF | 10 | Thanks for the great story on the Mathis fight. According to Mr. Jimmy, the Quarry-Mathis fight video does exist, and the Mathis family claimed to have a copy. James told me that he had contacted the Mathis family at one point to negotiate getting a copy, but they refused. James did acquire a number of videos directly from Bill Cayton, and I was also able to get several second-generation videos from private collectors, but the Mathis video never surfaced. This is definitely a lost classic. Buster was a great fighter. He beat Frazier twice in the amateurs, and through the first half of his professional fight with Frazier, he outmaneuvered and outbox Joe more successfully than Ali did. Buster was very skillful, and had amazing speed for a man his size. Hopefully there will be a change of heart with the Mathis family, and both fans of Buster and Jerry can see the video. I'm glad you guys like the new site. --Carl

1/31/03 01:48:40 PM | Mark Sargeant | uk | lpu00omts@reading.ac.uk | 10 | thanks for the replies to my earlier post about Riddick Bowe. Firstly, I had absolutely NO idea that Bowe had beaten his wife. I had to search a lot of material for this but you were right. I absolutely detest this and as a result my opinion on Bowe the man has plummeted. Such an act is only done by real scum and if I had known about this I would not have made such positive comments. Sorry. I maintain my admiration for Bowe the boxer though. Thanks

1/31/03 01:56:42 PM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 | JIMMY DORSEY: I
checked around -- Jose Urtain was 49 when he killed himself in Madrid.

I read somewhere, I forget where, a story in which Joe Farris stated that Ike Cayton and himself saw Jerry Quarry knock Norton out in a training session. Anyone have more info. on that? Hey Evren, What I meant by single mindedness is being able to stick to your opinion or the facts if you know your correct. Forest, that's a great story on the Mathis fight. I enjoy getting that kind of information, even with pay-per-view, nothing beats the excitement of being at ringside at a live fight! I don't think anyone condones wife beating, and I agree that guys like Mike Tyson, Bowe, and Tony Ayala are little better than thugs. However, I don't care! All I care about is how they perform in the ring. I'm sure Ron Lyle must have done something wrong to serve all those years in prison. He was, however, a very exciting fighter to watch. Boxing is a brutal business. Most participants are not angels.

I recently watched Urtain's bout with Henry Cooper and felt he was very limited. He was also very very rough, but when Henry returned the favour he lost heart. That was his first loss other than an earlier DQ to Alfredo Vogrig. Other notable fighter he met were: Jurgen Blin (WPTS15, LPTS15,), Greg Peralta (LKO8), Jack Bodeill (WKO2), Jose Roman (LPTS10, DPTS8), Richard Dunn (WKO4), Vincente Rondon (WPTS8), Alfredo Evangelista (LK05), Jean-Pierre Coopman (LK04). He died by throwing himself from a 10th floor window. Not sure if anyone heard but James Broad the 80's contender died penniless a few months back. Also recently we have lost Chuck Davey, Paul Pender and Vince Martinez.

I am somewhat surprised about the interest in Urtain. It was reported a few years ago shortly after Urtain committed suicide; that he was very depressed over the fact that his career was a sham and that he was a homosexual. And as a result he killed himself. I am sure as is the cases with most suicides the truth lies somewhere in the middle and we will never know the reason why.

Very sad story about Jose Urtain. It seems his whole life was surrounded by lies. About his prowess as a boxer and apparently also about his personal life. However, I hope some people don't read into it that boxing was a source of his problems. Anybody who commits suicide usually has deep rooted problems that would be there regardless if he was involved in boxing or not.

Anyone have more on the death of Eddie Machen? I'm a real fan of his and really admired his ability.

Cleveland Williams also passed away about two years ago. He was struck by a car and died from internal injuries.

Machen fell out of a window I heard. I have no idea how it happened. He trained Spencer for the Quarry fight of course then ?? Good fighter, under appreciated to be sure.

Leotis Martin who kayoed Liston also died as did Ted Gullick who was once an up and coming heavyweight in the Cleveland area I believe. He fought Foreman and went out in 2.

Thank you MR. GERARD AND MR. WARD, on they info. Evren I have an article on Machen, I'll have to find it, going back to the world ratings on Quarry, they ring magazine actually did Jerry they best although they gave him they #1 grudgingly for 4 months of 1970 (hell, he earned it). W.B.A, A CLOSE SECOND, (they were they official committee). And the W.B.C WAS completely political of there snubbing of Jerry, they had him unranked when he fought Ali in 1970, what a sham job.
Yes, it is ridiculous how politics play such an important part in ratings by the governing bodies. Before the 1968 WBA tournament, Joe Frazier was the number one contender. But because he refused an invitation to their tournament to crown a new champion after Ali's forced retirement, he suddenly was ranked number nine, without ever losing in the ring! He later fought and defeated Buster Mathis for a heavyweight title recognized by the New York state athletic commission, several other U.S. states, as well as some other countries. Part of this grouping would later be called the WBC. Frazier would unify the title by defeating Jimmy Ellis, the winner of the WBA tournament but Frazier would not truly be recognized as undisputed champion until he defeated a comebacking Ali in 1971.

Has anyone else noticed the sad trend of great boxers who died in the late 60s through to the early 70s? Marciano (1969), Liston, Polley and Machen (all early 1970s), Charles (1975), Bonavena (1976).

I recently read that footage exists of George Foreman sparring Sonny Liston. I am searching for a first generation copy.

ON LISTON-FOREMAN SPARRING -- yea, I saw films of them sparring years ago, I think when Liston died. Liston and Foreman were stablemates briefly when they were both managed by Dick Saddler. Liston and Joe Bugner also sparr ed back in the 1970's.

For a time in the 70's Jimmy Young was an very good fighter. He beat Ron Lyle twice, beat George Foreman, lost a close decision to Kenny Norton (which easily could have won the other way for Young). A lot of people thought he beat Ali in 1976. I don't agree. Jimmy made the fight interesting; but you don't win the Heavyweight Championship of the World by sticking your head out between the ropes during a fight. Jimmy became discouraged after he lost to Ken Norton, and he stopped training the way a contender is supposed to train. He was a talent, but he was only a talent when he was in top shape. He started drinking more and training less. The really Good and Great fighters could accept setbacks and come back. It's a matter of Heart, Jimmy Young had Heart sometimes but not all the times. The Jimmy Young who beat George Foreman fights the Jerry Quarry who beat Thad Spencer, Mac Foster, or even the Jerry Quarry who lost the 1st fight to Frazier. Quarry stops him late in the fight. Like I said it's a matter of Heart.

Gil Clancy once said, Jerry Quarry used fighters of the caliber of Jimmy Young for sparring partners. Clancy said Jerry was the best gym fighter he ever saw. Jerry at his best stops Young by mid to late round stoppage.

What the heck are you doing up this early? This reminds me of the joke about the two golfers who are standing on the tee at number 13 overlooking the Kern River and one says to the other, "Look at those stupid fisherman fishing in the rain." Quarry can't be hurt by Young, presses the fight, displays superior counterpunching, and ends it within seven rounds. Jimmy Dorsey, what do you think?
didn't get to see the two Quarry vs Patterson fights. I've never seen either fight in its entirety. I've seen snippits of rounds and seen the knockdowns on the Quarry tape, short version. I noticed that in round two, Quarry had two pretty solid knockdowns. I also noticed that in the final scoring, he was given a 3-0 round, for round two! Combining the other parts of the fight I saw where Quarry looked a little lethargic but clearly landing the harder, more effective blows. Not having seen the whole fight, and constantly reading how Jerry got a "disputed decision". I can only assume Jerry blew the fight. I have never before seen a 3-0 round, even with two knockdowns.

Actually Daryl, what were you doing being up that late? I was up all night working on a couple of pieces for some other websites. Just got over being sick for almost two weeks. Have not talked to the person we spoke about visiting. Have you been in contact with him? Also haven't talked to our pal, his brother. It doesn't matter if anyone else knows who I am talking about as it is not something secret by any means but I know you will understand what I am talking about.

2/16/03 05:18:44 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|YES, I MAY BE A LITTLE BIASED, QUARRY AND FRAZIER OWNED JIMMY WHEN THEY SPARRED, SO I WOULD PREDICT MAYBE A 10 ROUND DECISION, ON JERRY'S BEHALF, WE ARE TALKING AT THEIR BEST, I KNOW JERRY WAS ONE OF THE BEST STREET FIGHTER's TO EVER WALK DOWN THE STREET HA HA! AND HAD ONE HELL OF A PUNCH, BUT LET'S FACE IT, 21 OF 35 WENT THE DISTANCE WITH JERRY, I CAME ACROSS SOME OTHER THINGS LATELY OF A MAN WHO KNEW QUARRY IN BAKERSFIELD I WILL SHARE ON THE NEXT POST.

2/17/03 07:37:00 PM|steve|nj||dmmsrm|||10|I just watched a Showtime Special entitled "When We Were Kings". I had forgotten how well Ali actually fought back against Forman. He landed hard right hand leads, which George Plimpton said was a kind of insult to another professional fighter. He landed alot more hard combinations of jabs, left hooks, and very hard rights than I remembered. I'm not an Ali fan. It paines me to say it, but I think Ali actually outfought Forman that night. My previous impression of this fight was of Ali laying on the ropes, doing nothing, just letting Forman wear himself out. I still wan't to know about that 3-0 round in the Quarry vs Patterson fight.

2/17/03 02:08:41 PM|Max Hord|fernandina Bch, Fla||rasluc@msn.com|||10|Used to train at Pete Ashlocks gym in the 70s. Mike would just toy with the BEST Pete had. Always wondered if they they new it. Mike was a #1 class act all the way. Wishing him luck with his medical condition.

2/17/03 09:57:37 PM|Kent Appel|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Hello Max. I hope you share more of your experiences with us, the fans of the Quarrys. Mike still is a class act and I think he will beat his latest ailment.

2/18/03 07:37:19 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Max HORD: I can just see Mike at Pete's gym, I'll bet he did toy with those guys, too bad he didn't have a punch comparable to Jerry's punch, or even like Mike Nixon's. He would have definately been an Light HEAVYWEIGHT Champion. Steve i know Patterson would have lost the first bout with Quarry, had he not gotten a 2-point gift knock down in the 7th round, at the coliseum.

2/18/03 05:43:03 PM|max hord|fernandina, bch, fla||rasluc@msn.com|||10|Kent here you go... I fought on an undercard in Miami back in 76 I believe, when Mike Quarry fought some local guy named Tony Greene. Mike had him out several times but the ref kept making a big production over a small cut over Mike's left eye. Anyway the fight went 10 and they gave Greene the best present he will ever get.. A DRAW!! I hated Miami boxing then and still do. Mike said after the fight that he just got tired of hitting the guy. Don't get me wrong Greene was tough but really he didn't win one round.
Thanks Max, yes it seems Mike was on the short end of the stick as far as decisions go. He may have won the fight with Yaqui Lopez and they gave Lopez the decision and he also may have won the second fight with Mike Rossman but Rossman got the verdict. It seems the Quarrys had to earn everything they got and sometimes even that was not enough. Wins in either of these two fights could have sent Mike's career in a different direction, maybe another title shot.

A lot of people do not remember that MIKE QUARRY was going to fight MICHAEL SPINKS, But in a tune up bout with Pete Moyintre was upset by knockout in San Diego. MIKE would have made i think at least $40 or $50 GRAND.

PLEASE ANYBODY OUT THEIR GOT THE ADDRESS OF THE JOE FRAZIER WEBSITE YOU ALL WERE TALKING ABOUT.<br>IN THE PAST. I WOULD LOVE TO READ WHAT THE FRAZIER<br>FANATICS HAVE TO SAY AS JOE AND JERRY QUARRY<br>ARE MY 2 ALLTIME FAVORITE FIGHTERS. THANKS

I did a search for Joe's site when I was updating the TJQF home page. Looks like the old (green) Frazier's Gym site is gone, but now his daughter has a site. I put a link under "Warriors" on the home page. There's some good information, and there's a page for Joe on the site. No guestbook that I could find, and it unfortunately looks like Joe is having some legal problems. Look for a newly upgraded Frazier-Quarry I clip over the next week. Thanks. --Carl

Yes, I miss the old green background for the Frazier's gym site. We had some wild posting over there and even though some of the posters were not too kind to me at times, I kind of miss some of those characters. Koo Koo Klock, Foolface, Gorilla, and the zany one, the one and only Brother DKS. Where are you guys? Come to think of it, where are Angelo, JP, and my pal (no pun intended), Paul Maduros? Some of the old Quarry site regulars.

Just alittle update on Mike he has only about ten more treatments and then more test to find out where he is. He seems to be handling it very well just a little more tired. He has a very good tude about everthing. His birthday is coming up and we are going to have a party for him in bakersfield he will be 52 can you believe it? Mike is a Gpd fearing man and puts his trust where it belongs with God. Thank you all for you prayers and God bless

Go Uncle Mike, we're all pullin for you, and we love
you. The Website looks good, keep up the good work everyone. Dad, and Uncle Jerry would love it. Thanks!!

Please? My friend says that Jimmy Dupree was easily handling Mike Quarry until he (Dupree) was disqualified to save Mike. I never saw the fight. Is this true?

To those who visit this site, I want to thank you for your comments. I enjoy them immensely. Secondly, I urge all of you to read my remarks regarding U.S. Senate Bill 275 on the initial page of this website and write letters or send emails to your U.S. Senators urging the passage of this bill. The approval of this legislation in its present form would dramatically reform professional boxing in terms of making it safer and more equitable for the boxers, ensure that the rankings of the fighters be fairer, and produce fewer less sided matches. Please support the AAIB and TJQF in this effort !!!!!!! THANKS !!!!!!!!!!!!!

For those who think that the heavyweights of yesterday would be too small for today's oafs then think again. Roy Jones proved that skill rides above all. Imagine a natural 160lb 'er beating a 230lb 'er. Guys like Walcott and Charles were 185-200lbs they could easily put on 15lb's and still be effective..they just did'nt need to in their day. Heavyweight boxing is a different game now - big and slow punchers rule the roost as their are'nt many 'smaller' guys with skill about.Holyfield and Tyson are exceptions.Look how great they were !

I want to address these comments to anyone who has a heart and hope that I can appeal to your humanitarianism. I am one of eight children of Jack and Arwanda Quarry, which yielded close to 40 grandchildren and great grandchildren combined. Now that is a lot of personalities, love, conflict, mishaps and miscommunications. No matter how close a family can be there is love happiness and grief. Today was the second time I have ever allowed information from this site to cross my ears or eyes, as people who call themselves family, friends of the family and strangers evaluate the inner most being of who the Quarrys are. We are just like your family, trying to make it through conflict and happiness to find our place in the SON and sun. On the most part, my family, although sometimes falling way short of the mark, strive to become better people and better Christians. But today I was informed of a letter signed from anyone anywhere, commenting about my mom and sister saying some of the most horrific and harsh words that could be written about anyone whom in the last 3 years has lost her 2 eldest sons. With Jerry no one on earth should ever have to watch a gladiator of such great strength and depth be taken so slowly while the world watched. Shame on you the ones whom spoke as though you had all the knowledge and information to say it was drugs and alcohol and not the blunt force trauma that was received from a child to an adult. That boy and that man strove for one thing... the crown he said he would have fought for free to receive. That coveted crown, said to say, he himself never felt the honor of his own triumphs and I quote, "I was always the bridesmaid and never the bride." you as a people have all the right in the world to have all the opinions you want about his career but do you really have the right to delve into our innermost being and convince yourselves that you could truly know our innermost workings by everything the media or people say? How many conflicts in your own world have you had to clear up, and set straight unfortunately we can't address all the misgivings. To today I am trying to say, have an open heart about a family to which is trying to pass through this life with as little grief and as much friendship as we can find along the way. To those of you that write because you loved Jerry and the gift of entertainment that this fantastic world allowed him to share, thank you, he exposed his soul to you treat it kind as kind as you would hope to be treated. To the person whom would not sign his
name speaks to me as a person whom lacks integrity and I hope this doesn't sound harsh but my dad taught me that a person is only as good as his word. Your words even if they were true your own conflict within yourself did not want to deal with the repercussions of your own expressions. My mom and sister are not the gross names you spoke and I will give no credence to repeat them but to say my brothers Jerry and Jimmy are not better off dead than to be around their mom and sister. I believe that is one of the coldest and most hurtful things I have heard, may GOD reach your heart, as you let your tongue cut like a knife. I pray that the Lord, the God of my family, Jesus Christ may temper your spirit. I also, ask that you read James 3; verses 5 and 6. Signed hurt but not vengeful, Jerry Quarry's little sister as I am and will always be proud to be Jack and Arwandas' daughter. Wilma |
LEFT, THE MAIN EVENT, GEORGE FOREMAN AGAINST ROBERTO DAVILLA. THE FANS WANTED TO SEE THE MAIN EVENT SO THEY DID NOT RIOT. NO THANKS TO MUHAMMAD ALI. SORRY FOR BEING SO LONG WINED BUT SEEING WILLIE BURTONS NAME BROUGHT BACK LONG LOST MEMORIES.

3/6/03 02:12:29 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com||||10|FOREST: Thanks so much for all that info on Willie Burton. I am glad Willie got out when it was time to. I hope he is doing very well and is aware of how many good memories he gave the fans. Another guy who I thought was going places but never did was the Florida giant Al Jones (not Memphis Al Jones) who fought in the Miami area in the late 60's under Chris and Angelo Dundee. He was a 6'6" southpaw and looked pretty good for a while.

3/6/03 07:22:45 PM|FOREST WARD|SOUTH CAROLINA||JOEKEVIN8CS.COM||||6|JOHN, WHEN I READ YOUR POSTS I FEEL LIKE I AM LOOKING IN A MIRROR. I OFTEN WONDERED ABOUT AL JONES MYSELF. TEN YEARS AGO BUMPED INTO BOXING HISTORIAN HANK KAPLAN OF MIAMI, AND I ASKED HIM ABOUT AL JONES, AND WHAT HAPPENED? WELL, THE 1ST THING YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT HANK KAPLAN IS THAT HE IS A GENTLEMAN, AND HE DOES NOT TALK BAD ABOUT ANYONE. THAT BEING THE CASE, I DID NOT LEARN TOO MUCH! ALTHOUGH HANK SAID, THAT AT ONE POINT IN AL JONES CAREER HE WON A SETTLEMENT IN A CAR ACCIDENT, AND THIS MAY HAVE DULLED HIS AMBITION. READING BETWEEN THE LINES IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY AT AL JONES RECORD YOU SEE THAT HE Fought A LOT OF JOURNEY MEN, AND ALMOST ALWAYS IN MIAMI BEACH. INCLUDING A DRAW WITH ZORA FOLLEY IN 1968 (FOLLEY HAD TO BE CLOSE 40 AT THE TIME); AND A DRAW WITH LOUIS PIREZ (WILLIE BURTONS CONQUERER) IN 1970. IF HE GOT A DRAW IN HIS HOMETOWN WITH THESE GUYS HE PROBABLY LOST THE FIGHT. HE WAS ALSO A SOUTHPAW, THAT OF COURSE DID NOT HELP HIS CAREER.

3/6/03 07:23:02 PM|FOREST WARD|SOUTH CAROLINA||JOEKEVIN8CS.COM||||6|JOHN, WHEN I READ YOUR POSTS I FEEL LIKE I AM LOOKING IN A MIRROR. I OFTEN WONDERED ABOUT AL JONES MYSELF. TEN YEARS AGO BUMPED INTO BOXING HISTORIAN HANK KAPLAN OF MIAMI, AND I ASKED HIM ABOUT AL JONES, AND WHAT HAPPENED? WELL, THE 1ST THING YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT HANK KAPLAN IS THAT HE IS A GENTLEMAN, AND HE DOES NOT TALK BAD ABOUT ANYONE. THAT BEING THE CASE, I DID NOT LEARN TOO MUCH! ALTHOUGH HANK SAID, THAT AT ONE POINT IN AL JONES CAREER HE WON A SETTLEMENT IN A CAR ACCIDENT, AND THIS MAY HAVE DULLED HIS AMBITION. READING BETWEEN THE LINES IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY AT AL JONES RECORD YOU SEE THAT HE Fought A LOT OF JOURNEY MEN, AND ALMOST ALWAYS IN MIAMI BEACH. INCLUDING A DRAW WITH ZORA FOLLEY IN 1968 (FOLLEY HAD TO BE CLOSE 40 AT THE TIME); AND A DRAW WITH LOUIS PIREZ (WILLIE BURTONS CONQUERER) IN 1970. IF HE GOT A DRAW IN HIS HOMETOWN WITH THESE GUYS HE PROBABLY LOST THE FIGHT. HE WAS ALSO A SOUTHPAW, THAT OF COURSE DID NOT HELP HIS CAREER.

3/6/03 10:04:49 PM|FOREST WARD|SOUTH CAROLINA||JOEKEVIN8CS.COM||||10|HI, SORRY I MEANT TO RATE THE SITE A 10 IN MY LAST 2 POSTINGS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT I APOLOGIZE FOR THE MISTAKES.

3/7/03 06:55:25 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com||||10|FOREST; Thanks so much for the update. Do you remember Blue Lewis and Jeff Merritt? Lewis was beating the heck out of Bonavena in Argentina and the ref just disqualified him for no reason. Merrit hit Ron Stander with a left hook that put him flat on his back and Stander could take a punch. Also a Rocky Graziano clone middleweight out of Chicago named Rocky DiFazio. A very exciting kid who fought in Chicago and Vegas. I think he quit when Denny Moyer beat him on decision. Thanks for the memories!

3/7/03 11:53:37 AM|FOREST WARD|SOUTH CAROLINA||JOEKEVIN8CS.COM||||10|HI JOHN, I REMEMBER BOTH JEFF MERRITT AND BLUE LEWIS, VERY WELL. BOTH WERE EX-JAILBIRDS LOOKING FOR A NEW START IN LIFE THROUGH BOXING. I DID NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT ROCKY DIFAZIO, EXCEPT FOR WHAT I SAW IN RING MAGAZINE. I REMEMBER WHEN JEFF MERRITT STARTED FIGHTING, BOY COULD HE PUNCH; ESPECIALLY WITH HIS LEFT HOOK. HE Began FIGHTING IN THE LATE 60'S IN NEW YORK CITY. MERRITT WAS TRAINED AT THAT TIME BY SANDY SADDLER. AT THE TIME HE WAS A RECOVERING DOPE ADDICT, WHO DID TIME
MERRITT AND FOREST WARD WERE RISING PROSPECTS ON THE HEAVYWEIGHT SCENE IN THE LATE 60’S IN NYC. MERRITT KEPT YELLING FOR A FIGHT WITH WARD, AND CLAIMED WARD WAS DUCKING HIM. HE MAY HAVE BEEN RIGHT. IF THEY Fought AT THE TIME SOMEONE DEFINITELY WOULD HAVE BEEN KNOCKED. BOTH OF THEM AS IT TURNS OUT HAD GLASS JAWS. IRONICALLY, I SAW THEM BOTH KNOCKED OUT ON THE SAME NIGHT IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, IN SEPTEMBER 1968. MERRITT WAS KNOCKED OUT IN THE 3RD ROUND BY JOHNNY GAUSE OF PHILA., AFTER KNOCKING DOWN GAUSE A COUPLE OF TIMES IN THE SAME ROUND, IT WAS A SENSATIONAL FIGHT. FOREST WARD WAS KNOCKED OUT IN THE 7TH ROUND BY CHUCK WEPNER, IN A BEAUTIFUL COME FROM BEHIND VICTORY BY WEPNER. WEPNER FLOORED WARD IN THE 2ND ROUND; BY THE 4TH ROUND WARD FUMELLING WEPNER SO BAD THE REFEREE ASKED WEPNER IF HE WANTED TO CONTINUE, THERE WAS NO QUIT IN CHUCK WEPNER. YEARS LATER I GOT TO KNOW WEPNER AND I TOLD HIM I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT THE WARD FIGHT WAS HIS BEST FIGHT, HE TOLD ME HIS FAVORITE WAS HIS WIN OVER MANUEL RAMOS.

In 1970 he moved away from NYC and fought out of Miami, with Angelo Dundee. Here is where it gets interesting. After Muhammad Ali fought Quarry in Atlanta, Ali sued for a license in NYC. In Ali’s law suit it stated that the New York State Boxing Commission Licensed felons to box, and as a result he was entitled to a license until his court appeal was decided, and guess who’s name was given as an example? Jeff Merritt! Ali got the license and fought Bonavena 5 weeks later. Fast forward, a few years later, during a traffic stop the police checked the trunk of Jeff Merritt’s car and found a dead body. He was sent back to prison. I can only guess, but I think it was about 10 years ago I heard he was out of jail, and a crack addict begging in the streets of Las Vegas. Blue Lewis, was a good fighter, most fighters ducked him, most notably Buster Mathis. The Detroit Boxing Commission suspended Mathis for not honoring a contract to fight Lewis. Lewis fought a pretty good fight against Ali in Dublin. No question about it Lewis was a capable and good fighter. Before turning pro, Lewis did time in jail for manslaughter, I understand he learned how to box in prison.

About 2 years ago someone told me that Lewis was destitute in Detroit.

John, I was looking at past post and I saw one you made about Ted Gullick. I wanted to say something about that at the time but I forgot. But you raised a good point and I will go into the next time.
IS WHERE IT GETS INTERESTING. AFTER MUHAMMAD ALI FOUGHT QUARRY IN ALANTA, ALI SUED FOR A LICENSE IN NYC. IN ALI’S LAW SUIT IT STATED THAT THE NEW YORK STATE BOXING COMMISSION LICENSED FELONS TO BOX, AND AS A RESULT HE WAS ENTITLED TO A LICENSE UNTIL HIS COURT APPEAL WAS DECIDED, AND GUESS WHO’S NAME WAS GIVEN AS AN EXAMPLE? JEFF MERRITT! ALI GOT THE LICENSE AND FOUGHT BONAVENA 5 WEEKS LATER.

FAST FORWARD, A FEW YEARS LATER, DURING A TRAFFIC STOP THE POLICE CHECKED THE TRUNK OF JEFF MERRITT’S CAR AND FOUND A DEAD BODY. HE WAS SENT BACK TO PRISON. I CAN ONLY GUESS, BUT I THINK IT WAS ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO I HEARD HE WAS OUT OF JAIL, AND A CRACK ADDICT BEGGING IN THE STREETS OF LAS VEGAS. BLUE LEWIS, WAS A GOOD FIGHTER, MOST FIGHTERS DUCKED HIM, MOST NOTABLY BUSTER MATHIS. THE DETROIT BOXING COMMISSION SUSPENDED MATHIS FOR NOT HONORING A CONTRACT TO FIGHT LEWIS. LEWIS FOUGHT A PRETTY GOOD FIGHT AGAINST ALI IN DUBLIN. NO QUESTION ABOUT IT LEWIS WAS A CAPABLE AND GOOD FIGHTER. BEFORE TURNING PRO, LEWIS DID TIME IN JAIL FOR MANSLAUGHTER, I UNDERSTAND HE LEARNED HOW TO BOX IN PRISON.

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personal business as much as possible. As someone pointed out, most families
have similar circumstances of conflict but the Quarrys have been more in the
public eye than most others. |

I remember John Clohessey very well, I saw every fight
he had in the Golden Gloves. He won the heavyweight sub novice division in 1970.
Tough durable good looking (handsome) guy. I saw Bill Sharkey fight in the prelims
in the Golden Gloves as a lightweight. Bill also was an alumni of the
Grayrock College |

Hey Jimmy Dorsey, thanks
for the honor of being considered a newbie "Stooge", as I haven't really been here
anywhere near as long as you and Kent or Bob and Paul. Bye the way, "The Three
Stooges" [with Curley], just happens to be my all time favorites of days gone
by. Laurel and Hardy are next. Guess I'm showing my age.
Kent, Jimmy, Bob, Paul, John, Evren, and everyone else on this site, "Aint It Great !!"
This boxing site has more intelligent, experienced, and carefully considered
comments than any boxing site I've come across. The amount of memories and
experiences of boxing from my era and before is amazing. I especially value the
tidbits about the Quarry family from people who grew up around them or where
involved with them through the sport of boxing. I only regret that since I've
moved into my trailer here in the outback I can only make brilliant comments on
this site once a week, due to atmospheric conditions and the alignment of global
telecommunications satellites. Does anyone have the Boxing Illustrated issue
with a cover showing a smiling Jerry and his wife Charlie? The caption on the
cover read, "What power is driving Jerry Quarry to the heavyweight crown?" It was
published during his last comeback. I think sometimes between the Shavers and Joe
Alexander fight. |

Steve, I've only
recently begun tuning in to this site but, reading through the archives, it
seems to me that all of the long-term posters are genuine boxing fans who enjoy
relishing memories of the sport and, in particular, the Quarrys. I don't
understand the point you are making in your messages and I am not sure whether
you are ridiculing me by mentioning Australia and flies and trailers and beers
and the rest of the stuff you brought up in your last couple of posts. That sort
of comment doesn't worry me because if you are really in Australia (like you
say) then you wouldn't have time to be leaving posts on this site (given that
Kent correctly indicated to you that women outnumber men 8 to 1 over here). I
am not even sure whether you are criticizing the Quarrys in your last posting,
so you should enlighten us with your unambiguous point of view. My view is that
the Quarrys always answered the bugle and that few were more courageous. The
only thing I agree with you about is that The Three Stooges were very, very
funny. Go give yourself an upper cut. |
all day. His humor was very self-deprecating. He said his screen door had a rip in it which he might fix after he finished his beer. Since the old Frazier site has been a topic here recently, I just thought I'd run this spoof at Kent. I thought he might get a chuckle out of it as he used to post at that site. I surely didn't mean to offend anyone from Australia. I didn't think anyone would actually believe I moved to Australia. I apologize if I offended you. I will, however, give myself an upper cut and an eye gouge! P.S. Do women really outnumber men in Australia 8 to 1, or are you just bragging? Yuck, Yuck, Yuck.

Steve, The thing about 8 to 1 women over men in Australia was wishful thinking and a lie. When Kent first gave that figure it sounded too good for me to refute. If I misinterpreted the comment you made then my mistake and I apologize. I remember Toby's postings at the old Frazier site and I found them to be funny. I am about to give myself two uppercuts and a poke in the eye.

Hey! Let's have a fantasy fight between now HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION Roy Jones Junior and Jerry, both upper 190's; wow, I could dream about this all week long.

A fight between Jerry and Roy Jones Jr. would be fascinating! The Jerry who stood toe to toe with Joe Frazier in their first fight, I think he weighed 197 lbs. would have no trouble walking through Jones's punches. I think he'd solve that weird, freezing in the middle of the ring, style that Jones likes to use against guys that he knows can't catch or hurt him. I'm sure Jerry hit much harder than Ruiz. I honestly don't think Jones could take a Quarry punch. Jerry, however, took punches from most of the hardest hitting heavyweights of all time and usually walked through them. I doubt that Jones's best shots would effect Jerry. I think Jones would beat Jerry to the punch for 5 or 6 rounds, but as soon as he got caught with a legitimate, heavyweight punch from a Quarry who, [if you will remember, actually hurt Joe Frazier in that amazing first fight,] I think Jones would get knocked out. I pick Quarry by a knockout in the sixth round.

John Gerard, you mentioned a lot of names. I saw them all fight in person at one time or another in NYC, except for the Englishman Dan Mc. ... I already spoke about Clohessy in another post. I remember Pete Muller very well. He was a tough son of gun, anyone who fought Pete Muller knew he was in a fight. I saw him win the NYC Golden Gloves in 1968. He fought for trainer Johnny Reid (a real nice guy) of The Department of Parks, I believe out of the Red Hook gym in Brooklyn. He was a very aggressive fighter, who did not give an inch. I saw him punch the crap out of Randy Neuman in the semi-finals of the Golden Gloves. Neuman was scared stiff of Muller, all Neuman was concerned about was going the distance and not getting hurt, Muller won a 3 round decision. Throughout Neuman's professional career, I could never take him seriously as a fighter, because I remember how he wilted against Muller. Nick Wells was a good and successful amateur. I saw him fight as a pro in MSG in a prelim, and was disappointed, he was fat and out of shape. Talk about the other guys later.
fitting to compare him to real fighters who beat real heavies with real skill.

I haven't been to the site lately so I hope everyone is well. Steve! I see you moved to Australia. I here it's a blast down there. I had a girl friend whose dad moved there to pan for gold in the '80's. He lived on a campground in a tent. He was a real nut bag but he said the woman were great. I just saw the re-play of the Jones-Ruiz fight. Did anybody believe Jones would lose? Ruiz has nothing. He should take his money and retire before he gets crushed. And how about Corrie Sanders! It reminded me of the first Johannson-Patterson fight. (I might be a nut bag for that comment). Anyway, the Jones fight proved nothing to me about Jones that I didn't already know. He is the best fighter I've ever seen. There is nobody at Supermiddle, Light-heavy or Cruiserweight that can take him. At Heavy he would be a longshot with any of the top five or six. I heard Max Kellerman say he would beat Marciano. At 195 and the Rock at 188 I still think Roy would have a hard time. Rocky would not stand there and beg to be hit like Ruiz did. Nor would Joe Frazier or Jerry. And the fighters of old vs today? I think if you were great or near great you would also be the today. And it is also my be belief that if Louis or Dempsey were 25 or 30 today they would be as big as any heavy out there, Call me crazy. It's good to be back.

The sixties and seventies were the best era for heavies in my mind. It is where size matched skill. Leading up to that point you had skillfull fighters - Walcott, Charles, Patterson etc but they perhaps did'n't have the size. Then the guys got bigger in the late fifties on to the sixties and they still carried that skill but brought the element of size with it. After the seventies the fighters got even bigger (especially 'round the waist) but the skill lessened. The sixties and seventies; the pinnacle of Heavyweight boxing.

Everen: My own personal opinion is that once fighters go over 225 lbs or so, it is at the expense of some other essential quality: skill, speed, or stamina. George Foreman in his prime weighted about 220 and his power has yet to be equalled by those forty pounds heavier. He was no Fred Astaire but he moved pretty well and had surprisingly quick hands. I also don't know many guys who were stronger than Liston and Tyson and they weighted less than 220 in their prime. Ditto Ron Lyle and Earnie Shavers.

Let me write this carefully because I recognize that everyone is entitled to their opinion. If Max Kellerman thinks Roy Jones could beat Rocky Marciano, he is full of it... just finished reading a good book about Marciano and have watched many tapes of him. NO ONE trained harder or was in better shape than Rocky, he could take a punch, THREW more punches per round than any heavyweight and NO ONE punched harder....it was a natural gift he had... 49 fights, 49 wins and 43 knockouts including two wins over Walcott, two over Charles, Archie Moore, etc. A truly GREAT fighter during a highly competitive era...these guys actually trained for fights and were not overblown blobs....

Following from the last post I have to agree - Marciano was one of the fittest, hardest and cleverest champions there was. He is not given credit for his ring brain but he certainly knew styles and how to beat an opponent! Talking of the training, I once read a fascinating article on how Rocky would hide himself away from the outside world when he was in training. He went (and his trainers) as far as to not read any newspaper articles about the fight in the weeks leading up to the match as to reduce any negativity being fed into his mindset! That is what you call dedication. A lot of fighters from the eighties, nineties and 00's seem to train in burger joints or with heavy weights. Watching a lot of old time 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's fights I notice how little fat the fighters carried. Especially from the fifties. Top contenders were lean and didn't want or need to be 250lbs.
They were lithe and fit and conditioned to combat. I recently watched a bout between Zora Folley and Henry Cooper and both guys were in supreme condition. They were between 185 (Cooper) to 205 (Folley) roughly and both looked great.

Mike Stevens, pardon my language, but Max Kellerman no jacks...t about boxing. He actually picked Ruiz to win the fight. The only person who knows less about boxing is Mike Katz a broken down ex-sports writer, who peddles his garbage on the internet.

I hate to admit it but I too picked Ruiz to win. The reason I thought so was because I expected Ruiz to use his weight to his advantage by roughing him up against the ropes and wearing him down. But in the actual fight, every time he got Jones cornered, he let him move to keep the fight in the center of the ring. The referee did break the fighters quickly but Ruiz never once tried to force Jones back into the ropes. So Ruiz's excuse that the ref. didn't let him fight his fight doesn't hold water. In hindsight, I see that even if Ruiz had kept the fight away from the center of the ring, he probably still would have lost a decision but he would have made a better account of himself. One of the aspects that led to the downfall of Ruiz against Jones was mental. Ruiz didn't have his usual fire because he has been hit with hard punches before but he always fought back hard. Against Jones, he didn't do this.

Max Kellerman is what I call a "flavor of the week" kind of thinker. Whomever happens to be on top of the heap at the point in time he is asked a question is automatically the all-time greatest in his mind. He lacks the capacity to look at the overall picture in the context of time and is far too impressed by size and physique. He proves that just knowing a lot of facts is not enough to draw correct conclusions. Toughness is not something you can measure or weigh -- it has to be seen by experienced eyes to appreciate. But I do like Max and he gave boxing announcing a breath of fresh, young air. And I admire his obvious love of the sport. Too many sports casters cover boxing with apologies.

EVEN: You asked about tapes of Liston-Foreman sparring. I am told collector Kurt Noltimier has those tapes.

Don't get me wrong about Kellerman. I agree with John on this one. He's young and really has a passion for the sport. Boxing needs more young people to support it. As far as Marciano, I think there are few athletes in history who did as much with so little. I think he knew himself very well. He knew with his limited physical abilities he might not be able to beat a guy to the punch, he just had to out punch him. That's where his intense devotion to training came into play. He trained himself to work harder than anybody else and he knew he could go the distance and still be fresh. I also think his punching power is a little over rated. Foreman, Dempsey and Louis, (from what I've seen on film and TV.), were much harder punchers. And his defense was vastly underrated. He was an extremely smart fighter that knew how to set traps. I'll always rate him high on my all-time list.
You guys are right about Kellerman on the whole he is a plus for boxing. I am told by people who know him that he is a nice guy. It's just that some of his remarks are so unfounded and said with such authority that I have difficulty listening to him. So I rarely do.

All right fans since we are discussing Rocky Marciano prowess. Let me ask a question. Who do you think punched harder, Rocky Marciano, or Cleveland "Big Cat Williams?" Well, I asked the only man who fought both of them, Keene Simmons, that question, and guess what he told me? Rocky Marciano. I asked Keene this question about 3 years ago at Ring 8 in NYC. At the time Keene was about 80 years old of sound mind and good health.

I once did a poll to see if fans at another website liked Max Kellerman as an announcer or not. Over 80% of the people who responded said they didn't like Kellerman. Usually a commentator or writer has some people who like his work and others who don't like his work. I have never known about a commentator or writer that is so disliked before Kellerman. I am a regular at this other site and I visit other sites as well that I don't post at and the prevailing feeling seems to be that boxing fans in general don't like Kellerman as a commentator.

MY TAKE ON MARCIANO: First let me say, I never saw Rocky fight in person. I was born in 1955. Anyone that says Marciano was overrated was never hit by him. Any of the guys he fought, including Archie Moore and Joe Walcott had nothing but praise and respect for him. And Archie Moore was not a guy who threw roses at anyone. I don't think there was ever a better conditioned or more dedicated heavyweight champ then the rock, but I don't think he was the hardest puncher either.

Foreman, Tyson, and maybe Liston and Louis hit harder. But the fact is -- no one in the pros ever walked out of the ring a winner over the guy 49 times. and that's got to count for something on a resume. I personally would not know who to pick on Rocky vs. Dempsey. I think Jack had faster hands, tougher skin, but not the stamina. About 15 years ago, my wife and I met Sandy Saddler at the Elks Club in Queens, the great ex-champ who also helped Dick Saddler train George Foremen. I asked Sandy who he thought hit harder Foreman or Marciano and who he thought would have won. He picked Marciano on both counts.

TO BOB: to be honest with you I was shocked when Sandy Saddler said the thought Marciano hit harder than Foreman. Maybe Sandy at that point in time was on the outs with George and didn't want to give him credit. I don't know, he did not seem bitter. I do remember him saying something about both men would have gone down, but Rocky would have gotten up and George would not have. or something like that.
This was about 15 years ago. I remember he also said that lifting weights will not help punching power in his opinion. He also spoke highly of Jake LaMotta who was also in the audience that night.

No bigger than he was, Rocky was a one in a million fighter. Despite the fact that he was a cruiserweight doesn't diminish the fact that he was truly great. All the positive things you folks say about him is true. I believe that he had a puncher's chance to beat anyone that has ever entered the ring. He wasn't lazy, he kept punching and was determined to win. You got to admire Roy Jones jr. for stepping up to the plate and giving it a shot. As for Kellerman I think he's done a lot of reading but really knows nothing genuine about our sport. I wish he wouldn't holler so much either.

Hey Forest if you were at Ring 8 you would know Sal Rappa then.

I found your comments about Marciano interesting, especially Sandy Saddler's insights. I have a friend who is a boxing writer, and he constantly doubts Marciano's credentials as an all-time great. And while he is not desparaging of Marciano, he still cannot imagine Marciano beating a lot of the current fighters of the past 30 years. I tell him his logic is good, but the fact is Marciano never lost. And that should never be overlooked. And the times when the fight hung in the balance he pulled it out. That does count for something. Personally, while I would have doubts about Marciano winning against some fighters, I would never bet against Rocky. Marciano was often criticized for fighting old men past their primes, and there is some truth to that. But, I really believe that with the exception of Ali, no other Heavyweight Champ defended his title successfully against better opponents. As old as Walcott, Charles, Moore were, and even past their primes, they were still better than most other challengers who fought for the title. Compare those 3 guys to the guys Dempsey, Louis, and and Frazier beat while they were champions, and they stand up pretty well. Saddler's feeling about Marciano's punching power vs. Foreman's surprised me too, for a moment, but then again Saddler was a Archie Moore's stablemate so I am sure Saddler would be very familiar with Marciano's dynamite. When Keene Simmons told me that Marciano punched harder than Cleveland Williams I was surprised then to. But I guess because Marciano was smaller and these guys were so much bigger, we assume they had greater firepower. But in this case one opponent who fought both Marciano and Williams, Keene Simmons, and eye witness Sandy Saddler both go with Marciano. Marciano and Dempsey would be interesting. The Dempsey that fought Willard or Pirpo, fights the Marciano that fought Walcott for the title. Logic tells me Dempsey, history tells me Marciano never lost. I just can't pick against Marciano for that reason, he always found a way to win.

What Saddler said about LaMotta speaks well of LaMotta. LaMotta was another guy who did not look spectacular, but all of his contemporaries marvelled about him. Ray Robinson in his book said that Jake, "was a gladiator, too, when he wanted to be," and when Robinson won the title, he said, "Jake LaMotta hadn't lost. Something had happened to keep him from winning." This is how most of Jake's contemporaries felt about him. Another reason for their admiration of Jake is because he never ducked another fighter, including all the feared black fighters of that era (which is something even Robinson can't claim as a middleweight champ). Evren, I haven't been to Ring 8 in about 2 years. But I've met Sal Rappa there. He has a great film collection. About 3 years ago I asked him if he would sell me a copy of the Giardello-Carter fight, he wouldn't sell he wanted to trade. He is a true fan and a nice guy, I believe he also told me he is Giardello's cousin. I've since got a copy of the fight.

In watching films of Jake LaMotta's fights I was surprised to see that he was not a big one
punch fighter but he was still very aggressive. Jake had a lot of heart as did Rocky M. A lot of fighters these days could learn a lot about boxing by watching those guys and they could see what determination can do for them, something that is lacking in a lot today's fighters. Another surprising thing about LaMotta was he really did have great defense the way he bobbed and weaved, he was difficult to hit and he had very good boxing skills. I guess the image I had of him was as a slugger but part of that may have been because of the movie about him, "Raging Bull," and I didn't see any films of the real LaMotta until after I saw the movie. SABRINA, WE MISS YOUR DAD TOO! MR. JIMMY WAS OUR PAL AND HIS INPUT ON THIS BOARD IS MISSED!

[3/14/03 09:43:41 PM] Sonia Hathaway(Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia81@aol.com ||| 10 | Yes, Sabrina, Dad, is missed, and is noticeable on the board, he'd have some good stuff to say as he always did. |

3/15/03 12:50:48 PM| JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM ||| 10 | Can't agree you more KENT, Jimmy was one class guy, a lotta people did not know THAT JIMMY Q. fought professional in a bout on the "vegas strip" series promoted by BILL MILLER IN 1966. About the time Jerry had a bout with ED LAND. I WROTE to him a write up about it, i wonder in modern history, had there ever been 4 brothers fight pro, Jimmy also worked Jerry and Mike's corner. when they took on the "soul brothers" i have a tape of that. I have to admit, personally haven't shown a whole lot of respect for Marciano, When you're the champion of the whole wide world and 49-0. kinda hard to argue that point, lets put it this way, Ali, Frazier, Foreman, Louis, Dempsey had been 49-0. they would be unopposed "greatest" WITH ROCK its like why pick that guy?? as far as MAXIE 'pad' Kellerman goes, Forest Ward is right he acts like he's some kinda badass on TV with the black shirt, and "pencil neck". he really disrespected Quarry once, said he was a soft touch!!? But thats not my opinion's on his fight knowledge, VERY VERY OVERPAID!! and not a stooge like our respected and friend moe (MR. JIMMY). |

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3/15/03 02:49:03 PM| JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM ||| 10 | HERE'S A BLAST FROM STOOGES PAST, DOES ANYONE REMEMBER, WHEN THE WELTER'S WERE GOING STRONG, JOHNNY "the heat" VERDEROSA?? THE HEAT WAS HOT!! UNTIL HE RAN INTO BOZA EDWARDS, AND GOT HIS FLAME EXTINGUISHED, AS WELL AS HIS LIGHTS? |

3/15/03 05:16:24 PM| Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net ||| 10 | Jimmy Dorsey, did Kellerman actually say Jerry Quarry was a soft touch? How does this loudmouth kid stay on TV? He seems to have a perspective on boxing history that is at best strange, at worst uninformed. I know he reads a lot and watches films on boxing history. He lacks , whoever, the experience of having been alive and watching or discussing these fights when they occurred. This kid can't even make an educated guess on today's fighters! I enjoy the way Teddy Atlas sort of snickers and
smirks at Kellerman's remarks on Friday night fights. Based on old time films, I've seen, didn't Dempsey have a distinct advantage over Marciano in that he could hover over a fallen opponent, and hit him as soon as he tried to get up, with no neutral corner rule?

[3/15/03 05:35:02 PM] JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA
CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | |||| 10 | STEVE: BEFORE JERRY'S UNTIMELY DEATH AND RIGHT BEFORE THE FOUNDATION, HE SAID THEY QUARRY-ALI FIGHT, WAS THE SOFTEST TOUCH IN BOXING HISTORY FOR ALI, WE ARE TALKING THE FIRST BOUT, SOMEONE SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM, HE WAS VIEWING THE SECOND BOUT, THAT THE FIRST BOUT WAS STOPPED ON THAT BAD CUT, HE WAS GOING BY THE LAS VEGAS BOUT, THAT ESPN SHOWD OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN, JUST HAPPENED TO BE HIS WORST PERFORMANCE, SLAPSIE MAXIE, COULDN'T EVEN GET HIS BOUTS STRAIGHT, AND MAKES BIG BUCKS $ FOR HIS LACK OF EFFORT, FOR YEARS!!! THEN ON THE SAME PROGRAM, HE SAID BONAVENA WAS THE "REAL" fighter, over Quarry and his bout with Ali. I'D SAY JERRY WOULD HAVE BEATEN BONAVENA HANDILY, AND MAYBE EVEN A KNOCKOUT!!!

[3/15/03 06:37:26 PM] Paul | Australia | || PlMls | |||| 10 | Just a few comments on Marciano. We can question the quality of his opponents, but as everyone knows he can only beat whoever is put in front of him. Probably a more debatable issue is whether the legend of Marciano would ever have begun had he been fighting under today's 12 round championship rule? Was he doing enough at the end of the 12th round of his fight with Walcott to justify him taking the title from the champion on points? Probably not. And would he have won his first fight with Charles had it also been over 12 rounds? Probably, but it was close, and under today's rules that fight might have been stopped much earlier because of that wicked cut on Rocky's left eye. Also, Marciano weighed 184 pounds and would be a midget by today's standards and his short frame probably couldn't fit any more bulk on it even with today's improved training techniques, diet, etc. However, imagine how easily Marciano would have dominated the cruiserweights of today with his devastating power. But the real measure of Marciano's greatness was that no fighter was ever the same again after they fought him. |

[3/15/03 07:48:12 PM] Bob Bumbera | NC | || renfbera@aol.com | |||| 10 | Do any of you guy's know if Marciano was going to buy Jerry's contract or at least a piece of it. I read he dropped the idea after Jerry lost to Machen or after the first Patterson fight. I don't know anybody who knows boxing that would call Jerry a "soft touch". Like I said Maxie is young. |

[3/15/03 10:08:16 PM] Steve | N.J. | || dmmmsrm@comcast.net | |||| 10 | I don't think that even Ali considered Jerry a "soft touch" in either of their fights. I think Jerry on a good night would have easily outboxed Bonevena. After absorbing some hard shots. I still have a problem with comparisons of Jack Dempsey and most modern day champions. Again I refer to the old films where Dempsey is standing over his opponent, and clubbing him when he starts to get up. |

[3/16/03 02:37:25 PM] JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA
CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | |||| 10 | YOU SEE FELLOW STOOGES!! (AND I SAY THAT WITH THEY UTMOST RESPECT KNUCK! KNUCK KNUCK!). IF MAX CONSIDERED JERRY A "SOFT TOUCH", I HAVE NO QUALMS IN CONSIDERING HIM "MAXIE PAD", THATS HOW HE WOULD FARE AGAINST JERRY, AND ESPECIALLY AS AN ANALYST, PEOPLE FORGET JERRY WON AWARDS OVER HOWARD COSELL, HIS VERY FIRST YEAR FOR CBS SPORTS SPECTACULAR, WITH TOM BROOKSHIER, USED TO LOVE THEIR OPENING THEME AND MUSIC, (THEY MADE IT EXCITING). MAXIE COULDN'T EVEN BEAT JERRY AS AN ANALYST. AND HE'S BEEN DOING IT AT LEAST SINCE 1992 (YOU HAVE TO GROW UP SOMETIME, MAYBE THE BIG BUCKS FOGS HIS BRAIN. OKAY ENOUGH OF "maxie pad" (SORRY LADIES). TO BOB: YES MARCIANO HAD A BIG INTEREST IN BUYING THE QUARRY CONTRACT. AND RENEGED AFTER HIS DEFEAT TO MACHEN. |

[3/17/03 02:44:25 AM] Evren | London | || evren@btinternet.com | |||| 10 | Jerry was never a soft touch for anyone. He had 2 one sided losses to Frazier 2nd and Ali 2nd. Are we to say the Tyson is a soft touch as he lost so onedish to Lewis? I don't
think so! When you see who Jerry beat and also who he lost to there is no shame at all, other than I wished he could have been champion. Beating Ellis would have been his best chance.

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I agree that Max Kellerman has a long way to go to be as good of a commentator as Jerry was. I had a couple of friends who were convinced that Jerry was a second rate fighter because they remembered his performances against Ali in their second meeting and in the Norton fight. I played them round one of the first Frazier/Quarry fight, round six of the Mac Foster fight, round one of the Shavers fight, and round twelve of the Spencer fight. They were speechless for at least a minute afterwards until one of them said, "that Quarry was a bad ass motherf***er!" My other buddy just nodded his head in agreement, still shocked by what I had shown him. They now know how good Jerry really was!

| 3/17/03 07:31:02 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 |

FOREST: I personally rate Jake LaMotta as one of the ruggest, most fearless fighters who ever lived. He is one of the few oldtime white fighters whom the old African American boxers speak very respectfully of today. He fought all comers and took alot of tough guys out of Graziano's way. What really makes me laugh is last week on the classic sports cable channel they did a pretty good special on the histor of African American boxers. They mentioned they great Sugar Ray with a comment something like "whom Jake LaMotta had been ducking" Ducking!! they fought SIX TIMES. That's ducking? I think Graziano hit harder than LaMotta but I would have picked LaMotta in 8 or 9 rounds. The signed to fight twice and both times Graziano pulled out. Supposedly Graziano's "friends and backers" did not want to give LaMotta a big pay day.

| 3/17/03 07:47:01 AM | Sonia Hathaway | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia81@aol.com | 10 |

All, we wanted to say "HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY" to all. Don't forget to wear your green. WE love & miss you Dad, & Uncle Jerry, Mom too.

| 3/17/03 09:57:07 AM | Jimmy Dorsey | Ventura California | ronnyrains@yahoo.com | 10 |

Kent:(THE CURLY Q. LINK,OF OUR FEARLESS LEADER'S CLUB).Kent what really does not help matters as far as JQ IS CONCERNED,IS ESPN'S SHOWING ALI-QUARRY II.(5-THOUSAND TIMES),MY FRIENDS DO THE SAME THING TO ME,OH I SAW YOUR QUARRY AGAINST ALI THEY OTHER DAY(ON CLASSIC'S).THEN THEY GIVE ME A ROUTINE OF SOMEONE NOT BEING ABLE TO HIT ANYTHING.LIKE A BAD VAUDVILLE ACT!SO I TOO,HAVE TO GET THE TAPES OUT,THEN THEY SHOW THEIR RESPECT.WE ARE TALKING,USUALLY NON-FANS ANYWAY.EVREN MADE A STRONG POINT,IF QUARRY'S PERFORMANCE IN ALI II,was his worst,he had absolutely nothing to be ashamed of.HAPPY THANKS PATRICKS DAY TO ALL,I'M DREADING TOMORROW MORNING ,FOR THE GREEN BEER TONIGHT!!

| 3/17/03 10:10:41 AM | Jimmy Dorsey | Ventura California | ronnyrains@yahoo.com | 10 |

EVREN: did kent I,ever give you your diploma to stoogeville,(fearless leader's club).I Think we missed you and Bob Bumbera. no sign-ups,no hassle's,(just be yourself,like us ).SINCERELY JIM,DON'T MIND ME EVREN, I'M GETTING A HEADSTART ON THAT "GREEN BEER"

| 3/17/03 11:20:49 AM | Forest Ward | South Carolina | jophekevin@cs.com | 10 |

it's remarkable, I've said it before when I see your comments, fell like I am looking in a mirror. I agree with your post about LaMotta a 100%. A lot of people don't realize he was not a hard puncher, and did not knock out many people. The same is true for Fritzie Zivic, and Jack Sharkey!

| 3/17/03 11:53:46 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 |

FOREST: I agree, LaMotta was not a particularly hard puncher, but he was an awkwardly clever swarmer who hit both the head and body. Aside from a great chin, he had excellent stamina in spite of the fact he often had to lose 30 pounds to make the middleweight limit. LaMotta and Zale would have been a good fight also. Both men were iron men, but I think Zale had a better punch. And when Jake won one, he won it on the level. Nobody ever fought him "with handcuffs on". I believe he was the number one ranked middleweight for six years without a title shot.
Saw a clip of LaMotta as an amateur the other day. He was really podgy looking. I think he fought as an amateur at Light-Heavyweight.

It is official, Evren and Bob are a couple of "WISEGUYS" AND "LUNKHEADS," KNUCK! KNUCK! KNUCK! Stooges, something Max Kellerman will never be here in Quarryville!

John, thats a hard one to pick Zale-LaMotta. Another hard one to pick would be Dick Tiger and LaMotta, or Tiger-Zale. LaMotta was very cute with the head, shoulders, crouching (a lot like Marciano, except no great punch), but still anyone who goes straight in on Dick Tiger. Wow! Then again it could be a boring fight a lot of clinches. Who knows? Styles make a fight.

John, about 2 years ago I studied some films of Oscar Bonavena, and I was surprised. Oscar was not the crude slugger I mistakenly remembered from years gone past. He actually jabbed, and hooked off the jab, albeit he was clumsy, but he knew the fundamentals of boxing. He had good stamina, and a lot of balls, and he didn't cut. He lost to Ellis pretty easily. But most other guys had a hard time with him, including, Ali, Lyle, Frazier twice. I think Jerry Quarry would have his hands full with Bonavena. Jerry would not knock him out, and Oscar had a style that discouraged a lot of opponents. Like I was saying styles make a fight, and Bonavena was all wrong for Jerry. Once again because of their styles it may have been a boring fight. Oscar was much better than Chuvalo. I still believe Jerry Q lost to Chuvala because Zack Clayton gave him a fast count (he did the same to Foreman against Ali, although it made no difference, the result was inevitable). Jerry was getting discouraged against Chuvala, and there was still 3 rounds left in the fight. Jerry may have stopped him in the next round on cuts but, that's only conjecture. God bless Chuvala, he always came to fight, and gave 100%. One more note about Bonavena and Chuvalo. I have the film of their fight, Bonavena knocked Chuvala down but the ref called it a slip.

Then again Forest, Quarry-Bonavena might be a classic, I still think it would be a Jerry Win, for you see their intangibles, Jerry was 7-0 vs the top ten whom never wore a belt, (albeit Chuvala was not in they official top ten at the time he took on Jerry). Spencer #1, Mathis #6, Foster #1, BoDell #8, Middleton #7, Lyle #3, Shavers #6. I think Jerry would have approached this particular bout differently, and counter punched Oscar to death, like he should have done to Frazier, don't get me wrong I have all the respect for RINGO in the WORLD, YR RIGHT HE WAS DAMN CRAFTY IN AN AWKWARD SORT OF WAY, AND COULD NEVER BEAT ANYONE FROM THE TOP 5 UP. THEY WERE SIGNED IN 73 FOR THE GARDEN, AND RINGO PULLED OUT, SOMEONE AT THE TIME SAID HE WAS DUCKING Quarry, I THINK THE REAL REASON, HE NEEDED MORE TIME TO TRAIN.

Then again Jerry Quarry in his prime KO the Mike Tyson of the last ten years???? I think Jerry in his prime (Lyle, Shavers, Alexander wins) would paste a Tyson of the last ten years.... Jerry loved it when punchers would go into him with average defenses.... This is why big George Foreman didn't want anything to do with Jerry.

In all honestly, I find Quarry-Bonavena too close to call, but if I had to bet, I would have bet on Jerry. But I do remember Oscar koing German champ Karl Mildenburger who was pretty good. I think the worst Oscar looked was against Ellis where he went down twice. Oscar's best fight was his loss to Frazier in their first fight. It really could have been called a draw. Oscar was also having a hard time with Blue Lewis in Argentina until the ref came to his rescue and disqualified Al for some occult reason. I rate Dick Tiger as one of the strongest non-heavyys of all time. A real tough workman and a class guy. I believe the
reason why Quarry-Bonavena was cancelled was because Oscar broke his left hand. After the operation he fought Patterson instead at the Garden (and lost).

Patterson had just turned down a fight with Kirkman in Seattle promoted by Jack Hurley.

Tyson would stop Quarry in the manner Frazier did. Too quick and too good is Mr. Tyson. Definitely in my top ten (of which there are fifteen!!)

Jerry was a very good, gutsy fighter, but Tyson would have been too much for him. Too fast, too strong. Shavers, Lyle, and Foster did not have Tyson's hand speed or ability to throw combinations from all angles.

The question was could Jerry beat the Tyson of the last ten years, not an in prime Tyson. I think Jerry at his best may have been able to take a past his prime but a still very dangerous Tyson but an in prime Tyson, I don't think Jerry could beat that version.

I DON'T KNOW I'D RATHER SEE JERRY IN THERE WITH TYSON, THEN EITHER HOLYFIELD OR LENNOX LEWIS, TO ME TYSON'S THEY MOST OVERRATED CHAMP IN HISTORY, AND LARRY HOLMES PROBABLY THEY MOST UNDERRATED, I KNOW ONE THING YOU ALL MIGHT AGREE WITH, WHOEVER FOUGHT JERRY (SAY TOP 20). FROM 1965 TONY DOYLE TO 1977 LORENZO ZANON, AND EVERYONE IN BETWEEN ALI, FRAZIER, NORTON, LYLE SHAVERS, FOSTER, CHUVALO, ETC, WHERE ALL IN TIP TOP SHAPE, THAT TELLS YOU SOMETHING ABOUT MR. QUARRY, I'LL DIG FOR THAT ARTICLE ON BONAVENA-QUARRY AND WHY IT WAS POSTPONED !

John, you are probably right about Tyson vs. Quarry. The one wild card in that fight would be if Jerry intimidated Tyson by not fearing him. As we saw when Tyson fought Holyfield. When Tyson could not intimidate someone he became an ordinary fighter. Where as Quarry when he thought he could beat someone he became next to unbeatable. It would be a long shot. Strangely enough, I think Bonavena would have given Jerry fits, and probably have beaten Tyson. Simply because Bonavena did not fear anyone. He could bang, he didn't cut, and he was as strong as an ox. Tyson would have become discouraged; and probably quit. Did you know Bonavena was born in Argentina, but his parents were born in Italy (shades of Jake LaMotta).

Could the George Foreman that bombed out Joe Frazier in 2 rounds (1973) beat the Mike Tyson of the last 10 years???? And MAYBE the Tyson in his prime???? Did you guys know that the only fighter that big George Foreman EVER ducked was Jerry Quarry? Unbelievable! It was obvious to the world at the time (1973-74) that Jerry REALLY deserved and earned a title shot with big George.... George Foreman announced at the Quarry-Shavers fight that he was going to fight the winner of that bout; he backed out.... Would have a Mike Tyson of the last 10 years feared Jerry right after his stunning KO of Shavers just like big George Foreman did? When Jerry Quarry was in his prime he had the awesome ability to combine punching speed AND power with great footwork and counter-punching skills....

Forest, you are right about Tyson and Holyfield. I think Holyfield spooked Tyson when he looked him directly in the eye at the weigh-in and said: "You don’t bother me one bit." Holyfield won the mind games and therefore the fight right there and then. I recall reading something Teddy Atlas said years ago when asked about the outcome of a hypothetical fight between Ali and Tyson. Atlas said that Ali would have played mind games with Tyson in the first six rounds and then knocked him out in the seventh. Many in boxing realised at an early stage that Tyson was mentally fragile. Regarding Bonavena, he was definitely one tough nut and he pushed Ali
all the way in the fight they had immediately before Ali had the first Frazier
fight. From memory, Bonavena teased Ali pre-fight by calling him a chicken (it
sounded funny because he used the Argentinian word for chicken and it drove Ali
to despair) as a result of the draft-dodging. If I recall rightly, it was only
in the 15th that Bonavena went down and to his great credit he kept trying to
get up. Oscar was no quitter. Joe Frazier, in his book, praised Bonavena's
toughness. He also told an amusing story about Oscar at their pre-fight press
conference. Every time he got near Joe, Oscar would point his nose up in the
air and animatedly start sniffing like there was a rotten smell near him. Also,
years after their careers were long finished, Frazier ran into Oscar at a Las
Vegas casino. Oscar's first words were: "Where are all the hookers?" He was
one rough cut and it eventually took a bullet to stop him. Finally, I must say
that I find your postings about fighters of yesterday-year very informative
reading and I hope you and the other guys who actually boxed keep writing about
your experiences. This is a very good site. Regards.|
[3/19/03 06:57:31 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|10|FOREST: Ron
Stander, a pretty tough nut of the 70's was also mostly Italian even though he
got a German name. A little trivia regarding Bonavena: according to Jose Torres,
in his book Sting Like a Bee, he mentions that Charlie Goldman, Marciano's old
trainer worked very briefly with Bonavena. That did not work out. I would say
the closest I've seen to Marciano's physique (but NOT his skill) was Jose
Urtain, the late European champ from Spain. He looked like rock but could not
fight like him.|
[3/19/03 12:27:01 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|10|LISTON TRIVIA:
Sonny Liston turned down a fight with Boone Kirkman is Seattle due to the fact
that he was filming a movie which I believed was called Moonfire. Kirkman really
got lucky.|
[3/19/03 02:05:14 PM|Gerry Schultz|Ohio||jgschultz11@msn.com|10|What was it
that made me think of this sight on St. Patrick's Day? Oh yeah, the cool Irish
thing! I'm sort of playing catch up... On Max K. ( of which much has been
already said ), I have to follow the crowd here on that one, his comments
regarding Jerry and Oscar B. NOT being true heavies in today's game turned me
off totally. A lot has been correctly said of the conditioning, and emphasis on
skill --- which may be missing today in all sports --- of Rocky and others of
the 50s-70's vs. size, which is given too much "weight" in today's game. Jerry
at 200lbs or less is a great example. He would give any of today's guys a great
fight. Ruiz did not look that aggressive vs. Jones, appeared to me to be
intimidated by his speed. I doubt Jerry would've been at all. As has been said,
Jerry vs. Oscar would be a great match. I give Jerry the edge on speed,
counterpunching. Oscar did not appear to have good balance, but was very game,
very strong, and was leading Ellis when he got caught. I rate Rocky a top Ten
guy, but I also rate Tyson there as well, his rare speed and strength would beat
Jerry, I think, clearly. Holyfield I do not rate nearly as high or Bowe or
Lewis, all three of which are not that far from Jerry, in my opinion. Tyson, to
me, is the last "legend" I've seen since the 70s, which I agree was the best era
for Heavies. Rock vs. Dempsey, I pick Rocky, but only after a brutal beating and a
couple of trips to the canvas. It's good people still consider these classic
greats in today's Max K. right-now world. Another fighter from that era I rate
top Ten is Gene Tunney, who also retired on top with a great record. Happy
belated St. Pat's Day to the Quarrys and their fans at this site. |
last thing I remember was Foreman "knocking out" Jimmy Young in the 7th round. Well, I wake up the next day, and hear on the radio about the big upset of Young over Foreman. I couldn't believe it, I went to sleep thinking he was knocked out, I didn't remember a damn thing after the 7th round. I had to go out and buy a newspaper to find out what happened.<br>Young could have been a successful fighter but he became discouraged after a few close losses and drank and drugged himself out of the picture. Unfortunately he kept on fighting for too many years I met him in Philly about 5 years ago outside the Blue Horizon. I was told before hand, that he will be outside the arena before the fight selling the free tickets Russell Peltz, gives former fighters, sure enough there he was. Friendly and talkative and obviously soft in the head. I don't blame this one on boxing, Young had opportunity and he threw it away. I really, really liked him too.|
Forest, yes I liked Bonavena too, I could see Jerry Quarry getting frustrated, I could also see Jerry maybe even stopping, Oscar (He should have only been the third fighter in history to stop Chuvalo) Although we will never know. Ross Brimer the thug guard, who shot Bonavena—mysteriously is also dead, Jimmy Ellis, for sure was good, if not great fighter for certain. He headlined everywhere, and didn’t disappoint, like so many other fighter’s, he evitably stayed around to long.

Ellis was a very good fighter. He really was a blown-up middleweight who beat some very tough heavies. He put Bonavena on the deck twice which is very hard to do. Ellis starting going downhill after Shavers koyed him in 1. After that he stated loosing to guys like Kirkman. Ellis had a good sneaky right that hurt Frazier for a second in their first fight. He was also Ali's sparring partner for years.

Does anyone remember Roy Tiger Williams? He was pretty tough. Not many guys wanted to mess with Roy. Also, Manual Ramos, the Mexican heavy of the 60's died a few years ago I just learned.

John, You are right Kirkman is lucky he never fought Liston, even if Liston was 70 years old. In fairness to Kirkman most fighters should be considered lucky if they didn’t have to fight Liston. I was at the Liston-Wepner fight. Besides the fight itself, what I remember was Muhammad Ali was at the fight.

Roy Williams, there is a name from the past! I still remember his fight with Earnie Shavers. I guess anyone who saw it still remembers it! Larry Holmes in his biography gives a good detailed look at the career of Roy Williams, Holmes freely admits he did not want to fight him (although he did), and further states that Williams was a good fighter who did not get the breaks. Roy Williams is another example of my belief that a fighter’s record alone does not always tell the whole story of a fighter’s ability. He did a stretch in prison for killing someone, sorry but I don’t know the details. I heard he was released from prison a few years ago. John, Roy Williams won the NYC Golden Gloves Heavyweight Open Division in 1966.

He was a protege of Joe Louis if I remember correctly. Peace.

Does anyone know the wherabouts of Bob Satterfield? Is he still alive? He would be around 80 now I guess. He beat among others: Nick Barone (PTS10) Lee Oma (KO6) Harold Johnson (PTS10) Bob Baker (WKO1) Julio Mederos (WKO2) (WPTS10) John Holman (WKO1) Nino Valdes (WPTS10) Johnny Summerlin (WPTS10) Cleveland Williams (WKO3) What a puncher he was — a Light-Heavy that could bomb out the big boys. He was a bit chinny however! Curtis 'Hatchetman' Sheppard is another from that era — he once knocked out Joey Maxim in one round. A real mean dude!

John, funny thing, I was thinking earlier today about other fighters who were good (in the Roy Williams category), but never quite got over the hump. One of the guys I thought of was Larry Middleton, and just a few seconds ago reviewing old posts I see his name in one of your earlier posts. Middleton was another fighter who had trouble getting fights, usually he had to take them on short notice or he was put in against guys over his head. I only saw him fight once and he lost to Dwayne Bobbick. I am sure Middleton was either, A. at the end of his career, or B. he had 'handcuffs' on. What I remember reading about Middleton years ago was that he was a good boxer, not much of a puncher. I was alway feel for
fighters like him. I wonder if 30 years later Middleton wonders about, "what might have been." if got a couple of breaks along the way. That's what saddens me when I think about Jimmy Young, he got the break and let it slip away (I still like him just the same). That's why I treasure a Marciano, or a Frazier. They had talent sure, but maybe even more importantly they had the drive and determination. They had to sacrifice and pay the price, and God Bless them they did.

3/22/03 02:12:45 PM|Gerry Schultz|Ohio||jgschultz11@msn.com||||10|I agree that Jimmy Ellis was a very good, underrated heavy, who gave Joe Frazier a good fight. Even healthy and ready, Jerry Q would have had to work very hard to beat him, though I think he would have. Rock and Joe to me personify truly courageous fighters who overcame clear disadvantages with heart and power to be remarkable champions. Archie Moore is another to be considered in this light. Previous posts mention 'breaks' going against good fighters, How about how long Ken Norton, who did not get to really contend until his 6th year despite a great record? I think even Muhammed Ali realized that without a real public persona to draw the public, he too would be on the outside looking in. Joe F. was very aware that if he ever lost prior to his fight with Ali, he might be dropped by his management, pretty motivational stuff I think. Meanwhile some guys like Jerry had the red carpet for much of their career right from the start. Jimmy Young did throw it away. I think an even better guy who blew it that way was Greg Page. Thanks. P.S. I don't think Jerry's accomplishment in '65 at the Golden Gloves is yet given it's proper due. All KOs, wow! Almost like a Hollywood movie.

3/22/03 04:41:22 PM|Keith White|Seattle, WA||QUARRYJKW74@AOL.COM||||10|Could Jerry Quarry have beaten ANYBODY in the history of heavyweight boxing the night he beat undefeated Ron Lyle in Madison Square Garden???? Was this the "perfect shape and in tune Jerry" this particular night?

3/22/03 06:21:13 PM|Evren|London||@||||10|No

3/22/03 07:55:53 PM|Forest Ward|South Carolina||joekevin@cs.com||||10|Gerry, you are right about Greg Page what a waste of talent. Page had more talent in his thumb nail than most Hall of Fame Fighters have in a life time. The last time I saw him fight was in Nov. or Dec of 1976. Ten american heavyweights were matched against 10 russian heavyweights, at Madison Square Garden. At the time Page was unknown (at least to me anyway). He was 17 or 18 weighed approx. 212 and had a perfect build. He got knocked down in the fight, got up and lost a decision. I thought Page won the fight, but more importantly I thought I was looking at "Greatness." Page showed so much in that fight, speed of foot, quick hands a good jab, good right hand... But for some reason he never applied himself. Strangely even fighting at half speed Page had some sucess in the pro's. Tony Tubbs also fought that night and I was impressed with him too (although no where near the degree Page impressed me). He had a "soft body," but he was quick of hand and foot too. <br> A lot of those young heavyweights in the late 70's and early 80's, Page, Tubb, Dokes... They seemed to want to emulate Muhammad Ali. The Ali of the middle to late 70's, who many times would not train seriously for a fight. And as a result appeared fat and almost lazy on occasion. Instead, they should have emulated the Clay/Ali of thr 60's and early 70's, who even when he fought an inferior foe still came into the ring in top shape. Witherspoon, Page and those other guys behaved as if they were on "scholarships." The fans owed them a living. That is why even though there are a lot of things I didn't like about Ray Leonard, I always admired him as a fighter. He was a gladiator. He was willing to be knocked down, cut ... whatever but he would still give a 100% and fight to the end. I feel thayt way about Oscar Del A Hoya too.<br>Please I hope no one misunderstands me, I feel for Greg Page in his present condition, and I could go on about what I think needs to be done with boxing. But I've already done that enough on this site.

3/24/03 07:14:37 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com||||10|JIMMY DORSEY: No,
I do not know the full circumstances regarding the death of Manual Ramos, except that it was due to "natural causes". He died at least a year ago, maybe more. Cleve Williams was struck by a car and killed in Texas at least two years ago also. <br>On Kirkman-Bonavena. Oscar probably would have taken him out in about four rounds. Kirkman has a very smart manager in Jack Hurley. To this day, I don't know why Hurley agreed to a Foreman fight so early in Boone's career. He never recovered from that humiliation. Kirkman was an excellent club fighter who was always in good shape and could punch a bit. He also resembled Dempsey and Schemling in looks. I understand he is in perfect health and has done well since hanging up the gloves. He said the only man he fought and did not like personally was Norton.

Just a quick note to let everyone know about the revised clip of Frazier-Quarry I on the home page, as well as in the Video Scrapbook. The new clip includes the ring introductions as well as an uncut version of Round 1. The video can be viewed, depending on your connection speed, at 56k dialup or DSL quality. I did my best to improve the picture. The original was very dark and there was some generation loss, but the overall quality is very good considering it was taped off broadcast in 1969. Enjoy the fight. --Carl

Hey Forest, thanks for the great picture! That was thoughtful of you, and your right, I really did enjoy adding it to my collection. I see you were at the Blue Horizon in Philly during the late 60's and early 70's. I was there the night EUGENE (CYLONE) Hart and Joey Archer went out of the ring together and landed on a table. The place was filled with cigar smoke, and no one sat in their seats. I loved that place! I only live about 15 Min. away on the Jersey side of the Ben Franklin bridge. Did you ever see any fights on closed circuit at the Cherry Hill Arena? I saw Jerry knock out Ernie Shavers their. Do you remember Boogaloo Watts? Marvin Franklin, Dwight (the camden buzzsaw) Braxton? They were all highly popular fighters in Philly and Camden at that time. Gypsy Joe Harris, a welterweight who had only one eye, and trained on Scotch and milk! He got all the way to a title fight with Emile Griffith, which he lost. It was only afterwards the boxing commission discovered he had only one eye! He had the strangest moves and style I've ever seen. He reminded me of Joe Walcott, with that ability to change direction and angle of attack on a dime.

Does anyone remember the great weekly newsletter Malcolm "Flash" Gordon used to put out in the 80's? I believe Flash still lives in Sunnyside, Queens.

I remember Flash Gordons deal. He was an outspoken, very knowledgeable boxing writer. He always had time to support the little guys that were trying to promote and keep boxing alive. I subscribed to the TBP. Wish he was still putting it out. When I boxed Tony Danza in New York he told me to watch his right hand. I should have taken his advice. Flash was an o.k. dude. Knowing him he's probably reading this. Hi Flasher!!!

Mr. Dorsey, I hope I am remembering right. I know Carter was favored and Jerry
SMACKED<br>HIM RIGHT OFF THE BAT AND I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN<br>IT. I WAS
REAL CLOSE RINGSIDE AND MR. QUARRY JUST DRILLED HIM BIG TIME|

The International Boxing Hall of Fame recently inducted George Foreman, who admits
to having ducked Jerry intentionally. Gerry Cooney was at the Golf Tournament and
Ernie Shavers was in the Parade of Champions. Patterson is in the hall. Still,
sadly, Jerry is not. Their website is www.IBHOF.com. Their induction criteria
appears to be in a state of flux, and possibly now is the correct time to
petition for Jerry's entry. He did more for boxing than possibly, what seems
like just a handful of people, when considering his pugilistic dementia was a
catalyst that spawned federal legislation that will be his legacy for
generations to come. |

Why would George Foreman avoid Jerry
Quarry when he took on Joe Frazier, Ken Norton and Muhammad Ali? All of whom
beat Jerry handily. I love Jerry and I feel the same way about George. Foreman
has a habit of putting himself down to enlarge the standing of former
opponents.|

Evren, we have
discussed this subject before but here goes again. George was in the audience
the night Jerry destroyed Earnie Shavers and he told Jerry right after the
fight, "you just blew your title shot." The way I understand it, George sounded
like he was joking but there was clearly some truth to his statement as he never
fought Jerry. Jerry had the ability, because of his counter punching style and
his ability to take a punch, to handle big strong punchers. Jerry had knocked
out Shavers quickly, had taken some very hard shots from Ron Lyle but he still
outboxed Lyle for a decision victory, and Jerry had taken every thing Mac Foster
had to give and came back to knock Foster out. Could Jerry had done the same
thing to Foreman? I don't know but he had a better chance of beating Foreman,
because of Jerry's style, than either Norton or Frazier because Jerry could
fight more effectively backing up than either of these two fighters, who both
were good at moving into their opponents, which played right into Foreman's
strength. Another factor was money as Foreman went where the bigger money was
by taking on Ali instead of Jerry. Foreman may have thought that fighting Jerry
could at least risk somewhat his chance later of making more money against Ali.

I agree 100% that Jerry should have gotten a title shot after Shavers
and Lyle. I disagree however when people say he would have beaten Foreman. Lyle
was much slower than Foreman and Shaver's jaw did not match his power. If you
look at the tape of Quarry-Norton carefully you will see that Norton did not
just outbox Jerry, he out slugged him too. And Norton was about 1/2 the puncher
George was. I think Bonavena and Jerry would have been a much more competitive
fight. I shudder to think what George's jab would have done to the skin around
Jerry's eyes. Jerry was a very, very good one, George was a great one. And I
respect them both tremendously.

Foreman
was really easy to hit. Most of his opponents, not all would back or stay away
from him, with good reason. However, somebody like Quarry who could really punch hard may have had a chance against George. Remember the old Foreman was not in that good a shape when Quarry was in his prime. The most recent George would have been harder to beat. I'll just say this. The day Foreman took on three at one time was pathetic. But that represented his conditioning during that era. He should be glad one of them wasn't Quarry.

The problem with the comparison between Foreman and Quarry is that Jerry's fans have a habit of extrapolating three fights in Jerry's entire career (Lyle, Shavers, and Foster) and using them as the performance norm and thus the comparison point. And they naturally compare them to Foreman's weakest showings such as his "Foreman vs. Five Men" stunt or the Young fight. This would be the same as comparing the Jerry of the Norton fight or the Middleton fight (Jerry won by a quarter of a point) to the Foreman of the Norton fight. A fair, unbiased comparison doesn't work that way. You look at both men's complete records, the low points as well as the highpoints. A guess using the highpoint vs. highpoint would be the Quarry of the Lyle fight vs. the Foreman of either Frazier fight or the Norton fight. Common opponents such as Frazier, Chuvalo, Norton, Lyle, and Ali should also be considered. But in summary, it is misleading to compare Jerry at his best to George as his worst. Has anyone ever asked Gil Clancy his opinion? He trained them both. Someone should interview Gil and get his input.

I once read that Clancy said that Quarry was a harder puncher! Maybe George should have given him a clump to prove him wrong. John, you speak an awful lot of sense! I do not understand the comment that Foreman wasn't in good shape when Jerry was in his prime - I think that is utter rubbish. A great one vs a good one.

I respect your opinions a lot but I have to point out that you were using the reasoning that because Frazier, Ali, and Norton beat Jerry, why would Foreman be concerned about fighting Jerry. The reason is styles and that is the reason I use for Jerry having a better chance (remember, I said I don't know if Jerry could have handled Foreman) against Foreman. I use the Lyle, Shavers, and Foster fights because of their similar styles to Foreman's style. John, you make a point that Norton not only out boxed Jerry but he also out punched Jerry. The Jerry that fought Norton was well past his best and he took the Norton fight on only three weeks notice because he needed the money, while Norton was near his prime. Even so, for the first three rounds he was very competitive and he punched himself out trying to knock Norton out in the third round after he was badly cut. That is still one of the best heavyweight rounds I have ever seen! I see Jerry and Norton to be a "pick em" fight, hard to pick a winner, prime against prime.

No disrespect intended on Jerry. I want to make that absolutely clear.

I disagree with you on this one. I can see the logic of your thinking. Jerry was an "anything can happen" type of fighter and that's one reason why we all liked him so much.

I SURE FEEL JERRY SHOULD HAVE GOT THE CHANCE, LIKE THE NIGHT OF 8/31/73 FOREMAN-ROMAN QUARRY-WOODY. THE SHAPE BOTH WERE IN THAT NIGHT WOULD HAVE SETTLED EVERYTHING. WIN OR LOSE, AND JERRY WOULD HAVE DEFINETLY BEEN THEY UNDERDOG, I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SEEN HIM IN THERE WITH GEORGE AND HIS STYLE, THEN THEY ILL-ADEVD BATTERING HE TOOK FROM JOE FRAZIER IN 74'.
Evren and John,

Notice I said I wasn't sure if Jerry could handle Foreman but he would have a better chance of beating him than Frazier or Norton because styles make fights. Foreman may have stopped Jerry in the mid rounds, or maybe on cuts, but Jerry probably would have been standing fighting his heart out. He would not have been bombed out in one or two rounds and if he got past the sixth round, who knows? John, you didn't comment on the fact that Norton caught Jerry very late in Jerry's career and he clearly wasn't the fighter he was even two years before this. I feel it would be hard to pick a winner between Jerry and Norton, prime agasing prime. How do think this fight would have gone?

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Evren: Because I'm a "STOOGE", Tat will explain my lack of "the" opposed to the "THEY". I'm stuck in the "FEARLESS LEADERS CLUB". Everyone that knows sports, have said I look like Lee Mazzilli (Yankees first base coach). That worked great with the girls, when I was younger, but once a "stooge". Always a "stooge".

TO MAX HORDE: Yes, Max, it was billed as Foreman vs. Fivemen -- I believe it took place in Toronto. The only decent fighter on the list was Kirkman who wanted a second chance at Foreman. Kirkman had been demolished in two rounds years earlier. He was the only one who lasted the full three rounds, I believe.

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Alonzo Johnson really made JQ MAD at the first Ali weigh in, saying Ali might have them carry Jerry out on a slab. I guess Ali figured he needed the backup. Jerry lit both their ears up with some expletives. Cannot believe I guessed it right Kent (the CURLY Q. LINK OF OUR FEARLESS LEADERS CLUB). ALONZO if I remember correctly, was a last minute replacement for another fighter, also from a very reliable source, JQ NEARLY RUINED JERRY JUDGE SPARRING, also judge was allegedly a great street fighter from PHILLY. TAKE CARE!

As I remember this event, Foreman was having something of a mental breakdown. He was trying to put on to the media that he was still the unbeatable monster, only it wasn't working. Even Cosell said there was something wrong with George. Foreman was getting tired toward the end, and Charlie Polite proudly went the full three rounds. Interesting that Jimmy mentioned that Jerry Judge was a respected street fighter. It makes sense now, as he had that look and attitude. Even
though George clobbered him, I do remember Judge slamming Foreman with a hell of a right. What boxing needs is a night of Tyson vs The Vegas Five. Considering how often he fights and how long the bouts tend to go, we'd get about three years worth of Tyson for one price.

4/8/03 03:18:33 PM|Steve|N.J.|dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Jimmy Dorsey, did you get that great information on the Ali-Jerry Quarry weigh in for their first fight from an old boxing magazine or someone who was there? If from a boxing magazine, please let me know what mag., what year and what issue. I get a kick out of this kind of stuff. I think that's hilarious about Jerry "lighting Ali up", with a few well chosen expletives. I've never heard of Jerry Judge being a badass street fighter from Philly. That's interesting and I will have fun asking my friends and people from around Philly about him. John Gerard, I have read that Gil Clancy said "Jerry was the most talented heavyweight I've trained" Clancy also said that Jerry didn't take corner advice during a fight, and seemed to feel a need to beat an opponent at his strength. However, I agree that common opponent comparisons are not a good way to predict the outcome of any Jerry Quarry fight. I think Jerry's chaotic personal life made a distinct effect on his inconsistent performances in the ring. However, I still believe he would have had a better chance against Forman than Norton, Lyle, or Frazier did! As you say, styles make fights. Jerry's boxer, counter puncher, knockout artist style was somewhat unique during his era. When he was at the top of his game, this rare combination of skills made him hard to defeat.

4/8/03 03:36:09 PM|Steve|N.J.|dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Hey Jimmy Dorsey, if Kent is "Curley" in the "Fearless Leaders Club" does that mean he has a round head and no hair? Which stooge are you?

4/8/03 06:30:52 PM|Steve|N.J.|dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Hey Jimmy Dorsey, if Kent is "Curley" in the "Fearless Leaders Club" does that mean he has a round head and no hair? Which stooge are you? I DO have a best friend who is dead-on Larry. I'd have to sum it up as being maybe a special-guest-villian-stooge. There were alotta those, I think I might have heard of Jerry Judge STREET CAREER ON THIS POST. And I will get that one with Quarry/Ali I with Alonzo Johnson tomorrow, I believe from the New York Times, I'm giving myself a double-eye poke and a pie in the face, Just for Lee Mazzilli's Pirates career, where he was paid a $ million for every Home Run, But Steve he had to make it up with the ladies, Take Care!

4/8/03 07:18:50 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca|oriononside@aol.com|||10|The original stooges here were, me, Jimmy Dorsey, and Mr. Jimmy (aka James Quarry). Mr. Jimmy was Moe because he was the head honcho around here and I if am Curley, then I guess Jimmy D is Larry by default. Who would be Shemp then? No Steve I don't have a bald head in fact, I am happy to say I have a full head of dark brown, almost black hair at the age of 44 years old and it is starting to get
long. Jimmy D, just think, if there was no Corletti fight, then we wouldn't have our stooges club, remember? Oh by the way, if I didn't ever concede you were right about it being at the forum, I am doing so now.

Regarding Henry Cooper: cb>Cooper made it a lifelong effort to avoid having to defend his British Commonwealth Championship against Canadian George Chuvalo. He ducked the guy for almost a decade and got away with it. Chuvalo agree to fight him in London and still got the no go.

Kent: ITS TOO BAD I got stuck with larry,for I have a buddy in DELANO CALIFORNIA,WHOM is a LARRY FINE replica,(are you sure I can'T BE JOHNSON?!).My friends have called me MAZZ SINCE 1982,too BAD LEE HIT HIS HOMERS,off the field!Howard Cosell is no longer a stooge, if we even ever made him one,Been watching some great old heavyweight tapes,HE classified LYLE AS not a great fighter,well one things for sure he had a champions heart,said losing to QUARRY WAS HARD TO DO,IF YOU WEREN'T HIS BABY (ALI) OR Joe Namath,you just did'n rate with HOWIE.

Kent: Mr. Jimmy did comment on the stooge entries but not on the letters page. I talked to him about it during one of my phone conversations with him. He got a laugh out of it.

Max, it is not fair that someone like Bob Foster never had a problem making weight, even apparently when he would drink beer. He had a hard time packing on ten extra pounds to try and compete against heavies. I on the other hand having dabbled in boxing when I was younger weighed around the light heavyweight limit in my late teens and would have been about cruiserweight in my early twenties but am now a full blown heavyweight and then some. If I would have ever had to make weight, once I matured, I would have had to watch every calorie no matter how hard I trained. I bet Foster never had to worry about what he ate either.
I read a Ken Norton interview where he stated that Ali was an incredibly strong man in their fights. I don't think fight fans give Ali enough credit in that department. He may not have been a one punch knockout artist. He did, however, manage to grab most of his opponents behind the neck, and pull their head down to waist level. He also managed to tko George Forman and Joe Frazier. The only guys he couldn't seem to hurt at will were Ken Norton and George Chuvalo.

George had his eye socket smashed by Frazier. He required surgery for them to repair the cheekbone and eye socket. George said it was the most painful thing ever. Hey! Less of the bad mouthing of Henry Cooper! He wasn't a bad fighter!

George Chuvalo probably compares to Ali for having the best chin in heavyweight history. Over 90 fights and not knocked down once is an incredible achievement when you consider the calibre of fighters he faced from Ali, Foreman, Frazier and Quarry to Patterson, Folley, Williams, Ellis, Bonavena etc. He had incredible reserve and strength in the ring and was a good fighter. His reaction to events outside of the ring in his personal life make the man all the more extraordinary. A good fighter and an excellent man, boxing will rarely see his like again. As for Henry Cooper, he really only had one notable win in his career and that was an excellent victory over a prime Zoro Folley. Over than that he was easily beaten by the other top fighters he faced, but continued to dominate the European circuit for over 10 years. Joe Bugner was a better fighter with a lot of durability. In a different era Cooper could have made a much bigger impression with that awesome left hook, the best I've seen apart from Tyson and Frazier, a very decent weapon, as a certain Ali found out.

Gang: I definitely would have to bet on Chuvalo for sure. Cooper was a good fighter, and a great gentleman, whom, was the victim of a "bad" decision vs Bugner, but man I'd have to say bet the house on GEORGE CHUVALO! Just witnessed the entire Norton-Quarry bout, what a war!! Jerry's last great bout. if he had quit for sure then, and stayed with the CBS sports spectacular thing, and not sparred with Bobby (AND TRY TO KILL EACH OTHER EVERYDAY). WE'd still have the articulate Irishman around, but there's no quit in a Quarry, TAKE CARE!

Hey, Jimmy Dorsey, SORRY FEARLESS LEADER LARRY, but I don't think Jerry had anything left to prove by the time he was exploited by Norton. I think Norton waited till he knew Quarry was thoroughly used up as a fighter before he dared to fight him. Jerry Quarry standing toe to toe with Frazier in their second fight was his greatest accomplishment. On that day, no one else but Quarry would have lasted as long. Not
even Ali!! Joe Frazier would have KO'D Ali on that night! |

You have mentioned that Jerry sparred with brother Bobby during Bobby's career, well past the time when Jerry should have been doing any kind of heavy sparring. I am going to try and remember to ask Bobby about their sparring sessions the next time I talk to him. I would like to think that the sessions were not that intense but we all know Jerry's competitive spirit and I can see how he would not want "little brother," though not so little by that time, to get the better of him. I can also see how Jerry would have fought hard so that his brother would become a better fighter. Boxers are by nature very competitive people. |

Hi All! Just thought I'd let you know Wednesday is our Father's Birthday, he would have been only 59, what a youngster. We love you Dad, and miss you very much. |

Irish Jerry Quarry was the BEST it ever was. They were all too scared to get in the ring with the king.Happy Birthday Jerry!! |

I am a former boxer who fought out of the Tomez A.C. in Youngstown, Ohio in the early sixties. I trained and boxed in the Golden Gloves with Ted Gullick, who was a great guy. I read on your site that a tragedy had befallen him , If anyone could tell me what happened to my old friend I would appreciate it. I always admired Jerry Quarry I thought he was the best counterpuncher I ever saw |

In the recent issue of Ring magazine, George Foreman talks about the time he fought the five opponents. In the interview, he says he realized he may have taken on more than he was ready for when Alonzo Johnson hit him with a body shot. He also says that Boone Kirkman also hit him with a hard body shot and he felt some ribs crack. Something I didn't know about the event that Foreman mentions is that Mac Foster was supposed to participate but backed out at the last moment. Foreman says he was lucky Foster wasn't part of the event. Foreman had picked fighters who were friends of his and he thought of it as just what it was supposed to be, an exhibition, but these guys took it seriously and they all came to fight. |

Just wanted to wish you all a very happy Easter... |

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someone who rates Joe Bugner! In my view Bugner was the best British fighter between Farr and Lewis, better than Cooper. He had size, skill and a very durable chin, going the distance with Ali twice, Frazier and Lyle (that's durability!), as well as beating a number of good fighters including Ellis, Bonavena, Mac Foster and Cooper (did he beat Mathis as well). Certainly would hold a version of the world title today, but rather ruined his reputation by continuing with his career for so long. As for a fight with Quarry, I think that Jerry would have the edge. Superior skill, particularly when he's on fire, would give him a unanimous but close points victory-Bugner would certainly take a few rounds and with his great chin and ability to take Frazier's shots I don't think Jerry could have knocked him out. Sad to think that this fight never came off.|

4/24/03 02:30:33 PM|Carl Weingarten|TJQF||TJQF|||10|Mark - Funny, I was looking at Bugner's record the other day and amazed to see him fighting as late as 1999. He's got to be the last great holdout from the era. As far as Bugner vs Jerry, they actually did meet in the ring. James Quarry told me how he went with Jerry to England for his fight with Larry Middleton. Once the Quarry's were in London, they hooked up with Bugner and trained at a gym there. Joe and Jerry sparred and worked out together. James said the meeting was very friendly, with Jerry giving Joe some lessons on fighting off the ropes. You can see the Jerry-like counterpunching tactics Bugner uses in the Bugner-Frazier fight. Anyway, for whatever it's worth, James made a point to tell me that during sparring, "Jerry had the edge."

4/24/03 08:17:52 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|MARK: I have also heard of Jerry's superior sparring over Joe Bugner, although Joe really improved by 1975. Jerry's sheer aggressive style, made him a better fighter than Bugner, plus experience, Bugner also, never fought Bonavena (and my money would have been on Oscar) or Mathis.

4/25/03 12:11:49 AM|Kert Appel|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Bobby Quarry's event that was supposed to take place late last year, "battle of the bouncers and tribute to Jerry Quarry," featuring a biographical film narrated by Burt Randolph Sugar that chronicles Jerry's life and career, is going to take place Saturday, May 17, at the Dome in Bakersfield, Ca, formally known as Strongbow Stadium. More information will be posted in weeks leading up to the event.

4/25/03 12:17:28 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|One more thing, Carl and Mark. I remember Mr. Jimmy saying that not only did Jerry have an edge over Bugner in their sparring sessions, he was dominate over Bugner. I also remember reading where Gil Clancy said Jerry was able to have an advantage in sparring over contenders like Jimmy Young and that Jerry was the best gym fighter he ever saw.

4/25/03 06:21:25 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|I also remember Bugner freely admitting that Liston handled him easily in sparring as did Frazier. But this was very early in his career and he was somewhat of a late bloomer. They guy was good. Very underrated.

4/25/03 01:29:51 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|TALK ABOUT BUGNER BEING UNDERRATED, how about RON LYLE?! I've never seen anyone including "BIG GEORGE" HURT Lyle, the way Ernie Shavers did, yet Lyle came back to Ko SHAVERS, He also beat Bugner, the reason Bugner could survive Ali, and Frazier, was his 6'4" size and reach, and lack of aggression, he wouldn't have stayed up under the fusilage, Frazier dished out to Q! He just didn't get hit, his unaggressive 15-round performance vs Ali, was one of the worst in history at KULA LUMPER, people talk about Quarry's no-hitter vs Ali in Vegas, should watch Bugner's title showing vs Muhammad, Don't get me wrong BUGNER was okay, Lack of a major league punch also hindered him, and say if he ever BEAT QUARRY, BONAVENA OR MATHIS, would have been Britains best up to LEWIS, TAKE CARE.
Yes, Lyle was very good. He was almost muscle bound and pretty old in years when he began his career, but he was one very rough guy. As the joke went "Ron has a Masters Degree in Violence". He also defeated Bonavena via decision I recall and I was told Norton refused to fight him.

Hi just wanted to say am enjoying the site, jerry quarry has always been one of my favorites, the best white heavyweight since marciano and if a crusierweight division had existed in the early 70's jerry would have been a champion no doubt. I also workout and spar even though I have mild cerebral palsy, i have loved boxing ever i was little (i'm now 32). One last thing: fighters must know when to quit, its so easy to say i know but if JQ had retired in '75 or 77' he would be still be with us today.

take care, Gary Chapman

Yes, Ron Lyle was very good. I thought Lyle won at least one of the fights with Jimmy Young. I believe it was the first one where he pounded on Young's sides with hard body shots all through the fight only to lose a decision on the judges scorecards. Lyle's body attack brought out red welts on Young's sides. Lyle, in both bouts, landed the harder punches but I guess the judges were more impressed with Young's quantity over Lyle's quality of punches. I read an interview with Lyle where he said he believes he won both fights against Young.

Lyle was an excellent fighter who made the era of the 70s so good. If had been a professional in his early 20s he could have been up in the Liston, Frazier and Foreman class rather than the one just below with Quarry, Young and Shavers. Beat Shavers in a fantastic performance, particularly after being floored, and beat very good fighters like Ellis, Bonavena, Bugner and Mathis to improve his CV further. Fairly unlucky in his defeats to Young (who I thought is another fighter very underated, could have won Ali and Norton fights) and boxed superbly against Ali before being stopped by some unique magic, and fought in the most brutal fight with Foreman where bravery and guts were called for. A fight with Norton and Holmes would have been desperately close-all 3 were great fighters. The fact that Quarry beat Lyle most convincingly out of a list including Ali, Foreman and the guys previously mentioned is perhaps the greatest compliment I can give to Jerry- a simply magnificent performance.

Where can I get a copy of the 1974 fight of George Foreman VS Joe "King" Roman'? I'd love to see that fight again, even though it was a very short one? Thanks.....L Ramos

In continuing to represent the legislative interests of The Jerry Quarry Foundation and the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing, I am lobbying for the passage of Senate Bill 275. If this goes through Congress, boxing will finally have a badly needed national commission to protect the fighters and the fans. Email or call Democratic Senator Harry Reid of Nevada and state your support for this legislation, as his interest is very vital in terms of getting this bill approved. Thanks !!

Does anyone remember NYC heavyweight? The Garden loved they guy but Scott Ledeaux exposed the guy once and for all. I think Sid Martin trained him, not sure. Also, little known fact: Charlie Goldman was in Bonavana's corner in his very early fights.

The Foreman-Roman fight was included on a videotape called Great Fights of the Seventies, back when VHS was just getting underway. It would be hard to find now, but that tape also included Foreman's fights with Frazier, Norton, Chuvalo and Peralta. Also included were highlights
from Ali's fights with Norton (number 2), Bob Foster, Quarry (number 1) and
Bonavena. I think the only non-heavyweight fight on the tape was Duran-Buchanan.

Kent: and fellow stooges (of the fearless
leaders club). I'VE FINALLY DID IT, Jerry Quarry finished 4th in the 1974 "BATTLE
OF THE SUPERSTARS COMPETETION" he also received more points(28)that year(better
than any other boxer). 1)O. J. SIMPSON 47-POINTS 2)DICK ANDERSON 42-POINTS
3)FRANCO HARRIS 37-POINTS 4)JERRY QUARRY 28-POINTS 5)ROGER STAUBACH 21-POINTS
6)CARL ELLER 19-POINTS 7) JODY SHECTER 17-POINTS 8)BILL TOOMEY(DECATHLON) 16-
POINTS 9)CRAIG BREELOVE 6-POINTS 10)EMERSON FITTIPALDI 4-POINTS 11)BOBBY
ALLISON 2-POINTS 12)BOB FOSTER 1-POINT. too bad we can only get the 1975 version
were JQ finished 11th, He really made that 74'year exciting, he was listed the #2
contender for the heavyweight title. He sure did great, MR. JIMMY (MOE) SAID JERRY
WOULD HAVE WON IT OUTRIGHT HAD THEY HAD THE COMPETETION IN 1969.

Mr. JIMMY (MOE) said Jerry Quarry would have won it outright had they had the competition in 1969.

There was an excellent article the other day in the English Daily Telegraph on Jimmy Ellis.
It's 35 years since he won the title and there was a long and very worthwhile
dedication to him. Great to see contributions from journalists on boxers from
the 60s and 70s and I agree with the article's view that Jimmy would be champion
today if Lewis wasn't around. He beat Quarry, Patterson, Bonavena and Chuvalo,
and went toe to toe with Ali, Frazier, Shavers, Lyle and Bugner. Considering
that he was a natural middleweight his achievements, good as they are, are
exemplified. A very fine fighter with speed, skill and no little guts—the
strength in depth really made this era. Sadly his eyesight is very poor but
still speaks to Ali once a week. Apparently the Frazier camp were wary of a
rematch because Jimmy was 'so damn unpredictable' whilst even the Foreman camp
were said to nervous of taking on someone 'so quick and skillful'. Not the
greatest by any means, but nice contributions to a great fighter and a good
man.

Yes, Ellis was a pretty good fighter. He really surprised me when he floored Bonavena twice. His
career really ended for all intents and purposes when Shavers got rid of him in
one round. He was a smart, tricky, boxer with a good sneaky right hand. I do
think think however that Patterson was robbed against him in Sweeden. I am sorry
to hear he has eye problems and I wish him well.

I saw an interview with Ellis where he said he didn't know he had been knocked down by Frazier
twice until he saw the replay. He also said he still doesn't remember the
second knockdown. I don't think Jimmy would figure in today's heavy picture but
as a cruisierweight not many would give him a tough fight. Pedro Soto? He
fought Mike Q twice, lost an 8 rounder and won a 10 rounder in 76' or 77'.
Another slick, fast boxer I saw him fight on TV a couple of times and thought he
was a great Lt. heavy prospect. As a heavy he fought at around 185 or 190.
I don't know what happened to him. anybody have info on him?

I agree with your evaluation of Ellis. Met him in Daytona Bch, back in the day. What
gentleman and a solid fighter. Sometimes it's not the pure power of the punch
but the quickness of delivery that causes a lot of knockdowns as was with
Bonavena. Great assessment of a true "champion".

I would like to write a Quarry book. Could you help? I would like to write
Jerry's true story with all its glory and pain. I am a careful
and compassionate guy--a Methodist minister with one book under my belt.
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[5/8/03 03:25:39 PM] Steve [N.J.] | dmmsrm@comcast.net | 10
Hey Jimmy Dorsey, I still want to have a conversation with you about Jerry's fight with Ken Norton. I agree with you it was a fantastic performance by Jerry. I am still bothered, to this day, by the fact that this fight took place so late in Jerry's career. Ken Norton was considered one of the four fighters who dominated the 70's era, and yet he didn't fight Frazier, and didn't fight Quarry until Jerry was a shot fighter!

[5/8/03 04:46:01 PM] Jimmy Dorsey [VENTURA CALIFORNIA] | ronnyrains@yahoo.com | 10
Hi Steve (the "SHEMP!" OF OUR NEW MILLINIUM). Yes I've seen that Quarry-Norton bout, a week after it happened on the CBS sports spectacular, Ali actually commentated it, I gave JERRY the 2nd, 3rd rounds. Someone said on this post a while back, that QUARRY KO'D NORTON sparring in 1970. It was another gutsy, action packed performance. Where just about any other fighter born, would have thrown in the towel, both eyes in such bad condition and one closed, Norton actually accidentally butted Jerry at the start of the second round when they touched gloves of all things (I wonder if it could have helped close his eye?). AND like CURLY Q. LINK SAID (KENT). Jerry should have never took the bout on such short notice. $185,000 and a potential title bout (is hard to say no to). WBA STARTLED ME WHEN THEY HAD NORTON #8 AND QUARRY #10 CONTENDERS AFTER THE BOUT!! THE RING MAGAZINE HAD KENNY WHERE HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN #3. THEY HAD HENRY CLARK, AND BROKEN HANDED BONAVENA (WHOM QUARRY REPLACED VS NORTON). RATED OVER BOTH!!!

[5/8/03 07:08:06 PM] Gerry Schultz [Cleveland, Ohio] | jgschultz@msn.com | 10
Just got back from Niagara Falls, was married 5/04, and decided to check my favorite boxing website. Interesting that some of the classic discussions are still being passed around. I remember getting a little singed by Evren the last time I got in on the prospects of Foreman-Quarry (just kidding, Evren) I agree Jerry, by style, would have performed better than Frazier or Norton vs. Big George. But JQ, who gave Frazier two great battles but came up short, would fall to Foreman as well after taking a few rounds from him. Why? They were 25 pounds apart! Foreman did have a real phobia about Quarry and it had to do with Clay Hodges, an amateur fighter Foreman never defeated in three tries. Quarry was a lot like him, only better, and Jerry beat Hodges, so it's not just smoke. Jerry was a much better boxer than George, and George knew it. But Jerry would not have beaten him, just embarrassed him as he did Frazier, Norton, and Ali. Quarry-Norton will always be a good matchup, to me. Best vs. best I still give JQ the edge. They were the same age when they met, yet had completely different careers, with JQ well-used by then and Norton just coming on. People forget, many fighters lasted longer against the champs of the 70's than Jerry, but how many of them really backed up these guys and pounded on them like Jerry? How many took rounds from these guys besides Jerry? JQ's fights were wars, and he brought the best out of all these guys, except Ali, who had too many advantages for Jerry to seriously challenge. Well, it is just opinions, and that is what makes this site so "cool". As tough as JQ was, and he's one of the very toughest I
ever saw, I give Chuvalo the edge on chin, though JQ would have clearly defeated George in their bizarre fight. OOPS, opened up another classic issue... P.S. I thought Henry Cooper was a very good fighter for the era also, he did gain Ali's respect, as did Mildenberger, Bonavena and Bugnar. Thanks.|

5/8/03 10:05:11 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com||||10|Thanks Steve for your compliments on my article. For those who don't know, the piece is about the poor service I got in a recent pay for view event, Jones verses Ruiz, when there were technical difficulties and the fights didn't come on until the third round of the main event, in progress. They charged me full price, my fault as I didn't call and complain that I should have gotten at least a partial refund because I ordered a service and they didn't, for whatever reason, provide the full service I ordered. CONGRATULATIONS TO GERRY SCHULTZ ON YOUR RECENT WEDDING!|

5/9/03 03:10:25 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@yahoo.com||||10|ONE THING, I know for sure, everyone Jerry fought (ALL THE BIG GUNS AND MORE) WHERE ALL IN GREAT CONDITION VS JQ. Although I agree on the good points Gerry brought up, I have to disagree on one. MR. SCHULZ, Jerry did bring out the best in Ali (both fights). even the bout in Vegas, Ali was in the same shape (217-LBS) AS he was for FOREMAN! QUARRY brought out the best in him, before they even climbed thru the ropes! Everyone was in great shape, when they took on MR. JERRY QUARRY, ANOTHER point, is I doubt if Bugner or Cooper, could have beaten Jerry at any point of his career from late 1966 to early 1975. Here I LOOK UP WHERE JERRY FINISHED 4TH VS NFL FOOTBALLERS, IN 1974 "SUPERSTARS" BEATING STAUBACH, AND CARL ELLER, (GUYS WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIND OUT FOR 4 YEARS!!). TAKE CARE!!

5/10/03 01:53:41 AM|George Otto|Youngstown, Ohio||ehnpbsa@aol.com||||10|For all of us who closely follow the comings and goings on of boxing, I feel that the sport may change in important ways during the next 12 months. The reasons for this opinion are as follows: 1) one of the most significant sanctioning bodies, the WBC, has declared bankruptcy; 2) it appears that Mike Tyson will win his $100 million lawsuit against Don King for a large sum of money; 3) an apparently serious attempt is being made to establish a union for boxers (Larry Holmes, among many others, strongly supports this); 4) Congress may approve Senate bill 275, legislation that, if passed and implemented, would establish a federal boxing commission; and 5) the New York State Athletic Commission may soon undergo major reform in terms of improving the quantity and quality of its matches. |

5/10/03 03:03:16 AM|Edward M|Cicero n y||mooseygoop@aol.com||||10|Glad I stumbled onto this site, it brings back many memories of 1 of my favorite fighters..I think my favorite memories of Jerry are the Thad Spencer fight (remember how cocky Spencer was before fight? All pumped up cause he knocked off tournament favorite E. Terrell) and when he knocked off Mac Foster...I always thought how brutal it must have been to fight Jerry because his left hook reminded me of a coiled spring ready to explode at any second and he was totally fearless. I know he had numerous injuries (broken back, broken hands, but I never remember him cancelling a fight) and I am sure he went into some fights less than 100%.<br>I often wonder how he would have done against Gerry Cooney and Tommy Morrison?...My guess would be Cooney might have too much size on Jerry so Cooney would be slight favorite and Morrison's chin wouldn't have stood up against Jerry's jaw breaking power. |

5/10/03 10:58:45 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||||10|HI EDWARD: That was some interesting points, I would favor Morrison over Cooney vs JQ. Although JERRY will be favored ALLTIME HEAVYWEIGHT RATINGS OVER BOTH! How did our own MR. TYSON miss WITHERSPON, MERCER, MORRISON, FOREMAN, BOWE, And just about every other contender, that could punch in that time??|

5/10/03 01:03:24 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|Hi Jimmy Dorsey, your
last post made me stop and think ;Mike Tyson did seem to miss an awful lot of interesting matchups.Even allowing for his three years in prison.Foreman and Bowe,Ray Mercer and ,yes,even Tommy Morrison were all still active fighters during Tyson's tenure.|

| 5/10/03 03:01:47 PM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | |||10 | To George Otto;Let me start by saying that I greatly respect you and your efforts to reform boxing.At the risk of sounding overly pessimistic I would like to respond to your five points. 1.Won't the corrupt officials of the W.B.C. ,now that they have fully plundered their organization, just reorganize ?? 2.Seems like Mike Tyson has once again been hypnotized by Don King.He's pulled out of his fight with Maskaeov.King apparently doesn't want him fighting on an undercard.Probably a pretty good idea , making wise. 3.I wonder if a boxer's union would be effective.Since the sport , by it's very nature, highly individualistic.After all,when fighters ply their trade,they are mortal enemies.What about all the other"tradesman"associated with the business?What about the managers,trainers,promoters,and "sparring partners"? 4.This is the one good idea I think would be effective.Especially if it resulted in the implemention of some actual fed. laws with some teeth to protect fighters.5. I'd really like to know more about the reform of the N.Y.State Athletic Commission.I don't know how effective the changes would be without the Senate bill #275 passing.How would they improve the quantity of matches?Would all these new matches be televised?How would they improve the quality if they can't control the manipulators like Don King and Bob Arum? People just paid $40.00 on P-P-V to watch DeLaHoya beat up Yori boy Campas!!|

| 5/10/03 05:18:35 PM | Kent Appel | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | |||10 | I would pick Jerry over Morrison and Cooney. Cooney had a disadvantage in the speed department and Morrison had a stamina problem and both didn't take a punch well. Jerry would use his speed advantage and move in and out counter punching all of the time like he did against Ron Lyle. He would also have enough power to hurt either of them. Remember how 197 pound Michael Spinks out speeded and chopped down Cooney on way to a fifth round knockout? Jerry could have done the same thing to Cooney. Jerry would have to survive the early onslaughts of both Morrison and Cooney and assuming Jerry was not cut in either fight, as that was always a possibility with Jerry, he would cruise to a mid to late round stoppage or decision win over either fighter. |

| 5/10/03 11:30:16 PM | George Otto | Youngstown, Ohio | ehnbsa@aol.com | |||10 | Steve, thanks for your words of praise and feedback. Regarding the WBC, it could reorganize, but that can be difficult with at best limited financial resources. Mike Tyson may have pulled out of that fight due to Don King's efforts, but he also has rejected an out of court settlement of $20 million from DK in order to proceed with the September case. Word has it that DK is rather uncomfortable with all of this as I send you this reply, and, given the presence of Shelley Finkel and John Branca on Team Tyson as of this writing, this litigation may go to trial and result in a easy victory for Iron Mike. On this issue, keep in mind that most of the fighters who have sued in this type of situation and who have retained adequate counsel in such matters have won their cases. Tex Cobb, Oscar de la Hoya, and Bernard Hopkins all have won these types of cases in civil court. Regarding the union, you have brought out some very important issues. The passage of Senate Bill 275 would certainly make it easier to set up such an organization. Actually, any organizational efforts must somehow occur on an international, rather than national level, given the tendency to recruit fighters from all over the world. Finally, please email all of the US Senators you can in support of Senate Bill 275, especially The Honorable Harry Reid of Nevada. As the late Paul Pender (former middleweight champion) and Teddy Atlas and Bernard Hopkins and many others have said, boxing needs a new start and federal oversight. Thanks again for your concern !!!|

| 5/11/03 12:54:53 AM | Edward M | Cicero N Y | mooseygoop@aol.com | |||9 | >>How did our
own Mr. Tyson miss Witherspoon, Mercer, Morrison, Foreman, Bowe, and just about every other contender, that could punch in that time? J.Jimmy, I really think the "pre prison" Mike Tyson would have fought anyone, in fact would have welcomed the challenge. He came out of jail a much diminished fighter (too much weight lifting?).... My thoughts on why the fights never came off.... Bowe's management never wanted to match him with punchers, look what happened when he fought Golata... A Tyson fight would have been suicide for Morrison... and I think Mike always thought a Foreman fight was beneath him considering Georges age. A Mercer fight would be a great match even now and I'd give Ray an excellent chance providing the Klitschko fight didn't take too much out of him. Trent... True Cooney looked terrible against Spinks but it was long after Gerry's prime. Cooney more than held his own for 13 rounds with Larry Holmes and blasted out an aged Ron Lyle and Ken Norton in 1 round... Its true though that he fought nowhere near the caliber of fighters that Jerry did but I was always kind of impressed with Cooney.<br>

"Jerry Quarry, the best fighter that never won a championship." George Foreman<br>

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I apologize for not responding earlier to your questions regarding the New York State Athletic Commission. In regard to this organization's ability to work with Don King and Bob Arum, I am not sure whether or not the organization has had any problems with those 2 individuals. However, I am aware of 3 huge issues that have occurred in that state which have involved internal difficulties. First of all, Bob Duffy, an outstanding boxing official, resigned from the Commission, stating that its politics prevented him from doing his job properly. Secondly, the Commission must now carry out its operations while enforcing the strictest rules in the country regarding pre-fight physicals. As you may know, it is very difficult to attract promoters to a state that makes such health demands upon the fighters and their promoters. Finally, the NYSC has had to compete for big fights without the benefits of having casinos in its vicinity. Yes, NYC and its outlying areas have many outstanding and knowledgable fans wanting to attend important fights, but it does not have the lure of the gambling to attract many of the high rollers. All of these above listed challenges will not necessarily be resolved by the passage of Senate Bill 275; some of the solutions to them reside within the state itself-- at least in my opinion. Again, thanks for your interest in all these observations!!

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Jerry Cooney was the most duplicitous Heavyweight contender since the creation of Primo Carnera. The only name fighters he beat were "setups," years past their prime, who had no talent left, just there "names". He is revered for giving Holmes a good fight (what about Snipes, Truth Williams, Witherspoon, Spinks). Hey, Cooney was knocked down and stopped by Holmes, when does that type of loss qualify someone for sainthood, and he never sought a rematch. He was knocked out by a lightheavyweight, knocked out by a fat middle aged fighter... Cooney had a glass jaw and did not like to fight, and when he fought some one who could fight (which was rare) these weaknesses became apparent. It is a sin to speak of Cooney in the same breath as Jerry Quarry. One more thing about Cooney, all I hear is what a great job Cooney is doing for broken down ex-fighters. Well, this is just another part of the Conney myth. If he ever made his Fist expense books public, the public will be shocked to see how little of the contributions he receives for FIST actually goes to help fighters, and how much goes for expenses. His wife and his lawyer make out like bandits, and the FIST staff live like Kings. Cooney is comparable to Jimmy Carter, they were bad in their prime, and they are even worse in old age trying to reinvent themselves.
that Duane Bobick buildup, and made a lotta money ducking contenders, As I believe with Tyson.

| 5/11/03 02:05:13 PM | Evren | London || || || 10 | Tyson of the late eighties was perhaps the greatest fighter who ever lived..in my opinion. Just awesome! |

| 5/12/03 01:36:44 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | || 10 | Steve: I'm going to try my hand at S.T.O.O.G.E Promotions (socked, totally, on, our, Geraldo, editions) for the 70's (DEDICATED TO ME!! Here is some of the matches WE missed for the 70's (and their weren't much). 1- FOREMAN/QUARRY 2- FOREMAN/BONAVENA 3- FRAZIER/LYLE 4- FRAZIER/NORTON 5- FRAZIER/SHAVERS 6- FRAZIER/SHAVERS 7- NORTON/LYLE 8- NORTON/BONAVENA 9- QUARRY/BONAVENA 10- JEFF MERRITT ("candy slim" vs any top ten contender of that time) 11- BOBICK/BUGNER (how about that one). 12- COMMONWEALTH 4- MAN TOURNAMENT, BUGNER, CHUVALO, McALINDON, BUNNY JOHNSON. 13- LATIN TOURNAMENT, composed of, BONAVENA, PEDRO LOVELL, JOSE LUIS GARCIA, and Peralta. 14- BOBICK/KIRKMAN 15- CHUVALO/RO STANDER, 16- CHUVALO/MAC FOSTER, 17- LOVELL/FOSTER 18- MERRITT/SHAVERS (grudge match—after the broken jaw). 19- FOREST WARD/KENT APPEL (JUST KIDDING CURLY Q). 20- MERRITT/WEPPNER. NOTICE I DID NOT MENTION MUHAMMAD ALI—SIMPLE: EVERYONE HAD AT LEAST ONE OR TWO SHOTS AT MUHAMMAD, AND THAT I MUST SAY IS A TRUE MARK OF GREATNESS, WHETHER REAL BOUTS OR EVEN SPARRING, (ALI EVEN KO'D MERRITT IN SPARRING, WHICH WAS A BET MERRITT COULD KAYO ALI). |

| 5/12/03 03:36:51 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | || 10 | Oh Jimmy Dorsey and Kent, you two wild and crazy stooges! Your last two posts where good stuff! Jimmy D, those fights you listed are practically the same ones I've been thinking about for years! We could have a tournament! Let everyone vote once a week on these matchups you listed. Pick the matchups and count the votes. Oh, by the way, Jimmy, not to start any trouble here in Quarryville, but I have a few friends and relatives in Cali. I've heard that Kent used to be a rompin', stompin', badd ass in his younger, athletic days before he became a wealthy, sedentary sports writer who doesn't even care how poorly his cable co. performs. I'm not sure if Foolface or Forest Ward really want to mess with him. Hey Kent, just kidding! You really did have a pretty good dialogue going with that strange, angry dual personality who used to haunt this and the Frazier site. You handled it with good grace and humor. Although I do think that guy often went to far. My athletic days are far, far behind me. I turned 21 in Vietnam in 1968. After that I specialized in bar fights. I didn't tangle with guys who laced on gloves and actually knew how to box. That's why I love this site. You are indeed correct, their are no grudges here. Everyone gets treated with respect. However, if you are really determined to beat up Forest Ward and Foolface, then I will gladly hold your coat! |

| 5/12/03 05:27:50 PM | Ben Swaab | Seattle | ben.swaab@nordstrom.com | || 10 | On ESPN
Classic Tuesday May 13th at 6:30pm They will be showing The Forgotten
Heavyweight Jerry Quarry.<br>I had emailed ESPN Classic to see if they could
show the first Frazier Quarry fight! Let's hope! <br>Thank you all for keeping
Jerry Quarry's memory alive. Ben |

| 5/12/03 05:56:53 PM | Gerry Schultz | Ohio || jgschultz11@msn.com | |||| 11 |

Thanks, Kent for the wedding congrats. Had to respond to a couple of things since posted. I agree regarding Tyson, he had (has ?) tremendous two-handed power and hand speed prior to prison and the fact that he missed some of the suggested matchups, to me, takes nothing from him. I have him at least Top 10-12 all time. Morrison had, I think, a similar standing with the best heavies of his day (Tyson, Bowe, Holyfield ) that JQ had in his. His career ended at only 29, and people forget he was leading Mercer when he got caught finishing him. I rate him a little better than Cooney, who had a lot of talent but came up short on heart in key fights. Bobick, from what I read, did not follow up on his amateur success and was very cocky. He did get the nod over Larry Holmes and Teofilo Stevenson as an amateur, though. Speaking of Holmes, some of his weaker performances were listed again in regard to fighters who took him deep in his defenses. I still feel that JQ- Holmes would be a very good match, and not as lopsided for Holmes as some think. Finally, Mr. Ward, whose postings have been interesting reads, I have to respond to your swipe at Jimmy Carter. This may not be the place to say, but Carter has more respect around the world today than any American since Kennedy, and was long overdue for the Nobel Prize he just received. I would hardly compare someone who was a Captain in the U.S. Navy, a Ph. laureate, and a former U.S. President (among other things ) with a very good but not great heavyweight boxer. Let's keep this inside the ropes, gentleman, ok?. |

| 5/12/03 08:29:34 PM | Forest Ward | South Carolina || Joekevin@cs.com | |||| 10 |

Gerry, I knew Jimmy Carter was born here in South Carolina, and fought out of New York. Jimmy Carter was considered to be the all-time champion of the "lend-lease" champions of the Carbo, Palermo era. Jimmy Carter won the Lightweight Championship 3 times, and was managed by mob front man Willie (Friedman) Ketchum. Ketchum was from the Bronx, and moved to California during the Boxing Investigations in New York in the late 50's. I stand corrected, I was not aware that Jimmy Carter accomplished so much after he retired from the ring. |

| 5/12/03 09:32:22 PM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | |||| 10 |

Hey Forest Ward, you are very good! You kept your response "within the ring". What was Jimmy Carters's career record ? |

| 5/12/03 10:44:31 PM | Rick Spolato | S F Ca | bigingo243@aol.com | |||| 10 |

Hey Slimebag "Ward". where do u get of dissing a fighter? any fighter! Your a little man sitting in front of a computer screen poking fun at people that make u look like an ant by comparison. I am no fan of Mr cooney infact i didnt even remember him till reading this but he deserves respect like any other fighter whether they be a 4 round prelim or heavyweight champ. I know you've never been a pro and probably never even an amateur because someone retired from this brutal sport would never talk about another fighter like you do. You think JQ would diss a fighter like u did?Never! Any fighter can be criticized. Some idiot like you could say JQ lost to a built up middleweight, lost to an old Eddie Machen, gave a fight to Chuvalo, etc and what would it prove, that the writer of such remarks is an idiot. So Cooney didn't fight a lot of tough guys and found a short way to a title shot. Good for him, its a murderous game and he played it that way and if makes small minded people like you jealous thats great too. As far as your other accusations go, are they a result of your investigation or something you "read". If theres any truth to it bring it to the proper authorities not on a message board where you like to spew your kiddie vomit. OOOH and gee you got a political comment too! They're so rare! Only thing that shows about you is that you're an old man. Have a good day you Nobody!!

| 5/12/03 10:58:28 PM | Gerry Schultz | Ohio || jgschultz11@msn.com | |||| 10 |

It would seem we are discussing different Jimmy Carters, Forest. Hopefully, you don't know any
fighters named, say, Richard Nixon. My mistake I guess. | 5/12/03 10:59:50 PM| Gerry Schultz| Ohio| jgschultz11@msn.com | 10 |

It would seem we are discussing different Jimmy Carters, Forest. Hopefully, you don't know any fighters named, say, Richard Nixon. My mistake I guess. | 5/12/03 11:57:13 PM| Forest Ward| South Carolina| joekevin@cs.com | 10 |

Rick, it's against the law to drink and write in some towns, so be careful with your writing. Rick, I don't attack broken down 3 round fighters, so you are safe. I have never said a bad word about Jerry Quarry on this site, I have written repeatedly that he was a genuine fighter, a gladiator. My feelings about Cooney can't be denied, put down the bottle and look at the ring record book. As far as reporting Cooney to the authorities, there is no point in that. What he is doing is not illegal, but it is certainly unethical. | 5/13/03 07:38:23 AM| John Gerard| NYC| rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 |

MY TAKE ON COONEY: I have nothing against Gerry Cooney. He was one of the few fighters who used the system rather then allow himself to get used. The only problem with that was sometimes the fans got screwed in the process. How? By paying good money to see jokes like his fights against Norton and Lyle. But I guess you pay your money and take your chances. I would rate Cooney a good puncher with his left hand, a glass jaw, average technical skills, and no desire. He was a financial success but not a artistic one but that seemed to suit him fine. The best way to describe him comes from the lead line of an article covering his KO at the hands of George Foreman. It read "Gerry Cooney finally met the washed up old man he couldn't knock out" that about says it all in my mind. | 5/13/03 11:18:17 AM| Steve| N.J. | dmmrsrm@comcast.net | 10 |

Jimmy Dorsey, there are at least ten fights on your list that I would gladly spend $49.95 to see. I really wonder how a Frazier vs Norton fight would have gone. I never bought into that, "we'll never fight each other because we're such good friends" baloney. I think Norton's carefully arranged career did not include a Joe Frazier, or a Ron Lyle. | 5/13/03 12:04:11 PM| Carl Weingarten| TJQF | 10 |

I'm looking forward to seeing ESPNCL "The Forgotten Heavyweight: Jerry Quarry", but I believe this is a repeat, and they only show Jerry's fights with Ali and Frazier. I hope I'm wrong. In any case, though Jerry was courageous in these fights, he did loose them, so I can't consider the program much of a tribute to Jerry. By not showing Jerry's fights with Foster, Shavers, Lyle, Spencer or the many exciting fights Jerry did win, is to ignore why Jerry was a contender worthy of Ali and Frazier in the first place. Hey Ben, please post the email to ESPN Classic so we can help "educate" them. Thanks, --Carl | 5/13/03 12:34:29 PM| Kent| La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10 |

Wow, just when I said there are no bad feelings around here, a newcomer, who's opinions are very welcome, shows up and really gives it to Forest. Forest handled it well by not attacking back in spite of a fairly provocative post directed towards him. I think it is good when someone comes here and shakes things up a little bit every now and then. I hope our new friend drops back in a few more times. Steve, what makes you think I am wealthy? Actually, I may or may not be and depending on what happens in the next few months, I could getting a lot of money or have to start over again, not sure yet. Gerry Cooney was a very hard puncher who had some flaws as a fighter he is one of the few who got out intact and financially secure. I don't know anything about the financial dealings regarding his foundation so I can't comment on this. | 5/13/03 12:46:07 PM| Jimmy Dorsey| Ventura California | ronnyrains@yahoo.com | 10 |

SHEMP (STEVE): I KNOW it would only be a preliminary, to the top ten bouts, I mentioned we missed, but that DUANE BOBICK / JOE BUGNER matchup would have been huge, about the same size, speed, etc. a real britain / USA old fashioned matchup, they only time I ever saw Bugner RALLY, (besides his own country). was one very good round vs Lyle, and that
great, ALMOST DESPERATION right TO THE JAW OF JOE FRAZIER (that really stunned Joe). Although Bobick never really beat a pro of even Bugner's stature, I would make Duane, a 6-5 "PICK EM" IN LONDON. AND 8-5 MSG. Bugner obviously took a better shot! PREDICTION Bobick 10 round decision, much in the same style as his LeDOUX WINS.

5/13/03 12:46:18 PM| Kent| La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com| ||| | 10 | It looks like Bobby Quarry's event, The battle of the Bouncers and tribute to Jerry Quarry is a go for this Saturday, May 17, 2003. It is going to be held at the Dome, formerly Strongbow Stadium, in Bakersfield, Ca. The Dome is located at 2201 V Street in Bakersfield. Doors open at 6 pm and the event is slated for 7 pm to 10 pm. Ticket price is $12.00. Hope to see some of the locals there this Saturday.

5/13/03 03:09:00 PM| John Gerard| NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com| ||| | 10 | I think Bugner would have handled Bobick rather easily. Neither man was a great puncher but Bugner could really take a punch, was a good boxer, and had good stamina. What exactly could Bobick do well? I saw him fight John Tate and go out in one round.

5/13/03 07:02:49 PM| Rick Spolato| S F Ca||bigingo243@aol.com| ||| | 10 | The best way to describe him comes from the lead line of an article covering his KO at the hands of George Foreman. It read "Gerry Cooney finally met the washed up old man he couldn't knock out" that about says it all in my mind. Humm yea Foreman was really washed up. What was it like 5 years LATER that he won world heavyweight championship from Michael Moorer. A typical sportswriter's "expert" opinion on a sport he most likely has gained knowledge of, from the safe confines of the ring side seats or his television set. That was an exciting 2 rounds though...I sometimes wonder how Foreman 1990's would have done against Foreman 1970's. He sure learned how to pace himself much better.

5/14/03 01:17:15 AM| Gerry Schultz| Ohio||jgschultz211@msn.com| ||| | 9 | Sorry, Forest, we seem to have our Jimmy Carters crossed. Hope you didn't know a fighter named Richard Nixon. My mistake, a lot of politics in the air lately. Rich in SF, you also need to lighten up. We're just having fun with opinion here. Also, good work, Mr. Otto. A union would be a very difficult thing to assemble in this sport, but not impossible. I also feel headgear should be mandatory, as well as federal leadership. Boxing has hope yet. Did anyone see Sanders KO Klitchko? I was surprised by that.

5/14/03 05:11:48 AM| Paul| Australia||PlMls4@aol.com.au| ||| | 10 | Cooney's only weapons were his left hook, size, and accountant. When they failed him, he had nothing else. He didn't have Ali's speed, tactical sense or jaw; Marciano's will-to-win; Liston's intimidation; Patterson's boxing skills; Louis's punching power; Foreman's glare; Tyson's head movement (pre-jail); Evander's faith; Corbett's intelligence; Holmes's longevity (and jock straps); Michael Spinks's luck; Johnson's flair; Rahman's promoter; or even Jerry Q's toughness. Cooney's left hook wasn't as good as Smokin' Joe's or even Ol' Henry's (Cooper) 'hammer'. In short, Cooney was a poor man's Primo Carnera!

5/14/03 10:58:32 AM| max hord| fernandina bch, fl||rasluc@msn.com| ||| | 10 | The Foreman of the 70s would have gone out in about 8 against the Foreman of the 90s. Like I said before, Foreman was a punk in the 70s and didn't realize what he had. The best thing that happened to him was what happened to him. If he had stayed around the game much longer after Ali beat him, he probably would have been dead now or in the joint. Foreman is one of my favorites, (that is the Foreman of the 90s and today). Respectfully, Max.

5/14/03 04:41:53 PM| Evren| London||@||| | 10 | One of my favourite heavies from that period who is sometimes overlooked is Eddie Machen - superb fighter - beat Howard King, Julio Mederos (twice), Nino Valdes (twice), Johnny Holman, Johnny Summerlin, Joey Maxim (twice), Bob Baker, Hurricane Jackson, Wayne Bethea, Willie Besmanoff, Doug Jones, Brian London, Mike DeJohn (twice) and Jerry Quarry. He also drew with Folley and Cleveland Williams and gave Liston a great bout! Wow -
what a resume. A master boxer with a fair punch. Clever with lots of savvy. Wish he made it to the top - unbelievable even at the end of his career he beat Quarry and gave Smokin' Joe a go of it. He will not be forgotten. A great fighter!

| 5/14/03 05:14:21 PM | Sabrina Quarry-Porter | Florida | SabrinaPorter@aol.com | 10 |

| 5/14/03 07:22:39 PM | MIKE M. | PHILLY | COALCRACKER53PA@aol.com | 10 |

| 5/14/03 10:32:40 PM | Ed | Cicero N Y | mooseygoop@aol.com | 10 |

| 5/14/03 10:36:03 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10 |

| 5/15/03 07:19:59 AM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia81@aol.com | 10 |

| 5/15/03 07:59:14 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 |

| 5/15/03 12:20:19 PM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 |
John Gerard: Big John, I've heard Jerry handled Merritt pretty good in sparring, although JQ pretty much did in all his sparringmates. "Windmill White" comes to mind when he was a heavy, for some reason Jerry took it easy, then the "Windmill" started his punches behind the back routine, which then Jerry cornered him and broke his ribs, also John, Machen never beat Boone Kirkman, it was Doug Jones, whom Boone knocked out in a rematch, I think Boone retired 35-6, I knew he beat Ellis, but never beat a top ten fighter, who was world ranked at the time, take care!

I also heard the "CLASSICS" the other night, by the way happy birthday, JQ, the WBA had JQ #2, Oscar Bonavena was listed #1 (and this is after a draw with Peralta and a DQ loss to Paez). Ring magazine of course had JQ #1 contender for the first Ali bout, after he knocked out Mac Foster, as far as they other, ESPN BOUTS Frazier I and Ali II, Quarry was the No. 2 Contender.

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I forgot my point (what a stooge!!). Al Bernstein, (and he need a history lesson) said Quarry was world rated for 6 years, AL JQ was rated in the World Boxing Association from #1 to #10 for 9 years, 1967-75. (A TOTAL OF 90 MONTHS). And the "Ring Magazine" #1 TO #8 CONTENDER. (87 MONTHS)
boxing as good as it can be. I have spoken with Alex a couple of times and he seems like a very fine, dedicated gentleman. Keep up the good work!

| 5/17/03 02:41:11 AM | tunaman | canada | jjabboxing@yahoo.com | 10 |
|i have tons of mint /complete fights on jerry quarry<br>anybody lookin for mint quality fights on vhs email me or call 1 604 517 1558 pacific time |

| 5/17/03 02:39:14 PM | George Otto | Youngstown, Ohio | ehnpbsa@aol.com | 10 |
|Kent-- <br><br>Thanks for your kind words. As I have stated in the past it is important that we work together to get Senate Bill 275, which is posted on this site, passed. The best way to do this is for all of us to contact our U.S. Senators and especially Senator Harry Reid of Arizona to express your support for the passage of this legislation. Thanks again for your interest !!!! |

| 5/17/03 02:57:44 PM | EVREN | LONDON | evren@btinternet.com | 10 |
|WANTED : MINT COPY OF QUARRY VS ORBILLO - COMPLETE - SOMEONE HELP. |

| 5/19/03 02:19:11 AM | Ed | Cicero N Y | mooseygoop@aol.com | 10 |
|Is it just me or does boxing seem to really suck lately? I mean when the last time there was a really interesting fight in any weight division not to mention the totally stagnant heavy weight division. Plus there's not a hot heavy prospect in sight! Granted Lewis is a great fighter but when there is almost 38 year old champion been so dominant that there is no single challenger that has a chance against him?? |

| 5/19/03 03:01:21 AM | Kent | La Habra, CA | oriononside@aol.com | 10 |
|Ed, there are still good fights happening but I agree lately they are few and far between. The recent James Toney verses Vassily Jirov fight for the cruiserweight title was a good fight. What was ironic about that fight is the HBO announcers thought it was up for grabs going into the last round and even Toney's trainer, Freddie Roach, told Toney he needed at least a knockdown in the last round to win the fight. Toney did just that, he knocked Jirov down but when the judges scores were announced, Toney had won by at least 6 points on all three judges scorecards. Jirov did lose a point earlier in the fight for low blows but most people who watched the fight didn't agree that Toney had won by at least five points (without the one point deduction). Sometimes I wonder what fights judges are watching. |

| 5/19/03 12:14:27 PM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z | 10 |
|I don't think boxing sucks, I think the heavyweight division does. Tyson is an exciting fighter but past his prime. Roy Jones is a great one, but is so selective about whom he fights, I wish he would just stay in the light heavy division. Klitchko was exposed recently and as fine a champ Lennox Lewis is, he is near 38. For his own health, Holyfield should have quite quite five years ago. Michael Grant is a ko waiting to happen and Joe Mesi seems to be content to be the terror of the hinterlands. I like David Tua and I wish more top guys would agree to fight him. |

| 5/19/03 03:59:29 PM | Mark Sargeant | uk | lpu00mts@reading.ac.uk | 10 |
|Heavyweights should be fighting three or four times a year and against top ten or twelve contenders-makes it far better! Tua vs Klitschko, Rahman vs Tyson, Byrd vs Grant |

| 5/20/03 12:33:53 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA 
CALIFORNIA | ronnyrains@yahoo.com | 10 |
|ONE THING,that always bothered me during Jerry Quarry's career,When the man beat a top contender,they would downgrade the opponent(Spencer,Mathis,Foster,Lyle,Shavers).Rather than build up JQ,although he did get 4 bouts with ALL,JOE FRAZIER.The Jack Bodell,really backs what I'm saying,EVERYONE had Bodell in the top ten,WBA,WBC,RING MAGAZINE.So Jerry KO'S him in 64 seconds,now he's a bum.European,Commonwealth Champ).I do not recall everyone in a hurry to get in the ring With,Foster,Lyle, And Shavers. Before JQ BEAT THEM,AND Larry Middleton was ranked as high as third by the WBA,Even Zanon, was EUROPE'S best heavyweight, When he fought JERRY. |

| 5/21/03 09:59:13 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10 |
|I looked up the records of the following fighters when they fought Jerry. <br><br>Buster Mathis 29-1 <br>Mac Foster 24-0 <br>Ernie Shavers 45-2 <br>Buster Mathis 29-1 <br>Mac Foster 24-0 <br>Ron Lyle
Larry Middleton 20-1-1
Lorenzo Zanon 20-3-1
Thad Spencer 32-5
Jack Bodell 58-10

As a group they had a record of 247-22-2 when they fought Jerry. For an average record of about 30-3. So it looks like they earned their high rankings and that it was quite an accomplishment that Jerry beat all of these fighters.

5/22/03 02:26:25 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y|Moosygoop@aol.com||10|Quite a list Kent..I remember seeing the Shavers fight on espn classic and they introduced a lot of famous fighters before the fight, so it was good to c Jerry impressive in that one (1 round ko for Jerry). Ali put on a big show in ring before fight...Any idea when that custom of having famous fighters in audience introduced ended? My thinking is when the alphabet champions watered down the meaning of champions and left the public confused about who the champ is, might have had something to do with it...this last espn classic (Moore vs Marciano) had Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Max Baer, Jim Braddock, Mickey Walker among others introduced..Talk about having fight legends all together at once!..Another thing, the Moore/Marciano fight was broadcast to theaters, (TNT closed circuit I think), I had no idea they did that that early (1955).

5/22/03 01:29:59 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||10|KENT: thanks for looking up the records, and backing up what WE were trying to say (STOOGES STICK TOGETHER IN THE FEARLESS LEADERS CLUB). Howard Cosell, Although he seemed to like Jerry, Is about as far weather as a columnist can get, He said Lyle losing to Jerry was hard to do, "NOT VERY MANY CAN LAY CLAIM TO THAT!" WELL howie, JQ beat more contenders (8) than any non-Champion in the 60's and 70's.53 wins -pretty impressive, His Baby had 56 (ALI). Sorry JQ was not Namath!! Getting back to Bodell, The British press were grooming him for a possible title shot at "smokin JOE", Had he beat JERRY, It was the first southpaw that Quarry ever fought professionally, Bodell was ranked no. 8 in the world at the time, Its safe to say he didn't really bother Jerry! QUARRY WAS asked if he was awkward to fight, and he replied "he fell awkwardly!" ED very good point for the introductions, I REMEMBER THE BIRTHDAY BASH FOR JACK DEMPSEY, ON THE M.S.G QUARRY-FOSTER BOUT IN 1970. I'D LIKE TO SEE THE INTROS TO QUARRY-SHAVERS. WITH ALI, FOREMAN, FRAZIER, NORTON.

5/23/03 12:05:21 PM|John Gerard|NYC|rock289z@yahoo.com||10|I was always surprised that Mac Foster did not bounce back after his loss to Jerry. I saw his losing effort against Ali and he took Ali the full 15 rounds and looked pretty good. I remember he took a long layoff after that fight and came back against Zora Foley (I think) who he ko'd in 1. I remember that Foster fought out of Fresno.

5/23/03 12:35:59 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||10|Some young fighter's like Mac Foster, Can really get their career's ruined, by taking on a fighter of Jerry's stature, Quarry was truley in the purgatory of boxing. But no one would fight Foster and his rep. Eddie Futch kept Young "SMOKIN JOE" and JQ Apart in 1967, figuring it might hinder one or the other 'career for the same reason, Top FIGHTER'S like Mathis, Spencer, Foster, WERE NEVER quite the same after their Quarry fights, although Lyle and Shavers really made themselves quite a career, (could you imagine had Lyle been Foreman's age). John G. Its a shame Foster did not quite live up to his potential, BUBBA ("heat of the night" was Fresno's own mayor, last I heard).

5/23/03 05:17:15 PM|Forest Ward|South Carolina|Joekevin@cs.com||10|Attention: Evren, and John G. Evren, I agree with you about your assement of Eddie Machen. I have scrapbooks from the 1950's and Machen was a pro for about a year when he made the Ring's top 10 rating, which was quite a feat back then. When Patterson beat Moore for the title in Nov. of 1956, all the experts felt that the man on the horizon for Patterson was Eddie Machen. At the time Machen seemed to have it all. A lot of people felt
that after Machen was knocked out by Ingo, Machen became punch shy. Although, they be right, I am not sure. He had a few fights before Ingo where he seemed a little over cautious, I have some of the films of his early fights, but I can't recall the fight I am referring to. Either way he was a remarkable fighter who just had a case of bad luck.

John G. I agree with you about confusing Machen, Jones, Williams, Folley and I may add Terrell. When I was a kid it seemed like these guys were in the top 10 forever. And because they were so interchangeable as opponents, it almost seemed like incest. John, I tried to Email you a while back. If you can Email me I have some images that I think you may like.

I just wanted to say that I'm trying to collect every Boxing magazine with Jerry on the cover. E-bay has been a great place to look. A word to the wise, don't bid against me.) Hey Linda is there pictures of Jerry I can buy? Let me know, thanks.

By the way: folks I am trying to put together month to month W.B.A. World Boxing Association TOP TEN heavyweight ratings, For JQ'S TIME 1967 TO 1975 MONTH TO MONTH, if anyone could help, They would be in old BOXING ILLUSTRATEDS, I did an entire segment of THE RING MAGAZINE where JQ was anywhere from # 1 contender to # 8 in an 87 month span. 

I haven't posted in a while, but I do visit frequently to read all the letters. Lots of good stuff here. Regarding matchups that never happened: JQ vs. Jimmy Young, mid-70's. This one could go either way. We all know what Jerry could do when he was inspired, and Jimmy Young proved himself to be quite capable when he trained hard and was focused. He took Ali 15 rounds and while awkward, still fought decently. His upset of George Foreman was his greatest moment and he also had a nice win over Ron Lyle. In my opinion, his fight against Norton was too close to call---Norton got the decision but I think it should have gone Young's way, or should have been called a draw. Another interesting fight would have been Leroy Jones against Jerry. Unfortunately, Jerry was well on the downside when Jones became a contender. At this point, I think Jones would have won by decision or by stopping Jerry on cuts. But a 1974 Quarry against a 1979 Jones would have been much more interesting to watch. Jones had remarkable hand speed for a man of his large size, and good defense. I don't think he could KO Jerry, but the strategic battle would be amazing boxing. Jerry might out-hustle/outwork Jones. By the way, Jeff Merrit did take on an up and coming
contender, Stan Ward. Ward KOed him early in the fight. This was the mid-70's and Merritt's better years were behind him. |
Wow. I have no recollection of a heavy named Leroy Jones back in the 70's. Who did he ever beat? I do remember Al Blue Lewis. A very good heavy who got robbed against Bonavena in Buenos Aires. |
Leroy Jones was a huge heavyweight, 6'5" over 250 pounds who fought Larry Holmes in the early 80's for the title and lost by eighth round TKO. He was undefeated when he got his title shot with his biggest win a decision over Mike Weaver. He only had one or two more fights after his loss to Holmes and he retired. Kind of an enigma in that he was very quick for his size and he showed some promise but he often battled a weight problem, weighing at times as much as 275 pounds. He just disappeared from the scene not long after his loss to Holmes. |
Leroy Jones was thumbed in the eye in the Holmes fight and retired and never fought again because of a detached retina. Jones was a poor man's Buster Mathis. Prime Quarry would have walked right through him, mid-70's Quarry probably still wins pretty easily. Florida Al Jones tore his rotator cuff against Luis Pires and still fought to draw. Tough awkward southpaw who could punch a little. Liked to hold and grab and punch at the same time. Was in the top 10 when he tore the shoulder and was never the same. Take care. |
Joe K., that was the perfect way to describe Leroy Jones from Denver, (A POOR MAN'S BUSTER MATHIS). I Agree totally, He beat the inexperienced Weaver. And that was probably his biggest win, lack of a major league wallop like Bugner hinderd his career. Bunny Johnson from England was around in that time. I first met MIKE QUARRY in bakersfield, right after his bout with Johnson in Australia. (Mike lost on a cut in the 7th). Johnson also was ranked # 3 for a while, And just about won every round against Duane Bobick in Munich, then suddenly quit on his stool for the 9th round mysteriously, what about Bugner-Johnson?? Even? |
Jerry Quarry's career was so interesting: For it seemed every bout he had, there was a little controversy, I never knew he hit the deck momentarily until I sent off for a microfilm listing of his bout with Roy Crear in Texas, The George Chuvalo ending, decked after the bell vs Rufus Brassell, koung Brian London, only after the timer's made a mistake and ended the round a minute to early in Oakland, Had 10 great MSG BOUTS. His family engaging in the war in Vegas and ALI II. Frazier and TEDDY BRENNER almost having heart failure, when Jerry took on the hard punching lefthooker JOE ALEXANDER FOR A TUNEUP! Coming from behind to finish highly touted Mac Foster with a Major league assortment of punches, There just always seemed like something controversial was going on with Jerry, it sure would make for a great movie, I HAVE A FRIEND THAT IS THE SPITING IMAGE OF A 1970 JQ, BUILD THE WAY HE TALKED EVERYTHING!

Is this the same Randy Neumann who is now a big fight referee?

yes, its the same Neuman who is now a ref in New Jersey.<br>JIMMY D. -- thanks for those great sidenotes and details. I guess JQ's best weight was around 198 or so?

After Jerry Quarry beat Earnie Shavers (it was an elimination bout scheduled for 12 rounds) the winner was supposed to fight George Foreman for the heavyweight championship. The fight never materialized. Does anyone know the answer? I've heard and read George wanted no part of Jerry and decided to fight Ali in Zaire. It is my opinion that George wasn't really knocked out but was totally exhausted. My most memorable Quarry fight was against Thad Spencer. I remember in one of the early rounds Jerry dropped Thad in the middle of the ring and Thad's butt landed right in the a circle of a bulls-eye painted on the ring's canvas. I still get a chuckle when I think about it. <br> It seems to me ESPN Classic shows Jerry in his losing efforts. I have e-mailed Classic and asked them to do a show on Jerry's winning efforts instead of his losses. I would love to see Jerry's fights with Buster Mathis, Thad Spencer, Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers, and even his draw with Floyd Patterson. I would also love to see Jerry's bizarre loss to George Chuvalo. I have never received a reply. Does anyone else agree? On a different topic, I think it is great that Al Bernstein (a true class act) is leaving ESPN and will be doing color commentary for Showtime Boxing. Couldn't happen to a better guy.

YES JERRY HAD 2 WINNING TITLE ELIMINATIONS, that year 1973. (the other was Lyle of course). I followed JQ'S career very closely in those days. He could have been fighting George Aug.31 of that year instead of Roman, then we all would have been satisfied, But George is human, he did not do with the title that 90 % of the other champs did, I have alot of respect, and always will have for our MR. FOREMAN, I've really been singing Lyles praises on these posts lately, saying everyone's lucky Lyle started so late in his career, Big George had every bit as much heart, i'll never forget their great brawl, But George, WHY DIDN'T YOU GIVE "Irish Jerry Quarry a shot?!

I am a huge Jerry Quarry fan. Growing up in the 60's and 70's, those were the days. I used to fight and trained at Frazier's Cloverlay Gym. I spoke with Frazier many times about Quarry and he had nothing but the ut-most respect for him. I also am a fight collector, have many of Jerry's fights, except for Machen and Mathis. Quarry-Foreman would've been interesting because Quarry wouldn't have went to Foreman like Frazier did. Jerry's biggest problem was he was vulnerable to guys with good jabs. Jerry Quarry had the best saying, "there all tought til I punch them back" God Bless Jerry Quarry!!

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This is a new feature on the TJQF Letters page. Video clips are posted here when they apply to comments regarding fighters or fights discussed in this forum. The clips are posted for
Duane Bobick gets little mercy in this forum, for a variety of reasons other than the fact he was over-hyped as a professional, and had the misfortune of being humiliated on prime-time national television. Despite what happened to him as a professional, Bobick was briefly the best amateur heavyweight in the world. This fight with Larry Holmes is rarely mentioned, but is of historical interest for obvious reasons. Bobick decked Larry in the first round, and though Holmes had some good Ali-ish moves, he was overpowered by Bobick anyway. Larry kept holding and was eventually disqualified in the third round. This was a young and green Holmes for sure, so there's nothing against Larry, who would have beaten Bobick as a pro. However, this 1972 bout was for the national finals, which says a lot of anyone in that competition. Here's the clip >> <A HREF="http://www.jerryquarry.com/media/bobick56k.ram">CLICK HERE for 56K</a> or for <A HREF="http://www.jerryquarry.com/media/bobick150k.ram">DSL</a> quality. For all the post-career Bobick bashing, it's easy to see why he was such a prospect in 1972. He moved well for a big guy, had a good jab and hit hard. Bobick was cool in the ring, and fought with a seasoned style unusual for an amateur. He could handle both the international boxers, as well as the street-swinging U.S. amateurs. Some boxers are great amateur fighters, but they don't have the right stuff for the pros, and vice verse. Bobick was just one of those guys. Ali, Louis, Marciano and Tyson all lost in the amateurs to guys that never made it big professionally. <br>|

Bobick was a good fighter who had some flaws which were exposed at the upper levels of the sport. He had poor defense and he could not take a punch well. He in no way deserves the ridicule that is sometimes sent his way. He worked his way up to a deserved top 20 world ranking by beating many of the same trial horse opponents that are on most of the contenders and champions resumes coming up. How many people on most boxing boards can say they were good enough to even be rated that high? We all know the answer, none! and unless Mike Quarry happens to write in and I happen to know Mike is not on line, the answer will stay none. I will say this though, people on this board have been better in their treatment of Bobick than some of the others I visit. <br>|

Ironic in that Ken Norton himself was on the receiving end of several early round knockouts, including, a first round knockout loss to Gerry Cooney, a first round knockout loss to Earnie Shavers, and a second round knockout loss to George Foreman. Shavers himself was a first round knockout victim to our own Jerry Quarry. But when people think of first round knockout losses, Bobick's loss to Norton is what comes to their minds. This is unfair to Bobick.
anyone a good fight,and caught Bobick with a very harsh uppercut coming in,John Tate was a little underrated,He would stand-out on mr.Tyson's record!But Kent would Bobick know Quarry ko'd corletti at the Fabulous Forum?!|
|6/10/03 09:27:48 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|One more final thought on Duane,between his amateur loss to TEOPILIO STEVENSON,AND NORTON,Bobick was 100-1,counting his 62-bout win streak,as the nations top amateur,and 38-0 pro record,there's not a whole lot of room for humility,when you have a record like that,yet Bobick,who was a gentleman 90 %of the time,did have!(who in the world can say they won 100 of 101-bouts,DUANE BOBICK).THAT amateur record of his,had few slouches at the end,before that he was ko'd by his later stablemate RON LYLE,iF i COULD WIN 100 OF 101 BOUTS AT THAT LEVEL,I'D FEEL LIKE THE SECOND COMING!!|
|6/10/03 11:49:04 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|Bobick wasn't that bad a fighter but when you're built up like he was and then go out in the first round against Norton, you've got a long way to fall. In no way did he ever deserve to be rated in the top five or six. Based on what? He had the bad luck that two of his one round kos were shown live on home tv and seen by millions. White heavyweights today are still suffering from the Bobick Stigma.| |6/10/03 03:33:44 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Jimmy D, I know Bobick was rated higher than the top twenty but I was making a point that while he didn't deserve a top five ranking, he did earn at least a top twenty ranking and that is much better the wannabes on the various boxing boards who talk trash against him. Also, note I wasn't talking about the people who post here as they treat him better than some of the other boards out there.<br><br>YA KNUCKLEHEAD! I ALREADY CONCEDED THAT JERRY FOUGHT CORLETTI AT THE FORUM. MULTIPLE EYE POKES FOR YOU THIS TIME!!
|6/11/03 01:56:16 AM|ED|Cicero N Y||mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|Lewis vs Klitschko! Anybody interested? Personally I think Johnson would have had a better chance but who knows, it might be a good fight. Its on HBO...certainly not worth ppv. | |6/11/03 07:18:48 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|I don't think Klitschko is ready for this one, unless Lewis's slip has really begun to show and he is ready to be taken. I would have rather seen Klitschko fight David Tua or even Evander Holyfield or Tyson. He needs more experience against really skilled fighters.| |6/11/03 10:55:29 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|The Klitschkos are an enigma. One minute they can look great and the next minute lousy. Vitali Klitschko fought very well against Chris Byrd, winning almost every round, before he suffered a shoulder injury, forcing him to not be able to continue in about the ninth round. His most recent bout against Larry Donald, he looked very clumsy in scoring a tenth round KO. I was waiting for someone to put the pressure on his brother, Wladimir, who was looking like the next big thing and the first fighter that came out aggressively taking the fight to him, Corrie Sanders (of South Africa), flattened him in less than two rounds. Hats off to Lewis for taking this fight as they may have been able to sell this as pay for view later. I am picking Lewis by decision. Too bad for Kirk Johnson, who I thought had a good shot. | |6/11/03 01:09:53 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|I pick Lewis by KO somewhere inbetween<br>six and eighth round. |
|6/11/03 01:15:32 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Just went thru all my archives on Quarry,In 16 MAJOR bouts,he was the underdog 11 of them, and his record was 6-8-2,that means 8 of his defeats,where "big" enough to make the sports book,Even Alongi in MSG was an 7-5 favorite(probably his 38-2 record,experience and reach plus 6'5""). in these bouts,Alongi,Machen,Patterson (twice)Spencer,Ellis,Mathis,Frazier (twice)Chuvalo,Foster,Ali (twice) Lyle,Shavers And Norton,he had a 10-3 plus knockdown rate,thats amazing!!|
|6/11/03 02:54:27 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
Also, on Quarry-Norton, they official odds were 7-5 Norton, but elsewhere around the country, it was 6-5 "pick em". That particular bout was signed March 6, 1975, so Jerry had all of 18 days to train, it was originally Norton-Bonavena, then surprisingly was Ken Norton-Jimmy Young, (who'd just decisioned Lyle). Then they thru $175,000 at Jerry and that was it. I was really apprehensive for JQ when he signed for Frazier II, especially on May 30, 1974, when Joe sent two of his sparring partners to the hospital, one was none other than Mr. Jimmy Young at his Philadelphia Gym!

I agree Bobick was a good '70s heavy, following his high amateur profile. Did beat LeDoux twice as mentioned, also I believe he beat Mike Weaver very early on for both. He does getDismissed by many for his skin color and hype, but had a very respectable career. Not as good as Cooney or quite a few others, but a lot of guys were intimidated by Norton back in the mid '70s, when Bobick met him. Not much in today's heavyweight division, true. I like Lewis to outbox Klitschko, but feel the smaller Klitschko (the one who can box) has a real chance to be champ someday. It's good that someone recently again made note of all the very good contenders JQ beat during his career. Just because a top fighter (someone else mentioned the very good Machen) doesn't get to hold the belt does not mean their career is a failure. Only one guy can be champ, even in today's bowl of alphabet soup. Jerry was a huge star and a great draw for boxing in his prime, and has the verbal respect of Ali, Frazier, Foreman, and even Norton among others he fought. To me, the fact he never won the big one, as some deride him for, takes nothing from the guy, and I think similar things could be said about some other very good non-champs. I do have two questions for you guys though, 1) Did JQ beat anyone of note when he won the Golden Gloves, that is another fighter who went on to some success? 2) In comparing JQ to guys who were champ, how do you feel Jerry would fare prime-prime vs. Micheal Spinks, who was excellent at about Jerry's weight. Thanks.
[6/16/03 11:52:34 AM] John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com ||| 10 | GARY: ON JG VS. SPINKS:<br>Spinks was a good, smart boxer with a sneaky right and an awkward, defensive style. I don't think he was as strong as JQ and let's remember, Spinks had the benefit of strength training - something Jerry never really had access to. He did considerable weight training prior to his first fight with Holmes. All that being said, I think Jerry would have won a decision. Spinks did not have the cutting power in his jab that Ali did and he could be trapped on the ropes as Tyson proved. |

[6/18/03 05:45:07 AM] Troy Porter | Florida | tjspudjr@aol.com ||| 10 | i love you uncle Jerry and grndpa Jim happy fathers day grandpa i love you and miss you both<br>love TJ |

[6/20/03 09:56:22 AM] BOB ROBERTS | UP STATE N.Y. | papertrp@borg.com ||| 10 | HELLO TO ALL OF THE QUIRNY'S AND THERE MANY FANS.I WAS NEVER A FIGHT FAN UNTILL I SEEN JERRY FIGHT ON T.V. ,AND THEN I WAS HOOK FOREVER.GOOD LUCK WAS MINE, WHEN JERRY WHO WAS WORKING FOR CBS AND COVERING A GEORGE FOREMAN FIGHT CAME TO UTICA N.Y., ONLY 10 MILES FROM ME.I WAS AT RING SIDE AND ENJOYED THE FIGHT BUT SEEING JERRY WAS WHAT I WAS AFTER. AFTER THE FIGHT I GOT JERRY'S AUTOGRAPH AND ASK ABOUT A COME BACK ,JERRY HAD A WAY TO MAKE A FAN WHO HE DID'T KNOW AND WOULD NEVER SEE AGAIN ,LIKE THEY WERE IMPORTANT. JERRY WAS A DOWN TO EARTH AND REAL MAN. I HAVE BEEN LOOKING IN ON THIS SITE FORE 2 YEARS AND ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH.THANKS FOR LETTING ME ADD ON TO THE JERRY QUIRNNY STORY. WIN ,LOSE OR DRAW JERRY WAS ALLWAYS A CHAMP.-----------BOB |

[6/21/03 02:59:28 AM] Evren | London | ||| 10 | Klitschko to Ko Lewis in the third round!! |

[6/21/03 08:45:10 AM] Jeffery Smith | New Orleans | jls@runbox.com ||| 10 | I would have disagreed on the result, but yesterday I discovered that Lewis is fatter than any previous fight. When he doesn't train, he loses. |

[6/22/03 08:26:22 AM] Kent | La Habra, Ca | orionosnside@aol.com ||| 10 | Lewis verses Vitali Klitschko was a good one. Lewis was a little sluggish but both fighters showed a lot of heart. For those that don't know, Lennox Lewis retained his heavyweight title by sixth round TKO due to a bad cut over Klitschko's left eye. Klitschko led on all three judges' scorecards by scores of 58 to 56 at the time of the stoppage but it was a tough fight. Worth a look when HBO shows it again. |

[6/22/03 09:14:19 AM] Jeffery Smith | New Orleans, LA | jls@runbox.com ||| 10 | It was odd seeing Lewis looking so small in the ring. I think he was totally out of gas in the 6th. Had Vitali not been cut, I think he would have stopped Lewis. Don't get me wrong, though; Vitali was tired too. Time for Lewis to retire. I wouldn't pay for a pay-for-view fight with him in the future based on this performance. |

[6/23/03 06:51:27 PM] Jimmy Dorsey | Ventura California | ronnyrains@yahoo.com ||| 10 | Klitschko's cut reminded me of the bad one, Jerry received vs Ali I in 70' (which referee Perez said was the worst he'd ever seen). Looked up some more NY Times microfilm and found Jerry and Mike Q. sparring at the felt forum. Before Mike's bout with Tommy Hicks, the article had both Brothers Ranked NO. 2 in the World, for their respective division's dated March 8, 1972, I'd predicted an 8th round Tko for Lennox Lewis, But it was a good bout, seemed both acted liked 't'd ran a marathon, before they even got in the ring, both would have passed out, had they thrown the punches Joe Frazier, AND JQ did in 69' |

[6/23/03 09:41:54 PM] Forest Ward | South Carolina | joekevin@cs.com ||| 10 | Hi folks, it right about 34 years ago a this very moment, Jerry Quarry was stopped by Joe Frazier at MSG in NYC. I was there that night. Joe Frazier and Jerry Quarry were brave gladiators that night, I am sorry someone had to lose. Sadly, Jerry and all the men who worked his corner that night have gone to the great beyond. Let us not forget, but also cherish Joe Frazier for still being with us |

[6/24/03 01:26:31 PM] Jimmy Dorsey | Ventura California | ronnyrains@yahoo.com ||| 10 | HI FOREST, glad to see your still out
there, wished i'd been to half the fights you have been to in your life, one of
the few Jerry Quarry fights I've seen live was James J. Woody in Vegas' and what
an exciting 2 rounds that was, James J. really was in good shape, and throwing
bombs before Jerry just overwhelmed him, Jerry'd just married "charlie" 2 days
before, wasn't gonna let anyone beat him, I'm glad you picked up on last nights
post and Quarry-Frazier 34 years ago to the day, but Forrest, not everyone in
Jerry's corner has gone to the great beyond, Gil Clancy was also in Jerry's
corner in the 69' bout, he's still alive isn't he? also worked Mac Foster's corner
in 70' vs JERRY, AND QUARRY had Chickie Ferrara, then Chickie was in Ali's corner
vs JQ, THIS IS GETTING CONFUSING!

Hi Jim, it's nice to hear from you. The night of Frazier-Quarry I, in Jerry's corner
were Johnny Flores and Teddy Bentham, sadly all 3 are gone. Gil Clancy was
actually assisting Joe Frazier that night. He was not actually in the corner,
but on the fringes. Yank Durham and Gil Clancy were friends. Joe Frazier and
Emile Griffith both trained together at the Concord Hotel for their March 1968
fight in the then new MSG, for their double header against Mathis and Benvenuti.
Durham, used Clancy the night of the Quarry fight for "insurance". Clancy was a
MSG "insider" and a little "insurance" against Jerry was welcome, but it was not
necessary that night. Jim, interesting enough that night the walkout that
night was Forest Ward against Charley "Emperor" Harris. Ward got a gift 4 round
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Sorry Jim, my mistake.

Leomnox Lewis proved once again why he doesn't belong in the same category with Ali, Joe
Louis, Mariano, Larry Holmes, Joe Frazier, George Foreman, etc. Don't get me
wrong---I think he's been a fine Champion and has represented the sport well.
He's had the belt a long time. But it just seems as though he's missing some
important ingredient that keeps him in the "very good" class and prevents him
from graduating to the "GREAT" class. Too often, he's lost or looked very
average in victory. Sure, a guy like Larry Holmes got knocked down by Shavers
or had trouble with Renaldo Snipes---but would find a way to turn the tide.
Again, as an example, Holmes had his hands full with Mike Weaver, but reached
for the wildcard uppercut to win by KO and turn a spotty performance into a memorable classic. This is what GREAT Champions are made of. Lewis has lost fights, and plodded his way to dull wins against opponents he should have outclassed easily. Simply, I don't think you can mention him with the all-time greats. He leads the pack of the second tier.

On another note, I love reading this board to see everybody's recall of the super fights and fighters of the 60's and 70's. It seems amazing to call the 60's and 70's a "simpler time" because of all the social commotion that was going on---but part of me thinks that we all love to go back in our minds to a time when we were younger---and watching the Jerry Quarry video accomplishes that! Wow, it's Jerry in his 20's and 30's, in his prime, taking me back to a time when I was a young kid enjoying boxing on TV. Some of the older people who write on this board might have been about Jerry's age at the time, in the prime of their lives. Sorry to bore everyone! But I do have a question for all of you: Who would win Norton vs. Lennox Lewis? If both were in their primes, I think this would be an interesting fight. Mr. Norton was the arch nemesis of my favorite, Ali (Well, maybe Frazier was the ARCH nemesis, but Norton was right up there!). Norton certainly earned my respect by beating Ali in their first fight, winning on points against a prime Jimmy Young, the devastating KO of Bobick, KO of Lorenzo Zanon and even the win over JQ, as well as the loss to Holmes. The irony is that Norton showed how much heart he had in that loss more than in most of his wins. He had trouble against the larger guys like Foreman and (late in his career) Cooney. To me, this one might be too close to call. I don't think it would go the distance---but then again, Norton-Holmes went the full 15. But against Lennox Lewis, I would think that either Lewis would back him up like Foreman and Shavers did, landing the heavy leather to take Norton out early---or Norton would find his groove, wear Lewis down, and win by middle round KO or TKO. What does everyone else think?

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6/26/03 07:35:04 AM | John Gerard | NYC | 10 |

ON NORTON VS. LEWIS: Norton was a hard guy to evaluate. He looked great in all of his fights against Ali (in my opinion he easily won the third one) and against Quarry and Young. He looked really bad against Shavers and Foreman. I don't count the Cooney fight as he was so old at the time. He did have excellent stamina and good punch and was a thinking man in the ring. If Lewis went out there headhunting and throwing power shots he would probably ko Norton. If Lewis fought his usual tentative style he would lose a decision or be kayoed in a late round. Too close to call both me were good, both had flaws that could be exploited by an expert.

6/26/03 12:23:08 PM | Dan Cunningham | San Francisco | DGCSOCCER@AOL.COM | 10 |

Having looked through some of the comments made in the past from certain individuals. I would have to disagree with them about the quality of Gerry Cooneys fighting ability. Cooney may not have given us the match-ups that we wanted to see but I can say that Cooneys left hook was devastatingly lethal. I have watched several of his fights and several hours in sparring as well as reading how foes rated him. Sure he lacked good training, jab, right hand but there were a lot of champions who did not have certain tools required but who made up for it(tried to) with the ones they had. Cooney could bang with the left. Ask Jimmy Young, Ron Lyle or Ken Norton. Whether he fought them when they were 37 or 27, I think they could rate his punch better than some of the people downplaying Cooney in this arena!

6/30/03 02:26:25 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | 10 |

One thing I DO know Dan IS Cooney did have a good left hook, wether he'd have beaten a younger lyle,Norton,is questionable, another thing We know for sure in NEVADA, when he fought Foreman, we were rooting big time for George, and very concerned about Big GEORGE'S SAFETY!

6/30/03 10:48:46 PM | Kent Appel | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10 |

Dan. you are right, Cooney had a great left hook and he was a good fighter. The
left hook he hit Foreman with in the first round of their fight shook up big George, big time and George's corner was very concerned. Foreman himself said the reason he stepped things up in the second round to get Cooney out of there was because he was in real danger and he had to get to Cooney before Cooney got to him. 

His right hand was good too, better than he has been given credit for and he used it effectively against Holmes. 

It was one of Holmes' tougher title defenses and it was when Holmes was still near his prime.

However, just because we say that our own Jerry Quarry would have had a good chance of beating Cooney because of Quarry's counter punching and boxing style and his ability to take a punch, does not mean we are downplaying Cooney at all.

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<td>I Can remember when Quarry interviwed Gerry Cooney, after a victory on St. Patty's day. And either Cooney was too shy, or to intimidated by Jerry to even speak, JERRY DID LOOK LIKE DICK BUTKUS IN A TUX, I do not know, and Jerry had a really hard time with that interview, Cooney's career, and opposition, cannot begin to compare to Jerry's great career. One thing I did want to tell my buddy Forest WARD, IS everyone, whom ever fought Jerry was at the peak of their condition, that tells you something about Mr. Quarry, Jerry probably could not beat everyone, that we've said he could on these posts, (he would have gave it a hell of a try). but the fact remains, that his career should go down as 20 to 30 of the top heavyweights of all time. On the subject of Cooney, he also had his jab working pretty good against &quot;big George&quot; and clearly won the first round, sorry he was hurt so bad, but like I said, we were worried for Foreman, TAKE CARE!</td>
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<td>Hello! There was a post some time back regarding a video of Jerry interviewing Muhammad before a (Norton III?) fight. If the quality is good, can we get a copy of this to show on the web site? Please post your email and I'll contact you. Thanks, --Carl</td>
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<td>Jimmy D., we have always been in agreement that Jerry Quarry was a super fighter, and I agree he fought and beat many good fighters at their peaks. I have also said repeatedly on this sight that Cooney was an overated fighter. He beat old men, long past their primes. He got knocked out by an old man, George Foreman, got knocked out by a lightheavyweight, Michael Spinks, and knocked out by Larry Holmes. Maybe he had the potential to beat good fighters, but if he had it, he never demonstrated it. Potential is great, but results are better. The record book shows that Cooney never beat a viable contender. He was the biggest hoax since Primo Carnera, George Chuvalo, and Henry Cooper beat good fighters who were in their prime, Cooney never did. Yet Chuvalo and Cooper are never mentioned on this site. People look at the record book!!!!!!!!!!!</td>
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| FYI: There were several top ten contenders in the 80's, notably future champions such as Trevor Berbick and Pinklon Thomas who were offered fights with Cooney but choose to skate around him as did Foreman to Quarry circa 1971-1974. This is a fact. It didn't help either that Don King was in control of 98% of the top heavyweights of this time. I have seen Cooneys left hook up close as I have also observed Foreman sparring sessions. Cooney could hit harder than Foreman with that hook. Cooney by the way KO'd a Russian at MSG who had defeated Stevenson (Cuban). Cooney nailed him with one left hook and ended the contest.
after having gotten tagged himself earlier. A lot of fighters avoided Cooney. The fighters he had problems with were the good Greg Page (Tim Witherspoon) like-fighters (boxer-puncher). He would destroy most other sluggers, so/so boxer punchers. He would have eaten up Chuvalo, Kirkman, etc. Quarry and Cooney would have been interesting. I could see Quarry winning. Cooney was a formidable contender. To be politically correct and say otherwise is ignorant and shows your lack of boxing knowledge. Cooney was never the same fighter after his noble attempt to take the title from Holmes who has to be one of the best boxers of all time.

Sure Cooney could bang with his left hook -- but only against guys whose legs were gone and who gave him a sitting duck target. Part of the trick is the land that kind of punch against a man who moves well and whose legs are not shot. And Cooney could not do that. Guys like Frazier and Foreman landed those type of punches on live bodies, not dead men with famous names. Also those left hook/uppercuts that Foreman landed in the first Frazier fight were harder than ANYTHING Cooney ever threw. Quarry would have disposed of Cooney in about six rounds or less, ditto a young Ron Lyle. I do respect Cooney's performance in the Holmes fight.

Cooney was a good fighter no question. I think his gutsy performance against Holmes where he took a lot of punishment is proof of this and demonstrates his skill as well as in his victories against faded stars like Norton, Lyle and Young. He really couldn't have bbeen in shape against Spinks or Foreman so we can't judge that accurately on those performances. What is impressive was his ability to not only kick his drug habit but to come out of it a very decent man who has made worthwhile contributions to society since. Not a great boxer but a good one, and a top man. Puts Tyson to shame.

I know on these posts, I'm always pro-Lyle, And I see Ron Lyle as just the opposite of Howie Cosells, appraisal, to me Lyle was a crowd pleasing dedicated fighter, who got the breaks a little too late in the fight game, not to say he did not have a great career, and not the "Thug" which is usually how he's portrayed, Anyone who saw him against Shavers can attest his courage, One other note for everybody, Can anyone tell me whom the third man IN Quarry's corner was when he fought Lyle, I know Albert and Clancy, but who was the younger guy there? It really does not matter, but I know it was not MOE (mr. JIMMY). And looks alot like Jerry's brother in law and Mike ROSSMANS FIRST LOSS in the person of Middleweight Mike NIXON, and am sure it probably was not.

I had never seen the Cooney/Lyle fight. But after watching the clip here, regardless of age, if Lyle is hit with that body shot, he would be unable to continue due to broken ribs. The difference youth may have made is that Lyle would have been less likely maneuvered into taking that shot and he may have hit Cooney with some significant punches of his own. Something he didn't do in the fight.

Hi folks, one more time, Gerry Cooney had a glass jaw, he could not take a punch. In his entire career he was never able to get off the canvass and win a fight after being knocked down. Cooney never had that fire in his belly, which all great fighters have, and most good ones too. I know a lot of people say he made a good showing against Larry Holmes. Good compared to what? Mike Weaver staggered Holmes more than once in their fight. Truth Williams, lost a disputed
decision, many thought Williams won. Witherspoon, lost a close decision, many people thought Witherspoon won. Renaudo Snipes knocked Holmes down and almost out. Michael Spinks, won 2 decisions over Holmes. Comparing Cooney's fight with Holmes, to these fights, and quite frankly Cooney's loss is not that impressive.<br><br>Make no mistake, Larry Holmes was a great fighter. HE HAD THAT FIRE IN HIS BELLY. | 

7/3/03 01:39:53 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com||||10|TO DAN CUNNINGHAM: Dan, believe me, <br>Cooney would NOT have "eaten up" Chuvalo.<br><br>Make no mistake, Larry Holmes was a great fighter. HE HAD THAT FIRE IN HIS BELLY. | 

7/3/03 04:25:02 PM|Malcolm Donaldson|England||mjdonaldson1955@aol.com||||10|Jerry was my all time favorite fighter - great to watch - great to listen to... so sad to how the great man went down hill. Very nice to read all the comments about him. | 

7/3/03 05:51:02 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|I agree Chuvalo would have stopped Cooney late or Cooney would grab onto a decision - 'grab' being the optimum word - so many done this against George. | 

7/4/03 02:04:09 PM|Kent|La Habra. Ca||oriononside@aol.com||||10|I recently read that Chuvalo's mind is still sharp as a tack and that he has an excellent memory and everything, which in itself is amazing considering how much punches to stun about 3 elephants. Has to be one of the toughest heavys of all time. | 

7/4/03 02:10:56 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||mooseygoop@aol.com||||10|I remember Mr. Jimmy (James Quarry) saying that there was a gene present in the body that shows whether or not Puglistic Dementia (Punch Drunk Syndrome), shows up in a fighter. He also said there was a test available to see if a fighter is likely to become damaged later but a company owns the patent to it and they are not letting it out for a reasonable price. This is too bad because a potential fighter could make a more informed decision to go into boxing or not. Punch Drunk Syndrome usually takes one of two forms, one has symptoms like Alzheimer's disease, which Jerry had and the other has symptoms like Parkinson's disease, which Muhammed Ali appears to have. Georg Chuvalo apparently doesn't have the gene that causes those afflictions. | 

7/5/03 05:12:00 PM|R. U. Kidding|Never Never Land||Get real .com|||10|Mr. Cunningham, until I read your post I did not realize what a great fighter Gerry Cooney was. What really sold me was the lineage shared between Cooney and the great fighters Jimmy Young beat after losing to Cooney. Mr. Cunningham, you have convinced me that not only Gerry Cooney belongs in the Hall of Fame, but also Jimmy Young too! Boy oh boy, what man eating tigers Jimmy Young whipped after the Cooney fight! | 

7/6/03 03:26:12 AM|Evren|London||@|||10|Jimmy Young also lost to Ossie Ocasio twice before losing to Cooney. He did however beat Donald Halpin ! | 

7/6/03 02:27:41 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Evren: TALK about people holding Chuvalo, George was the "best ever "at the hold and hit, I can remember referee Zach Clayton's instructions for QUARRY-CHUVAL, "I WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY HOLDING AND HITTING!" then watched as George's entire offense was clinching and hitting
JQ, HEAD LOCKS ETC, could have easily been DQ'ed in today's standards. I have as much respect for Chuvalo as anyone, especially how he's cope[d] with everything! Although all he really did was get Jerry's "IRISH" going. Looked up some old magazines, and the WBC 4/15/71 they had Foreman rated over Ali, and 1/28/73 had Ellis rated over Frazier? "THE RING MAGAZINE WILL ALWAYS BE BEST!!"

CALIFORNIA | RonnyRains@yahoo.com | 10 | Dan Cunningham, Dan DUANE BOBICK, AND GERRY COONEY DO NOT GET A WHOLE LOT OF LEE-WAY ON THESE POSTS, Bobick between his Olympic loss to TEOFILO STEVENSON and KENNY NORTON won 100 of 101 bouts!!|

7/6/03 10:47:15 PM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | 10 | Hi All, tomorrow is 1 yr ago we lost our Father, and as some knew him Mr. Jimmy. So just remember the man who was loved, funny, good natured, and Daddy Cool. We all love & miss him very much. So please think about him. Thanks a bunch. |

7/7/03 02:15:34 AM | Kent Appel | La Habra, CA | oriononside@aol.com | 10 | It is hard to believe it has been a year since we lost Mr. Jimmy. There are often times when I wonder what he would think about "this or that" when discussions get going on the message board as he would often join in on the various topics. I miss his warm gravally voice as he recounted his views on his brothers' careers and boxing in general in our conversations on the telephone.  

As some of you know, I write for some other websites and Jimmy always was very supportive of what I was doing and he encouraged me to sometimes post to plug what I was up to. He also went to bat for me on occasion when some of my "friends" were less than friendly on this and my other favorite message board, the old Joe Frazier's gym site. He also went to bat for Jerry when some people would post not so kind posts about Jerry, but he did so with the attitude of letting people have their say so. My favorite comment of his was, "if someone buys a computer it is the same as a fan buying a ticket to a fight. If they want to boo, then let them boo." He would not let them push him around too much and he would sometimes lash back but he did so with an air of dignity.  

YES, HE IS MISSED! |

7/7/03 06:23:03 AM | Sabrina Quarry-Porter | Sunny Florida | sabrinaquarryporter@aol.com | 9 | Well Dad it's hard to believe that it's been a year already, and I still miss you sooooo much. Then I find out yesterday that Uncle Mike and Grandpa aren't doing to well at this point. I just wanted to say I LOVE & MISS YOU ALWAYS IN MY HEART FOREVER!!!!!!!!!! |

7/7/03 07:23:49 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 | ON COONEY VS CHUVALO. George Chuvalo went 30 rounds against Ali, was the only man to ever put Jerry Quarry down and out, and as far as I can recall, was the only man who took George Foreman's biggest bombs and stayed on his feet. Does anyone honestly think Gerry Cooney could have done ONE of those achievements? George Chuvalo lasted four rounds against a 24 year old Foreman and finished on his feet, Cooney was kayoed cleanly in two rounds and hit the deck twice against a fat, balding, forty two year old Foreman. God only knows what would have happened to him had he faced the Foreman that Chuvalo did. Chuvalo would have played the national anthem on Gerry's rib cage. |

7/7/03 08:09:41 AM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia81@aol.com | 10 | DAD, YOU ARE VERY LOVED, AND MISSED! ALWAYS WILL BE. |

7/7/03 12:13:35 PM | Joe Krause | Chicago | sadmspats@yahoo.com | 10 | James was a good guy, always was positive in his approach to people here on this website. Still see him sometimes in that old Mac Foster fight footage. Cheers James. |

7/7/03 01:45:55 PM | Dan Cunningham | San Francisco | DCsooccer@aol.com | 10 | I don't know what some of the people on this websites relationship to George Chuvalo is but both Quarry and Cooney would have defeated him 9 out of 10 times. If my memory serves me correctly, the referee of the Quarry/Chuvalo fight was about to stop the bout in favor of Quarry before Quarry was knocked down, arose and went back to his knees in an odd ko and mistake on Quarray's part on the
count. Cooney would have chopped up Chuvalo and you would have said "so, Chuvalo was too old" etc.... I'm not trying to convince anybody anything, just stating opinions. Taking the generic assumption of Cooneys ability is apparently yours and is not based on anything other than lack of boxing knowledge/ignorance. By the way, Young should have been given the decesion over Ali, 4 yrs. prior to his match with Cooney and yes Young was a brilliant boxer. Who did Chuvalo defeat in the top ten of any substance besides Quarry on a fluke ko?

I agree, Young was robbed against Ali and he should have gotten a rematch. Also just because some posters don't agree with you please don't question their knowledge of boxing or imply ignorance-- believe it or not some people can disagree with you and still be in the know. One of the things I always liked about this board is the respect shown to differing opinions and I hope we can maintain it.

I feel George Chuvalo's best victory was against Doug Jones - a real good performance. His showing against DeJohn was a good one also not to mention savage.

To John Gerard: I hope that your admonishment of me was not selective. Since you took the opportunity to scold me as to my opinions, I hope by the same token that upon looking at other opinions posted on this website that you admonish others who have posted sarcastic/irresponsible posts. In addition: Having been to Gleasons Gym in NYC where you apparently use as your home city on this site, I've heard nothing but good things about Cooneys career and potential, from Iran Barkley to average Joes who still talk about his legendary sparring sessions to this day. As a matter of fact, noted trainer Eddie Futch, shortly before he died said that Cooney would have been heavyweight champion of the world if he had trained him. By the way, who did Chuvalo beat again in the top ten to make him a very good fighter other than his fluke win over Quarry?

Big fight this Sat. V Forrest vs R Mayorga. Should be a good one. That Mayoraga is a real character, he smokes 2 packs a day between fights and even a couple cigarettes a day while training plus hes willing to put up a $100 000 bet to any sportswriters that want to bet he'll lose. My pick is Forrest, I think Vernon underestimated him the first time and was a little over confident after 2 wins against Sugar Shane...Should be a pier 6 brawl.

To John Gerard: If asking a simple question to establish facts is arrogant then you are correct about me. I like to talk in terms of facts not fantasy or political correctness. I respect everyones opinion if they are making a point that is based on fact/logic as opposed to wishful thinking or general stereotyping.
because of common misconceptions about fighters from people who don't know better. Read some of your posts. You write with emotion, not facts. I thought this dialogue was a healthy one. I asked if you could justify Chuvalo as "a very good fighter" by beating other top ten fighter other than Quarry. (in a fight, Chuvalo was really lucky to win. Have you ever seen or read about this bout?) Chuvalo was a good fighter who dominated fighters outside of the top twenty in the world. As far as boring anyone, your lack of facts is boring me. Speak for yourself when you state that "we" are boring anyone on this website. I thought this dialogue was a healthy one. I asked if you could justify Chuvalo as "a very good fighter" by beating other top ten fighter other than Quarry. (in a fight, Chuvalo was really lucky to win. Have you ever seen or read about this bout?) Chuvalo was a good fighter who dominated fighters outside of the top twenty in the world. As far as boring anyone, your lack of facts is boring me. Speak for yourself when you state that "we" are boring anyone on this website. | 7/8/03 03:18:23 PM|Evren|London||0||10|I think this row is interesting – keep it up guys! | 7/8/03 09:50:29 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|This supposed conflict is mild compared to how it used to be around here. Keep the debate going, it is interesting. It gets boring when everyone here agrees all of the time.<br><br>Evren, I was at the last Mayorga verses Forrest bout. I could have been at this one coming up this week but I didn't pursue the opportunity. The first fight was quite a shocker to those in attendance. But I wasn't surprised as I was at the weigh in too the day before the fight and there was something about the way he moved and his attitude that told me he had an excellent shot at winning. Something I just couldn't put my finger on, the "eye of the tiger" sort of thing. I am not going to pick a winner in this one as frankly, I don't know who is going to win. | 7/9/03 02:57:08 AM|Evren|London||0|0|10|Kent you are an 'iliterate' fool! Your opinions are worth about 2 cents.| 7/9/03 05:03:37 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlM1s4@aol.com|||10|Kent and John: sounds like you guys are having a battle of wits against a couple of unarmed men in Evren and Dan! Down here we call guys like them 'Boofheads'. On a more serious note - American middleweight Antwun Echols is coming down here next month to fight an unpopular Australian named Anthony Mundine. I'm told that Echols is a big puncher. Do you know much about him? | 7/9/03 06:52:02 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|INGO JOHANSON HAS ALZHEIMERS. Sorry to say, last night on cable news, Ingo's wife said that the former champ has Alzheimers. They did not relate it to boxing or go in depth. | 7/9/03 10:34:29 AM|Kent|not from jolly old England||orion@etc.|0|10|My old friend Evren attacks me? Et Tu Brute? Should I be beware of the Ides of March as well? Just trying to show that if I am a fool, that at least I am a literate fool! I now see the truth, Evren was Foolface and Koo Koo Klock after all! Paul, I didn't realize I was on anyone's side but I do believe I was saying Cooney gave Holmes one of his tougher battles, so Dan would be in agreement on this, not John.<br><br>This is where Mr. Jimmy is missed. He always seemed to refereee things around here when the natives started getting a little restless. | 7/9/03 11:05:55 AM|Evren|London||0|0|10|Who said I was a friend. I do not mean to be rude but your comments are generally nonsensical. You always seem to think what you post is correct and leave little room for other posters opinions. Sorry do not mean to start another fight on here but have always wanted to say that! England is't very funny from where I'm standing...comedian! | 7/9/03 11:07:49 AM|Forest Ward|South Carolina||joekevin@cs.com|||10|Hi folks, regarding the tiff involving John Gerald and Dan Cunningham, I feel compelled to weigh in with my thoughts on the subject. I've always found John Gerald to be among the most knowlegdable and reasonable person on this site. I've never read any of his posts where he was sarcastic or rude to anyone, many times I ask myself why can't I be more like him when I make my posts. Sadly Mr. Cunningham leaves a lot to be desired when it comes to both being knowlegable, and reeasonable.| 7/9/03 10:36:01 PM|Dan Cunningham|San Francisco, Ca.|||DGCSOCCER@AOL.COM|||10|Mr. Ward: Upon viewing your prior posts I have to giggle as to your confirmation of John Gerard as a knowlegible and
reasonable person of boxing. I disagree especially in regards to the ability/lack of ability of one Gerry Cooney. Is it possible that you feel this way about John Gerard because of the fact that you share the same views? Sir, maybe you can tell me how many top ten contenders Chuvalo defeated while they were in the top 10? You wrote how you would like to be more like John Gerard in the posts. Sir, right now, you have an opportunity to be more like John Gerard and stop responding to something you have little knowledge about. | 7/9/03 11:14:25 PM|Dan Cunningham|San Francisco, Ca.||DGCSOCCER@aol.com||||10|To Paul in Sydney: 1) I never once called you a name. (I wonder if John Gerard/Forest reprimanded you for your public name calling of me?) 2) I asked John Gerard/Forest for facts to support their claim which I never received as of yet 3)I established facts as to my beliefs. How does that make me unarmed? PS: I hope you don't rely on some of the posters on this site for your boxing information as I see you asked as to the ability of Echols. I would suggest, reading boxing magazines, watching it on tv, go to a boxing gym and talk to people in the sport, trainers, boxers etc.... That way you won't be unarmed in your boxing knowledge. (just a suggestion). In addition: We have a name for people like you who throw their 2 cents worth in while trying to appear witty to certain people. However, unlike you I will not get personal and stick to boxing facts and not personalities. Maybe you can do the same! |

7/10/03 12:03:25 AM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia81@aol.com||||10|Ok boys and girls lets not start this petty fighting again, Dad's watching from above and shakin his head. Let's keep this all positive and good, not negative and bad. PLEASE! FOR DAD, AND UNCLE JERRY!!|

7/10/03 08:29:12 AM|Forest Ward|South Carolina||Joekevin@cs.com||||10|ATTENTION DAN CUNNINGHAM: apparently you do not read my posts carefully. Gerry Cooney was stopped by Larry Holmes. The same Larry Holmes who was repeatedly staggered by Mike Weaver, Holmes was dropped and almost knocked out by Renauldo Snipes, and Earnie Shavers. Holmes won disputed decisions over Tim Witherspoon, and Carl Williams; and lost to disputed decisions to Michael Spinks. Comparing Cooney's fight against Holmes to these fights against Holmes, and you see that Cooneys LOSING effort was not all that impressive.<br> Gerry Cooney was knocked out by a overblown lightheavyweight, Michael Spinks. Gerry Cooney, was knocked out by a fat old man named George Foreman.<br>Gerry had a glass jaw, and NO FIRE IN HIS BELLY. Almost all great fighter get knocked down in fights, but they climb off the canvass to win the fight. Cooney never did this, NOT EVEN ONCE IN HIS CAREER. It's called HEART, and Cooney never demonstrated. Holmes was a great fighter, and he had that FIRE IN HIS BELLY! I said it before and I will say it again, Cooney was the biggest hoax since Primo Carnera<br>Contenders Chuvalo beat whil they were still contenders: Doug Jones, Manuel Ramos, Jerry Quarry.<br>This is my last reply to Mr. Cunningham.|

7/10/03 09:03:34 PM|Dan Cunningham|San Francisco,Ca.||DGCSOCCER@aol.com||||10|Forest: George Chuvalo being a near 30 fight veteran lost to Pete Rademacher who was 7-3-1 at the time. Bobick would have destroyed Rademacher. Chuvalo did beat Jones who was freshly defeated by Billy Daniels who Quarry would destroy in 1 rnd. 3 yrs. later. Chuvalo did beat Ramos who had already started to slide after being ko'd by Frazier. Ramos descend merited him a 26-29 record. Perhaps not a name you would want to use to add for credibility to your case for Chuvalo. One fighter and one fighter only do I see as being a credible contender and that was Quarry. Chuvalo got the gift of his life that night. Cooney on the other hand had a crossroads fight with another winning fighter, Eddie Lopez which Cooney won. Cooney fought (tried) to fight ST Gordon who ran away from Cooneys left hooks and was disqualified. Gordon later was cruiserweight champion defeating a great warrior named Yaqui Lopez, Carlos Deleon, Jesse Burnett and Trevor Berbick. Cooney also fought a 35-2 Dino Dennis who he destroyed as well as Norton,Lyle and Young. Yes Weaver gave
Holmes a competitive fight as did Snipes but to think it was a Gatti-Ward fight would be misleading. Your prior posts demonstrate a lot of anger toward Cooney and I'm not quite sure where its coming from. In the Holmes fight, I wish Cooney had came out and forgot about the 15 rnds and made it into a fight as opposed to a chess match which he lost. I believe Cooney was never the same fighter again although he did defeat a 23-1 Eddie Gregg, a 22-6 George Chaplin and a 22-0 Phil Brown. Cooney was unstable and never the same fighter when he fought Spinks and Foreman although Foreman states that Cooney had him out but he didn't follow up. I believe Foreman also became heavyweight champion after his Cooney fight, ko'ing Moorer. If Eddie Futch stated to Cooney before he died that if Cooney had let Futch be his trainer, he would have been heavyweight champion of the world. That I believe. As I believe that if Clancy had had him earlier, Cooney would have been a better fighter. I believe that Mike Tyson was a great fighter but he never once got off the canvas to win a fight. Continuing your career after being ko'd and trying to improve on your mistakes against the same/similar/better competition as opposed to weaker competition also shows heart! I don't see Chuvalo fighting comparative fighters to Cooney after his losses to good fighters. Chuvalo fought many average .500 fighters and worse to pad his stats.

7/10/03 10:16:37 PM|Paul Maduros|midwest||pama42@yahoo.com||||10|Lets see now gentlemen, Cooney vs Chuvalo. I guess Chuvalo is a heavy since he was about 208 to 217. Because of the reach and power difference I would choose Cooney. He could get the punches in first. We miss you James, I never was lucky enough to meet you. God bless.

7/11/03 04:15:34 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com||||10|Dan: the reason I asked for opinions on the Mundine v Echols fight in Australia next month was because I respect the knowledge of posters on this site. You should too because it can be a forum for learning as well as debate. You mentioned gleaning knowledge from magazines, trainers, boxers, gyms etc. That's a bit hard down here as American boxing magazines cost over $20 and none of our gyms have American fighters who'd know anything about Echols. Anyway, one of the posters to this site contributes articles to a boxing website and another actually got into the ring and has practical experience. There is nothing wrong in seeking their views, is there Dan? Sometimes it's better to ask and then listen. As far as Cooney is concerned, while he was fun to watch, he didn't have much substance. But that is just my opinion.

7/11/03 09:53:35 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com||||10|Both Victor Valle and Gil Clancy were fine trainers, but even the most skilless trainer cannot compensate for a glassjaw (except through careful matchmaking, which Valle insisted on). Gil Clancy did work wonders with Cooney from a technical standpoint. He never in his career looked better than in his first round against Foreman and that incudes the Holmes fight. <br>Alas for Gerry, George started to connect in round two and that was all she wrote. Chuvalo lasted 15 rounds against Ali in his prime (twice) does anyone honestly think Cooney could have? Yes, I am sure Cooney would have landed some good shots early, but when they had no effect, he would have faded and gone out in about 8 or 9 rounds. He knew nothing about infighting, something Chuvalo was very good at, nor could he fight in a clinch. I also wonder how well he would have taken Chuvalo's body punches. Lyle and Norton were both in their 40's when they fought Cooney. He lost to Foreman and Spinks and Holmes. He really defeated only one top fighter who was still near his prime and that was Jimmy Young. So the whole myth is based on ONE victory and a lot of nonsense spread by master promoters Rappaport and Jones. Valle was the only honest one in the group. After Foreman ko'd Cooney, he publicly criticised Gil Clancy for not protecting Gerry better. Cooney fought a pretty durable C-grade jouryman fighter named Eddie "The Animal" Lopez and could not knock him out, so to think he would ko ironman Chuvalo is a great leap of faith indeed. Angelo Dundee
said it best regarding what a trainer can and cannot do "I can't give a guy starch, he's gotta be born with it." Dan, I have a tape of Foreman vs. Cooney and I would be happy to mail it to you for free if you were to email me your mailing address. If you didn't see it, you really should. I agree that nine out of ten times, Quarry would have beaten Chuvalo, but the fact, not supposition, is that they only met once and George ko'd him. I agree it was fluky, but just scoring a legitimate knock down (as even Quarry admitted it was) over a rugged guy like Jerry is in my mind for more of an accomplishment than anything Cooney ever did in his entire career.

I have to hand Mr. Dan C. His due on one thing! He really does stick by a fighter he believes in, as I have had to do growing up in Quarry-Country, Gerry Cooney was in the major leagues of course, And I believe the real appraisal of a bout with COONEY/Chuvalo, is that Cooney was a pitcher and Chuvalo a catcher! And would have been one of the "better" heavyweight encounters!

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We can look at Cooney two ways. Either he was a flawed fighter who was protected by management who knew his flaws, or he was a fighter who really had the potential to go far but was mismanaged. I tend to think Cooney had some talent but his flaws would have eventually overshadowed his talents, regardless of how he was handled. One thing most people would agree with is he did have one powerful left hook and he was one punch away from victory in any fight.

I certainly think he was better than Duane Bobick and Primo Carnera. But he was not better than our Jerry. I do think that although Holmes had some other fights that were as tough or tougher than his defense against Cooney, the ones that stand out the most happened when Holmes was at his very best, the time period between 1978 to 1982 and Cooney's fight with Holmes was during that period. Saying Cooney had one good fight, his valiant losing effort against Holmes, does not diminish Holmes' standing as an all time great any more than Buster Douglas' victory over Mike Tyson diminishes Tyson's standing. Tyson still is ranked higher than Douglas in any all time ranking and even if Cooney had pulled off an upset over Holmes, Holmes would most likely still be rated higher than Cooney in such rankings. Yes, Cooney and Douglas could never duplicate their one good fight again but those fights still happened.

Hey, does anyone remember the middleweight Mike Nixon who fought in the 70's. I remember when I was bored, I used to watch the fights on the tube. Most of the fighters were pretty boring, but one night Mike Nixon was fighting. Jesus, was that guy good. I remember the first fight I watched with him in it, both fighters looked like they were being cautious and measuring each other when - faster than you could believe - Nixon fired a combination that caught the other guy completely unawares. The other guy toppled over backwards, and that was pretty much the end of the fight. I saw Nixon on the tube several times after that, and his hand speed was so much faster than any of his opponents that I was positive that nobody would ever be able to beat him. Eventually, he was apparently beaten by
two fighters with the last name of Davis. I remember the ring announcer called it "the Davis jinx". I remember seeing Nixon in the top ten in one of the boxing magazines at one point, but I don't think he was ever a world champion. I guess Nixon probably wasn't as good as, say, Marvin Hagler or Ray Leonard, but I never saw Hagler or Leonard shoot out the lightning-fast combinations that Nixon could. Well, I just thought I'd give Nixon his due. As a boxing fan in the 70's I was duly impressed.

Wow Mike Nixon, isn't a name we've heard for a while, years ago, he married into the family.

Art Davis and Indian George Davis were the two fighters who beat him. Mike was a game scraper who had the Quarry fighting spirit. I thought he married one of the Quarry sisters or cousins. When Art Davis knocked Mike out, Davis was running around boasting and acting like a fool, and Jerry got in the ring and said a few words to cool him down. The Ring magazine quoted him as saying someting about "knocking his shorts off", but I think it might have been a bit saltier. :-)

Yes I also followed Mike Nixon's career, they only time he was ever in the top ten was as a junior middleweight for World Boxing after a KO win over Gert Steyn, in 1977. Ring Magazine had him in their U.S. ratings when he beat Mike Rossman, at the time World Boxing rated him #14. He had everything but a chin and frequently sparred with Sugar Ray Robinson in 1971-72, also managed by Jerry Quarry, between his contract riff with veteran pilot Mel Epstein, he was 27-8-1 10 knockouts and ko'd 6 times, last bout a ko loss in Madison Square Garden to Vito Antufermo on the Ali-Shavers Undercard.

On Nixon: Mike's Career took a turn for the better, when he got away from Epstein, and had Ralph Gambina, and started throwing his punches better, and turning them over, AFTER THE DAVIS DISASTER'S. From 1973 on he only lost to the very best of middleweight's "Sugar Ray Seales, Tony Licata, Mike "Jewish Bomber" Rossman (A nationally televised rematch). And of course Antufermo, he was robbed in a Draw with Rico Dinerous, at the Olympic, (won every damn round). And also highway robbery vs Dave "SUGAR" Love, winning every round then decking Love with a body blow, whom Love said was low and could not continue, resulting in a 9th-round no decision, THE DAVIS DEBACKLES REALLY HINDERED HIS CAREER!

I remember a pretty good lightheavy named Eddie Bossman Jones. I wonder whatever became of him. I believe he was Foreman's sparring partner. Also Jimmy The Cat Durpree another tough guy who no one was dying to fight either.

Jerry Quarry was a terrific fighter, and my favorite heavyweight, being a homeboy from LA, if not Bellflower. When I met him in person, he was gracious and friendly. I was surprised not only at how short he seemed for a heavyweight, but how broad and powerful he was. I was sad at his passing, and heartbroken to discover how tragic his last years were. I will remember him as a great warrior with a huge heart- and a fine gentleman.

And, oh yeah, he whipped Jimmy Ellis's butt. Seth, you hit the nail on the head about Jerry being down to earth and easy to talk to. He always had a way of making his fans feel important. He didn't act like he was above us. I will always remember him for not only being a fine fighter, but also a very fine gentleman. The sporting world could use a few more like Jerry Quarry.
Jerry? He is listed at 6'.

I stood next to Tsyon on the street and he is about 5'9".

John Gerard: Styles make fights. In addition there is not always rhyme or reason many times in justifying how a fight turns out by comparing the fighters to other results in other fights. There are sometimes too many variables involved that the fight fan does not know about. For instance, Quarry sparred Norton several times. Quarry had his way with him allegedly ko'ing him with 16 oz gloves on. But, when Quarry finally fought Norton, Norton got the better of Quarry. Why? Because Jerry was not in shape and had been partying in Hawaii. The promoter and manager for Norton knew this. Did we? No! Alas, Cooney was promoting fights, smoking, drinking and partying when the Foreman fight came up. Clancy liked Cooneys chances because of the power in the left hook. There was not that much preparation made for Cooney in this fight and Clancy did not do anything technically to improve Cooneys skills/lack of. The plan was to turn this fight into a donnybrook with Clancy performing a Phil Jackson like support for Gerry hoping that the left hook would win it. Final note: Eddie Animal Lopez fought Cooney in a crossroads collision fight of two heavyweight prospects not of a C rated journeyman fighting a heavyweight prospect. That was why it was broadcast on national TV. Two good winning fighters trying to make the next level. To ask me to re-view the Cooney-Foreman fight to justify your point is like me asking you to view the Quarry-Norton fight as to justify why Quarry was not a great fighter. I won't because I know its not true, there are more factors to be considered in the bigger picture of things.

Dan: actually, Dan, Clancy made a point of saying he wanted to work on Gerry's balance and ability to punch while going backwards. And he did a good job. Like I said, in the first round, Cooney, to my mind, looked the best he ever looked -- at least the most well rounded. He showed boxing skills he never showed before and the ability to fight on the run. Clancy did a very good job. That's why I wanted to show you the tape. No other reason except that it was a fun fight to watch and it shows how different a given fighter can be in the hands of other trainers.

John Gerard, strangely enough Bossman Jones was Jerry Quarry's sparring before the Mac Foster fight; and Jerry gave the Bossman considerable credit for his victory over Foster. Then when Jerry fought Ali in Oct of 70, the Bossman was in Ali's camp, and Quarry said something to the effect, "yeah, the Bossman used to work with me, and if he shows his head around here I will break his neck." I think the Bossman may have been working in the Foreman camp before George fought Ali, in the movie the "Greatest," I think it portrayed the Bossman as a spy for Ali in Foreman's camp. I think I remember him as a cornerman for Norton in the 3rd Ali Norton fight. A few years ago I saw a boxing story on the internet about the Bossman, he was working as a clerk/deliveryman in a liquor store. The impression I got from the story was that he was not doing too well. I saw Jimmy Dupree fight a draw with Willie Burton in the semifinal to the Dick Tiger-Frankie Depaula fight in the Garden Oct 68. It was a dull, but interesting fight, neither deserved to win, they both had to much respect for each other, to take a chance, it was like a chess match. Where as the Tiger-Depaula fight was one of the best fights I ever saw. The first five rounds were comparable to the Foreman-Lyle fight. The last five rounds were nothing to write home about, Depaula was shot, but he didn't quit. Tiger won a 10 round decision. I met Jerry Quarry once, I am 5' 9" and Jerry had me by maybe 2", but he was very broad. Big shoulders and forearms. He was built along similar lines to Mickey Mantle.
heck of a Light-heavyweight, Also despite Jerry's 72-inch reach, he had 17 1/2 inch guns, about 2 1/2 inches bigger than the normal heavyweight Ali and FRAZIER ETC. I'll admit they sure didn't look that big! but looks are deceiving!

By the way does anyone know if New Jersey heavyweight Tony Alongi was ever in the top ten world rankings (say The Ring Magazine?) in the early to mid-60's. if so, Jerry Quarry was 1-6-1 vs PAST-PRESENT-FUTURE World Champions, 7-0 vs top ten contenders, 7-2-2 6 knockouts vs past/future top ten contenders, and 38-1-1 vs the rest. (including ill-advised Cranmer). In case anyone is confused (like me). This was of course during Jerry's career, I've been informed Alongi did break the top ten during his career, but they did not know when, with a 38-2-1 record against JQ. It's easy to believe, they others who where ranked contenders (but not when JERRY FOUGHT THEM) Where, Daniels Machen, Chuvalo, Zanone, Neumann, Miteff, London, and Corletti (at THE FABULOUS FORUM Curly).

Alongi was never in the top 10 of Ring at the end of the year. He might have been ranked during the middle of the year after the draw with Chuvalo. That was a robbery, George ate him alive. Also add Oscar Bonavena to the ledger of win for Chuvalo. That was terrible decision for Oscar!!

I met and saw Jerry several times in the 1980s and he seemed about the same height as me, I am just over 5'11" in height. Of course he could have been six feet tall as I am almost that tall. I have seen Jerry listed at six feet and a half inch tall. Jerry looks taller in the tapes than Joe Frazier, who is listed at 5'11" but I think Joe is actually shorter than this.

Very much so John G, the Rock came down from Massachusetts, to see Jerry's bout with Eddie Machen, but went home alone after JQ's loss; I've heard a lot of stories about it, some said Rocky left before the bout was over!! He was prepared to pay $100,000 FOR THE QUARRY CONTRACT!!

That Rocky didn't think that Jerry was enough of a prospect was not fair to Jerry. He was only 21 when he lost to Machen, hardly a career ender as Machen had much more experience. Floyd Patterson lost to Joey Maxim while coming up and nobody considered Patterson at the end of the road. He was just an inexperienced fighter verses a skilled veteran, same as Jerry verses Machen.

Another example, did everyone think Joe Louis was washed up because he lost to Max Schmeling the first time. No way! That's surprising about Rocky. I thought he would notice and appreciate Jerry's ruggedness and take his youth into consideration. I know Rocky approached Ali after he won the Olympic gold and wanted to manage him.
CALIFORNIA| RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | 10 | KENT: (the famed CURLY Q.LINK of our FEARLESS LEADERS CLUB). Very good observation, did Boxing people think Ron Lyle was thru after JQ? or "SUGAR RAY LEONARD" after DURAN? Saw the Tyson story last night, the jury is still out on the quality of Mike's opponents and he did miss at least 6 top punchers, in BOWE, WITHERSPOON, FOREMAN, MERCER, MORRISON, AND MOORER, how many contenders did Ali miss?? I haveta say "IRON MIKE" had GREAT PUNCH SPEED AND POWER!! (just kill ya!!).

| 7/17/03 03:19:31 PM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 | ON BONAVENA-CHUVALO. It must have been a hard fight to score as lots of people tell me Chuvalo got robbed and others tell me that Bonavena should have gotten credit for scoring a knockdown which apparently was ruled a slip. I never saw a film so I have no opinion. Sounds like a good match up though. Two iron men. One thing which I universally hear is that Chuvalo got robbed in his "draw" against Alongi. <br><br>

| 7/17/03 07:36:37 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA
CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | 10 | HERE'S MY LIST OF JQ'S TOUGHEST OPPONENTS 
"THE DIRTY DOZEN" 1-MUHAMMAD ALI 2-JOE FRAZIER 3-KEN NORTON 4-FLOYD PATTERSON 5- RON LYLE 6-EARNIE SHAVERS 7-JIMMY ELLIS 8-EDDIE MACHEN 9-THAD SPENCER 10-MAC FOSTER 11-BUSTER MATHIS 12-GEORGE CHUVALO

| 7/18/03 07:50:30 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 | JIMMY D: Actually Larry Middleton gave Jerry a pretty tough fight over in London. I think Jerry just won by a quarter of a point decision. |

| 7/18/03 08:20:31 AM | Forest Ward | South Carolina | joekevin@cs.com | 10 | John Gerard, I have a tape of the Bonavena-Chuvalo fight. And it was a very hard fight to score. It is not an exciting fight, over the years I've watched it twice. I could easily understand how someone could vote for Chuvalo, or Oscar, or even make it a draw. There was a lot of clinching and shoving. Although they both staggered each other at different times. And Chuvalo went down once and the referee ruled it a slip, or a push. Actually, I thought Oscar knocked him down. Either one of them stops Cooney in the late rounds. |

| 7/18/03 08:35:16 PM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 | Oscar Bonavena was a tough guy. Hard puncher and from what I hear a hard partyer too. I know in his early fights he had Charlie Goldman training him. I always thought he and JQ would have made a good fight. I believe they signed but Oscar broke his left hand and had to pull out. No one ever fought Oscar and had an easy time of it. Not Frazier, Lyle, Ali, or anyone else. I think his lowpoint was loosing to Ellis and actually getting floored twice. That really surprised me. |

| 7/18/03 10:42:37 AM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA
CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | 10 | JOHN GERARD: Yes I know BIG JOHN, When I rated these 12, it was more or less by there overall stature, and how I think they would or did line up against each other, not necessarily there bouts with JQ. I've always said that 1972 MIDDLETON was a little underrated, Jerry won more like 6 Or 7 rounds, Writer's at ringside said it shouldnt have been that close, like the NEW YORK TIMES, W.B.A. RANKED Middleton fourth, when Lyle took him out. |

| 7/18/03 11:47:26 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 | I wonder how Jerry would have done against Henry Cooper? Since Cooper had been kayoed by Ingo and Patterson, I would have to bet on Jerry. Cooper did have a good left jab and hook though. |

| 7/18/03 03:34:18 PM | Paul Maduros | midwest | pama42@yahoo.com | 10 | To his credit Jerry was able to compete w/fighters much bigger than himself. Jerry's training habits are in question. Like his brother James told me, when he was in top shape, he stood a chance against anybody. I carry a picture of Jerry in my wallet, anytime someone wants to bring up great fighters I tell them about Jerry. I don't see my self carrying around a picture of Gerry Cooney, Jerry was way cooler than him. |

| 7/19/03 12:54:23 PM | George L. Otto | Youngstown, Ohio | ehnpbsa@aol.com | 10 | To the visitors of this site: To date, as the Chief Counsel/Legislative Director
of the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing and TJQF, I have written and mailed four letters to many individuals expressing support for the passage of Senate Bill 275, The Professional Boxing Amendments Act of 2003. If passed and implemented, this bill would establish a federal boxing commission—a badly needed organization. Boxing needs this—especially to protect the fighters. Please email your U.S. Senators to express your support for it.

Thanks

[7/20/03 08:22:09 PM] Dan Cunningham| San Francisco| DGCSOCCER@AOL.COM

Concerning carrying boxers photos in wallets:

First: I would never carry a photo of any fighter in my wallet because boxing is what they do as a living and that does not make them better than the common man outside of the ropes (although I would have to say that as a lot, boxers are a lot more spiritual than other athletes). Secondly, John Gerard: Are you for real or are you kidding me about your analogies of Cooney in the Foreman fight? You could tell that much in one round? Guess what? it doesn't stand up! Cooney threw the big left and hurt George in the first round. Nothing new! If anything Cooney of the late 70's early 80's would have jumped all over George. Is that what you mean by Cooney being more technical in this fight? Not finishing his man when he had him in deep dog doo? Team Cooney should have had some code word or message to Cooney to let him know that George was ready to go instead of waiting to get out the info at the end of the round. I guess Cooney forgot to be technically sound from Clancy in the 2nd rnd when he got ko'd! Even though it is common knowledge from Clancy himself that Cooney's strategy was that he was going to throw the big left on George early, fast and often. Cooney chose to fight tactically when he should have fought his fight and followed up on his left hook! That was the difference in this fight! That was Cooneys "tactic", not Clancy's!

[7/21/03 08:59:10 AM] Kent| La Habra, Ca| oriononside@aol.com

Dan, while I never have carried a picture of an athlete in my wallet I understand wanting to have a hero. We are in a different era now where all of the faults of a performer are pointed out. Say for example, if basketball star Kobie Bryant is proven innocent of his sexual assault charges, the media will still keep reporting how he cheated on his wife. Years ago, this sort of thing would not have been reported, assuming he is not proven guilty. When I was a small boy, my heroes were baseball players Willie Mays and Mickey Mantle, I know now that Mantle was a real playboy drunk who had affairs with women often. As a boy, I would not have wanted to know about this as I looked up to him. Mantle was larger than life to me and there was nothing wrong with this kind of innocence. Now the innocence is gone and I don't know if that is good or bad, it was just different. Another example is recently President Bill Clinton was considered a piece of crap for having well publicised affairs while in the past, President John F. Kennedy did the same thing but Kennedy was looked up to because the press didn't report his shortcomings. One of things about Jerry Quarry that makes it easy to look up to him is he was real down to earth and he never acted like he was above his fans.

[7/21/03 01:04:58 PM] Jimmy Dorsey| Ventura California| RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM

I would hardly say "BIG GEORGE" WAS READY TO "GO" VS COONEY in that first round, I'm not very sure Cooney would have beaten Foreman in any era, Foreman nearly decapitated the man! Foreman was suffering more from exhaustion, rather than Muhammad Ali's punches in Zaire, other than that the man's never been kayoed, Just watch his Lyle fight, Foreman could have laid down and played dead at anytime of that bout, and got more money for a rematch!! Man did he take some power shots! Dan Cunningham one thing you really impress me with, is you do stick by your fighter, something I've had to do to detractors, concerning a man nicknamed "the Bellflower Bomber!"


Mr. Cunningham do you ever run out of excuses for Gerri Cooney. Once you offered
the excuse that Cooney lost to Foreman because of Gerri's drinking and drugging. This despite the fact repeatedly for the record Gerri claims that he was through with drinking and drugging by that time. Gerri uses the drinking and drugging excuse for the losses to Spinks and Holmes, although apparently the drinking and the drugging did not interfere with his performances when he was beating broken down old fighters. Now the excuse of the day for Gerri's loss to Foreman is that his corner did not have a "code word", to let him know Foreman was in trouble. A "code word", are you real?<br>And finally it is your opinion that Jimmy Young actually defeated Ali when they fought. Mr. Cunningham, tell me how does a challenger win the heavyweight championship of the world, when he repeatedly sticks his head out between the ropes so he won't get hit. As Young did when he fought Ali.<br>Mr Cunningham get your head out of Gerri's ass.|

| 7/21/03 04:35:37 PM| Joe Krause| Chicago|| sadmspats@yahoo.com||10| Gerry Cooney was a fine fighter. He was never a great fighter. Neither was Chuvalo, both could give the best guys trouble, but they weren't championship caliber. Cooney could have snuck a title from a Mike Weaver or John Tate, but would never have a chance against the top guys of the 70's, except maybe Norton.| |

| 7/21/03 05:39:28 PM| Angelo| Washington, DC|| funktron@yahoo.com||10| On an earlier post, someone was attacked for making reference to Cooney's win over Jimmy Young, and pointing out that Young won some fights after that loss, against decent fighters. Fact of the matter is, there are a few categories of boxers, including "stepping stones," "trial horses," "live fighters," "contenders," and "Champions," and maybe even one or two groups I missed. Basically, when Cooney won that fight, by TKO, in I believe, round 4 (might have stopped Young on cuts), Jimmy Young was NOT a shot fighter. The guy who posted only pointed out that Young still had something left by beating a couple up and comers or at least decent quality competition after losing to Cooney. No one has a record of only fighting the top 10 boxers---everyone has some lesser known opponents. The guys on that list of Young's wins post Cooney are recognizable to real boxing fans of that era. I remember these guys as tough outs. I'm not a big Cooney fan and was actually happy to see Holmes stop the Cooney hype machine. But the fact remains that Cooney was impressive against some decent competition---people that real fans know and remember as tough guys. And Young was not washed up, could still box, and in fact have Cooney a good fight were it not for the cut. Believe me, when Cooney knocked out Norton and Lyle, these guys were past their prime, but still dangerous. My guess is that both Norton and Lyle could have beaten most heavyweights at that time, including those ranked between 10 and 20. That's world class. When Larry Holmes beat Ray Mercer, he proved that a former great old man could beat a good up and coming fighter on a good day. If you're a Cooney basher, fine. But don't show your ignorance by ignoring the fact that he had some nice wins against good fighters. |

| 7/21/03 06:27:07 PM| Evren| London||@||10| Norton could'nt even beat LeDoux before he got beat by Cooney and was almost knocked out by him. Norton was shot - big time. Lyle had been knocked out by Lyn Ball if I remember correctly before his fight with Cooney. However, I do feel Cooney was a decent fighter BUT should have been better.I do feel he would have been very sucessful in todays environment of poor heavies. Hey Guys - Lay off Mr Cunningham ! Oh, by the way. Lennox Lewis is the best he lays all the Americans to rest ! |

| 7/21/03 08:39:57 PM| Forest Ward| South Carolina||joekevin@cs.com||10| Angelo, permit me to display my ignorance about boxing, since by your definition I am not a real fight fan. After Young lost to Norton in Nov 77, and prior to fighting Cooney 2 1/2 years later in May of 80. Young had 6 fights and he lost 3 of them. By no defintion can a victory over Young at this point in Young's career be considered note worthy. Even so Cooney stopped him on a cut, a very bad cut. Strangely, Cooney the great left hooker could not even knock down a man who was half blind and drowning in his own blood. |
Cooney's "great" loss to Larry Holmes. As ignorant as I am about boxing, Angelo, I remember Kenny Norton losing a close decision to Holmes (some people thought Norton won). I remember Mike Weaver staggering Larry Holmes and almost dropping him a few times, before he lost. Renaldo Snipes came close, he dropped Holmes and almost stopped him. Ernie Shavers, dropped Holmes and almost stopped him. Michael Spinks won 2 questionable decisions over Holmes. When I compare Cooney's fight with Holmes to the ones I just mentioned, Cooney's LOSS does not impress me. I remember Larry Holmes saying something to the effect before his fight with Cooney that, "Cooney was the great white Hope for a lot of dopes". Ironically, there are still a lot of dopes around. What made Holmes a great fighter was the hunger in his belly, he would rather die than lose. Cooney never had this hunger. He preferred the soft easy way. Fight a lightheavyweight (Spinks), so he gets knocked out. Fight a fat old man (Foreman) so he gets knocked out. Cooney had a glass jaw, his handlers knew this and they covered it up by creating the biggest hype job on the public since Primo Carnera was fighting. I have yet to read any of the Cooney defenders on this site write about how Cooney ripped off the public and his "loyal" fans. Cooney admits throughout his career he was drinking and drugging, that being the case he never gave 100% of himself. Yet many people on this site pretend as if he did. He was never in shape for a fight that went beyond 8 rounds. I remember Cooney's early fights when he had "Mom-Dad", written on his trunks. Then for many years afterwards he blames his father for his "cruel" up bringing. I remember early in Cooneys career he used to come into the ring before his fights with a midget dressed as a leprechaun. And you expect me to take him serious. One more note Angelo, if you and Cunningham chose to be rude to people on this site by talking about a persons ignorance... Fine, but I for one will respond in kind.

Forest got it right. To me, Cooney was a lot like Frank Bruno in that neither was a warrior in the sense of a Frazier, Ali, Holmes, Jerry Quarry, or even Oscar Bonavena. Watching Cooney and Bruno fight, I often got the impression that they never really wanted to be in the ring. I think that boxing was the means to a good financial future for them, where as Ali and the others craved boxing greatness, lived to fight other great boxers, and craved the adulation and excitement that being in the ring brought them. And even if Cooney and Bruno had the will to win that the others had, I still don't think that they had the skills to rise to a champion's level. Additionally, in Cooney's case, he lacked athleticism and was too awkward to have the superb timing and balance of a great fighter. I think that Cooney and Bruno were happy enough just to be contenders. They were undoubtedly very good contenders, but nothing more.
"PRIME" RIDDICK BOWE, Ali the true "GREAT" Wether you liked him or not, Did not miss the top 50!! And a lot had returns! He also was a little chastised for not giving Foreman a return (CAN YOU BLAME HIM?) I still have a clip of him Grabbing Wepner and returning 30 rabbit punches!! When things get to bad here, I put that tape in, and all the sudden, everything is "all better" take care!!

7/22/03 03:52:06 PM| Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10
In response to Forest---Jimmy Young's fights AFTER he lost to Cooney were what I was referring to. I'm not saying Young was near the top of his game, or that Cooney was ever a great fighter---only that Young's post-Cooney record and opponents show that he had a little gas left in the tank. You're right---before the Cooney fight, Young lost to Ossie Ocasio twice, which was a joke that ended his chances to ever be a contender again. Also, I think your knowledge is good and I apologize for the "ignorance" comment! It's a difference of opinion that's been kicked around on this site---but I'm still in the camp that takes Gerrie Cooney for what he was: A big guy with a good punch who won some fights impressively. I totally buy into Larry Holmes' comments that Cooney moved up the food chain faster because he was white---hey, like it or not, in the few years after the "Rocky" movie era, there was hunger for a good white heavyweight. Cooney was the closest thing out there to challenge effectively for the title. And people like Holmes made good paydays on this basis! I was an Ali fan, then a Holmes fan, so the color issue was never important to me---but a lot of fans gravitated to the contending white heavies. The record and opponents speak loudly: Jerry Quarry was the best of the group, but Cooney was better than Bobick. And Forest, I never said that Cooney gave Holmes a great fight---you pointed out guys who were bigger threats to his title (and you missed Leroy Jones, who was giving Holmes a good fight for a few rounds before his eye closed and Holmes won by TKO in Round 8). But Holmes also had a lot of easy title defenses, like Leon Spinks, Marvis Frazier and I think Alfredo Evangelista might have even been on the list. Gerrie Cooney showed some heart in his loss to Holmes, taking it to the 13th round. Holmes had the fire that Cooney didn't, and a lot more skills too. As I see it, it works both ways: Yes, Cooney and Bobick got breaks because they were white. But it also seems to me that they are judged more harshly now for the same reason. Why is it that Bobick was a joke when he was knocked out in the first round by Norton and Tate, but nobody laughed at Norton when Shavers and Cooney K0ed him in one. Also, when Quarry knocked out Shavers in one round, it wasn't fodder for late night comedians like it was for Bobick. I remember the little jackass host of Family Feud, Richard Dawson, making fun of Bobick after that loss. I'd love to see him get in the ring with anyone. Having done a little boxing (very little), I admire the fact that any of these guys do it for a living---it's not as easy as they make it look. As for Cooney: Big heavyweight with a good punch, some exciting moments and I think at his peak, he deserved the Top 10 rating, though probably not a #1 Contender status.

7/22/03 06:16:55 PM| Kent Appel | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10
Bob, I sent you an E mail regarding contacting Robert Quarry. <br><br>EVREN, LENNOX LEWIS ESCAPED WITH THE TITLE. HE WAS IN REAL DANGER OF LOSING IF THE KLITSCHKO FIGHT HADN'T BEEN STOPPED DUE TO A SEVERE CUT. I THINK LENNOX IS ON THE WAY DOWN.

7/22/03 06:52:32 PM| Forest Ward | South Carolina | joekevin@cs.com | 10
Angelo, your the best. You made a lot of good points, many which never occurred to me until I read your post. Are you the same Angelo who used write regularly on this site a few years ago? If so it's great to have you back, you always wrote candid posts. If you are a different Angelo, it's great to have you aboard, you have a lot of insight!

7/23/03 02:32:55 AM| Evren | London | 10
For Kent: Wake up and smell the coffee pal. Lewis had an off night that night - was overconfident and still splattered Klitscko's face. One thing I regret is that Lewis did'nt have the
chance to do the same to Larry Merchant who was very hostile to Lennox in the afterfight interview. I find the Americans very anti-Lewis (the reporters, commentators etc) and I think this is down to the fact that they cannot get a fighter to cope with our 'British Champion'. Kent - he was'n't lucky he just attained victory in a different way. I do agree that it was disappointing that the fight was stopped on those terms but it makes for a great rematch I guess. In my opinion I feel that Jimmy Young was never the same fighter after his close decision loss to Ken Norton. He was still a good fighter to beat in '81, '82 but not the force he once was. The same applies moreso to Norton and Lyle at the time they met Mr Cooney.

Evren, I don't think Lewis had an off night. I think he is starting to show his age and should seriously consider quitting and going out a winner. At first I thought I fight between him and Roy Jones would be a horrible mismatch because of the size factor, but now I am not so sure.

I agree about Merchant, (hasn't he made enough money? does he have a pension? Him And Lampley and Kellerman have a new team "STOOGES 2003" I take that back the stooges knew more about boxing!!Yes he was rude to Lewis, but consider the source! Lennox handles himself with class at least 90% of the time, that's a champion's trait, and a lot of NATURAL ability. I have some articles on JQ Merchant wrote: how he was too "IRISH" VS Frazier, in 69' And how he was worried for Chuvalo's safety! When he signed for Jerry Quarry!!

Evren, I have to agree with John that Lewis may be showing his age and should consider stepping down while he is on top. Yes, we Americans were happy when Americans, Hasim Rahman and Oliver McCall beat Lewis, the only fighters to ever beat him. The same way you like it that he is champion because you are from England. Yes, he did win the rematches but the fact remains that two American fighters beat him.

Evren, I agree with you about Lennox. In my opinion he'd have an excellent chance against any heavyweight in history...his 2 loses were by 2 guys weighting about 240 and hitting him flush on the jaw and one of them (the McCall fight) he might have even won if given the chance to continue and like a true champion, he totally wiped the guys out in the rematches. About the Klitschko fight. He found a way to win. Wiping a man's eye out like he did took a lot of punching power (what
difference does it make if u take the guy out by concussing the brain or cutting an eye?) and i dont think he was on the verge of collapse either, hes fought through those conditions a few times in the past. The man sure impresses me, being 38 years old and still dominating the division. About Larry Merchant.. I think he tries to get an interesting interview from fighters but comes off as insulting..as obnoxious as Howard Cosell could be at times he had a way of approaching fighters and gettin good interviews from them.

The thing is with Merchant is that he talks as if he is speaking for a whole nation. He is talking for America. While I admire Lewis greatly - he grew up about 2 miles from where I live and in the same town as I work now, I do not make him an all time top tenner! I also rate Tyson above him. I remember when Lewis won the Gold Medal in 1988 I was 13 years old. When he returned to England I remember running with him when he used to jog along a park near where he moved to called Danson(about three miles from where I live now). People used to really stop and stare and toot their horns etc - seems so long ago now....I guess I was in the prescence of greatness..for a while.

Yes, Lewis is one of the best of his era and he deserves a spot in anybody's top all time heavyweights. But for whatever reason, he missed fighting Riddick Bowe, who for a short time was a very dominant fighter in the division. He also caught Tyson and Holyfield on the way down. Is he the most dominant of his era? I have some doubts about this. He could be, and there are strong arguments supporting this, but I don't know for sure. There is nothing wrong with us Americans rooting for one of our countrymen to become heavyweight champion again. There is also nothing wrong with Brits celebrating Lewis' accomplishments. Fans from various countries supporting their favorite fighters is good for the sport.

Kent, your such a nice guy. Well put.

While I didn't mean to go overboard about Jerry, I know that he was human , like all of us. All I can say is I wish that hollywood could have picked up on Jerry. Who knows what would have happened. Just a heck of guy , what can I say.

I agree Lewis is a fine champion. I don't think I would rate in the top all time ten, but he certainly would be in my top 15 list. He had size, speed, and punch. The fact that he was kayoed by two not so great fighters prevents me from calling him great. Of relatively recent fighters, I would rate Ali, Frazier, Foreman, and Holmes higher. It's true that he fought a washed up Tyson, but If I am not mistaken, Tyson paid him a large sum of money to waive the mandatory defense against him. So even the management of a young Tyson obviously wasn't dying to cross paths with Lewis. I do think his slip is starting to show, and he should go out a winner. I would hate to see his skills erode to say 60% of what they once were and someone like Joe Messi come along at the right time and undo all the respect Lewis built up.

I don't mean to sound negative but, Lennox Lewis will find out soon how quick his skills will erode now. He's good but, he like 37 now. Very few fighters can box much longer. They all seem to try and hang on too long, it's a shame.

Well it seems as though George Foreman is coming back. Any thoughts gentleman?

ON FOREMAN COMEBACK: George is one of the very few who left the sport with all his money and all his marbles. Why tempt fate? I can see old fighters coming back if the wolf is at the door and they have no other way to survive, but George should stay home and count his grill money. Look at Ali, Patterson, JG, and so many
George is a freak—he probably CAN comeback and win! But I agree that there isn't a good reason for it. He has a lot to offer right now (selling the grills and doing fight analysis), and even though he's big and strong, all it takes is a split second to cause irreversible physical damage, and for what? I think some guys who tarnished their greatness by staying around too long include Sugar Ray Leonard, Evander Holyfield and even my favorite, Muhammad Ali. Ali should have quit after the third Frazier fight, 1975. Maybe after Norton III, 1976. Or even after his last KO win against Richard Dunn. To me, even worse than his loss to Holmes was the decision loss to Trevor Berbick. That was a terrible way for the greatest heavyweight of all time to go out—losing to an also-ran.

As for Lennox Lewis: He's been a very good Champion in and out of the ring and the most consistent winner of his era. But I agree with an earlier post that his losses—both WHO he lost to and HOW he lost, prevent him from joining the class of all-time greats like Ali, Frazier, Foreman, Holmes, Marciano, Joe Louis, etc. But because of how long he's been on top, and the fact that he's beaten the guys they've put in front of him, I look at his overall career and rank him higher than Tyson. Look, the world is full of people who COULD HAVE been great—but Tyson's assorted problems and lack of control and good management stopped him from achieving what he should have. He COULD HAVE beaten Lewis when he was younger, but through his own doing, we'll never know.

Lewis is an incredible talent who has a so-so chin. Lewis has had more talent than any man he has ever fought. He is the most dominant heavy since 1995 easily. He would have been a favorite over Muhammad Ali 1970's in my opinion. The only guys that would beat Lewis in history were sluggers, no boxer would have except for 1960's Ali and that would have been a close fight. It's all about styles. Foreman would have knocked him out, Frazier 50-50 fight. Lewis would have beaten Holmes. Unless you had serious one punch knockout power you didn't beat Lewis. We have watched a great fighter, but it seems that not a lot of people realize it sometimes....I ain't from England, but Cheers to Lewis!

I believe George is coming back when i see it..He's a real shrewd fellow and knows the value of keeping his name in the lights ( by claiming hes coming back) and he knows the dangers of getting hit in the head.

Regarding Joe K's post: I have to disagree with the Lewis-Holmes opinion. Taking these two guys on their best nights, I believe Holmes would handle Lewis rather easily. Larry Holmes had a good defense, one of the best left jabs ever and
 decent power stats. He wasn't a one-punch KO artist, but ask Mike Weaver about the damage one Holmes uppercut could do. I think Holmes would defeat Lewis either by unanimous decision or possibly later round TKO. Lewis is a good technician---and it's true that Holmes handled sluggers more frequently than boxers---but watching the great Holmes wins: Shavers I and II, Norton, Cooney, Jones, etc., I have to believe he would dispatch of Lewis. 

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Angelo Good points but my money would be on Lewis. His size and skills would be too much for Larry in my opinion, but most of all his power. Lewis has blasted out some pretty decent fighters very quickly. The fact that Tyson sidestepped him a few years ago and that Riddick Bowe wouldn't fight him (remember Lennox calling Bowe "Chicken Bowe", trying to goad him into fighting him, but Bowe's manager threw away that version of the title belt rather than fighting Lennox) indicates just how feared Lewis is/was.

| 7/29/03 03:13:54 AM | Evren | London |  |
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I would have to side with Angelo on this one. Holmes was a master. He really knew his stuff and knew how to win. It wouldn't be an easy fight by any means but a prime Holmes would out jab Lewis and outwork him. Lennox may be pretty busted up by the end where he falls from the beating or lose a close'ish decision. Larry was a top tenner!

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I'm an Italian boxing fan and I would like to watch a Primo Carnera video clip; he beat Uczudun twice, Tommy Loughran, Jack Sharkey, the young star Walter Neusel...So, I don't understand why everybody keep saying he was so weak! Have a nice time and sorry for my English!!

| 7/29/03 07:02:36 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock2892@yahoo.com | |
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I would bet the ranch on Holmes over Lewis. Holmes got off the floor against Shavers, I doubt Lewis would have.

| 7/29/03 04:15:51 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | |
| 7/29/03 04:15:51 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | |

I agree---Holmes got off the floor against Shavers and in my mind, Shavers was a harder hitter than Lewis. In fact, I believe Shavers was the hardest hitting heavyweight ever. Foreman at his peak might have been a better KO artist, using combinations to take out opponents, but Shavers pure, hard punch might have been the hardest to this point. The second Holmes-Shavers fight (when Holmes was Champion) was a defining moment for Larry Holmes. He was clocked by a punch that would have knocked out a mule, and climbed up to clear the cobwebs and go on to win. This was a vintage performance by a true champion. Holmes instincts to survive, his heart to continue and his skills to turn the fight around made him a top five all-time heavyweight in my opinion. Also, his first fight against Shavers thrust him into the spotlight. He proved to have great boxing skills and winning that elimination gave him the opportunity to defeat Norton in another classic---one that I've expressed opinions about previously. I truly believe that loss cemented Norton's greatness because of the heart and determination he showed in defeat.

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How tall was Cleveland "Big Cat" Williams? The official height was 6'3 but he looked twice taller than Sonny Liston in their fights!! He was famous for his punching power. I saw him against Ali' and in the second Liston fight and he could'nt show his punch. Is it true that he was one of the hardest punchers in the history of boxing? Please, don't neglect
my preceding message about Primo Carnera!!

one here has said Carnera was weak. In fact he was very strong. But being strong does not make someone a good boxer. He just didn't have the skills to compete with Joe Louis, Max Baer, and probably Max Schmeling, if the two of them ever fought. I feel he got lucky against Jack Sharkey when he won the title. I have that knockout on a tape and the final punch looks like an elbow or a forearm, not an uppercut he is credited with. Apparently the referee didn't see the illegal punch when he counted Sharkey out. Sharkey would have beaten Canera most of the time and he did defeat Canera once before the title bout.

Don't worry about your english writing skills. You write very well in english.

One thing that can't be argued is that Carnera was a brave fighter. He showed a lot of courage in his losses to Baer and Louis.

Sharkey would have beaten Canera most of the time and he did defeat Canera once before the title bout. I know he wasn't a great champion but maybe he was a top ten contender ( top twenty ?). I read you come from California! I wanna say that I am a huge Los Angeles Lakers fan !!!!

Cleveland Williams was a little over 6'2" tall. Liston was a little under 6'1. Williams was a very good puncher especially with his left hand. Liston beat him twice and said that Williams hit as hard as he (Liston) did, but could not take a punch like he could. Williams was hit by a car and killed about two years ago. He was a very tough guy, never a champion but an outstanding contender. He was all washed up by the time he fought Ali.

I'm surprised! Wasn't Williams taller than Ali? Ali is 6'2" 1/2, I think. In the second Liston fight he looked about 6'6. I'd love to watch his first fight with Ernie Terrell, for comparison! Therefore, I guess, Liston was 1.84. But I'm sure that Andre' the Giant wasn't 7'5!!!!!!!

Masimo: I don't know the exact scoring of the Ali-Bonavena fight but Ali was comfortably ahead at the time of the TKO if my memory serves me right. Bonavena was a tough rugged fighter and he was a little under 6' tall. I believe Ernie Terrel was the tallest of the bunch at about 6'5". Terrell was no where near the hitter that Williams was. Although Bonavena was from Argentina, he was of Italian decent. His original trainer was Charlie Goldman who trained Marciano. Cleveland Williams was a hard puncher, but I personally don't think he could bang like Foreman or Shavers. But he was definitely one of the sports hardmen.

I have just read the biography of Primo Carnera and was very intrigued. The book was called 'The Story of Man Mountain' Carnera. I tend to respect him a little more than he is given credit for. I have watched quite a few of his fights and I feel he was a good boxer, obviously manafactured who did not punch with his full weight. Whether this was due to lack of skill or the fact that he did not want to hurt the other guy is open to debate. He had decent speed for his size and good reflexes. He was probably as good as he could have possibly been his size in that generation. For your information I have the following Carnera fights: - Joe
Louis, Max Baer, Ernie Schaff, George Godfrey, Jack Sharkey 1 (complete), Jack Sharkey 2, Jim Maloney 1, Ray Impelletiere, Tommy Loughran and Vittorio Campolo.

| 7/30/03 09:44:11 AM | Kent | La Habra, CA | oriononside@aol.com | 10 |
Louis, Max Baer, Ernie Schaff, George Godfrey, Jack Sharkey 1 (complete), Jack Sharkey 2, Jim Maloney 1, Ray Impelletiere, Tommy Loughran and Vittorio Campolo.

I believe Canera beat Loughran because of his size advantage, not skill. Over six inches in height and 100 pounds in weight is too much for most fighters to overcome. There is a reason there are weight classes in boxing. The bigger man usually has an advantage.

I agree with Evren, I have a lot of respect for Canera, not because he was a great boxer, but because he had, as I mentioned in my other post, a lot of courage.

I am from the Southern California area and the Lakers are my team. But for now I won't say go Kobe because he is facing some serious legal charges. As a fan, I hope he is innocent but if he is guilty, then he needs to go to jail like anyone else. The law needs to treat him the same as other people and just because he is a great basketball player makes no difference.

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Kind mister Evren,

for me watching that Carnera's fights would be a great joy! If you can make me see that fights on video clips or in any other way, you'll make me happy! Thanks!

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Kind mister Kent,

no doubt in my mind that if Kobe is guilty he must go in jail! No doubt in my mind at all!! The fact that he is a genius in basketball is insignificant!! But I keep saying: SEMPRE FORZA SHAQ!!

Another thing: how big are Shaq's hands in inches. Are Shaq's hands bigger than Sonny Liston's hands. A PRESTO!!!!!

| 7/31/03 02:42:11 AM | Ed | Cicero N Y | mooseygoop@aol.com | 10 |

Yea Primo was a very sad spot in boxing history. He was a mob controlled fighter (by all accounts I read, the Sharkey fight was fixed) and didn't even realize his fights were fixed, then when he fought Baer the fight was real (for the first time) and poor Primo was slaughtered. They did everything to promote him even saying he had some kind of super punch after a fighter died from a light blow from him. Actually the fighter died from a blow from his previous fight. Primo wasn't championship material but i agree he was all heart. He also wasn't as bad as magazine accounts made him out to be. Seeing him on espn classic's showed me he did have skills.

One interesting thing I remember about him is he kept himself in shape even into his old age. The sports writer asked him how he stayed at his fighting weight (i think he was in his 60's) and Primo said "I puuush" "I puush the food away from me at the table".

| 7/31/03 10:08:11 AM | Dan Cunningham | San Francisco | DGCSOCCE@AOL.COM | 10 |

Ward: Having taken a short break from this site I once again need a laugh so I decided to check your posts. I like how you make yourself better than me by stating "I will respond in kind". Do you ever review what you post? What is your definition of this statement when you have angrily/verbally assaulted a prizefighter who made millions who you felt was not deserving! Do you really think that Holmes/Spinks would have made the same money against another top ten fighter? They would have to be fools to be mad at Cooney. If you had more than a generic understanding of the fighters in that time period you would have a greater appreciation for Cooney especially considering that there were top 10 fighters who avoided him. Is there a 12 step group out there somewhere for people who can't deal with Cooney being a legitimate contender? Maybe someone on this web site knows considering the amount of trumped up half truths about Cooney presented here. By the way, the great champion, Lennox Lewis has a GLASS JAW. Several of the heavys of the 1970's would have destroyed him, not once but every time! PS One fighter who Lewis would have defeated every time would be Chuvalo. What top ten fighters did Chuvalo defeat again? Oh yeah, Ramos!

| 7/31/03 10:56:58 AM | Jimmy Dorsey | Ventura California | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | 10 |

AT times I send off for Microfilm to
cities where they had JERRY QUARRY BOUTS, to get an authentic recollection of his record. Although they seem like it takes forever, I'm seldom disappointed. My new findings is the 1965 KANSAS CITY GOLDEN GLOVES, where Quarry scored 5 knockouts in 18 minutes and 32 seconds! Breaking the jaws of his last 2 opponents, the longest one of his bouts went 38 seconds of the third round, he weighed in at 185-lbs! fighting guys 215, 228 etc. Also one pro bout vs Melvin Manley was not October 13, 1965 but rather Oct 18th, I've found a lot of his early bouts did not have the correct dates, on a bad note: not one KC WRITE-UP had Quarry's picture, here he breaks an amateur record that can only be equalled, and they did not show him in a bout, they did show a very nervous Kathy Quarry.

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7/31/03 12:04:06 PM| John Gerard | NYC | | rock289z@yahoo.com | | | | | 10

DAN CUNNINGHAM:

Let me get this straight:
Lennox Lewis DOES have a glass jaw but Cooney did NOT???????? I marvel at the eloquence of your thinking. Pass the napalm please.

7/31/03 12:37:13 PM| Massimo | Rome | | Massimo.Cini@roma2.infn.it | | | | | 10

Thanks!! I enjoyed the VIDEO POST very much!! I have some question for Evren:

LOUIS vs CARNERA was a one-sided bout or not? How would you score the rounds? Is it true that Primo did'nt deserve to lose in the first fight against Maloney? Is it true that he won just a couple of rounds in the fourth fight against Sharkey and that hit the canvas twice in the fourth round? About Cooney I think he was a very good boxer. If you beat a guy like Ron Lyle (a little old, but in good shape) in that way, you surely are a very good fighter. I think a prime Ali (surely one of the greatest champions), never would be able to do that, not even neither was 97 years old.

7/31/03 04:16:35 PM| Paul Maduros | Midwest | | pama42@yahoo.com | | | | | 10

Hey, I think that Thad Spencer fought a lot like Joe Louis in the way he moved in on someone. The big difference being power and toughness. This is why I also think that Joe Louis would never beat Ali. Only a lucky punch could do it. As we all know though, Ali had the best chin in boxing. Hey boxing fans, please visit eastsideboxing for some great conversation about Jerry and many others from the past. Take care.

7/31/03 06:23:33 PM| Massimo | Rome | | Massimo.Cini@roma2.infn.it | | | | | 10

Ali' showed a great chin in the second part of his career, against Shavers, Foreman, Norton etc. but he had troubles in the first part against Sonny Banks and Henry Cooper... He surely had a very, very good chin but maybe, not the best of all times.

Hey, I have'nt seen those fights in a while so cannot comment. Evren

7/31/03 05:59:01 AM| Paul | Sydney | | PlMls4@aol.com | | | | | 10

Hey Dan, maybe you should stop getting testy everytime someone has a different opinion to yours. Reading your posts proves that you don't need a long neck to be a goose.

8/1/03 03:51:01 AM| Evren | London | | @ | | | | | 10

Massimo your English has improved ten fold in your last few posts! Anyway, I have'nt seen those fights in a while so cannot comment. Evren

8/1/03 05:59:01 AM| Massimo | Rome, non Rome | | Massimo.Cini@roma2.infn.it | | | | | 10

You must watch that fights again within tomorrow!! I'm joking ! You are very kind, Evren ! ! I am particularly interested about LOUIS vs CARNERA. I would sell my mother for that fight ! ( I'm m joking again ! ! !)

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I'm very serious !!)

I sure wished everyone here, could have seen JERRY QUARRY in the 1974 "superstars competition" where Jerry took on mostly N.F.L. Players after he beat Shavers. and finished 4th over people like roger staubach, and CARL ELLER,He really made every event he was in exciting!and finished behind O.J.simpson,Dick Anderson and Franco Harris in that order,he was tanned and in shape and there to win some points,and some moolah! He has the boxer's record for 28 total points,non other is even close,a few years later Shavers ran a 10.5 100 yard dash,his next bout was a FIRST ROUND KAYO of NORTON,no one seems to have the tape of that 1974 "version"

It would be fun to go back and watch those old Superstars shows. No doubt, Jerry was a fierce competitor, whether it be boxing or any other endeavor. It doesn't surprise me that he did so well---and he was matched against some pretty tough company.<br>As for Lennox Lewis having a glass jaw---I don't think so. The times he's been put out, the punches have been extraordinary. But on the other hand, the "heart of a champion" makes some guys climb up off the canvas when they're clocked and fall down. You saw Ali get up after getting blasted by Frazier in the first fight, and it was in the 14th round I believe, after both guys were punished and spent. As I said before, you saw Holmes get up to win after Shavers dropped a major bomb on him. Lewis falls short of joining that elite group, but I don't think it's fair to put him in the glass jaw category either.

I have never seen Jerry on the superstar in 1974. I saw the 1975 version and he didn't fare as well. He wasn't in good shapy then and it showed in his poor performance.

You would not believe how Jerry competed in the first one he was in (1974-superstars).There is no comparison,You being a big JQ Fan Kent,it would be worth trying to find,he set the records in baseball hitting and bowling,second in bike race and golf,went out at 220 lbs rather than 200 in 75'weight lifting,And he was all business,he was in only 6 events in 1975, he missed the bowling, in which i'm sure he would have finished higher, although I don't think he did that poorly it was after his loss to Frazier and a couple weeks before his bout with "SCRAP IRON" He had fun hanging with Rollie Fingers And Bobby Murcer(Bobby took on Jerry!).But I can Remember James(Moe),Sying Jerry told him there were alotta fragile ego's there,(i will not mention names)

Uncle Jerry was great at everything he did...Just like my father James...Because "There's no quit in a Quarry"

Ironically, it seems like you're disturbed by other peoples opinions that are different than your two boxing gurus. Why do you feel you need to place the stagecoaches in a circle and defend any attacks? Does this make you feel part of something big? John Gerard: Did I once ever, check my posts please, suggest that Cooney had an iron chin? Why do you go off on different tandems? Maybe its because it helps you divert the real facts. Who did Chuvalo beat again in a 20 yr carrer that was in the top ten other than Quarry? Ramos, Jones? I give Cooney credit for getting in the ring as I do Chuvalo, but to be a Cooney hater with half truths merits a challenge every time. PS;Lewis is a good boxer but he does have a glass jaw

Hey look, if Jerry Quarry had the reach and size of Cooney he would at least be in the top 3 in the world. That's 90% of what Lewis has going for him. He uses his righthand like a jab. George Chavalo a super tough, nice guy also. Nuff said!
TuavsMike Tyson: this one would be a war !!!!! But, at the end of the night, the winner would be David (KO 4). Tua can hit every bit as hard as Tyson and when he does it you have no choice.... You have to go !!!!! This one would be like Foreman-Lyle !!!!!

hey dan, cooney had a glass jaw and lewis a not so stong chin, the shot he got with ,against rahman and macall would have taken down whole house down , never mind the fact that rahamn and macalls skills are a little bit limited in there arsenal!

Neither Ward or John need me supporting them,particularly when it only involves a battle of wits with you. The reason I posted about you is because your attitude is offensive. Because Ward had the gall to disagree with you, you told him that you only read his post because you "once again need a laugh." You said something similar to John. And then you demeaned the rest of us when you commented about the "trumped up truth presented here" on this site. Further, Dan, your use of words suggests that you have a superior intellect to the rest of us (for example, you accused Ward of not having a "generic understanding" of boxing). Frankly, people that have the need to demean others by writing in the superior tone that you use are usually insecure little upstarts.

TO DAN: I am not a "Cooney hater". I respect any man who gets in the ring and gives it his all. I just can't understand why we can't assess Cooney for what he was: a big strong guy with a very good left hook , mediocre technical skills and a glass jaw. I never once claimed Chuvalo was great or even near great. I respect him for what he was: a very game, strong, incredible durable and brave guy who fought some of the best ever. Neither man was championship material. As for Lewis having a glass jaw, I must disagree. It is his weakest point as a fighter, but I never said Lewis was a great one. He would be in the bottom of my top 15 list (if I had one). I think Holmes would have taken Lewis to shool. He was a shade faster, I think hit harder, and was a lot meaner.

Chuvalo was an excellent fighter ! He had good power, the best chin of all times and gave Ali' two tough fights. Just for this he deserves a lot of respect !!!!!!!!!!!

You got to admit, Dan sticks by his fighter. He is a dedicated Cooney fan just as most of us are dedicated Jerry Quarry fans.

I agree that Cooney was a good if flawed fighter and I agree he was a bonafide contender, but flawed he was. He did have a monster left hook and he was one punch away from victory in any fight.

I disagree with whoever said Cooney's fight with Holmes was not one of Holmes' tougher defenses. He gave an in prime Holmes a good fight. Someone lists a lot of Holmes tougher defenses but I think the ones that came between 1978 to 1982 deserve more credit as that was Holmes at his best. For example, Michael Spinks fought Holmes in 1985 the first time and 1986 the second time. Those were close fights and although Spinks was given decisions both times, there is some disagreement about the verdicts, especially the second fight. I thought Spinks won a narrow victory in the first fight but Holmes won the second one. Still, Spinks caught Holmes on the way down and I doubt he would have been as competitive with an in prime Larry Holmes.

Hey Dano, Cooney was protected.He did have a good left hook and was strong.I disagree with the others that say he had a glass jaw.If he did,Holmes can't punch a lick and we all know better than that.Gerry stood up to Holmes and landed some good shots too.Cooneys idiot managers just didn't bring him along
right. He should've been with Dundee. At least he would have learned something and probably would have done a little better. |

8/6/03 01:11:48 PM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 | TO KENT: I personally thought Holmes won both of the Spinks fights. Especially the second one. I also thought Norton got robbed against Holmes in what was a very good fight. |

8/6/03 01:46:23 PM | Dan | San Francisco | DGCSOCCER@AOL.COM | 10 | John Gerard: For once we agree on something. I believe that Holmes won both times vs. Spinks. By the way the fighter who won the most rounds in a fight against Holmes up to the Spinks fight was Cooney. To Paul in Australia: get out of the sun! you have a selective memory as do a few others on this site who become upset with differing opinions like mine! Maybe you are one of the persons using this site to work out other issues you have with yourself? Sure Chuvalo was a good fighter but can anyone on this site tell me who Chuvalo beat in the top ten other than Quarry (fluke), Ramos, Jones in a 20 yr. career? |

8/6/03 03:03:14 PM | Max Hord | Fernandina Bch, Fla | rasluc@msn.com | 10 | To Kent: What flaws did Cooney have? |

8/6/03 08:10:16 PM | Kent Appel | La Habra, Ca | oriononside@aol.com | 10 | Max, Cooney didn't take a punch well and he didn't have good defense, he was very hittable. He also relied on his big left hook too much. 

He reminds me of another left hooker from another division, late 70s and early 80s welterweight, Pipino Cuevas. Cuevas was devastating if he landed his hook. He had 10 or so defenses of the WBA title, most of those he won by early knockout. But when he was faced with an opponent who stayed away from his hook, Thomas Hearns, who negated Cuevas' power by keeping Cuevas at the end of his long left jab before lowering the boom with Hearns' own power punches, Cuevas didn't know how to cope with it. But was Cuevas a legitimate contender in his division, he was more than that as he held a major title for quite some time. In the end though Cuevas had nothing but the big left hook. 

Cooney did deserve a top ten ranking because he beat some faded but still dangerous fighters in Young, Lyle, and Norton. That left hook he landed on Lyle that broke Lyle's ribs would have done so at any point in Lyle's career. Lyle made the mistake of trying to box Cooney. He should have come out to make it a slugfest and even at that advanced age, he could have landed his own bombs and won the fight. Norton was susceptible to big punchers at any point in his career and he too could have lost to Cooney if the two of them had met earlier. While Young still had some fine boxing skills and probably knew the Cooney fight was his big chance to climb the ratings again. In fact Young boxed well until he was caught and cut up in the fourth round. I thought Young was winning up to the time of the stoppage. 

I don't think Cooney should have rated higher than number about number six or seven at the time of his fight with Holmes though. He should have beaten a couple of other top ten fighters before fighting Holmes such as Mike Weaver, Pinklon Thomas, Michael Dokes, or Gerrie Coetzee. 

I am kind of torn between Cooney being handled poorly, by not taking risks that would have made him a better fighter or that Cooney's management knew his flaws and marketed his power punching effectively and his race to earn him (and Holmes also), a lot of money. |

8/6/03 11:44:00 PM | Dan | San Francisco | DGCSOCCER@AOL.COM | 10 | To Kent: By my own admission, Cooney had problems with boxer/punchers ALA Page/Witherspoon. To say Cooney was not a legit contender circa 1980-1982 would be a falsehood. His big left was a weapon that bothered many top contenders. As far as Cooney being deserving at the time, there were several less deserving/similar fighters who got fights with Holmes who gave him a good fight, such as Snipes, Witherspoon, Truth Williams, Leroy Jones, Weaver etc... for the most part they gained prestige by their fight with Holmes when they were possibly lower top ten fighters (if that). |

8/7/03 04:10:25 AM | Massimo | Rome | Massimo.Cini@roma2.infn.it | 10 | All the
fighters have flaws !!!! Who lacks power,<br>who hand speed, who has a glass jaw....Even Louis, the perfect fighting machine, surely couldn't take a punch like Chuvalo !! Tyson, at the beginning, was very close to perfection but then he forgot the head movements.... What flaws did Tyson have at the beginning of his career ? Just the short reach !! I never watched the Ali-Zora Folley fight. Is it true that it was one of the Ali's best fights ?

Do you remember that fight ?

I remember reading that Cus D'Amato was asked to train Cooney and he refused. This may have been because he was busy not because he didn't think Cooney had potential. Not sure.

After all, Cooney was a tall fighter and Cuevas, in his weight class, was a short fighter who had to move in to be effective. At the time, a lot of people were saying Sugar Ray Leonard was avoiding Cuevas, who was knocking everyone out in site, but I think Leonard would have boxed circles around Cuevas but if Cuevas would have landed that hook, then Ray may have been some major trouble. If people remember Cuevas, I am sure they will remember that at times he was very devastating.

My opinion is that Lewis in best shape is slightly better than Vitali Klitschko (in best shape). But I don't think Lennox can come back in top shape at this point of his career, Vitali Klitschko is THE REAL HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD !

My friend Mike is getting along !!!!!
size and better punch in my opinion. Mike Tyson continues to be an easy target for negative opinion, the guy has my sympathy as being one of the most used athletes I've ever seen. I rate him ahead of both Lewis and Holmes as a Top Ten guy, prime vs. prime. I don't consider Holmes or Lewis Top Ten. I'd take Quarry over Henry Cooper, and it's good to see people talking about heavies like Cooper and Bonavena as the '60-70's period was so full of talent, a very interesting time. JQ'S accomplishments in that era are tremendous, given he fought nearly every top guy available. I do think Lewis overlooked Klitschko, but he should hang 'em up anyway as he clearly looks on the downside. Klitschko took everything he had and would have stopped him without the cut. I don't think Lewis can knock him out at this point. How about Corrie Sanders? Thanks again.

Corrie Sanders deserves a fight for the title after his great win against Wladimir Klitschko, a top 5 in my opinion! I think that the Lewis fight was stopped too soon!! Two more rounds would have been enough!! I just finished to rewatch Ali-Frazier III. That fight is a gift to humanity!! It's the most beautiful heavyweight fight of all times!!! I love that fight !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hey Sean Caddle, if I am to use your logic regarding Gerry Cooney, and not consider his fights against Foreman and Spinks because Cooney was a drug user. Then I am not going to consider Sonny Liston's fights against Muhammad Ali, Because in the first fight Liston did not take Ali serious, and in the second fight the referee Joe Walcott lost control of the fight. I am not going to consider Roberto Duran's second fight against Ray Leonard, because Duran had an upset stomach, and we did not see the real Duran against Leonard. I can on and on. I wish some one could explain to me why Cooney is considered to have made a "good" fight against Holmes. Cooney was stopped in the 13th round. Carl "The Truth" Williams, and Tim Witherspoon lost disputed decisions to Holmes. They certainly made better showings than Cooney. Mike Weaver made a better showing against Holmes than Cooney did. Cooney claims that when he fought Foreman he was clean and sober. I've heard him claim repeatedly that he lost to Foreman, because, "he [Cooney] got his Irish up." Whatever that is suppose to mean. I can't rate Cooney's boxing abilities very high for the obvious reasons which are very clear. Conny had a glass jaw. Cooney had little or no stamina, he never won a fight that went beyond 8 rounds. Now just because Cooney was a drug user and did not give a 100% in training, does not entitled him to a free pass. By a free pass I mean, well, if he was not a drug user, if he was not an alcoholic, he would have trained harder and done better. The fact is every time he was training for a fight and he used drugs or alcohol he was lacking heart and copping out. Plainly he could not cope with the pressure. Look how infrequently he fought. And I might add he was cheating every fan of his and every paying customer by accepting millions of dollars in payment and not giving a 100%. Cooney never ONCE in his career got up off the canvas after being knocked down and won a fight. Every time he was knocked down he lost. Cooney, never once in his career won a fight with a come from behind victory. There was no fire in Cooney's heart. No Sir, Cooney had a formidable punch, God given, but nothing else to offer. Except excuses given by himself and others.

I think Ali'-Liston II was fixed (Ali probably didn't know it, like Carnera...). Ali' wasn't a devastating puncher! How many fights did Ali' win within the first round? Two! Liston II and Jim Robinson (an unknown!). Anyway, I think the first fight was regular because Liston did everything to win (regular and not) but he simply couldn't. I'm not sure of all this things, that's just my impression. What do you think about, friends? My greetings to Shaq!!
HEY Forest how you doing? i'll tell you my man JQ sure could come off the canvas to score knockouts, Joe Alexander, AL "Memphis" Jones (and a broken jaw and 4 lost teeth). Alexander said Jerry was the only one he ever fought, that got up to win, you can also throw in Rufus Brassell, although Quarry was decked after the bell. Jerry even got off the canvas to kayo Roy Crear in San Antonio.

FOREST: As always "SMOKIN" JOE FRAZIER always had that fire, you are talking about, only Foreman bounced him out, (of course never fought Lyle, Shavers) I was 14 when he fought Jerry in '74. I'd already been fighting amateur at a place now called the Dome, and lived boxing, already had over a hundred boxing mags etc. Anyway the day Jerry signed for FRAZIER, my uncle had the names wrong, and told me "HEY YOUR BOY'S FIGHTING FOR THE TITLE VS FOREMAN" I was elated, then found out it was Frazier, bummed out, my uncle said "Why you so down in the dumps, I said Jerry needed to be fighting Bonavena, or Bugner or Henry Clark. Anybody but JOE (he needed Joe like a hole in the head). One of the few times I'd wished I WAS WRONG!! TAKE CARE.

Hi Kent I did not write that it was illogical to say that one of Holmes's tougher defenses was against Cooney. I wrote that it is illogical to give Cooney a pass on the Spinks and Foreman fights because Cooney had a drug habit. It is not fair to Spinks or Foreman to cheapen their victory over Cooney just because Cooney did not train as he should have. Spinks and Foreman were dedicated fighters. Cooney was partying and getting high, they wanted it more, and they deserve the credit for their victories. Kent, come on is really fair to Foreman and Spinks not to count their victories, because Cooney was hooked on drugs and alcohol?

Kent, I have a problem with saying Cooney had a "good" fight against Holmes. Good compared to what: Scot Frank, Ossie Ocasio... If that is your barometer fine. It's not mine. Cooney was knocked down in the second round. Cooney was exhausted after the 10th round; and stopped in the 13th round. I don't see that as good. Holmes played Cooney like a violin. I have no doubts Holmes could have stopped him sooner if Holmes so desired. Kent, to look at my philosophy from a different perspective, lets look at Jerry Quarry. Jerry is highly regarded on this site for many reasons. Most notably for beating good fighters resoundingly in their primes, or damn near close to their primes: Spencer, Mathis, Foster, Lyle, Shavers, among others. All #1 fighters at the time of their defeats by Jerry Quarry. If "all" we had to judge Jerry Quarry was his noble loss to Frazier in their 1st fight would we be singing his praises as many (not you Kent) on this site do for Cooney. I think not. Granted Cooney had a good left hook, but that's it. He did not have the drive and courage it takes to be a genuine good or great fighter. When one looks at Cooney's career, it's all in many peoples eyes a great "oh what
might have been, if..." I don't buy that, either you have the results or you don't. Darryl Strawberry might have been another Ted Williams but he chose drugs and alcohol. Are we say that if we discount the years strawberry did drugs and alcohol, he deserves to be in the Hall of Fame. Maybe we should create a Hall of Fame for all those who threw away careers for whatever reason. We can call it the "Hall of Fame of Excuse's," or the "Hall of Fame of What Might Have Been." Personally, I still would not include Cooney even in this Hall of Fame. He had a glass jaw, no stamina, and most importantly of all NO FIRE IN HIS HEART 

Hey Forest, I would like to make a statement retraction on the little that i wrote about Cooney. I in know way wanted to take away from the victories that Spinks and Foreman had over Cooney, wrong choice of words when i said you should not count those. The point I was trying to make was when you look at a fighter and you rate and compare you should look at them at there best, and for Cooney his best was a loss. I was in know way trying to make him out to be something he is not.

The reason why I say it was still a very tough fight for Holmes in spite of the knockdown, the near knockdown, and the eventual knockout was because it was very competitive the rest of the time and I gave Cooney at least five of the twelve rounds before the knockout, maybe even six rounds, which without the points deducted for his low blows, would have had it a draw on my card going into the ending round of the fight. Cooney rallied back from near defeat at those times to make a good showing for himself. At least in this fight, Cooney had a lot of heart. When I saw the fight as
it happened I thought Holmes was very dominant throughout the fight but after seeing it again recently and taping it and rewatching it a couple of times, my opinion has changed and I now think it was much closer than I initially thought it was.

Hi Sean thanks for your clarification. I agree with you about rating fighters. When I rate a champion I try and look at him on his best night and wonder how he would do against someone else on their best night. There are other factors that of course come into play when I use this method. The champions I rate must have longevity and great fights behind them. For example, I could not rate an Ingomar Johanssen, or a Buster Douglas on the basis of their greatest fight, since that incorporated just one night, and involves no longevity of greatness.

Anonymous, I am not sure why you wouldn't want to be known just because you asked a simple question, but Max, of course, is talking about Mike Quarry. I do have some information about Mike, I am not saying it is good or bad, but I will leave it to the Quarry family to comment.

Max, who is your friend Mike?

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Gerry Cooney, at his best, was a great fighter! He fought toe to toe with the champion of the world and he destroyed Lyle and Norton within a round!! He did not lose against my aunt, but against Holmes, Spinks and Foreman, three Hall of Famers! Everybody says that, after the layoff, Ali wasn't the same fighter, but it seems to me that maybe he had his best victories after his comeback (Foreman, Frazier III). Which is Ali's best night in your opinion? Ali-Foreman, Ali-Frazier 3 or Ali-Cleveland Williams (a masterpiece but against a fighter a little over the hill). Which was the best Ali? I doubt that the Ali who beat Doug Jones could beat a monster like Foreman... Another question: was the Ali-Bonavena fight beautiful? How much beautiful? Is the beauty of that fight comparable with the Ali-Frazier I-II-III sublime? I know for sure that Shaq is great!!

Please let's leave the word great for fighters like Ali, Frazier, Marciano etc, not Cooney who was a good unfulfilled fighter.

On another note I have just finished watching Foreman vs Dino Dennis - a great fight. Jerry Quarry is the second commentator on that fight alongside, I believe, Tom Brookshire. In the commentary he mentioned that he had sparred with Foreman and that George was the strongest human he had ever met. He also mentioned that George was the most awesome specimen he had ever seen in the ring. Also I just watched the fight George had against LeDoux and it is interesting to hear Jerry commenting again. He states that they way to fight Foreman was to go at him, et within his reach but not to go at him in a straight line - but come forward side to side.

I am not trying to open up the Foreman-Quarry can of worms again!

When will it be possible ordering boxing videos? If I try now I read: THIS PAGE IS TEMPORARILY... And how much it costs for a guy like me living in Rome? Between which fights can I choose? Thank you very much!

Alright Kent, get something going..........
Kent: I sent off for 8 more Quarry bouts from Newspapers, Seattle, Albuquerque, Canton Ohio, Denver, St. Paul, Kansas City, and now I know who was the biggest pro JQ fought, non-other than you guessed it, Charley Reno! All 251 pounds of him, and had 50 pounds on the 201 1/4 lb Quarry. I've figured for a long time Ring Magazine had made a mistake on the weights Quarry 212 to Reno's 221, just did not seem right to me, especially since Jerry never came into the ring at even 210 pounds, 209 3/4 vs "Scrap Iron" In Hawi, Was Jerry's heaviest. take care!

8/14/03 04:00:30 PM|Massimo|Rome||uffa !|||10|Buster Mathis was an incredible guy! He fought his first pro fight in 1965 at 300 lb against Bob Maynard and three years later fought against James J. Beattie at 229. I think his weight was about 231 lb against Jerry Quarry and about 330 against Ali' !!!!!!! Anyway, he had a good career!! |

8/14/03 07:21:19 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA

Yu are very well right, Big Buster had nothing to be ashamed of 35-4 at least 23 knockouts or so, Bonavena was good, But to me a little overly ranked, case in point, he won outright robberies vs Leotis Martin, Al "Blue" Lewis, and Zora Folley, and Folley's Boxing lesson he dished out to Oscar, would have been his second win over RINGO, I remember the W.B.A. was they only one to rank Oscar over JQ, for the number 1 contender spot in late 1970, after Bonavena's DQ Loss to Paez, and Jerry had just KO'D 24-0 MAC FOSTER.

8/15/03 04:42:48 AM|Massimo|Rome||shaq.com|||10|Zora Folley!! I think Zora was a master of boxing (or boxing's master?)! Anyway, Bob Foster, one of the greatest boxing's champions of all times, said "he taught me how to box". I think that Sonny (or I think Sonny?) was great when beat him in 1960 (unfortunately I never could watch the fight but I have read about it) within 3 rounds. I think Sonny Liston (or I think that Sonny Liston) of the period 1958-1962 was a real champion and would have beaten even a prime Mike Tyson because he had the same power and reach twice longer...

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8/15/03 11:00:24 AM|anonymous|usa||anonymous|||8|Kent, never can be too careful on the internet, so I will remain anonymous. Even though my question was not directed to you, thanks for the answer |

8/17/03 10:51:41 AM|Massimo|Rome||shaqbetterthanchamberlain.com|||10|I have just discovered that in the Clay-Sabedong fight the weights were exactly: Clay: 194 1/2  Sabedong:225 I give you this information freely (what a great person I am!). |

Bob, thanks for the answer! I don't think Carnera (thanks for the free English lesson...) wore the same shoes size (or shoes's size, bah!) of Shaq. I don't know the American sistem for shoes measure but in the Italian sistem Shaq
wears 56 or 59 (sorry, but I'm not sure) and Carnera just 52 (poor Primo!).
The Primo's measures were exaggerated by the despicable fascism! They
told he was 6'7"/1/2 tall or more, but we know he was just a little
over 6'5". Shaq is 7'1" (I don't know if with the Reebok or without) and
weights about 335... Twice bigger! I'm twice bigger than Shaq! Everybody
call me "the Italian giant" but this is another story and we'll talk
about another time (I hear the question: how tall are you 1000 times a day!). I
suspected Primo wasn't the greatest boxer (pound for pound) of all times, I
don't think I could become heavyweight champion of the world! Maybe Primo was better than me!
Primo is not comparable with Shaq. No way! Shaq is a SUPERCHAMPION!!!
Probably the greatest center of all times, surely one of the best three
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( Foreman, Frazier, Ali, Quarry, Liston, Patterson, Norton, Lyle, Shavers, to name some of the best, really think the guys from the 80's are as good? I'm getting real tired of this Cooney debate! Larry Holmes beat a very well worn Ken Norton. He made Mike Weaver look like he could soon be hall-of-fame material. He got past Shavers on sheer, (I don't know what to call it) He lost to Michael Spinks, Twice! He allowed Gerry Cooney to extend him into the eleventh round. Michael Spinks KO, D Cooney. Spinks was crushed by Mike Tyson, another heavyweight of some repute. My point is (and I do have one,) that the Jerry Quarry who lost to Frazier, even in their second fight, would have walked through Michael Spinks. Quarry would have given Cooney a systematic beating. Much like the one he gave Lyle. Comparing the opponents Holmes faced to the guys Quarry faced just ain't realistic! Mike Weaver and Pinklin Thomas don't measure up well against Ali or Frazier. |

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| 8/19/03 05:25:35 AM | EVREN | LONDON | @ | 10 |
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| A man I very much respect - the editor of Britain's Boxing News wrote recently after watching the Ali-Bonavena match that both Chris Byrd and Roy Jones would'nt have had as much trouble with Bonavena as Ali did. They would have been too quick and good for him. Opinions? |

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<td>EVREN: The Ali-Bonavena fight was scheduled for 15 rounds. It was a hard, rough fight. I don't know how Bryd or RJ would be after going 15 rounds against a bruiser like Bonavena. Bonavena was what I call awkwardly clever, not great by any means but a hard guy to count out and who never should be taken lightly. Also the odds of reluctant Roy getting into the ring with someone like Oscar is slim indeed.</td>
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| Wow, a lot on Cooney. I agree with Bob B.'s assessment of him, and will add that Gerry was one of more than a few substance-abusing underachievers from the late 70's- early 80's. I don't see you guys piling on John Tate or Leon Spinks. Gerry was a very good boxer with long levers and a light chin. Let's leave it there... I too thought Oscar Bonavena got the benefit of rankings. He was very strong, awkward puncher, but may have received more credit than he deserved. I don't think Ali pushed very hard versus Oscar, needing the rounds to scrape the rust off him. Ali did take Quarry very seriously, though, didn't he? Without the early cut, I think JO would have made that a very active bout. Ali/Liston II was a weird match in that the fight ended with Liston standing and unhurt, trading with Ali after Jersey Joe left them
unsupervised to go to the other side of the ring. While Ali was clearly better, was Liston beaten at that point? Not yet in my opinion, though it might only delay Ali for just a while. I too do not rank Larry Holmes as high as many apparently do, but he was a master boxer and generally a very good guy who had to be champ after the greatest wave of talent in the history of the division had left and retired. I'd have liked to have seen Larry about six years earlier and really seen what he could've done. I think that if Foreman could have stayed on track, he'd have defended his belt against Larry about 1977-78 and knocked him cold. I saw Floyd Patterson and Ingo Johanssen II a few nights ago, made me think of JQ --- IF Jerry had come along then, say 1960, would he rank any higher as a former champ over Floyd, Ingo, Rademacher, et al than he does now? I don't think so, and we did get to see him against a great wave of talent. My point is, his not having won a belt, even against Ellis, does not take away from him. Given his popularity 1967-70, it's like he had one anyway. Floyd won it twice, and still does not rank as high as a two-time champ might otherwise rank all-time. Another fight that should have been: Frazier vs Norton. I've read that these two were friends. Too bad, would have been a key early 70's bout. Thanks.

Also, for Steve in Jersey, if we're setting 70's versus 80's teams, here's my take: Ali over all three handily, Frazier goes 2-1 with a thriller over Holmes, but gets KO'd by Tyson, who also exposes defensive weaknesses of Foreman in beating him (remember Ron Lyle)Foreman also goes 2-1 much the same as Frazier. JQ? It's harder to call versus these three, all would be interesting matches. I'm not sure I see him over any of them (sorry guys), though he clearly would have chances versus Holmes and Holyfield. You might want to add Ken Norton to the 70's group and a sober Riddick Bowe with Lennox Lewis, both of whom squared off in the Olympics, to the 80's team to make it an even 5-on-5. Also, for Massimo, I've read that Carnera was very afraid of killing someone and as a result did not really let it fly in his time. As for Shaq, gotta disagree. Refs are too afraid to call fouls fairly on the NBA's top meal ticket, and there are few other real centers in today's game. He's 7-1 330lbs., but can't lead the league in rebounds, why? I rank him about 7th/8th all-time. Want to see a real giant athlete? Find some film on Wilt Chamberlain, who might have beaten Ali if they'd met. Thanks again.

Wilt might well have beaten Ali? At what ping-pong? We are saying that a man who never entered a boxing ring would have beaten a man who many believe (including myself) was the all time greatest. wow.

Wilt Chamberlain was an incredible athlete who was very quick and agile for a man his size. This coupled with his incredible strength made him a well rounded over all athlete. However, the only way Chamberlain could have beaten Ali was if he had dedicated himself for years to boxing. Boxing is an acquired skill and it is not something that can be picked up on a moment's notice. Chamberlain had the raw tools to make one helluva boxer if he had trained at it from an early age. Maybe the best we would ever see. I not only think Ali would have beaten Chamberlain easily, I also think our Jerry would have beaten Chamberlain. Oh what fun us Quarry fans would have had betting on Jerry. You know how the press was often down on Jerry when he was fighting and a lot of fans were negative about him too, Wilt would have been the betting favorite and we would have cleaned up beating the odds. Jerry would have chopped that giant man down to size! Jerry would have been the perfect opponent as a tune up for an Ali fight (in some of the public's eye) but Wilt would have never got the Ali fight if he fought Jerry first!
film that is widely available (the one edited by Big Fights) it shows Ellis staggering back to the corner after being kayoed by Earnie the film cuts off. Apparently the film is cut because Ellis actually vomited over the top rope while still having his gumshield in. Bill Cayton was said to have cut the film on the original tape. A guy on the other website actually saw the film. I have never seen the complete version but I know HBO have it. Not sure if any collectors have the original version of that fight before it went through the big fights cutting room. What a devastating puncher that Shavers was.

8/20/03 04:30:22 AM|Massimo|not the ugliest town of the world|34.com|||10|Kind friends, I have a lot of things to say!
1) To Evren: with all the respect for the editor of Britains Boxing News it seems to me that saying Ali' was slow or not good is like saying Sir Isaac Newton was stupid, or W.A.Mozart sang out of tune !!!
2) to Gerry: I don't know if Carnera could really punch. He was big but I can name a lot of light fighters who could throw a hell of a punch: Marciano, Dempsey, Cooper, Satterfield, Langford... I have a theory: about 183 lbs can be enough to have a dreadful punch ! About Shaq, the refs maybe are too afraid to call fouls to him when he plays in the Staples, but surely are brave when he plays outside ! I never watched Chamberlain and Russell so I can't judge them. I know only the 42 years old version of Jabbar, so I can't judge him too ! But Shaq is the best center I ever watched ! He scores about 28 points, takes 15 rebounds etc. a game ! Anyway 7th/8th is not too bad, but I think that he deserve more !
3) to Gerry again: I think JQ was a champion when he fought fighters who allowed him to fight in the inside ! Only a lucky punch would have saved him against guys like Ali' or Lennox Lewis, who can use the jab...
4) I'm not twice bigger than Shaq, I was only joking ! I'm not tall at all !! I'm about 5'6"' ! But I'm fast ! Do you know how fast I am ? Last night I cut the light of my bedroom... the room was dark !

8/20/03 05:05:13 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com|||10|I remember hearing an amusing story about the promoters trying to arrange a Chamberlain v Ali fight. Chamberlain was justifiably nervous at the prospect of fighting 'The Greatest'. Just before he was due to meet with Ali to discuss the proposal, promoters begged Ali to tone down his usual rhetoric as they were worried that Chamberlain would pull out. So Ali reluctantly agreed that he would not scare Chamberlain with dire predications of the round he would end the fight, etc. But when Chamberlain walked into the room for the meeting, Ali looked up at him, burst out laughing, and then shouted "TIMBER" and the fight never happened.

8/20/03 09:47:13 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Massimo,
Chamberlain was one of a kind on the basketball court. Jabbar was also a great center, agile, but not quite as strong as Wilt was but his trademark hook shot was very hard to stop. Russell used his brains a lot. He would do things like find out where his opposing center liked to set up on offense and Russell would beat his opponent down the floor and go to the exact spot his opponent favored. Little things would throw someone's game off. Russell thought being a good team player was more important than individual statistics. What Russell did worked very well as his Celtics won more championships than anyone else has to this day, including Michael Jordan's Bulls.

Chamberlain did something no other player will ever match. Except for the one year when he broke his leg, He led the NBA in some major statistical catagory and not just scoring either. Of course he won a lot of scoring titles but he also led in rebounds, field goal percentage and amazingly, for a center, assists for one season. Wilt and Shaq have one thing in common. In addition to being very difficult to stop when they have the ball near the basket, Wilt, like Shaq, was a terrible free throw shooter. The New York Knicks used to have a reserve forward who would be one of the guys who would try and foul Wilt late in the game to get Wilt to shoot freethrows. Massimo, do you know who that forward was? It was no other than Phil Jackson! Jackson has no right to complain about the "hack a shaq" as
he did the same thing to Wilt.<br><br>SORRY FOR GETTING OFF THE BOXING TOPIC BUT I AM A LONG TIME LAKER FAN AND I GUESS MASSIMO IS ONE TOO.| 8/20/03 12:34:19 PM|Paul Maduros|midwest||pama42@yahoo.com|||10|Chamberlain great basketball player, but like Ed too tall Jones found out. You can't get that late of a start in boxing and be effective. The fight between Chamberlain and Jerry would have looked awkward, but Jerry would have took him out easy.| 8/20/03 12:58:49 PM|Forest Ward|South Carolina||Joe kevin|||10|Talking about non-boxers being boxers reminds me of something Jerry Quarry said back in 1969. He made these remarks while in training for either the Mathis or Frazier, I am not sure which. The story was a press release from the Grossingers training camp. Jerry and his trainer Teddy Bentham were discussing "tough Guys" outside the ring. Teddy remarked that he thought Ralph Houk (baseball manager, WWII hero), was a tough guy and he wouldn't want to mess with him. Now listen to who Jerry Quarry regarded as a legitimate tough guy, and wouldn't want to mess with? Jim Brown, the former running back. I thought Jerry was being remarkably honest when he said that. Today, at age 65 Jim Brown still appears to be quite formidable.| 8/20/03 01:42:38 PM|Gerry Schultz|Cleveland, Ohio||ggschultz11@msn.com|||10|John G., I consider Ali the best ever also, but Chamberlain, the greatest athlete I ever saw, would have a chance even without skills against even Ali. Consider the package: 90" reach 7-2 285lbs., unprecedented agility for a man his size, another site I visited shows a film clip of Wilt benching 500lbs. When he tried out for the NFL's KC Chiefs in '66, Wilt ran a 4.4 40, and is said to have had a vertical leap equal to Jordan's, unreal for a man that big. Ali's game drew a lot from his advantages in reach and height, advantages he would lose against Wilt, who would also probably be hard to hurt. Sure would have been entertaining ... Also, again for Steve, matching JQ, at 6-0 and 200 lbs., against the highly-skilled Holmes, 6-3 and probably 220, or Tyson and Holyfield, each of whom lifted and never met a muscle supplement they didn't like, is not to me fair matchups at all, again just like Foreman. Jerry would be a cruiseweight in the 80's - 90's, and likely champ. Doubtlessly, though, he would still give both Holmes and Holyfield a terrific fight, and would have a real chance against both. Just my opinion, guys. Thanks.| 8/20/03 01:47:39 PM|Massimo|Rome||bigaristotle.com|||10|Ali' would have beaten Wilt easily ! I doubt Wilt could punch or take a punch... I have read that the legendary Andre' the Giant ( maybe 6'9", surely not 7'5") beat Chuck Wepner easily within 3 rounds. But that wasn't a pure boxing fight, that was a boxing-wrestling fight. I have a matchup for you: Jerry Quarry vs Andre' the Giant in 3 kinds of fights:<br>1)pure boxing<br>2)boxing-wrestling<br>3)pure wrestling<br>In my opinion JQ would have won only the first !<br>About Wilt, it seems to me that he wasn't so good with the Lakers, reading the statistic, I prefer Shaq !!!| 8/20/03 02:00:00 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|Well maybe had Wilt started boxing at an early age and gotten some amateur experience he would have been good.<br>That still doesn't mean he can take a punch, which is my opinion is not height-related (compare 6'6" Michael Grant to 6' George Chuvalo). But I agree it would have been an interesting idea. I guess its just that today's really big heavies don't impress me all that much so I've extended that prejudice to Wilt (on a sliding scale). Just think, with all the giants around today, one version of the championship is owned by a former middleweight who is under 200 pounds and less than 6'.| 8/20/03 04:30:45 PM|Massimo|Rome||tpi|||10|Thanks Kent for your explanation about Wilt, Jabbar etc ! I think Shaq is improving in free-shooting ! Don't you agree ?<br>I don't know, in boxing's history, a good fighter over 6'10'' ! | 8/20/03 07:32:40 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
How about ex-RAIDER great BOB BROWN (and a tough guy himself). Being carted off, after Denver Bronco Defensive end "STONE WALL" JACKSON got thru with him?? I'd HAVE PUT JACKSON IN WITH ANY OF THOSE GUYS!

I tried my hand at boxing and I used to think that if I lifted weights all the time I would just overpower all my opponents. A fight trainer just looked at me once and said, yea thats what your gonna do next month at the golden gloves, were goin there to see who can life the most weight right? In order to be a fighter you must fight that is the rule. If you get to far away from that in your training, you won't succeed.

Paul, you are so correct. Give me a boxer who does nothing but spar, hit the heavybag and speed bag, who runs, and who does push ups and sit ups over someone who does nothing but lift weights any day. Funny how most people (the general public) would pick the weight lifter over someone with long lean muscles even though most of the time the weight lifter would get his ass kicked! Massimo, when Wilt was with the Lakers, he tried to play more like Bill Russell. He concentrated on defense and rebounding because he had shooters around him like Elgin Baylor, Jerry West, and Gail Goodrich. Don't let his Laker statistics fool you because on any given day, even late in his career, he could go out and score 40 points any time he wanted. He was so sick of hearing that he couldn't win the big game that he was willing to give up maybe another scoring title or two. Looking back it didn't make much of a difference as he only was a part of two championship teams in his career.

So true about weight lifting and muscle building (to excess) not helping a boxer. Being muscle laden actually hurts a boxer, muscles need lots of oxygen and can be tiring as a fight continues and they don't contribute to punching power. Bob Foster had very thin arms and could whip lash a punch that could knock a man's head off. Most fighters that train with weights usually say they do it so they aren't bullied around the ring or so they can tie up opponents in clinches. Foreman said he built his arms up to help ward off body shots. About Wilt The Stilt and boxing...I remember him saying the only doubt he had about it was whether he could take a punch or not. I also remember Ali telling him he would have to shave off his goatee cause he " wasn't fighting any billy goats".

If Mike Tyson wants another fight for the title he has to fight guys like Tua, Rahman, Akinwande etc, not bums like Clifford !!!! I have an advice for him: STOP FIGHTING, YOU WERE A GREAT BOXER FORTEEN YEARS AGO !!! Don't say him that , because I'm scared at death !!!! Kent, Wilt never won an MVP title with the Lakers ! Why ? Why with all that champions he won just 1 NBA title ? No doubt in my mind he was one of the greatest champions of all times, but I think Shaq is comparable with him, if not better ! To Tim Duncan: Tim, you are great, but we are gonna give you a good whipping !!!!!!!!!!!

Comments about Wilt are funny. I remember when my matchmaker Bruce Trampler fixed Too Tall Jones up with a sure thing. Well, that little Mexican dude had Tall out on his feet until things calmed down and started going the way they were supposed to. Some people can't take a shot on the chin. It's not that you are less of a man, it's just the way you are put together. Boxing is unlike anything in this world. If you don't believe that then try it.

I saw Jerry fight many times through his amateur and pro career. His greatest strength was his killer instinct, second his power, and third his hand speed. His greatest weakness was that he was not a thinking fighter at all, he did not always train properly or enough, and of
course, he was small compared to the big heavyweights. Very few fighters can think during a fight, as Evander Holyfield, Muhammad Ali, Alexis Arguello and Billy Conn could. Jerry did stupid things like sprain his ankle shortly before a big fight, supposedly sliding into 2nd base at a family softball game. Considering his weaknesses, he took his career about as far as he could, and was a very good but not great fighter. Some of the opinions expressed on this sight about his abilities are sentimental and exaggerated. Anyone who believes Jerry ever had a ghost of a chance against George Foreman is, well, incorrect. Jerry's loss to Smokin' Joe in their second fight was devastating and something no one who saw it could ever forget. Like most of us Irish harps, Jerry just took on too much and took on too many guys better than he was too fast. Jerry used to say that if the cruiserweight division had been around when he fought, he would have been the champ for years. That's possible, but he would have had to get past Sheriff Bob Foster, who incidentally stopped Mike Quarry with one of the single best shots in the history of the sport. There were also Jose Torre and other good fighters in the 1970-195 range. Anyway, to see Jerry finish a guy was watching a natural at work, as inevitable as a lion at the kill. Many of the comments here imply that Jerry was never given credit for what he could do. That's hogwash because he was celebrated all over the world, extremely popular, fought many of the biggest names, and got plenty shots at the title. Every ranked boxer gets screwed out of fights he deserves and decisions he should have won. Anybody good will be ducked now and then, as Jerry was. To those who say Jerry was set up in Atlanta for Muhammad Ali's return to the ring are making something out of nothing. When the opening bell rang, he had every chance in the world to win. I had Irish uncles who made all us boy cousins fight in the back yard from the time we could stand up, too, and it's a pretty damned miserable thing to do. It's unfortunate that Jerry got so punchy, but anyone could see it coming from early in his career. The last time I saw Jerry was at an Angel game in Anaheim in about 1976. He didn't recognize me. Requiescat In Pace, Jerry -- take us home early.

| 8/22/03 09:23:36 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | ||| 10 | Years ago, I remember reading that Dick Saddler said that early in his career Jerry turned down a fight against Liston a few times as did Frazier. Anybody know anything about this? |
| 8/22/03 10:34:01 AM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | ronnyraism@yahoo.com | ||| 10 | TUBBY: I agree some of us Quarry fans exaggerate JQ's talents to sometimes a high degree, Personally I think Sheriff Bob Foster, and Jose Torres would have been 5 to 1 underdogs vs Jerry, as Quarry would have been to Foreman, However I think Quarry should have gotten his title shot anyway, Mike Quarry Getting iced by Foster has not a thing to do with Jerry, Or Frazier's massacre of JQ, has nothing to do with George, Boxing is a battle of styles, And JQ always beat the "big slugger" Let's put it this way and I'll drop it, After Quarry's title eliminator victories over Shavers And LYLE, George could have and should have given him a shot, Then we all would have been satisfied forever, August 31, 1973 would have been a perfect time for both. TAKE CARE |
| 8/22/03 11:52:09 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | ||| 10 | Jimmy Dorsey: I agree 100% that Jerry should have gotten a title shot against Foreman after beating Lyle and Shavers so convincingly. Don't get me wrong, I think George would have beaten him because unlike Mac Foster, Lyle, and Shavers, he was not a 1-dimensional slugger. I would have made George a 2-1 favorite and bet on him. But that does not obituate the fact that Jerry was denied a title shot he clearly earned. That is still one of the best fights never made. And Jerry vs. Torres or Bob Foster? Their is nothing in either man's record to even hint they could handle a 200 lb hitter like Jerry. |
| 8/22/03 01:18:59 PM | Forest Ward | South Carolina | Joekevin@cs.com | ||| 10 | Hey Tubby, that was the most objective and accurate portrayal of Jerry Quarry's
talents that I've ever seen. Most of the time Jerry's skills are either over estimated (sometimes by people on this site), or ridiculed (by people who know little about boxing). I don't agree with the possible match ups with Torrres or Foster. Torres would have came to Quarry, and forced Quarry to punch hard and fast, Quarry wins in 1st or second round. Foster would have gave Quarry fits for about 5 rounds. And then those Quarry left hooks to the stomache would begin to sap Foster of his stamina. And Bob would collapse anytime after round 5<br>John G., when Liston made his comeback in the late 60's it's my understanding neither Frazier nor Quarry's management wanted to fight him. I agree with their decision. Frazier was made to order for Liston around the years 67, 68 ,69. Quarry too for that matter. I can just see Sonny's jab pounding Jerry's face. Dundee was not going to put Ellis in with him either during this period. When Liston fought Leotis Martin in 1969, Liston did not have the psychological advantage over Martin that he had over other fighters. Martin as a middleweight in 1962-63 was a sparring partner for Liston, during Listons Championship tenure. As a result Martin had no fear of the younger Liston or the older Liston, and he took the fight and we all know what happened.|<br>8/22/03 04:56:39 PM|Massimo|Rome||threepeat.com||||10|The Tubby's portrayal (beautiful word !) is indeed very accurate but, in my opinion, he forgot two things about JQ 1) His chin was granite 2) He often had troubles with cuts To Forest: I don't think the old Liston would have beaten a young Frazier! Maybe a prime Liston would have beaten a prime Frazier (in theory) but I'm not sure because Frazier's heart was twice bigger than Liston's heart !!! Frazier was a lion, like Quarry ! I'm a huge Liston's fan, but this is my opinion! Leotis Martin beat Liston for a lucky punch !!!<br>8/22/03 05:23:30 PM|Massimo|Rome||34.com||||10|I forgot ! Is it true that Ali' had troubles against Bob Foster ? Foster said he fell several times but he never was hurt and that he hit Ali' with hard punches ! I'm curious !

Thanks|<br>8/22/03 06:47:20 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Hi! I haven't looked through all the letters yet, but from those I have, it appears I'm the only female boxing fan posting on the page. My Dad was an amateur, and I picked up my interest from him; we used to watch together all the time, and talk fights. He and my husband had/have a really big collection of fight videos and films, and I read and watch extensively. I was saddened to learn of tough Jerry Quarry's condition and final passing. His era was by far the best in boxing history, and my favorite to talk about. I post in other general discussion forums about boxing, but most either have little interest or knowledge. I look forward to "trading shots" with the posters in here! :-)|<br>8/22/03 07:42:41 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||||10|Leotis Martin was a good fighter, he wore Liston down, after Liston had beat him up, those were some pretty good throws he had there to kayo Sonny, I remember Cosell who seemed to genuinely like Sonny, "Charles what happened?" and Sonny saying, "if i'd had known that Howard I wouldn't have got knocked out" I don't care if JQ had succumbed To Foreman early, I still would have rather seen him in there, Than his 74' bout with "smokin joe" and a payday, Foreman-Quarry title bout at that time would have received a huge buildup of excitement for the fans, and would have paid both fighter's handsomely.ACTUALLY JAMES J. WOODY AND (EVERYONE'S FRIEND) JACK O'HALLORAN WERE THE BEST, JUST HAD TOO MANY "OFF NIGHTS". Besides O'Halloran's agent was better than JERRY'S|<br>8/22/03 10:31:26 PM|KENT APPEL|LA HABRA, CA||ORIONONSIDE@AOL.COM||||10|Tubby, Jerry did not get plenty of title shots. He got exactly two, one against Ellis in 1968 for the WBA title and one against Frazier in 1969, for the New York State Athletic Commission version of the title. <br>He did earn a third one that he never got, of course in 1973 based on the wins over Lyle and
It is true that Foreman brought more to the table than Lyle, Shavers, and M. Foster brought but as I have said before, Jerry had a better chance of defeating Foreman than Frazier or Norton, two fighters who beat Jerry, because of Jerry's counterpunching style. Foreman, circa 1973 or 1974, did not use all of his skills. George relied on his power mainly.  

Jerry had a chin in a league with Ali, Frazier, Chuvalo, or Marciano. However, even rock cracks, and Foreman was way out there in terms of power; his punches might have taken a thousandth of a second longer to complete their orbit, but they carried the goods when they arrived. Frazier was talented enough to have fought a different fight against Foreman, but his personality didn't let him, and I'm still skeptical about the validity of the Foreman-Ali, even if George does graciously say it was on the level. Quarry was also talented enough to outsmart George back then, before his morphing into the more centered man he is today. JQ had a little bit of the hot Frazier in him, and if he didn't try to out macho Foreman, and mixed his styles, going inside, side to side, counter punching, combination punching, then moving back, and continually mixing these styles, then I believe he'd have been in the hunt against GF. George didn't do well with the unexpected, or things out of pattern. However, Jerry would ultimately have had to contend with that one big moment when one of Foreman's punches finally landed. Good Lord, he literally lifted Ken Norton off his feet.

Assuming Foreman really did run out of gas against Ali, perhaps endurance was the problem some said it was (though Foreman's workouts were formidable). If so, the longer the fight went, the higher Quarry's star would rise. A question mark too about Foreman was handling himself when in trouble. The punch Ali hit him with didn't really seem to be a bomb, but he crumpled in fog and confusion. Late in his career, after his revival, he was hit, but I can't recall enough times he was badly hurt to say he was one thing or another under crisis circumstances.
size/power advantages and his own propensity to cut to eventually do him in. How many guys did well enough to force Ali and Joe to fight him twice, just JQ. Jerry was a thinking fighter definitely, and an outstanding athlete, in my opinion. I believe he had just two title shots, Ellis and Frazier, in his prime of some eight years. I don't see anyone, Foster or anyone else, at 200 lbs who would stop him from eventually being Cruiserweight champ. Maybe as fans here we go a little far where JQ is concerned, but if commentary here is a little rich, just read what guys like Frazier and Foreman and others have said about him. It's not just hype... Massimo, Wilt's teams won two titles. The only teams to ever defeat (Boston and New York) Wilt's teams in the playoffs had at least 5-6 Hall of Famers. Teams, not players, win titles. There were only 16-20 teams then also, not the diluted, sloppy 30 plus teams the NBA has now. Wilt played against better centers and better teams as a result. He shot 72% from the field for the Lakers in '72, just one of his many unbreakable records. Shaq in today's best center definitely, but Wilt is best all-time. Also, I never said Wilt was better than Ali, guys. Just that his rare size and athleticism would give him a better chance than you think. Wilt was amazing at a number of sports. But obviously, spending years of time to develop skills in one sport would give a true boxer a huge edge over someone like Wilt. Thanks again. |

PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Quarry as a cruiserweight is a very interesting proposition! The cruiserweight division is an odd one. Guys who were natural cruisers have more often than not preferred to labor as "small" heavies, for the money, exposure, and fame. A lot of CWs have been light heavies stepping up, or light heavies who were old and fat, or lazy, and couldn't make 175 any more.<br><br>Foster, in my opinion, was far and away the best light heavy ever. However, fighting guys at 190, or putting on some weight wouldn't necessarily make him a legit CW. Foster was a naturally tall, skinny guy, an ectomorph, with a dynamite punch (like Danny Lopez). To go against a Quarry, who could easily have been a natural, in shape CW, might have invited the same disaster as when Foster fought heavies.<br><br>I imagine Quarry would always have heard the siren song of Frazier, Ali, etc. though, and wouldn't have stayed long at the lower weight. Patterson either, or any of the other guys who were at the lower end of the heavy scale.<br><br>Anyway, Quarry and Foster as Cruisers? As much as I loved Bob Foster, I'd have to say that though he'd have gotten his bell rung powerfully, JQ would have taken him.| |

8/23/03 01:23:27 PM|Massimo|Rome||3peat.com|||10|All Mac Foster's victories were by KO (incredible !) Did he punch so hard ? Is this the only case in heavyweight history ?<br>To Gerry: Thanks Gerry ! OK , Wilt was better than Shaq ! I'm strong inside, I'm gonna except it ! But ShaqbAli' KO 1 !!!!! I'm joking, of course ! No basketball player could have beaten Ali' ! Maybe in a bar' s brawl but not in a boxing ring !!| |

8/23/03 08:14:55 PM|Forest Ward|South Carolina||joekevin@cs.com|||10|Hey Paul M., that's my point. In the late 60's Liston was ripe for the taking. But the managers of all those rising turks at the time avoided fighting him. When Leotis Martin beat him, I think every manager was relieved. Throughout Ali's suspension he repeatedly stated that he thought Liston was the best out there. Was he trying to piss off Frazier, and Ellis, by saying that? Maybe.| |

8/24/03 04:28:12 AM|Tubby Breslin|Fullerton, CA||bearstubastanchu|||10|You folks really know your boxing. First of all, I was wrong: Jerry didn't have lots of title shots. But he had 2, which is more than 99.9% of pros ever have. He was also in contention for a decade, in the minds of opponents, promoters, managers and fans. <br>I'm interested in the proposition that the 60s and 70s were a great era of heavyweight boxing. At that time, almost no one was saying so. Very few of the ranked heavies then were generally conceded to be great, believe it or not. Floyd Patterson lost too much status from his humiliating defeats to Ali, and his other losses. Chuvalo and Bonavena were virtually considered
“opponents”. Foreman lost part of his reputation in Zaire. Frazier was considered great even in defeat, yes. Norton, no. There was an earlier cast including Zora Folley, Doug Jones, Eddie Machen, Cleve (“Big Cat”) Williams, Amos (“Big Train”) Lincoln, Buster Mathis, King Fletcher, Thad Spencer, even George (“Scrap Iron”) Johnson -- who went 12 rounds with a young Joe Frazier and lost as decision -- who had many excellent outings and stayed in the Top 10 or 20, but who fell well short of greatness. Some were deserving at high ranks, especially Zora, but never got their shots until the last phase of their careers. There was also a slew of overseas fighters including Karl Mildenberger, Henry Cooper, Brian London and others who were built up for Ali and the cable promoters, and he made mincemeat of them all. Funny how Ali never really learned how to box .. guess he was so gifted, athletic and smart he never needed to. 

I also believe Liston and Foreman were great fighters, but with the way Sonny was owned by the Mob, his real greatness is unrevealed, so to speak. Perhaps more than anyone, Larry Holmes proved his greatness again and again and again, and his left jab is the finest any of us are ever likely to see. Ken Norton was a tremendous fighter, and quite likely took the 2nd Ali fight in LA, but didn't get the decision. 

Where, then, is the greatness? In those days, Rocky Marciano was considered the paradigm of a great heavyweight, and so was Joe Louis. None of the sportswriters or commentators of the day would have considered any heavyweights fighting in the 60s and 70s to be at the Marciano-Louis level. The Ezzard Charles-Joe Walcott era was thought to be truly great. Anyway, do we call the heavyweight division in the 60s and 70s great because there were so many very good fighters? I guess that's reasonable. Or is it because the pickin's are so putrid now? 

Even then, though, people were groaning and sneering about the rotten state of boxing, the final decline, etc. Therefore when we say it now -- and I believe it is true, now -- it sounds questionable. When Butterball fights, or even David Tua or Johnny Thunder (sorry to have the name wrong) or even these 2 Russian brothers, surely Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis and Sonny Liston turn over in their graves. What do you guys think? I think to make a boxer, you generally need a pretty desperate kid, a poor kid, someone who's willing to bleed to make it, and usually one who sees boxing as his only chance. With the dozens of pro and "amateur" sports now and their huge programs, as well as the phenomenal sums of money to be made and the worldwide exposure, most kids choose other sports. In terms of bringing young boxers along, the promoters, managers, and cable people have completely knuckled under to instant gratification, and throw fighters into title fights way too early and long before they deserve it. 

Obviously, one of the key reasons Jerry Quarry did so well is that he began early and served a long apprenticeship with excellent teachers and good opponents. I may be wrong, but I don't think many American kids get that any more as they learn to fight and get into the amateurs. Myself, I finally got my clock convincingly cleaned 37 years ago, so I've been out of the game too long to know. Can anyone correct me or confirm any of these ideas? Seems like we always have strong fly to middle divisions, right? 

By the way, whatever happened to the kid named Baby Cassius who used to fight at the Olympic Auditorium around 1966-1970? He had everything he needed to become champ. 

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Ali's main faults were that he often arm punched, without proper foot position or contact or hip rotation, he pulled away from punches, often carried his arms low, never went to the body, and wandered around the ropes far too often in the second part of his career. He often was arrogant and didn't train properly, and seemed to want to make a fool out of an opponent ("See how great I am?), more than he wanted to win. Many of his blinding combinations were nice to look at, but in a lot of cases (proven via slo mo), many if not most missed, or were glancing blows. While they confused many opponents, the really smart ones launched an attack immediately after, when he often left himself split second vulnerable. However! He compensated with superb craftiness, extraordinary speed, was largely able to govern pace (except with Frazier), and was superb at tying his opponent up, eye thumbing, and opening cuts. Great jab (though I think Holmes's was better), could throw a decent uppercut when he wanted to, a super straight right and right cross, and even a hook, when he really set himself. Sadly, when his speed, reflexes and stamina were leaving him, he demonstrated his biggest gift of all, unequaled, I believe, by any other fighter ever - the ability to take a punch. When he commented that "Joe Frazier made me what I am today," he didn't know how right he was, though that wasn't what he meant.

Good observations, Roadscholarette. These are examples of how Ali never learned how to box, by doing so many things wrong, beginning with leaning away from punches. He invented his own style and made it fantastically successful. Another great strength of his was his twisting or torquing punches that cut opponents. He also capitalized on pulling down the necks and shoulders of opponents in clinches, even the briefest clinches, for a cumulative effect of exhaustion on them. Some people tend to think of Ali as smaller than he was, 6'4" and 220 or more. Boxers and former boxers know that even glancing punches can hurt a lot, because of the mental scoring that goes along and the embarrassment of being hit. Ali kept his hitting your face and it humiliated and discouraged opponents, even making them mad and distracted from their business of fighting. Besides, when it comes to knockout damage, it's not the power itself of a punch, but the snapping on a precise target to cause unconsciousness. (Sean O'Grady explains this well.) Clubbing a man into submission is a much longer and more difficult process than snapping him on the button or along the jaw. Anyway, Ali's greatest strength of all, and something he practically invented or rather reinvented for the contemporary age of boxing, was the psychological game. Many of us feel this part of the game, at least among two more or less equal opponents, is 90% of the whole contest. At least from the moment an opponent signed a contract to fight Ali, this hapless person was subject to trash-talking, shaming (even on Uncle Tom grounds, like Patterson and Frazier), and even weird behavior and threats (which rattled even Sonny Liston). By the time the opponent enters the ring to fight, he's likely to be a nervous wreck and intimidated. Against Ali, no one fought a man but rather a legend and an international symbol. Intimidation, verbal or otherwise, is as old as sports, but Ali magnified it almost to a cosmic level, bringing in archetypes of race, manhood, destiny, the underdog, and various elements of culture. This in part is why I call him a thinking fighter. Jerry Quarry, like most ranked fighters of that day, had some of his own mystique going for him. He was the rough, tough Irish brawler with killer instinct and a mean streak in the ring, the kind of guy who won't stop coming even when you break a 2x4 over his head. No one stepped in against Jerry without fear. Jerry delivered, too, even in the bouts he lost. He is one fighter...
who never had anything to be ashamed of, and that was part of his huge popularity. There was indeed no dog in any of the Quarrys. This gamesmanship and trash-talking and psyching out have grown way out of proportion now, so that a lot of boxing promotion is close to WW Wrestling. We see kids with only 5 fights threatening to kill champions, and we see whole fights based on BS like "Redemption" in the upcoming Mosely-De La Hoya fight -- excessive machismo, and laughable. Ali made his head-gaming absolutely convincing, and often funny as well. Almost 30 years after they fought, Joe Frazier is reportedly still furious at Ali for calling him "The Ugly Bear" and so forth. I suspect that in a sense, many people like Jerry Quarry because he never indulged in that stuff at all, and simply showed up to fight. One more thing -- there's no way to measure it or check the evidence, but I think Ali trained well for a higher percentage of fights than 95% of boxers, and all boxers go slack on this sometimes.

It also occurred to me that Jerry was what? -- 5'11", 200-205? George Foreman was 6'5", 230+. I simply cannot imagine Jerry hurting him, as so few other fighters ever did, excepting Ali. I'm reminded of when Mike Tyson (5'10", 220) finally mixed it with Riddick Bowe (6'5", 240+) and tried his "ferocious stuff". Bowe hardly blinked and seemed to be thinking, "Jeez, is that all?" The oldest lie in boxing is that the bigger they are, the harder they fall. Actually, the bigger they are, the harder it is to make them fall. Look not at the aberrations like Primo Carnera but the proof like Lennox Lewis. And yes, my La Habra friend, I remember your town over the hill very well. Our Boys' Club would have Fight Nights and smokers with you several times every year. You always had good fighters, especially good, skilled Mexican-American kids who could box you right out of the gym and beat you in a hundred ways. A La Habra star I'll always remember was Larry Hughes, who became an outstanding amateur heavyweight, and would have fought for our country in the Pan Am Games, had he not had some Vietnam injuries that hampered him. You guys were the toughest in Orange County then, along with Santa Ana. | 8/25/03 04:22:04 AM|Massimo|Rome||3peat.com|||10|To Tubby: Joe Frazier wasn't the "Ugly Bear" ! He was the "Gorilla" ! Do you remember " I'm gonna beat the gorilla in the Thrilla in Manilla " ? Sonny Liston was the "Ugly Bear" ! Primo Carnera wasn't an aberration ! I beat Paulino Uzcudun twice, Walter Neusel... Lasted 15 rounds against Sharkey and almost 6 against Joe Louis. He wasn't a great champion but he was a good fighter ! P.Uzcudun was European...Lasted 15 rounds against Sharkey and almost 6 against Joe Louis. He wasn't a great champion but he was a good fighter ! P.Uzcudun was European...
about the same size of Chris Bird! George Foreman isn't 6'5'', he is 6'4''!

When did Tyson fight Bowe? In a sparring session? Have a nice time!

To Ed: I don't think there's any doubt that football, basketball, and baseball have taken a lot of good athletes who might otherwise have been good fighters. Though fighters still tend to come from rough backgrounds, even the worst schools have sports programs. Football is no walk in the park, but takes a back seat to boxing. The average fighter comes out with fewer overall injuries, but those to his head and often vital organs are usually worse. Even for kids who'd be in the lighter divisions, there are sports they can take part in other than boxing, though the chances of making money in any but soccer are small (and you can't make anything in that in the US).

It used to be said that the inept fighter sustained the worst damage, but that isn't true. The poor fighter doesn't stick around, and is typically knocked out early and often if he tries to continue. Good fighters have longer careers, fight better fighters, and the higher up they go, the more long fights they have (against other good people). While there's a range of ability to take a punch in the elite ranks, all of the guys are pretty durable. The movie Rocky was illustrative of the kind of punishment a palooka takes. The unrealistic part of the movies was that no one, I don't care if it's Rocky ~Marciano~ takes that number and severity of punches, and stays up. That's Hollywood though!

Muhammed Ali may have scared a lot of people off. There are other tragedies out there, as we know, but the public at large is usually unaware of most of them, other than MA. Of course, kids are all bulletproof in their minds, and can always look to George Foreman, who shows no signs at all of ever having been a boxer, and is richer than Ali to boot.

Some interesting recent posts. Tubby mentioned the early 60's era, which did have a very interesting set of heavies, including Eddie Machen, who gave JQ an important lesson. Floyd got good press as an excellent boxer and courageous fighter, but was too extended beyond 190lbs to stick, which is why he got repeatedly flattened by the likes of Ingo, Rademacher, etc. who were real heavies, so was not great as heavy. Floyd would have been your early 60's CW Champ, Road'ette. But JQ would have beat him at 190 if they met 1967-68, they met then as heavies. Liston is considered great from that era, maybe the only one before Ali, Liston was the Foreman of that period, with size/power advantages few could even challenge then. In beating Liston, Ali knew how to beat Foreman years in advance, but it was a greater victory the second time as Ali was clearly declining, as Ken Norton and others revealed. Few liked the trash-talking Clay/Ali, but they called him great, on the level with Rocco and Louis in 1966, if not earlier. He was a revolution as a fighter, unprecedented speed and movement, was truly tough, made great use of height and reach especially on his toes. Agree with Tubby, his mental portion was the best part of his game. But he went too far against Frazier and made Joe the raging slugger who would clearly beat him. Massimo, Shaq has hundreds of millions of fans around the world and for good reason. He's a remarkable athlete and basketball's most dominant player today. Being the best in any era is a remarkable achievement. Mac Foster was a size/power guy with a lot of wins, but few name opponents before Jerry, I believe. JQ was treated like a trial horse, an "opponent", for Foster, Shavers and Lyle and he schooled them all! Jerry was just 196 for Foster, but way ahead in experience and skill. To Kent, Evren etc., this does further prove your skill versus muscle argument. Lennox Lewis is champ not because he's 6-5 245, but because he can (could?) outbox any heavy since 1996. Early 90's had nice group of heavies Tyson, Bowe, Holyfield, Lewis, Morrison, other good top10, top20 guys. Opinions comparing to other periods? Ali was 6'3" probably 215 in his prime, could outbox any of today's giants easily. He, Frazier, Foreman are generally considered great, after that it's a matter of
opinion. Holmes, Tyson, Holyfield also, though personally not sure I agree. Liston was somewhat lost after curious AliII fight, but had been in the ring since the late 1950's, so might have been beatable by the right fighter, but not as ripe as you think, Chuck Wepner. Agree with Evren about Earnie Shavers, who had very high KO%, huge punch, which JQ took very well, but smashed others. He gave Larry Holmes a great match. A dangerous, underrated heavy. The first confused Don King graduate. Good to see someone mention the Euro-heavies of the 60's, they gave Ali very good matches and deserve their respect. Greatness of any era usually is made in retrospect. Jerry Quarry's era doesn't just stand out because of the divisions decline since then, it's because of the comparable talent and depth of the time, which produced four respectable (Ali- legendary) champions. When else did this occur? So many do not get title shots, yes, but title shots are earned usually, not given. JQ earned his by beating Patterson, a former champ, and Spencer who was at least #4. Wins like that usually can't be ignored, though Quarry's wins over top guys like Lyle, Shavers somehow were. Some guys like Norton were so dangerous yet not very saleable they were dodged for years. Clay/Ali knew that if he didn't run his mouth, he might go the way of Norton, others. Hype can be as important as talent, I guess, in gaining a titleshot, as Gerry Cooney proved. $$ |
division hit harder than Shavers. Jerry took a couple of his punches (the same ones that crumbled Norton) gave back some of his own, hurt Shavers and scored a KO, all in one round. He took Lyle the distance and won convincingly. Jerry would have one chance at Foreman: Slug with him sporadically, move out and take cover, try to withstand George's bombs. If he could have done this for 6 or 7 rounds (a lot to ask, I'm aware), he might have found Foreman in the same condition Ali found him in round 8 in Zaire---punched out, with no energy left. Time and time again, Quarry proved that he had stamina to throw punches later in a fight, even up to the end of his career against Zanon. If he could have taken Foreman to the middle rounds, anything could have happened. Again, I think Foreman would have stopped Jerry on cuts, but I also think Jerry would have a legitimate chance to pull off an upset. Look, Jimmy Young ended Foreman's first career---Young was smaller, lighter and not a big hitter. But he knocked Big George down late in the fight. Jerry's leather was a lot heavier than Young's.

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| 8/26/03 02:42:30 AM|Massimo|Rome||big aristotle.com|||10|Thanks Gerry, but I wished to know if Wilt and Shaq ever meet in life, not in a basketball court. If they were friends! If Wilt had a good opinion about Shaq! My mistake, English is not an easy language! |
| 8/26/03 03:29:03 PM|Tubby Breslin|Fullerton, CA||bearstubastanchu@aol.com|||10|Let's define "greatness" as unassailably superior to all or almost all of one's peers and predecessors, distinguished by an exceptionally high level of explicit success, possessing innovative and creative qualities, setting standards of excellence, and sustaining this extremely high level of quality in performance and achievement for a significant span of time. OK, that would be Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Cassius Clay/Muhammad Ali, probably Larry Holmes and probably Mike Tyson. (By comparison, in other divisions, it would include Sugar Ray Robinson, Sugar Ray Leonard, Roy Jones, Jr. and others.) The essence of this definition is a quality of rising above one's own time or the temporal, and joining the all-time elite. Jerry Quarry, for all his skill and heart, makes no claims to this status. George Foreman does. Another point is that boxing is a physical science, more or less codified and classical. Roughly speaking, there is one way to box, with individual variations. Cassius Clay/Muhammad Ali did not box. He fought, and brilliantly. He has been the most popular man of sport and the most celebrated or famous human being since the early 1960s. There are those who dislike him or disapprove of him, whether for his attitude about the Selective Service or his fighting behavior, but he cannot be said to be widely disliked. He is 6'4" and George Foreman is 6'5". I have met them both many times, and I am 6'3", with these two clearly being that much taller. Of course it is not size alone that makes a man a good fighter, or any athlete a good athlete. But when a very good 6'4" fighter goes against a very good 5'10" fighter, the bigger one has a major advantage in many ways. Primo Carnera was indeed an aberration in terms of being heavyweight champion. There was no one like him previously or since, except for Jess Willard. Neither had good records against good fighters. Yes, I was wrong about Bowe fighting Tyson. Finally, what is it about George Foreman than makes so many of you friends disparage him and his boxing abilities? With the possible exception of Sonny Liston, George had the most powerful and damaging punch of all time. He conquered Joe Frazier as if Smokin' Joe were an amateur. The name and memory of Rocky Marciano are enshrined in hyperbole and worshipful grandiosity. He may have been a great fighter and he certainly had an outstanding unbeaten record, and he fought many excellent fighters. If you examine his style and yes, his size, can you actually imagine him entering the ring and fighting on a par with George Foreman, Sonny Liston, Muhammad Ali, Larry Holmes, Mike Tyson or Lennox Lewis? I cannot. This assertion will surely rile the Marciano devotees out there, so bring it on. Be objective, though, please. One more thing -- could we restrict our
discussion here to boxing? Wilt Chamberlain boasted for years he could win the heavyweight boxing championship as well as most other athletic standards. He was a supreme egotist, and of course, a great athlete. Any decent professional heavyweight would have cut the Big Dipper in two. Yes, he knew Shaquille O'Neal, but it was almost impossible for Wilt the Stilt to acknowledge that any other center was good. Did they ever play together in a pickup game, maybe at Pauley Pavillion? Probably, but so what? Wilt may have been the greatest player in NBA history, for as I believe Frank Deford once wrote, "There were times when Wilt could dominate in such a way as to be a man playing against boys." If anyone thinks Shaq dominates the league now (and he certainly does), you should have seen Wilt. God bless all of you. (What was Jerry Quarry's best fight and his finest hour in the ring, by the way? Anybody have an opinion?)

(Oh, and yes, to the gentleman from La Habra, I know your town well. Between 1957 and 1967, our Boys Club competed in Fight Nights and smokers with you several times every year, and you usually came out on top. You always had outstanding Mexican-American kids who could box their way out of the gym and hurt you in a hundred ways. The best La Habra fighter I knew was a guy named Larry Hughes, who used to spar with Jerry Quarry. Larry served in Vietnam as a Green Beret, and afterwards came close to winning a spot on the USA Pan Am Games team, except a war injury caused him to be disqualified. His right cross was a real mule kick and I can still feel it. La Habra and Santa Ana had the best fighters in Orange County in those days.)

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PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Hi Tubby! I'm going to respond to your other post, but I want to answer this one first.

There's a lot of wishfulness in fights that never were (as well in ones that ~were~!), to go along with analysis of objective factors, as objective as we can ever be about such a sport as boxing. Even when a fighter is KO'd, or TKO'd, you always hear sentimental cries of "off night" or "luck," or "if this (or that) hadn't happened," etc., their man would have won.

One thing that's interesting to do is to evaluate fighters based on their best night. I know this has its flaws, but going with this, best night and all, among heavies, who could taken Frazier the night he clipped the Butterfly's wings in '71? There have been more destructive fights, but I can recall none in which the opponents were not also elite performers (Dempsey-Willard, for example, was more brutal, but look at the disparity in the fighters). Smokin' Joe was ~more~ than human for those 15 rounds. I also put this close to Ali's best night, possibly his best. Keep in mind, he's ~looked~ better, but never against such an opponent, the likes of which he'd never faced before or after, yet he still kept it interesting, even close.

Foreman never went through the number of challenges others did (handling himself well when in trouble), though it did happen. I still look a little fishy eyed at his fight with Ali, but he responded superbly against Lyle, no soft touch. If George hit someone, they were going, period. Others might have kept it from happening, and if indeed endurance ~was~ a problem for George in the late rounds, they might have gotten by, if they also had chin of concrete. Marciano and Foreman? Sorry, Rock fans, George would have bounced him as easily, or more so, than he did Frazier (though I believe it would have been a different story if Foreman had fought the Joe who fought Ali the first time). Unfortunately, the great George Foreman has been subject ~ or victim ~ of the reverse of what many fighters have enjoyed. Some are built into indestructible gods in retrospect, while Foreman has had to suffer a fair amount of denigration, in some cases putting him in the class of a deluxe amateur with a big punch. Yes, staying away from George might have been the recipe for a win over him, but he was no dummy or stiff, and threw a lot of punches. My guess is that few could have, and that there wouldn't be ~any~ who would come out ahead in a theoretical "Best of 10."The only sort who might have stood a chance would be tricky, unorthodox, fast, and unpredictable, hopefully all four (power nice,
but not required), witness Ali and the average Jimmy Young.<br><br>I've met Foreman twice, and Frazier once (not Ali), and Foreman's easily 6'4'', while 5'11'' is stretching it for JF.<br><br>8/26/03 05:29:01 PM|Massimo|Rome|Wshaq.com|||10|To Tubby: I have watched only 2 Marciano's fights (Walcott I and a synthesis of Ezzard Charles II) so I don't know him very well. But I know that Joe Louis after their fight said: "Marciano is the hardest puncher I have ever faced in the ring"! And Joe had fought good punchers like Buddy Baer and Max Baer! Besides this he had the Chuvalo's chin and the Quarry's heart!!!! Tubby, I'm not so sure about that fights (Lewis-Marciano, Tyson-Marciano) like you are! How tall is Joe Bugner? Surely he is taller than Ali and I have read he is 6'4''. So he must be taller than 6'4''!!<br><br>Tubby, maybe Shaq is better than Wilt in at least 1 thing: he is more powerful than Wilt was! He weighs much more. Is it a vain hope? My friendly greetings to everybody!<br><br>8/27/03 01:07:06 AM|Kent Appel|La Habra, CA|oriononside@aol.com|||10|To Tubby, I knew Larry Hughes from La Habra. His parents lived across the street from me for a while and he was my baseball coach for La Habra Little League division for teenagers 16 to 18 years old and he used to coach the La Habra boxing club that met at the Catholic Church and he also helped out at the La Habra boys club along with an older Italian gentleman who's name escapes me at the moment.<br><br>Larry Hughes was one tough dude and I remember him in a baseball fight taking on, almost single handedly, the entire opposing team. I worked out from time to time at both the church boxing club and the boys club but I never competed on the team. Nowadays, from what I have heard, Larry is active in veterans issues.<br><br>Ironically, I also worked for the Santa Ana recreation department during the the mid 1980s and occasionally worked out at the boxing club at Jerome center in Santa Ana and you are right, both La Habra and Santa Ana had some very good amateurs although my time was in the 1970s in La Habra and, as I mentioned, the mid 1980s in Santa Ana. I have heard they have an excellent program here in La Habra now at the Gary Center but I haven't made it down there as yet. I understand that light heavyweight contender Julio Gonzalez works out there frequently.<br><br>8/27/03 04:26:44 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago|roadscholarette@hormail.com|||10|To James Quarry - Hi! I've been doing a lot of reading in your archives, and I notice you've posted every so often. What I think would be really cool would be for you, if you had the time, to post "insider" stuff. What Jerry thought of his different opponents, Ali, Frazier, others, thought he had about his sport, about himself, what he did to train, things he did to prepare for different opponents, things of that nature. We fans read, we watch film and video, and so forth, but insights from the guys who were ~there~ are always a treasure to encounter. Not just the stuff they say for the media vultures, but the ~real~ stuff! :-)|<br><br>8/27/03 04:40:43 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC|funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Well, I for one HAVEN'T forgotten how good George Foreman was. I respected his power and fighting ability. He was a great champion (twice) and if you combine his raw power and youth from his 1970s incarnation with the patience and maturity of his 1990's version, you'd have maybe the best ever. Still, with that said, let's face it: Muhammad Ali knocked him out in 1974. Foreman was younger, stronger and the standing champion. Ali was 32-33 years old, past his prime, not as fast as he once was, and entered the fight with losses to Frazier and Norton. Basically, Ali exposed some problems with Foreman's game. Then, a couple years later, Jimmy Young took on a still dangerous and even dominant Foreman, and dismantled him over 12 rounds, even scoring a knockdown. You could make a lot of excuses about the Ali fight---Foreman suffered a cut during training that threw him off his training and delayed the fight. Foreman underestimated Ali.<br><br>Foreman had a fast count (though he was so exhausted, Ali would have
finished him in more dramatic fashion if the fight continued). But for the 
Young fight, Foreman was well trained, well rested and knew what was on the 
line. Jimmy Young simply had a good plan and stuck with it, again, exposing the 
chinks in George's armour. It's for this reason that Quarry would have a 
fighting chance, as a decided underdog, to upset Foreman. <br>But here's 
another one to ponder: Ron Lyle vs. Ken Norton, both at their peak. I think 
this would be a very interesting matchup. Norton had trouble against sluggers, 
but Lyle wasn't as devastating as Foreman or Shavers (Lyle beat Shavers by 
letting Earnie punch himself out). Norton might be able to survive long enough 
to get the tide going his way. Also, Lyle made some mistakes that the better 
boxers capitalized on. Norton could take advantage of this to get the win. I'd 
love to know what everyone on the board would predict for Norton-Lyle in their 
prime. I'd call it a toss-up.<br>Regarding Marciano: Pound for pound, he might 
have been the best heavyweight ever. I've only seen highlights of his fights---
but you can't question his punching ability. He was ferocious when he got a guy 
in trouble---a great finisher. Two contemporary heavyweight champs, Holmes and 
Tyson, both raved about Marciano's ability to fight. Holmes apologized for the 
"jockstrap" comments he made when Peter Marciano showed up at the news 
conference after the first Michael Spinks fight and proclaimed Marciano to be 
"one of the all time greats" even mentioning that he has a framed photo of 
Marciano at his home/training site.<br>Tyson has also mentioned that Marciano's 
style was an inspiration early in his career. Fighters know fighters and 
Marciano didn't compile a 49-0 record by accident. He was smaller and lighter 
than more modern heavyweights and might have trouble with that aspect---but 
let's not dismiss his chances for that reason alone. I don't buy into "the 
bigger they are, the harder they fall" mentality either, but a broken rib on a 
big guy is the same as a broken rib on a smaller guy, and Marciano handed a few 
of those out. 

| 8/27/03 09:02:49 PM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia81@aol.com | 10 |
| 8/27/03 10:03:52 PM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | 10 |
| 8/28/03 07:30:39 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 |

ON MARCIANO'S PUNCHING POWER: I already told this story on another board, but since Marciano and Foreman have both come up on this board recently, I will run the risk of boring some readers. Over ten years ago, my wife and I were at an amateur boxing show at the Elks Club in Queens, NY. I had a chance to speak with former world champion Sandy Saddler who along with Dick Saddler and Archie Moore consisted of Foreman's original management and training team. I asked Sandy who in his opinion punched harder, George or Marciano. I personally thought George hit much harder and figured he would agree. Saddler surprised me and said that Marciano hit a little harder and that he thought if Foreman had fought the Rock prime vs prime, Rocky would have won. I was really surprised. Saddler was a perfect gentleman and was very nice to my wife. I don't know if he was angry at George about something or just honestly felt Marciano was the better hitter. Either way, I thought I would share that story.
I wonder too, if there was some sort of falling out between Saddler and George. At this point in time, it seems George just can't quite seem to get the amount of respect this great boxing champion deserves. It's hard to accept that someone Marciano's size could punch harder than Foreman. I realize the Rock ~did~ punch harder than many, probably most men bigger that he was, but George was a guy who'd have hit hard as a lighter weight (like Bob Foster, Roberto Duran, or Danny Lopez), ~plus~ he was huge, putting his power in lunar trajectory.

In both the movie and the book, The Greatest, sparring partner, Bossman Jones told Ali, "George is the first fighter I've been in the ring with, man, who could ~kill~ you - he can lift you off your feet with one punch!" And did, with several opponents, most notably, Norton and Frazier.

On the subject of GF, on his website, he doesn't include himself in history's top ten champions, which I think is silly, and just George being humble. He also (this being a haven of Quarry enthusiasts) mentions that JQ was the best non-champion, and I'd certainly agree that he is indeed on a short list of "greatest non-champions," taking all divisions into account. Since Foreman-Quarry would have been a huge draw, I can't imagine it never being made. Is George being truthful about ducking Jerry, or just being humble and complimentary again? He also mentioned that if JQ had boxed Frazier and slugged with Ellis, rather than the reverse, he'd have been champ. What do you think of that statement? Slugging with Ellis would have been doable, but boxing with Frazier, successfully, wasn't that easy, as Ali found out in New York and Manilla!

The Age of Marciano was a lot different from the Age of Ali or the Age of Lennox Lewis. In Marciano's day, popular fighters had matches every 2 or 3 months, sometimes more often. In the heavyweight class, they were smaller by 20 or 30 pounds, on the average, compared with today. They lacked the training equipment, nutrition, and most of the comforts of today's top fighters, and most of all, the gigantic purses. Were most of the guys Marciano fought better than the guys Ali or Foreman fought? I think so, but it's arguable. We've discussed how many good fighters there were in the 60s and 70s, whether we agree they were great or not. Marciano was relentless with sure killer's instinct and a big punch, but how would he have done against a really smart, skilled big man? I'm referring to Ali or Foreman or even Norton or possibly Frazier, all much bigger than The Rock. Some of you contributors have been discounting the the factors of size, reach, leverage, ability to wrestle in clinches and walk an opponent to the ropes, etc. Believe it or not, these are usually more decisive factors in how a fight goes than somebody's punch. The notion of a fight ending with a big punch, or being dominated by 3 or 4 big flurries is misleading. For one thing, more than often it doesn't work out that way. What happens instead is two guys being careful for 10 or 12 rounds, pawing each other, clinching a lot, seeing who can wear down whom, and then maybe somebody yielding to fatigue and getting hit with some combinations, dropping to the mat, etc. We've talked about how Ali could wear down King Kong himself by leaning on his shoulders, stinging his face and head with "glancing blows", exasperating and exhausting an opponent with his motion and speed, and above all, his greatest of all time psychouts. And Foreman had his big punch. So where does this leave relatively small Rocky Marciano, a puncher with one speed and one direction, straight ahead? Not much. Finally, and I don't mean this to be disparaging or snotty or disrespectful, but asking guys who have been boxers for a long time to rate other boxers, including those they have fought and those they have worked with, is not a very valid or reliable proposition. Unfortunately, they all have one degree or another of brain damage. They are also sentimental and diplomatic, some of them. So while I respect the Saddlers, I don't put much stock in them saying Rocky had the biggest punch. This claim runs counter to the laws of
It’s always great to see James Quarry remembered. For recent posters, James was the elder of the Quarry brothers. James (aka Mr. Jimmy) was also the co-founder of TJQF and posted to this forum many times. Search the archives and you’ll find his valued insights. He set the record straight many times. However, I encourage everyone to go to the home page and play the 1999 WCHE interview with James and his father Jack Quarry. It’s a great program, and James’ first hand accounts of Jerry’s fights are priceless. --Carl

Hey Tubby, remember Cleveland Williams. His size, strength and punching power were awesome. Sonny Liston claims Cleveland Williams was the hardest puncher he ever faced. Well, about 5 years ago I met Keene Simmons a retired heavyweight fighter at Ring 8 in NYC. Keene, fought both Marciano, and Cleveland Williams. I asked Keene who punched harder Rocky or Cleveland Williams. Without the slightest bit of hesitation he replied Marciano. Cleveland Williams had Marciano by at least 30 pounds, 5 inches in height, and I am guessing at least 10 inches in reach. And yet Marciano hit harder.

Hey Roadscholarette, what leads you to believe that George Foreman would have been a puncher on the order of a Bob Foster or Roberto Duran, if he wasn’t, as you say, huge. Foreman always looked liked he was throwing "arm punches". They pulverized his opponents, but even so, didn’t seem to get much tounge from his hips or legs. I don’t think he would have equaled well at a lower body weight. Rocky, on the other hand, threw every punch from the tips of his toes through his hips and shoulders. His trainers would make him hit the heavy bag with his shoelaces tied together to teach him balance. At the end of the day, however, I’d still have to believe that Foreman, just based on sheer kinetic energy, probably hit harder than Marciano. I wouldn’t pick Rocky over Big George just based on the old adage, "A good big man always beats a good little man, blah, blah, blah. Jeese, I’m starting to boor myself! Broken ribs or not, there was just too much size difference.

If anybody around here isn't getting the respect due them, it's Joe Frazier! People are picking Holmes over Frazier? Could Larry Holmes have kept The Joe Frazier of the Ali-Frazier fights one or three? Holmes was a watered down version of Ali. Every knows Ali simply, with all his superior talent, couldn NOT keep smokin’ Joe out of his chest!
counted, and he was bobbing as many as 20 times a minute at times!

Ali was lucky to have lasted with Smokin' Joe. Holmes would've gone down. Larry was a superb boxer, clever, fast, had a decent enough chin, but couldn't have kept Frazier off. No one could, save Foreman.

8/28/03 02:04:31 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com||||10|I agree that Frazier would have beaten Holmes. I think Frazier peaked the night he knocked out Bob Foster and the first Ali fight. Frazier was already going downhill when he fought Ron Stander.

8/28/03 03:19:10 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Some good wannabe stories:

Lotsa people who aren't fighters like to think they are, or would have been if things had been different. Some stories that show it ain't necessarily so!

Writer, Ernest Hemmingway used to spar, and thought he was a tough guy. Good Lord, ~I~ would have sparred with him as slow as he was, but anyway, he used to browbeat poor, skinny, know nothing Cubans into getting in with him, and then knocked them all over the place. Once, he convinced (by then X) heavyweight champion Gene Tunney to don the gloves for a little workout. Tunney knew Hemmingway's reputation, and didn't like it, so he let Papa huff and puff and roundhouse away for a while. Finally, after Ernie got a little frisky, perhaps mistaking Tunney's compassion for his (Hemmingway's) own talent, Tunney capitalized on one of EH's many mistakes, and in the razor sharp twinkling of an eye, threw a jab and a right cross, each stopping inches from Hemmingway's head, regarded the fat sloppy author with disdain, and climbed down out of the ring, saying not a word.

Sylvestre Stallone, star of five Rocky fantasies, also came to think of himself as a legitimate pugilist. Earnie Shavers was being seriously considered for the role of Clubber Lang in Rocky 3, a part that eventually went to Mr. T (who ~looks tougher than Shavers, even though ES could clean the Mohawked one's clock as if he were a Girl Scout). As they just messed around in the ring, Stallone suddenly whispered, "Hit me, Earnie, don't hold back!" Shavers remembers thinking, "Is this guy nuts!?" The coaxing continued, so Shavers pulled his punch, but still threw one considerably harder than he'd been, and Stallone threw up, Xing Earnie Shavers from the movie.

In Rocky 2, there's a brief sparring scene in the gym, in which "Rocky's" sparring partner is none other than the great Roberto Duran. For the less than 30 seconds that it's on, Duran makes an absolute monkey out of SS, at the end, even tapping him on the back of the head. Stallone couldn't have hit Duran if he'd thrown a bucket of water at him.

8/28/03 03:24:07 PM|Jonny Q|New York||JohnQW@yahoo.com||||9|I always rooted for Jerry, but Frazier was also my hero in the early 70s. People who diss Joe always refer to his fights with Foreman as a measure of the man. They forget that by the time Joe met Ali in '71, Frazier had swept through the division. A division of great fighters. When Joe fought Foreman it was at the two weakest points of Frazier’s career. In January ’73 Joe was overweight and in poor health, and Joe was clearly finished in ’76 for his post-Manilla fight with George. Anyone but me notice that Joe still went five competitive round with George? It was no rerun of the first fight. Despite all, Joe fought a smart defensive fight in the rematch, suckering George into quick counterpunches, and by the 4th round Joe was clubbing George with hooks. Then George turned up the heat and trapped Joe in the 5th. I wish they’d met instead in 74–75, when Joe was back in form.

8/28/03 03:47:52 PM|Massimo|Rome||Wilt.com||||10|Joe Frazier was fantastic even in the second Ali' fight and probably he deserved a draw; but Jonny, I have to disagree with you about Foreman-Frazier 2. I have that tape and, in my opinion, George won easily! He won surely the first and the third round! I can maybe give to Frazier a draw in the second and fourth round...Just my opinion! Joe Frazier, what a champion!

8/28/03 03:56:45 PM|Gerry Schultz|Ohio||jgschultz11@msn.com||||9|A lot again on
Foreman-Quarry. I don't think at the time promoters thought this would be the draw it might well have been. Quarry just wasn't getting the credit, the matchmakers clearly looked past him, a shame. While JQ would surely have had a chance, it's a lot to ask for him to give up 25lbs. and beat a fighter of Foreman's power and ability. Also too bad he ended up then meeting Frazier again, when other 'name' matches might have been available. Regarding Rocco, he is a top 5 all-timer because he could not be stopped and had the HUGE right hand. ESPN has run his match vs. Archie Moore, a must see. Moore was four pounds heavier, took a few rounds from Rock. Then, he went the way they all did with Marciano --- down. Frazier was considered by some a 'new Rocky', generally a good comparison. Foreman would KO him, but Ali probably wouldn't. Rocco was an amazing body puncher also, he would send Holmes, Lewis. People forget Rock rarely topped 190lbs., yet thoroughly dominated his era, give him his due. Still ranks ahead of Foreman because he never lost, he lasted through all they had then, was a better thinking fighter also. Yet today, he wouldn't be close to heavyweight! Massimo, Wilt and Shaq met numerous times socially, comparisons between the two have been made for years. Wilt was lighter, but was an ardent weightlifter and was, prime vs. prime, stronger than Shaq. Wilt, like Ali, gave somewhat left-handed compliments, because he felt underappreciated in his time (he clearly was), and could outplay any center being discussed. I think he appreciated Shaq's dominance/size, but when asked how he'd play Shaq, he dissected him pretty well. Shaq is great at some parts of the game, almost awful at just as many others. Wilt's game had few weaknesses. A lot of hoops for a boxing site... While we're discussing classic heavies, another undefeated champion was Gene Tunney, clearly the best boxer of his time. He also used movement to beat the many flat-footed fighters of his day, was a college grad, very interesting guy. I have him top Ten all-time as Heavyweight. Opinions?

8/28/03 04:14:41 PM|Gerry Schultz|Cleveland, Ohio||jgschultz11@msn.com||9|Also, good posts on Smokin' Joe. I was a fan of his and JQ's about equally back then. He had a huge motor and, like Jerry, overacheived. His win over Ali was more clear than a lot of folks know. His style was a poor matchup for Foreman, who needed to be boxed/counterpunched. Frazier was clearly under 6', at his best about 210-215. He had clear disadvantages versus both Ali, Foreman. Ali-Frazier III is still the greatest boxing match I ever saw, just ahead of Hearns-Leonard. Very few fights even approach that intensity now. Joe is very complimentary of JQ in his book, a class guy all around.

8/28/03 04:37:21 PM|Massimo|Rome||WWilt.com||10|Marciano was one of the greatest champions but I have read that the judges helped him a couple of times ( against Ted Lowry and in another fight). Is it true ? I have just watched the film " Conan the destroyer " and Wilt was a good actor.... Pretty tall too !

8/28/03 04:47:43 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||10|I have to differ on the opinions expressed regarding the fantasy Holmes-Frazier fight. I think at their best, Holmes would win a close decision. I think he could effectively use his left jab, the best in the business, to keep Frazier away and pile up points. Holmes would win the early rounds, the middle rounds would be even, but Frazier would come on in the later rounds. Holmes would have enough at the end to eek out a close decision. I could see this being a carbon copy of Holmes-Norton. Even if Frazier landed the big left hook, I think Holmes would be shaken, but would survive like he did against Shavers (a harder hitter than Frazier) and come back to win. Frazier and Holmes were both tremendous champions. Frazier faced the better fighters---but lost several of these fights against the best of the best, including Ali II and III and both Foreman fights, while he was still relatively young. Of course, he had a lot taken out of him, as Ali did, by their wars. Holmes was flawless until very late in his career, past his mid-30's.
I see Frazier over Holmes by late-round KO. Holmes could be tagged (Shavers, Snipes), had an average chin, was not nearly the defensive fighter Ali was, and Joe found Ali plenty, especially to the body. Someone asked what was JQ's best fight, I agree it was his win over Ron Lyle in 1973, I feel he was at his peak then. Some think it's his win over Thad Spencer, which is a beautiful match to watch, a counterpunching clinic. Spencer clearly did not see Quarry coming and did not get out of the way. JQ was just 193lbs! But his win over Lyle, to me is better because it was a better opponent and showed Jerry's whole arsenal.

Amazing how one fight made him a phenom, the other was lost in the glare of the division. Just re-read Mike Quarry's stuff, about his climb, his loss to Bob Foster, and Foster's praise of him. There are those who think Mike could have come back after that loss and contended for another title shot, opinions? Sure sounds like he could have.

Massimo, of course it makes a difference how big a fighter's hand is. You should know that, as a former pugilist. It's a matter of physics, of mass and speed determining power. I guess Liston and Foreman had the biggest hands, and Patterson and Quarry among the smallest. Jim Murray, the great sports columnist of the LA Times, once wrote that Ali had "knuckles like potato chips". If he didn't feel a lot of pain between rounds, he sure felt it after a fight.

Gerry, how old are you? You say Wilt was "clearly underestimated in his time." Blatantly false, my friend. He was known as a Superman, a monster, a guy who could average 50 points a game one year, a guy who once poured in 100 in one game. The only marks against him were that he was a lousy free throw shooter, and Russell won more championships by far. Most people agree that Russell usually outplayed Wilt, but then Russell had pretty good teammates with Cousy, Havlicek, and the others. By the time Wilt was on a truly great team (West, Baylor, Goodrich), it was late in his career. So underappreciated? Never.

Also, Gerry, you think Marciano ranks ahead of Foreman because Marciano retired undefeated? I disagree completely. A comparison must be much deeper than that, to compare eras, opponents, age, the fights themselves, frequency of fighting, and many other factors. Jeez, for a long time, Butterbean was undefeated. Now, about very few fights approached the intensity of Ali-Frazier in in Manila, what about Hearns-Hagler, any Leonard-Hearns, any Sugar Ray Robinson-La Motta, Dempsey-Tunney, and so on and so forth. If it's intensity you want, you should take in the WARS the flyweights, bantoms and other small men wage.

Gerry, did you know that Archie (The Old Mongoose) was about 50 years old when he fought Ali and Frazier? He was a great fighter himself, but his prime had been 20 years earlier. He wouldn't have ever beaten either of them except in an unusual upset. Now, Gerry, did you know that Archie was a great fighter himself, but his prime had been 20 years earlier. He wouldn't have ever beaten either of them except in an unusual upset. Massimo, white judges ALWAYS helped Marciano against any fighter of color, and the same with any Great White Hope like JQ or Tommy Morrison. It may not be conscious, but they do it. They also, as you know, favor hometime fighters and also extremely popular and beloved fighters like Rocky. Did he ever steal a fight by favoritism? I doubt it very much, but he still got the edge. Angelo, you write "Holmes would win the early rounds, the middle rounds would be even, etc." That's trying to be too specific and exacting, my friend. That's like saying this weekend USC will drive 77 yards on their first possession, then the Auburn middle linebacker will intercept a screen pass at his own 40 and return it 23 yards before being tackled by the USC right tackle. Can't too that. Too much unpredictability. Steve, Big George threw arm punches? Who doesn't, at least when tired? Besides, in terms of knockout power, as we've said here, what does it is the sharp ball peen hammer
blow to the jaw, not the bludgeoning of a sledge hammer. Look at Sugar Ray Leonard's KOs or Alexis Arguello's or Ali's. The sledgehammer is a TKO thing, after belting the other guy around a lot. Even Big George did more of the SNAP KOs to jaws than the bludgeonings to the head, throat and mouth. Therefore, you can do the SNAP with an arm punch, but the problem is it's not nearly as economical, as balanced, or as efficient. That's why it's good to involve your shoulder and side in it, in smooth strokes. Look at the perfection of Larry Holmes's left jab. The idea of swinging from the sole of your feet is Rocky Balboa crap. If you do that, your little sister is going to catch you off balance and push you to the canvas with her left hook. <br>Hell yes, I'd pick Larry over Joe. It's another extreme size mismatch. Holmes was a great, great champion who did not lose for years. I never liked Frazier nearly as much as anyone else, maybe because he was so damned busy. He squandered 50% of his energy huffing and puffing and bobbing. He needed that for himself somehow, and it scared a lot of opponents. Yes, I do think his meeting up with Big George's dynamite punch exposed Joe for the mortal he was. <br>Cleve Williams could really bang, but not much else. In mid-career, he got shot by a Houston cop and lost one kidney. You saw Ali leave him in a heap. Any questions? <br>Anyone who is not a pro boxer pretending to be a good fighter is a joke, not counting sincere amateurs on their way up. I get a kick out of people saying they go to their health gym to box. Even fitness gurus like Chuck Norris have not the foggiest notion of how to box or fight in the ring with boxing gloves. In a great quote, Joe Frazier once said, "It's a lot harder than it looks." Ernest Hemingway was an excellent athlete and not fat, but he was not a professional boxer. He was a jerk who mouthed off, too. The only truly good "civilian" boxer I ever saw was actor Ryan O'Neal, who could have succeeded as a pro. Otherwise, forget it. Inmy opinion, the gap between a health club "boxer" and a real pro is much wider than the gap between a Tuesday night softball player and a Major Leaguer. There is absolutely no way to fake it in the ring or "get lucky" against a pro. <br>Those are my opinions. <br>Hey John G, I agree with you on Frazier-Holmes. The Joe Frazier of 1968-1971 would put too much pressure on Holmes. Holmes could not hit hard enough to keep Frazier off him. Joe would come in low bobbing and weaving, and constantly throwing punches on his way in: and just steamroll him after a great effort by Holmes. <br>Hell yes, I'd pick Thad Spencer over Quarry. Mac Foster over Quarry by a blowout! Ron Lyle by an early or middle round KO.NO DOUGHT IN MY expert opinion mind,Shavers over Quarry in two rounds!These amazing quirks in Jerry'career are part of his unusual popularity and mystique.Whenever he climbed in the ring,even against Ali,Frazier,or maybe even against Foreman,there was always the what if factor. <br>Steve, you make a really good point. Most of us fans, even though we enjoy pure technique and fine boxing, still would prefer 9 (or 10) out of 10 times to see someone entering the ring with the intention and skills to knock the other guy cold. That was Jerry Quarry all the way. He had that chance in every fight, even the times he was outmatched. Even Godzilla would have had to respect that in Jerry -- the kid could hurt anybody. <br>Hey Angelo, I don't know whoe's talents and skills your downgradin,Ali's or Fraziers!'Ali and Frazier rose to a boxing occasion in their first and third fights that no one
will ever equal. Larry Holmes, on his best night, have lost to either of them on the nights of their 1st and 3rd fights 1.

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genetic, so no doubt other members of his family have them too. They move at different rates in different people, and since being a boxer clearly makes them worse much faster, his must have had the pace of a snail. His left eye was bad, but he was getting them in his right too. Even when the fight started in Manilla, Ali was just a blurry haze. He was legally blind in the left eye after the fight, and even after several weeks, the left eye was still bad enough that he couldn't have legally driven at night. He used to memorize eye charts when tested, and used his footwork to subtly try to stay in a position that didn't isolate the right eye so much, when looking for right hands. This was also why he didn't fight in California, since they have more stringent eye exams.

In '75, he had surgery, but in order to have completely normal vision, he had to wear contacts, which he wore when he fought Foreman the second time! This isn't legal, of course, and one of the lenses shifted slightly while he was in the ring, which made things worse than having none at all. I love Joe Frazier, one of my very favorite fighters, but I've got to tell him, that was nuts! A person's eyes are to be guarded at all costs!

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| My post on Frazier's eyes has a typo. I say he used his footwork to keep the burden off his ~right~ eye as much as possible, when looking for right hands, and I meant to say his left eye. Brown and Ali? I can believe that. I'll bet it started out like pretend play, silly stuff, and Ali was willing to let it stay at that level, but Brown decided to push the envelope, and finally Ali had to teach him a lesson. The average guy has been in fights, and watches boxers doing the same thing, and doesn't always see the difference. This happens in all sports, of course, guys thinking, "That doesn't look hard - I could do that!" It seems to happen more often with boxing though, and I can't fathom why, in the toughest sport there is, by far. With this sort of attitude, I imagine a guy already accomplished in sports could feel even more that it wasn't "that hard." Speaking of real life vs the ring, I saw an old clip with Archie Moore once, where he said that a one sided ring win still left the winner as battered as a one sided loss on the street left the ~loser~. Interesting!

| 8/29/03 09:26:19 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | I agree that a round-by-round prediction is a stretch (my analysis of a possible Holmes-Frazier fight) but I just generally think Holmes would be the fast starter, the middle rounds would be a time when the tide started to change, Frazier would come on in the late rounds, but fall a little short. I base this on general patterns of these guys' key fights. It's fun to think about, even if it's impossible to know. In my opinion, people who've never boxed or just boxed recreationally (myself included), can learn the fundamentals and be in good condition---but the worst pro boxer in the world would run circles around the best schooled, most in-shape non-boxer. Simply put, real boxers spend countless hours understanding and practicing how to throw lethal punches in combination. The speed of most pro boxers and the physics of their punches would make an idiot of me and other guys who love to watch and love to put the gloves on to mess around. Also, pro boxers know how to move to take a punch/absorb punishment. You can take an "average" retired professional fighter---maybe a guy who boxed amateur for a few years and pro for 7 or 8 years-----a guy who never made it to a title fight, but maybe lost to a few contenders but made a good show of it. Someone like this, at 50 years old and retired, would destroy a 30 year old non-boxer in the best shape of their life. On the topic of great fights, how about Holmes-Norton? You watch the 15th round and you realize that they were true warriors that night. Norton might have stumbled badly against the big power punchers, but he was amazing against good boxers who weren't known for the power punch. If Norton got into the rhythm of a fight and didn't have fear of getting knocked out, his confidence would grow round-by-round. Holmes had to dig deep to hold on for that win. After watching Norton-
Ali Three and Norton-Young, two very close fights, I offer the following opinion: Norton fought Ali very smartly but failed to score a knockdown, never had Ali in serious trouble and gave away too many rounds. He might have been aggressive, but that's only one part of scoring a fight. You always hear that Norton was robbed in this fight, but I didn't see that. He fought well, but didn't do enough to take the title from a Champion. To take this full circle, I submit that if anything, Jimmy Young was robbed against Norton. Simply, he scored more points. It was a close fight and I think Young outboxed Norton. <br>It's interesting to note that Muhammad Ali believed that Norton would have beaten George Foreman had Norton known that the winner would fight Ali in Africa. I totally disagree with Ali---I think Foreman would KO Norton time after time, not matter what the circumstances. But Ali truly respected Norton and thought that Norton had better stamina and the capability to win. Ali thought that if Norton had the motivation that he would have a huge payday, as Champion, defending against Ali in Zaire, he would have sucked it up to beat Foreman. I say no way. | 8/29/03 10:42:53 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z|||10|THE JUDGES HELPED MARCIANO BECAUSE HE WAS WHITE?? Well I guess those same judges also helped Ali against Norton (I think Norton won all three fights), Young, Doug Jones, and a few others. Every fighter gets some controversial wins, not usually for racial reasons. Everyone who saw JQ fight Larry Middleton in England said the fight was really not that close, but JQ won by only a quarter of a point. | 8/29/03 10:43:06 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z|||10|THE JUDGES HELPED MARCIANO BECAUSE HE WAS WHITE?? Well I guess those same judges also helped Ali against Norton (I think Norton won all three fights), Young, Doug Jones, and a few others. Every fighter gets some controversial wins, not usually for racial reasons. Everyone who saw JQ fight Larry Middleton in England said the fight was really not that close, but JQ won by only a quarter of a point. | 8/29/03 12:26:21 PM|Kent|La Habra, CA||oriononside@aol.com|||10|Funny, how the average guy on the street thinks he could automatically compete with a professional athlete like a boxer. I often write articles for another website and I was mentioning to a friend of mine that I had met James Toney, the cruiserweight champion. I said that it was interesting that Toney, when I shook his hand, shook my hand very lightly and that a lot of pro boxers I meet because of my articles do the same thing. My friend said, "if he isn't going to shake my hand like a real man, than I wouldn't even shake his hand." He then added, "I could kick his ass!" This guy, having no idea who James Toney is and equating a firm handshake as a sign of manhood, also had no concept that the fighter is shaking someone's hand lightly to protect the tools of his trade, used for knocking some other man's head off! <br>My friend still didn't get it when I said, "you wouldn't last ten seconds with James Toney, a three time world champion." <br>So if an average "Joe" would think he had a chance against a real fighter, then it is not a stretch for a world class athlete such has Jim Brown to think he could do it. After all, he had already succeeded in another sport.<br>On the subject of great athletes trying to change sports, remember when basketball great Michael Jordan retired from basketball the first time and he tried to make it as a baseball player? Not only did Jordan not make it to the major leagues, he was at best a below average minor league player after being one of the greatest basketball players to ever play the game.| 8/29/03 02:06:46 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|There are several reasons the average person wouldn't want to tangle with a good pro. As an aside, boxing is unique, in that there is no formalized cut system as in the big four professional sports. In boxing, anyone with mediocre physical talent and/or without the emotional makeup can be a "pro," meaning they can fight and be paid for it, and of course, be consistently beaten up, unless they fight other low level fighters. However, the top pro (or top amateur) in boxing is as
untouchable for the average person as would be trying to play major league baseball, in the NFL, NBA, or NHL. The top pro fighter knows how to throw every type of punch, throw them hard, in bunches, how to evade a punch, take one ~if~ hit, and recognize moments to attack and defend, within zones of fractions of an inch and fractions of a second that are foreign territory to the ordinary person. In addition, a top pro wouldn't fight an average person as he would another pro. There wouldn't be the need for the same wariness and respect, and he'd throw anything and everything right away, and it'd all land. He also would little fear being hit back; even if John Doe connected, the punch would almost certainly be nothing to write home about, and there wouldn't likely be an effective followup, just more Hail Marys. Even a guy in shape, who'd had his share of fights with other guys in parking lots or wherever would tire quickly from the exertion alone, in a strange activity, not to mention the pounding he'd be receiving, and his own wasted movements. From the conditioning angle alone, it'd be like the marathon runner who's sore the next day after playing an unfamiliar casual game of tennis with his girlfriend.

As much as I respect Larry Holmes, he didn't have enough of the essential tools to beat Joe Frazier. The only two people ever to beat Joe were the only two fighters who could have in that era. To win over Joe you had to either have the tremendous size and firepower to hurt him (Foreman) or enough speed and strength to outmaneuver him (Ali). Holmes didn’t hit harder than Ali, so forget a KO, and Larry never kept up the constant movement. He eventually slowed down and risked trading in the later rounds. Joe brought down a lot of big guys – Ali, Mathis, Ramos, others. As with all of Joe's fights, Holmes would have ended up on the ropes. Larry was a great mid-ring guy; he didn’t do well pinned. If you couldn’t hurt Joe, or run from, it was only a matter of time.

I think it stupid to say Larry Holmes wouldn't have beaten Joe Frazier. Holmes skills were just a shade under Ali's. Holmes would have held his own with likes of Frazier. Holmes could box and slug it out whenever he needed to. I think Holmes is bit underrated and one of the most multi talented boxers. As good as Frazier was he bypassed alot good fighters in his era like norton/lyle/shavers/ and sonny liston and even mac foster.

I pick Frazier over Holmes by close decision. Joe would have to reach down deep to pull this one out. It would be one for the ages. Heart would play a major role in this one because although Holmes had a lot of heart, he didn't have more heart than Smokin Joe. Joe entered the ring would the mindset that he would die before he would acknowledge defeat. Not many fighters had that determination, not even Holmes. Jonny, yes styles make fights, and Holmes's style is similar to Ali's style, that is why Frazier versus Holmes would be a great fight. But to use Tyson's win over an over the hill Holmes because Tyson had a similar style to Frazier as an example of why Frazier would win is not a good argument because we are talking about an in prime Tyson verses an old, slower Holmes. Because if Tyson had met an in prime Holmes, the verdict may have been different.
Wladimir is back! He beat Fabio! What do you think about Wladimir vs Tyson? I think Wladimir would give him a good whipping! I would like to have informations about "Drew" Bundini Brown... Is he still alive? And about Donovan Ruddock: do you think it's too late for him to fight for the title? In my opinion he can punch very very hard, maybe harder than Tyson!

Bundini Brown died as a result of injuries incurred in a fall, I believe it was. He was in such bad shape that when Ali visited him, all he could do was blink his eyes to answer yes and no. One has to wonder if Ali will soon be in the same condition. Brown used to artificially beat up boxing gloves and sell them as souvenirs from Ali's great fights. Keeping score that way, he no doubt fought Joe Frazier a couple of hundred times. He also used to soak jock straps by the dozens in vinegar and leave them in the sun, then sell those too, as the champ's. No doubt he did likewise with all kinds of other bogus equipment.

Massimo, Wladimir Klitschko is a good fighter but he still needs to prove himself against the top competition. Yes, he has excellent boxing skills and he hits hard but the fact remains that when he was twice asked to face adversity, he failed to respond well. In his first loss, about five years ago against an opponent who's name I can't think of at the moment without looking it up, he was leading the whole fight but he collapsed from exhaustion and ended up losing by TKO. In his recent loss against Corrie Sanders of South Africa, he was knocked down several times in two rounds and he lost by knockout. When he gets knocked down and he gets up and comes back to win is when he will show he is a great fighter. He did win one comeback fight but he needs to do more. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO OCCASIONALLY SEND ME PRIVATE E MAILS, I AM LISTING MY OTHER E MAIL ADDRESS, ONE THAT IS NOT OVER RUN BY SPAM, ADS, ETC. THE ORIONONSIDE ADDRESS STILL WORKS BUT IT IS GETTING TOO CROWDED BY JUNK.

Thanks! Wladimir is very strong, but I think his bigger brother is still stronger! Vitali never really lost a fight because in the first defeat he fought with an injury and against Lewis the match was stopped too soon! I think Vitali deserves the chance to become a great champion!

Kent, I think nobody in the world can fight using 1 arm! I think Vitali was heroic in that fight, just remember what Liston did against Clay... To Roadscholarette: Why are you so pessimist about Ali's health? I know he has the Parkinson but do you think his conditions are getting worse?

Parkinson's disease itself isn't a real common outcome of boxing, though
Parkinsonian symptoms are stiffness, tremors, shuffling, draggy walk, slurred speech, etc. What is true though, is that it's sort of like a time bomb. Ali increased his chances of getting it the longer he fought, of course. Certainly some sort of effect, given the number of times he fought, and the ferocious opponents he went up against. However, the damage to the dopamine producing center in his brain, that caused his Parkinson's could have been done after a half-dozen fights, and he wouldn't have known it for years. I think everyone could see the erosion of his skills and timing years before he quit, and even the beginning of what turned out to be Parkinson's, towards the end. It isn't a disease that stops, and Ali certainly has other problems too, from all the punches he took; an MRI, CAT, and various other neurological tests would be total disasters. In addition, we can't discount internal organ damage too, though these wouldn't be as obvious as his extensive brain damage. I remember an interview he did with Marv Albert after Thrilla, in which he said, "Joe Frazier made me what I am today." How right he was, though he had didn't mean what was so obvious. Frazier, Foreman, Liston, Patterson, Quarry, Lyle, Shavers, and so many others. It's actually a miracle he's as "good" as he is.

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You're very right there. There are fighters who spend many years in professional fighting and don't seem to have a thing wrong with them (Foreman, Moore, and Dempsey for example), and yet there are others with terrible damage after not all that many even amateur fights. A person might say good luck-bad luck, but considering the collision anyone's brain takes from a blow to the head, and the number of times this occurs in a fight, it has to be more than luck. My guess would be that different neurological makeups make some people more susceptible to damage than others, or more resistant to the effect of blows, maybe both at the same time in some people. This would be kind of the same as when some football players get hurt all the time, while others don't. Unfortunately, the more resistant a fighter is to blows, the longer he's likely to box, assuming he's a good athlete to begin with. However, resistance to blows and to being knocked out doesn't mean damage isn't still being done. Ability to take a punch was both Ali's gift, and finally his curse. If he'd been knocked cold a couple of times when his skills faded, maybe he'd have gotten out earlier.
Syndrome). Mr. Jimmy (James Quarry) said that a company has a patent on a blood test that shows if a person has this gene or not but that company is not willing to make it available at a reasonable price. One of the things he was working towards is having potential fighters be able to take this blood test and then they could make a more informed decision about whether they would go into boxing or not. Dementia Pugilistica can have symptoms similar to both Parkinson's disease or Alzheimer's disease. Jerry had the Alzheimer's form.

I've read the same thing, both in relation to trauma and not. There's so much medicine doesn't understand yet about body chemistry, its effect on genetics, as well as the effect of outside factors on what's already in our bodies. It's possible that people who have terrible results from head trauma, whether from boxing, football, accidents, or whatever, might have a higher tendency to develop certain neurological pathologies anyway, with the head trauma simply being an accelerant. This is the same as families that tend to develop any sort of problem at whatever stage of life. My husband told me that in the early 80s, Sports Illustrated had an article on the effects of boxing. He said Bobby Chacon, the riotous Tex Cobb, and he was sure Jerry Quarry participated, and while Cobb inexplicably showed no signs of damage at all (was this before the Larry Holmes fight?), the other two fighters did, and both were still active, I believe, and showing no outward signs, publicly, anyway. It seems that some very slow and sneaky metabolic processes are going on anyway in fighters who crash badly later. The blood test you mention is certainly a step, as is a single regulatory commission, and more stringent medical examinations, as well as rules governing what happens when a fighter sustains an injury (read, knockout), whether in the ring, or in the gym (where a lot of damage can be done, but is rarely heard about, much less reported). Things such as mandatory layoffs have been mentioned, as well as the more radical ideas advocating stopping a career after three knockouts in a certain time span, even after three knockouts in a whole ~career~. Concussions might be a better measuring tool. When you're knocked out, you automatically have a concussion, but you can have one and ~not~ be KO'd. There's no doubt in my mind that many top fighters who aren't knocked out have concussions anyway. Does anyone think Ali and Frazier both didn't have them after Manilla, for example, and neither was even down. I see the "Muhammed Ali Bill" passed, which should help with predatory financial practices as well. With a single regulatory commission, I'd be in favor of career counseling, and mandatory contribution to a pension fund. These things would be a start anyway.

If some good did come out of this, it was after he took the brain exam that Jerry started talking about setting up a foundation to help retired and/or injured fighters. The idea didn't become reality until Jerry himself started showing outward visible signs of damage.

Holyfield will go to "holyfield" if he doesn't quit immediately!

Have you ever seen the Joe Louis vs Primo Carnera fight? I would be very curious to know if that was a one-sided bout or not. How would you score the rounds? Have you ever seen other Carnera's fights? Thank you very much!
saw a film of Louis demolishing Carnera, which was almost as bad a mismatch as Ali-Wepner, or Holmes-Cobb. Louis was a scary fighter, silently gliding forward, that expressionless, almost sleepy look on his face, then calmly walking away, as if in his garden, after flooring someone. He was as completely as unpredictable as Ali, like a chess master setting a sinister trap, then springing. Tony Galento said he "felt like the referee was hitting me too," which is the way Carnera must have felt. Some might have been as accurate, and as good with combinations as Louis, but it'd be a short list, and no one could finish a man like Louis could. Of all the fights I've seen, few were as good at cutting off the ring, either. For heavyweights, I'd put Dempsey, Marciano, and Frazier in Louis's class in that area. Of course, the question of how he'd do in the 60s and 70s is always out there. He'd have done fine, though he wouldn't have annihilated most of the men of that era the way he did virtually all in his own time. There are top contenders, let alone champs, in the 60s-70s who would have made mince meat out of many of Louis's opponents - an awful lot really were bums of the month.<br>SI doesn't have back copies online, so maybe I'll check the library. That was at just about the end of his career, so I imagine Jerry was already feeling many symptoms of his impending condition, just as a person does, if they're observant and truthful, way ahead of a heart attack. I think Cobb and Homes was even worse than Ali and Wepner, and should have been stopped as early as the end of the fifth round. Of course, some good came out of it - we never had to listen to Howard Cosell broadcast a fight again! |

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9/2/03 04:22:40 PM Massimo Rome\|.com\|\|10|Roadscholarette<br>Thanks ! I saw all the Ali'-Wepner fight and, without a doubt, Ali' completely outboxed Chuck. But I have read that Wepner was in the top 10 at the moment of the fight !!! How is it possible ? He didn't deserve to be ranked in the top 10. He was just a brave fighter ! I think Louis beat some good fighters like Buddy Baer, Lou Nova, Max Schmeling, Max Baer and maybe Tony Galento ( the guy could punch...and a lot of bums !)

9/2/03 07:01:26 PM Tubby Breslin Fullerton, CA \| bearstubastanchu@aol.com \|\|10|Hello, all you boxing lovers! In one of my previous careers, I was a speech pathologist and therapist. One of the areas of this profession is working with people who have aphasia, or brain damage related to communication. This damage can take almost an infinite number of forms, many very subtle. It can also unfold very slowly, or after a delay. When the human brain is assaulted by blunt (like boxing punches or baseball bat or stone) or piercing (knife, ice pick, screwdriver) injury, it is always damaged. There is no escaping it. The extent of the damage depends on many factors. The bottom line is that any boxer who has had even a few pro or very active amateur fights has already begun to incur some brain damage. Those with 20, 30, 40 or more fights have proportionally more damage. This applies to Jerry Quarry, Muhammad Ali, and every other former boxer, no matter how undamaged he may appear. Archie Moore and Sugar Ray Robinson were both notoriously punchy, although when seen briefly on TV, the damage may not have been obvious to all. It wasn't obvious for many years with Joe Louis, either, until he was a drooling old man in the Las Vegas casinos. If you watch any former experienced boxer, you will see some signs, if you know what to look for. This is an unfortunate but undeniable fact.<br>Today in the newspaper, Warren Sapp, a former NFL lineman and All Star who weighs 350+ pounds and stands 6'7", is quoted as saying he is "confident" he could defeat Mike Tyson in the boxing ring. Sapp holds a championship in a competition combining karate, tae kwon do and other martial arts. Of course, if he were allowed to kick and so forth, he probably would win. But if boxing rules only were enforced, I have no doubt that Tyson would cut Sapp in two with his first body punch. Anyone agree? <br>Let's make a plea here. In any group of boxers, such as the heavyweight division at any time in history, there are excellent, good, average, weak and poor fighters. In our discussions, Ali,
Frazier, Foreman, Dempsey, Holmes, Louis and probably Marciano and Tyson are the excellent ones. Some of the good ones are Jerry Quarry, Ken Norton, the young Floyd Patterson, and so forth. For average, we might include Riddick Bowe or Lennox Lewis or maybe someone like Jimmy Ellis. Now we get to weak and poor, where we find Oscar Bonavena, George Chuvalo, Alfredo Evangelista, Joe Bugner, Ron Lyle, and others. Then there are hundreds of heavyweights who somehow got a license and fought bouts, winning some and losing others, but never even headliners. A good heavyweight on a great night might stand a chance against an excellent one on a poor night. Otherwise, though, there is little chance an average fighter like Riddick Bowe would beat an excellent fighter like Ali or Frazier. It could happen, and there have been big upsets, but it's so improbable as to be ridiculous to discuss. After all, could Roger Clemens strike out Ed Kranepool? Yes, and usually would. Over the course of many games, would Kranepool ever take Clemens over the center field wall? It could happen, but would be highly unusual. Could we please knock off all this speculation over whether Joe Bugner or Tommy Morrison could KO George Foreman or Joe Louis on a big night? As far as I'm concerned, it's a waste of breath. You folks know too much about boxing to fritter away your time in these pointless discussions of what weak boxers might have done. My opinion only and no hard feelings, OK?

And yes, I was just too sentimental to admit it at the time, but when I went to Ali-Norton II, Ken did win a decision but was robbed. It was close but not that close. One more thing. You should all know before coming to this website that boxing is historically the most corrupt, sleaziest, most lowdown and cheatin' sport of all. In fact, the most dishonest sports are, in order: Boxing, Boxing, Boxing, Boxing, Boxing, Boxing, Boxing, Boxing. If you don't believe me, ask any former pro boxer, or sports writer. Furthermore, boxing rankings are 99.9% pure hokum, false, jive and dishonest. Promoters use them to hype boxers. How many times have you seen a young heavyweight with a record of 7-0 against bartenders and chickens and corpses suddenly ranked #9 one month, then #6 the next month, and finally at #3, signed to fight whoever the champ is in that organization? It happens regularly and has forever. That's how lousy fighters sometimes get big fights, and how lousy fights are promoted. Remember, like most businesses, boxing promotion is done to earn money. Niceties like fairness, truth and justice are usually not part of the picture.

Mike Tyson has to fight serious boxers like Rahman, Tua, Briggs, Akinwande, the Klitschko brothers, Samil San etc. Sapp is just a fat clown (as a boxer, of course). Clifford is another clown (as a boxer, of course). He has to train every day, not once a year! I have read that Sapp real height is 6'3", not 6'7". I hope Shaq's height is really 7'1", not 4'2"! Tyson better than Norton? I'm not sure! How could you judge Lewis an average boxer? Are you joking? He is a champion, surely one of the best 20 heavyweights of all times. How could you judge Bonavena, Chuvalo, Bugner and Lyle weak and poor? I have to repeat the question: are you joking, Tubby? Have a nice time!

Everyone knows or has heard about someone who has been enormously messed up from just one blow to the head in an accident, so in truth, it's a miracle more boxers aren't actually killed in the ring than are. All have damage, even ones who don't show outward signs, and all punches
cause some, even if it's minuscule. Archie Moore and Sugar Ray Robinson were both notoriously punchy, although when seen briefly on TV, the damage may not have been obvious to all. That's a good point. For short interviews or commentary, many sound good, and, in fact, speech isn't always affected, or as much in one fighter as in another. Look at George Chuvalo. A tough man to be sure, but in terms of speech, one would never know he'd a boxer, while I've heard Olympic boxers interviewed who sounded like Leon Spinks.

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Could we please knock off all this speculation over whether Joe Bugner or Tommy Morrison could KO George Foreman or Joe Louis on a big night? This could happen only in the most bizarre of accidents. Call it luck even - a bad lapse on Louis's or Foreman's part, and Bugner, Morrison, whomever, in the right place at the right time to throw the right punch. Of course, they'd have to follow up, in all likelihood, which would tend to put things back in proper balance, as the top man cleared his head. Even the lucky punch at the proper time isn't being thrown on an ordinary guy on the street, and a fluke, one punch KO of your real big timers is extremely rare, even one superior fighter to another.
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| 9/3/03 08:35:25 AM| Angelo| Washington, DC|| funktron@yahoo.com ||||10| Well, you could make a case that Ali was "given" the decision in the Young fight, or the THIRD Norton fight, but against Shavers, Ali won 8 or 9 rounds clearly and finished stronger. Shavers landed the harder punches (Ali was rocked by the same punches that KOed Norton in one round and knocked Holmes down, but Ali stayed upright and answered with his own quick combinations.) but Ali landed more often and controlled the pace of the fight. I'm not so sure Frazier would go through Young like tissue paper. Jimmy Young had an uncanny ability to adjust to the style of his opponent and he had very clever/awkward moves that confused some very great fighters, including Ali, Foreman and Norton. A 1971 Frazier would beat a 1977 Young, but it might not be as easy as going through tissue paper. After Young lost the decision to Ali, he began a string of impressive fights, which ended when he came in out of shape and lost to Ossie Ocasio twice. But during his period of excellence, he was superb. I don't think he would be knocked out by anyone---and would always have a chance to steal a decision.

| 9/3/03 09:33:44 AM| Massimo| Rome|| carnerathegreatest.com | | | | |10| I have read that Ali did something illegal and incorrect against Shavers. During the fight he used a friend to know the judges's scores. This Ali's friend could hear the scores on TV, watching NBC. Anyway, this site judges the Ali-Shavers fight a draw.

| 9/3/03 09:34:50 AM| Roadscholarette| Chicago| roadscholarette@hotmail.com | | | | |10| but Ali landed more often and controlled the pace of the fight. Actually, I could be talked into either fighter winning, and in either case by about the same margin - eight to seven, maybe eight-six-and one. I'm not so sure that Ali controlled a lot of his fights (as we normally think of control, ie dominance, with little opportunity for the other man to do his own thing), particularly in his second career. This was true, even when fighting nobodies. His style was more one of capitalization, letting his
opponents fight their own fights, and periodically asserting dominance, either during lulls, or by virtue of mistakes. Rope a dope, while it worked with Foreman, really wasn't a chosen style so much as it was a necessity. Ali could no longer fight consistently as he had earlier in his career.

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***It's just that I don't see Young having the skills to defeat Frazier. George Foreman was the only man who wasn't forced to fight Frazier's fight, and everyone else, Ali included, were basically just trying to hold him off. The only two ways to do that were to outpunch or outslug him, or to blanket his perimeters with an awesome bag of different tricks. Young had neither. He couldn't punch, and while tricky, wasn't in Ali's league in this regard, when it came to dealing with an irresistible machine like Frazier.

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[9/3/03 01:15:17 PM]John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|TUBBY: I can also state that I met Sandy Saddler when he was well on in years, a few years before his death. He was as sharp as a tack. Not only did he remember his opponents, he remembered what happened in specific rounds of his fight with them. He spoke clearly, logically, and had no recall problem. He was also a perfect gentleman and very polite to my wife.

[9/3/03 03:51:50 PM]Massimo|Rome||CarnerabetterthanAli'.com|||10|What's the procedure to become a professional boxer? Can any amateur fighter become a pro whenever he wants or must he demonstrate to be strong enough winning Golden Gloves or other tournaments? Thanks

[9/3/03 03:58:20 PM]Angel0|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Yes, I remember seeing interviews with Archie Moore not too long before his death. I have to say he was sharper than most people his age. He was an amazing guy all around.

By the way, this one isn't a dream matchup, but instead a fantasy fight between a Champion who is a footnote and a Contenter who never became a Champion: Who would win a contest between Cooney vs. Buster Douglas? Personally, I think it would be an interesting fight. I find it difficult to
pick a winner. What about Cooney vs. Hasim Rahman or Douglas vs. Rahman? Could anyone see any of these fights going the distance?

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Don't get me wrong: I have respect for Joe Frazier, especially given the fact that he beat my all-time favorite Ali, then ultimately finished Ali as a great during the Manila fight, even though Frazier lost (If you ask me, they both lost that day, and in some ways, they both won.). But I have to mimic comments someone else made on the board--how did Frazier manage to box between 1972 and 1977 without taking on Norton, Shavers or Ron Lyle? I know that Frazier and Norton were friends. But what about Shavers and Lyle, two bangers who delivered KOs in almost all of their wins? I hate to say it, but it seems as though Frazier was "handled" to avoid guys who could punch on a level with Foreman. Lyle and Foreman had the famous war and we saw that in early rounds, Lyle had the power to knock down someone as intimidating as Foreman. And we know that Shavers was among the two or three hardest punchers in boxing history. It's odd to me that during this period when most of the famous heavies fought each other, Frazier managed to avoid these guys. Also, Norton vs. Lyle never happened---and given the fact that Norton had problems with big hitters, that might not have been an accident--Norton's people probably didn't want him stepping in with Ron Lyle and designed the plan to avoid Lyle.

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Don't get me wrong: I have respect for Joe Frazier, especially given the fact that he beat my all-time favorite Ali, then ultimately finished Ali as a great during the Manila fight, even though Frazier lost (If you ask me, they both lost that day, and in some ways, they both won.). But I have to mimic comments someone else made on the board--how did Frazier manage to box between 1972 and 1977 without taking on Norton, Shavers or Ron Lyle? I know that Frazier and Norton were friends. But what about Shavers and Lyle, two bangers who delivered KOs in almost all of their wins? I hate to say it, but it seems as though Frazier was "handled" to avoid guys who could punch on a level with Foreman. Lyle and Foreman had the famous war and we saw that in early rounds, Lyle had the power to knock down someone as intimidating as Foreman. And we know that Shavers was among the two or three hardest punchers in boxing history. BTW, I had Frazier ahead of Ali in Manila after 14, by 7-6-1! I could be coaxed into 6-1-1, but would still really feel the former. I know that isn't how the judges had it though - Joe needed a KO to win on their cards. But I have to mimic comments someone else made on the board--how did Frazier manage to box between 1972 and 1977 without taking on Norton, Shavers or Ron Lyle? Well, no one can deny that no one even comes close to Ali when it came to taking on all comers, as opposed to coasting on creampuffs in between tough fights with two of three elite guys. The thing is too, that in no other era were so many contenders worthy fighters, many of whom could have been champions in other days. After the second Foreman fight, Frazier was scheduled to fight Knoetze, when he (Joe) contracted hepatitis. I think Frazier on his own would fight Satan himself at the drop of a hat, but I think it's possible Durham, later Futch kept him away from those guys. Or not, I don't know. Shavers was on the table at that time too. I don't know how those fights would have gone. Styles and all, as we know. My hunch is that he'd have taken them, but after what Foreman did to JF, you can't discount a similar showing from Lyle or Shavers, in terms of punching power. They weren't the fighter George was otherwise, but they were in his league as hitters. As you say, Frazier and Norton were friends, and it's just as well. I don't believe Norton could have handled him. Lyle and Foreman had the famous war and we saw that in early rounds, Lyle had the power to knock down someone as intimidating as Foreman. And we know that Shavers was among the two or three hardest punchers in boxing history. Some in the
position to know first hand, have said ~no~ one hit harder than Shavers. The Foreman/Lyle fight was one of the most exciting I've seen. Sure took the luster off Foreman being invincible, but at the same time, it sure proved he was game.<br><br>Norton's people probably didn't want him stepping in with Ron Lyle and designed the plan to avoid Lyle.<br><br>***There's every chance Lyle would have won that. I have nothing against Norton at all, actually like him, but you're right - he did have trouble against power punchers, and seemed to unravel instantly and totally when really hit.<br><br>Norton's people probably didn't want him stepping in with Ron Lyle and designed the plan to avoid Lyle.<br><br>***There's every chance Lyle would have won that. I have nothing against Norton at all, actually like him, but you're right - he did have trouble against power punchers, and seemed to unravel instantly and totally when really hit.<br><br>Norton's people probably didn't want him stepping in with Ron Lyle and designed the plan to avoid Lyle.<br><br>***There's every chance Lyle would have won that. I have nothing against Norton at all, actually like him, but you're right - he did have trouble against power punchers, and seemed to unravel instantly and totally when really hit.<br><br>Norton's people probably didn't want him stepping in with Ron Lyle and designed the plan to avoid Lyle.<br><br>***There's every chance Lyle would have won that. I have nothing against Norton at all, actually like him, but you're right - he did have trouble against power punchers, and seemed to unravel instantly and totally when really hit.<br><br>Norton's people probably didn't want him stepping in with Ron Lyle and designed the plan to avoid Lyle. 

Wow, some big postings. Was surprised to see some very good heavies placed in a "weak" or "poor" catagory for the sake of comparison. Becoming a top10 or top20 heavy is a real accomplishment, no weak or poor guys there. Tubby, Wilt was underappreciated as a player, and labeled a selfish super-athlete during his day. Bill Russell was legendary in just a couple phases of the game, a super role player on a team of Hall of Famers. Wilt's game covered more ground than any player ever, he embarrassed the league. As he correctly said himself " No one roots for Goliath", and few did... Got to defend Rocky also, who beat Walcott, Charles, Moore among others. It isn't just that he went undefeated, he beat better guys overall vs. Foreman as champ, though Foreman did have Frazier and Norton. Rock also lasted longer and clearly conducted himself better. Few of Rock's matches were even close. A lot said about boxing's crookedness and health hazards. Senator John McCain (who should be President) has himself lobbied for a governmental agency of some sort, and many have stated the need for some type of headgear, perhaps similar to sparring gear to better protect fighters. Fact is, few respect the sport in the general public, which is also why the current push for a union, while clearly necessary, is not likely to materialize. Boxing needs to establish a credibility as a sport in the eyes of the general public to gain these considerations, a real uphill road.

The brain's a funny and mysterious organ. Fighters can have a long career and be pretty much unscathed, while some ordinary guy can fall off a ladder and become a vegetable. Just as some fighters are more prone to brain damage, others are not as much. Those with it can find it's unpredictable too. Some guys will remember everything about their career, or perhaps about something else, but forget other very simple things, or not be able to figure out very basic things. Some experience wild emotional swings, others do not. This is the same as with real old people with senile dementia, who may be able to remember every detail of their wedding day, or a poker game during WW2, but have difficulty with a simple kitchen appliance, or forget where their shoes are (that they maybe took off five minutes ago).

I sure have to second that sentiment about McCain!

Already at an advanced fighting age, Ali absorbed punch after punch, trading hard shots right through to the end of the fight. In fact, Ali threw and landed more power punches in that fight than he had in years. I have his last career KO on tape (Richard Dunn) but even in that fight, I don't think he landed like he did against Spinks. Ali was slow and old, without the defensive reflexes he once had. It was a tremendous job he did in the return match, getting into better shape and giving young Spinks a boxing lesson. Later, Holmes took it easy against Ali, which is why Ali lasted 10 rounds with him. But I have to say, Ali's last fight, the loss to Trevor Berbick, surprised me because Berbick was a top 10 fighter and Ali wasn't even a shell of his former self. He simply had nothing left at all on offense or defense, yet managed to go the distance.
against Berbick and have a few close rounds. Basically, it amazes me that a 40 year old guy already suffering physical nerve damage and slowed down by age AND physiological factors still managed to hold his own against a top 10 heavyweight in his 20's.

Even Ali'-Frazier 2 was a wonderful fight! I have Ali' ahead 6-5-3 in Manilla, but it's a very difficult fight to score!

Thanks, Kent regarding Mike Q. Seems like being a Quarry worked against Mike in those long duels, though he clearly did show himself to be an excellent boxer, a credit to the sport. About Ken Norton, I think he's one of the most underrespected heavies ever. He had Ali's number in the 70's, and did not get a fair call vs. Holmes, who like Holyfield, was pushed as the champ people wanted. JQ did respect Jim Brown as a super athlete I'm sure, but a match between the two wouldn't go four rounds. Despite that, I doubt the same respect was returned by the arrogant race-fixated Brown toward Jerry. I agree the Klitschko's must gain some real W's to be seen as the division's best, and given the state of the division now, I think they'll come. Good to see some positive posts on Riddick Bowe, who had the package to be a dominant heavy, a huge wasted talent like Greg Page.

Funny how people disrespected JQ's ability in the ring. Jim Brown thinking he could take Jerry in the boxing ring? That is really funny, I didn't know Brown was such a comedian. Jim Brown may have fared better in boxing than other footballers like Mark Gastineau and Ed Too Tall Jones but not much better. But then again, he may not have. Remember I mentioned Michael Jordan's journey into professional baseball as an example of being great in one sport but not in another. Jordan a hall of famer in basketball but a mediocre minor league baseball player.

It is not just other sports people who had no respect for JQ. I remember reading where Rahman Ali (aka Rudy Clay), Muhammad's brother, once told his brother that he wanted to fight JQ and that he could kick Jerry's ass. Muhammad told Rahman that it was a bad decision and that the result would be the other way around! Rahman Ali lost convincingly to Englishman Danny MacIlinden (spelling), who was probably not as good as countryman Jack Bodell, who Jerry destroyed in one round. Jerry would have done the same thing to the other Ali brother. Part of the disrespect people showed for JQ's ability could be because sportscasters like Howard Cosell would make comments like "not many have that distinction," when referring to the fact that Ron Lyle had lost to Jerry. Cosell said this, as memory serves me, in the prefight comments in Lyle's title challenge against Muhammad Ali.

I'm sure Jim Brown had a lot of respect for Jerry, I know Deacon Jones DID (as they were partners in a few business endeavors). Brown's favorite running back was John Riggins there for awhile, I think big Jim saw things as they were, more often than not. And not as the racist, as he sometimes is portrayed.

OK, you guys and gals have taken the offensive but I'm counterpunching, scoring with jabs and hooks, driving you into your corner and pummeling your midsection with my powerful expertise. First, Jim Brown was such a phenomenal athlete that he is the one out of them all who could have become a great boxer with some training and instruction. The man is 6'4", 230. Not only is he one of the dozen or so best football players of all time, but he is also often called the best lacrosse player of all time, and it was a sport he only learned in college. Now, if some of you want to believe Archie Moore and Sandy Saddler or any other career boxer is neurologically normal, speaks and understands speech normally, and was not damaged by his boxing career, be my guest. You'd be convincing if you had a
medical degree or one in speech pathology. Many of my Southern California friends -- including a man who sparred with Joe Louis in 1943 in Los Angeles -- knew Archie well for decades and testified to me he was extremely punchy. Period. Let me give you a classic example of aphasia. Someone with aphasia might walk across a room, put his hand on the doorknob, and then stop to think. He has forgotten that one little bit of information on the doorknob needing to be turned to the left (or right) and pulled. He may stand there half an hour, struggling unsuccessfully to remember. Or he might appear normal except for losing the ability to recognize faces, including his wife's and children's faces. Or he might be able to speak and make sense in what seems a normal way, but not understand any words he hears. Or vice versa. These are mostly temporal lobe aphasias. Frontal lobe aphasias might involve increased or uncontrolled aggression, like picking fights with strangers. There are thousands of reported aphasias. Former boxers have them. Read the literature. OK, the great Ron Lyle. He lost to Foreman, Quarry, Ali and several relatively obscure fighters. One of his last fights was a 1 round KO he suffered to Gerry Cooney. Lyle was a big puncher and a journeyman at best. Through the 60s and 70s and 80s, guys like Lyle were opponents. He had a nice record at 48-5 or so, but where is the greatness? I already explained in detail that Wilt Chamberlain was the most famous and respected basketball player of his time, and maybe of any time. He was certainly not "unappreciated". Being liked is something entirely different, and it's true he had many detractors. No one here mentions Ernie Terrell, a good fighter. The finest and most realistic boxing movie of all time is "Fat City", based on the novel by John Gardner, and starring Stacy Keach and Jeff Bridges. I liked "Raging Bull" but thought the boxing scenes were unrealistic and made too mythic. La Motta and Vale and Robinson were hitting each other so damned hard time after time that no one would have been able to take it. The cinematic tricks of slow motion and other stuff distracted me, too. Who would you folks say is the best pound-for-pound right now? I'm not sure. I might go with Roy Jones, Jr. I might go with Oscar De La Hoya. It's a shame Felix Trinidad won't come back for a payday or two, but healthwise it's a smart decision. Does anyone remember 60s heavyweight King Fletcher, who finally died of a boxing defeat? How about Amos (Big Train) Lincoln? Or George (Scrap Iron) Johnson? How about Alejandro Lavorante, who also died in the ring? Yo whoever wrote that fighters earn their way into the rankings, please contact me. I have a collection of mint condition robes every heavyweight champion since Jim Jeffreys wore into the ring, and because you're a friend, I'll sell them to you for only $5,000 each. Now I must hurry to a neutral corner and wait for the referee to count our sadly misinformed friends out. With a name like Tubby, do you have to be a big asshole too? OK, so we're calling names now. Charlie Powell doesn't leave a valid e-mail address so there's no way so far to contact him. Is he the same Charlie Powell who was a phenomenal athlete from Logan Heights in San Diego? The one who Muhammad Ali KOed in 3 in Pittsburgh on January 24, 1964? You can read more about this Charlie Powell in www.sandiego.sports.org/athletes_breitbard.asp and also www.esportsinstruction.com/charliepowell.html. Now this Charlie may feel insulted because I said Archie Moore, his lifelong friend from San Diego, was punchy. Or because I implied Charlie himself would be punchy, as a former boxer. Out of respect to Charlie and his achievements, I apologize. There is a brutality about boxing, though, that none of us can deny. It does injure people, and seriously. I'm glad young people are going more into other sports now, whereas once many of them saw boxing as their only opportunity. I'd like to talk about something else. The sport of boxing and boxers changed radically and
rather suddenly in the mid-60s with the advent of closed circuit TV transmission. All of a sudden the revenues to be made from boxing were increased tremendously. These figures are not exact, but it was as if a boxing promotion that might have earned $100,000 in 1961 or 1962 would by 1965 or 1966 bring in many millions. The situation created a demand for telegenic and exciting boxers for these telecasts. Even promoters who'd never been involved in boxing or even sports needed fighters to be in their productions. This demand tended to distort and twist the traditional boxing setup of rankings and divisions. New divisions sprouted up so that TV promoters could claim to have "world championship fights" featuring "top-ranked boxers". Not for the first time but now more often, we saw unknown boxers vault into the upper rankings soon before a big closed-circuit fight. As time went on, this situation redefined the sport. Sugar Ray Leonard was a professional boxer chosen by ABC TV to begin at the top. It's a happy coincidence he turned out to be one of the finest boxers of all time. By 2003, this is how profitable boxing works. Promoters thrive on TV money -- now cable and pay-for-view. The local fight cards barely break even, if they do at all. Every boxer wants to fight on TV and make big money. Who can blame them? The effects of this situation are obvious. 1. Kids are rushed into big fights. 2. Certain kids are favored to appear in these big fights over other kids who are just as good. 3. Some kids get into the wrong sport, hoping to become millionaires. 4. There are dozens of ranking organizations. The rankings have lost almost all their credibility. 6. Powerful promoters run the sport. 7. Boxing now has an artificial nature to it, because sometimes it seems everything is contrived and made up for a cable or pay-per-view audience. 8. Top boxers now fight only occasionally, or once a year or even every two years. Before 1960 or so, they fought once or twice a month. That busyness made the competition and the rankings meaningful, because they fought each other and had common opponents. Now they don't nearly as often. Now as far as this generation of 1960s-1970s heavyweight boxers we're talking about goes, it was a transitional period. One foot was in the old way and one foot in the new. We had some terrific fighters and some people who could barely fight at all, like Chuck (The Bayonne Bleeder) Wepner and the endless parade of Great White Hopes including Cooney, Morrison, etc. If a knowledgeable fan had been able to follow either of them for a while, would he pay to see one of them go up against a Frazier, a Foreman, a Norton or a Holmes? I wouldn't. There's a great suspicion thrown over boxing now and a doubtful quality to it all. When fighters are treated more like movie stars and celebrities, always in the gossip columns or the papers for beating people up or rape, and they only fight matches once a year, the integrity and meaning of the sport are drastically diluted. We might even say that on this hypothetical one night of fighting that these two fighters have, one wins and so what? It just doesn't seem like the Real McCoy any more. In fact, with the money becoming astronomical, how can we trust them? You can be a pretty honest guy, but for $5 million bucks or more, you might do things differently, like throw a fight or dog one. Who knows? Possibly the most hurtful thing to a true fan, like all of us, is seeing what has always been a shabby but respectable sport where athletes train harder than anyone else and risk their lives to pursue it, the whole thing is cheapened now, and reduced to a commercial process. We might say someone like Eddie Machen or Zora Folley or Ernie Terrell or Cleve Williams were good fighters at the most, but by God, they paid their dues in two-bit towns, gritty arenas, with unfair judges sometimes, and for measly purses for years and years before they made it to the big time. Most of the kids we see on TV now can't say that, and it matters. Our sport too often turns into a spectacle that has little to do with boxing. Thanks.
ring's victim. Wasn't he a good fighter? What did happen to Amos Lincoln and to
George Johnson? Thanks|
| 9/4/03 07:00:30 AM|George Otto|Youngstown, Ohio||ehnpsa@aol.com|||10|As many of the old school visitors to this site know, I have represented the legislative
interests of TJQF and the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing on
a pro bono basis (for free) for about 8 years. On a more recent basis, I have
supported the passage of S. 275, the Professional Boxing Amendments Act of 2003--
- legislation that would establish a federal boxing commission. If this bill
passed and was properly implemented, then the sport would become fairer, more
organized, and respectable. Furthermore, the fighters could more easily
establish a union. I commend Roadscholarette and Gerry Schultz in commenting
upon these issues and the efforts of Senator McCain. Please contact your U.S.
Senator and urge him or her to vote for this important legislation
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calling or disrespect from me, that's not my style. But you seem to think that
every single retired boxer is a closet drooling idiot and the rest of us, even
when we speak face to face with them, don't have enough common sense to detect
whether a man has brain damage or not. When someone points out sharpness of
their memory of clarity of thought, you cloud the discussion with terms like
"aphasia" which I assume is supposed to impress us enough to believe that a
person who our eyes tell us is perfectly normal is in fact brain damaged. And as
far as Ron Lyle goes, I never once said he was "great" -- I said he was very,
very good and I stand by this. He put Foreman on the floor twice and bums don't
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twice is a poor heavyweight has a clear case of "aphasia" or just doesn't know
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never heard that Jim Brown had said that he could beat up Jerry Quarry, but he
might have. If he did, he'd have to know that that's just as foolish as thinking
Jerry could step cold into the NFL and rush for 1,000 yards, and to quote
Muhammed Ali, "If you even dreamed that, you should wake up and apologize!"
Quarry had just over 300 fights. Even a fat barroom brawler with no athletic
skill or training, would know something about fighting after that many
skirmishes. If Brown lasted a round, it'd be a miracle. If he threw a hundred
punches and landed one, it'd be a miracle, and if he happened to evade even one
of JQ's, it'd be an accident. Now, Brown might have been a good fighter if he'd
chosen that instead of football, but if he made such a statement, he was
obviously under the same delusion many ordinary people are, that a top pro
fighter is just someone who jogs, hits the bag, and maybe has someone tell them
how to throw a couple of punches, also that since everyone has been in a fight,
they can therefore ~fight~. Another interesting misconception I hear all too
often is that the pro ranks are two or three really super-duper fighters in a
division, and everyone else is cannon fodder. <br><br>I'm looking forward to
seeing the movie Undefeated, which actually used real boxers, instead of actors
or stuntmen. I agree with Tubby that Fat City is a superb boxing movie. It
depicts two men (Keach and Bridges) who are an awful lot more common in the game
than are Ali-Frazier-Foreman, particularly in such a unique sport in which
anyone can fight for money. They actually had pretty decent moves for actors.
Look for X champ Curtis Cokes as one of the bed partners (also had by Keach) of
a local female barfly.<br><br>Most Hollywood movies are absurd. I was really
impressed by the athleticism of Carl Weathers, and loved Rocky, though the
fights were pure fiction. No fighter gets hit that much of that hard and stays
up, though this sort of thing is common in Tinseltown productions. Even Raging
Bull, while a great movie, went Rocky in the fights. Good Lord, the sound
effects sounded like a building falling on a truck full of watermelons
too!<br><br>George - nice work, and I most certainly will contact my
represented about that bill. I'll encourage friends to do so too, even ones who aren't boxing fans, and haven't even heard of it!<br><br>RON LYLE, was truly a great fighter, not too many can come to the pro's as a 31 year old rookie, and achieve what he did, can you think of anyone sands FOREMAN and HOLMES?? He could take a tremendous punch, had a great wallop, fearless, and had allotta heart. Instead of trying to do a "SMART FIGHT" and not fall for Ali's tactics, probably should have just come out blasting! CHICKIE FERRARA trained him to set Foreman up with Lead rights, Nearly won him the match, What if there age's had been reversed?? Ron Lyle was the 8th best fighter of the 70's, his comeback fight vs Shavers was phoenoimal, Besides Cooney he'd never been hurt that bad, LYLE never quit or played dead for the $$

Hey John G., very well put. Regarding Sandy Saddler, in the early eighties I used to see Sandy pretty regularly. He worked at the the United Maritime Hall on 14th St. and 8th Ave. I worked nearby so I saw him often, and he was fine. Sandy lived in Harlem, and sometime in the late eighties he was robbed and mugged in the hallway of his building. He was bashed over the head with a iron pipe, and suffered serious physical and was in the hospital for a prolonged period as a result of the injury. He was never the same afterwards.<br><br>As I previously mentioned I saw and spoke to Archie Moore in depth and he was fine and rational. But yet you take the testimony (was he under oath?) of an ex-boxer, who if we use your logic has at least 60 years of brain damage, and is at least 80 years old (he boxed Joe Louis in 1943). Tubby, please explain to me someone as educated and skilled as you are in the field of health can be a boxing buff. It would seem to me someone as dedicated as you to human science would be abhor boxing. 

As a long time boxing fan, I have admiration and respect for the fighters themselves --- and of course, concern for their well-being and long term health. I love the sport, but at the same time, find myself very upset when seeing guys who suffer brain damage or death from a particular fight --- or long term cognitive and motor skills issues like Jerry Quarry and Ali. My conclusion is not to ban boxing, but to make it safer. No, not to make it safer to the point of boredom, but to enact common sense practices to protect fighters to the best of our ability, while still keeping the sport exciting, competitive and hard hitting. It's why I'm interested in what the Quarry Foundation is working on. But one thing we all must realize is that the sport will always be dangerous. Simply, taking punches to the head and body can and will cause damage --- and you can't escape it. Other pastimes and sports have many more injuries and deaths each year than boxing does. It's true that the INTENT in boxing is to score more points or knock out the opponent by hurting them --- but I challange anyone to tell me that 350 pound guys like Warren Sapp, who run as fast as running backs used to, aren't trying to "KO" offensive players in a football game. Likewise, jumping out of an airplane or driving a car at 200 miles per hour, while trying to work your way through 30 other cars, is a recipe for injury or death. People in many walks of life make their living or spend their leisure time taking risks with
their health and their life. I'm tired of people demonizing boxing. Sure, there's a lot to be cleaned up, regulated, standardized, enforced, etc. I still think that boxing does a lot of good for a lot of people. And not to make a race issue out of it, but I remember reading an article in which Muhammad Ali, suffering from the Parkinson's Syndrome, still defended boxing. He wondered why no one called for boxing to be banned years ago, when white people made all the money from the sport as boxers, managers, promoters, trainers, etc. He said that the sport has always been dangerous and that long ago, a higher percentage of fighters died or suffered serious injuries. But now that minorities are benefiting at all levels of the sport, suddenly the AMA and media elite are calling for a ban. I don't know if I buy into it, but it's interesting nonetheless.

Robert Horry is surely punchy! He was a great player, but last year he has disappointed me hugely! Boxing is a very dangerous sport, this is sure!

I've begun doing a little research into women's boxing. There are a lot of women out there doing it, most I suspect accomplished athletes from other sports. They don't make much, compared to the men, and I don't think most of the average public really takes them seriously. Of course that could change if the ordinary guy in the street got in the ring with one of them. Anyway, daughters of Frazier, Ali, Foreman, Duran, and Moore are all boxing. There may be others too, I don't know yet. Of course, being related to these talented fathers only guarantees some favorable genes, not necessarily that they'll be great boxers, and dominate say a kindergarten teacher from Kansas. Reportedly, Ichele Duran's father (Roberto) wouldn't talk to her for a week after finding out, but softened, and is now offering her his valuable expertise. I read that the Frazier-Ali bout was more hype than anything, given their names, and the women actually weren't top ranked fighters when they fought. Jackie Frazier was a superb athlete in basketball, but I don't know the athletic background of the others.

Boxing workouts are a fantastic way to get in shape, and the top women are every bit as well conditioned as men, as far as that goes. However, if it continues, it's just a matter of time till we start seeing punchy women. This'll come from the punches alone, and could even be worse than with men. Granted, the women don't hit as hard, but at the same time, a woman cannot attain the same level of strength to withstand punches that a man can. It's somewhat like little kids playing football before puberty, when really meaningful conditioning can take place.

Women should'nt boxe! Muscular women are not sexy!

Roadscholarette, I attend many fight cards each year and on many of them are woman's bouts. They are every bit as competitive (that is when two opponents are evenly matched) as the men's bouts and the crowd always gives them respect. I still haven't gotten used to seeing women leave the ring with bloody noses and split lips.

I saw, walking around in the audience once, female boxer Mia St. John. She was signing autographs and at first I thought she must be a famous actress, as she was so beautiful. I remember thinking what a shame it would be to ruin such a pretty face from getting hit with punches. Of course I think the same thing, on a different level, when I see "pretty boy" boxers like Oscar De La Hoya and Julio Gonzalez, that they should be actors or models instead of fighters. However, it doesn't matter to me if De La Hoya or Gonzalez get their faces smashed as they are men and it is part of the game. Yes it is a double standard but I don't care if a man is handsome or not. Besides, it is my best interest if good looking men like De La Hoya and Gonzalez lose their looks as potentially more women would look my way!
The female boxers are just in real good shape. They look more like women, just as men in shape look more like men. Of course, with the problem with overweight, particularly in the US, this is altering what the ordinary "normal" person looks like, but in terms of ideals, you don't get much better looking than the male or female boxing physique.

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I still haven't gotten used to seeing women leave the ring with bloody noses and split lips. I'm wondering if refs will subconsciously defer to sex, and stop women's contests sooner, ala amateur bouts, when there're two women involved? I also wonder if when we start seeing women, postfight, looking like Joe Frazier after Manilla, if the cries for abolishing boxing will come again, and be even stronger? If so, for simply that reason, it'll be very sexist and unfair. One thing I've noticed is that while male boxing is dominated by black fighters, along with Puerto Ricans on the east coast, Mexicans on the west, more female boxers are white than anything.

I saw, walking around in the audience once, female boxer Mia St. John. She was signing autographs and at first I thought she must be a famous actress, as she was so beautiful. I remember thinking what a shame it would be to ruin such a pretty face from getting hit with punches. Having looked at the different pages on the Internet, and having seen numerous articles in magazines, it seems that the manly, ugly, or "dikey" fighter is rare. Many are really sharp looking, facially, and of course, they're all in really top shape, body-wise. Of course I think the same thing, on a different level, when I see "pretty boy" boxers like Oscar De La Hoya and Julio Gonzalez, that they should be actors or models instead of fighters. However, it doesn't matter to me if De La Hoya or Gonzalez get their faces smashed as they are men and it is part of the game. Yes it is a double standard but I don't care if a man is handsome or not. Besides, it is my best interest if good looking men like De La Hoya and Gonzalez lose their looks as potentially more women would look my way! Some of the guys you mention probably looked like angels once (some still do pretty much), but that'll change. Like they say - prizefighters and whores age the fastest, by 19, looking like they're 40. Maybe stretching it a bit, but the sentiment is pretty solid.

I wrote my same post on female boxing for a general discussion forum where I also go, and one guy said - kidding around - that if the women really want equality, they needed to fight bare from the waist up, just the same as the men do. I commented back that if this ever happened, a female Ali-Frazier might draw as much as the male version! LOL!
boxing's show as good as the men do ? A Thrilla in Manilla between women ? I haven't a clear opinion about and I'm curious to know yours. |
| 9/6/03 08:45:30 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Road... (too long !)<br><br>***What can I say? I get interested in something, and talk a lot too.<br><br>What do you mean with "real good shape" ?<br><br>***With the workouts they do, they're in top shape, and it shows in their bodies. The really hard workers are doing as much as the men.<br><br>I feel myself ( or I feel... Bah, you know) in very good shape, 5'6" 128lb, but I'm not muscular at all and I could'n fight ! What would happen if a woman took a shot to the breast ( an uppercut, for instance) ?

***It would hurt a lot, more than it does when a man's hit there. They wear a protector. This would be a problem, don't you agree ? Especially if that woman has a big breast !

***You won't see many really large breasts in a super well conditioned woman. When you get in shape, you lose fat proportionately all over your body. Since breasts are mostly fat, their size will decrease more than say, your ear lobes will (even though the ~percentage~ of loss is the same). If a woman was really big breasted before losing weight, she'll still be larger than another woman who was small before shedding pounds.<br><br>Do you think the women can offer a boxing's show as good as the men do ?<br><br>***It depends on what an audience member wants. Can they be just as tenacious and stubborn and tough? Yes. They can be well conditioned, fast, well schooled in the fundamentals, and everything else that makes a fight good. However, they won't be as big or as powerful, and won't hit as hard. There's also a certain desire on the part of sports audiences to want to watch performers who are a lot better than they, the audience is. Some crowds may not accept women as this.<br><br>A Thrilla in Manilla between women ? I haven't a clear opinion about and I'm curious to know yours. <br><br>***Let's define the Thrilla in Manilla. It was two highly gifted, superbly conditioned men who fought like pit bulls. There appeared to be some personal issues too. In terms of a contest though, everyone knew that with these two, there'd be a war, practically a fight to the death. Women could bring all these things except one. Ali and Frazier were the very baddest things on the planet. Women will always have to suffer a certain amount of, "Hey, she's pretty good...for a girl." People like to see T-Rexes fight, not chipmunks, however intense the latter might be. |
| 9/6/03 10:32:53 AM|Massimo|Rome||.com|||10|Roadscholarette -<br><br>I didn't mean that you talk too much ! Absolutely not ! I was just joking about your name "Roadscholarette" that is pretty long...<br><br>***I love joking, and maybe sometimes I joke too much ! I'm very interested in what you say ! |
| 9/6/03 02:05:30 PM|Gerry Schultz|Ohio||jgschultz11@msn.com|||9|Some interesting comments on women's boxing. Here in Cleveland, a girl named Vonda Ward is a pretty good draw at 190lbs. She recently worked a card with Don King ( thousands have told her, "Don't sign anything with Don King", but I guess it went o.k.). Boxing comes from a very primal place, and it's not surprising women want in on it too. Boxing also comes from a primarily poor-urban place as well, and white men haven't really boxed in numbers since the 50's and the rise of suburbs. White men generally prefer baseball and football. Tommy Morrison was mentioned as "another white hype", he was a very good heavyweight with some impressive wins. Ron Lyle was a remarkable fighter because he did start so late, after prison, and his Foreman fight is a must-see. He was quite a package. He was clearly not ready for Quarry, though. JQ had a way of making fools out of those who underestimated him, and too many did because he was white. That might be the core of his story. Again, a clear sign of boxing's lack of credibility in the general public, few white participants. |
9/6/03 06:27:47 PM|max hord|fernandina bch, fla||rasluc@msn.com|||10|Would have liked to see JQ against Ron Stander!!
9/6/03 09:57:19 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Massimo - Oh, the name! Just make it RS! :-)<br><br>Gerry - that's true about the majority of fighters, Most suburban kids, or even most blue collar kids play other sports these days. I'm not sure how to account for the majority of the female fighters being white. Foreman-Lyle wasn't even a boxing match - it was just a fight out in an alley! Superb! Jerry Q did well against Lyle types, taking both him and Shavers. Of course, Frazier was another story, and actually the only person who handled him easily was Foreman. Ali managed to get past him twice, but at a horrible price. BTW, speaking of Quarry - I once saw an unbelievable still shot of him doing something I've never seen before. I don't remember the opponent, it might have been Lyle or Shavers. Anyway, he countered a left hook with a right uppercut (then I assume he tried to follow up with a left hook of his own). To land this counter, he was bent so far back and to the right, you can see his right ankle crunched over to where I don't see how he kept from spraining it!\n
9/7/03 02:41:45 AM|STEVE|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Well,seems this last bastion of insecure males zealously guarding their diminishing supplies of testosterone has finally been breached.Congratulations,Roadscholarette.I've been watching your posts with great interest.They are articulate,intelligent, and apparently well informed over a wide range of subjectssrelated to this site . I wondered how long it would take you to get to women's boxing.I think it's absurd!Tubby and yourself are great additions to this wonderful,multi-generational conversation.Max Hord Tubby, and yourself send conflicting messages.I agree with both messages! The 70's heavyweight era was probably as sweet a taste of the sweet science as any generation of fans will ever witness.It was also the most brutal, and seems to have caused the damage to it's major and minor participants, of any generation.It was brutal and wrong!I loved it!It destroyed Jerry Quarry, two of his brothers, and most of the top fighters of their time.Perhaps these men where mean't to fullfill a certain destiny. They reached for victory and made it to the top of an inhuman practise.They also enspired a whole generation of average guys like me and all my boyhood friends , who went to Vietnam, to be strong.whatever the consequences. I don't feel that any female boxers will ever give us fights at a level of intensity that will come close to those notorious pretty boys of boxing Ali vs ugly Joe Frazier or pretty boy Ray Leonard vs homely Tommy Hearns.\n
9/7/03 03:19:18 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Steve, you mentioned that boxing destroyed two of Jerry's brothers. I assume you mean Mike and Bobby. Mike admits he has suffered some damage from the ring but Bobby, in my opinion, does not show signs of physical or mental damage. I have spent time with Bobby and I see no signs of damage. He is well spoken on boxing and other topics. I have also talked to him by telephone many times and he carries on normal conversations like most people do.<br><br>I realize I am not an expert on such matters but he has told me he has taken MRI exams and he doesn't have damage and I believe him.<br><br>I have also spoken to Mike on occasion, and though I haven't spoken to him in recently, he too is somewhat articulate despite damage he has suffered. Mike can still hold intelligent conversations and he is still very much with us, at least he was a few months ago when I spoke with him and I hope with God's help he can remain so for quite some time.<br><br>I realize boxing is a cruel and brutal sport, and there are times when I wonder why I even like it, but maybe we can make it as safe as possible if we continue to work for consturctive change.\n
9/7/03 11:40:36 AM|PAUL MADUROS|MIDWEST||pama42@yahoo.com|||10|Jerry lost to Joe Frazier mainly because Frazier doesn't give a man time to think, also Frazier's bobbing and weaving made him hard to hit. Give Jerry time to think and
he'd figure you out. Ask Mac Foster, Ernie Shavers, Thad Spencer, Ron Lyle.

Steve - thank you for the kind words! What don't you like about women's boxing? Not arguing, just curious, and see a possibility for a discussion.

Kent - boy, I don't know about that. MRIs are really sensitive in picking up even the results of a kid's injury, riding bikes, let alone a boxer's brain. Steve - Frazier didn't give anyone time to think, and threw off another fighter's rhythm, also making him hurry what he wanted to do. Frazier was every fighter's nightmare, far more so than the lightning fast mover. Athletically, he was in the upper echelon with Ali and Foreman, and this was tough to crack into - other fighters had to do it almost by chance, and then it was almost impossible to follow up on. Frazier was hard to hit, and disguised being hurt well.

I was thinking about something the other day after posting in here. We know research is being done regarding genetic susceptibility to brain injury. It's also possible that along with the psychological component, that ability to take a punch has its seat in brain chemistry too. What I was wondering though, and I've never read anything about this, is if a fighter can become ~less~ able to take a punch with time. I thought this might be the case with Frazier. Not that he developed a glass jaw by a long shot, but it would explain Foreman (who I don't believe could have taken him the night he fought Ali the first time), and some other times when he seemed to be a little shook by punches he used to shake off. Even the modern age's reincarnation of Two Ton Tony Galento, Ron Stander, froze Joe a couple of times. Does anyone else ever get this idea about different fighters? How about Quarry? Roberto Duran seemed to show it a little, I think.

Roadscholarette, Does Bobby Quarry show no damage whatsoever on his MRI exams? I have no idea. All I know is Bobby is coherent and he has said he is not damaged from the ring. I would say most people would say George Foreman has not suffered major damage from the ring but would George Foreman show no damage at all? Maybe some damage would show up but he is still together mentally and I would say the same thing about Bobby. My point is that when people think about punch drunk fighters, they don't usually think about Foreman falling into that catagory and that any inclusion of Bobby Quarry into that group is unwarranted or pre-mature. I hope the latter is not the case.

Of course I am not around him often but from what I have seen, he is functioning well mentally. Would I recommend Bobby going back into the ring? No way, given that his family has a history of being damaged in the ring. Why tempt fate? But I would also not recommend that Jonathan Quarry, Jerry's youngest son, not go into the ring for the same reason even though Jonathan is a big strapping young man who seems to be the most likely candidate to carry on the Quarry legacy in the ring. Jonathan, of course would show no damage from the ring as he has not, as far as I know, ever boxed.

Recently Bobby and Jack Quarry, the father of the Quarry clan, were interviewed by a man from New York who posted here asking how he could get in touch of Bobby. I got him in touch with Bobby and helped set up the interview. I think this man, who's name escapes me without scrolling down through the posts, would verify that Bobby does not seem damaged. Apparently this man is a free lance journalist and he is looking for a magazine to publish the article. Several years ago, about the time that TJQF started, this man also interviewed James Quarry. I think it is the interview that appeared in Ring magazine and/or People magazine.

I know some people are not going to agree with this statement, but I think w/ one clean shot Jerry hit harder than Frazier. Frazier could be hurt, I think Ali would have stopped him in their 2nd fight had the referee Perez not interfered. |
Regarding your question about fighters ability to take punches, I always thought the skull and how the brain is encased in it was key to how well a fighter takes a punch. A skull with certain thickness and perhaps some other component that cushions the brain has always been my hunch as to that. Consider how different locations on the head when hit effect a fighter i.e. a temple hit where skull is very thin usually causes balance problems (so perhaps a thicker skull in that area would make brain safer), a chin hit probably most likely to knock out fighter because of direct non cushioned impact to whole brain (its known that a mouthpiece helps absorb impact so maybe some fighters have bone structure in jaw region that either absorbs impact or doesn't transmit force directly to the brain).<br>Abount fighters having a diminished ability to take a punch over time, i think they do become more vulnerable with age both from the "brain" angle and losing reflexs to defend from punches. Its well known the effects of trauma on the brain is cumulative so it would seem to follow that the brain would be more sensitive over time.<br>Having said that, its hard to judge when this change is going on, because I think certain fighters hit in a certain way that somefighters are sensitive to and some are not. An example: Jimmy Ellis knocked Bonavena down and hurt him badly and Ellis was a blown up middle weight. Joe Frazier hit Oscar with everything but a sledge hammer and never dropped him. On the other hand Ellis hit Frazier as hard as he could and Joe laughed at him.Also you got to consider that fighters are human like everyone else and just might be having a bad night. <br>As far as Foreman beating a younger Frazier I think Frazier was made to order for Big George...he'd beat him 10 out of 10 times. <br>I have a question for the board if anyone cares to answer..would you let your son (or daughter now) compete in boxing on either an amateur or professional level? If not what would you say to try to dissuade them? | 9/8/03 11:40:35

AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Kent - well, let's hope Robert remains free of problems, or perhaps finds another line of work? He isn't the fighter Jerry was anyway, is he? It really does seem as if the problems of the Quarry boys goes quite a ways towards proving that some genetic makeups have more of a tendency towards damage than others. Intensity of problems also seem to have been in synch with tenacity and longevity in their careers - Jerry's was the longest, most ferocious, and he had the most problems, followed by Mike, in a lighter division, with not the number of fights, not the same monster opponents, or as agressive a style, therefore ~fewer~ problems (though it seems he's had a fair amount of bad times too).<br>Paul - in his prime, I don't think there were many guys ever who hit as hard as Frazier, though in his case, this was not the last thing to leave him, as is usually the case. Whereas Foreman continued to club people into submission in his second career, he was much slower (and fatter, which could have been a lot of the reason for the slowdown). Frazier, on the other hand, in his last fight against a punching bag named Jumbo Cummings, still had most of the nifty footwork, the fast bobs and weaves, and was just as hard to hit, but his punches had lost a lot of their smoke. He hit Cummings flush (not hard to do) several times, with little effect.<br>Ed - there's not a lot of difference between a "thick" and a "thin" skull, though I suppose certain unknown structures could have an effect in making a fighter durable. I think the psychological component is huge, but I also think there may be a lot of brain chemistry factors - which we don't completely understand yet - at work. I also think as the brain is repeatedly damaged, little by little, it becomes less able to handle anything, from normal functioning, to trauma. Even though the physiology is different, it would be something like part of the heart muscle dying after a heart attack, and the heart not being quite as strong, depending on the severity of the attack. I still think the Frazier of '71 would have taken George, but you could be right too. Joe wasn't going to change his spots much on what had always worked for him. He'd ravaged so many opponents up till the time he fought Foreman, that I
think he believed he was invincible. It's possible that the fierce beating Ali gave him, even though he lost, could have rendered JF less able to cope with future beatings, and shots to the head. He stood up well in Manila though, succumbing more to facial swelling than to Ali's punches, per se. Blind that he was in his left eye, it's possible that Ali could have put him down in the 15th, with a right Frazier never would have seen. Some rumors say Ali wouldn't have come out for the fifteenth, but I don't believe that. As demolished as both were at that point, it could have almost hinged on luck. Would Ali have landed one too many rights, or would Frazier's left have gotten through one more time? Whichever happened could have determined things in a final round that never was.<br><br>Some good comments on Joe Frazier, whose physical stature, like Marciano, would determine what type of fighter he would become. Joe was very savvy in the ring, very tough, and and came forward with a lot of intensity, a huge puncher. Jerry loved a good fight also, of course, but could have boxed Joe better and had a real chance to defeat him, instead of giving Joe two great bouts. Even in watching JQ against Chuvalo, he could not just box an opponent and take the easier road. A puncher brought out the fight in him and he would trade with him rather than box and counterpunch, you couldn't do that with Joe, unless you were a punching mountain like Foreman. Even though George was clearly better in his matchup with Joe, I still prefer Joe to George all-time, especially when Joe's bouts with Ali are considered. I don't think Foreman could have challenged Ali to that degree. Of course, I'm glad to hear Mike and Robert are doing well. I'd wish nothing else for any ex-boxer. This talk of skull compression and MRIs only again goes to boxing's loud need for some type of head gear or protection. Since boxing is clearly not going to go away, as some have wished, something or some organization needs to step up and care what happens to former and current boxers. Football players have helmuts, hockey goalies have masks, even baseball hitters have helmuts. When does the boxer get something?<br><br>Re head guards: these are somewhat effective, but still won't protect against torqueing, collision injuries. Beyond that, as I commented to someone in email, I wonder about boxing fans. Most say they like to see skill, but do they really, totally? A skillful fight is great, but fight fans like Manilas too. How many would take two really sharp guys putting on a brilliant display of boxing, all padded up, as opposed to a Foreman-Lyle, or Thrilla? I agree that most people, even fans of the real "science" want to see smashmouth boxing with headshots and KOs. But I have to tell you, back in the 70's, as a young fan, I loved watching Jimmy Young and Eddie Gregory (later, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad) take opponents to school on crafty boxing, defense, counter punching,
and scoring heavily with relatively light hitting, but lots of piling up the points. For example, watching Young outbox Foreman was amazing. And I watched Eddie Gregory pitch shutouts, winning just about every round by pure boxing technique.<br>But the caveman in me loves watching someone like Foreman plow through an opponent, intimidate them and drop them in two rounds. It's why Tyson's fights were so compelling. I have to say, Michael Spinks was beaten before the bell started the fight. If you watch that "fight" (all one minute of it), Tyson knocked Spinks out with punches that weren't as destructive as other people hit Spinks with, and certainly far fewer clean punches than Holmes or Cooney landed on Spinks. But the fact of the matter is that Spinks was scared to death of Tyson and in my mind, took a knee early to avoid being pounded out.<br>Also, before we ban boxing, we should take a closer look at the "Tough Man" competitions. Has anyone heard of the recent case in Florida where a 31 year old woman (mother of two) was killed in a match? The girl she was fighting was I think younger and more athletic (even though she was lighter weight). Anyway, I didn't see the fight, but heard about it on two different radio programs. Apparently, it was a total mismatch and lasted into the third round. The lady was being hit by brutal punches to the head, even turned around and tried to run from the attack but the other woman followed her and hit her from behind, very hard. She collapsed and later died.<br>Several men have also been killed in these competitions, because the matches are lopsided and not regulated safely. It bothers me that the line blurs and good boxing is lumped together with sideshows like the toughman contests. I have to admit to watching one on TV---and it was like a train wreck---you know you shouldn't look but you can't help being interested. |
| Have to disagree with you ,Road'ette. Jerry clearly, to me at least, was a better boxer than Joe, and his combination of aggressive counterpunching and slugging had Joe behind early in both fights. He made Joe pick it up a gear and put the less-conditioned Quarry away in fight I. A wicked body shot badly hurt Jerry in fight II, or Jerry would have had a chance to win by boxing Joe, who he hit often. Don't agree Jerry was better boxer than Ali, especially defensively. I do think Jerry was actually a better athlete, as his 'Superstars' performances indicate. Ali had a birth defect in his left foot, which hindered him not at all in the ring, but kept out of other sports, I believe. Guys, can you confirm this for me?|
| Both Joe Frazier and Earnie Shavers reached the peak of their careers in 1971. A fight between these two guys, in that year, would have been a war ! The winner ? It's hard to decide but... I have to say Joe !|
| I think Shavers reached his peak much later than 1971---probably around 1977 or even later. He became a more patient fighter, better conditioned to be effective later into a fight and able to pace himself. He also overcame management problems and fought with more determination. In 1971, I think Shavers was more of a brawler/raw puncher with very limited technique.<br>By the mid to late 70's, he was much more focused and experienced. In a 1971 fight, Frazier would win by middle round TKO because Earnie would run out of gas. But a 1971 Frazier vs. a 1977 Shavers might be more interesting. I could see Shavers being much more selective with his punches, waiting for openings that would allow for bombs to land on Frazier. I still would have to pick Frazier to pull it out, but with significantly more problems. But as in any Earnie Shavers bout, he'd have a punchers chance. If he managed to connect hard on Frazier like Foreman did, you never know how it would have played out. I think Foreman was much more relentless. After the first knockdown of Frazier, he became a killer and started bouncing Joe around the ring. I'm not so sure Shavers could make it
look so easy.  

Have to disagree with you, Road'ette. Jerry clearly, to me at least, was a better boxer than Joe, and his combination of aggressive counterpunching and slugging had Joe behind early in both fights. I think Jerry was a more complete fighter than Joe (and Ali), though not better in the ring, fighting. Practice of fundamentals vs execution, IOW. Quarry did everything right fundamentally. Can anyone find a flaw in his skills? I do see Frazier as the harder puncher, and he was faster. His jooka-jooka, grinding, give a punch, bob a punch, slip a punch, whap a punch was a style like the word "boxing" sounds. Frazier rarely won early rounds (which would have been Mike Tyson's best, and probably only chance to take him). Quarry forced Joe to shift into high gear in the first round of their first fight, one that Jerry won anyway. He made Joe pick it up a gear and put the less-conditioned Quarry away in fight I. A wicked body shot badly hurt Jerry in fight II, or Jerry would have had a chance to win by boxing Joe, who he hit often. I dunno about that. By the time of the body punch, Frazier had clicked into that deadly rhythm, and it wasn't too long after that that Joe actually backed away from JQ, waiting for the uncertain Joe Louis to stop the fight, which people in the crowd were yelling for him to do. Frazier took Quarry seriously, but I think this would have always turned out, in ten times, with about the same results as Frazier-Foreman. Don't agree Jerry was better boxer than Ali, especially defensively. Ali had better native physical talent, but not considering that, I think on a neutral checklist of what each did right and what they did wrong, Quarry would have come out ahead. He just couldn't execute on the same level Ali could. A fighter with less talent than Ali would have found himself in real trouble, and often. I do think Jerry was actually a better athlete, as his 'Superstars' performances indicate. Ali had a birth defect in his left foot, which hindered him not at all in the ring, but kept out of other sports, I believe. Guys, can you confirm this for me? I never knew that about his foot. I read once that Knicks players were impressed by Ali's natural physical giftedness. I don't think Ali ever did anything else, though I think he would have been good at most sports he dedicated himself to to the degree that he did boxing. My husband said the same was true with Frazier (who also did nothing else, sports-wise) in the Super Stars - he darned near drowned in the pool. Didn't Jerry play other sports? Bodies build up memories, and the more things a person does, the more well rounded they become - like the old saying about learning to ride a bicycle. You never forget how. Frazier vs Shavers? Joe, no question. Shavers had the Big One, but nothing else that could have competed on a level with the vast array of things Frazier would have brought to the fight. Jerry did have some flaws, technically. He held his hands too low at times and he also stood too upright for a short fighter in some of his fights. But it is true he had more skills than most of the general public thought he had. He was not just some brawler who only could go toe to toe and hope for the best. I don't agree that Foreman would beat Frazier ten out of ten times. Joe just got caught early and he never recovered in the first fight and in the second fight Joe was a shell of his former self. To have a chance to beat Foreman, a fighter
would have to hit George hard early in the fight to gain George's respect. Joe, although he did land one left hook early the fight number one, never really connected good on Foreman. Both Ali and Ron Lyle hurt George and let him know he was in for a tough fight early in their fights with George. Yes George fought back hard in both of these fights but he knew he could be in danger himself and that did a lot towards Ali's victory and Lyle's near victory. If Frazier had hit Foreman with the kind of left hooks he hit Ali in the first Ali/Frazier fight or the hooks he hit Jerry and Jimmy Ellis in those fights, the fight with Foreman could have turned out differently or at least not as one sided. It could have very well been a two sided brawl with the winner hard to determine. After all, Lyle was a big hitter but was he really that much more of a slugger than Joe was at his best? If Lyle could hurt Foreman, than why not Joe? I don't think anyone can deny the fact that Joe hit very hard. 

Kent's post made me stop to think about Foreman-Frazier in a different way. I'm one of the people that has said Foreman would beat Frazier 10 out of 10 times, and I based it on the total destruction of Frazier the first fight, and relative ease of Foreman's win in the return match. But as Kent pointed out, Frazier wasn't the same fighter by the time they met for the second time as his punches weren't as lethal and he was older. While Foreman pummeled Joe in the first fight, it doesn't mean that he could accomplish it time after time. I still believe that styles make fights, and Foreman had Frazier's number, but after rethinking it, I think Frazier was a great champion who would find a way to beat Foreman if the circumstances were right. As I recall, in the second fight, Joe put together one or two decent rounds, winning one of the rounds clearly. If he could have survived into the middle rounds (7,8,9) of a 15 round title bout in '72, he would have better stamina than Foreman and maybe stole the fight. I have to say though, in the first fight, whatever offense Frazier tried to generate was shaken off very easily by Foreman, who just kept blasting away. Foreman almost seemed annoyed that Frazier would dare think he could land punches against Big George.
not given enough credit for their overall physical strength. I'm not talking about punching power. I mean the kind of overall, leg, back, shoulder and arm strength that allowed Ali to clinch and hold with big fighters so that they couldn't get free. He could grab a fighter behind the neck, and pull his head and upper body parallel to the floor, and keep him there until the ref. broke it up. Many of his longer fights resulted in his opponent succumbing to exhausting and accumulative damage from his reportedly not very hard punches.

Angelo, in Foreman/Frazier 1 where was Frazier's offense? Except for one token left hook early in the first round, Frazier had no offense for Foreman to show disdain for as he was knocked down and badly hurt early in the round. In fact, I don't think Joe should have been allowed out of his corner for round two. No fight, even if for the heavyweight championship of the world, is worth getting killed for.

So we don't know if Foreman could have handled Joe's offense of not. I repeat, I still think if Lyle was capable of hurting Foreman and for that matter Ali was capable of hurting Foreman, than Frazier had the power to hurt Foreman too if given the chance. Foreman never let him in the fight.

Jerry did stay a bit erect a lot of the time. Frazier's bobbing and weaving wouldn't have been natural for him, but some of it wouldn't have hurt him. He seemed to do a decent job of keeping his hands up and in good position, with the exception of those times when he got really hot. On that subject, it's interesting that Frazier utilized one of the two main techniques boxers are taught when they're beginning, to keep their hands up. He'd tap his own head when his hands - more his right than his left - began to drift down. Joe was like Jerry in that respect - the hotter the pace, the lower his hands would go. Sometimes, only his arrhythmic bobbing and weaving kept a good counter from landing.

In his autobiography, Frazier says that he didn't feel right leading up to his fight with Foreman, whether from the high blood pressure, the heat, whatever. Possibly he was feeling some effects of his first fight with Ali. I don't think he looked in top shape, nor did I sense the usual intensity. Anything solid he landed on George was obviously not enough. I know lots of fighters make excuses, but Frazier never was one of those. He was about as un-crybaby as they come. During one of the many interviews after Manila, he issued one of the best tough guy remarks of all times. Asked if he was ever hurt, he replied, sincerely, "No, I wouldn't say that I was hurt. I just couldn't see the man!" Priceless!

When I said I thought Foreman could beat Frazier 10 out of 10 times I didn't mean to denigrate Joe Frazier. There's no question he's an all time great heavyweight champion. It's just that George was great at handling shorter fighters. He probably had the hardest jab of any heavy and Joe was just to easy to hit with it. Also he easily pushed Frazier back (illegal and was warned for it but its going to happen) to set up his bombs. The second fight where Frazier shaved his head for psych tactic, Joe's more defensive style only extended the fight a few rounds.

There were some fighters that Joe could beat and Foreman couldn't, such as Ali. I can't imagine Jimmy Young beating Frazier either. One other thing about Foreman, I think its safe to say no one will ever beat his record as oldest man to win heavyweight championship.

Why didn't Foreman use his jab against Ali'? That was a big mistake! If he had won that fight, now I would be remembered as the greatest heavyweight of all times (after Carnera, Damiani and Erminio Spalla, of course...). Anyway, I rank him in the top 3 ever.

A great big man is gonna beat a great little man every time. Give me an example of where
I'm wrong. Remember I said a GREAT big man and a Great little man. Example was Foreman/Frazier, two great fighters.

I have an example in mind: Sam Langford was great and beat many great fighters like George Godfrey, Sam McVey etc. Of course, it was a lot of time ago! Mike Tyson (great? Bah, probably...) could be another example! Anyway, your rule is true very often!

Well, it's a bizarre theory if you think about it: When a little man beats a big man, suddenly, the big man goes from being great to just good. If the big man wins, it's a case of great big man beats great little man. If the little man wins, the big man's reputation is tarnished, and then you say that the big man might not have been so great after all! I always thought Jess Willard was a respected Champion, until Jack Demsey (little man) cleaned his clock---then Willard wasn't so great anymore!

On another topic, we always talk about the great heavyweights of the 70's. One very good and underrated fighter of the 80's was Tim Witherspoon. He's a "would have been, could have been/should have been" if ever there was one. I always thought he had sweet boxing moves and a good, solid punch and also, he seemed to come into his fights in very fine condition. I don't know why he didn't get the matches that would have positioned him to be a dominant fighter of his era. I've read and heard that Don King blackballed him, but who really knows? Also, I'm no Don King defender, but you have to hand it to him: He promoted most of the great fights we talk about, he promoted one of the highest grossing concert tours of its time and he's managed to beat the rap whenever he's been in trouble. In short, for all the things everyone says he's doing wrong, he must be doing something right to always end up in the right place at the right time.

I have a copy (poor quality, but a copy nonetheless) of Sonny Liston vs. Chuck Wepner. It took place in 1970. Does anyone know if this was Liston's last fight?

Don King is an example with what is wrong with America. That money can sometimes buy anything, even freedom from jail. King, years ago, beat a man to death for 600 dollars. King was a loan shark and the man owed him the money. King, by the way, outweighed the man by 100 pounds. He was originally charged with second degree murder but the charge somehow was downgraded to manslaughter. He served 2 years and he was suddenly pardoned by the outgoing governor of, I believe, Ohio. So King killed a man for "blood" money and it is now not part of his record. Were there payoffs involved? I don't know for sure but I think there very well might have been. ONLY IN AMERICA, HUH DON?!
reach out of the grass and grab an athlete at any time, and remind him
that he's begun to turn into an ordinary man. Holyfield's been fighting pro
almost 20 years, and some began to decline a decade earlier
than EH's age now.<br>Toney is a real puncher, and is
skillful and quick too, not just some plodding dummy who can
knock something down only if it stands still.<br>I'll go with
Holyfield, whom I place in the top ten of all time great heavyweights. He'll
be in shape, he'll have a good plan, Toney can't show anything
Evander hasn't seen, and unless the monkey is the fourth man
in the ring, he should win.|
compared to this guy you mention. The biggest bouncer I ever saw was one at a
place called Mother's in the club district in Chicago - he was 6'8" and weighed
close to 300. I read where Andre the Giant once drank 124 beers in one night,
and could pick up the back end of a car. Even he's smaller than your man! LOL!|

Don't exaggerate! That were just 117 cases! I advice you to look at the Calvin Lane.com. There is a
photo with Lane and Shaq! I would sell my mother to know how tall was Andre the
Giant exactly and I love my mother very much! They say he was 7'4" but I can't
believe... What's your opinion about ?|

Both Foreman and Tyson fought Holyfield. Foreman, against a 1991 version of Holyfield,
better than Tyson, against a 1996 version of Holyfield. This is worthy of attention! Foreman is bigger than Tyson, is more powerful, has a better jab! Maybe even Foreman II was better than Tyson (Tyson after jail), Foreman I would have destroyed Tyson in 2 rounds, in my opinion! May you go into that story of Liston taking 5 person in the street? I'm a Liston fan and this is very exciting to me.

| 9/11/03 03:11:35 PM | Gerry Schultz | Cleveland, Ohio | jgschultz21@msn.com | Massimo, I do not give Holyfield credit for beating Tyson. He deliberately headbutted him in both fights, he also got away with an amazing amount of clinching. Tyson, who is arguably boxing's all-time villain, was the champ no one wanted, Holyfield buffalocked a lot of people into thinking he was the "Real Deal". But he was not a good enough boxer to beat Tyson, he had to cheat. Tyson realized no one would call a fair match for him in that second fight and took matters in his own hands (teeth) to defend himself. Do not agree Foreman's power was better than Tyson. If a 1973 Foreman met a 1987 Tyson, the quicker Tyson would knock the defensively-poorer Foreman out. Holyfield, who won the title when a 246-pound Buster Douglas took a dive, will always be overrated to me, though he was an outstanding fighter. A match at 200 lbs. between him and JQ would, to me, be a very interesting match.

| 9/11/03 03:17:20 PM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | MORE ON LISTON: I remember reading that Ali recently said that Liston was the scariest guy he ever fought.

| 9/11/03 03:27:21 PM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadsholarette@hotmail.com | Massimo - I'll do some research and see if I can find out any more on that business with the five guys in the street. It was part of an article I read years ago about Sonny, when he "worked" for the unions. While I doubt any of the guys he took were wearing gay pride buttons, at the same time, a man with Liston's size, athletic ability, and devastating punch, could have taken them one-five, one punch each, when he landed.

| 9/11/03 04:29:51 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | Roadscholarette: Your musings on Liston remind us what a force he was. It also reaffirms Ali's greatness---handling Liston's powerful style in the first fight. Liston was the odds-on favorite and had the killer reputation, but when they got in the ring, it's funny how Clay looked so much younger, leaner, faster and even stronger. He made Sonny look like an over the hill old man, and I don't think that was the case. In a way, it reminds me, on some level, of how Buster Douglas shattered the Tyson mystique. Douglas was bigger, heavier and his jab just kept pounding on Tyson. Tyson did hurt him, but it was a bump in the road and Douglas picked back up on dismantling Tyson. It was another case of a bully meeting someone who wasn't afraid to mix it up. That Liston-Wepner match is interesting to watch. It doesn't have sound and it's an old black and white film. Looks like it was shot Super 8 or something. Wepner wasn't a quality opponent I admit---but Liston still showed that he had something left. It's amazing to me that Liston, by 1970, could still fight on that level. I never saw the Leotis Martin fight---how bad did Liston look? I wonder how a 1969-70 Liston-Frazier match would have turned out? Liston could still hit hard.

| 9/11/03 04:50:48 PM | Massimo | Rome | gg | Thanks RS, but don't worry for Liston's story...Andre's height is more important (ah! ah!)! Calvin Lane is lucky that Dallas is so far from Rome...If not I 'd go there with my 5'6" 128 lbs giant body to smash his face! Everybody keep saying how big Calvin Lane is... That sucker is nothing! I'm too fast for him! Ali' clinched often against Frazier (especially in the second fight) and Foreman and he is ranked among the best ever...

| 9/11/03 05:00:21 PM | Gerry | NYC | gerry333@msn.com | There wasn't a single moment in the two Holyfield-Tyson fights in which it seems to me Tyson could hurt Holyfield. Thanks!
I never watched the Liston-Martin fight but i have read the comment in this site...Liston was dominating the fight, winning almost all the rounds but suddenly...Took a great one-two combination to the jaw !

Liston was a victim of his own success. He had 3 1 round k o's going into the Clay fight and everyone had him listed as the greatest ever, especially after the second ko of Patterson. Patterson of course was a sheltered fighter and a nice guy but he never gave the contenders of his era a chance. Zora Folley, Cleveland Williams, Eddie Machen among others never got a chance at Floyd. So against Liston he folded quickly. So you have a heavyweight champion that literally tore the division apart, K O'd Cleveland Williams after taking everything Williams could throw, and Williams was considered the hardest hitter of that era, went though a prime Zora Folley like nothing, made Eddie Machen run for 12 rounds which showed Liston had legs for a long fight then he ko's the champ in 1 round twice. Liston also had the tools of a great champion, his best tool was his 84 inch reach on a 6'1 frame. He could boom his jab out of nowhere and take a fighter out with it.

Meanwhile Ali has a very close fight with Doug Jones that Liston watched and came away with the opinion that he'd be another easy match for him. So Liston goes into the fight over confident (and ageing, many think he was much older then his listed age of 32...he had no birth certificate) against a fighter just coming into his prime, and Liston gets beaten...it makes Clay a superstar and sets him up as a hero for that generation. Could a slightly younger and better trained Liston beat Ali? My guess is probably not, because although Liston had great boxing tools he lacked the 1 thing needed to beat Ali...great speed.
MORE ON LISTON: I saw the Liston-Leotis Martin fight and Liston was winning up until he got kayoed. Liston even scored a knockdown earlier in the fight. Liston reached his prime way before he even became champion. If you ever see films of him against Williams or Nino Valdez you would see what I mean. Liston was the prototype of today's big heavyweight who also has skills. Patterson represented the previous generation of smaller heavies who weighed under 200 lbs and came up short when the two eras met. REGARDING Patterson-Bonavena- I saw the fight live and scored it a draw. Bonavena was still having trouble with his left hand which had been operated on twice. 

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As a lifelong Ali fan, my heart tells me that he indeed hit Liston with the "Phantom" punch in that second fight, that landed flush on the buzzer and KOed Liston. But my MIND tells me that Sonny might have taken a dive. I'm not saying Ali was in on it, but maybe Sonny was paid off or threatened--or didn't think he could overcome Ali's speed and youth and didn't want to take another beating. He took a legitimate punch, but only one, and took a dive. I simply don't see how this punch could have really KOed a guy like Liston--super tough and willing to mix it up with anyone. <br>On the topic of Teo Stevenson of Cuba: He might have DEVELOPED into a good pro had he been able to go that route--but at his very best as an amateur, even in Cuba where he trained like a pro and was treated like one, he would be walked over by most Top 10 pro heavyweight fighters of his era. People were so impressed that he KOed Bobick and Tate, but these guys weren't even pros at the time. You put Teo at his best in with a guy like Foreman or Mike Tyson and he'd be knocked out in one round. Frazier, Quarry, Shavers, Lyle, Ali, Ellis, the list goes on and on. These guys would make him look silly. You don't spend your life training for 3 rounds against 18-20 year old amateurs then step in against an Earnie Shavers in his mid-late 20's, who has had 50+ pro fights and ended most by KO. And Shavers isn't even at the top of my list.

Hey, R.S. your depiction of a bully is very accurate. The old idea of a bully just needing to be stood up to is why we are having shootings in schools. Inside the ring, there are no bullies. Both men enter the ring willingly. Both men are trained, professional fighters. That's a far cry from being threatened or physically abused by someone much larger and stronger than yourself. Outside the ring, telling a kid who's 5'6" tall and weighs in at 135 lbs. to just "stand up to the bully", who's 6' tall and 185 lbs, is asking to get your kid sent to the hospital! Their are some very real, large, strong, mean, possibly psychopathic people out there, but not many in pro sports. Although Warren Sapp does spring to mind.

Supposedly, Liston said he was just doing what he was told, re the Ali fights. The second one was pretty bad, almost as bad as Jack Johnson (against Jeffries) shading his eyes with his gloves, then getting up when the count reached 10. I've seen slow mo that does indicate that Ali made contact with a very short, and I think weak, punch. However, I've seen other fighters staggered by very short punches that didn't look like much on replay. Look at Ali-Frazier 1. The punch in the 15th round came from down home, and Ali was up immediately, and fighting back hard at the end of the round. In the 11th though, when he was reeling around like a guy ready to fall off a surfboard, he was hit with two real short, and spaced out blows, to start things off.<br>Who knows if those fights were fixed? If we assume they were though, wouldn't we have to assume a lot more, possibly all were? Not that I don't think a fight's never been crooked, but it'd be hard to take any of them seriously and enjoy the sport at all once we started down that road.

I think Liston was hit with a good punch in the second Ali fight but he wasn't hurt that badly. Jersey Joe Walcott did a poor job of refereeing and he didn't send Ali to the neutral corner. Next, Walcott leaves the fighters to check with the time keeper to see what the count was and the fighters start fighting again. What Walcott should have done is insist Ali go to a corner and not start the count until Ali obeyed. I think Liston stayed down because Ali was acting like a nut and Walcott didn't have control over Ali, that Liston wasn't sure if Ali would hit him while he was down or not. It is when Walcott returns to the fighters that he signals Liston had been down for more than ten seconds and the fight is over. My point is, if Walcott had control of the ring like a good...
referee is supposed to, Liston would have gotten up before the count of ten and the fight would have continued. |

Hey, R.S. your depiction of a bully is very accurate. The old idea of a bully just needing to be stood up to is why we we are having shootings in schools. Yes, and this is why I have reservations about kids and martial arts. If the child needs this because of unwillingness to fight, then it isn’t going to help. If it’s because of a size difference, size is wayy more deciding in kids than it is in grown men, so martial arts may help, or not, but quite likely not. I think martial arts can have the potential for getting a kid in a situation he’s unsuited to handle (even then). Inside the ring, there are no bullies. Both men enter the ring willingly. Both men are trained, professional fighters. That’s true. Even in one sided contests, Ali was not a bully to beat up Wepner, Holmes for doing the same to Cobb, Frazier to Daniels, of Foreman to those five lumberjacks he fought on one night. There are cases where fighters are bullies in real life, but this is rare, and much rarer than for the population at large. Most fighters are very sweet, nice guys away from the ring. They sure have nothing to prove, unlike a guy in the street who might. Their are some very real, large, strong, mean, possibly psychopathic people out there, but not many in pro sports. Although Warren Sapp does Such had better cool it. The football field has many ways of dealing with hotdogs and guys who go around talking about how bad they are. Look at what happened to Fred Williamson and Brian Bosworth, among others. The real tough ones let their performance do their talking for them, just as in the ring.

Entertaining that the training scenes were in the Rocky movies, most fighters wouldn’t do a lot of the things shown, some very silly, such as chasing a chicken. Ali commented that the only chickens he ever saw in his camp were on the dinner table! :-) However, the weight training does go on now, more and more. The old myth that  weight training will make a fighter “muscle bound and slow” is finally starting to die out. As an adjunct to boxing specific training, weights will strengthen a fighter, build endurance and cardiovascular capacity, and do nothing to affect flexibility. I’ve asked people who saw these competitions, but no one knows what Frazier and Quarry pressed (actually more of a clean and jerk). As a minimum, the NFL likes a man to be able to bench press his body weight at least 10 times, and most can go way beyond this. The football players always won this event of course, given their size and the brutal weightlifting programs all players take part in. However, if this is true that Joe and Jerry put up 220 and 200, this is very impressive. First, it’s about what they weighed, and second, weights weren’t the biggest part of their training. BTW, does anyone know why Ali had a doctor, Ferdie Pacheco, in his camp? No other fighter did this. Did he have medical problems we know nothing about? Was he on prescription drugs? I know he shot up his hands with
novocain, but I wonder if there was more? This just seems odd, is all. | 9/12/03 06:02:22 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|R.S. You haven't taken up the potential discussion on women's boxing. What do you think of my archaic way of thinking? You sound to inteligent to truly enjoy getting punched in the face as a form of stress manegment. I may seem like an old fart to you, but I would much rather see superior woman athletes participating in tennis, soccer, track and field, baseball, gymnastics, and any other sport the beautiful female form can excell at. Just please not boxing! I just don't wan't to watch women, pretty or not pretty, get punched. Don't you think this exhibitionism will weaken the effort to curtail violence towards women? | 9/12/03 08:13:03 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|R.S. Finally, a subject I do know a little something about. A 200LB., EVEN A CLEAN AND JERK, would still translate into about a 250-275lb. bench press. Any bodyweight "standing press", NOT a jerk movement, shows phenomenal upper body strenth. I saw the superstar competitions. I just don't remember them very clearly. I do, however, remember Quarry I think winning the home run hitting contest. You know, I can't help thinking, how wonderful life must have been for him at that time. | 9/12/03 10:32:03 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Steve - <br><br>My remark about it actually being more of a clean and jerk may have seemed to dilute and minimize the lifts, but really wasn't meant to. There isn't any doubt both guys were remarkably strong. What would they have been like if they lifted like football players do? Wow! I could see Quarry winning the homerun contest. He wasn't as fast as Ali, but that doesn't mean he wasn't fast, especially when compared to ordinary people, and my guess is that this same giftedness translated into swinging a bat. I've seen a lot of real power hitters in softball who have little buggy whip arms, but they strike out like snakes, with every bit as much snap as a crisp puncher. <br><br>I sent you an email about female boxing, but I'll put some of the ideas out here too. I've sparred before, to get the full range of my favorite sport (and probably to prove something too!) looking like the Michelin man, I was so padded, and I don't do real well when hit. I become furious, and lose my cool, and I wouldn't do it professionally unless I could make a ~lot~ of money, which will come the way of a small minority of the girls with great talent, names, via pay per view. For peanuts, the soreness and headaches aren't worth it. The good women boxers were most likely talented in other sports, some are looking for excitement, equality, money, are proving something to themselves or someone else, are mean, are doing it to please someone, or for reasons we can only guess at. Actually, other than equality, these are the main reasons men fight. <br><br>They'll never attain the same status as the men because of part of the reason so many people watch boxing - the "Manila factor" - and the accolades women receive will be accompanied by the bitter, implied, "for a girl" qualifiers. Fights will be stopped sooner, which will infuriate the women, and the PR will be horrific when punchy women start appearing, or pre-fight pretty faces appear in sports pages looking like they fought ~Muhammed~ Ali, rather than Laila. It's a sport that won't go away, but will never attain more than cult status, and this will be because of the gender of the participants. <br> | 9/13/03 01:34:42 AM|Ed|Cicero n y||Mooseygoop@aol.com||||10|Massimo: Concerning Floyd Patterson...Yes he did loosen up and fight better fighters after he lost his title...part of his problem was an overly protective Cus D'Amato (of Mike Tyson fame). He knew Floyds limitations and managed him accordingly. Floyd actually defended his title against a guy who was fighting his first professional fight (and got knocked down), Pete Rademacher. He totally log jammed the division for about 3 years, won title in 1956 and didn't fight top fighter till 1959 and lost (Ingo Johansson). <br><br>RS Jack Johnson was shading his eyes after going down against Jess Willard not Jim Jefferies...it was a scorching hot day in Cuba that day I was there! lol Just kidding about
that part.<br><br>About second Ali/Liston fight...it might have been a dive by Sonny but consider this...Liston was hit coming in early in fight and not warmed up at all...it looked fake and i think Sonny could have done better job and have made it look real if the fix was in...Liston was on his feet and fighting when Walcott stopped fight...and Ali alwasys seemed to have magic in his right hand.<br><br>| 9/13/03 01:36:03 AM|Wendell Carruthers|Oakland, CA||chick18f662@aol.com||||10|Oscar De La Hoya over Shane Mosley tomorrow by 8th round KO. <br>| 9/13/03 02:06:36 AM|J Macias|Pico Union, LA C/S OG||jmacias18ST@aol.com||||6|OSCAR IN ! ! ! ! ! ! ! MOSLEY ES UNA PUTA!!!!!!<br><br>| 9/13/03 02:20:44 AM|Tomato Can Dan|Oberlin, Ohio||jttruax59@aol.com||||10|I don't think so, J. Shane beat your man last time in a close fight. Shane is younger and thirsting for greater recognition. The hungrier fighter usually wins, when the matchup is pretty equal. Oscar is a little past his prime. I see an action fight, maybe a war, probably Mosley coming out on top, likely a late TKO or decision. Two excellent fighters. Could even be a dead heat. Shane says I'm a better boxer than Oscar. We'll see. |<br><br>| 9/13/03 02:35:52 AM|Bruno Celia|Paterson, NJ||celiab57@yahoo.com||||10|Not so fast. Don't underestimate Oscar. He's way smarter than most fighters, even most champions. Their last fight was an upset where Shane operated above his head. Oscar scored all night with his left hook off the jab and manhandled Shane at least in the middle rounds. Shane tends to punch himself out and takes too many punches coming in. No one fighting in 2003 is as patient as Oscar, who waits for his pitch like Ted Williams. Better killer instinct, too, and never beats himself emotionally. Mosley is no whore but I have to go along with J Macias -- Oscar maybe in the middle rounds, probably a stop. I'll be at the fight in the nosebleed section. |<br><br>| 9/13/03 05:56:02 AM|Massimo|Rome||gg||||10|ABOUT STEVENSON: Francesco Damiani beat Teofilo Stevenson in Monaco in May 1982. Damiani was fat, but was a good boxer.<br>He was unlucky against Ray Mercer in 1991. <br>Who is better between Damiani and Carnera, in your opinion. I have a matchup for you: Joe Frazier vs Vitali Klitschko prime vs prime|<br><br>| 9/13/03 05:56:18 AM|Massimo|Rome||gg||||10|ABOUT STEVENSON: Francesco Damiani beat Teofilo Stevenson in Monaco in May 1982. Damiani was fat, but was a good boxer.<br>He was unlucky against Ray Mercer in 1991. <br>Who is better between Damiani and Carnera, in your opinion? I have a matchup for you: Joe Frazier vs Vitali Klitschko prime vs prime|<br><br>| 9/13/03 08:06:58 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Ed --<br><br>Oh, good Lord, what a stupid mistake! Blush. I knew it was Willard, but my mind was distractedly thinking White Hope, which Jeffires got saddled with.<br>I think a dive in the second Liston was very possible, although what Angelo said about Liston being afraid of the "crazy" Ali standing over him shouting, is also
It's been a while but I'm happy to see the IJQ web site is still going strong. Irish Jerry meant a lot to me as a kid and now that I'm in my 50s it's great to see the response Jerry gets. I was<br>taking a look at some of the recent hits and the one on Smoking Joe and Klitschko (oops...) made me laugh. Joe wins big and early. My question is... what the heck was Corey Sanders doing during the 90s? I realized he liked to golf but this was one guy who should have had a piece of the heavyweight pie during that era. Too bad... I think it's too late for him now, but good luck anyways. Irish Jerry, you are still #1.

Patrick, the post Massimo made referred to Vitali Klitschko verses Frazier, not Wladimir Klitschko, who lost to Corrie Sanders of South Africa, not to be confused with American, Corey Sanders (kind of confusing after all!).<br><br>Vitali Klitschko, although probably not as good skillwise as his brother Wladimir, showed he could take a good punch against Lennox Lewis while Wladimir crumbled against Sanders.<br><br>I would still pick Smokin Joe over Vitali, by decision.<br><br>I did a series of articles for websites Eastside Boxing and Heavyweight News featuring hypothetical bouts between Wladimir Klitschko versus the all time greats. I haven't finished the series of articles, the last one would have featured Wladimir verses Ali, because the Sanders fight changed my perception of Wladimir. Before this fight, I had Frazier winning a split decision over Wladimir K but I would probably revise that to Joe by KO after seeing Wladimir kayoed in two rounds by Sanders. <br><br>Funny, how before the Sanders verses W. Klitschko fight, everyone thought W. Klitschko was the best thing to come along in a long time but after this fight, some of the readers of my Klitschko verses the greats articles gave me a hard time for suggesting Wladimir could hang with the greats. In the series, I had Wladimir defeating Dempsey by 8th round TKO, Louis by decision over Wladimir, Wladimir by decision over Marciano, Frazier by split decision over Wladimir and Foreman over Wladimir by 6th round KO. I was going to have Ali winning by decision over Wladimir but I never wrote the article.<br><br>In each case, the fictional fights were very competitive.
there are 3 or 4 guys who know Lorenzo Zanon !! Do you think Joe win comfortably against Vitali or by close decision ? <br>Duncan, you are a genius, but Shaq is gonna dunk on your face ! Go Shaq go ! Go Lakers go ! Kent, who do you think was better between Shaq and Jabbar ? I know only the 42 years old version of Kareem and so, I can't judge him ! Thanks !<br>
| 9/13/03 01:55:18 PM|Massimo|Rome||ghj|||10|Kent|<br>I forgot ! I even saw a young Kareem losing against Bruce Lee ! But, in my opinion, this doesn't mean he was a bad basketball player . Bruce Lee was lucky that Calvin Lane wasn't still born in his times ! And I was 1 years old when he died, I little too young to beat him...|<br>
| 9/13/03 02:18:16 PM|Massimo|Rome||gf|||10|Kent|--br>How tall was Andre' the Giant, in your opinion ? I'm picking up opinion about this fundamental question ! It's a life or death question for me ! If anybody has an opinion about I'm anxious to hear his opinion. I'll do a statistic, with Gaussian distribution ! They said he was 7'4" or 7'5"... Ah ! Ah! That's ridicolous !<br>You should measure is dead body ! Was he taller than me ? I'm 5'6".|<br>
| 9/13/03 09:25:31 PM|Steve|N.J.||drmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Hi,R.S.,I ,m sorry but I can't receive any personal E-Mails yet.I just set up a new computer.I have no idea what I'm doing. I hope your E-Mails to me weren't too nasty or threadening,as I am perfectly prepared to scurry of into internet oblivion and never post on this site again.|
| 9/14/03 12:11:32 AM|Steve|N. J.|dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|I, am personally grateful to the judge from Thailand,Kam Sun Tran, the judge from Thailand who ,I'm sure ,not only rendered a fair decision based on his expertise on American boxing, but also showed me that I am not qualified to make a guess based on a mere 55 yrs.of experience.|
| 9/14/03 10:40:45 AM|Massimo|Rome||fhg||10|Losing against Shane is not a shame !<br>
| 9/14/03 06:09:17 PM|Massimo|Rome||hg|||10|I have just watched De la Hoya-Mosley and Rino Tommasi has De La Hoya 2 points ahead at the end of the fight. It was a good but not great fight. I'm a little disappointed.|<br>
| 9/14/03 08:11:45 PM|charles anderson|ark.|ctjjandfam@aol.com|||10|oscar was robbed big time!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!|<br>
| 9/14/03 10:55:42 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I was rooting for Shane Mosley to win but I don't believe he did, no matter what the judges said. Mosley gave away too many of the early rounds and even though he made a late charge, he appeared to fall short of gaining the win. Oscar De La Hoya was robbed of his titles!|
| 9/15/03 08:06:02 AM|Massimo|Rome||fhg|||10|I have read Clay completely dominated is fight against Alejandro Lavorante. Was that one of the best Clay's fights ? I was ( -10) years old at the time of that fight ! Did anyone watch that fight ? <br>About De la Hoya-Mosley: It's so strange to me that all the judges scored in that way. It's a shame that hurts boxing badly... |<br>
| 9/15/03 03:12:16 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I read some reports on Mosley/De La Hoya fight this past Saturday that agreed with the decision based on Mosley landing more effective punches. While there were two or three occasions when Mosley stunned De La Hoya, these occasions were for just one punch. I understand the reasoning if De La Hoya was landing soft punches but he wasn't, he was landing hard punches of his own and more of them.<br>Before the last round, I still thought Mosley had a chance if he pulled out the last round, but he didn't do. <br>What happened to the days when a challenger had to come and take a title from a champion? In my opinion, Mosley didn't do this.|<br>
| 9/15/03 05:09:06 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Women's Boxing : Roadscholarette can speak for herself, but my view is that women who are inclined toward maximum physical competition will continue to get into boxing. Like anything else, they've been kept out of the game (or kept
themselves out) for generations. Now that some women are crossing the line/breaking the barrier so to speak, more of them will sign on. Many women take up boxing training for the physical conditioning, then actually spar out of curiosity. If the bug bites them, they’re into it just like men act on their interest in the sport. Seeing “pretty” women punch each other in the bouts doesn’t have any more of an affect on me than when the men mix it up. And if any of them are seriously injured, it’ll be just as tragic as when the guys go down. As for their ability, I’m sure Christy Martin and the better women boxers can take most inexperienced/non boxing men on this board, myself included.

PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Oscar said on Leno that if he lost to Mosley, he’d probably hang them up. He’s rich beyone imagination, has a nice home, wife, still has his senses, and he’s smart enough to know that all fighters finally hit that one bout that shows them that their fights are forever more going to be harder. They’re going to hate training more, miss more punches, get hit more, more of their fights are going to go the distance (against increasingly lesser opponents), and the losses are going to begin dribbling in. At this point, the reasons they tell themselves for why “this fight” wasn’t brilliant may be ~more~ brilliant than their performance ever will be again. Stay long enough, and they could wind up in a high school gym somewhere, going the slow, hard distance with the local barroom brawler.

PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Many women take up boxing training for the physical conditioning, then actually spar out of curiosity.

That's true. The training in boxing has it all. Jogging, situps, rope jumping, shadow boxing, the heavy and speed bags - cardio, flexibility, strength, speed/coordination, practicing all-body involving skills, and it doesn't take long either, compared to the amazing benefits. Burns calories like a furnace too. We do a lot of different things to stay fit, but I've always said that taking all forms of conditioning out there, if I could just do ~one~ that'd do it all, I'd punch the heavy bag. Everyone's got to be curious about sparring. Initial sessions aren't always revealing either - stories abound about future champions who felt foolish in their first experiences with sparring. It isn't as condition enhancing, but it's a lot harder - like they say, the bag doesn't hit back! And if any of them are seriously injured, it'll be just as tragic as when the guys go down.

That's true, but I think that with the man-woman double standard, busted up women will be generally viewed differently, don't you? Some of them are real feisty toughies, but still women. Some try to be like men in their demeanor, acting real tough, dropping g's when they talk, spitting, and swearing a blue streak, but most do not.

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The thing is that most people never face anyone else at all period, or if they have, neither have been in shape, neither know how to fight, or have any experience. Just those factors alone would put the average man at a disadvantage against a conditioned woman who knew how to throw punches, threw them in bunches, didn't tire, could stay away from a guy, and knew what to look for in the man's attempts. A genetically gifted, in shape, trained, and experienced woman would be the equal of Muhammad Ali at a similar stage. It's just that she wouldn't be as effective, because, well, she's a grrrl! My husband used to freak people out at parties when he'd say that he knew as much about shooting a basket as Michael Jordan, and how to throw a punch as Ali, Frazier, or Foreman. People looked at him like he was nuts, even when he offered the crucial qualifier that they simply did it better than he did, and he's right.
think the point is well taken---if a guy gets busted up in the ring, he's rugged/weathered and still appealing but if a woman gets busted up and scarred, they're not attractive to us! If I had a daughter, I'd rather see her sell Mary Kay than step in with Christy Martin but on the other hand, I wouldn't want a son to get battered by Lennox Lewis either!

On another topic, how good was Thad Spencer? I was too young to remember seeing him fight at the time, but from what I've heard, he was quite good. I read somewhere where boxing analysts thought he had all the tools to make it to a title fight, including an imposing physical stature and good fundamentals.

Some interesting comments on Liston. Like Tyson, a very used fighter with no choice but to play the game he was drawn into, it may have even got him killed. Ali-Liston 2 was a real retirement party for Sonny, who was treated as old hat. As weird as the bout was, it couldn't go any other way. Liston was highly favored in the first fight, was full of his own hype, and no one knew how good Ali really was yet, they hoped Liston would shut him up and send Ali away, Ali's mouth was the only reason the bout ever happened. I have Liston as top Ten all-time, just a brutal fighter, and better than Frazier. Massimo, Douglas's win over Tyson is arguably the greatest upset ever in heavyweight boxing, a lot had to happen. Tyson was lost without Cus D'Amato, Douglas was pumped by the passing of his mother. I think Carl The Truth may have briefly shown the formula for beating Tyson: height, a good jab, movement, but also a real punch. Under normal conditions, a sounder Tyson would have knocked the less-conditioned trial horse Douglas out easily. Also, Holyfield was scared silly of Tyson's power, which is why he clinched Tyson so much. The confused Tyson, awaiting the ref's help, could not fire back. Also to be fair, Foreman would undoubtedly have the power to KO Tyson, but again I have Tyson as better. Floyd Patterson was a great fighter, I know JQ respected him a great deal, just not a great heavyweight. I believe he won an Olympic Gold as a middleweight back in 1952, even 190 lbs. is a big climb from there, especially in an era before weightlifting. I believe at one time JQ was a baseball prospect. I wished Jerry had lifted a little so that he could better handle the size of Ali, Norton. Frazier is better than either Klitschko at this point, as for them meeting, it's a toss-up. Both could really swat, both would not be hard to hit, both could take a punch. It'd be messy. Mosely-De La Hoya may have gone the way it did for the betting, maybe some in boxing are tired of Oscar and want to bring him down a few pegs. Mosely had some telling punches, Oscar appeared out-box him, was certainly very close. Mosely, I believe, is 32 to Oscar's 30. Oscar, like Holyfield and Lewis, has every reason to retire, but will he see it? Odds are, no. Jerry Quarry had the same option a few times. Most boxers of Oscar's caliber can't get out of the ring until they absorb a good beating. Even Ali had to have one. Damiani was a good heavyweight, I have Carnera as Italy's #1 heavy. Gianfranco Rossi is another Italian fighter I've liked. My two cents, Kareem over Shaq all-time. But Kareem would have real problems with Shaq's size/strength. I have Kareem second only to Wilt. I'm not a Laker fan, rooting for their loaded club is like rooting for the Yankees, or Microsoft. Thanks.
Foreman would KO him very early. I think the only chance Tyson would have would be the same chance everyone had to beat Foreman: Somehow survive his early onslaught and vicious punches and take him into the middle or later rounds. If he got tired and punched out like he did in Zaire---and Tyson still had juice, Tyson could land the body and head shots to take him out. But it's a lot to ask. Here's an interesting one for everyone:

Who would win a Norton-Lennox Lewis bout? The easy answer is Lewis because he's held the title and he's an imposing size. But I don't know that he has the power or early finishing power (i.e. killer instinct) to put Norton out early. And as we saw in Norton's career, if he got into the rhythm of a fight, he seemed to get stronger each round and more fearless. What about Frazier-Lewis? For my money, Joe would smoke him out with a TKO. I could see Lewis starting strong against Frazier, but fading fast when Frazier started to hook to the body and if Frazier landed one of the booming hooks, he would take Lewis out.

I'm pretty high on Lennox Lewis. I wish he had met Tyson and Bowe in the early 90's to see who was the best of that group, I have all three better than Holyfield, though EH would/did give all three tremendous fights. Norton was a tough matchup for most because of his good size, speed/jab, and some real power also. Like Lewis, his weakness was taking the big punch. Tough call. I'll stick with Tyson over Foreman because of his speed/power package, but it's true he never faced a power guy like Foreman. It'd be a tremendous match, just like the Lewis matches you mention. As for Russell, he rates high all-time as the first great shot blocker/rebounder who changed the way team defense is played. Had no real offensive game at all, though, without Red Auerbach how great would he be? If he played for, say, Detroit back then, he'd be a remarkable all-star, not a lot more. The Celtics could have won titles with a number of guys at center they were so loaded. I do not rate him nearly as high as most do, I'd put him somewhere behind Shaq as a center, but ahead of him as a player because of what he contributed to the game. Mike Quarry was such a gentleman. There was a place on Colonial drive in Orlando that we always tried to eat at when we could. It was called Al and Linda's. The specialty was steak. Mike, of course was the man in Orlando and all the people working there would just go nuts when we walked in. He always said yes sir/no sir to the older folks and the young people would just stare and whisper. Mike made everyone's day when he went there. What a guy.

I've always considered Frazier to be one of the greats, but I wonder if his resume justifies that judgment if you take his three fights with Ali out of the picture. I know that he beat Foster and Ellis and Jerry, but he was twice flogged by Foreman, Bonavena went the distance with him (twice), and Bugner lasted 12 rounds as well. I am no big fan of Lewis, but I wonder whether he would be way too big for Joe and would bomb him out just like Foreman did. Maybe Joe's hatred of Ali took him to heights that he couldn't duplicate against others like Foreman. I'm even starting to think that Holmes deserves to be ranked above Joe as I think Larry would have beaten him. Even so, the courage Joe showed against Ali is why lots of guys like me became boxing fans.

Why do you hate Shaq so much? He is a good guy! I'm joking, I respect your opinion very much! I never saw Wilt and I almost never saw Jabbar so... I have to trust you... Anyway, don't forget Shaq was MVP of the Finals three
straight times! Don't forget his statistic. Don't forget what Byron Scott said "... Too much Shaquille O'Neal, he's a monster...". I think, today, there is just 1 player<br>slightly better than Shaq... Tim Duncan! But Duncan is not a pure C, he is a FC.<br>I think Tyson met in 1991 a man who could hit very hard: Donovan "Razor" Ruddock! I remember that when I asked about Ruddock's power Tyson said: "He can hit like a fucking mule!". Boncrusher Smith and Frank Bruno were pretty powerful too! I think Frazier would beat Lewis by KO 9. I know Jerry Quarry had the heart of a lion, but Frazier had the heart of two.<br>I think Tyson met in 1991 a man who could hit very very hard: Donovan "Razor" Ruddock! I remember that when asked about Ruddock's power Tyson said: "He can hit like a fucking mule!". Boncrusher Smith and Frank Bruno were pretty powerful too! I think Frazier would beat Lewis by KO 9. I know Jerry Quarry had the heart of a lion, but Frazier had the heart of two.<br>I think Tyson met in 1991 a man who could hit very very hard: Donovan "Razor" Ruddock! I remember that when asked about Ruddock's power Tyson said: "He can hit like a fucking mule!". Boncrusher Smith and Frank Bruno were pretty powerful too! I think Frazier would beat Lewis by KO 9. I know Jerry Quarry had the heart of a lion, but Frazier had the heart of two.<br>I think Tyson met in 1991 a man who could hit very very hard: Donovan "Razor" Ruddock! I remember that when asked about Ruddock's power Tyson said: "He can hit like a fucking mule!". Boncrusher Smith and Frank Bruno were pretty powerful too! I think Frazier would beat Lewis by KO 9. I know Jerry Quarry had the heart of a lion, but Frazier had the heart of two.<br>I think Tyson met in 1991 a man who could hit very very hard: Donovan "Razor" Ruddock! I remember that when asked about Ruddock's power Tyson said: "He can hit like a fucking mule!". Boncrusher Smith and Frank Bruno were pretty powerful too! I think Frazier would beat Lewis by KO 9. I know Jerry Quarry had the heart of a lion, but Frazier had the heart of two.
against the hardest hitter in the world: Tua. Mc Call has a good record, maybe the sturdiest chin in the world and a good punch! Even Ali! Almost lost against Cooper, Jones and Banks! Lewis is big, is skilful, he can punch and he showed against Tyson that he doesn't fear anybody! I have two matchup for all of you:<br>Mike Tyson-Zora Folley<br>Chuck Wepner-Primo Carnera<br>Both prime vs prime, of course!

Massimo, Andre the Giant was 6'11" tall. I have seen this figure as being his correct height on a couple of sources, which I can't name at the moment, but I am sure they are somewhere on the internet.

I'd see Tyson going through Folley like a hot knife through butter - stoppage before five at the longest. Wepner and Carnera? How about a 50 round fight? Then I'd go with Wepner, after da Preem collapsed from exhaustion. Wepner was sort of like the heavy bag - your workout's over, you're tired and sweaty and ready to stop, and there it is, still there waiting for more. Marciano said the same thing about Chuvalo - have fights of 25 or more rounds, and no one would ever take George.

Thad Spencer was well touted at the time, and seemed to have the goods to at least give good fights to some of the greats. Wasn't he lazy and reluctant to train though?

Oliver McCall was not an "excellent" fighter by the stretch of even the most active imagination, and Rahman does have potential, but hasn't shown himself to be excellent, or an all time great either. No, a draw against Tua doesn't catapult him to be the next coming of Joe Louis! And let's face it, Tua is no Joe Frazier.

Ali showed more guts in his loss to Trevor Berbick than Lennox Lewis did in those humiliating losses. Ali finished on his feet. We've talked about it on the Quarry board many times before: The great ones have almost all been knocked down, but they climb up and rally, ala Holmes-Shavers. And "almost" losing, but actually winning is what makes a legend—a great. In contrast, getting your clock cleaned by Oliver McCall shows a major chink in the armour, and having the same thing happen against Rahman confirms the worst.

The Superstar competition between Greg Pruitt and George Foreman. Pruitt won the weight lifting event and Foreman came in second. I think the weight was well over 300 pounds. Pruitt lifted the weight with his legs while Foreman just walked up to the bar and lifted the weight up with his shoulders and back. Talk about super strong. I think George would KO Tyson before the 5th round. Foreman had a chin of iron and had too much heart for Tyson. Not to mention the power. I think the most telling fight for Tyson was his bout with Bonecrusher Smith, who I thought he would blow out. He tied Tyson up, out muscled him and in the final round buckled his legs. Tyson did win the fight going away but if Smith had opened up a few rounds earlier he might have put Tyson away...maybe not. Tyson and Lewis never get up after getting knocked down. Just a few rambling thoughts.

I don't believe it. It's like a reoccurring nightmare Kent Appel after 2 yrs. he's still here!!<br>people are all over the place. the Andrea vs Quarry. Wepner, Cholavo, Cooney, let me catch my breath. DKS signing in under a hundred names, what a joke: i can't take it anymore :) i'm rolling on the ground :) kent's just trying to make a name for himself on here. talking about boxing and jerry quarry not all this garbage. let's see how about hulk hogan vs kent appel, let me think a minute. i pick hulk hogan, see that really takes brains:)))) i'm backkkkk coo coo coo coo coo!
klock AKA Foolface is back to wreak havoc once more. Come on Dougie, we all know you and Koo Koo are one and the same. I kind of missed your comments about me. Folks, this guy cannot go a post without talking about me. I am not quite sure why but I look forward to all of the nonsense he is about to unload. Funny, Angelo and Paul Maduros pop in here still after two years but I warrent the attention. Go figure?

Andre 'The Giant' Rousimoff was 7ft 4 inches and growing when he died. I believe this is the exact figure measured before he died.

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Andre was 6'10", and there is a person who met andre' that says he was close to 6'9". If we continue this way, one sad day I will read Andre ' was 5'2" !! This would be tragic ( I'm joking.......Maybe.....) ! I would content of 6'7" ! The 7'5"1/2 for Calvin Lane is very realistic. Watching a photo is enough to understand he is surely over 7'3" ! If Calvin Lane was a wrestler they would say he is 8'4" ! If I was a wrestler, they would say I am 6'5", 821lbs, not 5'6", 128lbs ! Anyway, Andre' the Midget was a kind man ! Kent, who do you think is better between Jabbar and Shaq ? Angelo--I think Lewis wasn't in good shape and "right minded" against Rahman1 and McCall 1. Ali said: 'I was the greatest, but now Lennox Lewis is the greatest !'. What do you think about ? Is he crazy ?

Hi Angelo, I agree with your definition about "greatness" 100%, and also your feelings about "heart." The "great" ones, normally no matter how badly they are being beaten, either find a way to win, or they lose to another "great" fighter. The "great" ones ordinarily don't loose to ordinary fighters |
short message. lets start out w/ the basics w/you. (FOOD GOOD, FIRE BAD) can you remember that? hey, what ever happened to that frazier site. down goes frazier, down goes frazier. hey kent, i betcha be surprised as to who that preacher man you met a couple of years was. that me. that whole story was bogus. got on that one did'nt i. i gotta laugh at you kent. so hows the book writing, still gonna do a story on me. :))))))))))))))) opps koo koo koo koo |

9/18/03 03:35:03 PM|Massimo|Rome||f|||10|Hey kookoo, your English is very difficult for<br>me ! I can't understand if you are joking or are<br>serious ! "Betcha", " Gotta" !?!?! What's that <br>stuff ? Gotta is a illness in Italian ! Have a nice <br>time ! |

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9/18/03 04:33:56 PM|kookooclock|N.Y.||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||7|kent, i'll tell you what keep the copyrights to that and i'll keep them to your life. i wrote the book on that. massimo, i picture you in my mind as short fat and baldheaded. learn english my friend. kent, learn how to back down once in a while don't try to be a quarry, you will never make it and if you can be a writer than anybody can. FOOLFACE IF YOU'RE OUT THERE , MAN YOUR MY HERO. A MAN THAT SPOKE TRUE. ADVISE(KENT GET A REAL JOB) koo koo koo koo |

9/18/03 06:05:01 PM|Massimo|Rome||f|||10|I'm short (about 5'6"), and a little baldheaded, but I'm not fat at all (128lbs) ! Learn Italian, my friend ! You'll be able to read the greatest ( by far) poet of all time: Dante Alighieri (1265-1321). You don't know what you miss ! What a wonder ! An incredible beauty ! And Giacomo Leopardi (1798-1837) is another great genius ! I like English very much, it's a beautiful and funny language. I'd like to travel to USA to improve my English but...The money ! If I hear an American film I understand about 15 percent... I go to sleep, it's late ! |

9/18/03 06:21:34 PM|kookooclock|N.Y.||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||7|i just amaze myself all the time. i know what people look like just by their name and the way they talk :) i don't read poetry, it's for people that don't have a life. like a lot of professors in the u.s.a. italian is my favorite food. hey look, i'm not looking for trouble like kent and paul. kent, stay away from sonya, she won't be interested in you. you remind me of fighter/writer randy gordon. i met him in 1980. he was one stuckup dude. got his butt whip trying to be a fighter. he reminds me of you kent. a little guy that wishes he could have been a hero.<br>pi... |<br>code anyone:)<br> |<br>ciao |

9/18/03 06:56:33 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent|||10|Hey Koo Koo Klock, can you get me a job? It would be so cool if i could have a boss like you! But, i guess you already are my boss because you say you own my life. What should i do now boss? <br><br>But, i have met Sonya and her husband Tom too. I live by a code and i never look a man in the eye and shake his hand and then go after his wife. Actually, i never would go after anyone who is with someone anyway, even if they are not married. So Koo Koo, there is no chance i would ever try for Sonya. Even if those are the boss of my life's orders! <br>FOOLFACE SHOULD BE APPEARING SOON AS KOO KOO KLOCK AND HIM ARE NOT VERY FAR FROM EACH OTHER EVER. But Paul Maduros and i are the same person, right Paul? |<br> |<br>9/18/03 07:40:39 PM|KOOKO|NY||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||7|kent, i feel so sorry for you. i'm much smarter than you think. i fooled you with that preacher thing just to teach you a lesson. NEVER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES GIVE OUT TOO MUCH INFORMATION. what if i had been a nut. you would have been in trouble. paul and you are the same , like clark kent and superman. i'll explain more about his problems some other time. he's obsessed with jerry quarry , its like he thinks he's still here. the guy is nuts man!! |<br>9/18/03 11:05:51 PM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree,
Ok people lets not let this get outta hand, we have to keep this site right for Dad, and Uncle Jerry. Yes, Kent, you have met me and my hubby, at my Father's funeral, and my Brother Eric's fight where my Aunt Brenda, and I worked his corner a night I shall not forget, and you are a nice guy don't let any of this stuff get to you. Life's to short. Hey Koo Koo, its cool your back, but for any of you lets keep it all good, please. Thanks! But please everyone keep coming and checking out the site.

R.S. and Angelo, okay, I give up. I will concede that there may be a place for women's boxing. The new, delightfully liberated generation of young women are going to do it anyway, so what the heck! At least the training is good and healthy for them and will produce many beautiful female bodies for old guys like me to ogle.

Angelo, I don't think the point is that well taken. How many pro fighters, by the time their career is at the halfway point, would be considered rugged and appealing to a normal, intelligent woman? Would you want your daughter to marry an up and coming fighter? It has nothing to do with a woman being pretty. I know I did make that dumb statement! I just don't think they will ever provide an already unpopular, in trouble sport with any positive benefits.

Massimo, don't you think "Dante's Inferno" is a little heavy, and of the beaten track for this site? Much the same with basketball. Anyone here want to discuss the Philly. Eagles with me? Don't over react to the koo-koo clock.

Jerry Quarry would have KO'd Rachman in the middle rounds. Jerry would have had the same chance against Tyson, that he had against Shavers. Of course Paul and I are not the same person. It is funny to think about though. Sonia, Koo Koo doesn't bother me. I think it is funny he pays that much attention to me. Sonia, is Eric fighting in the Battle of the Badges benefit again this year? It was about a year ago that the event took place. I hope to attend if so. Eric did the Quarrys proud with his tough three round decision win last year.

Steve- In my opinion Dante's Inferno is the greatest masterpiece ever written! Heavy? Paolo e Francesca, il conte Ugolino e l' arcivescovo Ruggeri, Ulisse e Diomede etc.etc. Heavy? I say wonderful! I don't have to be what you want me to be, I'm free to be what I want to be! For me it's hard to understand what's happening in this site and why kookoo is so angry with Kent...

Kookoo: ok, everybody thinks I'm funny, will I have some serious advise for the quarrys. Stay out of boxing, do not let another family member fight. Jerry quarry was one of a kind, this family seems to think that they can produce another Jerry, (THEY CAN'T AND NEVER WILL!) Steve i'm tired of you and never met you. STOP TALKING ABOUT BASKETBALL ON HERE, THERE'S PLENTY OF SITES FOR THAT. I've got to calm down now, my feathers are getting ruffled again. Coo coo coo coo

And nobody in the world can deny that Andre's height is tightly binded (or related) with this site's purposes, for God sake !!!!!!!!
I have read that masterpieces years ago, but it was really beautiful! This is just my opinion!

I'm sorry Massimo, I don't think you understand much. You seem like a very nice man, but it would not be possible to have a real conversation with you till you learn more about American culture. Hey Kent, you and Paul can have your own TV show, like Starkey & Hutch. Your ready for the rubber gun squad Kent. Coo Coo!

Steve - re Shavers/Quarry: any one round KO is unsettling, when the opponents are of equal caliber. Was Quarry that much better? Was Foreman that much better than Frazier? Or was it just styles in both cases? "Luck" is always there for the prepared fighter who's presented with opportunity, so it's up to the observer to assign it or not. Quarry/Tyson: When Tyson first came on the scene, though he hadn't fought the quality of people that Jerry did, I don't know if I'd have put money on him winning. But we didn't know. Tyson sure seemed to be the next monster. However, as we gradually became aware of just how bedbug crazy Tyson is, I'd have given JQ a shot. He'd have stayed cool, gotten in close, and if he didn't cut, I believe he'd have had a sufficient bag of tricks with which to befuddle Mike, to have a run at him. R.S. and Angelo, okay, I give up. I will concede that there may be a place for women's boxing. Remember the first woman who ran the Boston Marathon? "They" didn't used to think women could handle distances longer than a mile. With opportunities opening up, there'll be women who'll get into anything that looks exciting, makes a statement, and might make a little money. It'll even out with time, just as I imagine there's a huge turnover rate with men who initially walk into a gym, thinking they want to be a boxer, and decide, "Uh, maybe not!" later (I suspect sooner than later).

At least the training is good and healthy for them and will produce many beautiful female bodies for old guys like me to ogle. It's the best training going, for both sexes. Angelo, I don't think the point is that well taken. How many pro fighters, by the time their career is at the halfway point, would be considered rugged and appealing to a normal, intelligent woman? Me, me, me!!! I love the rugged, beaten up look. Vikings, bikers, boxers. I hate the pretty boy actors today. Dress 'em up in women's clothes, a little makeup and a wig, and they could pass for girls. Give me the John Wayne, Robert Mitchum, Lee Marvin looks any old day?

Would you want your daughter to marry an up and coming fighter? There'd be guys who wouldn't really be threatened by their appearance, so much as by what they did. And many guys wouldn't be threatened at all, would in fact, find it very sexy. I mean even the guys who were around a long time and took a lot of punches looked good (at least to me). Duran, Quarry, Bonavena, Chuvalo are all good looking guys. Ali, Frazier, and Foreman are too.

It has nothing to do with a woman being pretty. I know I did make that dumb statement! I just don't think they will ever provide an already unpopular, in trouble sport with any positive benefits. That's possibly true. Men's boxing is always under a certain amount of siege, and as we've said, the double standard, once beaten up and punchy women start showing up, could increase this by more than the double (of a second population segment coming in). The only thing that'd be worse for producing a nuclear reaction, would be if some kids were to die in a bout. You're right! I don't know very well the American culture. I like Gershwin's music and Richard Feynman's works (I'm a physicist since 20/12/2002). I never saw the Quarry-Shavers and Quarry-McFoster video clips. Are still available in these
It's just my opinion, but I don't have Smokin' Joe, one of my favorites also, and Lennox Lewis that far apart. Guys, anything can happen in the heavyweight division. Marciano is trailing Ez Charles badly, than BAM it's over. Ingo Johannson caught Floyd Patterson, no one I know claims he was a better fighter, Patterson is still considered one of the best boxers ever despite his weak chin. No one I know claims Mc Call or Rahman are better than Lewis, but if they couldn't punch, they wouldn't be out there in the first place. Holmes would fall down for a lot of his opponents, was still a champ of considerable ability. Is JQ that much better than Earnie Shavers? I don't think so. He caught him early, that can happen with heavyweights. Jerry had Chuvalo all the way, then took a knockdown. Ali got caught by Chuck Wepner. When the guys are this big, anything can happen. Lewis is a tremendous boxer and a credit to the sport, easily top 20. Also, there's a big diff between punching power and physical strength, which some here seem to mix up. Foreman was a huge strong guy who could also punch with amazing power. Tyson is a smaller guy, but his punching power was just as big. Foreman fell all over the place vs. Ron Lyle, don't forget. His chin was not that well tested. JQ took Lyle's punch much better, that's a chin. Sorry, I don't agree that Foreman, Holmes are as far up the list as some here do. I rank them, Joe and Lewis not that far apart at all. To each his own. Massimo, I've enjoyed your "White Shadows" references. I don't dislike Shaq, I just think his 'star card' has allowed him a lot of unearned credit. If NBA games are called evenly, Shaq fouls out of most of them before the fourth quarter, this is not football. Real nice guy, very good athlete for a huge guy, needs to earn what he's been given. Andre the Giant did have a pituitary condition which killed him. When he was 21 he was a rangy athletic 7-footer who sold a lot of tickets. He was over 400 lbs. when he died. A must-see is Lewis's short, amazingly quick work of Razor Ruddock. Ruddock was a big puncher, not a very good boxer, as Lewis, Morrison revealed. Carnera has been mentioned as a huge guy with a less-than-huge punch, size and power do not always go hand in hand. I watched Bert Cooper nearly KO Evander Holyfield, it takes nothing away from EH's rep as a great fighter. Anything can happen with heavyys. Not having a great chin takes nothing away from quite a few very good fighters.

Jerry would have had an outside chance to beat Tyson but I am afraid Tyson's fast sharp accurate combination punching in his prime would have cut Jerry to ribbons. The later version of Tyson, standing too straight up and throwing one punch at a time and then tying up his opponent, was (is) very beatable by an in prime Jerry. People forget that Tyson at his best was a monster of a fighter. It was when his crazy outside of the ring life began to effect his concentration inside of the ring that he became almost just another fighter. Tyson, of course, always has had that tremendous punching power and finishing ability when he had a man hurt so he never could be just another fighter.

very good road man, it's a boxing site folks. i don't agree w/ road man. quarry is not big enough to compete against todays people. thats not a putdown on jerry, patterson ells even frazier would have no chance at all. frazier because of his style would get knocked out in 1 rd. no disrespect to frazier. i'm writing a book also kent. it's called kents travel guide, california fact or fiction or maybe newyork where to find it. the clock has struck, gotta go coo coo

As a former Ruddock's fan I was very disappointed when he lost against Morrison. But that wasn't the real Ruddock, he was overweight! Do you remember his KO victory against Michael Dokes? I think he could hit a
Early Tyson was a caveman, but a fast, savage, hard hitting caveman. Possibly only Ali and Frazier put combinations together as fast, and it'd be close. Prime to prime, I think Tyson would take Jerry, possibly Ali, Frazier, only if he struck early (past five, and Joe'd chop him up), but Foreman would lift him off the canvas - another Kingston. Late Tyson, all of the guys would beat him fairly easily, inside the distance.|

BTW, has anyone given any thought to Tyson being heavily onto steroids? His weight for his height (and I don't think he's really 5'11"), and as chiseled as he is - giant arms, neck, six pack stomach - are all sure signs of steroids. I haven't been able to see closely enough to tell if he has stretch marks (harder to see on a black man), but the most common and obvious place would be in the underarm/pectoral region. If he were on them, this would enhance his speed and strength immensely. Boxing being what it is, someone could be from another planet and on LSD, and no one would know or care.

i would not doubt mike tyson being on drugs. theres no telling with him. i don't like him as a person and he says a lot of stupid things. he did say somthing very smart once. HE SAID PEOPLE ARE OUT FOR WHAT THEY CAN GET FROM HIM. ALSO HE JUGDES PEOPLE NOT FOR WHO THEY ARE, BUT FOR WHO THEY REALLY ARE!!! the clockster agrees coo coo|

In recent times only two larger heavyweights have shown to be major talents, Lennox Lewis and Riddick Bowe. Otherwise the champions have been closer to the size of the fighters from Jerry's and Joe F's era. Among them, Tyson, 220 pounds in his prime, Evander Holyfield, 205 to 212 in his prime and Larry Holmes, 212 to 215 in his prime. When some of the other super sized heavyweights start winning major titles and holding on to them, then we can say this is the age of the super big heavyweights. Only David Tua, who is hot one minute and then cold the next and the Klitscko Brothers have shown any kind of talent at all and the K Brothers still need to prove themselves as being anything more than talented prospects. None of the other so called giant fighters of today have proved they have any talent at all. Frazier, Jerry, Patterson, and especially Foreman and Ali would do very well against these lumbering, limited fighters.

Yes Koo Koo, you are right, athletes in other sports are bigger and better. the boxers are lagging behind on talent(i'll give you that) otherwise , no contest the small guys lose. roy jones jr. is an exception to the rule. he might be the greatest fight in history before he gets done. KENT, STOP LIVING IN THE PAST ANOTHER THING PAUL DOES. IT'S NOT 1968, IT'S 2003 PAUL RESPOND TO MY EMAILS I LIKE TO TALK ABOUT KENT , I WROTE THE BOOK YOU KNOW:) COO COO |
Like I said, when more of the super sized heavyweights start dominating the division, then I will agree it is the age of the bigger heavyweight. But not until then. A perfect example of skill overcoming size is when 211 pound Davaryl Williamson knocked out American Corey Sanders last year, who weighed 320 pounds. The other Sanders, Corrie of South Africa, by the way weighed 224 pounds when he knocked out 240 pound Wladimir Klitschko to win the fringe WBO title.

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Don't you think your being a little hardheaded kent? so all the other sports, just not boxing? I've seen umm all kent, just look at the tapes, jake frazier would be crushed trying to get inside on lennox lewis. he's not going to take lewis' punches all night, like he did with all. i admit the golden days of the past were much more interesting, but kent you must face the facts. otherwise you are lying to yourself. FOOLFACE IF YOUR OUT THERE I WORSHIP YOU MAN, COME BACK MAN, LIKE THE RANDY NEUMAN SONG, YOU GOT A FRIEND IN ME!

What's the general consensus on when Tyson's skills seem to just go out the window? I know it's commonly accepted that he was seriously hurt by Cus DiAmmato's death. This in term of his personal life and his training and discipline. I forget when this huge personal loss took place, in relation to the Buster Douglas fight. Was he losing it all by the time of the fight, or did that beating, and he really did take a pretty good beating, really start his slide? Was it a combination of all the above factors? He pretty much lost that valuable intimidation factor after that. R.S., I do agree that the early Tyson, with his formidable hand speed and power, would have made Quarry a probable early stoppage victim. I do, however, give Quarry a chance based on several observations. First, Quarry's performance in the 1st two rounds of both Frazier fights. As you mentioned, Quarry's ability to change tactics, move in and out, take a punch, and his very hard counterpunching. Also, I question the quality of Tyson's opponents. At least the first, and second group on his way to meeting Hollyfield.

Steve, Cus died about the time of Tyson's tenth pro fight and while it had a huge emotional effect on him, he responded by burying himself in his word, boxing, to ease his pain. So in a way Cus' death helped his career because Tyson was motivated to win the title for Cus. Tyson was also very close to Jimmy Jacobs, the man who took over as his manager, who also died around the time of his fight with Michael Spinks. This second blow triggered his emotional slide. Tyson was not close to, on personal terms, with CO manager Bill Cayton and Don King was able to use the racial card, of not trusting the white man, in this case Cayton, as well as Kevin Rooney, Tyson's trainer, to "weasel" his way into Tyson's affairs. King made sure that Tyson cut all of his ties he had left to Cus and this, along with his brief marriage to that greedy actress, who's name escapes me at the moment, planted the seeds to his downfall. The signs of decline could be seen as early as Tyson's fight with Frank Bruno, in which Tyson was rocked hard in the first couple of rounds only to bail himself out with his power in round number five. This fight happened in 1989, the year before his loss to Douglas.

Tyson certainly beat up a lot of bums, and in face lost his title to basically a fat sparring partner-class fighter, in Buster Douglas. But his hand speed was frightening. Past as Frazier's and Holmes's hands were, I'd put Tyson above them, and just below a young Ali. Tyson's problems always were between his ears. His madness, plus a steady diet of Golden Age heavies would have either defined him as a great, or as a physically talented heavy bag. I suspect the latter. We never got a much of a look at how Tyson could handle the distance
against a hard opponent, a route he'd have had to have gone in the 60s and 70s many times. As to the Quarry-Tyson issue once more, certainly Jerry would have had to stay close to Tyson early as he did Frazier (1st time), though Mike didn't start slowly, as Joe did. I think Quarry's best shot with Tyson would have been this and lateral movement, in and out, side to side, countering, in close, strike, tie him up, then move again. JQ held together mentally in the ring, Tyson was like papers in a high wind. Staying close for two or three rounds, then finding his deadly rhythm, I think Frazier would have made Mike Tyson cry or bite his ear or something, or quit. Ali would have driven him nuts, once more, possibly provoking disqualifying behavior, but slowly beating his face into a gargoyle, ala Frazier, and Tyson wouldn't have the guts to stay with it. Foreman might have killed him, literally.<br><br>Staying close for two or three rounds, then finding his deadly rhythm, I think Frazier would have made Mike Tyson cry or bite his ear or something, or quit. Ali would have driven him nuts, once more, possibly provoking disqualifying behavior, but slowly beating his face into a gargoyle, ala Frazier, and Tyson wouldn't have the guts to stay with it. Foreman might have killed him, literally.<br><br>The actress name was Robin Geevens. I think Tyson, in his career, beat a lot of very good fighters but never beat a great champion... I'll stick with Tyson over Foreman, if I'm the only one, that's fine. With Tyson, it seems to be an attrition of things, Cus, drugs and the fast life, the fact he's bi-polar, the wrongful rape conviction, Don King, being treated like Dracula when Evander Holyfield is almost Jesus Christ, divorces, debt, it's a pretty heavy load. Mentally, Tyson is almost exhausted, I think, and therefore well past his prime, Lewis beat a fraction of Mike Tyson. Massimo, Larry Holmes didn't beat a champion either, and should've been counted out versus Renaldo Snipes, he's still a respected former champ. Mike has a rack of round-one KO's against top Ten guys, let's give the guy his proper dues, he's a legend. Got to also agree with Kent's assessment of talent in today's heavyweight division. It still comes down to skill, if not the no-talent Micheal Grant would be champ. I met Mike in Cleveland several years back, he's no taller than 5'10", maybe even 5'9". He definitely pumped up with whatever supplement he used to reach 220lbs., but still, it's the punch that counts.<br><br>Your list of things with which Mike Tyson copes (or misfires) on a daily basis, is a good point. Consider that someone living that way doesn't just mess up something, then function normally, mess up something, function normally. His entire life, in every way, is a disaster, and Disaster Central, his mind, is like an assembly line, cranking out one screwup after another. The sort of mind that does this must be a nightmare to live with, even in between debacles, and some have been thrown at him, along with what he's done himself. You're right, it has to wear on him, and he isn't getting any younger.<br><br>On the subject once more about the big fighters of now or smaller ones from the periods proceeding now, I did acknowledge that Lennox Lewis is a real talent and I think he would be a difficult opponent for someone like Joe Frazier. A Frazier/Lewis bout would be dangerous for Joe, particularly in the first couple of rounds, but if Joe found his rythem by round three or so and got to "smokin" full steam ahead, it could be a very long night for Lewis or even a short one when one of Joe's hooks lands on Lewis," at times questionable chin. A bout with Riddick Bowe against Frazier might be Joe's downfall prime and agaisnt prime. Bowe was just so strong that he might overpower Joe. That said, where is the rest of the talented giants of the heavyweights today? My feeling is that most of them are probably not any better than Buster Mathis, a good fighter but not a great one who both Joe Frazier and Jerry Quarry walked through. I think Joe and JQ would do the same to most of today's heavys as well. I agree with Gerry S, Michael Grant? Ha! Ha! Ha!
sympathy, even when the guy has a good day, it isn't a good day. While he is still physically capable of becoming champ, I doubt he will be able to focus mentally on it for it to ever again happen. Evander Holyfield also appears to be on a self-destructive course, Lennox Lewis appears to have the sense to pack it in, but it bugs him no doubt that he isn't getting deserved respect. All three of these guys need a huge retirement party in Las Vegas to send them off. They all should quit with the respect they deserve. Not in boxing... Kent, do you remember Grant's match with Andrew Golota? Golota had him bleeding all over for six rounds. Grant, with his size and muscle, couldn't beat Mac Foster. Grant is a poster boy for today's division. With all the happenings regarding Tyson, Holyfield, Bowe, Golota is it any wonder few take the sport, or at least the heavies, seriously in the last 15 years? And people want to know why I prefer the good old days ...

| 9/20/03 04:16:50 PM | Massimo | Rome | t | 10 | Gerry-<br> <br>I think that if Tyson really did even just 1% of the bad things he is accused to have done he is a motherfucker... He had several arrests before 12 years old. It's true, people take advantage of him, but he is no Madre Teresa di Calcutta ! Don't you agree ? | Kent, do you remember Grant's match with Andrew Golota? Golota had him bleeding all over for six rounds. Grant, with his size and muscle, couldn't beat Mac Foster. Grant is a poster boy for today's division. With all the happenings regarding Tyson, Holyfield, Bowe, Golota is it any wonder few take the sport, or at least the heavies, seriously in the last 15 years? And people want to know why I prefer the good old days ...

| 9/20/03 04:31:13 PM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia81@aol.com | 10 | Kent, my Brother Eric, said to let you know that he's retired. So everyone, keep the posts coming, and just do right! Be Cool All! | Kent, my Brother Eric, said to let you know that he's retired. So everyone, keep the posts coming, and just do right! Be Cool All! |

| 9/20/03 05:15:03 PM | Massimo | Rome | g | 10 | Kent-<br><br>Do you think that a prime Bowe was better than a prime Lewis ? | Kent, do you remember Grant's match with Andrew Golota? Golota had him bleeding all over for six rounds. Grant, with his size and muscle, couldn't beat Mac Foster. Grant is a poster boy for today's division. With all the happenings regarding Tyson, Holyfield, Bowe, Golota is it any wonder few take the sport, or at least the heavies, seriously in the last 15 years? And people want to know why I prefer the good old days ...

| 9/20/03 05:30:48 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Gerry, Galota is another example of an underachieving large heavyweight. He had all of the tools to be a force in the division, and he did give a past his prime Bowe hell for two fights, but here again is another mental case. He just couldn't stop fouling Bowe, even though he had both fights won. He also has had problems outside of the ring.<br><br>In one of Tyson's latter day devastating performances, Tyson walked right through Golota's punches and Tyson destroyed Golota inside of two rounds. I am sure if Golota had got his act together and won the title or at least one of the major belts, and Tyson had retired early and the two had never fought, then a lot of people would have been saying that there is no way a smaller heavyweight like Tyson could beat such a big strong guy like Golota, not true though. |

| 9/20/03 11:33:39 PM | kookoo | nyl | kokooclock000@yahoo.com | 7 | Kent, you've got to be crazy! tyson's body is of a modern day heavyweight, frazier's pales along side him. leave yesterdays heavys where they belong, in yesterday. it is not possible. people like chris byrd being in the game show that we have been losing great athletes to other sports for many years now. i look at frazier videos and think theres no way in hell he could stand up against these guys today. KENT TAKE A REALITY PILL AND CALL MY UNCLE DR.CLOCK IN THE MORNING.<br>KOO KOO KOO KOO |

| 9/21/03 06:20:02 AM | Massimo | Rome | y | 10 | KooKoo-<br>I don't agree with you. An old and fat Foreman almost dominated the modern heavyweights !<br>I'm not sure that a post jail Tyson could have beaten Foreman 2. Ali' beat Foreman and Frazier once beat Ali'. Joe Frazier would have been great even in modern times ! | Kent, you've got to be crazy! tyson's body is of a modern day heavyweight, frazier's pales along side him. leave yesterdays heavys where they belong, in yesterday. it is not possible. people like chris byrd being in the game show that we have been losing great athletes to other sports for many years now. i look at frazier videos and think theres no way in hell he could stand up against these guys today. KENT TAKE A REALITY PILL AND CALL MY UNCLE DR.CLOCK IN THE MORNING.<br>KOO KOO KOO KOO |

| 9/21/03 09:14:11 AM | Bob Bumbera | NC | renfbera@aol.com | 10 | Geez, R.S. just because a guy has streach marks doesn't mean he on the juice, though it would not suprise me about Tyson. I have them on my upper arms, upper back and rear delts and I have never used steroids. I just lifted very heavy weights, the same thing a lot of today's fighters do. As far as Tyson vs. Frazier, the early Mike would have KO'ed Joe before the fifth round. The more recent version on Tyson it's a toss-up. Iv'e always thought Foreman could KO Tyson. Massimo, Foreman did not even come close to dominating the modern heavys, he beat a well
selected group of guy's, and could not defeat the top rated guys like Holyfield and Morrison, he was lucky Moorer was champ, I always thought he was a bum and he proved it against Foreman. Of course when a 45 year old guy can take you the distance or KO you what does that say for you. It does say Big George is one hell of a fighter and has a heart that would be be hard to beat. Oh, yeah Massimo quit your cussin'. And Steve from NJ, It's hard to 'dis a Bro from Jersey, but Jerry was a much better fighter than Ernie Shavers. Shavers had one thing...the right hand. He didn't jab, had slow hands and footwork,a weak chin and no endurance. He beat alot of set up's with a few top 20 fighters thrown it. Jimmy Young was a good prospect when Shavers clocked him, he was in line for Frazier's title when Ron Stander pounded him out. He did drop Ron Lyle and had him hurt until he succumbed to his lack of training and skill. Ernie Shavers in no way compares with Mike Tyson, who early on, was a fairly complete fighter. Tyson stops Quarry in 2.| 9/21/03 11:06:50 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10| Geez, R.S. just because a guy has stretch marks doesn't mean he on the juice<br>Along with obviously oversized musculature for a given size, usually combined with dazzling definition, stretch marks are the single most obvious sign of steroidal use, and are rare in someone who doesn't take drugs. I'd be curious if Tyson's suffered a lot of little nagging muscle pulls, also a side effect of steroids, since such a body's frame isn't designed for the amount of muscle the drugs produce. Tyson's weight is appropriate for an in shape man of 6'4" at least. <br>As far as Tyson vs.<br>Frazier, the early Mike would have KO'ed Joe before the fifth round. The more recent version on Tyson it's a toss-up. Iv'e always thought Foreman could KO Tyson. <br>Foreman would likely knock out Tyson the same way he did Frazier. JF was the greatest inside fighter in boxing history. Tyson would be in a phone booth with Joe, who would have started faster than was customary with him. Tyson wouldn't have found Frazier's head, and his short punches wouldn't have mattered. I'd take five rounds too, but the other way around. Tyson might have quit from the body punches. I always thought he had a lot of dog in him. <br>George is one hell of a fighter and has a heart that would be be hard to beat. <br>One of the top five all time greats. I can't think of another champion who could have even fought at the age at which GF won the title, let alone captured it. Of course, he didn't take it away from an immortal or anything, but how many fighters at even 40 are anything but a wreck? In his prime, there are few who could have stayed with George. Plus, when considering a fighter's greatness, I like to (along with thinking of his best night, and overall record), imagine how he'd do if dropped down into the fight of another great, either against them or their opponent. There isn't a fighter ever, or their opponent, in any fight, who wouldn't have been in trouble against Foreman (or Ali, Frazier), though the same can't be said for Tyson, or most of the current group, save Holyfield. <br>Tyson stops Quarry in 2. <br>If he didn't cut, I think Quarry would have done a little better than that. There were some who were trickier than JQ, but it isn't a real long list, and Tyson wasn't one of them. Cleverness was one thing with which Tyson had trouble. As with any bully, he also had problems with someone who wouldn't quit and threw volumes of punches, which would have been his downfall against Frazier, and a big part of it against Quarry. <br>| 9/21/03 11:43:06 AM|Massimo|Rome||gh|||10|Bob- Foreman at 45 fought against an 29 years Holyfield much better than a 30 y. old Tyson did against a 34 y. old Holyfield. I don't think<br>Moorer was so beat. He was surely a legitimate top 10, he hadn't a good chin, but he could punch<br>PS; I don't understand what the expression "quit your cussin " means... Is it an offense ?<br>If it's an offence I want you in the ring ! You don't have a chance with me, you are too short, too slow, you have no footwork ... You would be in trouble against me
Okay, I'm ready to admit that Mosley COULD have beaten Oscar last week, but last night's fight between Byrd and Oquendo didn't seem close to me at all. I thought Fres had it by about an 8-4 margin. Do I need to start following golf, where there are no decisions?

I saw the Byrd/Oquendo fight twice last night. The first time on regular HBO and the second on a replay in Spanish on another HBO channel and since my Spanish is not good enough to keep up with the announcers, I had a different perspective the second time. I thought Oquendo was the winner when I heard the English broadcast but I called it a draw the second time being unable to tell if the announcers had bias one way or the other. The second time around I thought neither man deserved to win. It was a lousy fight.

Massimo, I am not sure who would win between Lennox Lewis and Riddick Bowe, prime against prime. It could have gone either way.

What fight did see the judge who scored it? Sometimes there is injustice even when there isn't money involved, but when there is...... Much more.....

I didn't mean I thought Shaver's was that good. I expressed myself poorly. I actually didn't think Shavers was much of a fighter, aside from that that huge, but very wide right hand. I still don't understand why you are living in N.C. when you could be living in scenic N.J.? I also was a competitive teenage power lifter in the early seventies. I specialized in the squat, dead lift, and bench press, and I too have stretch marks in the upper pectoral-deltoid tie-in. I also seem to be developing them around my propensity for run on sentences.

Hey Bob, I lied on my last post. I was a teenager when I started power lifting, but a much more mature lifter in his early twenties in the early seventies. Where I still got blown out by more mature lifters in their thirties and forties. Hey R.S., I am surprised at how many people on this site give so little credit to Joe Frazier! If you go back and review his old fight films, there amazing! This guy fought like a machine. He was constant, tireless, and relentless. Remember the theme song from the movie, "Jaws"! They should play that music in accompanyment to all his fight films.
I've heard a number of songs over the years that reminded me of Frazier fighting, but Jaws hadn't occurred to me - perfect! Boxing is a totally unique sport. Teams and individual players in the big four sports can play poorly, and it's OK. With fighters, it's different. Someone has an off night, gets caught, and all of a sudden, it's as if fans caught him in bed with their wife! He's a bum, always will be a bum, probably always ~was~ a bum. Now Ali was a little different. People, judges included, continued to see an Ali who had many years before left the building, never to return again. One fight can start the frightfully rapid erosion of a brilliant boxer's skills. One punch can do it sometimes. Fans aren't always aware of it, and retro judging of an entire career based on some moment when this clarity becomes apparent, is unfair. Ali and Frazier are the only two elite fighters (maybe someone else can think of others, I can't) who ever came back from the bleakness of decline and turned in one more brilliant performance before saying goodbye forever, and maybe it took each other to produce a mind tyranny that transported their bodies beyond what they might have been capable of against anyone else. They may even have surprised themselves in retrospect, I don't know. Anyway. Frazier was brilliant in every way, and on his best night, only a handful of fighters ever could hope to even stand a chance against him, with no guarantees of winning. I would certainly put Joe, Ali and George as my choices for top three all time greats, though I'd have to think hard about the order. On this subject, I read something very poignant that Ali said, showing that all of his thought processes haven't been dulled by the hammers of Mars. He said, "The world has our fights, Joe Frazier has my brain." Shiver.

why does everybody seem to think that joe frazier would do so good? i could just see him in there today looking like a little T-Rex. he's almost a jr. heavyweight himself , like patterson and quarry. Cooney was an embarrassment to all fighters big and small, dumb, akward, stupid looking jerk! little mike spinks took him down, no excuse for this jerk! coo! coo!

Come on, kookoo. Holyfield almost killed Tyson ? Do you remember rounds 10 and 11 of the first fight ? Foreman looked hurt just 1 time in their 1991 fight , but not so badly hurt !<br>Foreman was able to hurt Holyfield, Tyson made Holyfield the tickling !<br>PS; pizza is very good, mostly " Pizza napoletana ".

Holyfield would have never beat mike tyson if he had not been off for 3+ years. the only person that beats mike tyson is himself. lennox lewis also fought the watered down version of mike tyson. REMEMBER MISSIMO, DOMINOS DELIVERS.

What does it mean "Dominos deliveres" ? May you find please another way to say this thing ? 3+ years ? Foreman was out for 10 years. In my opinion, Foreman is clearly ahead Tyson in boxing history ! Even Ali' was 3+ years out of the ring but when came back was still a champion. When Tyson came back was a bum that I, Massimo Giulio Leonardo Cini, would have been able to beat. He disappointed me so much! After his come back he fought just two very good fights: Frank Bruno and Andrew Golota but he was even able to trasform the second in NC assuming mariujana !

i can't argue with someone who does not speak proper english. stop backing foreman , he never had the speed or talent of tyson. may have hit harder but not by much. you, kent, paul all live in the past. go to a poetry site, something you seem to know
To everybody-

I need an advice. I have decided to buy Ali'-Terrell from Lotis Tunaman. Is it a good idea? I mean, was it a good fight? Thanks! How do you explain, as a great Tyson's fan, his lost against Buster Douglas? Just a bad night?

massimo, do you really think that Douglas would have won a rematch??? Tyson himself knew that he could win back the title. anytime he wanted. I'm not a Tyson fan, I am a great Quarry fan, better than Kent and Paul. The Quarry family has great respect for my opinion. Sonya email me a couple of years ago to thank me. I know my stuff, I just heard my alarm. coo coo coo coo |

Steve: Will someone explain the seemingly simple ten point must system to me? These last two weeks have produced decisions in two big fights that make me question my understanding. Winner of a round who scores a knockdown, gets a 10-8 round. Winner of a round must get 10 points. Usually a 10-9 round. In a 12 round fight, if you score a perfect shutout, you get 120 points. I cannot remember ever seeing a 9-8 round. How could Byrd have possibly won by a 111-117 margin on that one judge's card? How many rounds does that mean he won? These Vegas judges are just knocking the enjoyment right out of this sport for me. What's worse, there doing it on cable TV for all the world to see. Imagine what the casual boxing fan, who only watches big fights on HBO or pay-per-view, must think!!!

After watching the DeLaHoya-Moseley fight a second time, I think possibly it could have been a just decision. It depends on several factors. Do the judges give more credit for total percentages of power punches and jabs landed? Perhaps they evaluate on the effectiveness of punches landed, who does the most damage. Moseley's punches though fewer than Oscar's, seemed to be heavier and do more damage. At the end of the fight, it seemed like Oscar had gotten beaten up.

Very probably he wouldn't have won the rematch even if Douglas never was in that shape again. This doesn't explain what really happened in that night. Tyson was young and at the peak of his career, maybe a little overweight, but just a little. The thing that mostly surprised me was that Mike lost badly the ninth round, after having obtained a knockdown in the eight! I'd like to know if the reach of a fighter is measured with open hands or with closed fists. Thanks! Tyson's aura of invincibility was shattered by Douglas---but even so, I've got to believe Tyson would have won a rematch. I think Tyson was in decent physical shape for the fight, but wasn't focused mentally. In contrast, Buster Douglas was totally focused and stuck with his fight plan in an amazing way. Not since Young-Foreman did any underdog go in with a plan and stick with it to that extent. The funny parallel about these fights is that in both cases, the underdogs were
clearly winning---then got cocked with thunder bombs, only to recover and win. Douglas had the slip up but came back to win. I think in a rematch, Tyson would come into the fight in about the same basic condition. Meanwhile, I think Douglas fought his heart out for that one night, but even though he had the physical tools and boxing ability, I think he showed before and after winning the title that he didn't have the mental focus to stay in shape and come into fights sharp. Tyson would have knocked him out as Holyfield did. But the one thing Buster did was out Tyson as a guy who wasn't Superman after all. I think I've heard Bert Sugar talk about this before---how when a Champion is going down, he suddenly looks smaller. Liston looked short and stocky, old and slow against Clay/Ali. Frazier looked like a midget against Foreman. And that night, against Douglas, Tyson suddenly started to look smaller and not so imposing after all.

| 9/22/03 06:56:55 PM | kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||8|you guys are mostly the same bunch of hardheaded jerks that was on here 5 yrs ago. tyson at his best would have the great ali, why? because ali could not afford to lay on the ropes. unlike foreman tyson would not get tired. 1 tyson shot in his prime could have ended it. what you guys don't realize is that these guys now would beat the old guys just on sheer size. angelo who cares about italian, if your going to learn a language, learn spanish, somthing we'll all need to use. we all want to relive the past , it can't be done. hey massimo john gotti was a friend of mine. thanks to you folks, you really did a lot for the U.S.A. pizza, gambling , murder, forget about it.<br>coo coo |
| 9/23/03 02:19:34 AM | Massimo|Rome||e|||10|KooKoo:<br><br>Anyway, the problem is that Tyson's prime lasted about two days !|
| 9/23/03 02:41:55 AM | Evren|London||@|||10|Ali at his best never layed on the ropes - incorrect comment!|
| 9/23/03 06:51:10 AM | kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||8|you are right, ali would hit and then be laying on the ropes covering up. he'd do ok till tyson got in a good shot. much faster and harder than fraziers'. no punch frazier ever threw was remembered except that lucky knockdown in the 15th rd. when ali was tired and he still was up at the count of 3! tyson still was the greatest, look at the video. yea , he fought bums , but he destroyed them like nobody before or since. he'll end up dead though, too angry, too stupid. coo coo|
| 9/23/03 06:56:36 AM | Massimo|Rome||e|||10|Is it true Ali' thumbed purposelly Terrell in the third round of their fight ?|
| 9/23/03 09:32:38 AM| Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Yes, he did, though this wasn't unique with the Terrell fight. Ali was known as a thumber, and might have had as good a head (butting) as Frazier. All the top guys are pretty good with less than clean tactics, without being readily observable. Watch too for "missed" hooks (elbow).|
| 9/23/03 11:31:48 AM | Massimo|Rome||e|||10|Thanks RS !<br>Tyson is a great master of "elbow hooks". RS,<br><br>I need an advice: i have decided to buy Ali'- Terrell from Tunaman... Is it a good idea ?<br>Was that a good fight ? Thanks again.<br>I'm surprised that a fighter thumble another fighter using gloves and not bare fists !|
| 9/23/03 11:49:23 AM| Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|If the price is good, and you like Terrell, I'd go with it. Ali dominates the fight, but Terrell does fight too. Ali is incredibly fast. The blindingly fast Clay/Ali is to be seen consistently only pre-exile. He had moments in his second career, but not consistently. His hands stayed fast for a long time, but his foot speed deteriorated rather quickly, particularly against good opponents. I'd have loved to have seen Frazier against him in career one. As odd as it might sound, I think Ali handled himself better in the Frazier fights than Clay would have.<br><br>Ali looked lousy in training, laying on the ropes and letting guys
pound on him, with occasional flurries, and this began creeping more and more into his actual fights. He always said that the majority of his opponents trained harder for him than he did for them, saying that such strenuous activity would have killed him. Perhaps if he stayed in reasonable shape all the time, and didn't let sparring partners kill him in the gym, he'd have kept his skills longer, and looked better in many of his fights.

As odd as you think it may sound I can understand your feeling regarding Ali doing better against Frazier, than Clay would have done against Frazier. Logic would have one believe, that although Clay was faster and obviously more active than Ali, Clay would do better avoiding Joe's pressure and left hook. But, I am thinking to myself Clay did not punch as hard as Ali, and was not as strong as Ali. And as a result Clay may not have been able to tough it out against Joe as Ali did. Clay did not have to worry about stamina and being hit when he fought. He set the pace and all of his opponents were older than him, an slower. Frazier, was very fast, especially moving forward, and he threw punches in bunches. Clay never feared burning himself out. Against Frazier burning himself out may have been a possibility. Where as Ali was aware of his limitations, and as a result would pace himself and fight in spurts. And to mention once again, Ali was stronger than Clay and punched harder, and as a result he could keep Frazier off him. This is all conjecture of course, but your feeling is not as odd as it sounds.

On the other hand, Clay might have had enough speed to stay away from Frazier's smoke, while hitting Joe countless times with punches that wouldn't knock him out, but would have a devastating cumulative affect. I could see Frazier's eyes swelling worse than Manilla if Clay landed precision punches from a distance, over and over. Also, it seems we forget about 2 of Frazier's best victories---against the great or at least near great Jimmy Ellis. This was Joe at his best, against a very good opponent. Has anyone seen Shavers against Jimmy Young?

Joe Frazier verses Ali would have been a great fight at any point in their respective careers. Frazier just had a style that gave Ali problems. Remember Ali had trouble with Doug Jones, who had a similar style to Frazier's, during Ali's first march to the title. 

I have never seen Shavers' fights with Jimmy Young but I do know they fought twice. The first time Shavers stopped Young in the first round and the second one the fight was called a draw. Shavers was a limited fighter but extremely powerful and anyone he hit was in a lot of danger. It would seem Young ran the second time around against Shavers after learning about Shaver's power the hard way the first time.

Joe Frazier is coming back, at 46 years of age... Another crazy guy...

Wow, some swearing and verbal sparring on here lately. Massimo, Tyson dominated the late 80's, a longer run than Foreman. Tyson did do some terrible things on the way up, he was the product of his environment, which explains him but does not excuse him. Boxing is full of former criminals, and current ones too. Tyson is just one of them. Bowe-Lewis should have happened early on, a few years after they'd met in the Olympics. Oddly, Lewis, the winner, couldn't get the big matches then. I saw Mosely-De La Hoya, Mosely was given the last four rounds by all three judges, they all need their eyes checked, De La Hoya won at least two of those rounds and had a big lead entering round 8. Byrd- Oquendo, I gave Byrd two 10-8 rounds, and all the rounds down the stretch for a one/two point win. Oquendo won at least five rounds, got away with way too much shoving and clinching for which he should have been penalized late in the fight. Still, I have no idea how Byrd got a
judge to call it for him basically 9 rounds to 3. Remember Holyfield-Lewis 1, how one judge gave it for EH 10-5? One judge gave it to Ellis over Quarry 10-5, as I recall. Again, this really hurts boxing's credibility. A standardized format needs to be established for judging fights, these guys need to pass a course. Ali-Tyson would be a great match, but I think Ali's movement, reach, jab would prevail, maybe even for a late-round KO. At least someone else gives Tyson his props. Koo Koo, it isn't a yesterday thing, it's a talent thing, most heavies today don't have much. They think boxing skills are incidental if they can weigh 250 and bench 300, this is stupid. Jimmy Thunder looked like a Greek God, couldn't break the top Ten. Look what endless hours in the gym and in tutelage did for the 6-0 195 lbs. Quarry, who dropped much bigger, stronger guys throughout his career. You can't buy talent at a pharmacy, it doesn't come in a bottle to wash down five cheesesburgers with. This why the late 60's - early 70's stands up and always will. People still buy Beatles records for the same reason.

| 9/24/03 11:23:45 PM| kookoo| ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com||||8| dear gary thats nice of you to think that way about jerry, yes he did because of his talent beat and take down big me, but these days these guys would be too big. we are not talking a little bigger , were talking a lot bigger. if jerry quarry were 6.5 230 he would be heavyweight champion today, but otherwise impossible! sorry <br>coo coo|

| 9/25/03 03:21:04 AM| Massimo| Rome||u||10| Foreman' s reign was brief just because he met one of the most skillful fighters of all time:Ali'. I think after the Ali' fight he wasn't mentally the same ( Young, Lyle). If he never met Ali', he'd retired undefeated and he ranked as the greatest fighter of all time! He had the "match point" against Ali' to be the greatest, but Ali' canceled it. Tyson never came close to have "the all time match point".<br>2) I saw the Lewis-Holyfield 1. I think that the draw wasn't a scandal. I had Lewis ahead of 1 or 2 points, even if I saw that fight just once.<br>3) KooKoo<br>What do you think of the Quarry-Grant matchup ? I think this matchup proves that being huge is not enough ( maybe being huge like Calvin Lane yes, but I'm talking about human beings...). You have to be huge and skillful at the same time. Lewis is big and skillful !<br>4) About the Ali'-Tyson matchup I have a theory:<br>I think that the (19-21) years old Tyson probably would have beaten the (19-21) years old Ali'. But Tyson would never have beaten the Ali' of Thrilla,the Ali' of Kinshasa and the Ali' that beat Cleveland Williams. Best night against best night ,Ali' is the winner...|

| 9/25/03 06:40:09 AM| . . . . . |10| Earnie Shavers KO'd Jimmy Young in the third round of their first match in 1973, not in the first round as is often recorded. Despite much searching, no footage of that fight has ever appeared. Even the promoter of that fight in Philly was approached and he confirmed that the match was not filmed. In part, this may be because Earnie didn't really become famous until he KO'd Jimmy Ellis later that same year and Young's highlight would come in 1976 when fought Ali. No one seems to know if the Shavers-Young rematch in 1974 was filmed. That fight was scored a draw. It is very odd that no footage of two such important fights has ever surfaced.|

| 9/25/03 09:33:22 AM| Evren| London||@||10| Earnie himself believes the Young fight was two rounds. Where did you get that info that the fight was three rounds...who are you?|

| 9/25/03 10:35:34 AM| Roadscholarette| Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||10| Clay never faced anything like Frazier. Actually, Clay rarely faced anything like he did in his second career. The first time around, he could float like a butterfly around confused punching bags, who lumbered around the ring like Frankenstein monsters, throwing slow, roundhouse punches. I don't really understand why any of those opponents of his then even wasted their time jumping rope or hitting the speed bag. Their feet were nailed to the floor, and you could have balanced a stack of
dishes on their hands, they were so slow. I honestly think he would have unraveled against Frazier, or several other opponents from career two. Foreman would have been Liston on LSD, and would have knocked him out, as would have Frazier too, most likely.<br><br>By the time he fought the second time, his body had matured, he was much more centered emotionally, was able to process his experience in the ring and internalize it usefully as a ~man~ does, not like a silly adolescent as he was as Clay, and as Ali, he’d discovered his crowning virtue/curse – the ability to take a punch as no one ever has, ever. Consider that as athletic as the man was, it was, in the end, his ability to take a punch that allowed him to get by with so many things that he did, and to appear brilliant doing them.<br>|

9/25/03 11:23:17 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|The Earnie Shavers verses Jimmy Young first fight is listed as Earnie winning by 1st round TKO over Young at the Boxing Records Archive at boxrec.com. It is possible this listing is incorrect as I remember seeing somewhere else the bout listed as Shavers winning by TKO in round number three. The second listing, I believe, is correct. Shavers and Young fought to a draw the second time around.|

9/25/03 12:41:59 PM|Massimo|Rome||e||||10|I think the Ali' that beat Cl. Williams would have beaten any fighter ever! Of corse, Williams wasn't a great champion, but Ali' was really awesome that night! Maybe that was his best fight!|

9/25/03 02:56:01 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|ESPN classic showed Ali verses Patterson 1 this week. What a pitiful but brave performance that Patterson put on. I could tell by the way Patterson moved that something wasn't right with him. Of course his back had gone out early in the fight and he not only had to endure a tremendous beating at the hands of Ali, it hurt him just as bad to throw punches. It is amazing he stayed up for twelve rounds. His corner or the referee should have stopped the bout as soon as the sixth round when it was obvious he didn't have a chance of winning. There was no need for him to take so much punishment. On a couple of occasions, a cornerman can be seen lifting him up to try and help his ailing back but it did no good.<br><br>Of the rounds I saw, as some of them weren't on the program aired on ESPN, I only gave Patterson one round, the first round. Ali did not land a single punch and while Patterson only landed a couple of ineffective left hooks and maybe two or so body shots in the round, he was pressing the action throughout the round. I haven't seen the scorecards for this fight but it wouldn't surprise me if the judges gave Ali round one because he is Ali, not because he did anything in the round. No fighter should be given a round for not doing anything but dancing around. Of course, Ali controlled the rest of the action in the fight with constant left jabs and fast combinations but he did not do this in the first round. |

9/25/03 03:42:01 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|I wonder how Ali would have felt had Larry Holmes humiliated him, dancing around, as Ali used to do (and Leonard), showboating, and just punching the bag?<br><br>I think these one sided things should be stopped. People get hooked on the Hollywood miracle punch, and think it happens all the time, while actually, it rarely does. Of course, fans would be upset with early stoppages, and some would say the fix was in, but what can you do? There are always massacres in which fans will say their man was in the fight, once in a while even that he was winning. |

9/25/03 05:04:56 PM|Massimo|Rome||e|||10|Did anyone see Ali'–Mac Foster and Ali'–Chuvalo 2? Were those beautiful fights?|<br><br>Did Ali' deserve to win both fights? |

9/25/03 06:06:20 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|I've seen the second Ali-Chuvalo fight, and it was one of the most exciting boxing matches anyone could hope to see – a real slugfest. I truly don't know where
commentators or writers are coming from (not all of them, but quite a few) who depict Chuvalo as a plodding, slow handed palooka. His ability to take a punch was not only equalled by only a few, but he was also a good boxer, fast handed, and threw excellent combinations. Also apparent in any Chuvalo fight was this was an intelligent man, and a seasoned professional who really knew what he was doing. Excellent announcer and interviewer too. Last time I saw him, not an outward sign of his profession either (other than the tough guy face).<br><br>Chuvalo's punch-worthiness gave him many added options for strategy that only those naturally gifted in this way have.

*9/25/03 10:49:55 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentalleenent@aol.com||10|Roadsscholrette, the first Ali/Patterson fight reminds me of Jerry's second fight with Ali, except Jerry had a couple of competitive rounds, rounds one and two, but he did very little for the rest of the fight. He did have one last rally near the end of round six on the way to a TKO loss at the beginning of round seven, but the referee saw fit to stop the fight to avoid Jerry taking any more punishment. In the past I have argued that the referee stopped this fight too soon but now I believe it was a good decision. Fighters need to be protected in the ring even if some of the fans don't like it.<br><br>One fight sometimes can push a fighter over the edge as far as permanent damage is concerned. Wouldn't it be a shame if Patterson's current condition of being punch drunk was made worse by taking unneeded punishment such as the beating he took in his first bout with Ali?<br><br>*9/26/03 06:10:21 AM|Massimo|Rome||7||10|Thanks RS, I don't know exactly when, but I'll buy<br>that fight one day! Foreman beat easily Chuvalo in less than three rounds in an one sided fight. |

*9/26/03 07:22:36 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com||10|I saw Ali and Mac Foster (they fought in Japan) and I was impressed by Foster. He did much better than I expected. I was surprised he never went anywhere after that fight. He looked much better than he did against Jerry Quarry.<br><br>*9/26/03 07:25:19 AM|Massimo|Rome||7||10|Do you think Wladimir Klitschko beat Fabio Moli with a really hard punch or was it another false? I have seen the knockout punch and it didn't seem so devastating...<br><br>*9/26/03 07:37:17 AM|Massimo|Rome||7||10|Thanks John! Do you think Ali deserved to win? How did you score the fight? Was it a beautiful fight? Mac Foster is the only heavyweight that I know that achieved a 100% KO rate! Incredible! I beat the top contender Thad Spencer by Ko 1. Do you think Mac Foster would have been a top fighter even in modern times?<br><br>*9/26/03 09:16:14 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||10|FOREST WARD: FOREST did you ever see Leotis Martin, when he was in Philadelphia? There was talk of him and Frazier, who were in fact no strangers to each other in 1969, THERE was an article in the NEW YORK TIMES, were Chuvalo said he just happened to get by JQ HE Sure as hell could beat Martin!<br><br>*9/26/03 11:06:30 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||oriononside@aol.com||10|I have never seen Ali verses Mac Foster. Foster looked better than he did against Jerry? Foster looked good against Jerry for three rounds. He was landing his left jab consistantly and he really rocked Jerry with a hard right hand in the third round. I thought Foster won all three of these rounds. By round four Jerry began to figure Foster out and he started to come on strong. Jerry's finishing flurry in round six is vintage Quarry. He bombed Foster with a barrage of blows punched out by a hard right hand that drove Foster out and through the ropes.<br><br>Earnie Shavers, in his book, mentions a time when he and Foster sparred in the gym. Shavers says he dominated the action until Foster's trainer decided that Mac had had enough.<br><br>Another side note on Foster: George Foreman said Foster was supposed to be one of the five fighters he fought in one evening but Foster pulled out of the fight. Foreman commented that he was glad Foster pulled out as Foreman felt Foster may have given him some real trouble.
Kent - Patterson's problems were probably more of the Ali/Quarry origin - an accumulation of fights rather than just one, but the thing is, who knows? Since some fighters go long careers with relatively little or no (obvious) damage, any given boxer could conceivably be injured in just one fight, and have the problems assigned to an entire career. Ali, for example ~could~ owe his condition entirely to Joe Frazier. Since this isn't something we know, and obviously boxing is going to be slow to initiate any ongoing monitoring to determine beginning and increasing damage, the best we can do now is to stop fights to a fault.

Say, just for fun, how about some top ten lists? We could do them for any division, or for any niche within a division. I'll start out with an obvious one, and list my choice for top ten all time heavyweights, based on record, their best nights, potential, obviously how I think they'd have done against each other, and so forth. BTW, Ring magazine has a really neat issue this month - 50 great fights you never saw. Really good reading, and really gets the thought processes going!

Top ten heavies:

1. Muhammed Ali
2. George Foreman
3. Joe Frazier
4. Jack Dempsey
5. Mike Tyson
6. Evander Holyfield
7. Rocky Marciano
8. Sonny Liston
9. Jack Johnson
10. Joe Louis

The really tough guy contenders during the boxing's Golden Age - Quarry, Shavers, Lyle, Bugner, Chuvalo etc. - could have taken most of the rest of the champions. Can you imagine Quarry-Braddock, Shavers-Tunney, Lyle-Sullivan, Chuvalo-Corbett, or Bugner-Fitzsimmons?

I don't see Primo Carnera in your list !!!!! Are you drunk ? Are you crazy ? Are you drunk and crazy at the same time ?

My list:

1. Ali
2. Foreman
3. Frazier
4. Louis
5. Liston
6. Ken Norton
7. Vitali Klitschko
8. Lennox Lewis
9. "Big" George Godfrey
10. Mike Tyson

PS: but Calvin Lane, who was an undefeated amateur fighter (and as you can imagine, an heavyweight) would kick their ass easily !

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a sad site indeed where are the minds of todays boxing fans? you have got to be crazy to rate Jack Dempsey in the top ten of all time. Tyson would kill Dempsey, it would almost like fighting a golden glove fighter. Dempsey not a chance, not in this world or the next one. get real people or just watch the cartoon channel. coo coo|

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Frazier a fourth time, no doubt about it. Number one, Ali was never able to "put Frazier away" in his mind. There were always questions inside Ali about himself, and about this "beast of a man," as Ali called him, who trailed MA like a frightful predator, and refused to be beaten. Secondly, the money would almost certainly have been enormous. Though the judges had Ali ahead (I gave Frazier the edge by a hair) at the end of 14, the conclusion was unsatisfactory, it being halted by Frazier's swollen-shut eye. How good a fight a fourth one would have been would be another matter. They pretty much wrecked each other in Thrilla.

As far as I know, Chuvalo, Quarry, Bonavena, Ellis, etc. saw fighting Frazier only as a way to make a lot of money, and a way to make a giant career leap if they beat him, and that was it. Ali was obsessed with Frazier. I've read many times that Ali either refuses to talk about him at all, or talks constantly about him, even in the wee hours of the morning, wandering around his mansion, when Frazier isn't even there. Joe Frazier was the most defining event and person in Ali's life, and Muhammad will never reconcile it. Frazier doesn't like Ali, but is not similarly haunted.

Is it possible, in your mind, that Ali feared Foreman more than Frazier? Foreman maybe is the most scaring fighter of all times!!!! Do you think Ali' was confident to can beat Foreman another time?

R.S. you sound like you're obsessed with Frazier. Ali has never refused to talk about anybody...much less Joe Frazier, Joe is one of Ali's favorite subjects. It's Frazier who get's visibly angry when Ali's name is mentioned. He Hates Ali. When Ali lit the Olympic torch in Atlanta Joe said he wished he'd been up there with him...he would have pushed him into the fire! I read an artical by a young writer who spent a few days with Frazier, Joe is the one who won't let the people around him mention Ali's name, if they do he throws them out. Frazier is the one who won't let go, not Ali. A young Ali vs. a young Frazier. Joe may have had a better chance, but 8 out of 10 times Ali beats Frazier. It's not that I don't have any respect for Joe...he has always been one of my favorite fighters, but I also can't see a prime Frazier beating a prime Tyson, Joe was a slow starter and needed a few rounds to get into the groove. Tyson was always a fast starter, especially when a guy is right in front of him, which Frazier would be. Joe might slip a few punches but but Tyson's greater speed and power would would put joe on the deck...early. A slightly less than "prime" Frazier was staggered early by Ron Stander several times and Tyson is a world away from Stander. I'm watching the Ali-Wepner fight, and before there are any comments on how Wepner knocked Ali down. It was Wepner's size 13 left foot that dropped Ali, not a right to the heart.

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Well, he is my favorite fighter, based on the sort of fighter he was, and his skill and determination. Ali won’t always talk about him, but there are times when an audience wonders who put a nickel in him. It's Frazier who get's visibly angry when Ali's name is mentioned. He Hates Ali.

Yes, I guess that’s true. Frazier does indeed sincerely hate Ali, and for some good reasons, but it’s never seemed to me that it was the same sort of obsession Ali has about him. Maybe neither of them will ever get the other out of their system. I personally would have been grateful for the chance to make all that money, and who’d care about anything else? I don’t think Frazier ever completely internalized the star grasp Ali had on so many people, and
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I see Frazier’s hand speed as second only to Ali’s, Tyson’s after Holmes’s. Ali and Quarry both went for Joe fast, and Frazier woke up. In close, JF had no peer. Tyson might have won a round or two, but then fear would set in. I’d see Tyson unraveling, if he was still up, inside of five rounds.

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I wonder if Frazier even trained for Stander? Stander was probably just as tough as Frazier (though a bleeder), but not anywhere near as good an athlete. The latter doomed him, not his heart. His wife said he didn’t even quit drinking beer when he was in training for the title!

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Yes, that’s what I hear! Wepner and Cobb were two more who were just as tough or tougher than anyone they fought. They just weren’t good enough.

Some of you seem hypnotized by Joe Frazier. Yes, he was a great fighter, but no, he was not Superman. He took way too many punches and wasted a lot of energy with his "smokin'". He was also a dirty fighter -- all elbows and forearms and butts. Although he had excellent skills and was a great champion, he also depended greatly on his own voodoo legend from Cloverlay and all the stories of him starting out too fat to pull on his jeans, so he goes to the gym to work out and lose weight, discovers he can fight, etc. With this colorful and impressive jazz going on, and Joe being an unusually homely and mean-looking human being, with a skull like a bowling ball, he had opponents psyched out and fearful before they even climbed in the ring with him.


Massimo, Primo Carnera was a bum, a freak, an opponent, a nobody, hardly even able to box. Same with Jess Willard.
world that's where boxing fans like this are. Dempsey only great for his time, not all time. Salt brine would not help Dempsey today, not even a can of spinach would help. What a joke you are, Kent! Can't fool the clockster :) coo coo!

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I'm sorry to disappoint you, but whoever wrote that attack on you is not me. You know full well that I never take cheap shots at you or anyone else. You can believe me or not, I don't care. I did tell some of the other regulars and some Quarry family members one time about your post at the old Frazier site when you repeated misinformation from another site about Jerry trying to put a hit on Johnny Flores and they all gave you a hard time about it. Hey, I am sorry I stirred up a little trouble that was sent your way, but I will repeat, I never take childish attacks at you or anyone else and anyone that knows anything about me knows this. But anyway, that incident at the Frazier site happened over two years ago, get over it! Otherwise, I can't imagine what is bugging you about me, but it is really not my problem and I really don't care what you think about me.

What do you think about? He was 6'5 3/4. His body was similar to the Andre' Rousimoff's body: huge hands and feet, big weight, but not very tall! But probably he could boxe pretty well! I think Frazier was ahead of about 5 points after the first Ali' fight! He won clearly! Ali' did a very good fight, but never or almost never threw hard punches to Joe (maybe only in the ninth round). How do you score that fight? How did Frazier react to the Foreman's loss against Ali'? Was he surprised or shocked?
RS: I don't know if Carnera could punch hard. What do you think about? He was 6'5 3/4. A guy that big (he weighed about 260) can hit hard, even if he's an out of shape guy on the street who doesn't know how to throw a punch! In elite level boxing terms, from what I've read and his record, he'd probably be a little better than average, though not in the Foreman class.

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RS's credit: This is Frazier-Ali
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5) Even or Ali
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7) Even or Frazier
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Some curious comments regarding Muhammed Ali. Massimo, how can you say Foreman would be #1 all-time but only if he dodged Ali? That would still make Ali #1, wouldn't it? Fact is, Foreman was a cokehead and was on a fast road to defeat even if he dodged Ali. Jimmy Young was a very good top Ten guy, but not nearly as good as George and he beat him by exposing...
George's flaws as a boxer as well. Foreman had poor balance, good defensive openings, and no jab, he's nowhere near #1. Road's, I'm a Frazier fan too, he was a courageous man who, when enraged, gave Ali, all he could ever handle. Jerry had better handspeed than Joe, as did others. Joe's forte was his ability to pursue relentlessly and eat or slip hundreds of punches in doing so. I agree with Kent, Ali over Frazier 8 out of ten, and that's no disrespect to Joe at all. Koo Koo, let's quit the namecalling, it adds nothing to this site. Since all-time lists are being added, here's mine: 1)Muhammed Ali, not that I'm a big fan of his, but he is the best I've ever seen. He lost his best years to suspension, in my opinion. 2)Joe Louis, I also consider Joe the #2 sports performer of the past century, behind Babe Ruth, because of what he did for America. Ali I'd put fifth, behind Jim Thorpe and Jackie Robinson. The rest of the heavyweights I put in no particular order: Jim Corbett, Jim Jeffries, Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Rocco Marciano, Sonny Liston, Mike Tyson. Note the absence of Frazier, Foreman, Holmes, Holyfield, and Lewis, they belong in the next group. Koo Koo, one reason Tyson might pound Dempsey today is because he came some 65 years after him, isn't it? Tyson benefitted from all the training advancements that came after guys like Dempsey, didn't he? If Tyson comes along in 1920, and if he avoids prison, which is doubtful, he weighs 190 and he and Dempsey are even. My list is based on the ability to dominate one's era, not fuzzy prime vs. primes which rarely respect the classic champs properly. Massimo is right about Carnera, a good moving big guy who could box, but was afraid to punch, a gentle giant. One of a number of good Italian heavies.  

9/29/03 01:25:17 PM|Gerry Schultz|Ohio||jgschultz11@msn.com|9|Also, I saw a couple of good up-and comers this weekend, Dominick Guinn and Joe Mesi, both look like very good top Ten material.|
9/29/03 02:16:44 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|10|Massimo - you have a lot of even rounds there! What's really interesting to do (which judges don't have the benefit of) is putting fights or parts of them on slow motion. It's interesting how this can turn perception of a round around. In fight one, Ali didn't go after Frazier early as he did in Manila, but he wasn't brilliant either. Good enough to win though, which he probably did in three of the first four rounds. Ali won nine, but other than that, five through fifteen, Joe won seven or eight, one even maybe, with fifteen dramatically his. Dundee said Ali was knocked out at the point of impact, alive again on impact, then miraculously was able to muster some fight at the end.<br>Gerry - I still say Frazier had the fastest hands next to Ali, maybe Holmes. Tyson after them. The champs of old would have carried more weight (muscle too), and would have changed their fighting styles and training if they were around today. One guy I read about who was a fantastic athlete other than as a fighter, was Jeffries. His workouts would put guys today to shame, he could run close to a 10 second hundred, and high jump five feet, doing the Western Roll! At 220 pounds. 

9/29/03 03:45:09 PM|Massimo|Rome|3|10|RS-<br>I have read that Ernie Cab was a very good street brawler and that ( if I remember correctly) once he challenged Sonny Liston in a street brawl but Sonny didn't want part of it.<br>I think Ali' won the following rounds: 2,9,14 and maybe 5.<br>Gerry-<br>Thanks for your support to Carnera's cause !<br>I don't say that Carnera was good just because he was Italian. I say that because I really believe that. I think he was much better than people usually think.<br>About Foreman-I meant that if Foreman hadn't fought Ali', probably the wordl wouldn't have realize and maybe wouldn't not even have suspected that Ali'
could beat Foreman. Today the world would say: "Ali' had 3 painful fights against Frazier and Norton, Foreman destroyed these two guys as they were amateurs! Foreman would have killed Ali'!". Besides that I think that Foreman wasn't mentally the same fighter after Kinshasa (this explains Young and Lyle...!)! He was a shocked and depressed fighter! Foreman could jab very well (Foreman-Frazier 2), even if sometimes he forgot about jabbing (Kinshasa).|
| 9/29/03 04:36:15 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | RS: Some of the regulars on this board have some great Jerry Quarry streetfight/parking lot altercation stories—usually starting with someone picking a fight with Jerry and ending with Jerry slamming the idiot. You know, at 6 feet and change and 190 pounds, Jerry (even with the thick neck) wasn't the most imposing guy in a bar/club. I imagine some jerks might even think, hmmm...is that the guy who lost to (fill in the blank—Ali, Frazier, etc.) and have the delusion that they might be able to take him. Their mistake! |
| 9/29/03 05:28:59 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Also, I don't know if there's any truth to it, but in the mid-late 70's, AFTER Foreman lost the title, it was rumored that he punched and consequently, disoriented a shark near a beach he was at. Keep in mind that this was the JAWS era, so it could have been a tall tale—but apparently he was in the shallow water and a decent sized (not huge) shark rushed toward him and other swimmers—he had his feet planted and punched at it—stopping it cold—and then it swam away in a dizzy state. Has anyone else heard this? |
| 9/29/03 06:15:45 PM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | 10 | Angelo – once, on the gulf of Mexico, a shark got trapped by a sand bar and currents, and you wouldn’t believe the artillery guys were hauling out of their cars to shoot at it! No one waded in to punch it though. LOL! I wonder if that’s true? Well, six feet and 190 is a big guy, and if he were recognized, I can imagine some drunken fool wanting to test himself against Quarry. Liquor turns mice into lions sometimes. What the ordinary guy could do too, seeing Frazier and Quarry, and Frazier winning, would be to normalize both of them, and see Jerry therefore as a soft touch, not realizing that these were two extremely gifted, highly trained, conditioned, and ferocious men, waay out of the orbit of the ordinary person’s realm. The average barfly would be hit six times before his brain even registered what was happening, and the boxer wouldn’t have to fear anything of his, even ~if~ it landed by a miracle. I’d like to hear some of these stories! What I’d fear as a fighter would be one, a lawsuit in this day and age, and two, that I’d break my hand. Of course, a real “guy” wouldn’t do anything, having a great story to tell, which of course he’d embellish, with him going “toe to toe” till someone broke it up. He’d probably say, “Naw, he wasn’t much!” about the fighter. &#61514;<br><br>Massimo – who’s Earnie Cab? Primo would probably be in the class of Lyle and Shavers in the late 60s-late 70s, an opponent to respect, but no one who’d take the monsters.<br>Angelo – once, on the gulf of Mexico, a shark got trapped by a sand bar and currents, and you wouldn’t believe the artillery guys were hauling out of their cars to shoot at it! No one waded in to punch it though. LOL! I wonder if that’s true? Well, six feet and 190 is a big guy, and if he were recognized, I can imagine some drunken fool wanting to test himself against Quarry. Liquor turns mice into lions sometimes. What the ordinary guy could do too, seeing Frazier and Quarry, and Frazier winning, would be to normalize both of them, and see Jerry therefore as a soft touch, not realizing that these were two extremely gifted, highly trained, conditioned, and ferocious men, waay out of the orbit of the ordinary person’s realm. The average barfly would be hit six times before his brain even registered what was happening, and the boxer wouldn’t have to fear anything of his, even ~if~ it landed by a miracle. I’d like to hear some of these stories! What I’d fear as a fighter would be one, a lawsuit in this day and age, and two, that I’d break my hand. Of course, a real “guy” wouldn’t do anything, having a great story to
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was, till later. The guy (who got punched) was a tough guy too in a lot of bar fights and stuff. There was another incidence with a local fighter name Hal (tnt) Carrol (who fought Bob Foster). Hal was shot in the head and the doctors couldn't believe his skull stopped the bullet from entering his brain.

Joe Mesi who fought on Saturday nights card is an absolute superstar in Buffalo. He's a bigger draw and more popular then any members of the Buffalo Bills or Sabres. Only problem is he fights absolute stiffs. The guy he fought Saturday stood straight up and practically stuck his chin out to be hit. Mesi seems like a real nice guy and I hope he makes it but my personal opinion is he doesn't have the stuff. I think any of the other 4 fighters on the card could have beaten him easily. Hope I am wrong .. we'll see.

Ernie Cab is a guy who fought Sonny Liston in 1958 losing by KOT 8 and Ernie Terrell twice losing both times by KO (3, 8). I think he would have given Patterson a competitive fight. He is ( or was, I don't know) 6'1" and his fighting weight was about 210 lbs.

At 48, reading about Jerry brings back the memories. And, to be completely honest, it was the fact that Jerry was a white guy that could hang with a group of immensely talented black heavyweights that drew my attention to him. Jerry really never got the "Wide World of Sports" type exposure necessary in that pre-cable era to give him name recognition among the not-so-intense, casual boxing fan. And that is a shame, as he fought the best, gave it his all, a real warrior. Now for MY two cents: Ali may have been the "greatest", I can not say for certain, as I did not see the fighters that preceded the Liston era fight LIVE fights. Somehow, old clips do not tell an accurate story. But, I do NOT see one Heavyweight mentioned here, that, to this day, sticks in my memory. One that fought an in-his-prime Ali. Was European Champ at the time he met Ali. Went 15 rounds, no knockdowns. In fact, I do not remember Ali or him even really hurting each other. Of course, this was in 1976, so my memory may be failing me, but what I remember was this: A tall, agile, white guy outboxing "The Greatest." A fight I thought Richard Dunn won easily over the 15 rounds. Not even close. Ali mailed his effort in? Maybe. Thought this was just another white guy, easily defeated? Again, could be. But lose to Dunn he did. On World Wide Television.

I think Calvin Lane would kill anybody in a street or a bar brawl! Maybe Foreman, Ali and Frazier put together, in their primes, could give him a competitive brawl... Is there anybody who thinks he can whip Calvin in a brawl? He is 7'5"1/2 tall, weights about 400 pounds and his size shoe is 25EEE. Oh, I forgot ! He has a black belt in karate !!!!!!!

Muhammad Ali knocked Richard Dunn out in, I believe, the 5th round. I think it ended as a TKO, but Ali had knocked him down a bunch of times. Dunn looked good for a few minutes of the fight, but Ali took control. In fact, it was Ali's last win via knockout in his career. Maybe you're thinking of Joe Bugner? Alfredo Evenagelista? Hmmm....was Chuck Wepner European? Only if New Jersey is part of Europe! Anyway, none of these guys came close to beating Ali. What do you think about Joe Bugner? I know he was European champion several times and that he gave Frazier a very close fight. Do you think he today would be a top contender? How would you see him against Lewis, Tyson, Holyfield or Tua? Thanks !
He is a limited fighter, but he is probably the hardest puncher in the world today! I'd love to see Tua against Tyson! This one would be a war and I think Tua would win. I believe that Tyson should show to be a top 10 contender at this point of his career! At this purpose he should beat people like Tua, Rahman, Briggs, W and V.Klitschko, Whitaker, Mc Cline etc. Tyson-Briggs would be another very interesting fight!

Massimo - Bugner was big and athletically talented, and had a good chin. Unfortunately, he didn't really care for boxing all that much, being in it solely to make some money. I think he was always in shape, but was not real active in the ring much of the time. He seemed to be something of a Teflon man, who seemed to avoid damage, going the route with Ali twice, and Frazier once. Joe beat him by a narrow margin, and Bugner was only 23 at the time. There are some people who say he had the "potential" to be the best white heavyweight since Marciano. He fought till he was close to 50, and won the European title in his 40s. There are few of the really big names he didn't face when he was fighting.

Bugner also played in several films with one of my favorite actors: Bud Spencer (Carlo Pedersoli). I need a good and I hope free English lesson: Does "aint" mean "are not"? "Whatcha gonna do" is "What are you gonna do"? "Betcha you" is "Do you bet"? These things are hard to learn because nobody teaches you.
first or second language, the fact that it's hard to learn and make sense of, isn't talked about much any more. So many usages of words, meanings changing with voice tone, homonyms, and all sorts of things. You do well with it though. Better than I'd do with Italian!  

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| Does "aint" mean "are not" ?<br>Yes, it can mean "are not" too.<br>"What's gonna do" is " What are you gonna do" ?<br>Yes. Sometimes people write words as they say them, or as they say them in slang.<br>"Betcha you" is "Do you bet" ?<br>"You betch" mean "you best," yes.<br>And it's homonym, not hominym. I typo now and then when I don't proof read. These days, they say Chinese and Russian are the hardest languages to learn. Kids learn faster than adults. Some schools with foreign populations sometimes have to have the kids help with translations to their parents in conferences with the kid's teachers. |

| 9/30/03 03:44:15 PM | Massimo | Rome ||4||10 | RS--<br> I was in the underground yesterday and I found a Russian newspaper... My God! They have the number 3 within the words !!!!!!!!!!!!!<br>BEATING CALVIN LANE IS EASIER THAN LEARNING RUSSIAN !!!!!!!|

| 9/30/03 05:54:31 PM | Steve | N.J. ||dmmsrm@comcast.net | 10 |
| Hi R.S. we the people of N.J. take umbrage at your implication that the musical, lilting dialect of the people of New Jersey has anything to do with the English language. We believe in fully integrating the phonetic alphabet into our daily speech patterns. Such as the phrases," djaet?" Which poses the question," have you eaten? Another," hey youse guys." , or ,hello,everyone." I'm afraid I must really ask for an apology for myself and Bob Bumbera . Kent can give you some pretty good stories about the Quarry clan's brawls. He is however, admirably discreet about those details. |

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|Steve -- | Blush, apologies floating your way! What do we Chicagans have to talk about when we call our mayor "da mare," and some of my southern relatives? We won't even go there! Maybe Kent will share some stories. You mean more than Jerry brawled in the streets?<br>Ali once asked Frazier how he thought he'd do in a street fight. Joe replied simply and matter of factly, "Man, I'd ~kill~ a monkey in the street." Probably so.|

| 9/30/03 07:09:13 PM | Paul | Sydney, Australia | P1MIs4.aol.com.au | 10 |
| RS - you are right about Bugner. He lives on the Gold Coast in Australia now and is very healthy and fit. His speech is articulate and he obviously doesn't have any bad effects from years of boxing. I recall that he had a part in a couple of movies but I can't remember what they are. I read recently that he is tutoring Russell Crowe (who also lives here) on boxing for a new movie on the life of James J. Braddock. So you are right on that point as well. I've only seen Bugner in person once and he is a huge imposing man. It was at a fight night about 8 years ago and George Foreman just happened to be visiting Sydney at that time and he was at the fight too. For some years before then Bugner had been trying to arrange a fight with Foreman but it never happened. At the fight night Bugner tried to hype the proposed fight by acting like a World Federation wrestler and he kept taunting Foreman about being "too chicken" to fight him. He suddenly confronted Foreman (feigning anger). Big George broke out into a huge smile, wrapped his massive arms around Bugner, and then gave him an affectionate hug. It looked really funny at the time and even Bugner had to laugh. Anyway, Bugner is popular over here. Crowe is a boxing fan as well and he was recently at the Mundine v Echols fight. |

| 9/30/03 08:00:01 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca || kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |
| I think Jimmy Dorsey may have more information about street brawls involving the Quarrys as he grew up in Bakersfield. I do have a good source of information within the Quarry clan but I forget to ask him about trivial things like brawls. We talk about things such as what is going on in our lives and often we don't even talk
about Jerry or even boxing. Steve is right. I hear things sometimes and I
don't repeat them, at least not in a public forum and of course I would never
repeat something a friend told me not to say anything about and I consider my
source a friend of mine. Not that he has told me anything recently that is of
any significance that anyone else would want to know. Iroically, Mr.
Jimmy told me some good fight stories but I don't remember that much about them
as public brawling is not much of an interest of mine. I will add one
that I heard on ESPN classic. Apparently two young thugs tried to pull Jack
Dempsey out of a cab to rob him. Dempsey being elderly at the time hit each of
them once to the body and they both fell to the ground and they would not get
up, being afraid of what this tough old man would do to them. One punch for
each of them was enough!

| 9/30/03 09:08:16 PM|steve|N.J.|dmmsrm@comcast.net||10|Hi R.S. Kent and I
have awhile ago parted ways on street fighting.He knows some outragious stuff!
Out of respect for Kent,I won't repeat it.Kent and I disagree on street
fighting. He is a sports writer.I,however,am just an old,retired street
fighter.I love the inside poop about the Quarryclan.They where a
rompin, stompin, grapes of wrath family.God bless them!This families story reads
like a Steinbechian novel. Kent beleives that these stories of the Quarry family
migration to Cal. are too personal. I believe they are perfect fodder for a book
on the reality of the Irish,american experience during the "dust bowl" nightmare of the 20's and 30's. I think Kent,or someone,is missing a great opportunity for
a book. |

| 10/1/03 01:01:50 AM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com||8|gud road scum you
are longwinded, kent write a book, parden me while i almost bust a lung
laughing, frazier 2nd fastest heavy , what have you been doing watch in fast
speed mode, or maybe that stuff you've been smoking again, lets keep it real on
here or is that just too much to ask for, massimo stick to italian, forget
english, its not for you. coo coo coo coo |

| 10/1/03 04:44:31 AM|Massimo|Rome||4||10|Bugner played in 4 movies with Bud
Spencer. That movies were not about boxing but, anyway,<br>Bud gave him a
beating in all that 4 movies ( in the real life I think it would have been a
little...different...)

| 10/1/03 05:44:59 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Steve, you
give me more credit on knowing what happened to the Quarrys as far as early
history or street brawling than I actually know but it would be facinating
research. Like I said, Jimmy Dorsey would know more about the street stuff than
I do even though Mr Jimmy (James Quarry, for those that don't know) told me some
stories that I didn't take notes about, sorry Steve but I guess I didn't think
it was that significant at the time. Mr. Jimmy was a good source of info and he
will always be missed on these pages.<br>Others have been at work on the
Quarry story, Daryl if you are out there, how's the book coming? haven't talked
to you for a while.<br>Koo Koo, you can laugh all you want but I already am
the author of a book of children's stories and I am working on a book of science
fiction shortt stories. I am still puzzled the hatred this person has for
me. I would say he was jealous if it wasn't for the fact that I really don't
think I am that big of a deal. I am just an ordinary guy putting my two cents
worth out there. If I happen to have a forum on some other sites to express my
opinions, I am in way lucky they let me do it. That is the way I see myself.
I give up, Koo Koo can rant all he wants but I will no longer read or
pay attention or respond to any of it. |

| 10/1/03 08:01:33
AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||10|Steve -
Given different things I've heard and read, my guess is that a Quarry
book would be interesting, perhaps with wider appeal than as one just for boxing
fans. A movie? I'm not sure how a movie audience would respond to a film about
someone who didn't win the title. Hollywood scripts are pretty formula
predictable, and strict boxing movies have even Rocky Balboa as champion. The street fighting aspect is interesting, since first of all, in a ring these guys are way above the capabilities of the ordinary person. But secondly, since everyone who watches a fight secretly wonders how they'd fare if they were in there, the street probably gets their hopes a little higher, away from the Marquis of Queensbury. A little alcohol may play a part too, I imagine!

10/1/03 05:04:40 PM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|I have just read that Ring Magazine in 1998 rated Holyfield above Foreman !!! That's a swearword !! Evander is great but not so great ! Lennox Lewis rated 32...Another swearword !<br>He is surely a top 20 all time, maybe a top 10.<br>Ali! called him the greatest of all time ! Was he joking ? Is he crazy ! Lewis's fights against Golota, Ruddock, Tyson, Grant, Botha, Morrison, Tua etc are masterpieces !|10/2/03 02:39:39 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|MASSIMO: The all time greatest rankings from Ring Magazine have always been whacko. The orginal editor Nat Fleisher wrote that he believed Max Schmelling would have beaten Ali. Fleisher rated Jack Johnson as the all time best heavy, and I believe, Jim Jeffries as the #2. I personally rate Ali as the greatest heavy of all time, with Foreman #2. Right before he died, Jack Dempsey rated Sam Langford as the greatest. We will never know will we?|10/2/03 03:55:37 PM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|John-<br>I agree with you: Ali' is the number 1, Foreman is the number 2. Jack Johnson was surely a champion, but his fights were so boring. If anyone can't sleep, my advice is to watch a Jack Johnson's fight. Don't you agree ? RS has some doubts about the Ali'-Foreman fight ! I think that fight was too beautiful to be fixed...<br>The only thing that I can't understand is why the ropes were so loose... What do you think about ?|10/2/03 10:33:41 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|I've read old copies of Ring Magazine when Fleischer was editor, and he was very anti-Ali. He grudgingly gave him ~some~ due, but MA could have beaten Foreman and Frazier on back-to-back nights, and if he'd been dropped, that would lead. He even refused to call him Ali. Fleischer also tended to go with the ~real~ old timers, possibly even fighters who kissed his ass (from whenever). I remember in one of their "Who'd beat who" features, he even had scarecrow Bob Fitzsimmons taking Frazier, and he liked Joe! He also had Benny Leonard beating Roberto Duran at lightweight.<br>I've noticed that Muhammad Ali tends to laud fighters he's either beaten, or never has to fight. Could he be doing that with Lennox Lewis?|10/3/03 02:44:31 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|R S<br>Yea you got Nat Fleischer pegged correctly. He loved the old timers. He prided himself on keeping a clean magazine. i guess back in the 60's and before there was a lot of sex and tawdry stuff in the fight magazines and he had one the whole family could look at. The old Ring Magazines do seem more interesting then the new ones though, not that i was around to remember the fights. I liked the sketches that one artist use to do too. One thing he never touched on much either was the fixing and mob control of fighters back then, and from what i've gathered there was a lot of it. Ever check out the old fight magazines on ebay? They're not very expensive and are fun just to look at the old covers, some go back to the 30's. <br>P S I couldnt quite follow you on your last post..4th sentence down. Not like you to be incoherent so maybe its me. lol|10/3/03 06:44:54 AM|Massimo|Rome||e|||10|I have read in boxing record archive that Bonavena weighted about 280 lbs against Jimmy Ellis. Is it true? This would explain how<br>Jimmy could beat him !!|10/3/03 07:49:21 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|MASSIMO: Bonavena weighed about 205 in his fight against Ellis. That was one of Oscar's worst fights ever. He was knocked down twice in that fight. Bonavena was about 6' tall. He was from Argentina but his parents came from Italy. He was a pretty
tough guy. His early trainer in the USA was Charlie Goldman who trained Rocky Marciano. Goldman thought he had real potential. |
| 10/3/03 08:10:48 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Ed -<br><br>What I meant by that sentence (the word "lead") was first to allude to the headline choosing philosophy of the news media, that "If it bleeds it leads." In terms of leading in this case, I was predicting that no matter what Ali did, Fleischer would attempt to find something negative, or some way not to give the man his due, even by just saying nothing when he should. Of course, Ali "got his due" sometimes when he didn't deserve it too. <br><br>Yes, the old Rings had a statement inside about someone being able to bring the magazine home, leave it on the coffee table, etc. "It is entertaining, and it is clean." I don't recall other older magazines showing racy pictures. What was he talking about? Ads?|
| 10/3/03 09:33:10 AM|max hord|fernandina Bch,Fla||rasluc@msn.com||||10|Joe Bugner was a tough guy that kept his hands up and his ass off of the floor most of the time. A good thing to do when you're a boxer. Not much offense though. He probably could lose to the present day heavyweights without getting hurt too bad. He may even beat Orlin Norris. |
| 10/3/03 10:01:06 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Not that anyone ~tries~ to get hurt in the ring, or doesn't want to win, but from people I've talked with about Bugner, and articles I've read, it seems that he took this a bit too far, and often appeared to be trying more not to ~lose~ than to win. He often jabbed or did nothing at all, as if he were "thinking about it" all the time, and all too often the moment just passed. I understand that in the gym, he looked awesome, incredibly quick and graceful and strong, but didn't always carry this ability into the ring. Of course, no one looked worse in training than Ali, letting guys bang on him, and possibly this is where a lot of his damage was done.|
a three round deficit to overcome when they fought him. Judges and refs tended to "see" what they were told they'd see, not always what was happening. Rounds and fights went his way that wouldn't have with anyone else. I admire his athleticism, his wiles in the ring, and his toughness - unparalleled - but I can't say the same for him as a person. Have you ever checked out his page? Good Lord, you'd think you were accessing God's homepage!

| 10/3/03 04:45:50 PM | steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | | | 10 | I'd like to see James Toney vs Bob Foster in a 175 lb or 190lb. fight!! Then, the winner against Holyfield. I'd like to have seen a Bob Foster vs Floyd Patterson fight. |

| 10/3/03 06:05:06 PM | Evren | London | | | | 10 | Frazier broke George Chuvalo's eye socket and George correctly quit. Chuvalo was also stopped by George Foreman in three rounds which many consider a premature stoppage by Arthur Mercante. |

| 10/3/03 07:40:50 PM | max hord | fernandina, Fl | rasluc@msn.com | | | 10 | R.S. Never heard anyone say Joe Bugner was awesome. Sounds like some "pub" talk. What you are referring to though is the classic "gym fighter" syndrome where an ordinary guy can look like a champion in the gym but all of that changes when it counts. |

| 10/3/03 07:55:48 PM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | | | 10 | Exactly right - that was the gist of it. Not knowing this, and seeing Ali, Frazier, or Foreman in training, and guys like Bugner, others, there's no way anyone would bet on the first three, especially Ali. He/they shot to smiteereens the old team sport maxim that you play like you practice. |

| 10/3/03 02:48:32 AM | Massimo | Rome | | | | 10 | To Brenda Quarry - If you have only Jerry Quarry's fights or even other fighters fights? Do you have some Primo Carnera's fights? If you have only Jerry Quarry's fights I'd like to buy Quarry-Lyle. But before buying it I'd like to know if the film is in good conditions. How much do you think will be the overall price? I live in Rome. I wrote here because I suspect my mail isn't working well. Thanks! |

| 10/3/03 09:21:46 AM | Gerry Schultz | Cleveland, Ohio | jgschultz111@msn.com | | | 9 | It may well be pub talk, but I think Joe Bugner was a very good heavy also, a solid top Ten guy and a good contender on par with Shavers and Young. Road'ette, you're right about Jim Jeffries, a real cowboy who was also a world-class athlete for his era. Jeffries demolished every top guy during his reign and retired undefeated at age 29. Many know him for coming back at 38 to face Jack Johnson, the guy lost 50 lbs. for the fight in a matter of just a few months! I don't hold that loss against him and it was his only loss against a rack of dominating wins. Jeffries might by top five all-time, a real legend before the 1920's, the first big decade for sports and entertainment. |

| 10/3/03 11:53:55 AM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | | | 10 | Here's a good site I found on Jim Jeffries. This page claims Jeffries could actually jump over six feet. I've also read 5'10", so I just said "over five" (anyone wondering about the difficulty of this should go out in their yard and try to jump three!). It says he once shot a deer and carried it 9 miles back to camp. The comparisons of Jeffries to other fighters is very interesting, whether you agree with them or not. One thing is for certain - this was a tremendously strong, athletically gifted, rugged man who would have changed his style for today. The page likens him to a combination of Liston-Foreman, but with greater stamina. While I know the fights then (almost all much longer and with fewer "safety" rules) were slower paced, I'd love to see Jeffries fight to
get a feel for his fighting! I don't think Mc Cline is a top 10 contender, but he would be a good test for Mike Tyson...Jameel is no Clifford...I just wanted to add my opinion. I think Chuvalo didn't have a chance in the world to beat (or of beating, or to beating...Boh! ) Foreman. I'm happy that fight was stopped at that point, because Foreman could have hurt Chuvalo badly.

Ed – You're right, the fight scene was very different then, as were the styles of fighting. When they refer to the “fleet footed” Corbett or Fitzsimmons, we aren’t exactly talking Muhammad Ali flitting like a water bug on speed around a befuddled Sonny Liston. A “big punch” could be a big fish in a small pond as well, as could the ability to take one, or claims of stamina when guys spent a lot of time just standing in the ring looking at each other. So to say they could have been plopped down in Manila or Madison Square Garden and done well is not something to put your money on. Many old timers would have adapted, but some would not have. Johnson and Langford were obviously not the only blacks who had the ability to fight well, but with the way things were, others just figured it wasn’t worth their time to endure the hassles of trying to establish themselves. As for records, we have a modern day comparison. Not to take anything away from Earnie Shavers, but one reason his KO % is so awesome (67 out of 73 fights) is his competition. There were only three fighters I’ve ever heard
of in his first 45 fights, and once he began fighting names, his win loss record against them was 2-1 for losses, and all those wins weren’t against prime boxers. One of his early losses was a KO by Ron Stander, and the only reason I’ve heard of ~him~ was Frazier’s decision to use him for a post-Ali gym workout.<br><br>So it was easier to build an impressive record in Jeffries’s day, plus when fighters fight each other over and over, there’s more of a chance for a return win off a loss (or continuing to win). An easier era all around. As we’ve seen from the success blacks have found in all sports, a fighter’s record who never fought them is as dicey as the chances of an all white football team (a dilemma southern colleges had to face once upon a time).<br><br>So it was easier to build an impressive record in Jeffries’s day, plus when fighters fight each other over and over, there’s more of a chance for a return win off a loss (or continuing to win). An easier era all around. As we’ve seen from the success blacks have found in all sports, a fighter’s record who never fought them is as dicey as the chances of an all white football team (a dilemma southern colleges had to face once upon a time).<br><br>As we've seen from the success blacks have found in all sports, a fighter's record who never fought them is as dicey as the chances of an all white football team (a dilemma southern colleges had to face once upon a time).<br><br>As we've seen from the success blacks have found in all sports, a fighter's record who never fought them is as dicey as the chances of an all white football team (a dilemma southern colleges had to face once upon a time).<br><br>As we've seen from the success blacks have found in all sports, a fighter's record who never fought them is as dicey as the chances of an all white football team (a dilemma southern colleges had to face once upon a time).<br><br>As we've seen from the success blacks have found in all sports, a fighter's record who never fought them is as dicey as the chances of an all white football team (a dilemma southern colleges had to face once upon a time).
If this is true, which is the explanation? It's not clear to me.

I'm just a boxing fan, but it's clear to me that you have a very personal way to rank the fighters (probably better than mine). You're way to look at boxing is different from most guys that write in this site.

Thanks.

I think the ability to take a punch is a fairly complicated issue. There is for certain a psychological component, but I also think there's a physiological one as well. I'm not sure that medicine has a handle on the physical part. Remember, most doctors deal with what's known, rather than what could be. The greatest doctors are artists too, asking, testing, wondering, so perhaps the answer to punch-taking will emerge one day.

While faster than Ali, I think Cassius Clay would have been eaten alive by Frazier or Foreman, as well as a number of other contenders not willing to plod around before falling down for him. Muhammad Ali was Cassius Clay as a fully grown man, and I think this maturity brought into full flower his ability to take a punch as well as to weather the fury of opponents of a caliber he never fought as Clay.

BTW, everyone, I mentioned this in another, general discussion forum, and I neglected to bring it up in here, to people who'd actually enjoy it (no one in the other forum cared). This Summer, I read a fantastic book (it's in libraries and bookstores) – "Ghosts of Manila," by Mark Kram. Kram is not only a whale of a knowledgeable boxing man, but one of the best authors you'll ever read, in any area. His ability with words brings the world of the ring vividly alive like no one else. This book not only is good reading, but has much information about boxing in general, but more specifically about Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier. Even an enthusiastic fan comes away with a lot of new information!

I remember reading a book on Ali that commented that he actually trained himself to be able to withstand knockout blows. Ali allowed his training partners to hit him heavily around the head so that he would experience the sensation and know how to react when it happened again. I remember reading that Ali called it the "land of the half dream". He often didn't wear head protection when sparring. As a result of this training Ali not only had extreme tolerance to knockout punches, but he also knew how to pretend that he wasn't hurt when he was actually hurt very badly. There were other times when Ali actually pretended to be hurt and his confused opponent didn't know whether he was or wasn't. Ali's current problems are probably due to the punches he took at training just as much as the
ones he got in real fights. And Koo Koo, Tyson would NEVER have beaten Ali. NEVER. Teddy Atlas once said that Tyson would have lasted seven rounds maximum with Ali. By then Ali would have broken Tyson psychologically. Atlas said that Tyson was never strong enough mentally to beat Ali, Louis and the other greats. Apart from Tyson's weak psychological state, he would not have been able to knock Ali out and it would be sheer fantasy to think that he could beat 'The Greatest' on points by out-boxing him. Likewise, Louis would not have had any problems with Tyson. A Tyson v Marciano fight would have been different, though. Marciano would have soaked up some punishment from Tyson before stopping him late in the fight. Tyson had most of the tools bar two - mental toughness, and the ability to absorb punishment. Ali and the others were always willing to pick themselves up off the canvass to win a fight. Tyson wasn't.

I think nobody can deny Joe Frazier was a great champion. He had arguably the best left hook ever and surely the biggest heart ever. The 3 Ali' fights are a wonderful gift for all the boxing's fans. I doubt that even a prime Tyson could have beaten the Frazier of Thrilla. Tyson never showed a big heart. I can't see him fighting like a lion for 14 rounds as Frazier did.<br>I never saw Tyson coming from behind, overcoming difficulties and finally winning a tough fight. He never showed Frazier's heart !

Tyson was only good if he could intimate his opponents. Actually he was GREAT if he could. But if the other guy was not afraid (Holyfield, Douglas, Lewis) something died in him. Tyson would have wet his pants at the weigh in had he ever fought Sonny Liston. One glare from Sonny would have sealed it. He would have spanked Mike like he was a little boy. I would honestly bet my life on that.

Paul - yes, I remember reading the same thing. I imagine there's something physiological about being able to take a punch too, but I don't think there's any doubt that part of the psychological component is one's intimacy with it. He said ahead of the Foreman fight that the fact that he (Ali) had been down, had been stunned, and knew how to handle it, gave him a big advantage over Foreman, who had careened to the championship like a semi knocking aside Volkswagens. I remember reading Ali's descriptions of the half dream, the hallucinations, the things he heard, and how he welcomed it, rather than freaking. Cus d'Amato, Patterson's and Tyson's trainer, said that anyone who's knocked out by a punch they see coming, secretly wants it to happen. I think that may be going a little far, but it certainly addresses the mind's possible chaotic response to a massive assault, which Ali likely minimized by becoming familiar with it. <br>Steve - <br>the best fight between two mortal human beings that will ever take place! That's for sure. Never has there been such a combination of emotion, physical skill, and anticipation.

I explained my personal thoughts about one's ability to take a punch in an earlier post. I'll say it again but in a different way. It is the way one is physically put together that determines ability or lack of it to take a hard punch without going down or out. The glass jaw term is used when a fighter gets floored by an average punch. His jaw doesn't break as stated. Every fighter is different in their make up. Some can get better by learning to slip and relax when tagged and others just get tense and anxious waiting to get tagged. Result is down!! Good example are tough man contests where the baddest street fighters hit each other. Most of the time someone gets knocked cold by an average shot to the head. A lot of big strong guys can't do 1 pull up, ever notice that? Ali was the master at taking punches and Big George got rocked by some average fighters. He showed it when Ali didn't.
It is the way one is physically put together that determines ability or lack of it to take a hard punch without going down or out. I think mental/emotional architecture has a big play too, but you're right - there's definitely something about the construction of the brain, its chemistry (not understood at this point in time) that makes a big difference. Some can get better by learning to slip and relax when tagged and others just get tense and anxious waiting to get tagged. I've noticed some disparity in the way guys who could take a punch handled it. Some of the rocks' heads barely turn at all (Frazier, Chuvalo and Bonavena were like that), while Ali, who really didn't have a bull neck, swivelled his head, loose as a goose. A strong neck can help for sure, though Tyson's neck starts at the sides of his earlobes, and he isn't even close to being in Ali's class for taking a punch (who is?). On a slightly different note, have you noticed too how often the top fighters are able to keep their eyes open when tagged, rather than succumbing to the natural instinct to blink? Result is down!! Good example are tough man contests where the baddest street fighters hit each other. Most of the time someone gets knocked cold by an average shot to the head. A lot of big strong guys can't do 1 pull up, ever notice that? Oh sure, I have. There are guys in the NFL who are benching 600 pounds, who couldn't pull themselves up an inch, or the other sort, the "country boy strong" guys, without any definition at all, who throw guys around as an angry child would a doll. Ali was the master at taking punches and Big George got rocked by some average fighters. He showed it when Ali didn't. It's interesting to note that both men took punches better when they became ~men~, not the silly little boys they were at the beginning of their careers. Speaking of strength, we're members of the Brookfield Zoo near Chicago, and at one of the parties a couple of Summers ago, one of the curators of the ape house told a story about one on the gorillas. It's amazing enough the way they throw those tires around, but this particular ape turned a tractor tire ~inside out~!!

Tyson isn't close to being in Ali's class but he can take a punch very well. In all his losses he didn't fall for a single punch, but after a long beating. He also took well Ruddock's heavy punches in both their fights. Toney can take a punch very well too.

You expect Teddy Atlas to give you a real answer about Tyson vs Ali, of course he's going to say Ali, he's sour grapes about Tyson, since Tyson got rid of him. Frazier can have all the heart in the world it would not do him any good against Tyson. Liston never fought anybody even close to being as vicious as Tyson. He was way too slow, it would be a short night for Liston. Tyson afraid of Liston who would look like he was moving in slow motion. Please guys get out of the past, Frazier would just make the top ten if he was lucky, too small, don't hit hard enough, Fraziers left hook, the only one anybody remembers is that knockdown of Ali, which happened in the fifteenth rd when he was dog tired. Give me a break man.
the land where crocodiles play saxophones -- this semi-conscious nether world
every boxer knows. It takes strong will and determination to keep going and not
let yourself slip under, right, Massimo? The urge to give up and sleep can be
almost overpowering, when you are more exhausted than most human beings can
imagine. Champions are strong-willed people or they don't last as champions.
There is very little significant variation between the physical elements
such as skull size and thickness, etc. That's not it. Neither is a strong, thick
neck. Just watch some of the great thin Mexican fighters who will not be knocked
out if you hit them with a baseball bat. The power of suggestion is the main
thing going on when a fighter believes he will lose, or can't win, or cannot
possibly beat a given opponent. Patterson had a bad case of this against Liston,
as who wouldn't? Tyson built a career on it. So did Ali. As the mind goes, so
goes the body. How come nobody ever says anything negative about Jerry
Quarry here? I she supposed to be some kind of saint? He was a stupid fighter
and had a mean streak. He picked fights outside the ring all his life, and
enjoyed beating people up. I dare anybody to admit that or deny it. If Jerry
hadn't been white, he would not have had the same career and neither promoters
or fans would have been so interested in him. Again, koo koo, beat it. |10/8/03 06:13:48 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PIMls4@aol.com|||10|Koo Koo, lots
of people think that Liston was slow only because they saw him against a young
Cassius Clay. Against Clay, everyone looked cumbersome. Liston certainly didn't
look slow against Floyd Patterson who, I remind you, was trained by Tyson's
mentor (Cus D'Amato). Patterson lasted 126 seconds in the first fight and 130
seconds in the second. In that era, Liston was more feared than Tyson ever was
in his prime. Although I think that Tyson would probably have beaten Liston, I
don't think the result would be a 'given'. Liston was capable of intimidating
Tyson, just like Holyfield did before his first fight with 'Iron Mike'. At the
press conference Holyfield glared at Tyson and said, "You don't bother me one
bit." Holyfield wasn't intimidated and this spooked Tyson and Holyfield won the
fight before it even began. Liston was more capable of intimidating Tyson than
Tyson ever was of intimidating Liston. And that brings us back to the weakness
that stopped Tyson from being one of the greats: he was a mentally weak bully.
(His other weakness is that he is unable to absorb punishment.) After the
Douglas fight, Tyson discarded the bobbing head and body movement and thereafter
he became an easy target to hit. By the way, Big Mel, cruel demean those who
speak them more than the person targeted in the attack. Monuments are never
built for critics. (P.S. Massimo - I enjoy your comments and your sense of
humour). |

The huge money fights of today are making it difficult for any of the current fighters to
achieve immortal greatness. In my opinion, a guy like Tyson simply hasn't
fought enough. Having one fight every 18 months to 2 years, no matter how good
you are, doesn't work. Larry Holmes was a great champion because he defended
the title so many times (and it didn't hurt that most of these fights were on
network television for the whole world to see). Look how many times Muhammad
Ali fought after winning the title (both after Liston and after Foreman). Now,
managers are scared to death that having a guy fight too many times will spoil a
big payday against a certain contender, so the waiting game is on all the time.
It's why we never saw Lewis-Bowe, a natural fight that would have been that
generations Ali-Frazier. Back in the 70's, the fights were made quickly and
there were lots of them, for every contender, every champion. Now, Tyson won't
even fight often because he might lose! What a bizarre system. |10/8/03 09:52:08 AM|Massimo|Rome||18||10|Paul-

Thanks for the beautiful words! What do you mean when you say that Tyson can't absorb punishment? I
think he can take a punch, as I have discussed before. Anyway, I think a
1958/1962 Liston would have beaten a prime Tyson thanks to his chin and thanks
to his long and powerful left jab. For beating Liston you need a genial
performance, as Clay did. If you transform the fight in a brawl, you're gonna have your ass kicked (... I'm learning English, as you can see...) !|

10/8/03 10:58:39 AM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||8|white/black thats how some people see everything i see things as they really are. quarry perfect no, attention yes, because he was white, yes why because there was not a single white fighter i ever saw that had that kind of skill, i do feel bad about telling his brother james that he cost him the title by pushing him into a jukbox before the ellis fight, but it did make a difference in the fight. BIG MEL WHAT COMIC BOOK DID YOU COME OUT OF. THE CLOCKMAN WILL NEVER BOW TO YOU OR KENT. GOOD DAY! COO COO |

10/8/03 01:46:10 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Liston, Tyson, Frazier, Quarry, Chuvalo, Bonavena, Duran, Galindez, and many more of the like were all street brawler-types (some -literally-) who were taught to box. Of these, the only one suspect in the testicular department is Tyson. MT was a heck of a puncher, and had very fast hands, but unlike the others, I wonder about his endurance, and his "bully quotient," ie, how did he respond when someone else gave him "the look," cold and hard, told him they were going to eat his heart out of his chest, and then tried to do it? Guess is, supported by real life, is that he'd leave a puddle on the floor before any of the real tough asses in his class, followed by his body. Liston, with his aura, reputation, and werewhithal to back it up, would have taken "Iron" Mike. Tyson reminds me of what they said about Duran after his baffling "No mas" fight - "Hands of stone, heart of shit."<br><br>Re Duran: anyone ever hear anything about that fight? I heard he was going to crap his pants due to a digestive problem. It's hard for me to accept he just quit.| 10/8/03 02:34:26 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|Liston reached is peak BEFORE he won the championship. He was by no means slow and plodding. He had two punches that would have given Tyson trouble - the hardest left jab ever in boxing (combined with a very long reach) and wicked left/right "hookercuts."<br>His hands were never as fast as Tyson's - agreed. If Tyson had a hard time with Bonecrusher Smith in the clinches, God knows what Sonny would have done to him. Tyson would have froze or refused to fight Liston after seeing him at the weigh-in. Liston was a wicked puncher but he was not a wild slugger. He could box well. One of Louis's sparring partners was one of his early trainers and he did a good job with Sonny. Ali said that Liston was without a doubt the scariest man he ever faced and that's coming from a man who fought Foreman, Lyle, Shavers, Frazier, etc. If Tyson ever bit Liston's ear, Liston would have more than responded in kind and Tyson would be speaking with an even higher pitch voice than he was born with.<br>| 10/8/03 04:32:38 PM|THEMUFFINMAN|ZANZIBAR||ZANZIBAR@R|||8|Hello KooKoo! Welcum bak to Brother DKS!| 10/8/03 06:06:46 PM|Massimo|Rome|||4|||10|Mitch "Blood" Green was another famous street brawler! I know he lost to Tyson and Berbick and that he's still fighting today, at 94 years of age... He won four New York Golden Gloves in a raw,... He had to be pretty strong...<br>Did anyone see his fight against Trevor Berbick? Was it a close fight? Do you think he had good potential? Thanks !| 10/8/03 07:04:04 PM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com|||10|Massimo, maybe I put it wrongly when saying that Tyson has an inability to absorb punishment. Perhaps he could take some punishment but he never fought back to win (and 'kick ass' as you would probably say it). Whenever Tyson got hurt, the fight soonafter ended. Angelo - you mention that modern fighters like Tyson don't fight a lot. Some of the old fighters didn't either. Between 1971 and 1976 Frazier had 12 fights while Ali had 24 in that same period. And why was it that Frazier fought Jerry Quarry and Jimmy Ellis twice each, yet he never fought Norton, Lyle, Shavers, Patterson, Folley and Ernie Terrell. Was he ducking any of those guys? Finally, in Joe Frazier's book he says this about Jerry Quarry, "He was a
courageous fighter, and if he didn't cut so easy, he could've been a world champion."
| 10/9/03 12:43:40 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |

Welcome Muffinman, great handle. When has Brother DKS appeared on this page of late? I always enjoyed his posts even if at times we didn't always agree or even get along (other times we did). I always respected his opinions. DKS did shake things up around here but at times this is needed around here. I hope DKS drops by here sometime. |
| 10/9/03 02:20:41 AM | Massimo | Rome | Paul | You're right. We saw it last time in his loss against Lewis. I remember that at the beginning of the fight I was thinking "Oh good! We are gonna have an exciting fight!". At the end of the third round Tyson came back to the corner with a little injury. After this, Tyson completely disappeared from the ring! At his peak, Tyson was a great or almost great fighter! There was a moment I believed Tyson was invincible! He beat a lot of good fighters (Berbick, Smith, Thomas, Tucker, Bruno, Stewart, Ruddock... A long list!), but I think his losses and mostly the way he lost, reduce a lot his greatness as a fighter. Anyway, he remembers probably the best heavyweight of the 80s. This is not a little achievement... |
| 10/9/03 08:17:46 AM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia81@aol.com | 10 |

Hey all its cool to read the posts, adding excitement to it. Keep it up Coo Coo, Kent, and all you others, as long as we keep it all good. Have a good one. |
| 10/9/03 10:38:57 AM | Massimo | Rome | Sonia Quarry | Sonia, I'm shocked!! The right way of writing (or to write? I try with of writing... It sounds better!) its cool is (please, listen to me!) is<br>IT'S COOL. Have you understood? Learn English my friend! You're lucky that I'm a kind and generous man and if you want a can help you with English. But I'm not going to travel to the USA! You have to come here and you have to pay the travel)))}} (KooKoo taught me that, thanks KooKoo) |
| 10/9/03 11:13:41 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 |

It's interesting that three all time greats who fought in Jerry Quarry's era, Foreman, Frazier and Ali, at one time or another, wrote or talked about how good Jerry Quarry was. These guys didn't owe Jerry anything then or now, and I believe were offering unbiased opinions. I think after the second fight with Quarry, Ali had some good things to say about how Quarry wouldn't quit and just kept coming.<br>I've always wondered about Frazier not fighting often---and not fighting all the top contenders.<br>I can't imagine he ducked anyone. |
| 10/9/03 12:22:31 PM | Kent | La Habta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |

Angelo, I think a lot of fighters' decisions as to who they fight are the work of their managers and that fighters seldom intentionally avoid other fighters. For example, George Foreman didn't fight Jerry because he wanted to take the bigger money fight with Ali, not because he didn't think he could beat Jerry. His managers thought Jerry represented at least some risk to the bigger money fight with Ali. I think they figured, why take a potentially tough fight, even one that George was likely to win, if they could get the Ali fight with no risk at all? Another example from way back is Jack Dempsey not fighting Harry Wills, the long time number one contender. Dempsey himself was said to want to fight any and all comers but his management reportedly paid Wills off to step aside. I have seen a figure of $50,000, at that time a very hefty sum. Wills, of course, was always denied a shot at the title because he was black. Did Dempsey's management think that Jack couldn't beat Wills? Who knows? All I can say is it was a shame Wills was denied his chance. |
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Koo Koo is an ignoramus! Koo Koo is The Opinionated Brother! Bicycle, Bicycle I want to ride my Bicycle... |
| 10/9/03 02:22:58 |
Who a fighter fights? Hmm. I've always thought this was a sort of balancing act between being the urge to be the toughest guy in high school, money (of course - they're pros), and risk. Why would someone fight someone who could give them problems, when wildly lucrative fights with Ali, Frazier, Norton, Foreman, Holmes, whomever were waiting? In the end, when I was retired, I really wouldn't care what the fans thought, as the interest continued to roll in on my bank accounts! I'd go with whatever paid the most, or a route leading in this direction.

Hey, Muffin Man, welcome to the site. I have a question. Bicycle, bicycle, I want to ride my bicycle? Those are words to a song from a monster group from the seventies called, "Queen". I think their lead singer, Freddy Mercury, was born in Zanzibar. Any connection?

Joe Frazeier, because of his physical stature, his lack of weight and height, his short arms, was allowed by nature only one style. That style was flat out, frenetic upper body movement, combined with constant forward movement and contact with his opponents body mass. This meant either pushing or chasing. This type of style would probably spell out a short career for any fighter who didn't have genuine management. As for the fighters he supposedly "ducked", think about it! Lyle was totally beaten by Quarry, I mean tactically and physically. Shavers had a one punch change. Even Foreman couldn't stop Frazeir, with one punch. In fact, if you think about it, Frazeir absorbed more solid, unprotected shots from Foreman than anyone before finally succumbing. Neither Folley or Patterson was strong enough to keep a Frazeir blitz off.

To Sonia Quarry -

Sonia, I'm sorry! I was only joking! I thought that was obvious! I'm Italian! How in the world could I teach English to an American person? Doesn't the symbol ))) mean joking? Believe me, I hadn't bad intentions at all!

you people take the cake, massimo i knew you would hang yourself if you kept talking, you offended the Quarrys and my future woman Sonya. Sonya Quarry Koo Koo, it's got a nice ring to it, don't you think Kent? :) Back to boxing, was Sonny Liston ever young? He was born 35 yrs. old. He was slow at any age, not just against Ali. foolface i implore you, comeback for a cameo appearance. koo koo koo koo!

Mark Kram said in Ghosts of Mannila that Futch and Durham worked on Frazier's bob and weave style for Ali. He always used it, but not as often or as perpetual (bobbing up to twenty times a minute). They also made it even more of a combination of defense, with a springboard to offensive moves than before. I've watched both fights in slow motion in their entirety, and it's shocking to discover that Frazier had a slight edge in solid head punches landed (body wasn't a contest, since Ali never went to the body). In Manila, that was up till Joe's right eye (the virtually blind one) had swollen shut. Then Ali hit him with whithering right hands. Ali tried something else against Foreman - jabbing off a combination, as part of the combination, something fighters rarely do, but it didn't work. Frazier was difficult to hit, his punches were coming in at 50-60, sometimes more a round, and his style made other fighters hurry, or adapt to him. Actually, everyone except Foreman adapted to him, even Ali, whose style was sort of a defensive offense.
Ali was given credit for a great uppercut (which Futch said he didn't have), but didn't use it that much against JF. This would have been effective. Had MA spent time practicing the timing of uppercuts with Frazier's bobs, rather than clowning around, and playing rope-a-dope in the gym, he might have had another weapon. Frazier was practicing the bobs and weaves, in synchrony with attack, thousands of times, literally. That bobbing and weaving constancy is hard to do, particularly with a constant potential for, and execution to offense.
hand. koo koo koo koo
10/10/03 10:55:52 AM|steve|N.J.||dmmrsm@comcast.net|||10|R.S.-That's the second time you've mentioned Frazier's left eye. I had no idea he had that problem. I can't believe, after all these years, I've never absorbed that information. Don't you think that makes his fights with Ali even more amazing?
|10/10/03 12:28:15 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|R.S.-That's the second time you've mentioned Frazier's left eye. I had no idea he had that problem.<br><br>He actually sneaked and wore contacts when he fought Foreman the second time, since he'd had cataract surgery, but still needed the lenses. One of them got knocked cockeye, obscuring his vision. Joe mentions this in his autobiography, saying his eye was bad enough that they wouldn't have let him fight if they'd known how bad it was. He just counted on sloppy exams, and memorizing the eye charts.<br><br>I can't believe, after all these years, I've never absorbed that information. Don't you think that makes his fights with Ali even more amazing?<br><br>It sure does. Kram theorizes that in addition to Frazier's style taking away some of the disadvantage, that Joe also used subtle footwork and punching strategies to keep his opponents from getting too radical with counterclockwise movement, which could take them too far into his "dead zone." I've watched for that, and it certainly seems to be true. Of course, the age-old tactic of moving away from an opponent's right hand wouldn't be wise with Frazier, since they'd be moving right into the best left hook ever (Frazier's a lefty, which would partly account for that power).<br><br>Who's afraid of the muffin man, the muffin man the muffin man? Who's afraid of the muffin man, the muffin man the muffin man...Koo Koo be very afraid..<br><br>It looks as though your as stupid as the other paul, so all pauls are losers. the clockman is on his own time. Sonya you deserve a great man like myself, get out of that tired relationship w/tom. he can find someone else. Kent keep staying gone :) koo koo |
real, today's guys are too big, too fast, for any yesterday people, even the great Joe Louis would about as good as Thad Spencer, plodding in slowly getting hit. koo koo |

10/12/03 03:58:47 AM|Massimo|Rome||5|||10|Silvio Branco is the new WBA lightweight champion of the world... Thanks! Thanks! We are simply the best! |
10/12/03 04:05:39 AM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|KooKoo-<br><br>Don't you think that Joe Louis would beat Roy Jones, John Ruiz and James Toney? I think today he would be surely a top 5 contender. I think there is very few people today that could have a chance to beat him! Maybe Vitali, maybe Lewis, maybe Tua, but just maybe... Call please the names of the fighters that you think would beat Louis! |

PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Massimo - <br><br>The contenders of the 70s would be champions today. The champions then would fight the champions today as tuneups, or hire them for sparring partners. Same would be true of all the all time greats like Louis. Louis would fight differently today, faster paced, he'd weigh more, be bigger, stronger, but would finish just as fast. No one could finish better than Louis. I'd say his style today would resemble that of Roberto Duran. |
10/12/03 04:48:37 PM|Massimo "Larger than Life" Cini|Rome||7|||10|RS-<br><br>You're right! Louis was hugely skillful, he could throw every punch in the book and wonderful combinations and he could punch very hard. I don't think there are many fighters today that can punch harder than Joe Louis. Besides that, his left jab was a beaty, the second best ever (after Liston's). Now the problem is helping KooKoo to accept this... |
10/12/03 05:08:59 PM|MUFFINMAN|ZANZIBAR||ZANZIB@R|||8|The Klock's time is up. To all of you who have been wondering who this fool is, I can reveal his identity. The Koo Koo is.....Pee Wee Herman! |
10/12/03 05:22:53 PM|Massimo|Rome||5|||10|Who is Pee Wee Herman? A sculptor? |
10/13/03 12:49:13 AM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|i knew that i would be disagreed with strongly about joe louis losing to todays fighters, but that is reality! not only fighters but basket ball players, football players, weightlifters, on and on the list would go. yes if louis were bigger he would be able to compete, but i looking at him as he was, not as dreamed up to be. i will admit boxers are way behind as far as skill for their sport compared to other sports. do i the clockman think roy jones would beat joe louis, hell yes!!! if billy conn did what he did to him, what do you think jones would do. joe louis was like a poor dumb animal, look man, there's no way. don't make me say more bad things about louis. koo koo is tired now, time to unwind. |
10/13/03 03:00:47 AM|Massimo|Rome||8|||10|KooKoo-<br><br>If being big is so important, how did Roy Jones achieve his position in the heavyweight division? The first fight against Billy Conn was one of Joe Louis's most disappointing performance, that's true! That was probably just a bad night! In the return match Louis easily defeated Conn. Anyway Louis beat twice easily Abe Simon that was a huge and very muscular guy. If a fighter can punch hard as Joe Louis could punch, why do you think being big is so important? You named the basketball players... Do you think Shaq would beat Joe Louis in the ring? |
10/13/03 04:52:37 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com|||10|Current fighters minus modern training and diet advances (and drugs like steroids) would physically be just like fighters of past eras. Likewise, old fighters like Louis would be just as big as the modern ones with the same training and diet (and drugs). Speed and reflexes remain the same whatever the training and fighters of past eras were tougher than the present bunch. Referees were less inclined to stop fights, corners didn't throw the towel in so easily, they fought more often, and fighters then were prepared to take greater punishment. Height is another thing that doesn't change with modern training and Tyson has proved that
shorter guys can dominate in modern times. Anyway, Henry Armstrong and many others proved that you don't need bulging muscles to be a great fighter. Another thing, prior to the 1970s there were only 8 weight divisions and no cruiserweight and super middle weight and all that stupid 'super' stuff that makes up the 13 weight divisions there now are. Before the 1970s there was one title in each division for a total of only 8 world titles in boxing. Now with all the alphabet titles there are over 45 on offer. They are even creating more titles (like they recently have with Sven Ottke - the WBC now call him the 'emerit' champion or some nonsense like that) just to rip off more sanctioning fees. It had greater prestige just to be a contender pre-1970s than it means to hold a title now. If Jerry Quarry, Earnie Shavers, Ron Lyle or even Joe Bugner were fighters over the last 10 years then chances are that they would have held a world title at some stage. | 10/13/03 07:52:06 AM| Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)| Joshua Tree, CA|| Sonia81@aol.com ||| 10|Of course this site is Cool! Hey KooKoo, you are too funny. | 10/13/03 08:47:08 AM| Kent| La Habra, Ca|| Kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10|Not only did Joe Louis beat Abe Simon, who was over 6'5" and 260 pounds, he also defeated Buddy Baer, who was 6'5" 250, Primo Carnera, 6'6" 265 pounds as well as Tony "Two Ton" Galento, 5'9" 230 pounds. He also beat Max Baer, while not as big as baby brother Buddy, was 6'3" 220 pounds, compared to Louis'6'1" 200 pounds. Louis wouldn't need today's training methods to beat most of today's lumbering no talents. He had skill. When asked why smaller fighters can beat bigger heavyweights, James Toney had this to say, "these guys are lazy, they don't want to run or train hard." Toney has the skill to possibly win at least one of the major heavyweight titles and with Lennox Lewis being on the way down skill level wise, maybe even the consensus championship itself. Toney, the IBF cruiserweight champion, is fighting at anywhere from 190 pounds to 215 pounds these days, a small heavyweight compared to most of the guys out there now. Remember, two of the three major heavyweight belts today are held by smaller heavyweights in Chris Byrd, 211 pounds and Roy Jones Jr., 193 pounds. Could Jones beat Louis, I don't know, but if he could beat Louis, that just proves that a smaller heavyweight can beat a bigger heavyweight!! | 10/13/03 08:53:27 AM| Kent| La Habra, Ca|| Kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10|Damn those typos, just goes to show I shouldn't post without wearing my reading glasses. Getting older but not old, sigh!! | 10/13/03 10:06:47 AM| Massimo| Rome|| 8 ||| 10|I think Sonny Liston's body was close to perfection for a heavyweight! 6'1", about 215lbs (not too heavy)<br>and very long arms! Buddy Baer was at least 6'6", but Abe Simon was not taller than 6'4". You can trust because I'm an height's expert, as I have widely shown in my discussion about Andre' the Midget... Max Baer was 6'2 1/2 and Carnera was 6'5 3/4. Dulcis in fundo, Calvin Lane is 7'5 1/2... Goodbye ! | 10/13/03 10:25:16 AM| Massimo "Smaller than Life" Cini| Rome|| 9 | | 10|What do you think about a Tyson-Bonavena matchup? Don't you think that Bonavena's chin, power and fearlessness would have given Tyson a tough fight? | 10/13/03 11:16:31 AM| Kookoo | ny|| Kookoomoclock@yahoo.com || 10|i knew you guys would bring up carnera, simon and nova. these guys had no skill whatsoever. carnera would fall over his own feet. what jones beating louis would prove is that today's fighter are better conditioned and yes jones has much more skill than louis. heres some of my fight results/ rocky vs tyson , tyson wins in 2 rds, louis vs tyson, tyson in 3 rds, liston vs tyson , tyson 3 rds, frazier vs tyson, tyson 1rd, frazier coming straight at him makes it a short night. frazier has a less chance against tyson than anybody i ever seen. his style would get him killed quick. Tyson vs ali, tyson in 6 or 7 rds. EVEN THOUGH HE IS A JERK, IN HIS PRIME HE WOULD HAVE BEAT ANYONE! THESE ARE THE FACTS AFTER WATCHING BOXING ALMOST 40YRS. TIME FOR THE BIRD TO FLY. KOO KOO KOO KOO|
How many seconds do you think would have lasted a Carnera-Tyson fight? I'm curious! But don't forget that even light can't overcome c (Albert Einstein, 1905). Light speed is c in vacuum.

Skillwise, Tyson was a lot better than Bonavena. However, so were Ali and Frazier, who beat on him for a total of 40 rounds, with little effect. Frazier said he was like running into a refrigerator all night. The problem with Tyson was his mental stability. He unravelled with tough opponents who weren't afraid of him, and he'd have banged on Bonavena all night like a bag with no change. Oscar had an almost pathological lack of fear, even contempt, for men he should have respected, and Tyson would have been nothing to him. Tyson by KO, only if he could have managed to knock OB down three times as Ali did (in a place with that rule). Otherwise, an exhausted Tyson by decision, but not a massacre. Bonavena by KO if Tyson went sissy.

As a side thought, I'd also have liked to have seen Quarry-Bonavena, or Bugner-Bonavena. Or Quarry-Bugner. Are you off medication and out of therapy again? Hanging Tyson and Don King posters on your bedroom wall has turned you into some sort of loopy sicko. For thinking those thoughts about 'The Greatest' and 'The Bomber' your mind should be cordoned off and declared a crime scene. What do you admire most about 'Iron Mike'? Chewing on ears? Street brawling? The non-consensual sex? Just when we were starting to love laughing at you, we realise that you have serious mental issues to sort through. Picking Tyson to beat Ali and Louise makes you a kangaroo short of a top paddock. Call a 'time out' and get some help.

Joe Louis would also not be afraid of Tyson and he would hit Tyson hard early and get his respect. Tyson of course always has that fire power that can get him out of trouble at any time so there are scenarios that show he, at his best, was one punch away from beating anyone in the history of the game. In prime Tyson was awesome but beatable too, but not by many who have ever walked this Earth.
himself doesn't believe to be the greatest of all time...<br><br>Kent-<br>What do you think about Mitch "Blood" Green? He won 4 New York Golden Gloves in a row! Do you think he had potential? Thanks| 10/14/03 09:04:45 AM| Fran| Philly|| plc7755@aol.com||| 10| I read this site everyday because of Jerry being my boyhood Hero. I had to be his #1 fan. You guys bring up some interesting things to think about. We took a train from Philly to the Garden to see him KO Shavers. That was the most exciting sporting event I ever saw. If you take away the cut factor he would have been one of the all time greats. As far as Tyson goes he looked devasting until he met with guys like Douglas and Holyfield who weren't great fighters just good pros with enough talent and experience to find Tyson's weaknesses. Ali, Quarry, Foreman would have done the same thing........| 10/14/03 02:02:41 PM| Roadscholarette| Chicago|| roadscholarette@hotmail.com||| 10| Fran -<br>Ali, Frazier, and Foreman would have massacred Tyson, as would have any of the really great champions of the past. Tyson, in his prime, was a talented and devastating fighter who would have been rough trade for the above, but boxing is as much - maybe more so - mental as it is physical, and in this department, Tyson was bankrupt. The contenders of the 70s, many of whom would have been champions without the likes of Ali, Frazier, and Foreman around, would also have taken "Iron" Mike, maybe taking a little longer to do it. Quarry, with his rock chin and deep bag of boxing tricks, Shavers, with a punch probably exceeded only by Foreman, and Lyle, bomber from hell with a solid fundamental base, and all of them about as intimidated by Tyson as they'd be by David Letterman, would have completely discombobulated Tyson. He'd have either laid down, quit, or done something bizarre and been disqualified, if they didn't knock him out first.| 10/14/03 02:42:55 PM| MUFFINMAN| ZANZIBAR|| ZANZIBAR||| 8| Koo-Koo you choose to ignore me you fool! You write the words of a blind man. You are not only dumb but you are stupid beyond belief. I am watching you all the time you idiot! Remember Koo Koo your time is up. Kent stop being to this schmuck. Kent you are my hero. Can I have your autograph? Back in Africa I hear the cries...Ali Bomaye, Ali Bomaye, Ali Bomaye...time to ride my bicycle.| 10/14/03 03:47:16 PM| Paul| Sydney, Australia|| PIMls4@aol.com||| 10| Kent - I realised after I posted that I wrote 'Louise' instead of 'Louis'. Tyson would certainly have beaten Louise and Thelma but I couldn't back him against Ali and Louis. Tyson was a great offensive fighter and when he bobbed and weaved he was very good defensively. But mentally, when his opponent wasn't intimidated, he had nothing. Now I must go off to work.| 10/14/03 04:17:21 PM| Evren| London||| 10| I think it's very harsh to say that without Intimidation Tyson had 'nothing'. He had one of the hardest punches in history, he was one of the quickest in history, he was one of the cleverest fighters ever (open for debate I'm sure) his ferocity was unparalellled and he was a good defensive fighter also. Definitely in my top 10. Still think he could of have achieved more though. A real shame. A great great fighter. I think Muffin man is strange. Kent you have a fan!| 10/14/03 04:17:52 PM| Gerry Schultz| Cleveland, Ohio|| jgschultz11@msn.com||| 9| Road'ette, you're a very good Frazier fan, but to say that Ali, Frazier and Foreman would massacre Mike Tyson is a joke. Ali would have to survive him for 6-7 rounds with jabs and movement to beat him knowing that Mike could drop him at any time. Frazier was crushed by Foreman because he is open defensively. Tyson had a punch like Foreman. Foreman-Tyson could go either way, but as I said earlier, Tyson was much faster and better fundamentally, he would have a better chance. Being a fan is one thing, let's keep it real. We're all Quarry fans, but no one has him beating Ali. That's the reality.| 10/14/03 06:23:06 PM| Roadscholarette| Chicago|| roadscholarette@hotmail.com||| 10| To me, keeping it
real is to say that Mike Tyson was a complete chump and a loony who was blessed with athletic talent, something he exhibited against men not of a caliber of the 70s crew. I know anyone can get caught, but Buster Douglas!? On the subject of complete fighters, which I'm largely bringing up actually, rather than answering, I can't think of a better, more complete, and flawless fighter than Roberto Duran. I probably can if I think, one as fundamentally sound and able to execute, but I doubt I could think of a -better- one! He's as much of a joy to watch work as Frazier, or a young Ali before he started playing offensive survivor.

Thanks Muffinman for the compliment and your concern but I don't respond to anything a certain someone says to me or about me. Massimo, yes Mitch Green had potential but he had some mental issues that got in the way of his potential. He was the second fighter to go the distance with Tyson and while he didn't come close to winning, he did show how holding could be used to frustrate Tyson, a tactic that Ali, particularly an older Ali would use effectively. Tyson didn't turn out to be the next greatest like a lot of people were saying he was when he was on top but he is in my top ten of all time because when he was at his best, there are not many people from any era who could beat him. Maybe only Ali, Louis, Holmes, and Foreman. Joe Frazier would have to escape the first two rounds and then he might have had a chance. Ironically, our own Jerry Quarry would have had a better chance of beating Tyson because of styles than either Frazier or Ken Norton. Norton too would have to survive that initial onslaught to have a chance. As I said in an earlier post, Jerry would be in real danger of having his tender cut prone skin busted up by the accurate punching of Tyson.

A lot of things had to happen for Douglas to beat Tyson that day, if they'd fought 9 more times at other points in there careers, Tyson wins all of them, it's probably the greatest upset in sports history, not representative of either man's talent. A chump? What is that, something you heard on "Starsky and Hutch"? Boxing is full of guys from poor backgrounds, Roberto Duran certainly fits this profile. Sonny Liston, Joe Frazier, Floyd Patterson and many others as well. There's a lot of cause and effect with this very flawed guy, yes, but those that have managed Tyson have not taken care of him, they've used him. How many guys have been champ or damn near champ for 20 years? Tyson is a very rare talent.

it is you that copies me kent, Sonya don't trust this man, it is the clock man that should guide you. Kent is a man without a soul. He is a giant void, but let not your heart be troubled, the koo koo clock is here. sweet dreams to all. koo koo!

A name from the past: Tony Tucker! He gave Tyson a good fight and he would have performed even better if he had not damaged a hand early in the fight! A prime Tyson was great but wasn't even close to being unbeatable! A prime Tyson lost to Buster Douglas!

What does it mean "chump"? I couldn't find it on the dictionary!!

Yes, you are right. Tyson had more than "nothing" and I should have given it more thought before writing it. The point I was trying to make was that he didn't like it if he couldn't intimidate the other fighter. The fight became a lot more even. Early in his career Tyson was a Top 10 ever fighter and, while I don't think he could ever beat Ali, Louis, and Foreman, I do think he beats Frazier and perhaps even Marciano. So saying he had nothing was wrong. He had plenty. However, he was a squandered talent and maybe because of his upbringing he never really had a chance. But I still don't think he had the mental toughness to bother Ali and Louis. Massimo - Ali used to say that Frazier was a 'chump' and not a champ'. Kooky Clock says you need a hair piece. Why don't you get one like Rocky
Marciano wore when he retired? It would suit you.

I have a DVD called "THE FIGHTERS" (the most beautiful DVD I have ever seen). It's all about Ali-Frazier. In this wonderful DVD it's Frazier that calls Ali 'chump... I have never understood what fuck (or prick or cazzo in Italian) this means... Surely is nothing good !!!!!

A lot of things had to happen for Douglas to beat Tyson that day, if they'd fought 9 more times at other points in their careers, maybe, but the real greats were never taken by someone with that great a discrepancy in ability, all other things being equal. The main thing that happened was the emergence of Tyson's chumpism, something no one thought he had. This can override talent any day. A chump? What is that, something you heard on "Starsky and Hutch"? Boxing is full of guys from poor backgrounds, Roberto Duran certainly fits this profile. Busted! Yes, I have tapes of all their reruns, and use the show and its immortal actors (they put Jack Nicholson and Michael Caine, et al to shame, as we all know) as guides to living a good and God fearing life. Instead of asking myself, "What would Jesus do?" I ask, "What would Starsky and Hutch do?" They would have thought Mike Tyson was a physically talented boxer, but a chump as a man. I was aware that virtually all boxers came/came from poor backgrounds, yes. How many guys have been champ or damn near champ for 20 years? Tyson is a very rare talent. Compared to ordinary people, and in this venue, being a chump wouldn't be an issue. However, when talking sports, people compare athletes to others at their level. Some dictionaries might have "chump" in them, but many don't. It's a slang term that means someone who's deeply flawed or lacking in some, possibly many ways. In Tyson's case, we have a man who's very talented physically, but a chump emotionally, mentally, which is where boxing lives when you have to men (or women) who are fairly even physically.

As far as ability or heart goes Norton was not in Jerry's league. The Jerry Quarry who beat Mathis, Spencer, jumped on Frazier in 69 Blew out #1 Mac Foster in 70 blew out Shavers and took apart Lyle would have easily countered and beat Norton and probably stop him late.
Norton was a superb athlete, and an excellent fighter, but there was always something about him that made me think he wound up in the wrong sport, and that only momentum (and the money) kept him going. Ali and Holmes were right for him, and he put on terrific fights with them. Foreman annihilated him like he was an ordinary guy on the street, as Frazier would have done. As I said, he never seemed like a fighter though. Maybe football would have been his sport, as with his Cowboy son. Norton did actually play for a while, but then dropped out of college.

The Quarry he fought was on the downside of his career, while Norton was at or near his peak. There's no way to measure their pure athletic quotient, but Jerry was more of a pure fighter. It would have been a much different fight a few years earlier. Norton didn't cut people up like Ali and Joe could do, so the fight would have been on a red hot wire till the end.

Norton always seemed to freeze against real punchers like Foreman, Shavers, and Cooney (although Norton was really passed in prime when he fought Gerry). The Quarry who beat Lyle would have taken Norton out early inside of 6. I am not saying JQ could hit like Foreman or Shavers but if he landed right, he could hurt anyone. I always liked Norton's response to the question "who hit you hardest, Foreman, Shavers, or Cooney?" to which he answered "I try not to use my body as a gauge for other guys punching power".

Hey Massimo! I'll be in Rome on the 26th Oct. What are the best restaurants that I should eat in? I love traditional Italian food not 'tourist menu'. I'll be staying near the Termini Station. Is the seafood good in Rome, I want mussels, clams, oysters, lobster and crab if poss! Reply to my e-mail. Regards Evren.

Non boxing related trivia: Which country is older, United States or Italy? What do you think Massimo? I bet you and I are the only ones who get this right.

Also, who discovered the Americas? Cristoforo Colombo discovered the America (1492). He had three ships: the mythical Pinta, Nina e Santa Maria. All you American have to thank we Italian! Cristoforo Colombo should be your number 1 hero... Shaq should be just the number 2 !

Here's what you have to believe to conclude that Mike Tyson would have beaten Joe Louis: <br>1) Tyson with his mediocre defense would have withstood Louis's powerful and proven punching power.<br>2) Tyson, who fought mostly run of the mill opponents, is simply better somehow than Louis, who also fought mostly run of the mill opponents. <br>3) The reputedly superior equipment, training methods, conditioning and nutrition of Tyson would enable him somehow to dominate and defeat Louis with his inferior stuff. <br>4) Tyson's so-called ferocity would intimidate and overcome Louis. <br>5) Tyson at 5'10" and 220 would physically dominate and overpower Louis at 6'1" and 205. <br>6) Tyson's pattern of rushing out to try for a first round KO being his choice, unlike any other prominent boxer in recent history, would also prevail over Joe.
Louis in a first round KO, even though Louis never in his career lost a fight in the first round. <br>7) Evander Holyfield figured out Tyson and owned him, but Joe Louis could and would not. <br><br>In my opinion, not a single one of these beliefs is supportable. While they are both great champions, I believe Louis would have won a single fight, or about 8 out 10 if they fought that often. He was fast, shrewd, a superb boxer, and packed a wallop with either hand. Sooner or later, he figured out almost everybody, and then knocked each one out. He would have been a great champion at the turn of the century or in 2003, when he would have easily trained up to 220 or more. In his day, when boxers fought every other week usually, skill and speed were considered more important than size. Louis would have had a good chance against any champion, before or after him, including Ali, Foreman, Frazier, Dempsey or Marciano. He might have lost or won, but he would have been in every fight. He was a great champion, fought all contenders, and I don't understand why anyone would sincerely argue otherwise. | 10/16/03 03:26:20 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|Tyson had 3 phases to his career. Phase 1, when he was focused on boxing and with trainer Kevin Rooney he was a great fighter. His combination of power and hand speed we're unmatched, (Ali and Patterson maybe matched his hand speed but not his power. Liston and Foreman his power but not his speed). He had excellent head movement and a very good chin. His fighting discipline was also more focused. He lived to fight.<br>Phase 2, after Kevin Rooney, was the start of his downfall. Blame it on a bad marriage, extremely poor trainers who couldn't handle Mike ( I'll never forget the way his trainers handled the ice bag when Tyson fought Douglas), Don King's antics causing resentment with Mike, or Mikes over active sex drive..these things all contributed to his fall from greatness. Mike was always a loose cannon and needed strong people around him to keep him in line. He didn't have it.<br>The third phase was his after prison life. He came out of jail very resentful and unfocused in boxing. He never would have bitten Holyfield's ear early on in his career. He pulled one bad stunt after another but he was making huge money and still knocking out most guys very quickly. Even today at this stage there's still very few fighters that could beat him ( but with the current state of the heavyweight division thats not saying very much).<br>So when I judge Mike Tyson I use the first phase of his career. He would have beaten most ex-champs easily and would have had an excellent chance against anyone in history.| 10/16/03 03:53:33 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||Kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Massimo, these questions were for your amusement (and mine too). You are wrong!!! Columbus did not discover the Americas!!! The ancestors of the present day Native Americans, also known as Indians because Columbus claimed he was in India, came to the Americas and settled here thousands of years before any Europeans ever set foot here. It is believed that the Bering Strait, which separates Alaska in the United States and Siberia in Russia, was a land mass and the people originally came from Asia. They slowly settled the continents of America over the centuries. Since we don't know who the first individual is who came to the American continents, the correct answer is unknown. How can someone discover something if other people are already here? Actually, there is evidence that people from northern Europe were here 400 years before Columbus so sorry Massimo, Columbus may not even be the first European to come here.<br>This is not to make Columbus as an unimportant figure in history because mass immigration of European people and culture came here and they changed everything here. Our very existence as a society owes everything to Columbus' voyages.<br>The second the question is while the Italian culture is a rich and valued culture and is much older than the United States, Italy itself as a united country has only existed since 1870, so the United States is older than Italy. The area known as Italy today was a collection of separate kingdoms who shared a common language but they were not under one government until that year.
I meant to say, the second question is not the second the question is. I can't seem to get by without some mistake. I guess I was just tired as it is late here.

The fact that in America there were 4 ragamuffins and 5 bums with bare asses before Colombo's (not Columbus) voyages is not very important. A little more important is (if it's true) the fact that northern Europe persons arrived at America before Colombo did. But those guys didn't help the world to know America as Colombo did. Garibaldi, Mazzini and Cavour are ours George Washington! If you want I can correct my America's top heroes list. Shaq (by far) George Washington, Colombo, Abraham Lincoln. PS: how can you write from La Habra and from Orange County at the same time? Do you have the obiquity gift?

OK, you're right, I have underrated your ancestors! Colombo was a bum and a chump (I'm joking!). I have studied Latin and Greek in High School... Latin is a very beautiful and musical language! It needs a lot of intuition for correctly translating a Latin version. But if you think Latin is hard, you should study Greek! I remember my friend once, translating a Greek version, wrote that Alessandro Magno hunted the sparrows using spears, because there was a Greek word that meant sparrow and ostrich at the same time...
sleep over this, I was wondering if there was some special reason we don't know about for this animosity?

One thing I've also been told is that Cosell went particularly out of his way for black athletes in all sports, maybe because of some effort to show himself what a broad minded guy he was. I remember when I was little, and watched Monday night football with my Dad and brothers, they used to turn the sound on the TV off, and listen to the radio!

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Massimo, we cannot downplay Columbo's voyages importance to what became modern America. Without them, the world would not be what it is today. However, there are downsides to everything such as the destruction of centuries old societies that lived fine the way they were. I am not saying go back to those times as even I would not want to live like my Indian ancestors lived. The conquest of those cultures is history and we move forward from where we were to where we are now and beyond.

I also wouldn't want to live like my white ancestors from Prussia and France did in the past either. I like how my life is now as I am from this time. Appel, by the way, is my family name that came with my great-grandfather who came from Prussia (Northern Germany) in the 1840s.

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Evren: Howard Cosell had no use for anyone who finished second. I don't think race had much to do with his attitude about Jerry. Someone who Cosell probably thought had talent but somehow lacking because he couldn't, for whatever reason, win the brash ring of number one.

No Massimo - I didn't receive your e-mail. Try again. Thanks.

Evren: I sent you an e-mail about six hours ago. If you didn't receive it, it means that my mail isn't working so I'll write you here later today.

Roadscholarette I’m glad you pointed out the JQuarry v Cosell rub. His early interviews and ring commentary at Jerry’s fights with Patterson, Ellis and Frazier were full of respect and credit for Jerry’s ability. Cosell even relented after the second Patterson fight that Jerry could go the distance without tiring out. It was later that Cosell seemed to diss Jerry in his coverage, somewhere around Jerry’s first fight with Ali. Perhaps it was Cosell’s racial-political bias, or something that was exchanged in private that soured his perception of Jerry. It may also be that Cosell wanted only to associate himself only with “Winners”. Anyway, whatever it was, his attitude seemed obvious to me, though I’ve heard few people ever mention it.

Very close to Termini Station (about 200 mt) there is a good restaurant called "Nazzareno" (Via Magenta), and there is another one also, but I can't remember the name. If you go for a brief walk around T.S., you will find inter. places. Far from T.S., I know "Il Corsaro" (Via del Boccaccio). It's good but it's closed on Sunday.

I also know "Il Glicine" (Corso Trieste). This one is the best, it's very very good, but it's a little expensive (for my resources). If you decide to go to Glicine, ask for LASAGNE. In no rest. you will find lasagne as good as in Glicine. Do you know what lasagne are?

If you want to go for a good walk my advice is of using the T.S.'s underground (be carefully, there are 2 possible lines: A or B, and you have to use A if you want to reach the best destinations: SPAGNA, BARBERINI, SAN GIOVANNI). If you choose SAN GIOVANNI, you can't miss "LA BASILICA DI SAN GIOVANNI", it's arguably the most beaut. church I have ever seen in my life...

Have a good time in Rome! PS; don't worry, seafood is my favorite food too.
was little, and watched Monday night football with my Dad and brothers, they used to turn the sound on the TV off, and listen to the audio from the radio! .. In retrospect, he was a whiny, annoying, self serving snake and a wannabe, who dwelled on athlete's failures, rather than their successes.'<br><br>Look at what you're saying. You were a little kid and the authorities you cite are your father and brothers. You attribute a desire to please blacks as one of Cosell's primary motives and you call him a snake. Roadscholarette, you're committing the Rush Limbaugh Mistake here. <br><br>While obviously abrasive and arrogant, Cosell was a brilliant human being and sportscaster who delivered the goods. He consistently knew more about boxing and football than almost anyone else. He was an innovator, and with Roone Aldredge, in effect invented post 1965 pro football and boxing. <br><br>Obviously he associated with winners and why not? Would you expect him to befriend the unranked fighters, the 0-20 football team members? If so, why? <br><br>Without Howard, there would have been no Ali as we know him now. Cosell made a tremendous contribution to sports and deserves more respect from all of you. <br><br>Among many of you, I have seen a tendency to take a limited amount of knowledge, experience and let's face it, reasoning ability and imagination, and then use them all to spin ice cream castles in the air. You assume things you're not at all sure of, and then base assumptions on your assumptions and then more assumptions on that. <br><br>For example, big heavyweights usually handle smaller ones, so Mike Tyson would have handled Joe Louis easily. Joe Frazier developed a unique boxing style and had tremendous heart and beat Ali, so Joe must have been the greatest of all time. Tyson won first round KOs and was trained by Cus D'Amato, so he must have been the greatest. Primo Carnera was my national hero, so he must have been a great boxer. Floyd Patterson had nothing going for him but hands speed. Jerry Quarry was a wonderful guy and a great fighter with a great punch and good speed, so he too was an all-time great who might have beaten almost any champion if only blah blah blah. <br><br>Stick to what you know, think hard before you write, and show a little humility. | 10/17/03 08:51:47 AM| Fran| S.E. PA|| plc7755@aol.com| ||| 10| Thanks Albrecht, for getting back to boxing. I was not a little boy back in the Howard Cosell days but we also turned the sound off on him. He was a lousy commentator who knew nothing of the sport all he did was paint a picture. He was the worst of all time. | 10/17/03 09:21:11 AM| Roadscholarette| Chicago|| roadscholarette@hotmail.com| ||| 10| " I remember when I was little, and watched Monday night football with my Dad and brothers, they used to turn the sound on the TV off, and listen to the audio from the radio! .. In retrospect, he was a whiny, annoying, self serving snake and a wannabe, who dwelled on athlete's failures, rather than their successes.'<br><br>I simply said I watched TV with them. He fawned over the superstars of the day of any color, but if they also happened to be black, more so. Cosell was a bush league huckster who jumped on any passing bandwagon, or tried to blow its tires out, whichever did him the most good. He was like wealthy (phony), self congratulatory liberals of the late 60s, who used to invite Black Panthers to their Manhattan penthouses for cocktail parties. <br><br>You attribute a desire to please blacks as one of Cosell's primary motives and you call him a snake. Roadscholarette, you're committing the Rush Limbaugh Mistake here. <br><br>Nothing at all like that. Cosell wanted to please himself, and at a time of racial upheaval, when all things were equal, he leaned towards the black athletes. It wasn't for them. He couldn't have cared less about people he wouldn't have even acknowledged if they couldn't have done him some good. He didn't care about Ali or the whole mess he was in then. Ali was just mileage. <br><br>Cossell and Limbaugh, in a funny sort of way, were snakes of the same sort, though they expressed this genre in vastly different
Cosell liked to think of himself as "above sports." He really wanted to be a news journalist on world affairs. He was given a variety show in the 70's which was so bad it was funny. I never heard a good word about the guy from anyone that ever worked with him. Even NYC disk jockey Cousin Brucie (Morrow) who really has very little bad things to say about anyone and is a rather harmless guy, hated his guts. Listen to his commentary during the Holmes-Cooney fight and the way he constantly shifts opinion on whom he thinks will win is awesome example of covering all bases in order to always be right. He claims to have invented the term "lateral movement" and equates it with the discovery of penicillin.

What bugged me about Cosell is he always said, "I tell it like it is," rather than he told it as he saw it. Everyone's perception is different according to one's own life experiences so there is no absolute as it is. It is like, who died and left Cosell as God? What an arrogant persumption to think of himself as the prevayer of truth.

I write for some other websites and there are times when I interact with people of the boxing world. Sometimes a fighter may not like a comment I have made or a question I have asked but I try to convey to them it is just my opinion or the opinion of readers who would like to know something. I stand by my statement of never taking a cheap shot as any question is a search for knowledge and it is not personal. Am I the prevayer of some sort of absolute truth? Hell no! I don't want the job! What I say is just my "two cents worth."

Cossell's "tell it like it is" rubbish wasn't even "tough journalism," presenting hard to accept truths to viewers. If what he said ever was true, it was coincidental. He was something like the equally shlocky Bryant Gumbel, conjuring sensationalism and shrill hype to foist off on all of us ignorant peons as something we were too stupid to catch onto ourselves, thereby creating the illusion of groundbreaking truth. It was all for them.

Athletes, particularly football players, used to tell Howard stuff that wasn't true, then laugh when he presented it as his own insights.

I'm impressed that you know the word, but I don't understand your meaning. Likewise, you once wrote, "Lyle would have discombobulated Tyson." In my dictionary 'discombobulate' means 'disturb' or 'disconcert.' Why didn't you just say that "Lyle would have worried Tyson" instead of causing us to rush off to the dictionary. Another time you said, "pure athletic quotient." Koo Koo Clock. Where have you gone? Please come back and give me some of your humour before I go crazy reading bloody dictionaries.

Howard Cosell, a man i love to hate and hate him i did. no he played up to ali, downed jerry because he figured his career had nothing to gain from jerry, in the later part of jerrys career he did dis him quite a bit. JERRY HAD MANY THINGS HOWARD WOULD NEVER HAVE , THE ADMIRATION OF HIS FELLOW FIGHTS AND FANS, GOOD LOOKS, A BETTER
Way of speaking and the attention of many beautiful women, something Howard would never know his whole life. He had a big mouth, big mouth, no hair and no guts!!! Koo koo! I'm steamed!!|

10/18/03 12:57:03 AM| Bob Bumbera | Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | renfberra@aol.com | ||| 10 | This site is getting better and better with every post. I can understand R.S. and even get her drift, why all the over analysis I don't know...like if Ken Norton would have been better suited for another sport. Who knows...who cares...he was an excellent prizefighter and all I know is that the first time I saw him fight he beat the hell out of Muhammad Ali. Norton could not fight going backwards, he couldn't even pitch a decent jab in retreat. That's why Foreman, Shavers, and Cooney killed him and why he never fought his buddy Joe Frazier....Kenny was Frazier's sparring partner, he knew he would be killed. And that's why I believe Jerry would have taken him down as well. Look at the 3rd round of the fight when Quarry has him pinned on the ropes. If Jerry had been younger...Howard Cosell....it's just one guy's opinion, he did go out of his way to promote Black athletes in the 60's and 70's and they needed to be promoted. Look, it's the year 2003 and were are still debating if a Black guy is smart enough to be a quarterback or a coach in the NFL. I think Cosell was smart enough to know if you get people to debate you views they will want to hear more, the more they listen the more money you can make from it. Just some of my opinions, now, I'm not a "Rhodes Scholar" although, some people seem to think I look like Bill Clinton, so maybe my views are not up to par, I just like to go by the old saying "Keep It Simple Stupid"...that seems to work for me. Now I'm off for a Cuban Cigar, and a few Tiger beers in a Saigon Bar...very simple. see ya....|

10/18/03 01:32:11 AM| Ed | Cicero n y | mooseygoop@aol.com | ||| 10 | Concerning criticism of Cosell. I agree with everyones opinion of him. I remember Frank Gifford even didn't have anything nice to say about him. He was an opportunist who wouldn't even acknowledge anyone's existence if it didn't put himself in the spotlight.<br> About criticism of posts on this board...this is a casually written web site, it has people posting from all points of view and all kinds of educational backgrounds. I like it that way, if I didn't I would ignore it. When I want edited and censored material I will read a magazine or newspaper. There's many things ive learned here I never read in a magazine. There's knowledge to be gleaned from all sources. Keep posting everyone!|

10/18/03 05:00:38 AM| Paul | Sydney, Australia | PlMs4@aol.com | ||| 10 | Bob - I agree with the K.I.S.S. system as it is much less discombobulating calling a shovel a bloody spade. And talking about the use of big words and Howard Cossell, I remember seeing film of Cossell interviewing a young, brash Muhammad Ali. Cossell (obviously hoping to catch Ali out) said to him, "You are very truculent today." Ali looked momentarily non-plussed before gathering his wits and replying, "If that means great then that's what I am today." Over here in Australia I never saw enough of Cossell to form a view of him. Was he wearing a bad hair piece ? I once saw film of Cus D'Amato interviewing Ali and that was very entertaining. D'Amato was intelligent and entertaining and he more than held his own.|

10/18/03 08:53:43 AM| Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | ||| 10 | Ali and Foreman both scored IQs in the 70s on tests they took, yet I doubt anyone listening to them doubted that they were highly intelligent men (as all top pro athletes are). They were simply illiterate, spending no time in school when they were young, and all intelligence tests have at least some educational bias. Cossell was no dummy, but couldn't get the better of Ali because IMO Ali was smarter than he was, and had a quicker mind.<br><br>Some people watched Cossell -because- they hated him. They loved to hate him, and in that respect, he was a national treasure, or maybe anti-treasure, like the anti-Christ. However, it's no accident that he died the same bitter man he was when he was in the
spotlight. When he was no longer in broadcasting, I read that no one ever called or came to see him. I used the word "peon" loosely as it is often, to mean peasants or inferiors, which Cosell's manner indicated he thought almost everyone else but himself was, even the luminaries whose booties he continuously kissed.

Like Cosell or not, he was successful. It was ironic that ABC television tried to use Dennis Miller as a commentator for Monday Night Football and he used a lot of big words that went over most people's heads and it didn't work. I think that they did that because if it worked with Cosell, it would work again with Miller, wrong!

Thanks for your concern about me! I have read RS's "shrill etc...) but I glance was enough to understand that that stuff wasn't for me. When, in a sentence composed by many words, all you can understand is "us" and "all", you, my friend, have to jump... Anyway, I have to thank RS for giving me some good English lessons. It's her merit if now I can dominate hard words like ain't, chump, whatcha, betcha etc.

I was wondering about a couple of things I've observed about Ali in all his fights I've seen. They aren't brand new aspects of his ring life, but they could possibly give a new slant to the fighter most think was the greatest heavy ever. First, I can't think of a single time in all his fights where Ali was hit with a follow up punch. Even when Frazier, Norton, Foreman, ~whomever~ nailed him and hurt him, even knocked him down (rare) none ever hit him with a second (followup) punch. His ability to keep his senses about him, even when in turmoil, was uncanny. While thinking about this re Ali, at the same time, I can't think of any ~other~ great who was ~not~ hit with multiple followups when they were really shook.

Second, while we can all agree that he had extraordinary speed for a heavy, and an unequalled bag of tricks even when he slowed down, did his also unequalled ability to take a punch allow him to aspire to greatness that his boxing fundamentals wouldn't have, had he had just an average chin?

Primo Carnera was another example of a great champion with that quality! I know that very well because I have seen all his 103 professional fights!|

Da Preem was a great fighter, 'rassler and a darn good actor too. Maybe, if he was around today he would have even beat Arnold for for gov'n'a of the land of Fruit & Nuts. I have to agree with R.S. on Ali. He rarely took a follow up punch, I think Frazier, came the closest, the 11th round of the first fight comes to mind. Of course Ali's jaw had a fondness for left hooks, but even as fast as Joe was he rarely caught him with two in a row. When he was hurt he had the ability to do what ever he had to to save himself. Survival instinct I guess you'd call it. And keep in mind that most of the "big punchers" he faced he KO'ed, another survival instinct? He didn't have the image of a typical tough guy but he was one of the toughest fighters of all time. Looking at all the Heavyweight champs of the past, I think Ali is far above the rest. He's #1 and the next guy down the list (Louis, in my opinion) would start at #3, if you get my drift. Of course we could and should, argue over who, if anyone could replace Ali at #1, and please let's do!, but overall, I believe Ali was the best, and is probably top 3 in the history of the sport.
Massimo, it's amazing, your mastery of the English language seems to have improved by leaps and bounds since you've been on this site. Are you sure your not goofing on us poor, illiterate, lower middle class folk? Your intellect is pretty impressive. I mean, you know, you mentioning that you're a physicist and all. Does C represent the velocity of light in a vacuum? Or would that be C Squared?

Hey Ramblin' Bob Bumbera, how do you doin', my fellow New Jerseyite? Imagine my surprise when I read that you're in the "GREEN DREAM", you know, "THE BAD PLACE"! I see your in "Ho Chi Minh City". Oh, bye the way, Bob, I spent two tours in that place! If your doing business with them, then I hope you have some spare time to look for M.I.A.'s.

Bob Foster vs. James Toney or Roy Jones. Don't be too quick to judge. James Toney is still just an amazingly adaptable, overweight, middleweight. If he fights Roy Jones Jr. so what? Could either one beat Ali or Joe Louis?

Thanks for the nice words! The irony is that after having praised me for my English, you have KOed me with the word "boofing". What does it mean? I have a lot to improve with English. The hardest thing is not writing (anyway, it's pretty difficult) but understanding an English person when he (or she) talks. Another hard thing is the use of the verb "to get" that means almost everything in English. Even if you have to go to the bathroom, you say "I get...". Light speed is $c=300000$ Km/sec in vacuum, it's $c/n$ in materials, where $n$ is the refraction index of the particular material. The amazing thing is that light speed is $c$ (in vacuum) independently from the motion of the source and of the observer. This is the basis of Einstein's theory of special relativity.

The comments on Ali are right. He was one of the toughest warriors who ever fought. I can't recall him ducking anyone and if the first fight was good, then he was always prepared to do it again. Everyone praises Ali for his speed and boxing skills, but I don't think the guy's toughness has ever been fully appreciated. Maybe if he had a rough head on his shoulders everyone would have noticed his toughness as well. Perhaps Ali needed a flat nose and a few scars to be appreciated in that way. Ali's shown that toughness in the way he is handling his illness. He doesn't hide himself away and I've never read or seen him feeling sorry for himself. Also, RS made an extremely astute observation when commenting that Ali never got hit with many follow-up punches. I'd never noticed that before even though I've probably watched videos of his fights hundreds of times. Ali doesn't make as many public appearances as
he used to. I imagine he feels wretched, from the Parkinson's if not the
to the medicine he's on, plus is aware of how he comes off. I remember
one stark and sad moment recently when he was on, when they had closed
captioning at the bottom of the screen to let viewers know what he was saying.

Foster vs Toney? I think Foster would win by a convincing unanimous decision. Foster wouldn't KO Toney because James is iron chinned, but he would outbox him. I have seen Foster in 4 fights, and he is one of the most skilfull fighters ever.<br>

Tyson with his weak mind would never have beaten the Ali' of the 3 Frazier fights or the Ali' of the Foreman fight. But I think a (19-21) years old Tyson would have had a good chance against a (19-21) Clay.<br>

I read or heard somewhere that the second concussion immediately following the first, is very often the lethal one. Such as a fighter being knocked out by a punch and then slamming his head into the canvass. Or being hit with a second or third punch after being rendered helpless.<br>

Foster's skinny arms were like bullwhips. I could see a tough guy walking out of a bar laughing, thinking Foster would be a soft touch, and having to have his buddies tell him what happened when he regained consciousness. Though I think Foster would have taken any light heavy anytime, even Archie Moore, the heavies were another story. Ali and Frazier walked through him like he was nothing. Toney is not Ali or Frazier though. I'd put money on Foster to knock him out.<br>

How would have Foster knocked out Toney? Holyfield couldn't do that! Holyfield hit Toney with 3 or 4 terrible bombs in their fight, punches that would have killed a bull and Toney didn't seem hurt at all. I was really impressed by Toney 's last fight. He's really a tough guy, but I think Foster was too skilfull for him! Don't you think that Holyfield hits harder than Foster ever did?<br>

About Foster's skinny arms I remember Rino Tommasi once said that the most powerful fighters are those who have long and thin muscles (like Foster and Hearns). I don't know if this is generally true, but surely it doesn't work for Foreman (George's muscles are huge!)
The ability to hit hard, ~really~ hard, is a genetic gift. Anyone can work out and practice fundamentals, and increase their punching power greatly, but real bombers are born. Punching power and snap. Ali had snap, but wasn't that hard a hitter. Foreman didn't have as much snap as Ali, (though it was sufficient!), but no one has ever hit harder. I'd hazard a guess that if Foreman had never been a boxer, just ate cheeseburgers and drank beer, didn't work out, and didn't know how to throw a punch, that he'd still be a fearsome hitter. <br><br>Being skinny doesn't mean you ~can~ hit hard. Big punching scarecrows like Foster, Hearns, Danny Lopez, etc. were guys with the gift. Foster was like a big snake in the ring, coiling this way and that, long legs eating up real estate like a vacuum, then those blinding hands would come whipping out in a three punch combination, almost as if it was one movement. I don't think Toney could cope with his experience, his tactics, speed, or power. Foster was a real killer, with a rare destructive instinct, even among boxers.<br><br>Don't you think that Shavers could hit a little harder with his right than Foreman ? Lyle and Ali', who fought both, said that Shavers could hit a little harder.<br><br뗑<建档立 a daunting tournament, where Jerry lose's a split decision to Bob Fitzsimmons,All I can say is JQ never lost to any light heavyweights. I can remember when A FIGHTER by the name of AL "MEMPIS" JONES knocked Quarry down extracted 4 of his teeth and broke his jaw, then decked him again with a flurry accumulated with a push-punch,then was knocked kicking the next round at 3:08 OF THE FOURTH. (WENT IN THE RECORD BOOK AS A KO 5 FOR Jerry, but it was the fourth round).Not a lot of fighter's would have survived Alexander,after he decked Jerry in 74', (Joe Alexander said later Quarry was the only opponent he ever decked "that got up and won").I Agree with some other's on this post how Jerry's first year in the broadcast booth, he could outshine HOWIE COSELL at EVERYTHING!ESPECIALLY THE LADIES,A lot of people forget that besides being articulate, QUARRY WAS INTELLIGENT,CHARMING AND ELOQUENT WITH HIS FAN'S. TAKE CARE!!<br><br>the clockman agrees, jerry did have the class of a champion, it's too bad that he cut so easy, but hey that the way it goes, he'll always be remembered, you can't forget that kind of man. |<br><br>You said that Foster would have taken any light heavy anytime. I want to propose you 3 names <br>1) Doug Jones. He beat Foster ! Don't you think that he could have been greater than Foster at 175 lbs ?<br>2)Ezzard Charles. He beat Archie Moore 3 times convincingly and gave Marciano the toughest fight of his life ( first fight)<br>3) the legendary Sam Langford: he fought in almost all the weight division, includind the light heavyweight, kicking asses of almost all the best fighters in the wordl ( with the exception of Jack Johnson, that had an ass hard to kick !). |
diet down one weight class, if possible, with the theory being that the individual will retain the strength he had at a higher weight. This isn't always the case, plus with everyone doing it, it sort of evens the field. Some fighters have done OK going up or down, but the majority going up hit the wall. Duran and Hearns didn't, but most light heavies do. Spinks found the going much tougher, but someone like Quarry at cruiser would have had a walk in the park.

While Foster couldn't take the great heavyweights, I believe he would have taken most of the less than great, much less ones sort of on the line between the two divisions. I also think he would have been a shoein at cruiserweight, if the division had been around when he was fighting.

Last time Tyson fought was in February. Eight months of rest but for a good reason: his exhausting battle against Clifford. The Thrilla in Manilla looks a joke in comparison! Mike, be serious! If you want to fight, keep on fighting, but if you don't want to fight...Just quit, please!

Jose Napoles was a superb fighter. He won 77 of 84 fights, 57 by knockout, beating such men as Cokes, Griffith, Lopez, Backus, Lewis, Pruitt, Perkins, and Muniz, some more than once. He lost to Monzon, trying for the middleweight title, but Monzon was a phenom at middle, one of the greatest ever. Big too—six feet. Anyway, Napoles would have been an interesting match for Sugar Ray Leonard. I think Napoli would have been a dangerous contender in Leonard's day, and against him or Duran, could never be counted out.

Re middleweights—there's an aura and mythology about Sugar Ray Robinson, just as there is about Ali that no one could have beaten him, but IMO, his opponents were not of the quality of those in the golden age of middles, late 70s and into the 80s. This was the time by which middleweights should be measured, just as the 70s was for heavyweights. I think Robinson would have had his hands full with Hagler, Hearns, Leonard, and Duran. Fighters like Graziano, LaMotta (not the heavy hitter he was portrayed to be in the movie), Basilio, etc. would have been lucky to have gone the distance. Robinson and Ali are often named as the best fighters ever, but for my money, the best, pound for pound, and the most fundamentally complete, was Roberto Duran.
Sugar Ray Leonard was a great champion, but I put him a step below Marvin Hagler and Robinson because sometimes he looked scared in the ring and didn't fight bravely. Wasn't Roberto Duran better as a lightweight than as a middleweight? I think he was the best lightweight ever, but not the best middleweight ever.

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I think Duran hit the wall of greatness as a welterweight. No one was even close as a lightweight, almost likewise as a welterweight, but he was running in the middle of the pack as a middleweight. It was a pretty fast pack, but he wasn't leading it. I think his no mas fight is a major blemish, without real explanation. Was it an off night or was he sick, and was therefore being humiliated? Was he being humiliated, period? Was he going to crap his pants due to something he'd eaten, as has been suggested? Who knows? I don't think a current fighter always beats one from the past, or vice versa, but even allowing for changes in style on the part of some of the old time greats, I don't put them in the 80s class (though I think there'd have been some good fights).

Leonard was a GREAT fighter. (one of my favorites) Duran was not. Great fighters don't quit like he did. He quit because he was getting his ass kicked. PERIOD.

Hey KOO you can be nice when you want too!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I still think Duran is one of the greatest of all time and the second greatest fighter I ever saw...the first being....yeah,yeah,yeah...Roy Jones Jr. Oh yeah...speaking of welterweights...If you want to watch a beautiful boxing match...SRL vs. Wilfredo Benitez.

The "no mas" fight was a blemish for Leonard too! A great champion like Leonard should behave in a sportsmanlike way and shouldn't act like a clown.

Duran was great. He fought often and was never afraid of moving up a division, but it is hard to forget the 'no mas' incident and to my mind that stops him being among the most elite. I'd even have Carlos Monzon above him. He fought 102 times, only lost three, and was never knocked out. It's easy to knock the opposition he faced, but that's not his fault. I was re-reading Angelo Dundee's book and his top fighters that he saw fight are: Ali, Sugar Ray Robinson, Leonard, Tony Canzoneri, Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong, Willie Pep and Rocky Marciano.

I think Duran was the best fighter of all time. He was able to move up in weight and his ability to slip n slide and counter later in his career showed him improving as he got older.
too think Duran presents a powerful argument for being the greatest fighter ever. He was fundamentally sound, he could hit like a mule, he could take a punch, he didn't ~get~ hit, some had as much of a killer instinct, but no one more, he could move, feint, parry, bob, weave, corner a man, and could finish. He knew how to get out of trouble, and how to weather a storm. His footwork was exemplary, and he was almost always in top shape.

The second Leonard fight has some 'splainin' to do! Leonard was a superbly talented fighter, but not more so than Duran, and certainly not as much as what we saw that night; Duran looked ridiculous, bordering on Cobb-Holmes or Wepner-Ali, and we know from his career before and after that fight, and from his first fight with Leonard, that that wasn't the case. I believe the first fight is a better indication of their comparative abilities. I doubt this killer, who'd been fighting since he was four years old, quit just because he was being beat. As I say, unanswered questions...

I throw out the 2nd Leonard Fight. The first was both of them at thier best. Duran was in terrific condition hungry and was able to out manuever a razor sharp former Olympic champ. The second fight was either a case of Duran being sick in body or mind or both. Leonard was a diferent generation of fighter than Duran and a bigger fighter should have beaten a former lightweight champ who should have been in decline. But Duran was hungry fined tune and Ready. I'll never forget watching it on Closed circuit it seemed like Duran was on top of Leonard as soon as leonard got up off his stool. It was like they threw him from Duran's Corner to Leonards when the bell rang. That was one of the biggest fights of the century at the time it was like Frazier Ali one and after the fight Duran Partied. He wasn't ready for the 2nd fight. Leonards people knew it. They were both ready for the first and Duran won......

I have to agree with Dundee on his all time greatest.Wonder why he doesn't include Duran?

I don't think it is as simple as "throwing out" a fight that badly tarnished Duran's record. Angelo Dundee describes Duran as having "three weapons - a left hand, a right hand, and his head." According to Dundee, before the first fight Duran incensed Leonard with his rude, arrogant manner, and he even insulted Leonard's wife. He says that Leonard lost his cool and the result was a defeat for Leonard. And Leonard can't remove that fight from his resume. Regarding the second fight, Dundee and Leonard went to the weigh-in wearing false beards (mimmicking the unshaven look that Duran chose to make him look tough in trying to intimidate opponents). They were showing their contempt for Duran. Dundee also says that Leonard was bigger and stronger and that Duran noticed this during the "stare down" when the referee was giving instructions. He says that Leonard negated all of Duran's "bullish tactics" causing frustration and that Duran eventually looked "ordinary, pedestrian." Dundee believes that Leonard got to Duran psychologically, just like Ali got to Liston psychologically in their second fight. Whatever the case, you can't pretend it never happened.

I have the tape of Leonard-Duran 3. I know that Duran was 38, but that was a very disappointing performance by "hands of stone". I threw 1 serious punch in all the fight, in the eleventh round!!

Massimo - Italy are going okay in the World Cup Rugby Union in Australia. They are not 'kicking ass', but they are holding their own. Here I was thinking all you guys in Rome could only play soccer and eat spaghetti and look good in Godfather films. By the way, the posts of Fran and RS are very informative. You two are deep thinkers, your posts are always well considered, and I look forward to reading them. Also, your presence has made Koo Koo Clock behave himself. I think
he might be intimidated. Fancy that. Anyway, keep the great posts going. 

I don't like rugby and baseball, maybe just because I have never understood the rules of both. Baseball looks so boring!! We Italian are good at soccer, but we don't win nothing since 1982! RS is a smart lady and she is a good English teacher too!

I forgot that you guys are also good at making ruins! I like rugby, but I don't know enough about baseball to form an opinion. I sometimes like to watch soccer, although boxing, rugby league football, and horse racing are what I like most. Sometimes I spend the entire weekend going from one to the other of those activities. I raced a horse last year and it kept coming second (like me). She came second seven times and we could not get her across the line for a win. RS believes that Duran is the greatest pound-for-pound and I suppose that view has merit if confined to his lightweight days. He was a two-fisted fighter at times unstoppable. But I have to go with Ali pound-for-pound. To me he is the benchmark for great fighters - the magnificent jab, ability to take a punch, speed, courage to pick himself up off the canvass, and he was just so unpredictable. Just when you expected him to jab, he'd hit you with a straight right. When you thought he would dance, he'd rope-a-dope. His balance was superb and he'd even throw great combinations going backwards. Early in his career his timing and speed were so special that he didn't need big power to knock a guy out with just one punch. So I have to have Ali on top. There's only one guy who I think could possibly have been better and that is Joe Louis. I think Ali would beat him but Louis was so great I can't be certain. Who is your best pound-for-pound, Massimo? Gianfranco Rosi? I wonder whether Koo Koo Clock is going to stay gone.

The best pound for pound? Most guys say Robinson, but I have seen only about 10 minutes of Sugar Ray in the ring, so I can't judge him! I have never seen Carlos Monzon in the ring! Let's say that BOB FOSTER is my best fighter pound for pound, just a half step above Ali' and Hagler. Leonard had a huge class, he was a super champion, but I prefer Hagler because was more brave and serious in the ring! Don't you think that a (19-21) years old Mike Tyson would have had a good chance against a (19-21) Cassius Clay? Tyson looked impressive at the beginning of his career...

If Duran wasn't who was. Did you know the Quarry's? 

I was wrong! I have written Kent Apple's fan but his surname is Appel not Apple! Forgive me Kent, that wasn't intentional!!!
course, it's all just speculation. Foster at a natural 210, Monzon or Duran the same, if there was a proportionate increase in power, and they were still as quick, would be fearsome fighters. Strength is a funny thing. A human is stronger than a horse, pound for pound, and an ant is stronger than an NFL lineman, by the same standards. A 100 pound ape is as strong as a 300 pound man. Speaking of strength, there's a gorilla at a Chicago area zoo - Brookfield - that not only throws tractor tires around, but got P-offed once, and turned one inside out! Wow!<br>Re your posting about Ali, Paul - it's always tempting to take great little guys and shine a Martian growth ray on them, turning them into heavyweight scoundrels, while at the same time, dismissing the regular heaves. While Ali was not a killer puncher,ala Foreman, Frazier, Dempsey, or Shavers, etc., I think a strong case could be made for him being best pound for pound too. There was never, ever a smarter, more creative, or craftier fighter than Ali. People look at him as a model of the stylistic boxer, but I submit that he was anything but. He was a ~fighter~! The most versatile, adaptable man ever to enter the ring. Maybe he made some fundamental mistakes, but the ~Fighter~ reigned supreme, rendering those irrelevant. He was smooth, dirty, tough, indestructible, fast, and fought with his mind like few others.<br>I tend to look at heavies in terms of how they'd have done in either the first or third Ali-Frazier fights, against those two, those nights. In my mind, only those two, or Foreman could have survived. I can't think of another boxer, in any division who fought and beat both the number or the caliber of opponents than Ali did. If he'd had Foreman's punch, they'd have made him illegal!!

| 10/24/03 01:53:16 PM | Massimo | Rome | | | | | 10 | RS-<br><br>I think a brawl between that gorilla and Calvin Lane would be very interesting! Do you know that Calvin can bench press 385 lbs? He is a living legend!!<br><br>Better than any other... Frazier, in my mind, fought slightly better than Ali' in those 5 rounds.<br><br>It wasn't a bad fight at all. Not as hyped as the first and third, and not ~as~ good as those two, but nothing to kick out of bed either, even if it did eat crackers! :-( Ali learned from the first, and held Frazier relentlessly, something that was not curtailed one bit by the incompetent referee. They might as well have had some punchy X-champion as the third man in the ring. Ali probably won narrowly, though neither man was at his best.<br><br>Some of the drugged out NFL behemoths can bench press 500-600 pounds for reps, and are frighteningly strong men, near gorillas. They're fast too, moving like ballet dancers, rather than the bearlike men they are in appearance. Heart attacks waiting to happen too.<br>

| 10/24/03 01:58:36 PM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | | | | 10 |<br><br>Before Ali'-Frazier 1, do you think Ali' was really aware of Frazier's greatness or not? In the pre-fight interviewes he said "It's gonna be an easy fight! I'll KO Frazier in 6". <br>RS, my English teacher, I'm sorry, but I don't understand what you meant from " nothing to kick out the bed... To crackers". Kick out the bed? What's that staff? Is that similar to " kick the bed"? I understand what "kicking
asses" means, but why someone should kick a bed? It's not a smart behavior. It could be very painful!!!! |

I don't think Ali took Frazier lightly at all but he didn't think he was as good as he proved to be. Kicking out of bed is a phrase we use to say that a woman was hot enough that you wouldn't kick her out of bed. |

Ali Frazier and Foreman along with Quarry, Lyle, Shavers Norton was a great era. I remember watching Ken Norton and Joe Frazier go to war at 7 champs gym in NJ when Joe was training for Foreman. Norton was jumping on Frazier with right hands and Frazier was getting shook to his toes then he'd fire a left hook back and almost take Norton's head off. These guys were killin each other in the gym. |
Thanks Fran and thank George! Welcome George Buell! We have a new friend! I though dogging it meant avoiding it... I wasn't very close to the truth! I think that Sam Langford deserve a shot to the pound for pound best fighter. If you are 5'6" tall and you beat several times George Godfrey, Joe Jeannette, Sam Mc Vey etc., you are great! I'd be curious to watch a Godfrey-Tyson fight! My impression is the George Godfrey was a terrific fighter! Apart the fixed fights, he didn't lose many fights! Larry Gaines used to say: "I feared just 2 men in the world: my father and George Godfrey!". Paul said that if he had trained for all his fights in the same way, his career wouldn't have lasted so long!

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George Buell, are you any relation to a Bruce Buell who used to (and may still) live in the La Habra, Whittier area? If by chance you happen to be his relative, he was a friend of my father's, Victor (Shelly) Appel, who passed away about 15 years ago. If not, you are right about the strong presence of Mexican fighters, both Americans of Mexican descent and Mexicans from Mexico, in Southern California. They are still going strong with fighters such as Oscar De La Hoya and Fernando Vargas, among many others.

Eddie "El Amimal" Lopez of Mexican descent was a decent heavyweight who was close to a top twenty ranking. He was the first fighter to go the distance with Gerry Cooney.

Ruben Olivares knocked out Australia's Lionel Rose to win the World Bantamweight title. Olivares was a great fighter and his nickname was 'Rockabye'. Rose had earlier won the title from Fighting Harada. Beating Harada made Rose a national hero over here.

Paul, do you mean Shotgun Olivares was called Rockabye in Australia? Good nickname. Whatever happened to Lionel? I remember him now. Have there been other aboriginal world champs? Whatever happened to Evonne Goolagong?
it also means avoiding it. When you call someone a dog (or dawg), it now means
he is a stud or "Romeo" or successful with the ladies, like Sugar Ray Robinson. But you could say a boxer who holds, circles around, hardly throws any punches and doesn't work hard is dogging it. Yes, there were and are thousands of
good Mexican-American boxers from the West Coast, too. Some include Mando Ramos, Bobby Chacon, Ruben Navarro, Art Aragon in the 40s and 50s, Ernie and Little Red Lopez (actually they were from Utah originally and part native American)-- I
should be able to list 50 more, but I'm too damned old. The ringside announcers always made a big thing about how Mexican boxers were taught "the liver punch" as children -- this claim sounded a little racist. There was one tough Mex-
American heavy named Joey Orbillo who came up with JQ as a rival, and friend.
Joey may have reached the Top Ten and I remember he fought Liston in the
twilight of Sonny's career. In interviews, Sonny pronounced his name "Orbillio",
and then KOed him, if I remember right. Joey later lost a showdown with JQ, who said for once he hesitated and didn't want to knock his old buddy flat. Then Joey became a policeman and may still be doing it. I guess Manuel Ramos qualifies as a good heavy but not a great one. Alejandro Lavorante was from Argentina, I think. He was highly touted around 1962 but lost to Cassius Clay, and then a month later got KOed by a ham-and-egger (average fighter or "journeyman") named Johnny Riggins. Lavorante hit his head on the ring turnbuckle (where the ropes come together), suffered a basal hemorrhage and died soon after. This is the most common reason for ring deaths -- not a punch but hitting the turnbuckle. I think Cassius Clay did the original damage that made Lavorante vulnerable. But who knows? I regard Ali as a very heavy puncher. Not in the
category of Foreman, Cleve Williams, or the big bangers, but probably as
forceful as Frazier and the second tier hitters. The difference is that Ali had
the crisp snap that immediately cut off the CNS (central nervous system), and
most of the others had bludgeoning blows. It used to be (and maybe still is) that a lot of Thai boxers were highly-ranked in the lighter divisions, too.
Massimo, Shaq, Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul Jabbar and many others live in
Bel Air, a couple of miles down Sunset Boulevard from me. When you see Shaq or
any 7-footer on the street or in a restaurant, it's unbelievable at first.
One last question -- I always heard some heavyweights train with middles or
even welters for speed. True or false? If true, who are some of the guys who did this? Oh, and I didn't have relatives named Bruce Buell, but for decades,
one of the announcers on classical station KFPC-AM/FM had that name. I
was reading a book covering the Lionel Rose v Olivares fight and it called Rubin 'Rockabye' Olivares. To be honest, I did not know that was his nickname until I
read that. I can't recall that nickname being used when he fought. Lionel Rose
is alive and well and is about 54 years old. A friend of mine knows him well and
I got to meet Rose about two years ago at a fight night in Sydney. I was lucky
enough to enjoy a number of beers over several hours with him. At the time he
was living 100 kilometres from Sydney in a place named Ulladullah. Like many
ex-champions, Lionel is not wealthy but he doesn't complain and he battles on.
He smokes too much. I understand that he sold the bantamweight title belt that
he won. After the Olivares fight, he had a few more bouts which he lost. He then
made a record singing an ordinary song and playing the guitar. On the night we
were with him none of us (including Lionel) could recall the name of the song.
Lionel is a very friendly and likeable man. Evonne Goolagong is also alive and
well. I think she still lives in Sydney, but she keeps out of the limelight and
we never see her. In her youth she lived in a suburb in Sydney called Roseville,
just a few streets from me. But I've never seen her in person. She was a
wonderful tennis player. No one has a bad word for Lionel or Evonne in
Australia. You are right about Ali. He had terrific snap in his punches.
have been other Aboriginal world champions. There have been and I will have to get back to you on it (as my dinner is ready to eat). Anthony Mundine, who now holds the WBC Super Middleweight belt (after beating Antwun Echols), is part Aboriginal (mother white, father black). His father is Tony Mundine and you might recall that in 1974 Tony was knocked out in the 8th round by Carlos Monzon. Tony beat guys like Emile Griffith, Jean Claude Boutier. He was a classic fighter with a great offence (but unfortunately his chin was flawed). Tony was very popular here. Unfortunately, Anthony is extremely unpopular and most here regard him as a loud mouth. He said some dreadful things after September 11th and many of us will never forgive him for it. I have a framed photograph on my wall of an unconscious Anthony on the canvass after Sven Ottke knocked him cold. It makes me happy looking at it. I'll get back to you on the rest of your questions. | 10/26/03 03:41:26 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com||||10|George - the only Aborigines to have won world titles that I can come up with were Lionel Rose and more recently Anthony Mundine. We've had some terrific Aboriginal fighters though. Dave Sands (who died at age 26) twice beat world champions but never actually did so in a title fight. He beat Robert Villemain who later beat Jake La Motta. Another Aborigine named Hector Thompson came close too. In 1973 after 26 straight wins he was tko'd by Roberto Duran and was later beaten in a title fight against Antonio Cervantes. Thompson twice killed opponents in the ring, even though he was more a bodypuncher than a knockout guy. Australian champions we've had were Vic Patrick, Jimmy Carruthers (he retired and operated a fruit juice shop and I met him before he died), Jeff Fenech (now very wealthy and is training Danny Green who will win a world title soon), Jeff Harding (now in gaol, has a terrible alcohol problem after a broken marriage), Barry Michaels (successful commentator), Lester Ellis (made a recent comeback to be knocked out by Anthony Mundine), Rocky Mattioli (hails originally from Massimo's home town), and Johnny Famechon (who is severely disabled after being hit by a car). I can't think of any others. We also had Tony Madigan who Cassius Clay beat on the way to winning Olympic gold. Madigan didn't win a world title. | 10/26/03 09:12:59 PM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia81@aol.com||||10|Hey KooKoo, thats great you trust the Quarry's, cause I know I am a trustworthy person. Its great all the stuff you all are writing on here, and its all pretty much positive about Jerry. You are very missed and loved Dad & Uncle Jerry| 10/27/03 01:41:31 PM|Massimo|Rome||4||||10|Tony Madigan gave Clay his toughest fight in Rome (1960). The fight was a close-run thing, with Cassius scrapping a narrow points win. I have found this sentence in a book and I'm going to seek in the dictionary "to scrape", for better understanding what I wrote! <br><br><br>George - Did you ever meet those guys you have mentioned? My biggest friend is 6'4" 210lbs and every time I meet him I look up and think: "What a mountain!". But you guess Shaq is a little bigger than that... Maybe even Andre' the Midget was taller, but I would not bet my guts he was taller than Vitali Klitschko! Anyone who meets Calvin Lane risks a heart attack! | 10/27/03 02:27:27 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Massimo - <br>"Wouldn't kick him or her out of bed" is a slang expression referring to the obvious or course, but can be expanded to mean anything desirable. The eating crackers part is just one of my little additions! <br><br><br>Paul - At some point, I think Ali lost some inner fire, and while he could find this from certain opponents, it wasn't there for all. He didn't train as he should, he didn't hone technique, and he didn't listen to anyone. As one time, he tried to get Eddie Futch to come over to his camp, knowing how bright Futch was (not that he had any slouch in Dundee), but I don't see that it would have done any good - he wouldn't have listened to Futch. I sense that Eddie wouldn't have put up with Ali's crap either, and would have been soon gone, had he ever come
Before Frazier fought Foreman, he said he didn't feel right. High blood pressure, perhaps hepatitis (which he got later, before he was to fight Knoetze, then Shavers), his eyes, whatever. He said he felt weak. Could Frazier have beaten Big George the night he fought Ali the first time, or in Manila? Who knows, but if Foreman had won anyway, it wouldn't have been as easy as it was those two times. Joe lost to only George and Ali, decisively only to one. He was always ready. I wonder how fighters today would respond to some of the new interval anaerobic training methods employed with Olympic fighters? Most fighters run like they're carrying anvils - 10 minutes per mile or slower. One of the Mexican fighters (can't remember who) hooked up with the track coach at San Diego State, they worked out a running program, and just the difference in roadwork improved his ring performance immensely. I also read about another fighter who was dating a woman who was a 10K and marathon runner, and after she just about killed him on their runs, he too improved unbelievably.<br><br>Can you hear the AUDIO of the videoclippes ? Before I could, but not anymore !<br><br>What happened in here the last few days? First, my bookmark took me only to a timed out message, then to Colussus, saying the page was "taking a vacation." | 10/27/03 05:40:24 PM|Massimo |Rome||4||10|To everybody in the world-<br><br>RS-<br><br>Have you seen all the Frazier's fights ? I ask you that because I know you are a huge Frazier fan ( as anyone should be ) ! Even if he had fought only the Thrilla all the men and women in the world should say:" Thanks Joe !<br>Thanks to be born". What a luck that Joe was a little fat when he was a boy... If not... No Joe Frazier ! The Thrilla is the best fight I have ever seen and I think I'll keep watching it for all my life... Am I crazy ? I don't think nice !<br>Ali'-Frazier 1 maybe is the second best fight I have seen... Is that a coincidence ?... I don't think so !| 10/27/03 06:20:17 PM|Massimo|Rome||4||10|RS--<br><br>Charles anderson|ark.||ctjjandfam@aol.com||10|what did Frazier have to say about Jerry in his autobiography?<br><br>Charles-<br><br>Frazier showed a great respect and consideration for Jerry Quarry in his autobiography.| 10/27/03 07:45:33 PM|Massimo|Rome||4||10|Charles-<br>Frazier showed a great respect and consideration for Jerry Quarry in his autobiography.| 10/27/03 07:59:51 PM|VIDEO POST|The Jerry Quarry Foundation||TJQF||10|<Font color="lime"><b>VIDEO POST</b></Font>| 10/28/03 02:03:58 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PIlMs4@aol.com||10|RS - I recall reading an amusing story about Ali's preparation for a fight overseas. I forget who the fight was against, but it was a bout Ali was expected to win. Angelo Dundee was in bed trying to sleep the night before the fight when the window blinds kept rattling. Every time Dundee started to nod off to sleep, the blinds would rattle again and he did not sleep much. When daylight came he inspected
the blinds to find fishing line attached and the line went all the way up to the floor above where (of course) Ali was staying. So Ali must not have slept much either staying up all night pulling on the line. The story illustrates that Ali was not always focused and properly prepared for the fights he thought he would win easily. In regard to what Frazier wrote about Jerry Quarry....Frazier described Quarry as a "skilled counterpuncher, with quick hands, a decent punch, and a good head for tactics." He also said that "Quarry was a good looking Irish kid, with a nice smile and an engaging boy-next-door manner." And then, "But Quarry hadn't the kind of Leave It To Beaver upbringing you might have figured. He'd been raised to be a fighter by his father, Jack, a rough sort of man who had the word HARD tattooed on his left fist and LUCK on his right. Old Man Quarry had been a club fighter in his youth. And when the fighting part of his life was done, he'd bolted from the Texas dust bowl and went looking for a better life." It is a good read! Massimo - are you going to ask what Leave It To Beaver means? Then ask Koo Koo.

Why are you doubting that I understand what "Leave It To Beaver" means? I already knew that when I was 6 years old! We all in Rome act that way, we all "Leave It To Beaver"!

If you are looking for a good Frazier's hook, watch the last videoclip! You are gonna (don't worry for "gonna", it means simply "going to") find something interesting! But I have to admit you were right when you said that Frazier wasn't indestructible: he looked really hurt by that Bugner's right hand and Bugner wasn't a great puncher! RS, what's going on? Frazier looked really hurt by that right hand! This site is the greatest!

The Mexican fighter you are referring to who had a track coach revise his roadwork program is Carolos Palamino. Today's fighters run much differently, they do wind sprints, interval training, etc. For more info on modern training methods for boxers go to Rossboxing.com. Lots of good training advice that cuts through the myths, etc.

Ali seemed to be the sort of person who had a need to be challenged to do really well. Some of the guys he beat he could have come close to beating by just doing a little jogging. For the beasts, he needed to go to the bottom of the well. Sometimes it seemed to me that his perception of what was happening in the ring was different, like he was processing things in such a way as to slow them down, or as if he was living one second in the future. I thought both guys were a little faster in their first fight, though Ali had lost more speed than Joe in Manila (not that he was ~slow~!). Frazier kept his hands higher in their second fight, almost like Patterson, and bobbed more in the third. He puffed up a little more in the third, which might be a result of age. The quality of the third was much more chillingly brutal. If the ancient Romans had seen it, they'd have thought it was another of their gladiator battles to the death. Frazier was complimentary of Quarry in his book, and actually was of everyone he fought, other than Ali. John -

Yes, you're right, it was Palamino! I'll check that site. I've been researching training, and it has indeed changed. Fighters are lifting weights, and combining intervals and sprints with long slow distance running, which is also picking up over the old days of slow running, sometimes in combat boots. I'm surprised no one ever got an injury wearing those things, compared to today's excellent running shoes.

what can anybody say bad about Jerry? that he didn't win the big ones, the guy was a family man, he was tops, JERRY QUARRY MIGHT HAVE LOST , BUT HE WAS NO LOSER! LOSERS DON'T TRY IN THE FIRST PLACE!
Please forgive me, it has been quite a while since I viewed the site. In doing so recently it became painfully obvious that James has since passed away. Can someone fill me in? Sorry to bring up a sad topic as I have been quite fond of the Quarry family. Jerry and Mike were my favorites and I followed their careers. In creating TJQF James helped bring their careers and personal stories to a wider audience. I hope future stewards will continue to do the same.

On the other hand, I remember seeing an interview with Angelo Dundee and he said that Ali enjoyed roadwork, skipping rope, general training, etc. He said he didn't have any trouble getting Ali up early to do the training and he went at it enthusiastically. Who knows, this might have just been some of his more important fights Dundee was thinking of. Ali seemed to love being the proverbial ham when sparring, putting on a show for spectators. I have to say, even being Ali's biggest supporter, I think luck was on his side when he took the title from Foreman. Don't get me wrong: He won the fight without a doubt. Some people say it was a fast count, but he was still packing a punch and Foreman was out on his feet. Had the fight continued, Ali would have mauled him. What I'm really thinking about is that everything aligned for Ali perfectly---Foreman suffered the cut while sparring that led to the fight being postponed. I think that hampered Foreman and changed the prefight momentum. Ali used it as an opportunity to meditate more, continue training, get the fans on his side, etc. By the night of the fight, I think the delay hurt Foreman more than Ali. Ali got inside his head in a way only Ali could. I always thought that had Foreman gotten a quick rematch, he might have won the title back. Interestingly though, during an interview with Bob Costas, Foreman said he was "dumb" back then, and would have made the same mistakes in a rematch, and probably lost again. That surprised me. Regarding Foreman-Frazier, I watched both fights again recently, and the second one wasn't as easy for Foreman as I remembered. He did get the win in 5 rounds, but Frazier got into rhythm for some of the fight and gave a glimpse of how he could perform had he been able to sustain that style for more than a few minutes. Someone mentioned Duran-Cuevas from the early 80's. I should know this, but can't remember: How did that fight play out? Hadn't Hearns already destroyed Pipino at that point? It's weird that I can't even remember anything about Duran taking that fight.

Someone told me Jerry had an arrest record. Is this true, and if so, did the arrests involve violence?

Angelo, ironic that you should mention Duran verses Cuevas as there is a video clip of the fourth and final round, which was won by Duran by knockout, on this very letter page, still on the page near the bottom. I believe that Ali landed several hard right hands to Foreman's head in the very first round to put it into Foreman's "head" that he was in for a real right this time and not a walkover and this had a lot to do with Ali's win. I think if Frazier had tagged Foreman hard early, he did land one left hook early in the first round but it was not the kind of hook that had destroyed Jimmy Ellis and put Ali down, he would have gained Foreman's attention and respect. Joe was caught cold in that first fight and he never recovered. Ron Lyle also hurt Foreman early and this turned their fight into the pier six brawl that most fight fans know and love. I believe that if Lyle could hurt Foreman with his best punches (and Ali too), that Joe Frazier was capable of hurting Foreman as well. In the second Foreman/Frazier fight, Joe was a washed up fighter by that time but he had the right idea of trying to change his style and make into the later rounds and then turn on the offense when Foreman had tired and was more vulnerable. I still believe that gaining Foreman's respect early was a key ingredient to having a chance of beating him but trying to last into the later
rounds and surviving Foreman's initial onslaught was also important. Ali combined both of these plans and he won!

Who do you think we have to blame for the loose ropes in Kinshasa? Who did want that the ropes were loose? Ali? Who?

Last comment, obviously, was by Massimo, not by Kent! The hurry made the mistake!

One reason Ali was liked by so many people was that he was an eternal child. Like most prizefighters, he was a real nice guy outside the ring, and in addition to that, he took true joy in everything he did, including working out. Early on, he was always enthused about running, going to the gym, working on technique, and so forth, but from everything I've read, as his career wore on, along with certainly the aches and pains, he came to enjoy the people more than the workouts. He falsely stated that if he'd been in top shape all the time, his career wouldn't have lasted as long. What was wearing was getting out of shape between fights, then having to work back into a semblance of condition, not to mention the pounding he always took in training. It would certainly have been better had he continued to run some, jump rope, and hit the bags in between fights, as an ordinary person might do.

While Ali was certainly the most adaptable man in the ring ever, Joe Frazier might have been the least. I read that Frazier put Jimmy Young in the hospital after a sparring session, yet Young defeated Foreman. Joe was getting the right idea about how to fight George when they went at it the second time, but his body betrayed him by that time. Starting out like Tyson, tagging George early, counterpunching, and staying in close was the key. Roping a dope for the first time in his life, counter to instinct, may have made him even more of a sitting duck, though his exquisite gift for bobbing made it work for a while.

Ali could be vicious in the ring early in his career, but also showed bursts of compassion for overmatched opponents, particularly in career two. A number of times, he waved the referee in to stop a fight. When Coopman got the fight with Ali, he was thrilled of course, but his manager said it could have only been with Ali, since many Olympic boxers could have taken The Lion of Flanders. He said Frazier and Foreman were out, because they were killers.

In Thrilla, in the 13th round, when Frazier's left eye was swollen completely shut, and Ali was almost potshotting Joe, he hurt him, Frazier staggered back, and Ali just watched. He knew JF was in trouble, but didn't move in with a multi-punch combination, which could have had fatal possibilities to someone who couldn't even see the punches coming.

I remember Frazier doing this in the second Quarry fight, and then not really tearing into Jerry when the confused Joe Louis ordered the fight to continue.

I realize this posture can be risky, but I also think it shows a lot of class and sportsmanship.

Just watched a tape of Wilfredo Gomez and Lupe Pintor. If you haven't seen that fight in a long time you should. Brutal. One of the most disgusting things I ever witnessed was when Pintor fans threw cups of urine on Johnny Owen as he was being carried out of the arena on a stretcher. Johnny Owen would be here today if it wasn't for his management or lack of it. He had no business fighting Pintor. That was a set up by the then WBC crooks.

On the subject of boxing cruelty and corruption; I seem to remember a young and upcoming fighter named John Collins. He was badley beaten in a fight against a journeyman fighter. I apologise again for my faulty memory. Perhaps I should try doing a little research! Anyway, He suffered broken cheek bones, broken nose, jaw, eye...
sockets. It was just a horrible beating. After the fight it was discovered that the other fighters gloves had been slit, and the padding removed! The trainer deemed responsible for the gloves was suspended from boxing for life. Again, I'm not sure, but I think it was Panama Lewis. If I am incorrect, then I apologize to Panama Lewis. He was, however, later reinstated to boxing. I think I read that John Collins later was killed in a car wreck. There was a strong suspicion that it was a case of suicide by auto. He was despondent over his career ending beating, and no other cars where involved in his car going off the road.

Max Baer killed 1 and a half persons in the ring. I'm talking about Baer-Campbell and Baer-Schaaf. Onlookers claimed that Baer slugged C. unmercifully after he was already unconscious but had held onto his feet by the ropes. Some hours later C. died from a severe concussion of the brain. Baer-Schaaf - Baer didn't kill S. but he ruined seriously his health. I'm not sure, but I suspect that Baer was a cruel fighter!

I have read in a book (written by David Remnick if my memory serves me well) that Charley Powell vomited blood for half an hour after his fight with Cassius Clay. I never saw that fight, so I don't know if Cassius fought with exaggerated cruelty. Probably not, he has a nice guy face.

Hi Steve. The boxer that got hurt and died later was Billy Collins jr. The guy that had his gloves rigged was Jose Resto. Terrible loss to his family and friends. I can't remember right now who his manager was, but I remember not trusting him any farther than I could throw my house. I was involved in amateur and pro boxing for 20 years. I could tell you a lot of war stories. Mike Quarry was involved in a fix one time in Miami. I was there when he got the shaft.

Steve -

Yes, Gypsy was a friend of Joe Frazier's. He memorized eye charts for his exams, such that they were. Joe said in his book that "Gyp" knew about his (Frazier's) eye problem too, but naturally didn't ever say anything.

A story I read about Baer, not the nice guy he was often portrayed as: He was sparring with a fan, who wasn't any good, and Baer circled, coiled, not throwing a punch, easily picking off paint brush jabs and ponderous haymakers. Then, at the end of the round, he waited for another jab to be slowly telegraphed, and whipped across a lightning fast right over top of it. The guy didn't move for five minutes, and Baer just laughed. Today, the fan would own Baer, and not only the horse he rode in on, but every horse he owned. What a bastard.
CA||Sonia81@aol.com||||10|Mike V.<br>Just to let you know our Father James "Mr. Jimmy" Quarry, passed away July 2002, 3 wks prior to that our Mother, and just 1 month ago, my Grandmother, so its great to get on this site, and read the good things you all have to say about Uncle Jerry, and my Father, and they are both very missed, and still in our hearts and thoughts, daily. Keep coming back everyone!!

|10/29/03 09:05:19 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|Jerry Quarry is my alltime,favorite fighter,closely followed by Joe Frazeir. The boxing world will never see the unique packages of style and power again. I notice the lack of mention of Philly fighters of the 70's and 80's.Guess you guys are pretty wraped up in Calif. fighters. Ever hear of George Benton,Willie "the Worm" Monroe,Eugene"Cyclone" Hart,Joe Giardello,Augie Panatellos,Bennie Briscoe,Denny Moyer,Mike Rossman ? |

|10/29/03 10:22:40 PM|steve |N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|Weird stories about Philly fighters.Anyone ever watch a televised title fight where one of the fighters simply didn't show up ? Mike Rossman vs Victor Galandez. After Rossman,"The Jewish Bomber",from Cherry Hill,New Jersey,won the lightheavy title from Galandez in their first fight,in their rematch,was left standing in the ring.this was on national tv. Galindaz simply decided not to fight.Months later ,Victor Galendez regained his title by tko over Rossman when he decided it was time to fight.|

|10/30/03 02:22:31 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||ronnyrains@yahoo.com||||10|Steve: How are you? Yes I remember all the "Philly Fighter's" It still bothers me that the Rocky movies took away from a heavyweight that was very deserving of alotta those Philadelphia Accolades-"SMOKIN" Joe Frazier|

|10/30/03 03:17:25 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Sonia:<br>Your Dad and uncles (as well as the entire Quarry clan) obviously had a big impact on many thousands of people, including those who are regulars on this board. Your Dad's work was important for professional prizefighters' safety/security. I think your family has impacted people not only because of the rich boxing tradition, but also because they're good hearted.|

|10/30/03 03:49:03 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Jimmy -<br>Just as he was never totally able to internalize the attraction of Ali, possibly his inability to gain it too away from the ring, Joe Frazier has been hurt by his city's ignorance of his accomplishments, embracing instead a silly actor. In reality, much of America has a shallow celebrity mentality, and grabs at the first shiny object that attracts its attention the most, the reason for the Stallone statue as reflection of the "rich and colorful boxing culture of Philadelphia." I'm not sure if it's still there or not.<br>I think I mentioned these two stories before, but in case I didn't, Earnie Shavers was originally slated for the Clubber Lang role in Rocky 3, but when the egomaniacal Stallone told Earnie to "hit me," Shavers did, and caused him to throw up, and ES pulled his punch at that. If Shavers had really opened up, it could literally have been fatal in a matter of seconds. Second story involves Rocky 2. In a brief sparring scene, the speedball in the ring with Stallone is Roberto Duran. Stallone looked ridiculous, couldn't have hit Duran with spray from a garden hose, and at the end, just before the camera cuts away, Duran has danced behind SS, and derisively taps him on the back of the head!<br><br>I really enjoy most boxing movies, lack of realism and all, but I have utter contempt for these sissy actors who try to pretend they're really tough guys.|
I'm not a Stallone basher at all---I enjoyed the movies and characters he's created---but people were fans of "Rocky" not of Stallone. It's like the country needed a white champion so badly, they blurred the line between the sport of boxing and a movie actor playing a boxer, starting to believe the character was real. I can't imagine Stallone didn't realize that Shavers could throw a 35% punch and hurt him. I know that Stallone also had Dolph Lundgren (hope I spelled it right) hit him 50% to the head and 100% to the body for realistic affects. Apparently, the body shots he got hit with did some internal damage, including severe ribcage contusions. |
You people are living in some kind of a fantasy world of a sport that you clearly don't understand. Have fun though, everybody has to be somewhere.

The Rocky movies are entertaining but not very realistic. I watch movies and television to escape from the reality of everyday life and that is fine as long as it isn't done too much. The so-called reality shows are not reality at all as they are still staged to a certain degree. The only reality T.V. there is would be watching the news footage of the California fires and that is not very much fun to me.

I agree with whoever said the statue of Rocky that was in public was an insult to Joe Frazier. But it also was an insult to the many other fine Philly boxers that have toiled down through the years in that fine fight town.

Jerry would have chopped down Bugner. Mr. Jimmy said Jerry sparred with Bugner while in England and had his way with him.

Someone mentioned fighters from Philidelphia. If my memory serves me correct, wasn't the 1970s middleweight Benny Briscoe (who fought the great Carlos Monzon) from there. I think Briscoe might have had Phillipdelphia as part of his nickname. I don't think there should be any doubt that Jerry Quarry would beat Bugner. I agree with RS that it would be a decision, given that Bugner survived against Ali and Frazier. Also, I am embarrassed to admit that back in the 1970s I used to watch the first Rocky movie before I played football to psych me up. The whole team used to. With the benefit of hindsight, it is now clear that we were a team of imbeciles.

I don't think that Bugner was so harmless! He managed to hurt Frazier in that tenth round and he did pretty well in the first Ali fight.

Who begins well is in the middle of the path... Do you understand what I mean Tim?

When was Bugner ever in with an undefeated top ranked heavyweight in which he was the underdog and won. Who did he ever beat when they were in their prime. Bugner wasn't in Quarry's class. When did he ever have the Garden rockin for him like Jerry did.

No Contest Jerry would smoke him. The 70's were the golden age of Philly middleweights. Bad Bennie Briscoe fought the great Monzon to a draw in Monzon's back yard. What does that tell you. Bobby Boogalo Watts and Willie the Worm Monroe both beat Marvin Hagler. Cyclone Hart was on a fast Track to a title until he fell out of the ring against Denny Moyer at the Spectrum and was never right after that.

Max Hord didn't you have a good career as a middleweight back in the day?

Paul - Boxing is supposed to be about "hitting without getting hit." Joe Frazier took it a little far one way, Joe Bugner the other. Bugner lacked the destructive instinct of Frazier or Foreman as well. Perhaps a clone/mix of the two would be the perfect fighter? :-)

He was TKOd by Shavers, but then the night Quarry beat Shavers, JQ was well aware that he was one landed Shavers punch away from the result being reversed. Anyone is with a bomber like Earnie.

Bugner was four inches taller than Quarry, about twenty pounds heavier, had a decent chin, and was dedicated to survival, something he did well, emerging relatively unscathed from losses to both Ali (twice) and Frazier. He was probably a little faster than Jerry, but didn't hit as hard. JQ could always have caught him of course, but I suspect it would instead have been a long and relatively uninspired night of patiently chopping Bugner down slowly like a big tree, winning finally by decision.

I agree with all of you, Quarry would have beaten Bugner by a convincing decision. Quarry deserves a position above Bugner in heavyweight history, but this doesn't change that Bugner was 3
times European Champion, beat a lot of good fighters and fought toe to toe with a that "monster" of a fighter by the name of Joe Frazier. I think he would have given a good fight to anybody, including Lewis, Liston and Tyson even if, I think, he would have lost. He probably deserves to be ranked in the top 30 heavyweight ever.

I was just going to mention we left Briscoe and Leotis Martin and Witherspoon out as Philadelphia fighters, I would say Jerry was always faster than Bugner, especially combinations, he would get inside Bugner, and really go to town, it would not have surprised me if Quarry stopped Bugner or Bonavena (boxing is a battle of style's) Mr. Jimmy said Jerry really owned BUGNER SPARRING IN 1972. although odds on Decision in a real battle as I said Jerry could get inside JOE BUGNER, with Bugner doing his tying up gig as much as possible, and in for either a long (Ron Lyle) or short (Earnie Shavers) - EVENING, TAKE CARE!!

Hey Max Hord, thanks for the info on Billy Collins Jr. and Jose Resto. I wish somebody with your real boxing credentials would answer more questions on this site. Your name seems to ring a bell with me. With your 20 years in boxing, I would like to hear any war stories you would care to tell. I didn't even know Mike Quarry was fighting out of Florida. I think I remember a post by you where you talked about a restaurant in Florida that you and Mike frequented where he was very popular. Bye the way, if anyone is trying to reach me at my e-mail address, I'm sorry, but I still can't get my e-mail account up and running. This is a new computer and since I am a computer idiot it's quite a problem.

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| 10/31/03 06:07:14 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|A guy in East Side Boxing makes a case for Bugner as "the best white heavy" since Marciano.<br><br>http://www.eastsideboxing.com/boxing-news/amato1909.php|
| 10/31/03 08:40:23 PM|steve |N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|{}|10|Yo, Angelo, your correct, Mathew [Saad Muhamed] was a Philly fighter and has to be in the top 20 best light heavyweight. He fought two of the best light heavyweight title fights of all time against Dwight Braxton - The Camden Buzzsaw. Interesting story about Franklin. He was discovered on Franklin Ave, [a major street in Philly], by a nun when he was only two years old, just wandering the street. The nuns adopted him. Since they found him on Franklin Ave. , They named him Mathew Franklin. |
| 10/31/03 10:50:17 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|RS, I am a writer for the Eastside Boxing homepage. We have a fine bunch of posters over there in our message section but also a few knuckleheads that make their way in also. I enjoy all of their posts though. <br><br>I will be in Phoenix, Arizona representing Eastside Boxing this coming Thursday, November 6, for former cruiserweight champion Vissiliiy Jirov verses Joeseph Kanumba (spelling). I think it is a tape delayed broadcast for Fox Sunday night fights for November 9. <br><br>If anyone wonders what I look like, I will be in press row, near the front row wearing a black shirt that has in capital letters, Eastside Boxing.com. You may catch a glimpse of me on camera. I have seen myself several times at various boxing shows on the broadcasts when there have been tape delays. <br><br>I will probably also have a piece on the homepage at Eastside concerning James Toney's chances of becoming heavyweight champion, this coming Monday. <br><br>Mr. Jimmy always told me to plug what I am up to but I do feel silly doing it sometimes. |
| 10/31/03 10:59:35 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|{}|10|Hey Fran, I come from south Jersey, just over the Ben Franklin Bridge from you in S.e. Philly. Have you ever been to the Blue Horizon Fight Club? How about the Cherry Hill Coloseum? |
| 11/1/03 04:29:07 AM|Massimo|Rome||9|{}|10|Kent<br><br>Phoenix is a little too far... May you organize this meeting at Naples? |
| 11/1/03 02:11:01 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|{}|10|Massimo, I was just saying if someone happens to tune in to the television broadcast on Fox Sports network (or maybe live on NBC TV) they may see me in the audience. Naples is a little far for me as well. Besides, I wouldn't want anyone to show up to the fight thinking I can get them in as I only have a pass for me. <br><br>Opinion, to anyone on the board, Should I stop ignoring Koo Koo Klock? He was funnier even when he was saying things about me. He just doesn't seem to be as enthusiastic as before. I mean, what fun is it for him if he can't make fun of me?<br><br>Koo Koo would be surprised about how big a person I am physically. He is lucky in a way that I never want to hurt anyone physically and I go out of my way to not harm anyone. Sonya has seen me in person and she can vouch for me about how I look, right Sonya. Ha! Ha! |
| 11/1/03 02:53:47 PM|Massimo|Rome||2|{}|10|Kent<br><br>Are you bigger than Shaq? Are you bigger than Calvin Lane? I know what being big means... When you are 5'6" 129 lbs it's clear that you have some problems of acromegaly.<br><br>Don't worry about KooKoo. He has said that you are a nice person. There is no serious problem between you and KooKoo. It's just a joke or almost a joke. He is a funny guy. He has also said that English is not done for me!!!!!!! He has said "stick to Italian", when he knows very well that I am the next William Shakespeare. <br><br>i'm listening, the clockman is never far away, kent apple mr. nice guy, even massino has sense enough to know i know what i'm talking about, kent is a jealous man, sonya take my side against this clown, he knows nothing about being quarry like, i have
studied the ways of being a quarry, PLEASE PEOPLE DON'T EVEN THINK THAT JOE BUGNER COULD BEAT JERRY, JERRY WOULD BEAT HIM ON AN VERY EASY DECISION OR LATE ROUND KNOCKOUT, PLEASE !! KOO KOO|

|11/1/03 04:07:57 PM|steve |N.J.|dmmrs@comcast.net|||10|Hey Kent, please take it easy, pardner!! I value your informed and friendly opinions, even when I know your wrong. Ha, Ha. This site is a class act!!! I don't pretend to understand the pathology behind that clock morons' rantings and ravings. You have a right to express your opinion on this site without a nasty personal attack on your person. That's why this site is so unique and delicate. Let's keep it, as Sonia says, cool and good. Hey Kent, as we say in Philly, KOO KOO'S A PUNK in his heart!!|

|11/1/03 08:22:12 PM|Kent Appel|La Habra, Ca|kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Massimo, I am 5'11" tall and 310 pounds, I was 350 pounds. I have been swimming five days a week since May. Bobby Quarry says I have a good jab. Steve, Like I said, I am gentle and have taken a lot more nonsense from Koo Koo than other people would put up with. Besides, I think he is funny. Come on Koo Koo make fun of me now as I agree with you that Bugner couldn't beat Jerry, knowing him, he would probably find a way to talk sh*t about me even when I agree with him. It is you Koo Koo that is jealous as I have met Sonya in person and you haven't! In fact, I have met almost the entire Quarry family at one time or another. To other posters: If you want to keep this board rational and not petty, I will continue to ignore Koo Koo again. Sometimes I just can't resist taking a "shot" back now and then.

|11/1/03 09:13:14 PM|kookooclock000@yahoo.com||10|Alright Kent, we agree, everybody else on here but the quarrys can but out, this is between Kent and I. Most of you don't know the cols side to this man, he's not warm and fuzzy like me, ANYWAY I DON'T LIKE ANY OF THESE WHITE PETENDERS LIKE BUGNER AND COONEY, JERRY QUARRY WAS THE ONLY REAL WHITE THREAT SINCE MARCIANO!!! THERE'S NOBODY AROUND TODAY WHITE THAT EVEN COMES CLOSE. THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS. SORRY FOR BRINGING UP RACE, BUT THE TRUTH'S THE TRUTH. KOO KOO KOO KOO|

|11/1/03 11:35:13 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca|kentallenent@aol.com|||10|The cold side of me is I stand up for myself sometimes. I would say that the Klitschko Brothers are a threat and talented but may not be the next major talent they have been thought to be. They are still unproven. Wladimir has not been able to overcome adversity. Twice when things were not going his way he folded and lost. Vitali's stock went up somewhat in his loss to Lewis but it may have been a case of how much Lewis didn't have left as opposed to how much skill Vitali has. We still need to wait and see if he can prove himself a champion.

|11/2/03 02:13:17 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia|PlMls4@aol.com|||10|Some years ago I had a ring side seat in Sydney at a washed-up comebacking Joe Bugner v a (sadly)very washed-up Greg Page. There was as much movement and excitement as watching paint dry. Bugner won and then shortly after got beat-up by Frank Bruno in London. I was surprised just how big Bugner is. He is taller than Foreman but not quite as bulky and muscular. Bugner wouldn't have had a snow flakes chance in hell against Jerry Quarry. JQ would have been too busy and aggressive for him. I don't think Bugner was capable of knocking him out. But I am uncertain of a Kent v Koo Koo match-up. It would be either Koo Koo on points or Kent by KO. I enjoy reading both their posts and some of Koo Koo's stuff has me laughing my head off (although he is off his game lately). I also like reading Masimo's interesting management of English. Fran has watched a lot more boxing than most of us and is great to read. RS thinks outside the circle and looks at things differently and is a pleasure to read her posts. And Kent is informative and a perfect foil for Koo Koo's humour. It is interesting to read all the other opinions, and in particular I wish Forest Ward was back posting because he also spoke from experience. The Quarrys should be proud that people from all over the
world visit this site every day. And we should be appreciative of them for providing a forum for us to do it. So thank you to all the Quarrys. If you ever come to Australia I'll buy you all some beers.

I just hope people like Forest Ward are not put off by some of the silliness that prevades this page sometimes. He was a good poster who kept us on our toes at times. Believe me, this site is tame compared to some of the others I have seen. Eastside Boxing gets heated sometimes but the administration there bans people if they cause too much trouble. I read the article over at Eastside Boxing but I don't think it gave much reason for Bugner being better than Jerry. The main argument the author made was that Bugner did better against Ali and Frazier than Jerry did. Styles make fights so his argument doesn't really hold water.

Oh, by the way, some people said that they are fans of mine so I should say who I am a fan of. Drum roll please........ THE MUFFINMAN!!! With Paul Maduros being a close second. What's up Paul from K.C.

I caught some footage of Bugner a couple of nights recently on cable. One was in relation to his efforts to transfrom Russell Crowe into something cinematically believable as James J. Braddock, for his upcoming movie. Bugner now looks more like an NFL linebacker - just huge - but in terrific shape for a 20 year old, much less one in his mid 50s (which is what the second feature was about - guys who continue to fight way past their prime). I heard the same thing about his fight with Page. Frank Bruno TKOed him, but I think he beat Bonecrusher Smith for some version of the title, at the age of 50, and said he'd like to fight Tyson (and we thought his mind was still intact!). I had an interesting thought watching him. He was still chillingly fast and powerful in the gym filmings, yet slow as a Frankenstein monster in the actual bouts. Lots of fighters look great in training, lousy in fights. Ali, Frazier, and Foreman looked lethargic and uninspired during a lot of their training, yet were killers in the ring. I sometimes wonder why some fighters bother to hit the speed bag (not as hard as it looks to someone who can't hit one), or jump rope, then walk flat footed through their fights, and throw nothing but haymakers in the ring.

I know in football and basketball, a coach would be all over someone loafing around, citing the old and revered maxim that you "play like you practice." I've seen other fighters who might as well have just jogged and hit the heavy bag and nothing else, for all the good the "else" did on fight night.

Ok Ladies and Gents: Lets all just enjoy the site, and keep on coming back, its what Dad & Uncle Jerry, would have wanted. Opinions, Facts, and all that good cool stuff, is what its for too. So be cool, and be good all. Chow!

RS - I heard that Bugner was helping Crowe with that film. Bugner lives on the Gold Coast about 1000 kilometres north of Sydney. He is now an Australian citizen and when he came here he tried to endear himself by calling himself 'Aussie Joe'. But I have to say there is never any bad publicity about him and he is popular here. It's always positive with him, never negative, and never any controversy about him. I saw him once at a Jeff Harding fight in Sydney and you are right in saying that he takes care of himself. He looked very imposing. By the way, Russell Crowe goes for the same football team as me (the mighty South Sydney Rabbitohs). We came last this year. That's a scary name for a team mascot, don't you think Massimo?
but those intense, almost Charles Manson eyes. Not the case at all though. He has a manly voice, but also that terrific accent, like he was going to talk about his rose bushes or something! :-) Very articulate and intelligent too. The first time I ever heard him, I feared the worst, given the people he's fought. By all accounts, he's a nice guy, as most fighters are outside the ring. BTW, my biggest surprise in that regard was Chuvalo, who I thought would sound like Leon Spinks.<br><br>Say, I saw something really amazing the last time I saw Thrilla. I've noticed for some time that many great fighters are able to resist the normal blink response when they're hit, and can often keep their eyes open, giving themselves that extra measure of time and control, but Ali went this one better. In the 13th round, when the tide is turning, he's hit Frazier a couple of times, and a combination of a Frazier right counter and water makes him slip, and fall into the ropes. His head is clear through, but he has the presence of mind to not only continue to watch Frazier (who exhibits good sportsmanship and doesn't go for him), but also curls his right hand around the rope, bringing it to the left side of his head, in case Joe did try to hit him. Watch for that the next time you see the fight - it's really something!

I have looked up that word "Rabbitect." in two different dictionaries but I couldn't find it. Maybe I should buy a decent English dictionary, for God sake! I don't know what "Rabbitect." means, but I know what "Rabbit" means and, since I am a man of deep intuition (Einstein becomes short of imagination in comparison)))) I understand that that word isn't scary. That word reminds me what I am: a rabbit. I'm not that kind of guy who could intimidate Sonny Liston in a blind alley at 3:44 a.m. and I don't think I could become a good street gang leader...

I watched films of both Quarry AND Bugner, all weekend, JERRY'S twice as fast with his hands, feet, everything, No I do not believe Bugner was probably a little faster, He's not even in Quarry's class at any faze of boxing! Everyone Jerry fought where in tip top shape, can you name one that wasn't?? They know they had to be in that shape to beat him! A lot of people judge JQ'S speed by Zanon bout, I NOW think JERRY'D ran Bugner outta there in 4 rounds, Bugner could not have knocked out a Spencer, Shavers, Bodell, Corletti, Neumann, Zanon, Woody, or Macarthur Foster, If people think JERRY'S bout with Ali in Vegas was a shut out (which ESPN shows over and over and over again). SHOULD see BUG'S non-bout with ALI for the title (15-0). When Jerry knew he'd beat you (say a Bugner or Bonavena) YOU WERE IN FOR A LONG BUT MAYBE LUCRATIVE EVENING! On the subject of Bonavena, I have a trivia question for all you stooges on this post! what does Bonavena, macarthur Foster, AND Billy Joe Frazier HAVE IN COMMON?? They are all converted southpaws!! take care.

What's the hell is OUTTA? I guess it's a slang expression...

"Outta," usually used in conjunction with "there," as in "outta there," is kind of a slang expression. Actually, it's a somewhat lazy representation of how people talk when they say "out of there." Bugner would have survived Quarry, I believe, having weathered much more ferocious and different storms in Ali and Frazier. Quarry was fast enough. No one would ever have called him slow, but never would have marveled at his lightning moves either. He was a man who might have been a champ in some eras, but not ever in the one in which he fought, given the inconvenient presence of Ali, Frazier, and Foreman, which is not a knock of Quarry, of course, any more than it is of Lyle, Shavers, or Patterson. I knew Frazier was a converted southpaw, but didn't know that about Bonavena. Frazier's left hook, the best ever, was also something of a defensive technique,
subtly keeping his opponent away from his bum eye, along with his nifty, manipulative footwork, and swarmimg, pace-dictating style. I imagine Joe and Ali were in good shape for Jerry, but in their minds didn't take him as seriously as they did each other.<br>

My guess is that in any era, no one played top contenders lightly, but didn't really go all out in training or mindset for anyone but the very top killers, if they existed.<br>

Hey Steve I am from South eastern Pa but originally from south west philly. I have never been to the cherry hill collisiem but I fought twice at the Blue Horizon. In 73' and 79'.

Outta is a bad beast, I don't think I'm gonna ( what a class... Gonna !) use it ! " Out of there " is a lot easier than " outta there"... I think Jerry Quarry would have an easy time against the modern heavyweights... The youngest is 65 years old, Tyson is becomin a bum that even my grandmother would beat. This is true with the exception of Vitali... I think Vitali Klitschko would beat JQ, don't hate me for this opinion !

Thanks ET (English Teacher) !

Man!,what's the fascination with Joe Bugner? He was a big dull man who fought Ali, Frazeir, and Lyle to collect huge paychecks and not get hurt. Hey R.S., if you want to see a scary set of eyes, try looking at Quarry's face during the referees instructions in any of his fights! I really do appreciate a female's perspective on this site. I never realized Bugner had such a deep, articulate, dreamy he-man voice. Hey R.S., I'm just teasing you!!!

Joe had Marvis trying to fight like Joe against Tyson with disastrous results. Marvis made a million dollars in the game, the bulk of it from fighting Holmes and Tyson, who Joe had to know Marvis couldn't handle. Joe himself would have had a tough fight with either of them, and Marvis was not even in the same universe in terms of the things Joe had. <br>

The craziest, scariest eyes I've seen in fighters were Sonny Liston and Roberto Duran. Of course, if eyes and BS tough guy stares gives a fighter the willies, they have no business being there. Victor Galindez was pretty mean looking too. Bob Foster was just cold looking, Ali and Frazier would be disconcerting too I imagine, with their automatic expectation to win, walking through you, their opponent like you were nothing. 

Let's try to put the apparently dynamic, exciting Joe Bugner who's dynamic career has dominated this site for about two weeks. In the proper perspective. Putting Joe in the proper context, compare him with George Chavalo, Eddie Machen, Jerry Quarry, Cleveland Williams. You know, the other underachievers who never won a title. At least they came to make a real fight of it. 

although I agree with what you are saying, maybe the case was that Bugner
overachieved rather than underachieved. Personally, I don't think that Bugner really had that much ability that he should have lasted all the way against Ali and Frazier like he did. I think he lifted above his ability for those fights. The thing is though, in other eras Bugner probably would probably have won a version of the championship.

Hey Paul, what dissapoints me about Joe Bugner is that if he would have reached down inside a little bit, he could have made those fights against Ali and Frazier alot more competitive. He had all the physical tools, he just would not commit. Hey Paul and R.S., I'm sorry, but Joe Bugner reminds me of the Klitchko Brothers. Now, give them enough time hanging around, and pick the most vulnerable champion, and one of them might stumble into a title.

That's why that era was the greatest ever - you had a small handful of all time greats, backed up by underachievers with talent and overachievers with determination, the latter two groups of which might have won a title in other times. As for the elite bunch, I'd only give two or three champions from any era even a chance against Ali, Frazier, or Foreman. Steve - Bugner might be something like what I was wondering about Ken Norton once - if he'd gotten into the completely right sport for him. Bugner might have been better off playing something else, but of course, if you aren't in school, the only sports open to you are boxing, tennis, and golf. Potential rewards in all three are enormous, but so are the odds against ever getting them.

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just posted and the next POST use's CHUMP OR BUM in an uncomplimentary manner?? That's all, nothing more need to be said about it, i've never really brought anything up about my personal life on the post, so maybe it was just my turn. Back to things that are real I had a real friendship with a man back in 1980, that I knew on a first name basis, and would get together at the FORMOSA DRAG STRIPS ETC. The man had just been beaten on a cut eye in Australia, to a VERY GOOD English Heavyweight And formally world rated Bunny Johnson. I always wanted to meet his older brother! The guy i'm talking about is Mike Quarry!

One more post today, and I'll save you good people from some more of my jive (I promise) JQ did a lot of commercials when I was growing up, one in particular, was for Los Angeles weekly boxing, that could be a number of arena's (right KENT) IT show'd Andy Kendall Hitting Mike Quarry ABOUT A DOZEN PUNCHES AFTER THE FINAL BELL! Jerry of course stormed the ring, and looked as he might annihilate the whole Kendall corner! talk about some scary eyes!! Jerry intimidated the whole arena! anyway they played that commercial to the theme of "LOVE STORY" and would show JERRY CHECKING ON MIKE, then go back to Kendall's corner and some "choice words" it was an hilarious commercial, and a little derogatory to the Quarry's I would have to say. I have a question To any OF the QUARRY family members. do you remember that commercial?? Linda or Sonia, Brenda or anyone? I was in Delano Ca. AT THE TIME, we used to take on Bobby's NORTH STARS in HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL (DELANO TIGERS). another commercial had JERRY advertising And driving A EL CAMINO- "THIS VEHICLE IS JUST LIKE ME" "TOUGH, AND A LOT OF CLASS" Then we watched Jerry in a shaving commercial, 5 minutes later the news came on where Jerry Quarry liked to have drowned from an undertow at MARINA DEL REY, and if memory serves me right, JQ had a similar KERN RIVER incident. Not many people remember Jerry and Mike's miller lite commercial entitled "saved by the bell" Which was also very clever, JERRY "less filling" AND mike "tastes great" and before they could go to blows, a bell rang! As MIKE QUARRY SAYS "SAVED BY THE BELL"!

Would love to see them commercials of Jerry. I only saw that old I dream of Geinie episode he was in. When I was in the marines in 1976 i drove from Camp Lejune N.Carolina all the way up to I forget i think Syracuse? or somewhere in upstae N.Y. (I suffer from C.R.S. (Can't Remember Shit)) to meet Jerry when he was doing the commentary with Tom Brookshire for the George Foreman/ Scott Ledoux fight. After the fight I went up to Jerry to get his autograph and some loudmouths were jokin with Jerry when all of a sudden Jerry says " Don't make me start my comeback right now" those guys shut up quick. I got my autograph and headed back to Lejune. He was Bigger in person that I thought. Looked like a football player. Powerful. That was the only time I met him. He was a great influence on me. I'll never forget him.

Uncle Jerry, was in I Dream of Jeanie, Knight Rider, Batman, and he did one or two of those Battle of the Superstars, just to name a few things, along with the commercials. Keep coming back all, be good, and be safe.

I have been busy and I haven't made all of the phone calls I told you I was going to make to see if the book I had heard about was making any progress. I talked to Bobby Quarry a few days ago but he hadn't heard anything new about the book. The man working on the book, Daryl Breeze, does come to this site at times. So Daryl, what is up with the book? I will give him a call next week. I can't do it this week as my schedule is full as I will be out of town. Jimmy Dorsey is right, Mike Quarry is a great guy. I wish him all of the best. He is very down to earth just like Jerry was.
CA||balmofgilead23@earthlink.net|||10|UH-OH! Now we have some more hard asses on this chat! Tough monkeys or gorillas who almost beat so and so 30 or 40 years ago. I had 32 fights as an amateur heavy around San Francisco, Oakland, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Lodi and Stockton before I joined the First Marines and spent 14 months in garden spots like Da Nang and Hue, getting shot 7 times but never the Million Dollar Wound. Compared to all that, boxing is completely pussy. 35 years later, it's both amusing and obnoxious to hear how tough boxers are, you know?<br><br>Anyway, I wish the good folks on this site would get back to their speculations:<br><br>1. If Joe Bugner had met Alfredo Evangelista at their primes, Joe would have begun Round One by circling slowly to the left, while Alfredo throws a series of tentative left jabs, until a fat guy in the third row sneezes and his wife drops her Pabst Blue Ribbon beer.<br><br>2. Joe counters with a left hook that misses by 7.3 inches, leaving him vulnerable to a 10-inch right uppercut from Alfredo right into Joe's ribs, mildly hurting him.<br><br>3. Then they clinch.<br><br>4. When they break, Joe spits 2.7 milliliters of saliva and phlegm onto the canvas.<br><br>5. Joe throws a clumsy sneak right that causes him to lose his balance.<br><br>6. Alfredo counters with a looping right haymaker that grazes the top of Joe's head.<br><br>Again they clinch.<br><br>This goes on. Picking up in the 7th round:<br><br>19. Joe throws a left hook that crashes into Alfredo's left temporal lobe, and he goes down.<br><br>And so on: 459. In the 9th, Joe steps on Alfredo's left foot, drawing a mild warning from Larry Rosadilla, the referee.<br><br>So it goes. With the braintrust we have here, and the schizophrenic contingent led by Ko Ko (a pseudonym for Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld), who needs actual fights or fighters?<br><br>I recommend you tough guys read Goodbye to All That by Robert Graves. If you'd been in the trenches of the Great War between 1915 and 1918, you would have cried for your mama. |
TIME IT IS!"

11/5/03 03:04:15 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlM1s4@aol.com||10|Koo Koo - I was going to say welcome back but it seems that you are off therapy and out of medication. Picking on poor old Massimo and Kent is no good. I enjoy their posts as much as yours (although some don't seem to understand Massimo's sense of humour because he means no harm). And lighten up a bit Wendell 'I like the smell of Napalm' Carmichael. We aren't all as smart and tough as you. My grandfather fought in the trenches in WW1 at Ypres and the Somme in France. He got gassed and shot but when he came home he didn't carry on like a stuffed turkey. So calm down. And Koo Koo start taking that medication again and leave Kent and Massimo alone.

11/5/03 04:08:05 AM|Wendell Carmichael |San Leandro, CA||balmofgilead23@earthlink.net||1|PAUL FROM SYDNEY WRITES: "And lighten up a bit Wendell 'I like the smell of Napalm' Carmichael. We aren't all as smart and tough as you. My grandfather fought in the trenches in WW1 at Ypres and the Somme in France. He got gassed and shot but when he came home he didn't carry on like a stuffed turkey. So calm down."<br>That's because I was servicing your grandmother every night, Wallaby Breath, and he could sit outside in the dirt with his mates drinking swill and playing with boomerangs. <br>She looked exactly like Smokin' Joe Frazier when I was done with her, too, you soft Canberra Creampuff. <br>Anyway, if Ingemar Johansen had fought Tex Cobb in Kezar Stadium on Veteran's Day in 1971, at exactly 1:02 of Round Four with the fight dead even and Willie Mays in the third row with Carol Doda, what punch would Ingemar throw next, Roadscholarette? <br>Massimo, whatever happened to Laura Antonelli, the most beautiful woman in the world? Don't tell me she married a Quarry, had 7 tadpole kids, got tattooed and went to the joint for peddling crystal meth! <br>KoKo, take your Haldol. <br>Kent, get a real job, for Christ's sake.

11/5/03 05:04:22 AM|Massimo|Rome||2||10|Boxing is not a deep science, nothing is demonstrable in boxing... So, KooKoo, when you say " Tyson in his prime is without a doubt the best heavyweight ever" your words are in no way more intelligent than mine. When you can't demonstrate what you say, your talking is just a bla, bla, it's just philosophy. Talking about boxing is not the right way of measuring smartness. In this site I met a lot of kind persons: Paul, RS, Kent, Pauli e Ottaviani, Evren, Steve etc. but there are too many verbal brawls. I don't like the street brawls and I don't like the verbal brawls too. I'm a peaceful man! <br>Wendell-<br>I have read some years ago that Laura Antonelli had an health problem and became ugly. I think it was an infection. Her lips became huge. After that, she disappeared! Mina, the greatest singer of all time, became very very fat and she disappeared too.

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11/5/03 09:05:59 AM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia81@aol.com||10|Hey KooKoo, just to let you know I have chosen my husband, of 20 yrs, I would never leave what I have. The people on this site, make me laugh, you all brighten my days, and believe me in the last year and a half they've been damn tough. So lets all just get along, and be good. Keep coming back, and be cool all.

11/5/03 10:43:35 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||10|A guy in Eastside Boxing has a thread about gay boxers. There are many claims, and who knows? It was suggested that Lennox Lewis is, and that Mike Tyson is. I've heard rumors more than once that Tyson and Arsenio Hall were an item, and I've heard that Emile Griffith was gay; supposedly, Paret called Griffith a fag, so the story
goes, and this helped contribute to Griffith's performance that resulted in Paret's ring death. Bonavena called Ali a "marichon" (fag), as did Duran to Leonard, though this was certainly more attempts at messing with them than a statement of reality. I imagine that while gays exist in prizefighting, just as they do in the NFL, armed services, or any other traditionally macho venue, that there'd be fewer of them, and in any event, they'd be harder to determine in such a culture, since attempts to disguise this would be greater than say, in figure skating or ballet. There was a guy once who fought professionally to pay for his way through hairdressing school (not that that automatically means he was gay). He wasn't a champ or anything, but I thought that was kind of funny!

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<td>Wendell – at least your last post proves something: you never saw active service. Anyone decent and loyal enough to serve their country wouldn't carry on like you do. So put the bottle down and give yourself an uppercut. Besides, I don't think that Wallaby's have bad breath. Apart from that, I don't think it's fair to the other posters for this stuff to carry on any longer so I won't bother responding to you again.</td>
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<td>RS – I never before thought about the subject you raised. To my knowledge none of those rumours ever reached over here. From memory Emile Griffith died about two years ago and he had been in poor health for some years before then. You mentioned a couple of times about how good the era was with Ali, Frazier, and Foreman. I agree that we should consider ourselves blessed to have witnessed it. I also reckon we were fortunate to see the Leonard, Duran, Hearns, and Hagler period. Weren't there some great, great fights among them. Those Hagler and Hearns rounds still send shivers down my spine. There was drama, power, courage, controversy, upsets, and everything else you needed to create a great spectacle when all of those guys fought. The closest thing to this era might have been with Sugar Ray Robinson, Zale, La Motta and all those guys. That would have been something else to see as well. But back to Ali. The big fights he had against Frazier and Foreman and a few others had such an effect on me that I can still remember where I watched them and who I was with. They weren't just fights; they were events.</td>
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| 11/6/03 03:25:46 AM| Paul| Sydney, Australia|| PlMls4@aol.com |||| 10 | Massimo - not only are you not dumb, but you're probably smarter than the rest of us here. You speak Italian, very good English, and your slang American is starting to kick ass. That's almost three languages and that makes you multi-lingual. Apart from that, you have a fine sense of humour and Koo Koo was only joking when he said that you are fat, bald, and ugly. So keep posting. Anyway, Koo Koo has already admitted that he looks like Woody Allen. I've got a quick joke for you. This guy goes to the doctor and the doctor asks, "What's wrong?" and the guy says, "I've got a steering wheel stuck down the front of my pants." So the doctors says, "That must be uncomfortable" and the guy answers, "Yeah, it's driving me nuts." Ha ha. Does anyone out there remember what the Ring 'fight of the year' was in 1988. Clue: it was two lightheavies. |
| 11/6/03 08:19:22 AM| John Gerard| NYC|| rock289z@yahoo.com |||| 10 | Emile Griffith died? Someone please confirm, that's news to me. When I was a kid I used to see him all the time at the old Solar Gym in NYC. He was a very nice guy. |
| 11/6/03 08:38:08 AM| Evren| London|| @ |||| 10 | Hey! Leave Massimo alone - he's one of the more interesting characters on this site. Keep up all your good work Massimo. Prego |
| 11/6/03 11:42:46 AM| Roadscholarette| Chicago|| roadscholarette@hotmail.com |||| 10 | Paul -
I don't really like being around gay men, because I like ~real~ men, but I don't really care what someone does on their own. As for prizefighting, I suspect it's pretty strange psychological territory for most gays. On the other hand, for some in conflict with their orientation, I suppose they could be extra ferocious fighters, feeling they had something to prove and compensate for. Someone else somewhere said they thought Griffith had died. If it was after a long illness, as you say, I wonder if it was AIDS? You're cool, mister! Don't let anyone make you feel otherwise! :-) |
| 11/6/03 01:06:47 PM| Jerry Quarry| California|| elv69@aol.com |||| 7 | check out http://hometown.aol.com/elv69/myhomepage/index.html the new website for Jerry Quarry |
| 11/6/03 02:44:16 PM| Massimo| Rome|| 2 |||| 10 | Thanks Evren, Paul and my English teacher RS ! You are nice people ! Paul, you forgot that I speak excellent Roman ! The Roman dialect is very funny, maybe it's the best you can find in Italy, if you want to laugh ! Do you know Carlo Verdone's films ? Evren, I hope you have spent a good time in Rome. Is it not too ugly, Rome, or not ? Another thing: it's not my fault if Andre' the Midget wasn't 7'4" ! And I have another shocking news for all of you: Paul Wight " Big Show" is not 7'4" ! He is about 6' 10". He is 7'4" using a ladder... The only real legend is Calvin Lane... You have to force him to quit bouncing and to become a wrestler ! |
| 11/6/03 03:10:49 PM| Paul| Sydney, Australia|| PlMls4@aol.com |||| 10 | Regarding Emile Griffith, I remember reading a newspaper report quite a while back that he had died. I hope I am not mixing it up with someone else, but I think I got it right. I'll try and hunt around and confirm it. I took notice because Griffith fought a good Australian middleweight back in the 1970s named Tony Mundine. Mundine went on to be knocked out in 8 rounds by the great Carlos Monzon. The Ring fight of the year I was talking about was Jeff Harding v Dennis Andries. Neither were much as fighters but the first of their three fights was tremendous. Harding knocked Andries out in the final seconds of the fight and was way behind on points. |
| 11/6/03 05:20:14 PM| Massimo| Rome|| 1 |||| 10 | I think saying that Emile Griffith is dead is a little exaggerated. He is fine and he is a good Nino Benvenuti' s friend yet ! They two usually talk about their 3 epic fights ! |
| 11/7/03 02:00:43 AM| Paul| Sydney, Australia|| PlMls4@aol.com |||| 10 | Massimo - if my report of Emile Griffith's death is greatly exaggerated, then mea culpa (that's Latin for 'my fault') I just thought that I read somewhere that he had
died. I've looked up some newspaper archives and can't find reference to it. Emile was born in 1938 in the Virgin Islands, but there was no finishing date for him. I hope he's still alive. But, I'm left wondering......if it wasn't Emile, then who was it? I'm gonna start ringing around and make sure my friends are still breathing. Anyway, Massimo - who is your favourite all time fighter? And who is the best pound-for-pound of all time? For me it's Ali on both counts.

11/7/03 04:30:19 AM|Massimo|Rome||7|||10|Paul-
I can't assure you that he is still alive, but I have never heard and I have never read on newspapers that he is dead. It seems to me that I have recently read on "boxing record archive" that a fighter is dead, but I didn't know him and I can't remember his name. My favorite all time fighter is probably (I'm not sure) Ali'. My pound for pound favorite fighter is Bob Foster, because in his prime and in his own weight division, he was unbeatable and he had everything a fighter needs for reaching greatness. A step below we find Ali' and... Erminio Spalla.

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11/7/03 09:45:22 AM|Fran|SE Pennsylvania||plc7755@aol.com||||10|My favorite all time fighter is without a doubt Irish Jerry Quarry. The cut in the first Ali fight was caused by a sneaky tricky skill Ali used by twisting his glove at it hit Jerry. Had he not used this tactic Jerry would have whumped his ass and changed sports history. Forget the second fight with Ali Jerry had just watched Mike get carried out of the ring and he wasn't focused. After a spectacular career all they show of Jerry is a fight he fought right after his brother could have been hurt seriously. As far as an exciting fight goes why don't they show His great fights. How many times did Jerry fight a top contender and upset them. He could box, was great counter puncher, had good head movement, and Great punching power. His counter punching ability was the best in the heavyweight division and I have never seen anyone with those skills since. His counter punching ability was the main reason he upset Ron Lyle and Mac Foster. He had skills and because of those skills was avoided by George Foreman. Jerry Quarry was more exciting than Ali. Ali was a made by the media. Have a good weekend.

11/7/03 12:27:50 PM|Massimo -
There'll always be people who'll argue otherwise, but I think Foster and Moore were the best LHs ever. Who'd win between them? I think Moore had the technical edge due to his vast experience, but that in no way implies that Foster was lacking. If Moore survived Foster's swift and savage punching, he might have outpointed him, but I don't think it would have gone the distance. Foster was so fast that combinations came almost as one movement. In his prime, no one was even close to being in his league. He had bad luck against Frazier and Ali, but then those two both had marble for heads, and were big enough to muscle him. Also, Foster fought them differently than he would someone in his weight class, just as they did him.

You have a good argument for him as best pound for pound. My choice still drifts towards Duran as best pound for pound, but who knows?

11/7/03 01:21:15 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Massimo -
I think one thing that can be honestly said is that Moore achieved better results against the heavyweights than Foster did. He beat a long list of decent heavyweight: Valdes twice, Baker, Kalbfell, Albright, Lavorante and he K0ed Whitehurst twice (a thing that S. Liston couldn't do). Some months ago I read a Foster's interview in which he talked (or spoke? I need you) about his fights against Zora Folley, Ali' and Terrell. He said that Folley gave him a boxing lesson and that before the stoppage he had kicked Ali's ass for all the fight and that all the knockdowns were pushes. Can you confirm or neglect this? Did you ever see that fight?

He said that he wasn't impressed at all by Terrell's performance and that the final knockdown was a push.
Check the Internet on Moore. There's a lot of good stuff on him. Here's a link to get you started:

http://www.ibhof.com/moore.htm

I've seen the Ali (Clay then) Moore fight, and Archie was never in it. Of course, he was at least 49 at the time, some say older. He scored a record 141 KOs in his time, and no one could stay with him in his division. He even floored Marciano, though was finally beaten. Some of the flashy stuff Ali did in and out of the ring, he got from Moore, his one time (and short time) mentor. Ali was always a gregarious person, and in his younger days was a sponge for information, though was probably ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), and dumped Archie fairly quickly. One thing he didn't like was AM's spartan like approach to training. Ali's rope-a-dope was actually Archie Moore's "turtle shell" defense, and Moore, working in Foreman's corner in Zaire knew it, and knew how to beat it, but George then wouldn't listen to anyone any more than Ali would.

I'm not sure that George could have beat it, even with Moore telling him how. Ali was an unbeatable fighter in any age, regardless of his opponent's style. Interestingly, one of the great warhorses of boxing, George Chuvalo, provided the first clue for how to beat Ali, which Frazier used to do so once, and come within a hair's breadth of doing so two other times. Emile Griffith was in Wales recently in a reunion with Brian Curvis who he boxed many moons ago..he was still alive (and well) then. Did'nt go too mad on Rome Massimo...previously I travelled to Sardinia (Sardagna?) - now that is a place!!

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FRAN: Yes ESPN shows ALI-QUARRY II. Its there only bout that they have on tape!? On the subject of that, Jerry was said to have beat 6 un-ranked boxer's on his way to Ali II, I know for a fact Jack Bodell, AND LARRY MIDDLETON were both ranked in everyone's top ten when JQ beat them, Even the best (RING MAGAZINE) had Bodell #8, and MIDDLETON #7. QUARRY was also "fighter of the month" for his win over Bodell, And ranked NO.2 over GEORGE FOREMAN himself. A friend, and it's a reasonable reliable source, said Jerry came down the aisle, and made BOB FOSTER and his entourage walk around him, after he beat Mike Quarry, (but isn't there an interruption between bouts?) TAKE CARE!!

Et Tu, Muffinman? I said I was a fan out yours and you turn on me. That is too bad as I can use all of the fans I can get and I liked it when he said he was my fan. Hey, at least I still got Massimo. Hey Massimo, I admire you too. Don't let the knuckleheads get you down. They always insult me and I don't care. I have friends in the boxing world who mean something, not like these bozos who go around disrespecting people. I wonder if Koo Koo can go ten posts without mentioning me. I am still not sure why he is so concerned about me anyway, for bad or good. Maybe he is jealous that I am an original stooge around here and he isn't.

Hey Massimo, you're allright in my book, pardner. I believe you are a true ren'aisance man. Your a comedian, a physicist, a philosopher, a bit of a linguist, and now I find a tragadian! I've spoken to, (not talked to), several of my wife's family, who just happen to live in your area. They tell me you where also a bit of a bad ass, and
actually a criminal years ago. I would like to invite you to New Jersey. This is where proper English is talked!, er, I mean, spoken. Do you understand these phrases? Jaheet?, hey youse guys, yo? How much of theoretical physics is demonstrable? The theory of everything? String theory? Is Quantum mechanics demonstrable? 

| 11/7/03 11:52:20 PM | Kent | La Habra, CA | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Hey Steve, "youse guys is da woist" When it comes to proper American English. But you are an alright guy anyway. I think Jimmy D coined you as the Shemp of our stooges club. That is quite an honor, you know? Massimo, keep coming back. Your insight and comedy is welcome here and I like I said about those other guys, they have been saying things about me for over two years now and who cares? Their opinion means nothing. |

| 11/8/03 02:11:17 AM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | 10 | Hey Kent, you crazy, Calif. sports nut type stooge. If I'd known how big you are earlier in our internet chats, I'd have given you a little more respect! I do, believe me, realy Honer the title of Shemp of the Stooges club!! I value the inside stuff you and Jimmy Dorsey have given to me. You know, Kent, this site is starting to attract some attention. Some of it is a little flaky! If you don't mind Koo Koo and Muffin Man and Wendell, who apparently was in my unit at Hue, in 1968, then I guess I can accept them to! |

| 11/8/03 02:53:11 AM | Kookoo | NY | kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10 | the ramblings of kent "bobbing for apples" appel. The man don't ever want me to be friends with the quarrys, but they know i'm a bigger fan than you. what are you trying to do get rich by selling their story? thats a great plan kent, a true fan wouldn't do that, anything for a buck, right kent, everythings for sale these days, I AM THE BIGGER QUARRY FAN NOT YOU KENT, LIVE WITH IT!!! KOO KOO! |

| 11/8/03 11:41:52 AM | Massimo | Rome | 10 | Thanks for the nice words! Steve &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;In Physics there is an easy way to verify what you are saying: THE EXPERIMENT (this is Galilei's great teaching). Quantum M. has been verified with an incredible degree of accuracy and it works amazingly well! QM has changed the world! There are, anyway, many, many...many things that "we" have not still understood and THE EVERYTHING THEORY doesn't exist. The String Theory is too much for me, there are just about 1 hundred persons in the world that work on this subject. I remember when my uncle went to a lawyer for some help and that lawyer told him "I'm sorry, but you'd need a good lawyer". Steve, you'd need a good physic, I'm just a bum among physics, even if I have honestly gained my degree (and it wasn't a walk in the park at all, the Ulisse's voyages are a joke in comparison...). But what I know for sure is that the String Theory is not still a theory but it's a conjecture and all the physics are aware of it. But maybe it's the right way to solve some problems in physics. For instance, the electric field of a charge is infinite "where" the charge is and this is not physically reasonable (nothing is infinite in this Universe, but maybe the Universe itself) and thinking a particle as a string of finite dimension could (or might) resolve this divergence. Besides that I don't think an experimental verification of the String Conj. will never be possible because for reaching that enormous energies you'd need too much money and this would be too much even for Bill Gates. When the exp. verif. is impossible Physics becomes similar to Phylosophy... Anyway, even if String Conj. was completely false, remember: the smart things are always useful! You don't know how or when but one day you are gonna use it somehow. A huge amount of Mathematics has been developed thanks to the String Conj. Do you know how QM is born? Studying a furnace's radiation...&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;PS: what's yo? Is it a masked you? |

| 11/8/03 12:19:22 PM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | 10 | The thing about some of the different and new scientific theories, deep that they might seem to those outside the fields, is that they are almost certainly fumbling entry level attempts to define our world and what's going on,
certainly only scratching the surface, possibly even barking up the wrong tree altogether, in terms of the essence of things and how they work, just as some of the incomplete and/or ludicrous beliefs of other times. BTW, when you say "Yo!" to someone, you're trying to get their attention, or to say hi to them. Speaking of boxing, it's interesting to note that comparing boxers of today to those of the 70s was like comparing Ali, Frazier, et al, with boxers in the WW2 age. It's too bad that modern fans so often have no perspective, and say that "Tyson woulda taken everyone, all time." They'd have been the same who'd have said that for any current champion, no matter when they lived. I don't believe Tyson could have cracked the elite three circle of the 70s, or if he had, he'd have had to have caught Ali on one of his bad nights when he looked lousy, or gotten very lucky inside with Foreman or in the first round with Frazier. IMO, anyway.

I have a strong feeling Antonio Tarver will upset Roy Jones, Jr. Boxing is mostly a contest of hunger and will, when the opponents are a reasonable match. I think Tarver may be hungry enough and Jones may have crossed that invisible line between his prime and his decline, which is often very steep and quick even in great fighters. His arrogance has hurt him. I think we'll see a middle or late round KO by Tarver or a decision. For my money, Massimo is the kindest, most admirable and friendly person in this site. He doesn't seem to be bothered by the cheap insults because they don't really apply to him.

Roadscholarette, new physics is now 100 years old and traces its developments partly from other thinkers from as long as 4,000 years ago. You may be right that its discoveries and current views are still in early stages, but probably not. I am not much interested in science itself and dislike the common misuse of the Big Bang Theory to imply a refutation and discarding of faith-oriented creation stories. Even if the Big Bang Theory or something similar could be proven to the satisfaction of all, that would still not explain (or eliminate) God's role in it. To argue or consider a matter of faith in a context of Western reason is to confuse apples and oranges. It would be like evaluating a boxing match by the rules of volleyball.

I'm surprised some of you consider Ali the best pound-for-pound of all time. Maybe you're thinking of his supreme mastery of the head game, and concluding he could have used it to defeat anyone. That may well be true. Anyway, I'd choose either of the two Sugar Rays as greatest pound for pound. |
that we know and respect today has bases rooted in past knowledge, even if it was only yesterday. Most progress is a tweaking of something we already know. However, when something out of the box and ground breaking happens, it's invariably the result of someone who goes against the grain with something completely different, or with something that expands the essence of something thought to be a static fact. It's a mistake to separate science and religion, simply because they don't conveniently explain or reinforce each other. They're -both- part of the larger overlay of the Great Mystery, and have their own jobs to do. One doesn't, or shouldn't, negate the other, when either are approached properly. In that sense, the Divine -was- responsible for the creation of the universe.<br><br>Say, re boxing, who do you all think was the most durable fighter? I'd probably have to consider a heavyweight, since they're subjected to the worst abuse, and for this honor, I think I'd have to say George Chuvalo. Not even off his feet, let alone KOd for ten, in any fight. Of course, there's the case of Joe Grim too. If I'm not mistaken, he never won a fight, but was so indestructible, people came to see his fights just to see if "this was the night" he'd be knocked out. A case can be made for the "opponent" being more durable than the legitimate contender or champion. They get pounded on by the worst and the best, without the skills to do much more than to just swing with it, like the heavy bag.<br><br>I agree with you, Chuvalo was the toughest fighter ever, even if, I think, Foreman would have knocked out him if the referee didn't have stopped ( and I'm glad he did) the fight. But Toney is very durable too. He was never stopped in his long career. I'd be very curious to see Toney against Tyson. Tyson doesn't seem very focused in boxing. Do you think Tyson's power would stop Toney ?<br><br>PS: the Universe is complex over any human imagination...The best computer in the world can't emulate a fly's brain. But it's really amazing how many things Science has discovered in relatively so little time !!!!!!!

Yes, I think Foreman would indeed have knocked out Chuvalo for real, if the TKO hadn't been ruled first. Before one of his fights, the Chicago Tribune had a big boxing glove on a page. "Want to know how hard George Foreman hits?" it said. "Tape this glove up on a wall, stand ten feet away, and run into it face first!" They couldn't do that today for legal reasons - some jackass would try it, then sue the paper. <br><br>Say, I found out something I didn't know - Toney played the Frazier part in the movie "Ali." I didn't like that movie that much. It was OK, I guess, but I don't really like Will Smith, and the movie was more about questionable arguments for Ali's sainthood than it was about his brilliant boxing career. The Frazier part of the sage was treated as if Joe was just another bum Muhammad got easily past on his journey to save the world.<br><br>You're right about the fly's brain, and many more wondrous things in nature that we have not a clue about. "We" like to congratulate ourselves for our scientific status, forgetting that it's only a comparative state to what wasn't before, rather than to what is still out there to understand.<br><br>In a hundred years, little kids will hold as common knowledge things with which our greatest scientists today are struggling.<br><br>Is it true that Frazier gave Ali' some money during his layout ? If this is the case, they were good friends at the time.<br><br>In the " Ali' " movie I didn't like the way Frazier-AlI' 1 and Ali'-Foreman are rappedresented. In both it seems that Frazier and Foreman had completely dominated the fight and this is not true...

ket you make me so sick, you bow down to anybody new you meet on here. NOT VERY QUARRY LIKE, YOUR NOT EVER GOING TO LIVE UP TO JERRY QUARRY STANDARDS. THAT REQUIRES BEING A MAN!! I'M ALSO SICK OF ALL THESE GUYS THINKING THAT THIER SOME KIND OF COLLEGE
PROFESSORS, THIS AIN'T THE SITE! KOO KOO KOO KOO | |11/10/03 12:54:51 AM|KENT|North O.C.|||11/10/03 12:54:51 AM|KENT|North O.C.| ||KENTALLEN@ETC|||10|Hey Koo Koo, being polite to new people by welcoming them and acknowledging that they were close to the point when making a prediction is not bowing down to someone. It is called manners.<br><br>It is obvious you were never taught any manners so I will speak to you in a language you will understand! WHY DON'T YOU GO F*CK YOURSELF YOU PIECE OF CRAP! I AM SICK OF YOUR SH*T! HEY MUFFIMAN, I AM NOT LICKING ANY ARSE NOW, AM I? YOU CAN F*CK YOURSELF TOO! THIS IS THE VERY LAST WORD I WILL EVER SAY ABOUT THIS NONSENSE AND I MEAN EVER! YOU CAUGHT ME IN A BAD MOOD, BUT NEVER AGAIN WILL I PAY ANY ATTENTION TO YOU, PERIOD!! | |11/10/03 04:56:31 AM|John Parriner |Sleepy London Town ||jparr92@aol.com|||10|RS writes: <br><br>All that we know and respect today has bases rooted in past knowledge, even if it was only yesterday. Most progress is a tweaking of something we already know. However, when something out of the box and ground breaking happens, it's invariably the result of someone who goes against the grain with something completely different, or with something that expands the essence of something thought to be a static fact. <br><br>WHAT DO YOU MEAN? COULD YOU SUPPLY SOME EXAMPLES? DO YOU MEAN SOMEONE DISCOVERED LUCITE IN ANCIENT EGYPT?<br><br>And you wrote: <br><br>It's a mistake to separate science and religion, simply because they don't conveniently explain or reinforce each other. They're ~both~ part of the larger overlay of the Great Mystery, and have their own jobs to do. One doesn't, or shouldn't, negate the other, when either are approached properly. In that sense, the Divine ~was~ responsible for the creation of the universe.<br><br>SORRY, NOT CLEAR TO ME. <br><br>How close did Tarver come to beating Jones? Over here the press is mixed on that. Sooner or later Jone's larking about and roostering was bound to get him in trouble, just as it did Ali. At least from the time Ali resumed after his layoff, his buffoonery got him in trouble with every good opponent, if only briefly. Boxing is a sport where a man can lose everything in a second, of course. <br><br>I'm relieved no one has suggested we all send Koo Koo Automatic e-mail that will be sent to his address every half hour every day of the week. That would soon overload his message queue and prevent his dominatrix from calling him. Please, nobody try this. <br><br>I'd like to explain our notion of durability and nominate The Old Mongoose, Archie Moore. You could hit Archie with "everything including the kitchen sink" and none of it would actually hurt him. He'd slip, parry, cuff, dodge, sidestep, block, duck or muffle everything. Another boxer with a strange but effective defensive stance was Eddie Machen, who more or less held his elbows out. Ken Norton may have taken that stance and copied it. | |11/10/03 07:00:28 AM|MUFFINMAN|ZANZIBAR||ZANZIBAR||10|KENT - THAT'S BETTER MY SON - KOO KOO IS A LOSER - HE IS PEE WEE HERMAN - HEE HEE. GO KENT GO - YOU ARE LIKE A QUARRY! KOO KOO - CURL UP AND DIE SHITHEAD!WHO'S AFRAID OF THE MUFFINMAN THE MUFFINMAN THE MUFFINMAN?| |11/10/03 10:06:15 AM|Massimo|Rome||7||10|What do you think about TONEY vs MC CLINE ? This fight will be fought on 7 December in Las Vegas. I think Toney is gonna win clearly on points. Do you think Tyson's power would be too much for Toney ? Do you think Eddie Machen would obtain better results than Toney against the modern heavyweights ?| |11/10/03 10:33:38 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|John -<br><br>Just the idea that everything that will ever be is here, waiting for discovery. There is technically no such thing as an "invention." Heart surgery was possible at the time of Christ, if the knowledge and equipment were available, and germs existed before anyone thought about them, or discovered them. Everything is part of our existence; it's egotistical for people to separate religion and science. God gave us minds, and expects us to use them, and we developed both of those fields, neither of which provide us with all the answers. Perhaps the quest is
what "it's" all about. Archie Moore was indeed very durable. I don't think anyone ever had more total fights than he did, in addition to being a champion, and fighting a lot of really good people. Just to continue isn't necessarily "durable," ala Joe Grim. Well, it is in the literal sense, I guess, but it's also wheel spinning and stupid.

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Massimo -

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Hey Kent, I must say, I'm somewhat dissapointed by your coarse and vulgar outburst!! I'm afraid I really must demand an apology for my self and all the other gentle readers at this site on the other hand, NAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!! Good for you!! Now it's been put out there! However, (to quote you, `@#%@#@&*^_)(***^%$$##@#$@!~,does seem a bit personal. Again, nice work.

Hey R.S. Massimo, God did not endow us with an intellect capable of comprehending his true nature or the vastness of the universe. I read a great book "The Physics Of Immortality" by Frank Tipler, Prophesor of mathamatics at Tulaine University. He estimates the size of the universe, observable and unobservable at between 1 and 20 trillion light years! Hey Massimo, how many zeros is that? The speed of light keeps us from ever really exploring the distant wonders we are discovering daily with the newest telescopes. Perhaps as we evolve, we may come closer to understanding. The average time span for a species on Earth is, however, only about 1 to 2 million years. Why this huge universe, which is so vast that the human mind can't comprehend it, only measure it? Yet the speed of light confines, traps us in this tiny section of the universe. A waste of space? Think how it would alter the religious beliefs of 6 billion humans, to find out that there are other intelligent life forms out there? Would it mean someone else was created in Gods image after all? No disrespect meant to anyones' religious beliefs.

Hey Jimmy Dorsey, that's right! Those fights you sent those Latino kids were some of the classics. They are a few of the alltime best gut it out fights of the Quarry era! If Quarry had learned a few defensive skills from the monster, Joe Frazier, like soaking his face in brine water, maybe he wouldn't have had his face sliced to ribbons in their second fight. Did you ever see Joe Frazier get a serious cut? His face would swell up, but never cut. If Jerry did soak his face in salt brine, it did not seem to help, if you read more about Jerry Quarry, like did, you'd know that, oh well I can't expect everyone to know what I know about Jerry :) koo koo.
because other fighters had a "book on him". You watch a film, you know he cuts easily. Look at the films. Frazier and Ali both used every trick in the book on quarry, elbows, laces, pulling the head down from behind, butting, etc. Remember the low blow Quarry threw in their first fight? It was a travesty of fairness! Frazier had spent the entire fight on the inside throwing elbows and his head. |

11/10/03 09:40:15 PM | kookoony | kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10 |
you are right steve, ali a little bit with the cuffing around the neck, this is why jerry picked him up in the first rd of their 2nd fight, as for frazier, yes he repeatedly butted him, mostly in the first fight. you don't get that kind of damage that quick from punches, Jerry confirmed in that interview w/ cossell after the fight that frazier is not as hard of hitter than jimmy ellis,<br>|

I suspected that for the last 35yrs, YOU SEE I'M NOT AS STUPID AS SOME PEOPLE THINK :))))))))) |

11/10/03 10:12:17 PM | Ashley Quarry | Texas | abquarry@yahoo.com | 10 |
My name is Ashley Quarry. Jerry Quarry was my grandfather, & my dads father. it hurts to see my dad cry because grandpa died. But yes Jerry Quarry was an excellent fighter even though i dont remember very much about him. He was also a wonderful singer and so is my dad, Jerry Lynn Quarry. I guess thats why i love to sing. well, i hope everyone who looks at this site learns to appreciate how hard my grandpa worked. |

11/11/03 02:23:59 AM | Kent Appel | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |
That is wonderful Ashely that you are a singer. I am a singer also and even though I have never been famous doing it, singing is a big part of my life. I met you grandfather many years ago and I was and still am a big boxing fan of his, but he and I spoke about music instead of boxing. Your grandfather had a very good singing voice.<br><br>I didn't know your dad, Jerry Lynn, is a singer too. It must run in your family. Good luck and keep singing always! |

11/11/03 02:35:35 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |
Hey Steve, I hope the gentle and sane readers of this site were not offended by my outburst but I have been taking this nonsense for two years and there are times when you just have to defend yourself. I am not taking back one word of it though because this type of language is the only thing some people understand and this type of person sees niceness as a weakness. It is about time to close this story for good. This is my very last comment regarding this topic. |

11/11/03 04:31:12 AM | Paul | Sydney, Australia | PlMls4@aol.com | 10 |
The November issue of The Ring magazine has a photograph recently taken of a smiling and very much alive Emile Griffith. So I was mistaken when I posted that he was no longer with us. I think I might have mixed him up with Benny Briscoe. Massimo - I remember reading somewhere that Frazier gave Ali some money during his enforced exile from boxing. There was also an occasion when Frazier drove Ali from Louisville to New York and they taped some of the conversation during the trip. They were actually friends before that first fight. Anyway, what's all this talk about physics and religion? I don't understand either topic. I don't even know what physics is about. But as far as I am concerned, God hasn't been born yet. God will be the scientist who discovers the cure for diseases etc. Maybe we'll be the last generation who will die naturally. My timing has always been out. RS - I was warming to your contention that Duran was the best pound-for-pound until I assessed his resume and saw that he lost fights in his prime that he should have won. Why was that? What's your view of Henry Armstrong? |

11/10/03 06:21:15 AM | Massimo | Rome | 4 | 10 |
I think saying that our intellect can't understand the universe is not exact. I think there are infinite levels of understanding of the nature, each deeper and more general of the other! The fact that we don't live in caverns shows, without a doubt, that we have understood a lot of those (prob. infinite) levels. Steve, nobody knows for sure is the universe is finite or infinite, there would be a lot to talk (or speak) about. 1 light year is a huge distance! The Earth-Sun distance is about 8 light minutes. I think the fact that there are other intelligent life
forms is very likely, or almost sure. There are outta there hundred of billions of galaxies, each containing hundred of billions of stars... It's a matter of probability... But It's also very likely that will never exchange messages with these guys (let alone meeting them or shaking "hands" with them) because of the huge distances! What's that? Who are you? AAAAAHHHHGGG!! HELP! AN ALIEN!!!!!!!!!!<br>PS1) Kicking asses, bad asses, kicking people out of bed...Why you American people are so concerned about asses?<br>PS2) I tried to understand what CRAP means but it wasn't in my dictionaries! Is it slang American, RS?|<br>|11/11/03 08:08:51 AM Massimo| Rome | 17 | 10 |<br>| Paul - <br> Physics is often an important support for Medicine (LASER, NMR...).|<br>|11/11/03 10:45:45 AM Roadscholarette| Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | 10 |<br>| Steve - <br> Sounds like an interesting book to check out, thanks. I thought Quarry hit Frazier low in their second fight. The casual viewer, the non-fan, probably doesn't realize that all top fighters know how to employ dirty tactics, and do, only smoothly enough that they typically escape easy notice. Accidental contact of heads? Uh-huh, sure. <br>I heard about an old interview with Eddie Futch and Angelo Dundee, in which both men were talking frankly about the deliberate and strategic use of many dirty fighting techniques by everyone. BTW, I've mentioned Tyson and drug use before (which is obvious), but in case he's ever been tested and done so negatively, there's a drug out now that doesn't force people to try to get around the ever more strict urine tests. It's THG, and is undeectable. The labs are working overtime to keep up with demand for such substances. Of course, this rabid demand is only from a small minority of athletes. LOL!|<br>|11/11/03 03:51:41 PM Evren| London | 10 |<br>| I read in Boxing News that Roy Jones Junior failed a drug test (for steroids) a few years back and nothing ever became of it! Boxing and drug controls are a real joke. It's amazing that you get a 190lb amateur fighter that turns into a 240lb+ lantern jawed professional monster a few years down the road! I suspect quite a few boxers but there you go. I heard that THG is now detectable as one of our leading sprinters, Dwain Chambers failed a test and also Shane Mosely is being investigated for it after his fight with De La Hoya. Unless I have the drug mistaken with another.|<br>|11/11/03 04:45:47 PM Paul| Sydney, Australia | PIMls4@aol.com | 10 |<br>| Massimo - I know that physics is important but my brain is not sophisticated enough to understand it. After spending my time concentrating on football, horse racing, boxing, and work, I haven't got any brain space left for anything else. RS - Henry Armstrong has to be up there in the top ten pound-for-pound ever. Massimo - how much fuel has our sun got left to burn? When the sun dies, so does earth. How long have we got?|<br>|11/11/03 06:10:22 PM Massimo| Rome | 10 |<br>| Hi Paul! The Sun has fuel enough for 5 billions years yet! Then the Sun will become a "RED GIANT" and finally a "WHITE DWARF".|<br>|11/11/03 08:21:36 PM Charles Anderson| Ark. | ctjjandfam@aol.com |<br>| what does this crap have to do with jerry and family. get back to boxing.|<br>|11/11/03 09:02:09 PM John Parinner| London |jparr92@aol.com |<br>| We're seeing Kent, the Muffinman and Koo Koo write as the gentlemen they are, so Charles of Arkansas, please tolerate the twists and turns of our discussion as the fine citizens of the Great State of Arkansas traditionally have. |<br>|
equations, seeking to go where no man has ever gone before in the realm of understanding or knowledge. And the seeker too is alone, possibly in the Dark Night of the Soul, reaching for meaning, purpose and redemption in this universe. Changing the subject, could someone please explain more about Jerry Quarry's singing? Was it more like karaoke with friends, or did he sing in public as a professional? What kind of music did he sing and what was his voice like? You all know that Joe Frazier sang, too, and Ali recorded one hit cover of "Stand By Me". Oscar De La Hoya recorded at least one CD, too, and one of the greatest 20th Century singers, Dino Crocetti (known to some as Dean Martin), had several pro fights as a youngster in and around Canton, Ohio. Hammering Henry Armstrong would be a good pound-for-pound choice. I was thinking he was from a different era, and then I asked myself what that term really means. In those days, as several people here have noted, boxers fought much more often, for purses miniscule in comparison to most today, and lacked the high quality of equipment, training regimes, nutritional knowledge and medical care. What I'd like to mention is something about expectations then (before 1960) and now. Namely, in those days, few if any pro fights had the high level of perfectionism they seem to have now. In other words, back then, if you lose a fight or even get KOed, it's not the end of the world. Your career is not ruined or even harmed, you don't call a press conference to announce your retirement, you don't drop off the rankings if you were ranked, and everyone had a better and more realistic attitude to winning and losing. Contrast that with the way it is now, and see that any up and coming fighter had better not lose even once unless it's to an obviously better fighter, or the media and fans will decide the youngster is no good. Even Dempsey and Louis got decked sometimes and even lost a few fights. Among the great lightweights, welters and middles, both men might be knocked down in a good, tough fight, and an excellent fighter might still lose one or two in a busy year. Nowadays that humility and willingness to risk is gone, and the public and promoter faith in fighters is gone, too. It makes for boring fights were often 1 or both kids fight not to lose, not to win.

Does anyone see what I mean? Do you agree, or disagree? Look at someone like Lewis or Bowe -- they fought very seldom, almost as if they feared losing everything if they lost a single fight. I apologize for gadding on so much but I love this site.

let me answer this one, JOE FRAZIER CAN NOT SING, COULD NOT SING AND WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO SING, what a joke he was trying. Jerry on the other hand had a pretty good voice, if he worked more at it, who knows, i always like jerry's speaking voice, real mellow and cool sounding, nobody talks like that, anyway thats what i think. koo koo koo koo

The whole star-->superstar mentality, cynically marketed by the people who run sports and the entertainment industry, is a double edged sword. On the one hand, promotion and monetary return is enhanced, but on the other hand, the public expects not only perfection, but that the participant make it look easy. Walter Mitty on steroids. Even the wars the last couple of years, regardless of how you feel about them politically, were influenced by a public innundated by Arnold Schwarzenegar movies. You can have a war, but no one on the good guys' side dies. In terms of fighters, we'll assume all fights are on the level, because if they aren't, that introduces far too many wild radicals from which to draw any meaningful conclusions. Muhammad Ali had it right. You have to put buns in the seats, and a lot of them have to be people who aren't ordinarily boxing fans. You have to make ~those~ people care about you and your fight. Those people (today) have watched a lot of TV and movies, and have an idea of "how things are," and how they want them to happen, regardless of whether this is realistic or not. The fighters are human, so anything can happen, so you give
the audience the image. When things don't go according to plan, viewers can feel a sense of abandonment, and think the fighter is a bum and a loser. Remember, "one" of the biggest draws to boxing is the spectator projecting himself into the ring.<br><br>"Follow me to victory, but kill me if I fail."<br><br>John P, please cut me some slack if I stepped over the line. Understand, I have been taking abuse at this site for over two years now and most of the time I have taken it in stride as I have tried to tell Massimo to do. But when I welcomed you and I was put down for it, it was "the straw that broke the camels back!" Understand, I say that all of the negative comments directed at me for all of this time didn't get to me but they did bother me. But nothing hurts more than you a reasonable person such as yourself, lumping me in with Koo Koo, etc. I try to be a gentleman at all times but there are times when everyone falls short of this goal. Please don't judge me by one outburst because others on this board who have been here for a while know I am a gentleman who has taken far than his fair share of abuse that I don't deserve. I HEARBY APOLOGIZE TO ALMOST EVERYONE ON THIS BOARD FOR MY POST I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT MORE ABOUT BEFORE I SENT IT. IN A WAY, I WISH I COULD APOLOGIZE TO KOO KOO BUT HE IS THE EXCEPTION BECAUSE HE HAS DONE A HUNDRED TIMES MORE TO ME THAN I HAVE EVER DONE BACK TO HIM AND EVERYONE HERE THAT HAS BEEN HERE ON THIS BOARD FOR A WHILE KNOWS IT.<br><br>Jerry was singing long before karaoke ever was around. He even sang on television shows such as the Merv Griffin show where he did a fine rendition of "By the Time I get to Phoenix." The song that was a hit by Glen Campbell.<br><br>As far as I am concerned, Massimo, RS, and Fran add a touch of class to this site and when we have strayed from the central topic of boxing it has been interesting. Massimo - thanks for the info. Someone was saying something about steroids and rumours of same. Hearing things like that about Mosley makes you start suspecting everyone else. Mosley did seem to improve heaps last time, didn't he. Kent - you gotta stop apologising for letting off steam. Koo Koo - you're losing your touch. You haven't made me laugh for a while. |
then maybe sum single hooooks, butt that aint enuff to make them a grate
filters," and then there are others who really have minds and mix many things in
with fighting.<br><br>I was always impressed with Liston's, Patterson's and
Ali's ability to do this. Here were three men with absolutely no education at
all (not that that automatically equates with native intelligence), were
probably just about completely illiterate, yet who consistently came up with
some of the most stunning, colorful, and articulate insights imaginable; they
were likely smarter than many people with multiple degrees.|  
|11/12/03 02:19:30 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|yea, yea, ok,
ok, i wish that one of jerry's family members could come on here and tell us
more about jerry. i've been studying him for 30 + yrs. and still would like to
know more, i know he had a lot wives, that can bring any man down, make a little
money, hang on to it, don't let some pretty women take it away, not me though
much too smart to do that. NEVER TRUST ANYONE, THATS MY GOLDEN RULE!!! koo
koo<br>|}
|11/12/03 02:32:49 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|Continuing on about the Shane Mosely
steroid allegation (and it is nothing more at this stage) there is a link on
Eastside Boxings website about it. Very interesting. In my opinion it is
widespread in boxing -my opinion only. There was a big thing about Jack
O'Halloran using it in the 60's and 70's which caused him to lose the use of his
legs. Koo Koo you crack me up...you remind me of Anne Robinson on 'The Weakest
Link'.|
|11/12/03 03:13:41 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|JOHN PARINNER: Jerry had a night club act
at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas called "JERRY QUARRY WITH PLEASURE" I Never saw
it,But his singing took him on a lot of excursions,He had a lot of talent in a
lot of things,Super Stars competition in 1974 still blows me away, how he
finished third,with all those NFLer's.(not the one in 1975!!!)Its too bad no one
can find a tape to that. One thing great about his popularity,is when he sang on
Merv Griffith,he'd just lost to Ali and was considered "RETIRED" from the ring.|  
|11/12/03 03:50:42 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|Dorsey, you seem
to be the only visitor here that knows about jerry quarry, i commend you,
Roadscum continues to talk out of his mind, he has a little bit of kent in him,
kent quit drawing those goverment checks, get a real job. koo koo |  
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forgot to mention the movie ALI, you know with that moron Will Smith, when it
showed ali's comeback fight against Jerry it had some out of shape actor playing
jerry in the movie, THAT WAS A PUT DOWN AGAINST JERRY AND HIS FAMILY, THE ONLY
FIGHT JERRY WENT IN OUT OF SHAPE WAS AGAINST NORTON, HIS LAST REAL FIGHT.
HOLLYWOOD PEOPLE SUCK!!!! KOO KOO|
|11/12/03 04:25:15 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|I can HONESTLY say,I've never seen that
particular movie,they actually had Jerry played by some out of shape buffon??
THAT IS A MAJOR INSULT!! to say the least,MR.JIMMY said himself,THAT was the
bout WHERE JERRY was the most focused and poised, too bad we could not do the
casting, there is a man in Mesquite Nevada that
looked,sounded,body,mannerisms,attitude, THAT COULD HAVE PLAYED JQ 1970 version
BY SIMPLY PLAYING HIMSELF,Another friend who does not even follow boxing,OUT OF
THE BLUE said he looked like QUARRY! The guy was also a college linebacker who
would have been in shape,Just like the real QUARRY!! FOR THE PART.|  
|11/12/03 05:47:22 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|"Ali" didn't
portray Quarry or anyone really as clowns, but the movie did have an agenda; any
movie about a particular fighter will slant things to whatever end it's
pursuing. It veered back and forth between Ali fan club idolatry and the well
worn Hollywood modus operandi that uses stark contrast to accentuate a theme. In
a crime movie, nuns might cross the street ahead of villains to boost their
evil, for example. In the case of this movie, all Ali's opponents were either
overblown or glossed over and dismissed. Even Frazier (played by James Toney),
certainly the most defining drama for Ali, was Cliff's Noted.

11/12/03 06:00:59 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|i did not
realize that was james toney, it made frazier look bad too. compared to tyson,
frazier looks like robert redford, tyson does look like KING KONG, AS ALI
HIMSELF SAID. Hey Sonya , whats up you good looking doll :) koo koo |

11/12/03 08:17:32 PM|steve |N.J.||dmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Yo,R.S.,I don't
quite understand your last post.The movie,Ali,did indeed have an agenda. It cast
Ali as a cultural,social and political hero. He defied the system,was unfairly
punished. Yet he bravely indured,arose triumphant over the governments evil
opression. Much the same as our brave American heroes who fled to Canada. I
guess that make's me and the 50,000 war dead pretty stupid.Okay,back to the
movie.The movie glossed over his amazing boxing carreer.They dwell alot, for
some unknown reason,or his tiring,grade school level vaudevillian act that he
 trotted out for the white press's consomption. Ali's silly poems, name
calling,proclaiming himself "I'm so pretty",and yelling over and over again for
twenty years,"I am the greatist",was maybe pretty funny the first few times you
heard it. Ali seemed to think he had to perform these stupid,childish skits to
generate ticket sales amongst the white public.Who all laughed dutifully at his
childish,redundant comedy routine,even after hearing it 50 times. R.S., did you
mean the stark contrast between Ali's rather astute political dealing's
involving his religious life,and his public personae and his complete dominance
over his opponent's in the ring.Who were treated as an afterthought, and merely a
vehicle to carry him to his status as Godlike cultural Icon.

11/12/03 08:31:38 PM|Evren|London||@||10|Can anyone help? - Do any of you
guys have a complete version of Jerry's fight with Eddie Machen? I have
highlights only. Would be great if anyone could help. Has anyone seen Jerry's
fight against Alongi? I know that a couple of collectors have it but the quality
is meant to be real poor. Help Anyone (except Muffin man) |

11/12/03 09:06:30 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|BRAVE, DID I
HEAR YOU SAY ALI WAS BRAVE! what about all those war veterans, what did they
get, ali did not want to face war, he would much rather fight with padded gloves
on. Mac Foster said long ago, if he were good enough to go , so was ali, Ali was
a slick , trash talking crook, yes i said crook, he cheated his country, he knew
he could get away with it, remember he had money and muslims on his side, GUTS
YEA, HE HAD SOME, BUT NOT AS NEAR AS MUCH THOSE VETERANS THAT Fought FOR THIS
COUNTRY, HE HAD A GREAT EXCUSE USING THAT MUSLIM THING, BUT I AIN'T NOT
BUYING!!!<br>KO0 KOO|

11/12/03 10:06:49 PM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree,
CA||Sonia90101@aol.com|||10|Hey KooKoo, things are ok here on our end, keeping
busy with the hubby & kids, but check this site out daily. You sure do love to
rattle people don't you, be nice everyone. Let's keep this site, cool so people
keep visiting, and it keeps going. Be safe all. Dad & Uncle Jerry, you are
missed very much so, and loved always.|
then he won. Beat everybody, made seasoned professionals look like amateurs in career one. By career two, his aura was giving him rounds, and fights as a result, that he earned by being Ali. He was like fighting Victor Galindez or Carlos Monzon in South America, or Roberto Duran in Panama City - you had to knock them out to win. We found out he had a harder chin and more heart than anyone, along with an unparalleled bag of tricks by career two, and only Ali beating Ali then, save for the first Frazier fight. Of course all this wouldn't have been possible if he hadn't been so damned good! The movie was about Ali's ongoing Canonization, not about Sonny Liston or Joe Frazier or Jerry Quarry or George Foreman. In their dismissal, they came off as just accidental assists, and near palookas, really, except when one could be useful to reinforce his Sainthood.

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| 11/13/03 01:00:50 AM|steve |N.J.|drmsrm@comcast.net|||10|R.S. Not sure what you mean. Ali used the Muslims as a cash cow? I'd have thought it was the other way around.Anyway, I thought we where only talking about the movie. It doesn't matter to me who wrote his poems, but the movie does show a contrast between his maneuverings between several black political factions and the side he portrayed to boxing. I don't know about the portrayal of a villain. In those days, fans took their boxing pretty seriously. I don't beleive to this day, you could get a majority opinion from sports writers that Lewiston, Maine, wasn't a fix.|

| 11/13/03 02:32:43 AM|Steve |N.J.|dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Hello John Parinner,"and the seeker too is alone, possibly in the dark night of the soul, reaching for meaning, purpose and redemption in this universe." Is this your own original thought? It is quite beautiful. It applies to anyone who has lain in the grass and stared up at the starry sky. I can tell you, John, that the physical barriers endured by fighters to overcome and find their "personal truth" is fleeting at best. It's only as good as your last fight. Or how you handle life's day to day problems. It's another aspect entirely, to consider physicists who spend their entire life in pursuit of a theory, trying to find our place in the universe. I've been through all the running at 5:am in the winter, all the physical hardships, blah, blah, blah. You know what, Sir John, everyone is alone. |

| 11/13/03 04:13:55 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia|PlMls4@aol.com|||10|RS - I agree with your comments regarding Liston, Patterson, and Ali. A fourth name to add is Jack Johnson. In his day he was just as big a personality as Ali and, given the intolerance of those times, what he dared to do was truly amazing. He revolutionised boxing with his style, he travelled overseas to win the title at age 30 after being denied the chance because of racism, and he had the gall to antagonise the establishment with the way he dressed and the colour of the women he entertained. His life was so controversial, so entirely different to the norm, that modern film makers could make a blockbuster movie out of it. In regard to Ali, I thought his film was disappointing. It was flimsy and plastic. Regarding the person, I don't agree with Ali refusing to be drafted but then again I don't have any religious beliefs so I can't imagine how he felt. But it is not an issue of him not being brave. After all, he wouldn't have been on the front line because, like Joe Louis decades earlier, he would have got a cozy little gig away from the fighting. I don't consider any boxer to be a coward, especially one that took on the meanest monsters of that era, one after the other. And the way Ali has fought his deteriorating impairment with dignity and courage is reason to admire him. He hasn't hidden himself away and it takes a lot of courage to be seen in public with the illness he has. Another thing about Ali, he was never motivated by money. His fights were world events. |

| 11/13/03 11:43:17 AM|Fran|Pennsylvania|PLC7755@aol.com|||10|Question. How does Ron Lyle get banged around by a hard counter punching Jerry Quarry, go to war with what I have heard everyone on the site say is the hardest puncher in heavyweight history Earnie Shavers get rocked by shavers and come back to win. Then fight George Foreman and take devastating punches get knocked down get up
knock George down etc. Then fight Ali who lays on the ropes gives away all the rounds then lays on a few very light combinations to Lyle and the ref stops the fight? That was the question and the answer is ....It was fixed.

Question #2 How does he lay on the ropes against Jimmy Young and seemingly lose every round then get the decision/.................Fixed. 2Nd Spinks fight Ali held Spinks the whole fight but was never warned. Fixed. And on n on. Question. Why did Foreman look drunk when he fought Ali? Because he was . Remember him saying that they brought him a grapefruit and after he ate it he felt sleepy.....Fixed. He was good in his prime but was way over hyped and he made everyone money after he came back. Jerry would have killed him that night he came back. Ali could not have beaten a good seasoned active hard punching heavy weight who may have been the best counter puncher ali ever faced. Jerry could work his combinations off Ali's jab instead of the other guys who walked in and ate his jabs. He couldn't have come back after 3 years off and beaten a fighter of Jerry's caliber. Bonavena had no boxing skills, Frazier killed him.

Have a good day everyone but lets not get hyped up on all that crap about that guy he was way overhyped.

11/13/03 11:45:54 AM Fran PA PLC7755
Why did Foreman get rid of all his cornermen after the ali fight? Because he knew they sold him out.

11/13/03 11:53:51 AM Evren London
Glad to see we have blind people posting on the site!

11/13/03 12:14:20 Roadscholarette Chicago roadscholarette@hotmail.com
Steve -<br>
I think Ali and the Muslims were a symbiotic relationship. Ali was paranoid about white people for a time, and that, along with the mileage he could get out of the Muslims attracted him to them. They were useful for intimidation, attention getting, negotiations, while he was the poster boy for their politics. Finally, he didn't need them anymore, really.<br>
Fran -<br>
It sort of ruins boxing conversations to think about fixes, so I don't mention the subject much, but there's no doubt in my mind that at best, judges and referees were swayed by the Ali mystique, giving him rounds (and often fights as a result) that were close, at worst, the fights were foregone conclusions. Foreman? Bogus as a three dollar bill, IMO, punch taking ability by Ali or not. I don't know many people in RL who're boxing fans, but when I run into them, and I mention fix in this fight, and they disagree, fine, I won't argue, but I know what I think. All good fighters know how to employ dirty or illegal techniques, but Ali did both constantly, without penalty. Others did too, but he was better at it, and no ref would call him on it. The ref in Manilla warned Ali once for holding, Frazier once for hitting low, but both completely ignored him, continued to do it (among other things), with no consequences.<br>
Paul -<br>Jack Johnson had all the raw material in those days to be an even bigger Ali (flamboyant, great fighter, running around with white women, beating up white men, etc.), but the timing was wrong. People then could still get away with overt, no excuse bigotry towards blacks that they couldn't pull off in Ali's day. Therefore, Johnson was simply hounded, and eventually run off the scene, after throwing the fight in Havana. Mann act? Gimme a break! 

11/13/03 12:51:19 PM VIDEO POST The Jerry Quarry Foundation TJQF

11/13/03 12:59:15 Roadscholarette Chicago roadscholarette@hotmail.com
Lots of fights that get stopped on cuts can be debated - who woulda won if it'd gone the distance? One thing is certain in Ali's comeback fight against Quarry though -
if it had gone the distance, and Ali had won, he wasn't going to look good doing it, and he ~had~ to look good. Jose Torres feels Ali would have won, but was going to look lousy, and get hit a lot. Solution? "OK, Ali, this sonuvabitch has a head like concrete, so you aint gonna knock him out. This is gonna be a long night. Butt him, he cuts easy." Can you envision this conversation in the Ali corner? Quarry wouldn't likely have initiated a butt. He knew Ali had never bledd before, and a butt could have opened a cut on his own face. George Foreman was a better fighter after ten years, when you factor in his age. He had better technique, and he had mind memory for the moves, even though his body couldn't put some into play any longer. Ali's layoff? Probably did him some good, yet this was used as an excuse even years after he returned. A refrigerator like Bonavena made everyone look bad, so there was the excuse there. But Frazier? He cleaned Ali's clock. Yes, he took a lot of abuse doing it, but I personally think we saw Ali at his best that night. I think Joe would have knocked out the butterfly of career one. IMO anyway, and that's all any of us have in theoretical scenarios in a subjective sport. And, I like Ali too, as a fighter. In top form, few could beat him, and I don't believe any could in a best of three, though of course, dark questions always have to come in. The Phillinie judges had Manila 8-4 after 12 for Ali. I wonder if they decided on this ahead of the fight, 'cause I had it 6-5-1, ~maybe~ even 7-5 Frazier, at that juncture. Oh well, just armchair reffing, who knows, huh?

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Mass for a great fight you should have seen the Jerry Quarry / Mac Foster fight at the Garden. Unbelievable Foster ahead going into the sixth and Jerry comes out and just freezes and Foster was confused and pawed a few jabs n Jerry started counterpunching it took about an hour to find Fosters head it was rolling around in the second deck. Anyway I like you guys RS you should be a writer you write beatfully and I would enjoy reading anything you write, especially about Jerry.

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So Foreman's people wanted that Foreman lost ? That's a betrayal !!!!! Unfortunately I have never seen Quarry-Mac Foster... I have seen just about half an hour of Jerry Quarry in the ring but it was enough to understand that he was one of the most exciting fighters ever !

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Mass we have to get you some films. When I was kid I used to watch Jerry Quarry Frazier one over n over. That was a fight. Jerry was a tough Kid.

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wore himself out trying to break out of clinches. And if it had gone 15 rounds and Ali lost on points then the crowd would also have rioted. The stupidist thing Foreman ever did was fight Ali in Zaire. He should have known that Ali would manipulate the situation and Foreman was in an environment where he could never win. And the cut that caused the delay hurt Foreman's prospects more than Ali's. I don't think that the fight was fixed. But I think that every possible factor was manipulated in Ali's favour. The ropes were loose, Ali was given more time to get fit, the crowd was decidedly against Foreman, Ali was allowed to hold on, and Foreman must have known that unless he knocked Ali out, he'd never get a decision because the crowd would go crazy. So in blinding heat he punched himself out and in hindsight that was always going to happen. Had that fight been in a different place, then Foreman most probably wins. Also, Angelo Dundee must be given a lot of credit for the way he manipulated Ali's career. He saved Ali against Henry Cooper (thumbing the cut glove open) and he was most likely responsible for the loose ropes in Zaire.

Let's not get the old Henry Cooper glove myth out again - the interval was measured at around 1 minute 4 seconds (in the region of). That's another 'why I lost' excuse by a boxer. I have a question for you all: - Has a boxer ever lost because his opponent was better?

This happened at least once when Sharkey lost against Carnera! Is it true that Earnie Shavers knocked down Ali'? Or was it a slip? And in Frazier-Ali' 1, at the beginning of round 11, Frazier knocked down Ali'. Was it considered a slip? Was it right? When I watch the replay I can see Frazier hitting Ali', at least partially!

There's no doubt in my mind that Frazier tagged and decked Ali in the 11th. In slow motion, you can see the punch land, then Ali goes down to a knee after a slight delay. Because of the second or two interval, and the fact that water was there, they called it a slip. Dr. Ferdie Pacheco (and Joe of course!) also thinks Ali was hit and went down a second later.

Jerry Quarry, one of the great heavyweights from the "GOLDEN ERA" of heavyweight boxing. He always put up a great fight and had a whole lot of heart. Ron Lyle was another, as was George Chuvalo. Earnie Shavers didn't floor Ali, but rocked him bigtime when they met. He did, however, floor Larry Holmes and it was quite an accomplishment when Larry got up from that knockdown. Ali stayed on too long, as many great fighters do...He should have retired permanently when he took the title back from Leon Spinks. Which brings me to Mike Tyson. In his prime, he had it all; speed, strength, knockout power...he was a great entertainer; he was, in his prime, unbeatable. The 5 greatest modern Heavyweight Champions - 1. Ali, 2. Joe Louis, 3. Rocky Marciano, 4. Joe Frazier, 5. Mike Tyson

The 5 greatest

|11/14/03 12:02:47 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Massimo -<br><br>IMO=in my opinion<br><br>RL=real life (sometimes substituted with RT for "real time"), IOW (in other words), not online.<br><br>;-)|
|11/14/03 04:32:32 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com||||10|There was a news report in Australia today that George Chuvalo is taking legal action against Sylvester Stallone over the Rocky movies. Chuvalo is claiming that Stallone told him that he got the Rocky idea after watching Chuvalo fight Ali. So Chuvalo now wants a slice of the $1.4 billion that the movies hauled in. IMO that's a lot of money RT. The Bayonne Bleeder wants Stallone to bleed financially.|}

|11/14/03 05:03:01 AM|Evren|London||@|||10|I think you got George Chuvalo mixed up with Chuck Wepner. Does anyone remember Curtis 'Hatchetman' Sheppard?<br><br>IMO= in my opinion<br><br>RL=real life (sometimes substituted with RT for "real time"), IOW (in other words), not online.<br><br>;-)|
|11/14/03 05:23:13 AM|Massimo|Rome||5|||10|Yo RS !!<br><br>Thanks for your kindness! May you add two little informations? What's LOL (laughing...?)? What's BTW? Evren is right! It's Chuck Wepner, not George Chuvalo! I have read that stuff some days ago! Money! Money! I suspect that people likes money! |

|11/14/03 05:37:59 AM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|Evren-<br><br>It seems to me that Curtis Sheppard was a guy that fought Jersey Joe Walcott !
|11/14/03 08:20:54 AM|Fran|PA||plc77558@aol.com|||10|I agree the fight in Zaire wasn't fixed in that Foreman threw the fight it was that they let Ali hold and let the fight proceed with illegal ropes. And I believe Foreman was drugged. We saw all through those years where Ali got away with everything and that was because he made big money for everyone. Then the publicity and hype that he was the greatest. Norton beat him 3 times. Frazier beat him 2 out of three. Jimmy Young beat him. He was hype in the second part of his career. Chuck Wepner was a stiff who Ali fought because he was a bum and Ali knew he needed an easy fight. Wepner was a stiff who was also over the hill wasn't even in the top 50. |

|11/14/03 09:50:53 AM|Evren|London||@|10|It was once reported that Curtis Sheppard caught his wife and a police officer making love in their house. Curtis killed the officer and then cut his wife's head off. He then went to a bar ordered a drink then put his wife's head on the bar and said "order her one too". Whether this is true or not I don't know but the police officer died, his wife was killed and Curtis spent his life in jail and is still there as far as I know.<br><br>Try this website<br><br>www.cyberboxingzone.com/boxing/wail1000_rocky.htm<br><br>In fact in Manila Frazier's son Marvis, who was sitting at ringside, recalls that one of Joe's entourage, Willie Monroe, who was sitting near Ali's corner, had been trying to attract Futch's attention over the pandemonium. He was shouting "Ali is finished" but nobody heard him. It all could have been different if they'd heard Willie Monroe. Maybe Frazier would have won by KO 14.<br><br>Wepner was a top 10 contender at the moment of the Ali' fight, even if, the ratings are not always realistic...|

|11/14/03 10:20:33 AM|Massimo|Rome||5|||10|I think cutting a wife's head off is a ill-mannered behaviour !|
|11/14/03 10:51:12 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Massimo -<br><br>IMO=laughing out loud.<br><br>RL=real life (sometimes substituted with RT for "real time"), IOW (in other words), not online.<br><br>;-) Yes, the pandemonium was so great that Frazier's camp never heard the word that Ali was finished, and wasn't going to come out for the last round. Ali fans won't hear of this, but after taking bombs from one of the hardest punchers in heavyweight history, calling it a day would seem like a pretty good idea to me! :-) In addition to Ali's Parkinson's, he's had dialysis as well. What the punches did
to his brain, they did to his internal organs as well. He was having spells of dizziness and feelings of "drunkenness" way back after winning the title from Liston, but of course doctors told him what he wanted to hear - nervousness, stress, etc. He saw some quack after retirement who said he had "no signs of brain damage." How incompetent can you get? Sheesh. With the sorts Ali fought, it would be frightening to be in his body and experience the panorama of results during and immediately after each fight, as well as the things that came, stayed, and worsened as time went on. Dementia of all sorts is an odd condition. The person is unaware of some parts of what's happening or has happened, but they're very aware of other parts, made worse because they don't have a mind that's at 100% to help them cope. A vicious cycle then.

Foreman was going to have to knock Ali out to win. A decision would have gone to Ali, no matter what. We never had to find out what sort of scores the judges cooked up ahead of time, ala Ali's ludicrous winning margin in Manila at the time of the stoppage.

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<td>Ali stayed on too long. It was the fame and the money which kept him in there. The Foreman fight was not fixed. Ali outsmarted and outfought Foreman. Foreman was an intimidating powerhouse, in his prime, but not much more. He was kicked around by Ron Lyle, Jimmy Young and of course by Ali. Archie Moore had said that Foreman was a poor listener and I believe that to be true. Tyson would have beat Foreman in his prime. Chuck Wepner is the tomato can with the lawsuit. He stepped on Ali's foot, which caused the knockdown in their fight. George Chuvalo has much more class than to sue for money almost 30 years after the fact. The THRILLA IN MANILLA was a grueling match for both Ali &amp; Frazier. Ali may have thought about quitting, but he wouldn't have and Angelo Dundee wouldn't have allowed him to. He beat Frazier and both were finished after that fight. Ali was in his prime 65-67. Unfortunately his career was cut short. We may have missed some great fights 67-69, had he continued with his career during those years.</td>
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| I used to wait for the latest edition of ring magazine or Boxing Illustrated to come out to get the latest scoop on my most exciting heavyweight of all time Jerry Quarry. He NEVER got the credit he deserved. As a young guy trying to follow in his footsteps and wanting to be just like him I used to study his moves in the ring any time I could see him fight I'd memorize his moves. He was so smooth in the ring with his counterpunching ability he would take apart much bigger opponents. He'd move his head and double up the hook body then head. He could bob and weave very smoothly. He was a very unique fighter. It is amazing that this site is here and he is getting the attention now. I know Mike must have been influenced by Jerry and whatever happened to his brother n law Mike Nixon the middleweight
anyone know. This is a great site. | 11/14/03 02:24:27 PM|charles anderson|ark.||ctjjandfam@aol.com||||10|fran, i was just like you, i couldn't wait to get to the newstands each month to see if ther was an article about jerry in one of the magazines. i wish i had saved them now. | 11/14/03 02:47:15 PM|VIDEO POST|The Jerry Quarry Foundation||TJQF|||10|<Font color="lime"><b>VIDEO POST #8</b></Font><br><br>Per recent discussions<br><br>Ali vs Frazier I - Round 11<br>New York, March 8, 1971<br><br><A HREF="http://www.jerryquarry.com/media/alifrazier11156k.ram">56K</a> |<A HREF="http://www.jerryquarry.com/media/alifrazier11150k.ram">DSL</a>|<br><br>Charles I saved all of them for years and put together a scrap book of them. He was one bad dude. He had the power. When he fought Shavers at the garden he looked over at him and Don King who was Shavers manager at the time and gave them that scowl and thumbs down and then went out and knocked him out. | 11/14/03 03:06:38 PM|Fran|pa||plc7755@aol.com||||10|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com||||10|Regarding Wepner suing Stallone. My guess is Wepner is broke and hopes that Stallone will settle out of court just to get rid of the nuisance. Stallone never used Wepner's name to promote the movie. He merely said he got the idea of Rocky from watching the Ali-Wepner fight. He said he remembers seeing how the crowd reacted to the "knockdown" and thought if he could capture the excitement of an underdog doing surprisingly well, it would translate into a good movie. Wepner is claiming that he never authorized Stallone to use his name to promote the movie. What a load of crap. Like Wepner's name could sell a movie. Yeah, right.| 11/14/03 05:16:51 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|I remember jerry fighting patterson twice,spencer. and i thought jerry was very fast with his hands; great counter puncher. i lived and died with every time he fought.hindsight is always 20-20 but if jerry had hooked up with clancy earlier i truly believe boxing history would have been different.| 11/14/03 10:31:27 PM|charles anderson|ark.||ctjjandfam@aol.com||||10|i remember jerry fighting patterson twice,spencer. and i thought jerry was very fast with his hands; great counter puncher. i lived and died with every time he fought.hindsight is always 20-20 but if jerry had hooked up with clancy earlier i truly believe boxing history would have been different.| 11/14/03 10:48:28 PM|RICHARD PERRY|HEMET||rjperryautos@hotmail.com||||10|I AM A FAN OF JERRY,MIKE AND OF JIM ..MAY HE ALSO REST IN PEACE..IT WAS TRULY AN HONOR WHEN JIM AND HIS SON ERIC..COME OUT TO BOX ME IN AN EXIBITION IN SEPT/OCT 2001..I MEET A LOT OF THE FAMILY..AND ONLY WISH THE BEST FOR ALL OF YOU...THANKS FOR THE MOMORIES| 11/15/03 12:50:26 AM|Pete|Cleveland||pco@hotmail.com||||10|How did Jerry get into boxing? Did his father box? Are Jerry's parents still living? How big is Jerry's family?|
Hey Richard Perry, how's it going? Love the van. Keep in touch!

Hello Richard, I was at your second fight against Eric Quarry, the PAL event at Soboba in 2002. Both you and Eric showed a lot of heart in fighting it out for a good cause. These fights may have been exhibitions but they were very real and everyone involved deserves credit for a job well done. I intended to make it up for this years event but I had other plans this time.

Imagine that, wherever a Quarry is Kent is there, I don't know Sonya, this guy might not be wrapped too tight, just as long as everybody remembers I'm Jerry's No. 1 fan, not what's his face.)))

Funny thing about Ali. He never quite put together the two parts of his greatness at the same time; we saw only fleeting pieces of both careers in either one. In part one, he was as fast as a welterweight, and pummeled opponents who for the most part were about as mobile as large appliances. This of course lent some illusion of speed on top of what was already there, and he rarely got hit. Yet, we rarely saw him really fight, or IMO, reach deep into his bag of tricks; much Clay brilliance was lacks in opponents. I'm aware of the pedigree of the people he boxed, but he was a lot better, much better comparatively than he was to the men he met after his return. In career two, he was more of an unorthodox brawler (and still fast, just not ~as~ fast). He encountered much better people, a lot of movers, and he got hit more, but we found out that that didn't matter much. He probably knew this, but now had to call upon it out of no other choice necessity, and still no one could follow up. Never were able to, even Frazier, who came the closest. He was really more of a spider than a butterfly or a bee. He still hit with his arms a lot, floated sporadically, yet viewers and judges seemed to be hypnotized into thinking that they were still seeing the butterfly, that when he deigned the dance, he was doing so by choice. He was hard to corner, and tough to hit cleanly, could take it when he was hit, but remained a sharp shooter till almost the end. Fighters paid the price. He isn't given credit for inside fighting, and wasn't the killer close that Frazier or Tyson were, but he did a lot of damage to the flies who ventured into his web, answering his siren's song. If you cut, you were in trouble. He might have "twisted his punches," but he also had the quickest head and elbows in the west, often administered as a fighter was coping with a thumbed eye. The guy's actually hard to compare to anyone else, and not for reasons of the short lived butterfly.

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I would suggest for anyone on this sight, who are into boxing and love true stories, to click on CURTIS "HATCHETMAN" SHEPPARD. Which would be Weill CBZ 2000. This will tell everyone what really happened and is a great story. Take care!

How good was Alex Miteff? I know that he won the Panamerican Games as an amateur. He is still a legend in Argentina. Clay beat him in 1961, Jerry Quarry managed to do the same in 1967.
where Wepner aggressively pursued Ali and Ali did nothing but dance and not throw punches except for a few illegal punches on the back of Wepner's head in retaliation to Wepner landing some punches on the back of Ali's head. Since neither fighter was penalized by the referee for illegal shots, then Wepner wins the round on my card. I don't remember what the scoring was for the fight but even though Ali won most of the rounds on the way to a fifteen round TKO win, Wepner should have won at least two or three rounds when Ali did little if anything. In this and in other fights later in Ali's career Ali was given rounds on the basis of his name only.<br>That being said, Ali, even very late in his career was a good fighter. Even in his last fight against Trevor Berbick, a young contender and future WBC champion as well as the first fighter to go the distance in a championship fight with an in prime Larry Holmes, Ali was competitive and he almost beat Berbick! Ali was an amazing boxer and we can't take that away from him.<br>It is too bad that Jerry didn't get to fight someone like Berbick for at least a share of the title. Berbick, while being a strong aggressive fighter, was awkward and Jerry would have boxed circles around him. If a 195 pound cruiserweight named S.T. Gordon could out hustle 220 pound Berbick, then Jerry sure could have handled him!<br>In a way, it is a shame that Berbick is called a former heavyweight champion and Jerry is not. Take nothing away from Berbick as he won his title fair and square, but Jerry flat out was a better fighter than him. Jerry was also better than some other former champions like, sorry Massimo, Primo Canera, Leon Spinks, Tommy Burns, and a few others, not to mention some more of the ALPHABET SOUP boys of the 1980s.<br>Searching for chuck wepner,BIG BUM, BOBICK, BIG BUM, COONEY BIG BUM, ALSO A WIMP, SPINKS BEAT HIM, EMBARRASSMENT TO WHITE HEAVYWIEIGHTS, SHOULD HAVE COMMITED SUICIDE AFTER THE FIGHT. I HATE HIS GUTS. KOO KOO |
his size and the lack of credible contenders. If Vitali had not been busted open, I believe he would have taken Lewis that night. Either way you cut it, Lewis' days are numbered.

I just saw the replay of Jones verses Tarver as I didn't see it last week. I scored the fight 115 to 114 for Jones. It was a very hard, close fight and Tarver came close to beating Roy, but Tarver didn't press the action in the middle rounds after clearly winning the first two rounds and I believe he came just short of pulling off the win.

I disagree with whoever said the Ali/Lyle fight was fixed as Lyle was badly hurt in the 11th round when he took a hard right to the head from Ali and he sagged against the ropes. Lyle then took over twenty unanswered blows to the head and he sagged against the ropes a second time. If there is any doubt the referee didn't give Lyle much of a chance to prove he was alright, look at the glazed look in Lyle's eyes. This and the fact he wasn't punching back shows that he was definitely hurt. If he had even thrown one punch back a case can be made the stoppage was premature. It was a good stoppage.

Like I said, Lyle's eyes tell the whole story.

I've been reading for a long time without comment. Some of you like Roadschoalrette seem to have an onus against Ali that's hard to understand. He cheated the public, he cheated in the ring, he wasn't as good as people said, he conned the judges, he wasn't really so fast, etc. This sounds like revisionist thinking. I suggest you stay close to his actual record. Roadschoalrette, Kewn, Koo Koo and others, is it possible you actually have a racist agenda you are not aware of? The fighters you usually bash are African-American, and the ones you promote are usually white.

Why do you people tolerate Koo Koo? Do you consider him funny or witty? He's obviously pathological. Quarry family, are you proud to be associated with him? It seems to me if he had any integrity or courage, he would at least sign his real name.

As far as Jerry Quarry goes, he is not well-regarded in the black community, among those who remember him at all. People still consider him a redneck, a cracker and white trash. He had plenty of slurs for his black opponents, some even spoken in public. Roadschoalrette, you are pedantic and you bloviate. Maybe you're a nice woman, but you should know how you come off to people. Most of your explanations are obviously improvised and not convincing. You sound like the teacher's pet trying to win brownie points by gabbing. Anyway, you said the younger Cassius Clay did not face good opponents. How about Sonny Liston? Floyd Patterson was ranked near the top. So was Ernie Terrell. Many of his opponents then were. It may be true that some of them never put together an outstanding career, like Karl Mildenberger, but they were on the rise when he met them and considered promising. You are judging him selectively and I suspect with racism.

If you were objective, you would discuss him or anyone else dispassionately. Kentucky, why the word "stoppage"? Isn't "stop" a good enough word for you? It was used for many hundreds of years before someone started saying "stoppage". Who are the Dorseys? Family friends of the Quarrys? Have a great week, everybody.
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While watching some old fight tapes, I realised that the most amazing thing about Frazier's left hook was that it didn't need to be set up by another punch like a right cross. When he staggered Ali in round 11 of their first fight, it was a left to the body and then an immediate left hook to the head. In the 15th round he put Ali down with one left hook and there was no lead-up punch. His left hook was so powerful a weapon that it stood on its own and Frazier didn't need to get the opponent's head moving towards it by throwing a right cross. Same thing when he fought Bob Foster. It was a left to the body and a left hook to the head. (Even so, I still personally think that Frazier was otherwise overrated.) Ali didn't have a bad left hook either. That was a single left hook to Bonavena's head that put him down for the first time in round 15 (but the same punch wouldn't have put him down in round 1). Someone wrote something about racism on this site. Seems nonsense to me. Ali's always been my favourite fighter above anyone else and I have framed photos of him and his fights above my bar. Anything written about him by others on this site has mostly struck me as constructive criticism. I can't recall anything with a racist sting being written. For all we know, RS and Koo Koo might even be black. So what! And who cares? Maybe some of Koo Koo's comments can be misunderstood (or deliberately misconstrued), but to suggest that RS or Kent or anyone else here is racist is nonsense. Hey, Massimo - what colour are you? I think Antonio Tarver was robbed against Roy Jones. I have him 3 points ahead on my scorecards. I think a prime Lewis was better than a prime Vitali, but now Vitali is the best and should be champion. Paul-To be racist it needs to be very bad and very stupid at the same time. I'm sure nobody is racist on this site. I'm white.
who are you top three pound-for-pound. Mine are Ali, Sugar Ray Robinson, and Joe Louis. |

11/16/03 06:30:23 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com||||10|Thelma - I had a bit more time to stew over what you wrote. I don't know whether a young Jerry Quarry made the comments you refer to. I do know that there were things in my youth that I wish I'd never done or said. And I'm sure there were things in Muhammad Ali's youth that he regrets as well. For example, Malcolm X and the Black Muslims had views that were not very complimentary of white people and, by association, Ali tacitly endorsed them. I think it would be true to say that Ali's views today have moved on. Same thing with Jerry Quarry were he still alive. I truly think that your comments about what Jerry may or may not have said in his youth were very unfair. Same thing if someone were to use ancient history against Ali. I suppose in hindsight that your comments about Koo Koo are not ridiculous because, to use a KooKooism, he does not seem to be tightly wound. But I would be really disappointed if your criticism of RS and Kent was accurate - and I don't think it is. Anyway, Thelma, you seem to know boxing - who are you top three pound-for-pound. Mine are Ali, Sugar Ray Robinson, and Joe Louis. |

11/16/03 12:16:30 PM|Pete|Cleveland||pco@hotmail.com||||10|Joe Frazier was left handed and this is why his left hook was so powerful. I don't feel that Joe, was in any way over-rated. He was an outstanding fighter, in his prime. His only shortcoming may have been his style of boring straight ahead into his opponent (FOREMAN). Jones beat Tarver, but I think that it is time for Roy to hang it up or risk becoming one of those great fighters who stayed on too long. He says he wants TYSON and if he doesn't get him, he'll retire. I think these two outstanding fighters should both retire. |

11/16/03 01:04:27 PM|Massimo|Rome||4||||10|A match against Roy Jones would be a walk in the park for Mike Tyson. Jones is not powerful enough for Tyson and his style (and particularly that low left hand) would be tailor made for Tyson. Iron Mike would not need to train at all for that fight... Every top heavyweight would eat Roy Jones alive !! |

11/16/03 01:44:02 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Thelma, of course there is no racial agenda on my part as far as I am concerned. I was just commenting on how Ali's celebrity influenced people's perspective of him. If you had been coming here for any length of time, you would know I have always said Ali is the best I have ever seen. I have a lot of respect for Ali. He is a warrior in every sense of the word who showed and still shows a lot of heart and courage in and out of the ring.<br><br>If it seems I am critical of black boxers more than I am white boxers it is because there are more black boxers than white boxers. I don't see the color of fighters. I just see boxers. I spend time with fighters as I am a part time boxing writer for another site and among the fighters I have never seen a hint of race having anything to do with boxing at all. There is a mutual respect for what they go through in the ring that boxers of all races share. It is usually the fans and at times the press as well, that make race an issue.<br><br>Besides, how could race be an issue with me as I am considered to be of mixed race as I am white and Native American. I am a member of a prominent Southern California Indian tribe.<br><br>As far as the term "stoppage" goes, it is not my term, it is a term used by people in the boxing world and it is quite common. |

11/16/03 01:51:02 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Being the height and build he was, Frazier was somewhat limited as to the style he would/could use. I think too that a fighter's style often reflects their attitude about the sport. Frazier obviously saw it as a war of attrition - "let's hit each other, and see who can last." He wasn't a pure take it all slugger though. I can think of no one who had a style as aggressive as his who got hit as little. No one could bob and weave like he did.<br><br>Kent -<br><br>Ali didn't have to make
excuses (though he did, often). Viewers and sportswriters did it for him. They often reminded me of the little kid who has a bum for a dad who makes him sound like Captain America to compensate. "Oh, the champ's setting him up," or "he's going to the rope a dope," or "he didn't train hard enough," or the other guy got lucky. Never that his opponent might be better, or that Ali's skills were eroding, or that he was lazy, or that he was relying on the only thing he had left with any amount of consistency - the ability to take a punch. Didn't train hard enough? Does that mean he's stupid too (he wasn't)? A man is going into the ring, where he could literally be killed, and he hasn't trained hard? C'mon! :-)<br><br>As egotistical as he could be, I think Ali in reality was an insecure man, and not wholly comfortable with winning. Hence, he often subconsciously crafted his own doom to a point. Of course he continued to win because (other than conscious or unconcious help from judges), he was better than most in career two, and better than all, by a country mile, in career one. Or maybe I should say that in career one, his opponets were worse, a subtle difference.|
the comments he may have made about individual fighters (maybe after a "couple" of beers?), which, if they were black, were also certainly racist in nature. It's sort of like even the slightest criticism of Israel being "antisemitic." For those who might be a bit slow on the draw, this is a sarcastic post. From now on, all are on their own, in terms of figuring this out.

| 11/16/03 05:01:06 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | R.R. I was not apologizing or justifying my position, I was presenting my position to Thelma. You are right, no apologies are needed when you know what is right is in you heart. It gets tiresome that any time one is critical of a black fighter, or sometimes any black person, even though race is not even mentioned, some political correct person will bring up the race issue. It is about time that people be judged by the content of their character and not by the color or their skin! I wonder who said that? That idea sounds vaguely familiar! Oh yes, Dr. M.L. King Jr. said that and he was right back in the 1960s and his idea is still right now! Jerry had many black friends in the boxing business. Among them, Ali, George Foreman, and Joe Frazier. These men and others know Jerry on the whole was a good hearted person.

| 11/16/03 06:42:10 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | 10 | MS Thelma Banks: I'm A friend of MIKE QUARRY and MOE(JAMES QUARRY) To answer your question. I grew up 30 miles from where Jerry Q. was born, and his father now lives,And I graduated a year ahead of Bobby Quarry, i'll bet you would have a lot of boxing knowledge available around Detroit, I came across a great one that featured Curtis "Hatchetman" Sheppard that was on the cyber boxing zone (CBZ) by Waill, I'd suggest anyone on the sight read that article, Your not related to Tyra Banks, are you? Take Care!

| 11/16/03 07:01:18 PM | kookoo | ny | kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10 | I KNEW IT, I KNEW IT, I KNEW IT!!! THATS ALL ANYBODYS GOT TO DO IS INJECT RACE IN TO EVERYTHING, NOW ALL THE WHITES ON HERE ARE GONNA FALL OVER THEMSELVES TO MAKE THIS LADY FEEL WELCOME, LETS SEE I'M WHITE TRASH, I'M A HONKEY, A CRACKER, MAYBE SPEAK TO BLUNTLY, BLAME ME MISS THING, BUT DON'T BlAME KENT, MR. DORESY OR THE QUARRY'S, THE NAME OF JERRY QUARRY WILL NEVER BE RELATED TO ANY KIND OF RACISIM, NOW GET BACK IN YOUR KITCHEN AND BAKE ME A PIE :)))))) KOO KOO!

| 11/16/03 07:09:12 PM | Massimo | Rome | 10 | RS= S<br>The surname Cheney sounds very similar to my own surname: Cini (pron. "cini", not "sini")

| 11/16/03 07:26:42 PM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, Ca | Sonia90101@aol.com | 10 | Ok here goes: Thelma, just to say people are people and are entitled to their thoughts, feelings, and opinions, its what makes the world go round. I have to say in all my years I have never heard my Uncle Jerry, say a prejudiced word, and if he did he must of had a good reason or he wouldn't of said it. And for what was said about Uncle Jerry, being white trash, thats a bunch of crap, we have same blood lines running through us, and I know damn well I'm no white trash. He was a very good person, loving, kind hearted, and willing to help anyone who needed it, and I knew him to be respectful of all people. So my feelings are, and I'm entitled are if you have nothing nice to say or write about him, you might not want to put it on this site. As for your questions about KookKoo, he does keep this site entertaining, and yes, he loves to give Kent, a hard time, but a bigger person can handle it and not let it get to him. I think Kent, handles it well. Sorry people, but it bothered me to have someone call Uncle Jerry, white trash. Well I hope you all keep checking out this website, and keep posting. You are very missed Dad(Mr.
Jimmy, for those of you regulars, Uncle Jerry, you are missed also, and will all still love you both. Take care all!

| 11/16/03 07:33:09 PM | koookoo|ny||koookoclock000@yahoo.com|10|You rock Sonya, that is the truth about Jerry Quarry, hey race always heats things up, now let's get back to boxing. I'd like to see more video posts with Jerry. Sonya you are so fine, i almost sound black :))))))))

| 11/16/03 07:36:51 PM | Richard Perry | Hemet, California | rjperryautos@hotmail.com|10|Sonia and Kent- Thanks for the kind comments, that exhibition you are right was real both were very real we did the best we could. Eric dropped me with a Quarry left hook in the third round in the first fight, even though I lost by decision the first fight. I was glad Jim was there to see it... and to tell you the truth I was looking forward to the rematch we had and well if you seen it... I did much better... I watch the tape several times... it is a treasure for me. <br>Thanks to all..<br>Richard Perry

| 11/16/03 07:44:41 PM | Koookoo | NY | koookooclock000@yahoo.com|10|Hey Richard that pretty cool man but, How many times do you have to tell us you fought a Quarry, I'll tell you like I tell everybody I'm the number 1 Quarry fan, nobody else is even close!! Now get back on your bike and go home, Yo Mama callin'. Koo Koo

| 11/16/03 07:57:07 PM | Richard Perry | Hemet, California | rjperryautos@hotmail.com|10|Sorry, Koookoo if I offended you... I don't remember that I spoke too much about my contact with a Quarry... Koookoo I don't know if you are kidding or not... Anybody who knows me; know what kind of fan I am... Sonia if you think I should get on my bike and go home, I will... or if Koookoo owns this site or speaks for the Quarry family let me know...? <br>Richard Perry

| 11/16/03 08:11:10 PM | Pete | Cleveland | pco@hotmail.com|10|To all, what was Jerry's greatest fight?

| 11/16/03 08:27:25 PM | Koookoo | NY | koookooclock000@yahoo.com|10|Hey, take it easy Richard, your right I am kidding, no I don't run the site, just Kents Life::<br> Koookoo

| 11/16/03 08:40:37 PM | Richard Perry | Hemet, California | rjperryautos@hotmail.com|10|I was riding my my bike to my ma ma's house then when I turned on the computer and found Koookoo's nice response... (Just kidding). Kent is that true you have a guy from NY name Koookoo running your life? <br>Richard Perry

| 11/16/03 08:46:16 PM | Koookoo | NY | koookooclock000@yahoo.com|10|Pete, I feel that I should answer your question, because I'm Quarry expert, he had 3 greatest fights. Mac Foster (who was much bigger, he was picked to lose) even I bet against him at the time and lost money) Ernie Shavers (the hardest hitter of all time) finally Ken Norton where he showed more guts that any human ever showed in the ring. (I remember watching that one live closed circuit) in the 5th rd after taking an unbelievable beating he still motions the referee to get out of the way so he can get back to the fight. The guy was just too brave. Koookoo <br>Richard Perry

| 11/16/03 09:16:03 PM | Richard Perry | Hemet, California | rjperryautos@hotmail.com|10|Koookoo-sounds like you know your stuff... they probably were his best... other to consider... are Jerry's fight with that Spencer (Thad was bigger, stronger and had more experience and way ko by Jerry/// and he showed great boxing ability when shut out Ron Lyle... and his first fight with Frazier... he sure planted his feet and banged away... if he boxed it could have been different... I have a vacation home in Big Bear... that I keep all my boxing videos... Koookoo you sound like the kind of guy I could watch fights with and you could probably keep up with me..<br>Richard Perry

| 11/16/03 09:39:26 PM | Koookoo | NY | koookooclock000@yahoo.com|10|You sound like good guy, well I've thought about it for the last 34yrs, Jerry's best chance against Frazier was to try and take him out early, I don't care what anybody says, he did not have the reach of all, he had to take a chance, he did us all very proud, yes I do what Jerry at least 4 or 5 times a week. Never gets old.
GUY WAS JUST TOO COOL. KOO KOO

11/16/03 09:43:42 PM| kookoo| NY || kookooclock000@yahoo.com ||||| 10 | KENT, YOU OWE ME ONE, I TOOK UP FOR YOU, WHY DID I DO THAT? MAYBE PEOPLE ARE RIGHT, I MUST BE KOO KOO?

11/16/03 10:43:55 PM| Kent Appel | La Habra, Ca || kentallenent@aol.com ||||| 10 | No, no one runs my life. I am not married so I don't have a boss trying to make me tow the straight and narrow.<br>Yes, you fought well against Eric the second time and you had me worried in the third round at that point the last five fighters I had met and talked to, had lost their fights after meeting me. I had met Eric and there he was on the verge of losing. You split Eric's lip up badly and I thought the referee was going to stop the fight in the third round and give you the win. Eric hung on though and won a close decision that he had solidified with a knockdown of you in the second round, as memory serves me, it was a right hand this time. "My jinx was over!"

11/16/03 11:04:53 PM| kookoo | ny || kookooclock000@yahoo.com ||||| 10 | Kent, I must say your a good sport, except for that one time, but the koo koo clock forgives people, if you need any advice, let me know please. but be forwarned I WILL NOT GIVE UP MY POSITION AS THE NO. 1 QUARRY FAN, THE QUARRYS HAVE TAKEN A LIKING TO ME , WHOO! ANOTHER FEATHER IN THE HAT FOR ME! KOO KOO KOO KOO

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11/17/03 02:01:21 AM| Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA || Sonia90101@aol.com ||||| 10 | Hey Richard, no you don't need to get on your bike and go to your Mom's. You are welcome here just as anyone else is. KooKoo, is harmless, and he just keeps us entertained. I do want to say if people don't agree with what I said in my post to Thelma, but hey you can't come on this site and bash Uncle Jerry, and get no response, not in this lifetime. We need to keep this site good, so let's all get along, and keep on coming back to visit. Yes, Kent & Richard, the Exhibition fight between you Richard, & my brother Eric, was a good one, for me it was a trip to be in his corner with Aunt Brenda, its something I'll never forget, was also nervous, was a lot of people there and wanted to make my brother proud, and my family. Well lets all get along, and keep this site going, so people keep coming back, & posting. We all sure do miss you Dad, and Uncle Jerry, we know your watching over us. Probably laughing too.

11/17/03 03:39:43 PM| Pete | Cleveland || pc0@hotmail.com ||||| 10 | "TO THE #1 QUARRY FAN"
How did Jerry get involved with boxing, initially? Did his father box?

11/17/03 04:58:09 PM| kookoo | ny || kookooclock000@yahoo.com ||||| 10 | YES, FOR A SHORT TIME JACK QUARRY BOXED, BUT HE HAD A SKIN CONDITION AND HAD TO QUIT, HE CONVINCED JERRY THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE IT BIG, I WOULD SAY THAT JACK QUARRY WAS THE ONLY MAN JERRY EVER FEARED. NO. 1 QUARRY FAN, KOO KOO

11/17/03 05:30:01 PM| Roadscholarette | Chicago || roadscholarette@hotmail.com ||||| 10 | Massimo -
Say, Italy and Switzerland are about the only places we haven't been, save the Orient, which we have no interest in. I'd love to see Italy. I hear it's really expensive, like Japan. True?

11/17/03 06:23:52 PM| Massimo | Rome || 4 ||| 10 | RS-
Maybe I'm not the right person to judge Italy because it's my country and I love my country very much but, anyway, I think Italy is very very beautiful: Rome, Venice, Florence, Pisa (where I was born) with the famous tower... All Italy is beautiful! And we can cook very well! For me it's hard to judge if Italy is expensive because last time I left my country was in 1991. My advice is: come to Italy, you'll have a good time! PS: my ET I have a doubt: what's right "where I was born" or "
where I'm born " ? <br>PS2; ah, I forgot: Carnera was the greatest ! LOL ! | 11/18/03 12:29:51
AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Massimo - <br><br>"Where I WAS born." Past tense, since it's already happened.<br><br>I love Italian food, even crappy Italian food. The good stuff is a real treat, and the Chicago area has a lot of good Italian restaurants. I think Italy is a gorgeous country. I'm a big photographer and would probably take 50 rolls of film there! The motorcycles (thinking of Ducati) are very fast, but not real reliable.<br><br>Have you ever seen Primo and Max Baer fight? They're up and down off the canvas like a professional wrestling match! <br><br| 11/18/03 05:04:34 AM|Massimo|Rome||4|10|RS-<br><br>Ah interesting, I suspected that saying " where I was born meant that now I was dead. I have seen about five minutes of Carnera in the ring. This includes about 1 minute of Baer-Carnera (a synthesis). I think Baer showed a lot of sadism in that fight, because he could have won in 3 rounds and instead he decided to torture Carnera for 11 rounds. I have seen the entire Louis-Baer and Joe made him look an amateur. Max couldn't avoid one of Joe's left jabs. Probably Primo was better than Baer stylistically, but Max hit harder. | 11/18/03 10:42:45 AM|MUFFINMAN|ZANZIBAR||ZANZIB@R|||8|KOO KOO YOU ARE A LOSER - I KNOW WHO YOU ARE THE OTHER DO NOT. I SEE YOU EVERY DAY FOOL.WHO'S AFRAID? | 11/18/03 11:12:14 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Massimo - <br><br>Yes, there are a number of stories out there about Baer's sadism. Because he presented himself publicly as a good time, smiley sort of a guy, that became his image. "Be merry today, for tomorrow you may die," was his signature statement. People are funny with public figures, particularly in sports and entertainment. Because (often ~only~ because) someone is a star of some sort, they have a sort of free pass card to do anything they want within seemingly endless limits, and have it excused, glossed over, have ridiculous excuses made for it, or have it ignored completely. It's sort of sad to watch people so empty themselves that they have to continue to lionize someone who's obviously a bum. | 11/18/03 07:41:28 PM|Jonny Q|New York||JohnQW@yahoo.com||||10|I don't agree that Baer was a cruel personality. I've read about Baer over the years, including Nat Fleischer's book, who wrote based on knowing Baer in person, rather than judging him from rumors. Fleischer, described Baer as a comedian and prankster during his career, and generous (as most fighters are) and charitable after his career was over. Was Baer hurtful at times to people around him? Probably. Name me a fighter/entertainer who hasn't been. Marciano rubbed shoulders with mod figures, Ali made openly racist statements and belittled Frazier for years, Foreman was a bully in and out of the ring in his early career. Tyson . . . well, his record speaks for itself. <br><br>Baer didn't torture Carnera in their fight. I have the film too. At his best, Baer had a right a hard as Foreman, but when the action got wild, he missed most of his punches. Baer went all out after Carnera, who was much tougher than historians give him credit for. Carnera not only survived the early battering; he actually came back in the middle rounds and had Baer on the defensive several times. Throughout the entire fight, you can see Baer and Carnera insulting each other between the exchanges. When the fight was stopped, both fighters were exhausted and Carnera was still on his feet. I read that Baer and Carnera did an exhibition in the late 40s or early 50s. Baer was living the party life at the time, but Carnera was in shape and made a great showing. Afterwards Baer said, "I'm sure glad we're weren't fighting for the title tonight." <br>11/18/03 09:24:04 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com||||10|muffin man, there's nothing you can do to upset me, if i can fool kent, i can fool you, hey kent remember what that shoeshine man said we all walk hand in hand, kent knows what i mean ::))))))))))))))) | 11/18/03 10:58:11 PM|tim|upstate new
Speaking of Max Baer: Didn't he have Lou Nova down in their 2nd fight? I remember seeing a film of both fights. I also remember Max against Two-Ton Tony Galento. That fight ended with Galento quitting in his corner. (Galento claimed he had broken his hand on “dat bum”. Good ol' Tony he always had an excuse for losing. He claimed the against Joe Louis that something got in his eyes. Louis suggested it “might have been my fists”! Anyone remember Baer's fights with Nova and Galento?

Jonny, interesting post! Was Carnera-Baer a good fight or just a brawl? Could Carnera boxe? Could he punch? And what about Baer? He surely could punch, but he looked very clumsy against Joe Louis! Thanks!

Tim & Massimo – The Baer-Carnera fight was a wild one, and Carnera did much better than he’s given credit for. He had a good jab and moved very well for someone so big. What Baer lacked in skill, he made up for in size and power. He could hit. Unfortunately he peaked only briefly 1933-35, but his KOs of Schmeling, Carnera and Schaefer were amazing victories. I’ve also seen his fights with Nova and Galento, and they were also great. Baer was unusual in that he really didn’t want the responsibility of being champion and basically gave the title away to Braddock. Baer just wanted the limelight and remained a leading contender until 1941. Louis was the only fighter who outclassed him. The Galento fight was his last great victory, and Baer lost on a cut in the first Nova fight and ran out of gas in the second after having Nova down.

Tim – It's been many years since I saw the second Baer-Nova fight. All I remember is that Baer went after Nova early and decked him, but could not finish him. Over the next few rounds, Baer punched himself out and Nova came back strong. Baer was down at least once at the end, but that’s all I remember. In their first fight, Baer had the edge, but suffered a severe cut inside his mouth and spent the last half of the fight coughing and spitting out blood, until the ref stopped it on the 11th. Baer never went down in that fight, and had Nova in trouble several times. Anyway, these were Baer’s last fights. Nova was also a tough fighter. I’d like to see his bout with Louis.

Baer-Galento was a classic brawl. If it was anyone else, the fight would not have lasted 3 rounds, but these were two very durable guys. Galento was quick, and tagged Baer often, but never really hurt him. Galento was trouble for Baer as Max had to punch down, which left Baer him open for counter hooks. Baer started throwing uppercuts about half way through the fight, which got to Galento, and almost had Galento down in the 7th with a crushing right to the body. You can see Galento go wobbly and hang on to Baer as the bell rang.

2 Ton Tony Galento.
He was a bit of a Jersey Folk Hero. A brawler, very crude and disliked by most of his opponents. His claim to fame was decking Joe Louis, early in their bout. He had knockout power and a lot of ring presence, but little else. He fought both Max and Buddy Baer, and was stopped by both of them. Would have done well in a tough man contest or brawl for all, had they existed back then.

What was Jerry's level of confidence entering the second Frazier fight? I know he was great in 73, but I think he got knocked down in the Alexander fight prior to his second fight with Frazier. He should have fought Frazier in 73.

Roadscholarette, would you please stop entering comments like this one:

Yes, there are a number of stories out there about Baer's sadism. Because he presented himself publicly as a good time, smiley sort of a guy, that became his image. "Be merry today, for tomorrow you may die," was his signature statement. People are funny with public figures, particularly in sports and entertainment. Because (often ~only~ because) someone is a star of some sort, they have a sort of free pass card to do anything they want within seemingly endless limits, and have it excused, glossed over, have ridiculous excuses made for it, or have it ignored completely. It's sort of sad to watch people so empty themselves that they have to continue to lionize someone who's obviously a bum.

You start out with rumor and hearsay and build another one of your ice cream castles in the air. I have worked in the movie industry for over 40 years and have known hundreds of famous people and celebrities, and very few of them match your description. Many of them are and were world famous athletes, and some boxers, too. The people who read this site are uneducated for the most part or credulous enough to believe Jerry Quarry was a fine gentleman and family man, as well as a great, great fighter who just happened to get creamed by Frazier, Ali, et al. These people believe all the silliness that comes out of your mouth, Roadscholarette. You probably dropped out of Chicago Circle as a sophomore when it got too hard. Will you please just shut up except for what you know for a fact or can document with footnotes? Thank you very much.

Those of you who actually think Koo Koo is funny probably licked paint flakes containing lead when they were children. He is a psychopath and one day will hurt someone, most likely himself. Take a Thorazine 100 MG, Koo Koo. Get away from me. Massimo, whatever happened to Carlo Perrone, "The Beast of Tuscany"? I saw him fight in Rome in 1937 and he was a sensation. About 6'4", a lean 215 or 220, a left jab like a mule kick, sneaky right. He was a kid then, about 19, had maybe 15 fights then. Did he die in the war? Nice site, everybody.
Baer in 20 rounds in one of the most exciting fights of the 30's. He was no chump!

11/20/03 06:55:22 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com|||10|Giancarlo -
pull your head in. They're looking for wood.

11/20/03 08:18:45 AM|Fran|PA||plc7755@aol.com|||10|Charles, Jerry fought Frazier 2 in 74 june or july. Going into the fight I think he may have been favored or even. He was coming off a great year in 74 and the Alexander knockdown was considered a flash knockdown and written off. The plan I believe was to box move and counter Frazier and not go to war with him. Jerry boxed beautifully and showed his skills off but it seemed to me at the time he was burning alot of energy and not really hurting Frazier. I thought he'd beat Frazier fairly easily in that fight but the loss was devastating. That fight would have led to a fight with Foreman who was to win the title from Ali later in the year. The 2nd Frazier fight was the last shot for Jerry.

11/20/03 10:19:29 AM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia90101@aol.com|||10|Hey Giancarlo, if you are coming to this site just to bash my Uncle Jerry, maybe you should just stay away and visit another site. How dare you say people on this site don't know him, and he was a family man, and a very good person. Who the hell are you to say anything when you don't know him, and you never will. Give us all a break and don't come back. Sorry to the rest of you, but for this person to come on to bash him, me being me had to say something about it. Anyways the rest of you keep posting, and coming back|

11/20/03 10:35:01 AM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock00@yahoo.com|||10|THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE OUT THERE LIKE THIS MR. G THAT ARE UNINFORMED ABOUT JERRY, THEY THINK HE'S A BUM CAUSE HE LOST TO ALI/FRAZIER. YOU GOT TO LOOK AT THE WHOLE PICTURE KID, AS I'M SURE BY THE WAY YOU TALK , YOU ARE ONE, JERRY QUARRY PROVED HIMSELF AS A FIGHTER AND AS A MAN LONG AGO BEFORE YOU WERE EVEN SPERM, HE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBER, WERE YOU WON'T BE REMEMBER AS ANYTHING BUT ANOTHER BULLSH.. DETRACTOR, NOW GO GET YOUR SHINEBOX! KOO KOO KOO KOO |

11/20/03 10:51:01 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Fran -<br><br>You bring up an interesting point when you mention your expectations from Frazier and Quarry in their second fight. The mystery of why different bodies react in different ways to the same things, or same sorts of things isn't really explainable. Medicine knows there're reasons held in the body's chemistry, but really don't have a clue what they are. I think both men in that fight looked way different - in opposite directions - than many thought they would.<br><br>Jerry had just taken Lyle and Shavers the year before, while Frazier had been demolished by Foreman, then fought Ali in their second go 'round. Ali was given the decision, and it wasn't that exciting. It would have seemed that each was headed in a different direction than the fight showed. However, Jerry Quarry was just destroyed, yet Frazier still had Manilla in him. JQ had probably hit, then crossed his peak with the Lyle and Shavers fights, Frazier was inexplicably getting a second wind.<br><br>Being a boxer is almost like being a dog in terms of how fast a person ages, so everything's speeded up. The plunge can come anytime. While Foreman's success was inspirational to Joe Couch Potato, it'll drive a lot of fighters to lie to themselves and think they can do it too.

11/20/03 11:57:42 AM|tim|new york||steinmec@optonline.net|||10|Memo to Giancarlo: a wise man (wiser than me and especially you) said "judge not, that thee be judged". Jerry Quarry was undoubtably a flawed man as are all of us (yes even you Giancarlo, maybe especially you). I will take the word of Sonia over you any day. You are wracked with bitterness. Look in the sky, take a walk in the sun, and try to enjoy life. On a lighter note, has anyone read about or seen any of the fights in the 30's and 40's? I did not know Buddy Baer fought Abe Simon. Who won? Also who won the fight between Lou Nova and Tami
Mauriello? I know Galento and Nova fought with Galento KOing him in 14 but I heard both wound up in the hospital after. Also anyone know where I can get films of Jerry Quarry vs. Chuvalo, Frazier I, Patterson, Foster, Etc.? Thanks!  

Giancarlo, you make a statement that we are fools who claim Jerry was a fine gentleman and a great fighter but you don't back up your statement with any information at all. Just because you say so, doesn't make it true! If Jerry made mistakes in his life, so be it. Nobody is perfect and on the whole, I believe he was a fine man. I met Jerry many years ago and he treated me with respect and I did the same to him. My impression of him is he was a fine gentleman. I have also met almost the entire Quarry family and I count some of their members as friends and they are fine people who you obviously know nothing about. They also defend their own so if you come here expecting to get nothing in return after you make a pointless statement, you have another thing coming. Secondly, Jerry Quarry was a three time number one contender who beat fourteen fighters who were at the time Jerry beat them were past, present, or future top ten heavyweight contenders, as well as defeating former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson. Among the contenders he beat were, Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers, Mac Foster, Thad Spencer, Jack Bodell, Eduardo Corletti, Brian London, Larry Middleton, and Lorenzo Zanon. Most boxing experts agree that Jerry would have been a world champion if he hadn't been in the era that was the most competitive in the history of boxing. Jerry got creamed by Ali and Frazier? Not so! Yes, Jerry's second fights against both of these fighters were not competitive but both of the first fights were competitive. Round one of the first Frazier/Quarry fight was called one of the top 12 rounds of all time by ring magazine and most people say Jerry won that round and round two was just as exiting and Jerry carried the fight to Frazier in that round too. Yes Frazier slowly wore Jerry down in a war of attrition on the way to a seventh round TKO win over Jerry but Jerry very much held his own, he hardly got creamed! As Frazier how tough Jerry was and his answer will be, very tough! Joe knew he had to be at his very best to beat Jerry! The first Ali fight was also competitive as Jerry pressed the action for almost three rounds and he made Ali miss on occasion with his fine defensive head movements. He also kept Ali honest by landing some hard body shots. Jerry was cut badly near the end of the third round but a lot of people question whether or not Ali had the stamina after a long layoff to keep up the pace he was setting. So Jerry likely would have given Ali a lot more difficulty in the later rounds. Jerry, except for an ill fated fight at the age of 47, never lost to anyone who wasn't a boneyfide contender and of his eight losses in his original career, six of those losses were to past, present, or future world champions. Although Jerry had a tendency towards cutting, if you take away this factor, Jerry had a record of 53-4-4, with 33 KOs. Quite impressive if you ask me.  

Buddy Baer beat Abe Simon in 3 rounds. Abe Simon began the fight very well and hurt Baer in the first round, but Buddy's superior power gained him the victory. Jerry Quarry also outclassed Buster Mathis in 1969. Buster was big, a great dancer, very fast and in top shape for that fight. That is very true about the directions Frazier and Jerry were heading going into the fight. Jerry didn't seem strong that night. He boxed and moved nice but seemed weak. It is very true about athletes peaking at certain times it seemed Jerry was at his best going into the fight. I don't know how he was feeling before the fight. I never saw Jerry get beat until that night. I mean the first Frazier fight he looked sensational then cut. Chuvalo fight was a joke he was taking Chuvallo to school. Then the new mandatory eight count (now its called "standing eight
count". It wasn't even a knock down. Chuvalo stuck out a lame jab and Jerry had his feet crossed. Ali fight Jerry looked great and legendary in his refusal to accept the decision to stop. I mean who was that guy. What a man. And his wins were sensational underdog type come from behind fights of all time.....

What rock did that guy crawl out from to say some cheap negative stuff like that. He sounds like a real moron. I love the posts and talking about my favorite fighter of all time. As Jerry said that time "don't make me have to make a comeback" |

Mathis was a perfect example of the fast big man who revolutionized sports over the days when anyone huge was also a slow moving galoot. At one time, in football for example, the real behemoths were strong, but were also as slow as molasses, lumbering around like Frankenstein monsters carrying buckets of water. Their endurance wasn't that great either (still isn't today, compared to a boxer). A perfect example was the monstrous Dave Butz, a 300+ pound defensive tackle for the Washington Redskins who once recovered a fumble and started to run for the endzone, almost 85 yards away, but fell down after sprinting 50 yards, because his legs had turned to rubber and he was too exhausted to go any further. He joked later that he thought he was in a marathon! :-)<br>Of course, even today, fast and strong that they might be, football linemen still carry a lot of fat for bulk. A 6'4" lineman will weigh at least 270, many much more, while a fighter at that height, if he were in top shape, would carry 220. The aerobic demands of boxing are just too much to carry a lot of extra blubber, while in football, a player is in actual action only 15 minutes out of an hour, and a play that lasts even 30 seconds is rare. A boxer won't carry the amount of muscle mass that a FB player does either.<br>

The crossover, in terms of physical demands greatly favors the boxer. A fighter wouldn't be tired at all at the end of a FB game, while a bulky football player would probably be exhausted after just punching a bag for five rounds, and bags don't punch back (unless their name is Oscar Bonavena).|

Jerry Quarry going ballistic over the first Ali fight being stopped is a great moment. Many fighters would have been secretly thinking, "Whew, thank God," and would have been only pretendng if they acted like they wanted to continue. Ali must have thrown close to a couple of hundred punches in the first round, and looked great. Then he started missing, JQ began smiling inwardly (probably), realized what Ali had and didn't have, and began going to work. As I mentioned once before, Jose Torres (a huge Ali fan) felt Ali would have won, would have looked bad doing it (which he couldn't afford to do), but he also said he wouldn't have bet money on Ali winning. He said Ali should have fought a couple of bums, then maybe Quarry, Bonavena was good, then Frazier. Of course, this would have also removed the BS excuses Ali had for being beaten by Frazier. Going with Quarry was like advice Bundini gave to Ali when MA wanted Jeff Merritt for a sparring partner after his layoff. He said that he (Ali) should get in shape first - "It's hard for a hungry alligator to bite soft, champ!"<br>Getting back to Quarry and storming around the ring when the fight was stopped, this is in a class with Frazier being asked if he was hurt in Manilla and replying, "I wouldn't say I was hurt, I just couldn't see the man."<br>

Shaq is twice bigger than Mathis and he is very fast too ! I don't know if Calvin Lane is fast ? What do you think about ? Maybe we should investigate ! We should go to Dallas, we should offend him and then try to run away ! LOL!|
Per recent discussions, Max Baer vs Tony Galento & #124 Highlights
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Surely Giancarlo has a right to his views—perhaps we should invite him to explain and back up his words:—

Ha, ha, sure, why not? I've been on the Internet for more than 10 years now, and I've found that it's always amusing to encourage knuckledragging Joe Bobs to post, for laughs! LOL!

Finally, everyone except that moron MR. G. AGREES WITH THE KOO KOO CLOCK, I'M SO PROUD OF MYSELF, THE CLOCKMAN RULES!!! TALK IS CHEAP, ANYBODY CAN SAY WHAT THEY WANT AGAINST JERRY, BUT JERRY PROVED HIMSELF LONG AGO. HEY MR. G ARE YOU OUT OF SHOESHINE POLISH YET? KOO KOO KOO KOO

At least he gave his name Koo Koo. I'll let you off though as you make me giggle! I think I have unearthed some fight footage of Jerry Quarry that has'nt been since it was first aired. I am unable to get in contact with the Quarry Foundation as my e-mails keep coming back undelivered. Can someone in charge please contact me? Would appreciate it. Evren

Yes, Giancarlo is entitled to his opinion, no matter if we agree with it or not. I hope he does respond to the information we provided and he just doesn't make a statement again without anything to back it up. It could be very possible that this man has only seen Jerry not at his best, in such bouts as Ali 2, Frazier 2, and the Norton fight, a fight in which Jerry was well past his best days in the ring. These are the only fights cable channels, such as ESPN, show of Jerry. Massimo is right, Jerry also completely dominated a well conditioned Buster Mathis. Mathis, who often weighed in more than 240 pounds at 6'5'' tall, came in at about 234 pounds for his fight with Jerry. Without looking up his record, Mathis only had three or four losses in his career. He lost to Frazier, Ali, Quarry, and if it was four, one other fighter. Mathis was a very good fighter who had a lot of boxing skills yet Jerry gave him a boxing lesson. Another thing, if Jerry wasn't one of the very best that the heavyweights had to offer at the time, than why did his opponents train so hard when they had to fight him?

KENT FOR GOD'S SAKE WHY ARE TAKING IT SO EASY ON THIS GUY MR. G. HE'S AN INSULT TO THIS SITE AS WELL AS AN INSULT TO ALL FIGHTERS, NO RESPECT THAT I SEE IN PEOPLE LIKE HIM, COME ON KENT, GET ON THIS GUY FOR REAL, LIKE YOU DID ME, REMEMBER? KOO KOO

Thanks to all of you who gave input on the fights during the Joe Louis era. Anyone out there know the result of the Lou Nova-Tami Mauriello fight? I am impressed with Max Baer's record. Seems he fought all the top contenders of his day and did well. I have seen his fight with Joe Louis and something was very wrong that night. Had Max seen Louis take apart Uzcudun? That sight would make any fighter nervous. Was the Purple Gang giving Max notice that he should not fight too hard against Louis? We'll never know but I wonder if anyone has thoughts on this.

Hello again, everyone. I accept all challenges, and I will be happy to fight every single one of you, if I am allowed to do it one at a time, figuratively speaking.
answered my arguments. He did establish that Jerry's career was better than I suggested, so I was wrong. The idea I was trying to get across, though, was that Jerry was obviously not great in the sense of Ali, Frazier, Foreman, Holmes or Tyson, and probably not great in respect to some of the others like Norton, although this last is debatable. Now besides Kent making that point, the rest of you restricted yourself to ad hominem, name calling and sarcasm. That gets you nowhere. In addition, I argue that at no time and at no moment did JQ seriously challenge Ali or Frazier. Where I come from, he got his ass kicked, he was pounded, and there was utterly no question about it. If he got some licks in, he still got creamed. First, as to my allegation that most of you are uneducated and in fact not especially intelligent, I ask you to examine your reasoning, or better, the trend of your claims. Few of you are logical or make intellectually valid points. For example, Roadscholarette implies that because she has been on the Internet for 10 years, she is knowledgable or informed. That's a non sequitur. Very few of you present evidence for your claims. We will get to that later, too. In addition, you use words incorrectly (e.g., "prime" meaning "at his prime"), and much of what you write is ungrammatical or syntactically incorrect, and often misspelled. Most of you are poor writers, and Roadscholarette in particular is verbose, pretentious, pedantic, logically incorrect, and excessively general. By her "ice cream castles in the air", what I meant is her proclivity for taking a factoid, commenting on it, linking it to a questionable idea, pronouncing that idea and her synthesis as factual, and then building more arguments on that. Let me know if you want examples.

Now, KoKo says I am an insult to all fighters. How is that? And he's not? If nothing else, he is needlessly hostile and contrary. That doesn't strike me as amusing or entertaining. That it does seem to amuse many of you is partial evidence of your coarseness and weakness in discernment. In other words, you're likely to laugh at drunks or mental patients tripping and hurting themselves.

Kent, I saw every one of Jerry Quarry's fights, beginning with his final string of KOs to win the Gloves. I saw these fights in person here in the LA area, or on Olympic Boxing TV programs, or on cable. What exactly is it you want me to "back up", Kent? I will be delighted to do so.

Now, as for Jerry being a gentleman, let me ask you all these questions. Please answer them clearly and in detail, including a yes or no.

1. Did JQ have a criminal arrest record? Was he ever arrested for DUI or narcotics charges?
2. Did he or did he not engage in over fifty (50) brawls resulting in injury to others?
3. Were the brawls cited in #3 or were they not in bars, outside bars, in casinos, outside casinos, and in similar places?
4. Did Jerry or did he not instigate these fights?
5. Did Jerry or did he not ever strike and injure women?
6. Were some of these women wives or fiancées or girlfriends, or were they not?
7. Did Jerry or did he not assault police officers at least twice?
8. Did Jerry cause damage to property by crashing his car(s) into it, or did he not?
9. Did Jerry threaten to harm other people, or did he not?
10. Did Jerry use words such as nigger, spade, coon, jig, kike, hebe, bean, and spic, or did he not?
11. Were some of these words he used in anger, or were they not?
12. Were some of these words used in anger, or were any of them?

Now, more specifically as to his character and background:

1. How far did he go in school?
2. Wasn't he a lousy student, frequently in trouble, often disciplined for fighting?
3. Wasn't he a womanizer?
4. Didn't he come from and usually stay in towns such as Bellflower, Paramount, Norwalk, Buena Park, Hawaiian Gardens and Stanton?
5. Are those towns known for high crime rates, poor educational levels, high numbers of bars and taverns and pawn shops, motorcycle gangs, and illegal activities such as narcotics sales, loansharking, strong arm robbery, shakedowns, crystal meth and angel dust production and sales?
6. Was Jerry or was he not a frequent companion of people engaged in these activities?

I submit all these allegations are true and challenge anyone to deny even one of them.

Finally we come to Roadscholarette.
Roadscholarette, I challenge you not only to debate on any subject but also to ask me anything, whether it has to do with sports, science, medicine, law, history, business, art, literature or any other subject. You imply you are an intelligent, knowledgable person, and I say that's a lie. You all have your assignments here. Good luck. | 11/20/03 11:38:34 PM|charles anderson|ark.|ctjjandfam@aol.com|||10|did any of the guys ko'd in the finals ever make it to the pros?| 11/21/03 12:01:53 AM|steve |N.J.||drmsrm@comcast.net|||10|To the webmaster of this site. Thank you for the video posts! Their a great enhancement to this site. I didn't have any film of the Bear-Galento fight. Max Bear impressed me with his patient, mostly controlled handling of a non-conventional, but very lethal foe.

Hey Giancarlo and Thelma, your missing the point, my friends. This site is for people who are interested in the heavyweights of the late 60's, 70's, up until today. It's especially for people who enjoyed and admired Jerry Quarry's career. Naturally, true fans will show an interest in his personal life as well. He was, after all, a pretty flamboyant figure. I'm not on this site to judge Jerry Quarry. Only to learn as much as I can about this larger-than-life character. There is no record of him ever uttering a racial slur. Thelma, when you say he wasn't well regarded amongst blacks, I take that to mean that you feel you are the spokeswoman for all blacks. I won't apologize for being a fan of a white fighter. Let me ask you, are you a fan of country western music, or Michael Feinstein? As to Jerry being a rompin, stompin, irish street fighter, I just think that makes him all the more interesting. BASED ON THE POSTS FROM HIS FAMILY MEMBERS, he must have been a pretty loving family man. Hey Giancano, you would do well to remember old Joe Frazier quote. When asked to stage a fight sequence in a movie, Joe wasn't able to pull his punches enough to ensure the safety of the leading man. He was not used for the film. When asked about this, he said, "hey, I told them, when you step into the ring with me, this ain't Hollywood." Your bitter experiences in Hollywood do not qualify you to judge either Jerry Quarry or the people who post here. I enjoy all the sincere, intelligent posters, Kent, Bob B., Jimmy Dorsey, Rhoadschollarette, Fran, Max, and all the rest who take the exchange of information and pleasant observations seriously.|

11/21/03 12:15:59 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Steve -

I remember hearing once that Frazier was involved in something like this, but don't know the title of the movie or TV show. Do you happen to remember it? I'm sure every fighter has been in situations where fools challenge him. Probably most of the time, conflict can be avoided (for the good of the challenger). I can envision cases where this wouldn't be possible, however. Thank you for the kind words. Someone simply (brain) farted. We'll just raise the windows. It'll air out in due time. LOL!|

11/21/03 12:39:45 AM|steve |N. J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Giancarlo, whew, you seem pretty pissed off! Admittedly most of the posters here are just average fight fans. I enjoy this site because I loved that time of my life. You sound like you are probably well educated. That's something most of us cannot claim. Why the anger?? The beauty of this site is that I know that my posts and opinions won't be castigated for improper syntax or poor spelling. Can you provide some bibliography or any documentation to support your opinion of Jerry Quarry? Oh, by the way, Giancarlo, please don't start with the stupid physical threat nonsense, even masked as a challenge to debate! You stated you will fight anyone here, or debate anyone here. Everybody's a bad ass on an anonymous web site.|

11/21/03 01:30:40 AM|steve |N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Hey Fran, If you where a fighter in Philly in the seventies, I would love to hear some stories!! I was in the eighth row when Eugene "Cyclone" Hart and Denny Moyer went out of the ring together. That was at the Blue Horizon. I saw Emile Griffith, and Dick Tiger
there. They where only middleweights, but their shoulders looked huge in their suits. Your correct, Cyclone Hart was never the same after that fight.

The saddest thing about you is that you probably don't even realise that you are an intellectual snob. You wrote, "My allegation that most of you are uneducated and in fact not especially intelligent." Not having had the opportunity to attain high education is a crime, is it? And you imply that people have a CHOICE about being intelligent or unintelligent. In fact, you mention it ad nauseum, ensuring than everyone on this site recognises you as the bigot you are. Further, the first utterance falling from that bloated overfed face of yours was that you are some Hollywood 'big shot' of 40 years standing. Wow, that answers it. Now we all know why you're so smart and grammatically correct. Guess we all should remember you from some Godfather film, eh? And, Giancarlo, to denigrate a dead man who never claimed to be anything other than a boxer, you raised accusations of arrest records, DUI, narcotics, womanising, brawls etc. You don't have to be a boxer to have sinned. In Hollywood you don't get an Oscar until you've sinned seriatum. Anyway, you're probably too busy to be thinking up any more insults about all us dumb folks. You and your Hollywood mindlikes are probably tied up consoling poor old Michael Jackson. Wacko might be a child molester, but at least he ain't makin' dumb ass grammatical errors like us uneducated dumbs on the Quarry site. In Australia, Giancarlo, intellectual snobs and 'big noters' and bigots who talk ill of the dead in front of the dead person's family are fed to the crocodiles.

Is not your critical post about the grammatical errors and education level of some of our posters in itself an ad hominem non argument? Content can often still come through even when structure is not accurate. Attacking ones' education level proves nothing but your own arrogance. Also, your view that Jerry got creamed in several of his key fights is subjective as well as I can say he didn't get creamed (my subjective feeling) and we can go back and forth all day long and not prove anything. At least you did acknowledge that Jerry was better than you alluded to in your post but I am not sure how you could think otherwise if you have seen all of Jerry's fights. Yes Jerry was a class below Ali, Foreman, Frazier, and Holmes, but he was ranked as the twenty-seventh best heavyweight of all time in Ring magazine's list of the top fifty heavyweights ever and that goes a long way to show Jerry was a great fighter. Hey Paul, Mike Quarry, who once lived and trained in Florida, once told me they fed intellectual snobs to the alligators in Florida. I wonder which animal could eat
a snob faster, crocodiles or alligators?<br>No, Mike really didn't say this but maybe his buddy Max Hord would know the answer. What do you think Max?<br>I got to admit, Giancarlo has a lot of foritude to come back here when he isn't the most popular person on the block. As I said, he is still entitled to his opinion.<br>After all, as Mr. Jimmy (James Quarry) said regarding people booing Jerry and Mike at their fights and people coming here and badmouthing Jerry and/or other Quarry family members, "if they bought a ticket, let them boo." He compared someone buying a computer and using the Internet to buying a ticket.<br>| 11/21/03 03:09:01 AM| steve | N.J. | drmsrm@comcast.net |10 | Giancarlo, boy, did you stir up a hornets nest! You've even gotten Kent pissed off! Could you explain to me what the phrase, "logically incorrect", and also "excessively general", mean? Are these just oxy morons, or excessively verbose? As to the brilliant sentence, "BY HER, "ice cream castles in the sky", what I meant is her proclivity for taking a factoid, blah, blah, blah. Did you ever hear the term, run on sentence? It's not only awkward, it doesn't make any sense. I have a feeble associates degree. Maybe, compared to you, that is undereducated. I must say, your the first to tell me that I'm of less than average intelligence. However, having vented my spleen, please keep posting here. Your almost as amusing as Koo Koo Clock. |
| 11/21/03 03:38:35 AM| steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net |10 | Giancarlo, I hope you won't persist in your animosity towards us poor, illiterate, feeble minded posters on this site. If you do dare to challenge our accumulated wisdom, then I'm afraid I'll have to have Kent, who is a big, nasty guy, with a rotten personality, or Max Hord, who was a prof. fighter, to hunt you down and beat you up. Just kidding, except for Kent's nasty personality.<br>
| 11/21/03 04:43:44 AM| Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com |10 | Steve, me nasty personality? Hey, I'm cool! I am not pissed off, I just wonder why this guy as such a grudge against Jerry. I also wonder if he has bad things to say about my hometown, La Habra, after all, it is in the same general area as Norwalk and Buena Park. Bellflower and Stanton also are not too far away either. |
| 11/21/03 05:42:20 AM| Giancarlo Ciampitti | Toluca Lake, CA | gecital174@hotmail.com |8 | Charles, that's a good question about the guys JQ KOs in the Gloves. I don't remember who they were. Just possibly one may have been Joey Orbillo, who did have a good pro career and lost a fight to Jerry. Man, the intended insults are coming fast and furious. Hardly anyone has responded to my questions. If you read where I offered to fight everybody, I added "figuratively speaking". What I obviously meant is that I will take all of you on in discussion, debate or point counter point.<br>
| Kent, I'm very sorry you asked me about La Habra, because now I owe you an answer. I consider most of it a pit. Flat, ugly ticky-tack houses and crummy shopping areas, neighborhoods where folks park their cars on their shabby yellow lawns. La Habra Heights is nice, though. OK? You asked. I also noticed many of you have constructed my biography. This is a perfect example of bad logic or none at all. I said I worked in the film industry, but you don't know whether as a chauffeur, clerk, producer, writer, actor or janitor. You know nothing about me and that's as it should be here, where most of us know nothing about everyone else. <br>What is bad logic or good logic? Do I have to explain? Well, if one of your premises is incorrect, then the logic is bad. Or if you proceed incorrectly on your premises. If you say JQ had fast hands and therefore might have beaten So and So, you're using a non sequitur.<br>Showing off? Intellectual snob? Angry? No evidence. No way of you knowing. If most of you folks try to earn a living, balance your checkbooks, listen to your doctors and try to understand, follow street signs to get somewhere, and all that, then you seem to be in a lot of trouble. <br>Grammar, syntax, spelling, punctuation and all that are indeed extremely
important. They are the basis of written communication, which is the basis of civilization. If you're sloppy with them, you are likely to be sloppy with other important things in your life. If you don't care about those matters, you are neglecting something important. It's like not brushing your teeth, or not changing the oil in your car. Sooner or later the results are going to kick your ass -- you will have a lousy job or be unemployed, you will elect a moron to be president, you will lose all your money and wealth, you will get physically sick unnecessarily, etc. What I don't like about this site is that it glorifies Jerry Quarry as a person, as a man. He was a terrific fighter, maybe even great, but as a person he was a meathead, a cracker, a redneck, a stupid Irish bully. He hurt people, sometimes badly, he broke the law, he showed off and threatened to kick people's asses, he associated with scum and he had a nasty cruel mean streak. There is no excuse for racism. Didn't you people learn anything from Mark Fuhrmann's testimony in the OJ trial? He claimed he never used the word nigger, and then I think he changed the story to admit using it humorously. People like Jerry Quarry and his family sit around telling nigger stories, talking about whose asses they have kicked and whose ass they plan to kick, who they're diddling and whose got big tits at their sleazy beer bar in Artesia, and which beans to look out for if you go down there. They are scum and dangerous. A lot of them end up skinheads or at Pelican Bay or both. Now if anyone wants to dispute or discuss my allegations, I'll be back. Otherwise, reading what some of you write and trying to imagine what you're like turns my stomach. You have had your turns supporting disgusting TV shows, strip malls, use of drugs, your kids start the fights in school, you vote against school bonds, creating a nation of obese pigs from the fast food that's all you eat, you drive drunk or stoned, you have babies when you're 14, and you keep this country from going anywhere good. That's what Jerry Quarry the person and his ilk mean to me. Brutal, drunken, wife-beating Irish white trash. A pretty good fighter, though. | 11/21/03 06:37:42 AM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|I THINK I KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND IT'S NOT AN ITALIAN, AS YOUR NAME SEEMS TO BE, I THINK YOU ARE THE INFAMOUS DKS, BACK FROM THE PITS OF RACIST HELL, IF JERRY QUARRY KICKED SOMEBODY'S ASS THEY HAD IT COMING, HE'S NOT THE TYPE THAT STARTED FIGHTS, BEATING HIS WIVES, THIS IS THE FIRST I EVER HEARD OF THAT AND I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THIS MAN'S CAREER FOR OVER 35 YRS. TALKING SHI.. THATS WHAT YOU'RE DOING, AS FAR AS THE DWI, I USED TO DO SOME DRUNK DRIVING MYSELF, DOES THAT MEAN I'M TRASH. G MAN YOU'LL NEVER IN YOUR LIFE BE ANYTHING EVEN CLOSE TO THE MAN JERRY QUARRY WAS, PEOPLE LIKE YOU HAVE NO RESPECT FOR ANYTHING OR ANYBODY, I SEE YOUR COMMENTS AS RACIST IN NATURE, IRISH WHITE TRASH ETC.. WHAT YOU SAID ON HERE YOU WOULD DARE SAY TO JERRY IF HE WERE HERE, CAUSE HE'D KICK YOUR COLLEGE BOY ASS. NOW GET YOUR SHINE RAG OUT AND GIVE ONE OF THEM SPIT SHINES LIKE I KNOW YOU CAN DO;) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) | 11/21/03 06:54:44 AM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE TYPE OF CHALLENGES JERRY QUARRY WENT THROUGH BEING A WHITE FIGHTER IN A WHAT IS MOSTLY A BLACK SPORT, WHEN YOU LAY IT ON THE LINE LIKE JERRY DID, NOBODY SHOULD TALK SHI.. ABOUT YOU , BUT SOME PEOPLE JUST CAN'T GET OVER COLOR, THE SLAVERY THING, ON AND ON IT GOES AIN'T THAT RIGHT DKS??| 11/21/03 06:55:17 AM|Evren|London||@|||10|Giancarlo. I am quite pleased to have your here on the site. We do need subjectiveness in life and your comments offer a wider spectrum of views. Well done. Have you ever been in the boxing business? Have you met any old time fighters that you can give us views on? I would be interested in hearing your stories. In regards to Jerry Quarry's character assassination - I personally like to keep out of a fighters 'out of the ring' exploits and keep to their ring achievements. Jerry was a very good fighter but unfortunately wasn't a match for the very elite. He was a brave, tough and at times clever fighter. I bid you all well. | 11/21/03 07:04:18 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com|||10|Like a dog returning to its vomit, we all knew that Giancarlo would come back. We have him
pegged by now. Kent challenged Giancarlo to produce evidence that JQ was a racist, but he ignored the dare and didn't answer it. He didn't even address the fact that his scribblings have shown him to be a bigot. Ridiculing the unintelligent is every bit as bad as laughing at a one-legged person who can't jump or a dyslectic child who can't read or someone who hates another because of race. The thing with people like Giancarlo who considers himself intellectual elite (and most of the 'elites' are from academia or the arts, etc) is that they MUST have an under class. They need it to feel good. So they claim everyone is uneducated and stupid and they poke fun at us and guys like JQ. Guys like Giancarlo never played sports at school. They were the chubby ones with bad skin out the back buying the teacher an apple (or worse). Guys like Giancarlo didn't exercise to be better at sport; no, they preferred the non-contact stuff to try and look better when trying their mother's panties on. And guys like Giancarlo don't like red-blooded men like JQ who got in a few manly brawls and maybe did a bit of womanizing. No, guys like Giancarlo, like boyizing. They reckon it's tougher to attend anti-everything demonstrations and throw marbles under the hoofs of police horses and pour cups of urine down the backs of police when they weren't looking. Guys like Giancarlo don't like web sites like these because it gives others the chance to be heard. Academics and artistics snobs and all these bald, fat guys with pony tails (I got that right, didn't I Giancarlo ?) think they are the only ones who should be heard. So they hate free speech and if someone from the perceived underclass says anything then guys like Giancarlo stomp on them by ridiculing their education and grammer. Only the intellectual snobs have the right to say anything. But the reality is that web sites like these should be the best friend of guys like Giancarlo. After all, he wouldn't dare say what he has said if the object of his ridicule - say me or Koo Koo - was eyeballing him in a dark alley. No, Siree ! Our pony-tailed 'friend' would be shimmering Koo Koo's shoes before baking him a pie. Guys like Giancarlo were the ones who put lead in the paint so that it made babies sick when they licked it. You see, guys like Giancarlo are so intellectually insecure that they can't have a racionale debate without satirising the person with an opposite view as some dumb, uneducated, illiterate. We saw that when he made RS the focus of his early attacks. Why did he pick on RS ? Because he saw her as his biggest threat. And why did he pick on Koo Koo ? Because Giancarlo is incapable of laughing; scorn and ridicule is the only emotion he trusts. Giancarlo hates himself so much that he even goes to the depths of attacking a dead man on a site so generously set up by his relatives. Thanks Giancarlo for reinforcing to all of us why this site is so special. And your assignment today is to keep coming back ...... prove to us that a souffle can rise more than once. | 11/21/03 08:03:56 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com||10|Evren - I can't believe that you are encouraging Giancarlo. You really want to hear more of his "subjectiveness" and "wider spectrum of views". His "subjectiveness" and "wider spectrum of views" is that the (dead) host of this site was a drunk, a druggie, a womaniser, a racist, etc, etc. How subjective is that ? Gees, I would really want to be in the trenches with you. I suppose we should have known. You were the one who got on this site a week ago criticising President Bush's grammer. Who the hell are you to do that from London. I suppose you were at the London protests today ? Maybe you and Giancarlo are one of the same. Anyways - RS and Koo Koo and Massimo, you keep me thinking and laughing. Keep it up. Come over to Australia some day and I'll show you around. You'll have the best time of your life. Same for Kent, Fran, Max, Sonia Quarry-Porter-Koo Koo, and everyone else EXCEPT Giancarlo and Evren. I got a crocodile waiting for you too !) | 11/21/03 08:12:39 AM|Massimo|Rome||4||||10|Tim<-br><br>Tami Mauriello KOed Lou Nova twice ( KO 6, KO 1). <br>I have read this on boxing record archive.<br>Giancarlo<-br><br>Don't attack Roadscharlarte,please ! She is so kind and smart !<br>I think she can write very well and I chose her as<br>my English
teacher. Even saying that KooKoo is crazy and that one day he will hurt somebody is logically incorrect. We don't know him deeply and we can't judge him. For what I know about him, he may (or might, RS?) be the nicest guy in the world.

You know no body in this world is perfect, and never want to be. But for Giancarlo, to say Uncle Jerry was a racist, I don't recall any of that but like someone said if he said anything racist he had a damn good reason, and for hitting his wife, not thats a bunch of crap, and street fights if this ever happened its not like he went out lockin for it, he was never one to go out and start a fight but if someone attacked him, then he finished it. We people on this site are not stupid, or anything like that. So if you feel the way you do then why in the hell are you visiting on this site. In my 40 years of life I have never heard anyone spew all the crap you have, and its pretty damn sad. So please find another site to bash and leave this one alone. Thank You! Sorry to the regulars if you don't agree with what I've said, but for someone to come on here and bash my family, especially when they are no longer alive to give them hell for it, just pisses me off.

Well Said Sonia. This is a great site I love it and the people who post make my day. Now for this Chump. What he has done is piss us all off and brought us all ready to find him and feed him to the crocodiles. In other words he has bought out the best of us. He is a guy who resented what The great Jerry Quarry stood for. He was white and could fight with the best of them. He was arguably the best white heavyweight of all time. He was a great athlete. Good lookin an idol to many including myself. He was quited by a liberal press who didn't want to appear racist by hping a great white fighter. He never got credit for the hard work he put in. Now he is and this guy doesn't like it. Well I wouldn't even comment on him anymore. <br>

I am so proud of the way everyone has jumped on this jealous hate filled piece of S__t. 

Fran -<br>Sadly, the media isn't about us and reporting things that happen with some attempt at truth and objectivity. The news and people in it are about ~them~ and enhancing their own positions via dramatic reportage and fleeting association and idolization of those who have made it to the top of any given field - in that sense, a black and white world (speaking non-racially). To many in the media, a person is either a star or a bum, and even the stars are dropped like hot potatoes when they're no longer useful. Fortunately, most people don't live their lives this way.<br>

Not realizing this, and being unable to handle the change when they retired, there have been athletes who have turned to the bottle, even suicide because of it.

Dear Paul. I never said that I agreed to what this Giancarlo has written but it is interesting to get different views from different people. I do not appreciate your comments at all. I also think they were uncalled for. My quote from George Bush was nothing to do with his 'grammer'. If I had the opportunity to protest I would have but again that is my personal feelings. You have NO IDEA what I go through because I am a Muslim. I am a decent person who listens to ALL views Good, Bad and Ugly. I'm very sorry you have been so aggressive but I guess that is your nature.

Everyone knows Jerry Quarry was a superb fighter, and always one landed punch, or careless opponent away from the title. Other factors entered in, of course, not to mention the best crop of heavyweights in the history of the sport, past or present. Actually Jerry wasn't the only championship caliber contender then, but I'm talking about him. OK, let's set aside the time in which he fought, take the
old, "Quarry could have been champion in another era," and run with it. Let me list champions he would have been challenged by, with the assumption he'd have taken the others, some in a rout. We'll also assume all from the past would have fought as modern fighters do, and that Jerry didn't cut. <br>Johnson - very tricky, fast. Could be lazy though, with a tendency to not try as hard when he was beating someone, or was being beat. Edge to J.<br>Jeffries - hit like a mule, superb athlete, possibly the strongest heavy ever, chin like Jerry's, but slower. Tossup. Edge to J if he countered edge to Jeff if it became a slugfest.<br>Dempsey - same thing. Dempsey was explosive, hard hitting, had good footwork, and was fast. Had trouble with movers and counterpunchers. Whomever made the first mistake.<br>Tunney - a real cutie, but a suspect chin. Edge to J, but Jerry would have to fight him like he did Frazier.<br>Baer - stay away from the right hand, and crowd Max. Baer was a bully, and would have wilted under an attack from someone unafraid of him.<br>Louis - possibly the most technically complete boxer, and a killer finisher. He almost had it all. His chin wasn't as good as J's, and he had trouble with speedballs. Stay away, dance, counter, stand a chance. Fight Louis's fight, pay the price.<br>Marciano - see Frazier. Tough one. Could JQ have ~not~ slugged to see who was tougher?<br>Liston - move, counter. He had a tendency to be spooked by "crazy" people, and those not afraid of him, much like Tyson.<br>Tyson - see Liston.<br>Whataya think!? This same sort of thing, with changes for style could be written about other good men who didn't win the title, just as it is constantly about those who did, in fantasy matchups with one another. Things can happen and change very fast in the ring, sometimes against all armchair logic.

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So Giancarlo, you have been with the Quarrys when they were sitting around tossing racial insults and bragging about kicking everyone's ass and planning who their next victims will be? Again, you show no proof. <br>><br>I have heard stories about Jerry's street fights and brushes with the law but I have never heard about Jerry, in general, going around starting trouble. <br>><br>Now as far as the other Quarry brothers, Mike is a fine respectful gentleman who as far as I know, has not had brushes with the law. Bobby, if he had some run ins in the past with the law, is now a family man working a regular job and taking care of his family. Bobby also treats people with respect. While Jimmy was a bank loan officer for "christ sake!" Jimmy was a fine respectful gentleman as well. Yet you paint them all as a bunch of blood thirsty goons waiting to prey on their next victim. <br>><br>What is bad logic? When someone makes a statement with no proof to back it up and Giancarlo does that a lot, contrary to his self perceived sense of logic. <br>><br>Now I know he is snob. La Habra is primarily a residential community where all races live and get along. There are problems of course, as nothing is perfect, but for the most part people live, go to work, and take care of their families. <br>><br>Surprisingly, at least to Giancarlo, the people in the so called nicer area, La Habra Heights and the "trailer park trash," at least according to Giancarlo, in the La Habra valley, also don't have a problem with each other. Those of us who have lived most of their lives in La Habra and La Habra Heights went to school together and got along fine. <br>><br>Besides, La Habra Heights is where most of the best parties were and there is nothing wrong with a good party if not overdone. <br>><br>Paul, I HOPe YOU CAN CUT EvREN SOME SLACK AS HE IS A GOOD GUY. IT IS OK TO HAVE DifferING VIEWPOINTS AND NOBODY SHOULD BE AFRAID TO PRESENT ONE, EvEN WHEN ONE Is WRONG, LIKE GIANCARLO IS. I THINK EvREN WAS JUST ENCOURAGING DifferING OPINIONS AND THE FREE FLOW OF DIALOG, NOT AGREEING WITH GIANCARLO. | 11/21/03 01:00:09 PM | Kookoo | NY | Kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10 |
IT'S ALL 100% BULLSH.. EAT ME COLLEGE BOY!!! KOO KOO KOO KOO | 11/21/03 02:43:42 PM|Fran|PA||pic77558@aol.com|||9|KooKoo <br>I'm with you 300% on that. Nothing I wouldn't do to defend Jerry. <br><br>That was very interesting however The old time fighters didn't face the black athelete as much as Jerry did because he came up in an era completely dominated by not good but great Black fighters and it is for that reason I think his level of competition that he fought and overcame was more impressive that that of some of the old timers and because of that I feel his place in history was higher than some of the previous champs. You have some great insights and you write some great posts. <br><br>Steve, Do you remember Uper Darby PAL at 69th street, that has been my home for 32 years now and I still go there. Great place to "grow up". I only had a handful of pro fights. 4-1. Great people life long friends. | 11/21/03 03:17:49 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com||||10|HELLO SONYA, I'D LIKE TO KNOW IF JERRY'S FATHER AND MOTHER ARE STILL WITH US? | 11/21/03 04:10:03 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Fran -<br><br>It seems that lots of people, the ordinary person on the street, the casual situational fan, and the boxing enthusiast alike, have the tendency sometimes to go to extremes with fighters. They can build up a current one excessively, and sometimes with ones of the past either make them into invincible gods or into near palookas (compared to whomever is champion at the time).<br><br>Running the risk of doing this, but I don't think I am, I see the 70s as being top tier, with all other fighters, even the best of other eras, having to pass muster in comparison. Some could have with flying colors. Most could not have.<br><br>However, as I said, not being able to take Frazier, Ali, or Foreman doesn't make a fighter a bum. A notch on Joe Frazier's gun can still be a rout with anyone else. I'm sure some guys on the street who challenged Jerry, or even way down to Terry Daniels or Ron Stander, or Jean Pierre Coopman, etc. thought, "Well, Frazier and Ali handled them, they aren't that hot." Tragic failure of perspective.<br><br>I remember once when a niece and a nephew stayed over for the weekend, my nephew was hitting the bag with my husband, and said, "Wow, I'll bet you could beat Mike Tyson!" My husband really goes at the bag and looks impressive, but he had to laugh about that later. I did notice a certain swagger in his step the rest of the day though! LOL!<br><br>LET'S FORGET THIS GUY, (MR. G.) I WON'T RESPOND TO HIM. NOW KENT I'VE BACKED YOU UP ON HERE ON SOME THINGS, I THINK IT TIME TO BURY THE HATCHET, WHAT DO YOU SAY KENT, OUR WE FRIENDS OR ARE YOU GOING TO SHUN ME AGAIN? KOO KOO| 11/21/03 04:51:14 PM|Kent <br>Why do we need differing viewpoints on this site about Jerry. He never got his due then, but he is getting it now. <br><br>the only problem I got with Evren is that he thinks it "subjectiveness in life" and "offering a wider spectrum in views" when the intellectual snob Giancarlo calls the dead host of this site awful names and then refers to the rest of us as uneducated and unintelligent illiterates. Those comments began the name calling and Evren implies that we should accept it as a "wide spectrum of views". But, while we are supposed to calmly accept being called names, Evren didn't like it when he gets criticised. I don't give a damn if you don't like what I said Evren. Also, Evren, I couldn't care less that you are a Muslim who doesn't like President Bush. What's that got to do with this site ? Out of nowhere you came on this site, bagged President Bush for something he said, and when you got criticised, you say something about you being a Muslim. Nobody cares, Evren. Why the hell would you bring that up ? It's none of our business. Go pray somewhere else. | 11/21/03 05:02:01 PM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlM1s4@aol.com||||10|Kent - the dead host of this site awful names and then refers to the rest of us as uneducated and unintelligent illiterates. Those comments began the name calling and Evren implies that we should accept it as a "wide spectrum of views". But, while we are supposed to calmly accept being called names, Evren didn't like it when he gets criticised. I don't give a damn if you don't like what I said Evren. Also, Evren, I couldn't care less that you are a Muslim who doesn't like President Bush. What's that got to do with this site ? Out of nowhere you came on this site, bagged President Bush for something he said, and when you got criticised, you say something about you being a Muslim. Nobody cares, Evren. Why the hell would you bring that up ? It's none of our business. Go pray somewhere else. | 11/21/03 05:28:43 PM|Kookoo|ny||KooKooClock000@yahoo.com||||10|I USED TO WORK AT A HOTEL , I'D SEE MUSLIMS PRAYING AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN THE BUILDING,
LIKE INSIDE BATHROOMS, OUTSIDE NEAR THE CAB LANES, I WANTED TO KICK THE SHI...
OUT OF THEM, I VIEW THEM AS A THREAT TO THIS COUNTRY, I KNOW THAT I SEEM EXTREME, BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE EXTREME IF WE ARE TO SURVIVE AS A COUNTRY, WE ARE BEING INFILTRATED BY HUMAN WASTE. KOO KOO|

|11/21/03 05:41:24 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|Paul. If that is your view then that is your view. I accept that. Please do not say that I have just 'turned up on this site'. I have been posting here for over three years. You are incorrect. Kent : - do you have an e-mail contact at the Quarry Foundation - in reference to what I e-mailed you I have some 'unseen' footage on Jerry and would like to discuss with the powers that be on this site on how we can obtain it. Thanks in advance. |

|11/21/03 05:49:16 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|Also I read an article recently from Boxing Illustrated from May/June 1995 titled 'The Sad Saga of Jerry Quarry'. A poem was quoted of Jerrys - 'I look at my past, great memories abound/For I fought, I bled and I cried I gave it my all round after round/and the world knows that I tried'. It also quoted his amateur boxing record which I am sure all you Quarry stat keepers know but for those who do not it was - 170-13-54. That seems a strange record (in the amount of draws) but that is what is listed. Another quote later in the article. Jerry Quarry "Boxing is a very cruel sport and getting in the ring is not an easy thing to do. But the situation after you retire is hellacious" When asked whether he had regrets in light of his condition he replied "No, It's a part of life. Life's just a steady climb to the bottom".<br>Evren<br>|

|11/21/03 05:51:50 PM|SABRINA QUARRY-PORTER|Florida||sabrinalporter@aol.com|||10|Hey KOOKOO if you're the #1 Jerry Quarry fan, do you have the "Irish" Jerry Quarry No. 1 fan button? |

|11/21/03 06:12:07 PM|Sabra|Florida||sabrinalporter@aol.com|||10|GIANCARLO YOU'RE AN ASSHOLE!!!!!!GO CRAWL BACK UNDER YOUR ROCK....|

|11/21/03 06:17:08 PM|Kent |La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Fran, Mr. Jimmy, the CO founder of the Jerry Quarry Foundation along with Jerry himself, liked to have all viewpoints expressed. He knew, in the end the truth about his brother would outshine any attacks sent his way. Like Mr. Jimmy said, "if they buy a ticket, let them boo." I think he likely would have said, "who cares what this guy says?" Of course, his family members would know better than I do but Sonia and Sabrina, isn't that about how your dad would have handled this situation?|

|11/21/03 06:24:44 PM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia90101@aol.com||||10|Hey KooKoo, Our Father's Parents are still alive. Hey Sabrina, sister dear, I have the Jerry Quarry #1 Fan Button, its way cool. Love ya! Keep checkin out the site people, and lets keep the stuff all good. Dad & Uncle Jerry, you are loved & surely missed every day of our lives!|

|11/21/03 06:26:29 PM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia90101@aol.com||||10|Yes, Kent, Dad, would have said let them speak they are entitled, but I also think if he was alive these people wouldn't be saying the crap they are. Thanks Kent, for backing us up.|

|11/21/03 06:39:37 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Koo Koo, every time I am nice to you in my posts, you start attacking me again. It is like you think kindness is a weakness.<br><br>I do wish you would not come down on Muslim people the way you do though because most Muslims are not the enemy. In fact, there were Muslims killed who worked in the Twin Towers on "911." There are many different sects and factions within the Muslim world and some of the radical terrorist types hate those other Muslims as much as they hate us. I hope you treat Evren fairly as he is a decent fellow and just because he said he is a Muslim and I am not sure why he said this, but he is very much a part of this board as we all are and I guess, even you are.<br><br>PAUL MADUROS IS THE NUMBER ONE JERRY QUARRY FAN THOUGH! COME BACK SOON PAUL. HEY, I COULDN'T RESIST THAT ONE! |
Kent I will explain why I mentioned I was a muslim. Paul seemed to indicate from his posts that it was wrong to march against President Bush in London (over 100,000 did.) I feel that, and this is my opinion, that President Bush has caused a divide between Muslim and Christian people. I have Christian friends, Jewish, 7th Adventist - who cares what they are. The point I try to make is that as a 'muslim' (born as not followed) I am treated most unfairly. i.e - I have my post opened all the time - People see my name and presume I'm a bomb toting refugee freedom fighter etc. The reason the march was good was to let people air their opinions against someone they feel has done more harm and good for society. I did'nt say I hated president bush. I feel he has made some bad decisions which has affected millions of people. Now I really didn't want to get into a 'religious' argument. I am not religious. I come on here to talk about boxing with interesting people. I welcome all views good, bad and indifferent. It doesn't mean I agree with them Paul from Sydney ! I remember when Forest Ward (where are you?) first appeared on this bored he was 'booed off'. After a while everyone was praising him for his views. Please no one think I am a Quarry hater. My father and I have spent many a night watching Jerry's fights and I collect them in abundance. Thanks |

OK, I'LL CHILL ON THE MUSLIM THING, IT'S LIKE OPENING A CAN OF WORMS. KENT HOW COULD YOU HURT ME AND EMBARRASS YOURSELF SAYING PAUL MAD IS THE NUMBER ONE FAN, I ASK YOU WHERE THE HELL IS HE!!

HE LEFT QUARRYLAND LONG AGO, I'M SURE HE'S WITH MICHAEL JACKSON IN NEVER NEVER LAND, HE'S TO MUCH OF A TOUCHY FEELY GUY, PLEASE DON'T BRING HIM UP, I'M MORE QUARRY THAN HE'LL EVER BE, EVER!!!!!! |

Kent - I have sent you an e-mail. |

Evren - you lose the argument so you get condescending. All because I have the gall to disagree with an intellectual snob who attacks the Quarrys. All because I disagreed with your efforts to make this a forum for your political and
religious views. You guys don't believe in all that "wider spectrum of views" stuff. The business with Salman Rushdie taught us all that. You blame President Bush because someone opens your mail. Last I knew he wasn't in charge of British Post. You say that 100,000 marched. Well millions more didn't. Go back and read your posts. After that intellectual snob attacked the Quarrys and the rest of us on this site, you addressed your post to him and said, "Well done". As soon as someone expresses a different view to guys like Giancarlo and you, they get called uneducated, unintelligent, illiterates. Or they get Fatwahs and Jihads declared on them like what happened to Rushdie just because he wrote a book that provided subjectiveness in life offering a wider spectrum of views (to use your language). I didn't see you guys protesting about the treatment Rushdie got. Come to think of it, I didn't see you guys protesting about September 11 when thousands of decent people got the choice of burning to death or jumping out a 110 storey window without a parachute. You didn't protest about Bali either. But as soon as someone opens your mail, you guys begin hompin' and stompin' and blaming America and President Bush. I won't bother acknowledging you again, Evren, because you're really only interested in your own views. To be honest, I feel sorry for you. 

| 11/21/03 08:43:15 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|Wait I'm going to stop this crap. You are right Paul - I really am sorry I offended you. To think that I am not against terrorism is very hurtful to me. You imply so many hurtful things to me. Your imly so many things about me that are so wrong. How many of my own people were killed in Istanbul yesterday? I think these people are the lowest of the low. This is what I mean though - I mention Muslim you mention terrorists. Please don't feel sorry for me. I understand from what you write that you have very strong views about this subject and that's okay. Why don't you e-mail me on evren.bekir@btinternet.com and we can discuss it off a boxing forum. If 'winning' is what is important to you the you won. |

| 11/21/03 08:45:06 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|One last thing I'd like to say is that everyone was so appalled when the Quarry's were accused of being racist by Giancarlo. How about being appalled at the Anti Muslim sentiment being thrown around. What a joke! |

| 11/21/03 09:18:34 PM|Kent|L.H., Ca||kentallen@etc.|||10|OK Koo Koo, since the other Paul isn't posting here, you are the number one fan. |

| 11/21/03 09:43:26 PM|KOOKOO|NY||KOOKOOCLOCK000@YAHOO.COM|||10|HEY LOOK , I JUST HAD TO REWIND MY CLOCK, I JUST BLEW MY COOL ABOUT THE MUSLIM THING, AFTER 911 WERE ALL JUST A LITTLE BIT SENSITIVE, KENT LOOKS LIKE YOUR ALRIGHT AFTER ALL , HEY, NOW TELL ME THE TRUTH WASN'T THAT FUN!! KENT AND ME FRIENDS, LORD HAVE MERCY!!! KOO KOO |

| 11/21/03 10:15:04 PM|Pete|Cleveland||pco@hotmail.com|||10|ATTENTION QUARRY EXPERTS: Did Jerry feel that he was robbed after he was counted out in his bout with George Chuvalo??|

| 11/22/03 02:09:48 AM|Wendell Charles|Oberlin, Ohio||wcharles@oberlin.org|||10|Maybe Giancarlo isn't as cruel or mean as he sounds. He seems to be saying that Jerry Quarry was no boy scout. He admits Jerry was probably a great fighter. |

| 11/22/03 02:24:57 AM|Evan Bearscombe|Sydney, Australia||evanb46@juno.com|||10|Paul, you really come off as working class unemployed and pissed. Even for a lout like Giancarlo, you can't sit on your arse and say he's a fat bugger a pony tail. Makes you sound petty, mate. <br>As far as Jerry goes as a fighter, he did have a terrific killer instinct. Once he got somebody in trouble, he usually finished him. I can't see him in a heavyweight Top 50, though. <br>Kent, Ali and Frazier hurt Jerry badly. They roughed him up, son. They battered him, cut him, dazed him, decked him, the whole shooting match. I dont say this to run the man down. But the 2 of them beat Jerry savagely, esp Frazier. I heard a radio interview in San Francisco once where the host asked Jerry if Frazier hurt him. Jerry laughed and laughed
and said, "Hurt me? Look at the second fight and then ask me that again." Now if that isn't getting creamed, what is? Does the song have a different meaning in the States? At that time, I lived in a colored neighborhood and the Afro-Americans considered Jerry a joke when Ali came back from enforced retirement. They thought he was nothing but another white boy, a good tuneup for Muhammad, and so on. That was the big fight in Atlanta. Now bear with me, but if Jerry was so great, how come he never became champion? A great fighter would find a way, even if it had to be through Ali, Frazier, Norton, Spinks, Holmes. We can praise Jerry here and celebrate how entertaining he was, but please, let's not exaggerate. With goodwill toward all.

Butch, no Jerry never fought Jose Torres. Evan, I have already said Jerry was a step below Ali, Frazier, Holmes, and Foreman but he was on a level with M. Spinks, who came around later than Jerry, and Norton. As far as L. Spinks is concerned, Jerry would have wiped the floor with this guy, no contest there. It is all about timing as far as not winning a title. He would have had a good chance of winning a title in say, the talent poor 1980s, or at least a share of one as Holmes would have been a hard obstacle to overcome. As it was, Jerry still almost won the WBA title during Ali's forced retirement but he lost a close split decision to Jimmy Ellis.

Norton caught a very faded Jerry Quarry and yet Jerry, for a few rounds, was very competitive. The second and third rounds were two of the best rounds I have ever seen as Jerry and Norton went toe to toe. In the third round, after getting cut early in the round, Jerry threw caution to the wind and he tried to get Norton out of there and he won that round on the judges scorecards. Jerry had nothing left after this, on the way to a fifth round TKO loss but he did pretty well for a shot, worn-out shell of his former self who only had three weeks to train. Did you only see the last two rounds of this fight? Jerry never should have taken this fight or any after this. Jerry would be a good bet to beat Norton, prime against prime. I would say this fight is a pick em fight, hard to pick a winner. I will say again, Ali did not look that good in the first Quarry fight as he was missing punches because of Jerry's defense. All did land a fair amount of punches to win the rounds on the judges scorecards but Jerry was walking through the punches as he pressed the action the whole time. Jerry was cut, not creamed in this one. Again, in Frazier/Quarry one, Jerry went toe to toe with Joe for seven rounds and he was cut and had an eye almost closed. Joe wore Jerry down, he didn't cream him. Did you only see the last round when Jerry's punch output was a lot less than it was in even the previous round? Would you consider Floyd Patterson a top fifty heavyweight of all time? Well, Jerry beat him and Patterson still fought for five years after this. Patterson had a lot of fight still in him. Also, would you not consider Ron Lyle and Earnie Shavers top fifty of all time, Jerry handily beat both of these fighters. Shavers hurt Ali more than anyone in their fight with the exception of Joe Frazier and Larry Holmes, in Ali's ill-fated comeback attempt. Lyle gave George Foreman the fight of his life and Lyle was winning on the judges scorecards in a title attempt against Ali after ten rounds only to be stopped in the next round. I don't believe there are more than twenty five heavyweights that have ever been born who were better than Jerry at his best. He comes in just below Jersey Joe Walcott, and Ezzard Charles, Lennox Lewis, and of course below the very upper tier consisting of Joe Louis, Ali, Foreman, Frazier, Holmes, Dempsey, Tunney, Tyson (at his best), and Marciano. Jerry fits in well with the level of a Max Schmeling and Norton and he was certainly better than champions such as Jack Sharkey and sorry again Massimo, Primo Canera. Jerry was also better than Ingemar Johaanson. Jerry's ranking by Ring magazine was a very deserved twenty seven.
the fight at age 47) were to fighters listed in the top fifty of all time. A very hard time to be a heavyweight. It might be seven out of eight but I would have to check to see if Eddie Machen, who beat Jerry very early in Jerry's career, is in the top fifty list. Machen, by the way, deserves a top fifty ranking also.<br>Even, I have had friends who said the same thing about Jerry. They asked me, "what is the fuss about this guy?" Until I showed them some highlights of Jerry at this best. Boxing circles around Lyle, creaming Shavers and Mac Foster. They changed their minds very fast and now say, "that Quarry was a bad ass!"

Paul, Sydney, Australia||P1M1s4@aol.com|||10|Evan - never been unemployed even one day of my life. I am self-employed operating a very small company. Nothing wrong with being working class. What's this Bears thing in your web name. Are you a Norths supporter? I grew up at Willoughby. I used to play lower grades at Norths. I now support the Rabbitohs. All the best to you.

Kent, that is one outstanding post, mate. You answered everything very clearly and you convinced me, too. I will look at the Ali and Frazier fights again. It's been as long as 30 years. Maybe we got ourselves goofused then into believing Ali, Frazier, Foreman, Terrell and those guys were unbeatable. Paul, Bearscove is my name, you muck! Hahahaha! No, I'm from Ireland. Belfast 4 United!!<br>Floyd Patterson was excellent for a while but the losses started adding up, and he just did not have the tough mental set to be a top fighter. He was left in the dust. (Massimo -- I mean others went beyond him, as if they kicked up road dust settling on him.) I still like the question a while back about the dudes JQ KOed in the Golden Gloves. Anyone know? <br>Does anyone remember King Fletcher from the 60s? One night in Los Angeles at the Olympic, he stopped Amos Lincoln in 1 or 2 rounds. Soon after he dropped off the radar. To where?

Massimo, Rome||4||10|<br>I think Jack Sharkey was an excellent fighter at the beginning of his career. He beat George Godfrey and he was kicking Dempsey's ass! I think probably prime vs prime JQ would have beaten him, but it would have been a good fight. Carnera was a good fighter, but his last competitive year was 1935, when he was 29. In that year he lost only to Joe Louis. After that year, his career was a disaster.<br>

Kent -<br>Yes, he probably was a half click below Frazier, Ali, Foreman, and Holmes, but at the same time, particularly in this division, even a reasonably competent fighter can turn everything around in a heartbeat. That's why I wrote the JQ vs other champions piece. Do I think Jerry would have taken Joe Louis, Sonny Liston, Jack Dempsey, etc.? All things being equal, probably not, but at the same time, just one landed punch or split second lapse, and destiny changes in the ring. I could have written a similar piece, changed for styles, for Norton, Chuvalo, Lyle, Shavers.<br>I know I talked a lot about Bugner before, and I'm going to again now. I'm not a secret Joe B fan, per se, but the guy interests me. The recent clip made me think of his fight with Frazier. Perhaps Frazier wasn't on the razor's edge he was on in Manila, but he inflicted less damage on Bugner than he did on Ali. Bugner moved more than Ali too, and was as good, possibly better defensively (since I don't consider the rope a dope to be defense). Frazier took Bugner to a knee, but in the same round, JB staggered Smokin' Joe with a right. Frazier's eye made him susceptible to rights, yet no one threw
many of them against him. Ali doesn't count, because he always threw a lot of lead rights against everyone.|
|11/22/03 11:44:24 AM|Pete|Ohio||pco@hotmail.com||||10|Jerry's best years were up to and including his fight with Jimmy Ellis. I felt that he won that fight but I guess the judges saw it differently. He came up with some distinctive victories later in his career but he was not the same fighter. It only takes one pounding in the ring to change a boxer's future. He was a great contender and he definitely deserves ranking in the top 25-30 heavyweights of all time. Floyd Patterson was pretty well finished after his first fight with Liston. He did have a number of wins and losses, following that era, but really only looked impressive against Jimmy Ellis. Patterson won that fight and you can see Ellis turning to him at the end of the bout and saying "YOU WON". But as we all know, he didn't. When the question is asked if Jerry was such a great fighter, why didn't he become champion. Well the point being, a championship does not make a fighter great. Where the fighter came from, how he came along, how he handled himself as a winner & a loser, his significance historically and how the fans remember him makes a fighter great. Jerry was a great fighter because of his contribution to boxing and to his fans, all over the world.|

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family, Evren, thanks for the kind words. I didn't realize how much I pissed people off at the time. Although, I suppose if I really thought about it, and put myself in other people's shoes I would have realized it. Although, on some level I suppose I did realize how reactive my comments were, because I went to great lenghts to explain why on the one hand I despise boxing and the people involved in it and what usually happens to fighters after their careers are over. But on the other hand I have always loved boxers (with some exceptions), from the 4 round fighter up to the champions. All these guys have warm places in my heart. With that being said, I've periodically I just take a vacation from the board. No internet in jail. Recently, I watched the Amos Lincoln-Roberto Davilla fight from 1965. After watching that fight I don't know how Lincoln lost to Johnny Persol in 1966. Persol, won like 9 rounds. Granted, Persol was a good scientific boxer, but he was not that good! He had no punch, and could not take a punch. Roberto Davilla has to one of the most mismanched fighters of all time. If he was brought along slowly and given the right matches coming up, he could have been a legitimate contender, instead of a trialhorse who gave good fighters tough fights. I also watched Earnie Shavers against Roy Tiger Williams. I remember watching that fight on TV when it took place in 1976. It's funny how ones memory plays tricks on one. Over the years I've read about what a good fighter Roy Williams was (most notably in Larry Holmes autobiography). Granted Williams amost knocked out Shavers in the 9th round, and again in the 10th round before Shavers finally stopped him. I realize Williams was not the tiger I thought he was. Watching the fight one of the commentators remarked that Williams has the reputation as being a "gym fighter." Well, that's exactly what Roy Williams was. Although tiger might have been appropriate name just the same. He got out of prison a few years ago after serving time for killing someone. Not that, that makes him a bad person.|

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11/23/03 02:20:01 AM| Evan B | Sydney | evanb46@juno.com ||| | 10 | Forest, I feel as you do about despising boxing more and more these days. A couple of weeks ago, I read that a kid in the States or Mexico named Antonio Barrera had a medical device implanted in his brain to fix an aneurysm. He has been fighting anyway, and had a fight last week where I guess he was beaten pretty badly. MADNESS! This is a question we might discuss: SHOULD WE CONTROL SUCH SITUATIONS WITH LAWS OR SHOULD WE ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO DO WHATEVER HE WANTS, INCLUDING EXPOSE HIMSELF TO GRAVE DANGER? I vote for the laws and control. Sometimes we need to protect people from themselves. Probably lots of young boxers are so pumped full of their own testosterone and dreams of glory that they cannot make adequate decisions. We might also say that when they eventually get hurt badly, usually they receive treatment and care from public agencies and institutions, which means the rest of the taxpayers pay for it. That's money that could be used on much worthier causes such as education.<br>

What do you folks think? Barrera isn't the only one to do things like this, either. I'll bet the Quarrys wish someone had persuaded Jerry to stop fighting way earlier than he did.


11/23/03 02:39:28 PM| Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com ||| | 10 | Evan, Marco Antonio Barrera was considered one of the best pound for pound fighters in the world until his loss last week to Manny Pacaico (I can't remember how to spell the guys name). He had been fighting with the plate in his head and beating everyone in sight but no one said a word about it but he loses one fight and suddenly it is an issue. Yes, every effort should be made to insure fighters are as safe as possible but there is still an inherent risk involved when people enter the ring. They choose this profession.

I have asked a couple of Quarry family members if they tried to talk Jerry out of continuing his career when it was obvious not fighting was the best thing for him and the opinion was that "Jerry was going to do what Jerry was going to do." That Jerry had a mind of his own and that he was very strong willed about what he wanted and didn't want to do. Ironic in that when Jerry was working the corner for his brother Mike in Mike's third fight against Mike Rossman, Jerry had the fight stopped over Mike's strong objections. I would bet my bottom dollar that if the situations was reversed and Mike was the cornerman for one of Jerry's fights and Mike had the fight stopped, resulting in a loss for Jerry, that Jerry would have been upset with Mike for stopping the fight. Mr. Jimmy said that Mike was angry at Jerry for quite some time for stopping that fight. The issue is, fighters at times have to protected from themselves as they don't look at the situation objectively. The saying that the character Mikey, Rocky's trainer in the Rocky movies, that every "pug" thinks he has one good fight left in him is true in real life.

11/23/03 02:43:20 PM| Forest Ward | South Carolina | joekevinscs.com ||| | 10 | Hi Evan, I agree with you 100%. Evan, I don't follow boxing too closely anymore. As a result that story about Barrera having a device put into his head to fix an aneurysm went right by me until I saw it in your post. Imagine that a guy has
an aneurysm, so they put a device in his head to fix it. And then they let him get hit in the head. It makes me want to vomit. I remember when Barrera was coming up and HBO did pre-fight stories on him. Supposedly, he comes from an upper middleclass background, and at one time he wanted to become a lawyer. And now I learn he is having head implants, so he can continue to get hit in the head. Your right Evangeline! People like Barrera, Holyfield... Need to be protected from themselves. As I said many times before the realistic chances of making professional boxing safer are about as likely as making cigarette smoking healthy. It can't be done.

If I remember right alot of Jerry's amatuer fights were in the junior division and thats why there were so many draws. I'd like to know how often he fought in High School in the amateurs and if 1965 was the first time he went to the Nationals. Where did he fight his amatuer fights at and what amatuer team was he on.....Thanks!

Just wondering - do any of the boxing fans here do boxing workouts, sans sparring? The two bags, rope jumping, s-boxing? We do, and have been thiking of getting a double end bag too - those look like a lot of fun! I like to ride a bicycle and run too, and we lift weights, but if someone said I ~had~ to choose just one way to exercise, it'd be the heavy bag. It pretty much has everything, other than the ability to sculpt your body or increase size (if you're a man) as weights do.

Jerry had 183 amateur fights. That's more than most people have, isn't it? Was he or his family not sure whether he was going to go pro? Frankly, I don't know where someone could find places to fight that many times, around here. For all its tough guy reputation, boxing is pretty dead in Chicago. I mean, they have the Golden Gloves, but you never see any tournaments advertised.

I can use the heavy bag only for 1 punch, because after that punch, the heavy bag is broken... It's like an hydrogen bomb... Foreman can't hit in comparison...

Well, I'd heard that rumor, that Big George said he'd rather fight Joe Frazier and Earnie Shavers the same night than to step in the ring with you! My husband had one of those magical moments of timing once. One of my nephews used to always work out with him when he was over, run, ride bikes, hit the bags, stuff like that. On one of their workouts, he (husband) punched a hole in the bag we had then. My nephew couldn't quit talking about it! The truth of the matter was that it was an old (canvas) bag that was ready to go, and even ~I~ would have probably broken through it eventually. LOL!

That is alot of fights, And to win the Nationals is a real Herculean feat in itself. Thats why I was curious as to whether Jerry had been there before. The year before He won the Nationals was an Olympic year with Frazier and Mathis leading the pack. I wonder if Jerry maybe tried out for the Western regional Olympic Trials. That double end bag is good for pop shotting and getting your hands and eyes wired together but that is also the primary function of the speed bag which gets your hands eyes feet n ass wired together so the speed bag does a little bit more. You can also Pop Shot the speed bag. Pete The Chuvallo fight was a mixup not a robbery. No One who saw the fight at the time believed Jerry really lost he was off balance took the eight count on one knee i think the ref told him to go to one knee then he jumped up at 9 or ten and the ref waved it over . He was off balance and went down on a jab. Wasn't even a real knock down.
the boxing workout does not build big muscles per say, but does create definition and endurance, as you could see most fighters bodies don't change that much from year to year, look at joe frazier for instants, sonya remember koo koo's thinking about you :) koo koo

According to that Boxing Illustrated article I quoted from last week Jerry had 237 amateur bouts! That is alot - he was still very young when he turned pro too. Fran - your comment about the Quarry-Chuvalo fight (if I understand it correctly) is wrong. The fight was quite close though Quarry was clearly the superior boxer and was ahead by most peoples reckoning. After a heated exchange along the ropes in round 7 both boxers steadied themselves - as the referee broke them Chuvalo scored with a perfectly timed left hook which caught Jerry high on the head/near the temple area. Jerry staggered and the went down. He was up immediately but dropped down to one knee to take the opportunity to clear his head. Referee Zack Clayton went right up to Jerry (who was on one knee) and tolled the count right into his ear. The count went to ten and then Jerry jumped up - he made a mistake or he was still feeling the affects of what was a decent punch. You hear commentator Don Dunphy shout "Oh No Oh No" recognising the fact that Jerry had missed the count. In his interview after Chuvalo said "That's what happens when you get hit with a good shot - you think it's nine it's really ten!". The replay showed that Clayton did act properly and did indeed count directly into Quarry's ear. It was one of those things...it kind of reminds me of the 2nd Marciano - Walcott bout.

Fran -

I looked up Jerry on Cyber Boxing Zone for his total record. Maybe he did have more amateur fights. I don't know when he started as an amateur, but it looks like he turned pro just about a week before his 20th b-day. Even if he had the 183 fights I mentioned, and started at 10, that's still almost a fight every three weeks. I'm guessing bigger kids demanded his lunch money on the way to school only once! LOL! Koo-Koo - I think boxers have great bodies, but you're right that it won't build the muscles weights do. I like a weight trained body too, but not the Mr. Universe/steroid bods. Since most of what a fighter does is endurance, high rep/low intensity (compared to weights) training, they don't get the mass. If high rep/low intensity built really showy muscles, marathon runners would have the best legs in the world! Where you see high definition in a fighter, a lot is the workouts, but it's also because they have really low body fat percentage. Here's something else interesting I read once in a fitness article: it said that on the average, blacks tend to have a lower body fat percentage than whites do. This was in Muscle and Fitness, which BTW is an excellent magazine for health, fitness and diet, with a heavy slant towards weights.

Fran -

I've seen guys use the double end bag, it seemed that it had a mind of its own, but then when you first start hitting the speed bag, that's how it seems too. The speed bag isn't hard at all once you learn how to control it, and probably the DE is that way too, huh? I think the most amazing routines I've ever seen on the speed bag and the jump rope were by Roberto Duran. Honestly, he was so fast and clever, with so many cool variations, he could have given demonstrations! Even if a person knew how to do both well, he'd still be a whiz to watch.

Duran was beutiful could do it all. I remember the Chuvonal fight from 34 years ago it was the only time i saw it and I remember Quarry taking him to school and Chuvalo was on his way to getting stopped. All these years it sticks in my mind that it was a jab
that caught Jerry off balance not a left hook. I don't remember any exchanges because it didn't seem like Chuvallo could move with Jerry. I'd like to see the film again. Jerry dominated and outclassed Chuvallo the whole fight except for what was a flash knockdown. Jerry got right up because it was what it was a flash knockdown. He was told to take the 8 count.

I look at it this way: When two boxers meet, it doesn't matter who the better fighter is—it only matters who the better fighter is on that particular day. In other words, I don't care how much better Mike Tyson might have been than James Douglas. Douglas was superior the night they met. I think back to Jerry's career—and I believe he did enough to beat Ellis. There are people, including Kent, who believe Norton beat Ali at Yankee Stadium. This is different—these are examples of contested decisions. But I'm referring more to upsets or guys who lost because of "the flu," "a knee injury," etc. If you're standing there when the bell rings, and the other guy KO's you or wins a clear decision, there aren't any excuses. It's why Mike Weaver was better than Tate, Ali was better than Foreman, and yes, on that night in 1971, hard as it is for me to admit, Frazier was clearly better than Ali.

I argued this point on another forum once. The thing is that many people are so full of PCness, are such parrots who learn what the right thing is to say, that they don't bother to observe and to think. Why is it racist to say what every sports fan knows and what the athletes themselves know? If blacks are more genetically blessed in certain ways on average than whites, so what? Kind of a compliment, if you ask me. Many people like to congratulate themselves though and say that any averaged statement is a generalization, therefore automatically false, and with evil intent to boot. Sure, blacks work hard, but white athletes work just as hard. Aren't there as many white kids going out for football, basketball, and track? Are they all lazy? Wanna have an all white team? Good luck winning many games (as the southern universities found out decades ago).

There are less whites going into competitive sports such as boxing than there used to be. In the past, white ethnic groups such as Polish, Italian, German, and Jewish, didn't have a much of a chance to escape poverty as they do now and a lot them went into boxing with success. There are not many fighters such as Carman Basilio, Jake LaMotta, Gene Fullmer, Mikey Walker, etc. around today. These fighters mentioned all had skill to compete at the highest levels and they would still be competitive if they fought today. Most of the would be Basilios, Klitschkos, Fullmers, Walkers, and LaMottas, have better educations than their
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sloppy) were about the same for all groups. Why do blacks resent these implications that they are naturally better athletes? It's because historically they have been categorized as beasts of burden, slaves who were not the same as humans, and because this implication also suggests they are good athletes (or dancers or fornicators or construction workers or ditch diggers) and nothing else, without the brains to do any other kind of work. Even today, there is a stereotype in the USA of the black male slave being Big Buck and the female a strapping big girl, with the two of them producing huge, brawny, strong children. This can happen just as often when any large male and female pair have a child. The implication is also that blacks do not accomplish much as athletes because they are good anyway, while whites (or Hispanics or Asians) have to work hard to achieve what they do. We know this characterization is untrue. Look at it this way. Massimo, do you agree that Italians are born strong, athletic, powerful, competitive and determined, any more than Poles, Germans, English, Australians, Americans, Canadians or Japanese? That would be an absurd argument and for it to be true, there would have to be something in the bodies of Italians that made them superior -- something not there in anyone else. But we know that is not true. Even the concept of "race" is no longer accepted among experts because it cannot be defined. As I said, there is no significant difference among the various "races", but only very minor variations in hair, facial shapes, colors of skin, etc. Besides, most American blacks have extensive Caucasian ancestry, like Ali. Let's put this argument of black superiority to bed, gang.

There are less whites going into competitive sports such as boxing than there used to be. Especially boxing, in fact, only boxing. Boxing is dominated by blacks, with Mexicans filling in the lighter divisions on the west coast, Puerto Ricans on the east, and a few Asians in the really light categories. In the old days, you're right, lots of Europeans fit into the scraping to get by category, hence lots of Irish, Italians, Brits, and even some Jewish fighters. It used to be that boxing was the chance the down and out had to make it big. It's still that, but it isn't the only kid on the block. Babe Ruth made fifty thousand a year, while Dempsey and Tunney could have gotten a million for a 3rd fight. This difference is no longer there. Maybe Holyfield is worth one or two hundred million, but big time multi-million dollar contracts are routine in the big four now. Only football compares to boxing in terms of shortness of careers, and there are a lot more slots to be filled. A guy can get beaten to a pulp and never score big in boxing, while all pro football players do. Besides, lots of people just plain don't like to be hit. These fighters mentioned all had skill to compete at the highest levels and they would still be competitive if they fought today. Most of the would be Basilios, Klitschkos, Fullmers, Walkers, and LaMottas, have better educations than their counterparts from yesteryear and less incentive to take up boxing. Right. Funny though. Back then, most people didn't go to college, while today, there isn't much difference between opportunities for a high school grad and someone who doesn't finish. So, boxing is drawing from people who see even less of a chance to make it. Sean O'Grady is a doctor, and I think there might be another grad, but that's it. These are guys who might have gone if they could have, because they aren't stupid people. Many weren't victims of the School of Hard Knocks. In many cases, it seemed to go after them. Muscle definition and skill don't go hand and hand so just because a black athlete is "cut", so to speak, this would not make him a better fighter if he didn't have the skill to go with it. Oh, totally true. You're seeing a lot of cut fighters because they're training and eating better, but just boxing per se isn't doing it, nor do big show-offy muscles have anything to do with punching. My husband told me about a former Olympic weightlifter, Ray Ellson who fought Victor
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CAN'T JUMP, CAN'T SPRINT, CAN'T FIGHT AND CAN'T DANCE BETTER, YOU TALKING ABOUT
SCIENCE, SCIENTIFIC FACTS CAN BE INTERPRETED DIFFERENT WAYS, LETS JUST LOOK
AT THE SIMPLE FACTS, NFL (NEGRO FOOTBALL LEAGUE) NBA (NOTHING BUT AFRICAN
AMERICANS) WHITES LEAST CHANCE IS IN BOXING, WHITES NEED NOT APPLY, THIS IS
COMING FROM A WHITE MAN WHO KNOWS, SORRY KENT, I KNOW YOU DISAGREE STRONGLY, KOO
KOO KOO KOO |11/25/03 01:36:27 AM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|BY THE WAY I
HOPE SHAWN O'GRADY IS A DOCTOR MAYBE HE CAN STOP HIMSELF FROM STILL BLEEDING
FROM THOSE FIGHTS HE HAD :) COULDN'T RESIST )))))) |11/25/03 04:43:34 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Hey, Sean
O'grady looks very good after having a long successful boxing career. I see him
in person at least severarl times a year, if not more, at the various boxing
cards I attend. If I get a chance to talk to him in the near future, I will ask
him if he is a doctor. Sean is in great shape and it looks like he could
step into the ring tomorrow without any problem. Sean is articulate and
he respects and is respected by fighters of all races and colors. Sean is not
called the champ for nothing and he is a class act through and through.|11/25/03 06:02:50 AM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|A few months ago I read an article (about muscles) on a magazine. This article asserted that the cells of black
people's muscles are genetically better than the cells of white people's
muscles. I have just a vague remembrance of that article. It seems to me that it
asserted that there are two different kinds of muscular cells: white cells and
maybe red or black, I don't remember) cells and that one of this kinds of
cells is genetically better in black people than in white people. It's true that almost all the basketball champions are black but there are
important exceptions: Divac, Ginobili and especially Yao Ming. Yao Ming is gonna
be remembered as one of the best centers ever, maybe the best.|11/25/03 06:15:07 AM|Evren|London|||10|I'm not black or white - I am an in-
betweenie. I hope Paul doesn't go beserk and accuse me of being a suicide
bomber. Anyway regarding the issue of Black and White Athlete's. I think it is
a very difficult subject. Black boxers are definitely MORE successful than white
boxers. Muhammad Ali used to say that it was because of their tough upbringing
(his ancestors and to a degree his generation). You could argue that 'whites' are more successful at certain sports such as Swimming, Tennis, Rugby but is it because 'Blacks' haven't become actively involved in these sports yet or because they are not interested? Judging by the Williams sisters in Tennis I would think that as they become more involved in these sports you will see a dominance there also. When I was at school the 'black' children were always more successful at sports - one thing was apparent was that they were very dedicated and had a huge interest in sports - far and above most of the 'white' children.

I really hate getting into this black and white thing in sports, because it inevitably degenerates into a racially divisive subject so I will state my opinion as carefully as I can. Being a champion in any sport is usually a matter of freak genetics (I mean the word freak as a positive in this usage). The larger the gene pool you have to draw from, the better chance you have of coming up with someone who has the perfect genetics for boxing. Naturally if you have 250 black heavyweights and 5 white heavyweights, you have a much better chance of coming up with someone with the proper genetics to be a champion. You are drawing from a much larger base. If there were an equal number of whites in boxing as there was blacks, there would probably be an equal number of white champions and top contenders. Boxing will always appeal to the oppressed minority as it is a way out of the ghetto without college, etc. When African Americans have reached equality in America with whites, they will no longer dominate the sport. That's my opinion for what its worth.

Two points: 1) Depends what sport you're talking about. Whites seem to have all the swimming and weightlifting champions, either because of genetics or because they have better access to training facilities for these activities. Look at all the great Russian weightlifters. Figure skating and gymnastics just aren't available or accessible to minorities, but what about weightlifting/powerlifting? For distance running (marathons), whites seem to do very well, though the Kenyan athletes dominate some events. Point # 2 is that CBS fired Jimmy "The Greek" because of what they considered to be racially insensitive comments about why black athletes outperform whites. In a drunken moment, he babbled that in the days of slavery in America, slave owners mated the strongest, healthiest black women with the strongest, healthiest black men. He concluded that generations later, superior genetics help the black athlete. It's interesting to note that Reverend Jackson defended Jimmy The Greek at the time—he said that The Greek's grasp on American history wasn't that far off. Also interesting is the fact that The Greek didn't at any point condone slavery or related actions of the slave owners—he just offered his opinion about one aspect of why black athletes do well, yet CBS fired him. A guy who had great relationships with athletes of all colors (and a guy who decked Brent Musberger at a bar!) was let go by the PC police, even though he was defended by Jesse Jackson!

Well, you fans surprised me, at least your honest, then we all agree blacks are going to always dominate in these sports, weightlifting, hey those guys have been on so many drugs, I don't know if they can ever control that sport. Till next time. Koo Koo Koo Koo

People definitely have certain traits based on race and ethnicity. However champions are made from Desire dedication and hard work. The athlete that dominates a sport is the hungry athlete who takes it higher than the others. People are people we all have to sweat blood to make it you don't get a free pass because you are of a certain race. Hard work is the common denominator for everyone in sport. You have to pay the cost to be the boss no matter who you are.
good fighter its what you don't see.

It can't be scientifically proven that there's any difference between races athletically because we don't even begin to understand the complexities of the human chemical systems. All we can do is look at the numbers, which is all doctors really do when drawing conclusions about conditions. Blacks and Jews have a higher tendency towards high blood pressure, for example, than white Gentiles. Is this racist? It ~is~ a fact that there's a difference (though MDs aren't sure what), in the Indians who do high steel work. Neurologically, they demonstrate better balance, plus have slightly different hip structure, resulting in a more exaggerated "one foot in front of the other" walk, hence more suitability for the work. I could go on. Racist? No, it's part of the rainbow ~difference~ we all say we cherish.

The stereotype that a top athlete is "talented" but stupid is a ridiculous myth that keeps exploding out of the bathtub like Glenn Close. Many, many top athletes are uneducated (few graduate from college with their classes in top FB and BB schools), and there's a range of social skills among athletes, just as there is with anyone. Joe Frazier said once he wished he were smarter, had a ~degree~, mixing up formal education and simple possession of facts, with intelligence. Thomas Hearns had to be coached in social skills, how to do an interview, what to say, not to say (something Tyson could have used), because to polite, suburban America, he seemed to be an ignorant, knuckle dragging brute and an idiot when he first began his rise. You don't pick up many cocktail party social graces at the Kronk gym. But natively stupid? Hardly!

Perhaps the crux of the "black issue" re athletics is that they perceive themselves to being saddled with a "talented, but stupid" tag, ie, they wouldn't be any good without being accidentally blessed genetically, hence just animals who can jump through hoops, roller skating bears. In reality, as the intelligent sports fan knows, the top athlete is not only smart, but very together emotionally (even Mike Tyson, comparatively speaking). In short, they're "better" than the masses in many ways. ~All~ blacks aren't talented, and ~all~ whites aren't untalented, but the cream at the top suggests something is going on and that there might be a difference even in the middle to bottom population walking the streets.

Some athletes, particularly in non-contact sports, are good without hard work, but it's rare. No one is top of the line though without favorable genetics, no matter how hard they work.

Boxing is largely a cultural sport, just as hockey was at its start (at one point in the 70s, there were only ~three~ non-Canadians in the NHL). There aren't any boxing gyms in the suburbs, and there are no ice hockey programs in the ghetto. Can you imagine Tiffany St. James, soccer mom, going from sideline to ringside to videotape her little prince's brilliant left jab, right uppercut, left hook combination, or working the speed bag? :-(

BTW, I can find nothing to suggest that Sean O'Grady is a doctor. I was sure I read in an old boxing magazine that he was. I was sure I read in an old boxing magazine that he was. I'll continue to search and advise if it was him, or if not, who it was...
implement strict drug testing protocols at the Mr. Universe and Mr. Olympia competition, to prove their drug free claim. For once, even Joe and Ben Weider were stammering for words (it didn't happen).|
|11/25/03 12:14:41 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|10|Koo Koo, could Jake LaMotta and Carman Basilio have beaten Ray Leonard? Probably not as Leonard was too fast for them. Could LaMotta and Basilio have beaten Ray's brother Roger Leonard, who for whatever reason only had about fifteen professional fights? LaMotta and Basilio could have easily beaten Roger Leonard because of skill and experience. Roger Leonard has the same basic genetics as his brother Ray so why couldn't he beat these two white fighters? Answer, black doesn't make better, skill does! &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Another one, could Jerry Quarry beat Ali, answer, yes, "everyday and twice on Sunday!" How could this possibly be when everyone knows Muhammad Ali beat Jerry twice? I was referring to Ali's brother Rahman Ali, AKA Rudy Clay. Jerry was a much better fighter than Rahman Ali was. Again, Jerry had more skill and experience than the other Ali brother even though this Ali has the same basic genetic structure as Muhammad does.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Lastly, Ray Leonard beat a Ugandan named Ayub Kalule for a share of the Jr. Middleweight title in the early 1980s. Kalule was very "cut" looking and very strong and he is also 100 percent black African while Leonard, a lighter skinned black, probably has some white ancestors at some point in his family history. Yet Leonard beat Kalule, who was a very good fighter and I believe a former Olympian because Leonard was too fast for him, just like Leonard would have been too fast for Basilio and LaMotta.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Once again, black doesn't make the athlete better, skill makes him better.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;|11/25/03 12:25:55 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|10|Kent -&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;No, I wasn't trying to suggest that ~being~ black makes an athlete better, just that there is some fairly compelling evidence that black people ~may~ have a larger pool, via genetics, of folks who might be able to develop into top jocks, all other things being equal (training, coaching, hard work, etc.). Jon Entine, in his book, goes into this deeper.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;My nephew laughs at a situation in his school. There's a black kid in his class (dad's a dentist, mom's a stay at home), with only moderate athletic talent, yet in gym class, he's always picked in the top three for games! :-) |11/25/03 01:05:55 PM|Pete|Cleveland||pco@hotmail.com|10|Interesting discussion; not that it has much to do with Jerry Quarry, but...&lt;br&gt;When we speak in terms in genetics, two brothers are anything but identical, genetically speaking. To reach a pure state genetically, that is to say homozygously, you would have to have many, many generations of brother/sister matings to call any future generations genetically the same. This isn't happening here. What is happening here is hybrid vigor. For any of you who are familiar with the history of slavery in this country, you will be well aware that all African Americans have a degree of white ancestry in their genetic makeup. This makes for a bigger stronger individual, regardless of the species. Where boxing is concerned, the innate ability or potential has to be there. It is not so much strength as it is the ability to react. Talk to any top athlete and he or she will tell you that they were always able to "beat their opponent to the punch". Reflexes and speed. There is also truth to the cultural issue. How many Jews succeed academically and later where business and creativity is concerned. That isn't to say that all African Americans, raised in the inner city, are great athletes and all Jewish Americans, raised in the suburbs, are outstanding scholars and businessmen, but...it's any interesting topic.|11/25/03 01:18:26 PM|Fran|PA||plc7755@aol.com|10|Interesting about the Leonard brothers. I was on the same Inter service team as Roger back in 1975 and we were sitting around talking and I remember him talkin about Ray and saying that Ray doesn't drink wine or anything how he was very dedicated. Now Roger was an Outstanding amateur and had all of the ability Ray did but at some point when
faced with the grind we all settle at some point. Some don't. Duran was the greatest lightweight of all time and everyone knew it yet he had to have more so he kept moving up. If you see Duran between fights he looks like the frito bandido. Yet he worked his body to a fine tune ass whuppin machine. So its not the genes its the heart. Pride. Jerry Quarry was all of that. | 11/25/03 01:34:36 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|If Roberto Duran had never been any more than a trash collector in Panama City, he would have been the quickest handed, hardest hitting, toughest, meanest hombre even to sling a garbage can. I've seen other people who never played sports who surprised themselves and everyone around them with some feat of athleticism. They had it, and didn't know it. <br><br>What Duran ~also~ had was toughness, a killer instinct rarely seen in the ring, a recognition of his abilities (he was street fighting at four years old), and the drive to hone them into world champion form. However, without the genes, he'd have been just another catcher fighting undercards in seedy Central and South American fight clubs.<br><br>Character and hard work takes the edge of physical talent to atom splitting sharpness, but without genetics, it'll only take an athlete so far. However, just talent, even with drive isn't always the ticket to greatness. The Chicago Bears immortal Dick Butkus said that without a lot of luck, he'd have been a furniture mover. There are men playing basketball on some of your big time inner city playgrounds on Summer evenings with NBA abilities, but different fates kept this from happening.<br><br>Stardom is a mixed bag, but no bums make it to the top. Like the old joke goes, "Choose your parents well!":-)| 11/25/03 02:22:57 PM|KOOKOONY|KOOKOCLOCK00@YAHOO.COM|||10|KENT, WHAT A POOR EXCUSE, ROGER LEONARD, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE TOP PEOPLE FROM BOTH RACES, BLACKS COME OUT ON TOP, NOT BASILO VS ROGER LEONARD, STOP WITH THIS PC CRAP KENT, IT MAKES ME WANT TO VOMIT, SOME PEOPLE STINK, SOME PEOPLE THINK: AIN'T THAT RIGHT KENT:) KOO KOO | 11/25/03 04:14:00 PM|Evren|London||evren.bekir@btinternet.com|||10|Kent - remember the competition I ran 2 years ago - the Heavyweight tournament? It would be interesting to see what the outcome would be now with so many people posting - I think I still have all the results somewhere!<br><br>Massimo - I found some footage on Primo Carnera that I may be able to copy for you - All you'll need to do is send the covering charge.Regards Evren<br>| 11/25/03 04:48:57 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Evren, it would be fun to start the tournament over again but with 32 fighters instead of 64. The last one ran too long.<br><br>I realize brothers are not exactly alike, probably even twins, but they are similar and if race makes someone a better athlete, than why does one brother excel and the other doesn't? Maybe, as someone here pointed out, Roger Leonard didn't have the drive that his brother Ray had.<br><br>I don't know if the best athletes of different races, blacks or whites, come out on top more because most of the time in recent times it has been more likely for blacks to dominate because there have been more of them. If the numbers were equal, then we would see definite results. | 11/25/03There are now four white heavyweights at or near the top ten in the heavyweight division, The Klitschko brothers, Joe Mesi, and Corrie Sanders. If none of these fighters competes at the highest level, then Koo Koo's idea holds water but we saw recently where V. Klitschko fought the best heavyweight of recent years, Lennox Lewis, and he came close to winning, if not for cut, he might very well have won. It can be said Klitschko caught Lewis on the way down but even a faded Lewis still has the talent to beat 99 percent of the fighters out there.<br><br>Koo Koo, part of being politically correct is agreeing with people just to be popular. I never do this and if people who have extreme views on both sides of the spectrum have a problem with what I say, which has happened to me at times, then I know I am doing something right, that I am being true to myself, not catering to what someone else will like. |
kent , i will never be PC, then you must disagree with the roadman too, look, i know this is a explosive subject, but anyone thats followed boxing knows its how it is, SONYA, YOUR A QUARRY YOU KNOW THE TRUTH, BUT CAN'T SPEAK OUT BECAUSE OF YOUR POSITION, I'LL JUST DROP THE SUBJECT, KNOWING I'M RIGHT !!!! KOO KOO

Two years ago I was out of this site yet, but about that heavyweight tournament I'm sure that Primo Carnera from Sequals was the winner, because you are serious people, for God's sake !<br>Thanks for the footage, Evren ! What's a footage ? And what's a covering charge ? Thanks again !<br>About good white heavyweights, what do you all think about Tommy Morrison ? I think he was as strong as a bull, but his defence wasn't good. Anyway, I would have probably lost a street brawl with him, in spite of my shoe size ( differently from Stallone ) !

In other words I have some Carnera fights that he can copy onto Video ( PAL ONLY ). Cover charge - basically money to cover the expenses of tape post and package. Let me know if you are interested and I'll tell you what fights I have. <br>How did you guess that Carnera won?

I am never P.C. either. I just happen to not agree with you on most of the race issues. I just don't believe that in general any group of people is better than any other group of people. Individuals may or may not be better at certain tasks, but races are not.<br>You would probably agree with me that there are times when people will use race as an excuse for their own shortcomings. They will say things like, "the white man keeps me down," and while that is true historically, it is less true now and we have come a long way to realizing M.L. King Jr's. dream of people being judged by the content of their character and not by the color of their skin. Not only should people not be automatically judged as being bad people just by the way they look, they should have to take responsibility for their own actions, be they good or bad.<br>Massimo, I will admit that Carnera was not as bad as people portray him. He moved well for a man his size, had a fairly good jab, and he was very strong. He also had a lot of courage and that goes a long way on making a fighter sucessful.<br>Kent you shouldn't listen to any 'race' comment that KOOKOO has to say when he openly admits that his desire was to 'Kick the Shit' out of praying muslims at the hotel he used to work at.<br>Yes, my video can play PAL ! I'd like to buy Carnera-Impelletiere, how much it cost ?

Americans have
such a shameful history of race, and we're so messed up about the issue, that's it's almost impossible to have a legitimate discussion. Sociologists and scientists know very little about the genetic differences between the racial groups, so all people can do is speculate. I have no sympathy for Whites that resent the idea of being diminished in any way. Get over it. And for the Black Americans who assume superiority based on sports victories, most of which are determined by performances that differ by fractions of a second - That's right up there with assuming greatness after cutting someone off on the highway.<br>Professional sports have been integrated in the U.S. for decades now, yet they remain largely mixed racially. Whatever the physical differences there are between racial groups, those differences are small enough so that no group dominates entirely. When someone wants to use "the best of the best" as an argument, they're only talking about individuals, not a group, community or race.<br>Those communities that historically dominated boxing, were communities in the most desperation, and with the most to prove. After a generation or two went by, those communities (i.e. Irish, Italians, English, Filipinos, Japanese, others) made advances and moved out of boxing and into more of society. Unfortunately, Black Americans have had it hardest the longest.<br>

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11/25/03 08:10:45 PM|Evren|London|11|10|Massimo - I'll do the whole lot if you want them - may take some time. Would 30 euro's be too much including post and everything for all the fights?

11/25/03 08:23:23 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|11|10| well here we go another PC wrong moron, why don't you get it, not just this country, but this world you have got to see who leads the pack in sports, i'm white and i'll tell you if there's a sport that blacks don't dominate in, it's because their not in it!! THE TRUTH IS HARD, JUST LIKE JOE FRAZIER'S HEAD, STOP PLAYING THIS PC GAME PEOPLE. KOO KOO

11/25/03 08:45:16 PM|charles anderson|ark.|ctjjandfam@aol.com|11|10|speaking of morrison, he had everything, including a glass jaw. i thought he was the second coming of quarry until mercer nearly killed him. never was the same.

11/25/03 08:48:29 PM|Massimo|Rome|11|10|Evren - 30 euro are nothing, this is a little dream that comes true for me! Thank you very much, you are very kind!

11/25/03 09:26:58 PM|Evan B|Sydney|evanb46@hotmail.com|11|10|Going back a few days to one of Roadscholarrette's posts:<br>1. Your claim or argument that scientists do not understand "the chemistry of the body" well enough to understand or ascertain the differences between whites and blacks contains several logical fallacies. First, your suppressed premise is that there are differences, which is the question under challenge. Second, you beg this question. Third, your claim itself is illogical and spurious. Using the same propositions, we could claim that a distant star is made of Skippy Peanut Butter, because scientists have not yet been understand its exact composition in all its detail. <br>RS, the reasons blacks and Jews have higher blood pressure and more hypertension is two fold: one, they endure more stress as groups than most other groups, and two, they draw strongly from the same genetic pool, especially Jews. In the latter case, they favor recessive genes. <br>Now you could cite Native Americans, with the highest rates of alcoholism, which is due, again, to most of their births coming from the same large genetic pool. It may also be the long ago (talking millenia here, or at least many centuries) some Native Americans -- perhaps just one or two -- developed a mutation or other chromosomal aberration resulting in a predisposition to lower tolerance for alcohol. That kind of "racial difference" would not account for relative failure or success in sports, though. <br>Again, "race" is not a scientific term or anywhere acknowledged in formal study, except as a loose, general categorization. In any objective way, it's impossible to define "race". Therefore, no race can dominate a sport or sports by virtue of being a race or having the so-called attributes of a race. In the case of the NBA and the
domination of African Americans in it, we can make several observations. For one, some of the African groups evolved higher percentages of people with great height, e.g., the Masai. These taller individuals, though, are not essentially different from tall whites, e.g., Bill Walton, Kevin McHale, or tall Asians, e.g., Yao Ming, etc. <br>Second, basketball is so revered in the black community of the United States that large numbers of black boys and girls have exceptional motivation to do whatever is needed to excel. Many white kids may have similar motivation, but probably they are fewer in number. <br>No one except Koo Koo commented on the pain and frustration blacks feel in being labeled as superior physically, with the inevitable label of being inferior mentally. It's true that sometimes slaveholders forced large male slaves to mate with large female slaves with resulting large offspring, but that proves or suggests nothing relevant to our debate. It fails to explain the large number of small blacks, or the prevailing general size of American blacks, which is the same as American Caucasians. <br>Instead of continuing this debate, why don't we consider why anyone would want to believe or conclude that blacks are physically superior and thus, almost inevitably dominate all sports in which they participate? Koo Koo is a strong advocate of this position. Is it a way to nullify the losses of white fighters to black fighters? Is it a way to "prove" that although Ali and Frazier seemed to have beaten Quarry conclusively 4 times, actually these were not legitimate victories, because Ali and Frazier had physical advantages? <br>In addition, let's suppose for a minute blacks WERE physically advantaged over whites. What are these advantages, then? Are they harder skulls, tougher skin that does not cut, stronger muscles, better speed, better quickness, superior ring generalship, better ability to withstand punches, better footwork, better stamina, or what? Please be precise in your answers. I predict that no matter what ability any of you argue that blacks naturally have more of, it's possible to identify a white fighter with more of it than most of all fighters, regardless of color. <br>For example, I've always been impressed with Quarry's killer instinct. As I said, once he had an opponent in trouble, he almost always finished the fight. Quarry was white, though, so are all black fighters better, with better killer instinct? No. Marvin Hagler may have been equal in this skill, or better. I'm sure we could think of some others, too. <br>For now, though, why exactly do you think blacks are better, in terms of specific skills or abilities they have in greater abundance than whites? | 11/26/03 05:24:54 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca|Kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Some people say blacks completely dominate professional basketball but if there was an all time white all star team with players from various eras all playing at the top of their games, they would be hard to beat even by an all star team of all time great black players. The starting five would be Bill Walton, Kevin McHale, Larry Bird, Jerry West, and John Stockton. Coming off of the bench would be George Mikan, Bob Cousy, John Havlicek, and Bob Petit, among others. This team could compete well against a starting team of Wilt Chamberlain, Julius Erving, Karl Malone, Michael Jordan, and Oscar Robertson. Substitutes for this team could be Shaquille O'Neal, Kobie Bryant, Magic Johnson, and others. Which team would win? I don't know, but I do think the elite group of white players could beat any team put together consisting of players below this elite level, white or black, or any combination of the two. THIS IS MY LAST ENTRY FOR QUITE SOME TIME ON THIS TIRESOME ISSUE, RACE! BACK TO BOXING, THIS IS GETTING BORING.| 11/26/03 06:36:40 AM|Evren|London||@||10|Massimo - we will make it 100 euro's then!}\}
| 11/26/03 09:34:49 AM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|KENT, EVAN, THERE IS NO DEFENSE FOR WHITE FIGHTERS, IT IS A FACT THAT NO ONE WANTS TO ACKNOWLGE, THERE HASN'T BEEN A WHITE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP SINCE 1960, IT THAT SOME KIND OF ACCIDENT ALL THESE YEARS, NO , BLACKS AND WHITES WE ALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE LAST 43YRS PROVES IT. KENT THE GREATEST WHITE BOYS OF ALL TIME WOULD NOT BEAT THE GREATEST BLACKS OF ALL TIME, I'M DONE TRYING TO CONVICE ALL YOU PC
Unless you Count Gerrie Cottziee from South Africa in 1983 There hasn't been that many white contenders either. But that will change with the Russians seeing Boxing as an escape from poverty. The Klitchko brothers will dominate the heavyweights in the next couple of years.

Yes, probably on average the black guys are bigger, more athletic and stronger than white guys are. Probably their muscular cells are better and probably this is demonstrable scientifically. I think if somebody compares two persons, one white and one black of the same age, equally trained and equally big, on average the black one is stronger. This doesn't bother me at all. It's well known that white and black are different and it's inevitable that black people are better in some activities and white people are better in others. For instance, I don't remember a great black mathematician. This doesn't mean that black people are unable to produce great mathematicians, surely there are many historical reasons that can explain this! But anyway I suspect that, ON AVERAGE, white people are better than black people for Mathematics. And so what? What's the problem?

Evren, the reason I respond to Koo Koo now is he apologized to me and he has been attacking my opinion and not me as a person, this is how it should be and I have no problem with this.

Your claim or argument that scientists do not understand "the chemistry of the body" is not true, they don't, not on any level, for any reason. Take aging, for example. Medicine knows something is going on chemically, but they don't know what it is. Likewise with any other area you might want to name.

First, your suppressed premise is that there are differences, which is the question under challenge. In the days when they weren't allowed to compete at all, no one would've said anything, but when the doors were opened, and almost total dominance has become the result, then one has to say to themselves, "Huh, what's going on here?" This has got to be one of the greatest examples of something about which people feel one thing privately, and say something else publicly.

we could claim that a distant star is made of Skippy Peanut Butter, because scientists have not yet been understand its exact composition in all its detail. You could say that, but it'd be silly. There would be no reason to suspect any different composition than Earth, till evidence indicated otherwise, then explore from there. That's what I've advanced here - exploration of compelling evidence. I haven't pulled something out of thin air (like the peanut butter example), such as, "Blacks like hamsters as pets more."

RS, the reasons blacks and Jews have higher blood pressure and more hypertension is two fold: one, they endure more stress as groups than most other groups, and two, they draw strongly from the same genetic pool, especially Jews.

I know ~why~ they have higher BP - my point is that it isn't racist or even derogatory to say something of this nature. The BP issue is based totally on numbers, a similar situation to the one we have in sports. We aren't all hardwired for all time at the "factory" either. Things can change over enough generations. Fish that live in black caves are eventually born with no eyes. People who live a life of devastating poverty, stress, poor diet, high levels of substance abuse, etc. will eventually begin negatively affecting their gene pool. predisposition to lower tolerance for alcohol.

Quite likely, just as many behaviors are now being linked to chemistry, once again - everything from obsessions to violence to alcoholism and other addictive behaviors. Again, "race" is not a scientific term or anywhere acknowledged in formal study, except as a loose, general categorization. In any
objective way, it's impossible to define "race". Race is easy to define - just the way we do it. Science, as history has shown, is not static, concrete, absolute, or particularly enduring, so I'm sure it'll be understanding! Therefore, no race can dominate a sport or sports by virtue of being a race. But they do, and do so without question. For one, some of the African groups evolved higher percentages of people with great height, e.g., the Masai. Or the Watusies. It's also been theorized that other inner attributes survived the trip across the pond, centuries ago - greater numbers of fast twitch muscle fibers (jumping, speed, faster movements), and lower body fat percentage. Strength doesn't seem to be much different. Large numbers of black boys and girls have exceptional motivation to do whatever is needed to excel. This is certainly an edge. A coach once said - I want to say it was Phil Jackson when he was in Chicago, but I'm not sure - that black kids play BB outside in December, with snow in the air, on a playground with broken glass on the concrete, and a hoop with no net, while you have to open up the high school gym to get white kids to play. No one except Koo Koo commented on the pain and frustration blacks feel in being labeled as superior physically, with the inevitable label of being inferior mentally. I commented extensively on that. Or the prevailing general size of American blacks, which is the same as American Caucasians. A black man is far more likely to be six feet or more, than is a white man. A person doesn't even have to know this. Just look around. How many average sized (5'9") black men do you ever see? I can't remember the last time, myself. Want to believe or conclude that blacks are physically superior? I don't want to believe it, or have any need to do so. I really don't care, one way or the other. I was simply stating the great unstated obvious. Koo Koo is a strong advocate of this position. Is it a way to nullify the losses of white fighters to black fighters? It doesn't nullify the losses, anymore than a Tampa Bay victory over my Chicago Bears is nullified, by virtue of the facts that the Bucs are a much better team. Because Ali and Frazier had physical advantages? They did. They were enough better athletically, to ensure two victories each over JQ. That's sports. Just being black doesn't automatically confer magical powers to an athlete. However, observation and anecdotal evidence suggests that there is certainly something going on in large enough numbers of black men and women, as to make it impossible to ignore as being there. What are these advantages, then? The advantages would have their roots clear down at the cellular level - the "body chemical." This is true of any attribute, positive or negative, or whatever the attribute is. What we don't understand is the what and the how. We can already see the results. The ability of Ali, Frazier, and Quarry to take a punch certainly has its genesis here as well as anything else you might want to name. Some have even suggested that there may be a higher (or lower, as in breaking something down to base) place where our attributes reside - that of the spirit, the idea of us being souls with bodies, rather than bodies with souls. But of course that gets into a whole new field of argument... Identify a white fighter with more of it than most of all fighters, regardless of color. Yes, you'll always find exceptions to everything - like the hundred year old guy who smokes like a chimney and drinks like a fish, and people point to him as proof that these things aren't that bad; humans have the unfortunate tendency often to generalize exceptions. For example, I've always been impressed with Quarry's killer instinct. That's an emotional characteristic though. We could get into those too, I suppose.
they were freed from slavery. When they were freed, they were completely illiterate and viewed as animals without souls, then when they weren't able to seamlessly and easily blend into white society, whites said, "See, they are inferior!" To say they're better athletically isn't a slam, ie, "that's all they can to, the dumb brutes." Instead, it's simply a recognition of what is quite likely a wondrous inborn gift in greater numbers of blacks than whites. We may eventually find that many races have their own specific niche talents or attributes. It's just that athletics is so obvious, and so much in the spotlight that it's first to be noticed.

I predict that no matter what ability any of you argue that blacks naturally have more of, it's possible to identify a white fighter with more of it than most of all fighters, regardless of color.  

IF WE SELECTED 100 WHITE FIGHTERS AND 100 BLACK FIGHTERS AND COMPARED THEIR ABILITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE RING, I AM CERTAIN THAT THERE WOULD BE A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF BLACKS THAN WHITES THAT WOULD EXCEL. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT A WHITE FIGHTER IS NOT AS GOOD AS A BLACK FIGHTER, BUT IT DOES MEAN THAT THERE ARE A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF ACCOMPLISHED BLACK FIGHTERS AS OPPOSED TO WHITE FIGHTERS. AGAIN, LET'S NOT OVERLOOK THE CULTURAL FACTORS, AS WELL AS, INATE ABILITY.

Hi RS !

I don't agree with you on what you have said about the stars. The physicists have understood in detail how the stars work, their composition and their evolution. "we" know very well that the stars are very different from the Earth.

Even if you consider the ancient Greeks, all the great Mathematicians were white: Archimede, Euclide, Pitagora... Probably there are historical reasons for that, I don't know exactly how black people lived in Greece at that time. I just have a legitimate suspect that, on average, black people have a lower level of skill for this activity. But I would be not surprised at all if tomorrow I heard that a black guy has found something very important in Mathematics.

Now I see, I am THE ROADMAN, I thought that RS was. There is a deep difference between STREET WILINESS and real SMARTNESS. Anyway I can't really define intelligence... We can't be sure that someone can be a thing until he realizes that thing.

Yes, as far as we've gone in space exploration, we have a respectable understanding of how stars work. I was just responding to the example about assuming a star was made of peanut butter (when we didn't know its composition), by stating that in the absence of knowledge or proof, one starts with what's familiar or obvious, and uses that as home base from which to explore further, and get to the bottom of something they don't understand.

Wrong roadman, i don't consider whites any smarter than blacks, blacks in many cases don't have the means to get a good education, although they been working on that for years, if your talking about book smart , looks like the chinese/japanese have the edge, STREET SMART NOBODY EVEN COMES CLOSE TO BLACKS, THEY COULD CON YOU SOCKS OFF, LETS CALL IT GETTO SMARTS, KOO KOO !

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Absolutely right. If the schools in the suburbs where I live were a tenth as bad as the Chicago ghetto schools, there'd be a revolution. There's also not the same amount of cultural support for education in the slums as in white suburbia, so it's a lot of factors all feeding off themselves, perpetuating the vicious cycle of failure.

Formal education isn't a guarantee of intelligence either, not really even the same thing. Using a computer metaphor, "intelligence" is the power of a given person's CPU, and
it'll be that no matter how far they went in school. While the odds are that the
more education a person has, the more native intelligence they'll have, that's
just a matter of odds, and not a given. There are also people out there with
minimal education who are flat out brilliant - garbage men who dropped out of
high school who belong to Mensa, and so forth.<br>BTW, the man who holds the
record as the "smartest" man in America, with a 195 IQ, is a biker, looks like a
porkchop, lives in a log cabin he built, and works as a bouncer. So...you never
can tell! Generally the smarter a person is, the more eccentric they'll be as
well. I think we've all seen that.<br>The last sentence in my last comment
was completely wrong! The hurry and the English fooled me! I meant that we
can't be sure that<br>a black man can be a great mathematician until there will
be a black great mathematician.<br><br>IN MANY WAYS, AFRICAN AMERICANS ARE STILL ENSLAVED. THEY ARE, FOR
THE MOST PART, CULTURALLY SEGREGATED AND DO NOT, AS A PEOPLE, HAVE ACCESS TO THE
MANY OPPORTUNITIES (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING) THAT WHITE AMERICANS
EXPERIENCE. AS ABORIGINAL AMERICANS WERE DISPATCHED TO RESERVATIONS, AFRICAN
AMERICANS WERE DISPATCHED TO THE NEGLECTED INNER CITIES OF THIS COUNTRY. THE
PROBLEM WITH AMERICA IS THAT IT REFUSES TO CALL A SPADE, A SPADE (please pardon
the expression). WE ARE IN DENIAL, WHERE RACISM AND RACIAL DIFFERENCES ARE
CONCERNED. THIS IS A PROFIT DRIVEN SOCIETY WHICH HAS LITTLE TIME OR USE FOR
THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MARGINALIZED. IS IT ANY WONDER THAT VISIBLE MINORITIES, SUCH
AS AFRICAN AMERICANS, ARE ONLY ABLE TO SUCCEED IN SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT. LOOK
BACK HISTORICALLY AND THE SIMILARITIES ARE QUITE ASTOUNDING.<br>Evren,
this is why I rarely participate on the board anymore. Sorry to say but quite
frankly, I find it boring.<br>R.S. hit the essence of this racial controversy when she mentioned that there are people out there
with untapped athletic and intellectual potential. I remember hearing or reading
some sports pundit saying that there are probably thousands of white pro-caliber
athletes, fighters, ball players, who are stock brokers or construction workers. As
there are probably thousands of black mathematicians, doctors, etc., who,
because of missed opportunity, are instead menial laborers. Remember, the top pros in any sport, are the one-tenth of one-percent of all
athletes in the world! Differences in reflexes of less than a split second, make all the difference in performance at this level. Which would suggest a very small difference in the total population overall.

Hey, R.S., your falling prey to your own accusations of racial stereotyping. I am a retired ironworker. I worked with native americans from New York frequently. Aside from having a radically different lifestyle and outlook on their future lives, their skills were no different than the white and black ironworkers. Their having superior skills connecting "high iron", is another racial myth. It's insulting!! The number of native American ironworkers is a small percentage of the men who have built this country. I would be very interested in the source of your information as regards any neurological studies that have proved conclusively that Indians demonstrate better balance, whatever that means. Also, I'd be fascinated by conclusive proof that American Indians have a different hip structure, endemic only to Indians, that somehow gives them an advantage in walking high iron. Working in the air has nothing to do with balance skills. It is a phycological state of mind that comes with time, practice, and mentoring from all the tougher, stronger, older guys. Oh, yes, and also a three year apprenticeship program. If I laid a six inch beam on the ground, you or any one else could not only walk it, but probably dance on it! If I take that same beam two hundred feet up in the air, you would freeze and be unable to take a step.|

11/26/03 06:52:39 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|Sorry to here that Forest. I wanted to ask you by the way whether you ever attended Quarry fights back in the 1960's or 1970's or any other major battles that took place then. |<br>11/26/03 07:30:15 PM|Mr. B|Sydney||same|||10|Roadscholarette, you are not responding directly to my points in repudiation of your earlier claims. Your lack of response must be due either to: 1) Lack of understanding 2) Stubbornness, willful or otherwise 3) Insincerity 4) Relative ignorance of research and research techniques  5) Combinations of these. At any rate: 1. Please define race. 2. Identify which areas of body chemistry (e.g. systems, phenomena) and what levels (e.g., cellular, hormonal, etc.) are not understood or well understood by scientists. 3. If you are saying one or more areas are not ABSOLUTELY understood -- meaning completely, perfectly -- say so, please. 4. Prove your allegation that black men are much more likely to be taller than white men. I argue that the level of height and distribution of levels is closely comparable, with the exception that there is a statistically insignificant taller group of black men (probably about 1% of total, from Masai, etc.) 5. Discuss and defend your assertion that black men are "obviously" better athletes in even one sport. Kent has shown that an all-star white team is on par with a black one. Also account for white domination of bowling and thoroughbred riding, where many blacks also participate. 6. You say you have no need to have a reason to believe "the obvious", while in fact that's exactly why you believe this idea, because you perceive it as obvious. You're like a dog chasing his own tail, then. Several of us have shown this perceived obviousness is anything but obvious. What is your motive in believing this, then? Statistics can be a much more complex discipline that most of you friends seem to realize. Even a longtime boxing fanatic like Roadscholarette has seen only about 15,600 boxers in her life. (Assuming 10 new ones a week for 52 weeks for 30 years.) (Of course, at his age, Massimo has seen a million.) This 15,600 is a minute sample of all the world’s boxers in the last 30 years. Therefore, you cannot argue perceptions dependent upon visual samples -- it will be unreliable, invalid, and dependent on vaguely related factors, e.g., how many beers you drank at the arena that night. Instead of starting from the outside, then, we must start from the inside and basic principles. One of them is that there is no such thing as race. Another is that there is no significant difference between so-called racial groups. Three, for every black champion, we can point to at
least one boxer who is just as good. Fourth, we can demonstrate that one form of dominance (most excellent fighters in a given time) varies from Irish to English to go German to Italian to American to Jew, etc. Yet that’s how the dominance swept though the West beginning in about 1875. It seems as though from now on every single word, make that letter that you right will be dissected and analyzed, scrutinized and bastardized by someone. What sort of race are you lot from Sydney?? Your right Forest.. BORING !

Hey Evren, I'm surprised to read that your dissapointed in posters becoming a little more analytical about posts that might be considerd somewhat biased,innacurate,or perhaps having an agenda other than boxing. I'm an Irish Catholick.Please keep your faith off this site. Otherwise,I might have to talk to some of my I.R.A. relatives,and have a muslin soup kitchen, you know, the one that welcomes all homeless people,regardless of faith, become a victim of no trash pickup for two weeks!! By Steve N.J.|dmmsrm@comcast.net|11/26/03 10:02:27 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com||11/26/03 11:16:25 PM|Pete|Cleveland||pco@hotmail.com||

"THE CLOCKMAN HAS SPOKEN, THERE WILL BE NO WHITE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONS " (KOOKOO'S QUOTE)<br>You may be very surprised, Mr."K", as the Heavyweight scene is very unstable currently, and often difficult to predict. There are a number of "White" contenders at the moment and a "Black" champion, who is asleep at the wheel. Stay tuned.<br>Does anyone remember Irish Frankie Crawford, a welter out of the San Fernando Valley, fought around 1965-1975? That kid did me proud, for I am also an Irish Catholic. I'm not a dumb slob of a harp, but I cin mispel wiht th besst of them, two, if reiured to do so too get alung. If you don't I write, you can kiss my royal Irish arse. Kent and I have tried to be patient and set things down as clearly and logically as we can, but a lot of you aren't here for the truth or to learn. You sign on to polish your knob and see how stupid you can get away with being. Even Tiny Evron climbs onto a chair and brandishes his crutch. There should be an electric shock device programmed into this sit to administer a heavy zap to the next moron who writes: 1. was always a punch away from a championship. 2. George Chuvalo was a helluva fighter. 3. Ali was overrated. 4. Quarry had the perfect style to beat . 5. I don't see how Jack Dempsey ever won a single fight BECAUSE HE WAS WHITE! Scientists don't know enough about that to know for sure.
7. A few years ago in Chicago I was working on my collection of Joe Frazier boogers and I suddenly realized that a double left uppercut feint and an overhand left hook, he could have flattened Ali at 1:21 of the 2nd in Manila! BOXERS WITH STRANGEST STYLES: Eddie Machen Archie Moore Ken Norton Floyd Patterson That Prince Naheel of whatevert guy Pernell Whitaker Roy Jones Junior Gene Fullmer Georges Carpentier Gypsy Joe Harris Ernesto ("Huggy") Marmalejo Now will someone please write another genius post about how great the underrated Joe Bugner was? Time for bed, Massimo. Are you in your jammies yet? I'll tell you some Primo Carnera bedtime stories. | 11/27/03 12:11:06 AM Slade Portland, OR info@ptctel.com | Hello Folks. Slade here. It's been a few years since I visited the site, but I come back to share an important issue with you (and I'll get back to that issue in a minute). But first, I want to say that I always thought it was a privilege to speak with James Quarry, I viewed the world of boxing in a different perspective each time I spoke with him - he could take a negative issue in boxing and talk about it in a positive tone...such a great guy. What brings me back to the site today is "Timothy Middleton". He is a fellow that writes about Financial Investing and he wrote an article that's popping up ALL OVER the internet. I got upset about his article...he's says "The fund industry is taking a beating like Jerry Quarry, and for good reason. One fund after another is disclosing that it was engaged in funny-business trading." First of all, he is completely off mark with using Jerry in a "tomato can" stereotype. He associates a great person, in Jerry, with corporate thieves just by mentioning him in the same paragraph. I tracked down "Timothy Middleton" and got his business email address, it's timothy@middleton.net. I would encourage you to read his article and drop him an email, again this article is everywhere, see it at http://moneycentral.msn.com/content/p63164.asp as well as other sites. I sent him an email and explained that his reference about Jerry was off mark. I told him that Quarry was no "stiff". His record was something like 52-8, during the most competitive era of Boxing (the era of Ali, Foreman, Frazier, Norton, etc) and although he was TKO'd, he was never knocked out. I reminded him that Quarry beat 2 of the Ring's #1 contenders, I explained how he took apart Ron Lyle (17-0), Mac Foster (24-0), and how he KO's Ernie Shavers in the 1st round. I explained that Ring Magazine voted the 1969 Frazier fight as the Fight of the Year, and for good reason, 2 fighters in their prime gave it all they had and put on a great show. I asked him to visit George Foreman's home page, for years George posted on his site that Jerry was the greatest Heavyweight to never win a title and that if he changed his strategy in the Frazier fight, he could have been champion... and that George admittedly dodged him after the Shaver knockout. I know all these points have been posted time and again on this site, but if you can think of a good line or two, let Tim Middleton know about it - he flooded the internet with his inappropriate comment about Jerry, maybe if we share the true reputation Jerry with him he’ll make it up to us and post another article that shines a different light on Jerry. Happy Holidays, Slade.

| 11/27/03 12:15:54 AM | steve | N.J. | dimsmrm@comcast.net |
| 11/27/03 12:24:50 AM | Evren | London |

Evren - I was kidding about the Race think with 'you guys from Sydney'. Steve - I have never tried to garner sympathy for my religious beliefs as I have very few. When I foolishly mentioned I was a muslim (by birth) I meant that my name and my complexion give me hassle. I don't want any sympathy. It reminds me of a few years back - someone would mention an Irish person and ignorant people like Paul from Sydney would start rambling on about him being IRA. You said it perfectly Steve - 'We are from the human race' and really there should me no more to it than that. When all my friends get together it's like a meeting at the UN conference. Every race,
religion you could think of... I don't really care what anyone is. None of this has nothing to do with boxing and I feel somewhat responsible for the tone and subjects on here when I made a comment about the US President. Maybe I'll stay away from here for a while... Massimo - you e-mail me your address if you can. Forest and Kent are kings on this site... Just one last thing - Evan - regarding your list of fighters with the strangest styles. Very interesting... another to add perhaps would be Tommy 'Hurricane' Jackson - anyone remember the punch he was famous for? | |11/27/03 01:55:28 AM|Evren|London||@|||10|Steve, are you a greasy little goombah, about 5'6", 350 pounds? Haven't seen your own dick in 20 years? Don't attack people's religion, OK? Just don't. You owe Evren an apology. To answer your question, the US just completely destroyed Iraq. Does that possibly suggest a reason some of the Muslims there might hate Americans and Christians? Evren, thanks for the strange style guy. (I swear, you read this site, you go away thinking Jerry Quarry pissed lemonade, never got hit, was the greatest heavyweight in history .. ) | |11/27/03 02:11:06 AM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Hey Evan, it's great that you remember Gyspie Joe Harris! He did indeed have one of the strangest, herky jerky styles. Jersey Joe Walcott had a simaler style, and he wasn't blind in one eye!! Walcott would plant his feet, as though to throw a punch, and then suddenly walk away to either side of his opponent. Very energy conserving. Everyone in Philly loved Gyspy Joe. He was an absolute original. He told everyone he trained on "scotch and milk"! He gave Emile Griffith a great fight for welterweight title. Not bad for a guy with one eye. He fell on very hard times after his split with the Frazeir camp. | |11/27/03 02:39:03 AM|Steve |N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Hey Evan, your right, I'm a greasy little Irish american goomba. Er, that is, I'm married to a goombah, that is, an Italian girl. I'm five foot ten inches tall. I weigh 275 lbs. I can, whoever, still see my dick. I will this one time acknowledge your post. I have not attacked anyone's religion. I have defended my religion! | |11/27/03 02:55:01 AM|Evren B|Sydney||evanb46@juno.com|||10|Steve, that's great. I never saw Gypsy Joe fight, though. I read about him in one of the American magazines and he sounded spectacular. Even mentioned his scotch and milk! Does anyone know what happened to Joe? Seems to me he may have fought Hurricane Carter, too. Reminds me that the other day somebody was saying Hurricane was 200% overrated. Kent? RS? Experts? I can't keep track of all the divisions. Glad to hear of another strange style. Former boxers: is there a name for that classic sidestep you see fighters make in the earliest "feeling out" part of a fight, round 1 or 2? Hard to describe. It's circle, circle, circle, stop, deliberately step the other direction, resume boxing and circling. Maybe it's called "the Joe Louis" or something? | |11/27/03 03:05:12 AM|Kent|jLa Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Slade, welcome back. You are right, Jerry takes a bad rap as just being an opponent and just taking punishment. This is not true of course. If someone looks a little deeper than their perception of Jerry, they would find out what a good fighter he was. Koo Koo, you know I have never said there would be no more white heavyweight champions. I think it is possible and I am not sure why you would say this and you know I disagree with you on this issue. | |11/27/03 03:08:26 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PaulMls4@aol.com|||10|Evren - you are the biggest fool on this site. You rambled on about being a Muslim, trying to garner sympathy, introducing your political beliefs, claiming to have been discriminated against, and now you're trying to back away like an ignorant bigot. I ignored you so that the others didn't have to listen to your crap, in the hope that you would stop, but even though I haven't posted, you have narked on and on trying to start trouble. Over the past few days you have slammed
Steve, you have told Kent who he should listen to, and you got upset at Koo Koo when he spoke his mind (despite praising others for doing exactly the same thing). At the same time you crawl to others trying to get their support. And then you turn around and make racist comments about everyone from from Sydney just because you have it in for me. You are indeed a fool and at least everyone can see you for what you are. Forget about all the provocative stupid comments, stop telling everyone that you are a Muslim, and please desist from telling everyone else what they should say and think. Stick to talking about boxing.

| 11/27/03 03:31:58 AM | steve | N.J. | dmmrsr@comcast.net | 10 | Hey Kent!! Where are you when I need you? Are you going to let this guy make insulting remarks about my manly physique? Couldn't you at least say that I'm not really a bad Christian dog non-believer? |
| 11/27/03 04:41:53 AM | Paul | Sydney, Australia | PlMls4@aol.com | 10 | Hey, Evren - while staying away from this site and not posting 24/7, why don't you get a job. You've got some employable talents, haven't you? Oh, sorry! And Evan B. You write suspiciously like someone else who posted here, someone calling himself Gianfranco. Putting aside all the personal sniping in your posts, you are entertaining. I get a good laugh from your posts and enjoy reading them. What does that say about me? I suspect that you are not really the intellectual snob you make out. But you shouldn't team up with ignorant Evren. He has an agenda, which we can't talk about. Only Evren is allowed to make those sort of comments. So sssh everyone. And Evren gets bitchy and nasty when he doesn't get his own way. Did you notice how I didn't post for over four days hoping that Evren would give everyone a rest with all the personal sniping and religious and political crap? But every day I missed Evren just kept coming back making provocative remarks trying to keep the fight going. Go read his posts and see for yourself. So instead of ignoring it, I may as well comment right on back. Evren is now insulted out and trying to get sympathy he says that he is going to stop posting. Yeah sure. Koo Koo - the last thing we want around here is you being politically correct. Gianfranco will call me a psycho for it, but I like your humour and it makes me laugh. Anyway, how's the job hunting going, Evren? Try a bit harder. |
| 11/27/03 05:27:11 AM | Massimo | Rome | 4 | 10 | About fighters with strange stiles, TONY GALENTO is another one! <br>Evren-><br><br>Massimo.Cini@roma2.infn.it THANKS! |
| 11/27/03 06:06:36 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Steve, yes us with those Manly builds should stick together! Shame on anyone who makes fun of how they perceive Steve to look like. <br>Also, anyone who makes racial slurs about Italian Americans, Italians, or other ethnic groups, even as a joke should lay off of this! <br>There have been so many negative comments sent back and forth lately it is getting hard to keep track of who said what. I am going to try again to limit my comments to boxing and not race issues. <br> I will not comment on someone's religion other than to say, the real danger is extremists, whatever their beliefs. Be those beliefs Christian, Jewish, Muslim, or any other belief. Thank God that the extremists make up a very small percentage of all groups. <br>I would say Muhammad Ali had an unusual style as well. Until he came along, no one had ever been able to move around with his hands so low and get away with it. |
| 11/27/03 06:14:43 AM | Paul | Sydney, Australia | PlMls4@aol.com | 10 | Massimo, help us out here. Gianfranco says that Christians "completely destroyed Iraq". Was the Vatican involved in the war or is Gianfranco making that up? Saddam was a great man. He murdered over 300,000 of his countrymen and gassed tens of thousands of kurds. Evren and his multi-coloured friends down the UN didn't care less and let him do it. The US and the coalition of the willing did care. Does that give you a hint about the war, Gianfranco? You are the smart one, so tell me. What religion other than Islam reveres words like Jihad and Fatwah? Answer:
Question to Evren: What has the Jerry Quarry site got in common with religion and politics? Answer: none. So why did you start this argument, you @$#%^ muck !!!!!!!! I am going to be politically incorrect – not every Muslim is a terrorist, but nearly every terrorist is a Muslim. Let us all know when we can go back to only talking about boxing, Evren and Gianfranco.

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How about Mike Quarry opponent Ray "Windmill" White? Talk about an unorthodoxed style. White would swing roundhouse shots from all angles and he had some success with this style.

Paul: The argument never ends brother. You have your opinions and I have mine. I MUST admit that in the last few days I HAVE tried to annoy you. Rugby etc. Reason I'm off work; Kent knows.

I must say finally that I really haven't been myself and do want to offer my apologies to Paul and anyone else that I may have offended. I PROMISE that I'll stick to Boxing. I do think you were a little harsh on the beginning but you feel strongly I know. Paul can we be civil?

Hi and yo Paul!

I had an argument in mind, but then I have decided that I'm not going to talk about politics on this site. I'm sorry that Paul and Evren are not good friends, they are both nice guys!

Ray Windmill White and his behind the back punch was the most unorthodox fighter I ever saw. Good one Kent. I wonder what he is doing now. I remember reading about a fighter from the 30's who would go back to his corner and read the newspaper and smoke a cigar between rounds. There are no shortage of characters in boxing.

Hi yo Paul !

And what about John Sullivan that did drink all night and then whipped asses?

Does anyone remember Tommy Hurricane Jackson's double uppercut punch?!? It was quite ridiculous actually and it was more effective in getting the crowd 'going' than it was damaging his opponent. He would basically pull both arms back and fire them simultaneously in an uppercut fashion. He was an Enigma Jackson. He used to run everywhere - all the time running here there and everywhere - he was super fit and his endurance was frightening. On the night of his world title fight with Patterson his manager had do disuade him from running to the stadium. A crazy cat. Never know what happened to him in the end.

His record shows that he beat - Rex Layne(twice), Dan Bucceroni (The Butcher Boy), Charlie Norkus, Archie McBride(twice), Jimmy Slade, Ezzard Charles (twice), Bob Baker (twice), Julio Mederos and Howard King. His final record finished on - 34-9-1-16 ko's.

My husband saw the Windmill many times, from the Olympic and Forum. He said tth while he was inept enough to make a fight with Foster highly dangerous, that he also had the ability to make other good fighters look bad. Didn't he used to throw a double hook? I don't mean doubling up with one hand, body then head or head then body, but a left and right hook at the same time. Also punches behind his back and stuff? :-)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING ALL! WE LOVE & MISS YOU DAD, AND UNCLE JERRY.

Happy Thanksgiving Sonia and the great Quarry family and all of the characters on this site. It has been fun.

Yes, Evren has good reason to be off of work and to be a little surly recently. It is not my place to repeat what he told me here.

Koo Koo has said at times that I don't work. It is true, I don't have a regular job, I haven't had one in almost
five years as my family and I lucked into becoming part owners of a very lucrative business. I may be literally set for life if things continue to go the way they have been going financially. Funny, my life hasn't changed all that much. I still drive the same old 1987 Mazda and I don't dress to impress. I just don't have to go to a job I hate and I don't have to walk home or ride my bycycle home late at night (when I didn't have a car) anymore. I know this is none of anyone's business but Koo Koo used to bring up the job issue. No, I don't get a government hand out, in fact my income is quite high, especially compared to what it used to be.

11/27/03 02:52:14 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|hey kent, no sweat man, it's good you don't have a job, working for other people sucks, looks like you got some freedom man, HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO THE QUARRY FAMILY, TAKE CARE

11/27/03 02:55:17 PM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|I don't remember exactly what "THANKSGIVING DAY" is. I heard that once at<br>school, all I remember is that there is a turkey involved... Anyway, good THANKSGIVING DAY to everybody !!

11/27/03 03:48:43 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com`|||10|Happy turkey day everyone! People are here, and things are cooking, so I'll see y'all tomorrow! I'm going to be climbing Mt. Everest and doing a triathlon in the morning though, to work off everything I eat today! :-)

11/27/03 03:55:16 PM|Evren|London||8|||10|Happy holidays to all. Massimo I have sent you an e-mail - read it young Roman.

11/27/03 05:06:01 PM|Paul|Sydney||PlMls4@aol.com|||10|Kent - we can all have off days and problems but that doesn't give Evren the license to make the comments he did. I hadn't posted from 22 November hoping it would give Evren the space to stop the nonsense. But then, among other comments, he wrote on 25/11: "I hope Paul doesn't go beserk and accuse me of being a suicide bomber." When I didn't react, he wrote on 26/11: "What sort of race are you lot in Sydney" (imagine if anyone else said that about a middle eastern country). And when I didn't react, Evren wrote on 27/11: "Ignorant people like Paul from Sydney." So then I reacted and I was entitled to. Hopefully we can now get back to talking about boxing. But if I could raise just one slightly different subject. Happy thanksgiving to all the Americans. But what is Thanksgiving all about ? It sounds like a wonderful tradition, but what is it ?

11/27/03 05:44:23 PM|Evren|London||8|||10|I've apologised to you Paul. It really wasn't like me alot of the stuff I wrote - look back at the last three years of my posts. Paul - Can I ask you a boxing question if I may - What Australian boxers are most revered in your country? I hope you can answer me.

Evren

11/27/03 05:46:49 PM|Forest Ward|South Carolina||Joekevin@cs.com|||10|Evren, I saw a lot of Jerry Quarry's fights in NYC, beginning with Buster Mathis. Here is the list: Mathis, Frazier 1&2, Chuvalo (incidentally, Quarry got a fast count in that fight. Zack Clayton was notorious for fast counts, look at the Foreman-Ali 10 count). I saw Quarry against: Mac Foster, Randy Neuman, Ron lyle, Earnie Shavers. I also saw a few of Mike Quarry's early fight in NYC: Rueben Figarua 1&2, Ray Ayalo. Mike won close decisions in all 3 of those fights.<br>The rematch for the Figarua was on the undercard of a Foreman fight. When Quarry got the decision the latin fans in the Garden started grumbling and throwing things. Guess who is sitting ringside and encouraging them, Muhammad Ali. Ali damn near incited a riot. This was in the fall of 1969 Mike Quarry could have just as easily lost those 3 fights. Being undefeated, and Jerry's brother didn't hurt Mike. Although, after he lost to Bob Foster, he did not win too many close decisions after that.<br>I saw Ali-Bonavena, I actually rode in the subway train with Ali and his entourage to the fight that night. I saw quite a few of George Foreman's early fights in the Gardens. The one I remember best was when George beat Chuvalo. George pounded Chuvalo from one corner to the
next, Foreman was devastating. Chuvalo's wife was at ringside screaming to the referee to stop the fight. The tape of that fight does not do justice to how awesome Foreman was that night! I saw Bonavena against Patterson, I thought Bonavena won. I saw Emile Griffith fight more times than I can remember, but he was no longer a champion in any of these fights. I saw Sonny Liston-Chuck Wepner in the Jersey City Armory. The 1st professional boxing match I ever attended was Dick Tiger-Bob Foster. The greatest fight I ever attended was Dick Tiger against Frankie DePaula. The 1st 4 rounds were identical to Foreman-Lyle. The last 6 were drab, Tiger won 10 round decision.

I saw Vito Antufermo in his first amateur fight, he lost. I see him fight 6 months later and boy did he improve. Vito was a overachiever. I saw Eddie Mustafa Muhammad aka Eddie Gregory in the amateurs. He would knock out all his opponents with just one punch. He was a teenage welterweight version of Bob Foster. I saw Eddie beat Vito via a 3 round decision in the Golden Gloves finals in the Garden in 1971. No one knocks Vito out! Evren, when I saw most of these fights I was a teenager (I turned 50 last October). I would have made a deal with the devil to trade places with most of these fighters, and be them. Now at the age of 50, I thank God that I never got to meet the devil. But, the memories are priceless.

Massimo - Ali kayoed Bonavena and WEPNER ABSOLUTELY DID NOT KNOCKDOWN FOREMAN NO MATTER WHAT HE SAYS! Evren, in the interest of fairness, you should not have said anything about people from Sydney. Any negative remarks about any kind of people is not right. Be they white, black, of whatever their beliefs are.

Also, by saying to Paul that it never ends, it will be hard to get back to boxing. I am not turning on you and since we go back a long way at this site, I would consider you a friend. But like I said, fair is fair. Evren, I do understand why you have been feeling the way you do. You know I am concerned about what you are going through.

NOW, AM I BEING FAIR BY BEING CRITICAL OF ALL OF THE NEGATIVE TALK LATELY, AND CAN WE PLEASE GET BACK TO BOXING?!
night.<br>I've always told Wepner that the fight that should have been made was him and George chuvalo. Fortunately, in hindsight for Wepner it didn't happen. Chuck was made to order for Chuvalo, and Chuck might have gotten seriously hurt. Wepner tells me his best fight was against Manuel Ramos. I was there it was a good fight the decision could have gone to Ramos, it was that close. I told Wepner that I thought his best fight was against, guess who? Forest Ward. Ward was a sensational amateur from Brooklyn. Everyone thought he was destined for great things. That fight was the turning point in Wepner's career. Wepner knocked down Ward in the 2nd round. In the 4th round Wepner was getting pounded and a bloody mess, the referee asked Wepner if he wanted to continue (and Wepner was not knocked down or given a standing 8 count. Wepner said yes and Ward collapsed from exhaustion, I believe in the 6th round. This fight was on the undercard of Mathis-Woody, and Chuvalo-Ramos.<br>

Putting aside Kostya Tzysu and Anthony Mundine who now have world titles, our more recent ones were Jeff Fenech (three world titles in different divisions) and Jeff Harding (1989 light heavy champ twice). Fenech has gone on to bigger and better things - very wealthy and a rising fight trainer; but sadly Harding has hit the bottle and been in the slammer. I met Harding once and he was a good guy, but very quiet, reserved, almost simmering. Aboriginal Lionel Rose was another who won a world title (beat Fighting Harada). I was extremely fortunate two years ago to mix socially with Rose after a boxing night in Sydney. He is a very nice guy in every sense and also a very humble man. Rose lost his title to a great fighter named Reubin Olives. Johnny Famacheon won a world title in London. He was a superb boxer with great skills. He fell on hard times 10 years ago when hit by a car and he is now in a wheelchair. Jimmy Carruthers and Vic Patrick won world titles earlier. The former operated a fruit juice shop in Sydney in 1979 and I met him there once. That was a great privilege. Unfortunately he has passed on. Les Darcy is acclaimed as probably Australia's best fighter who never won a world title. He went to America and died of blood poisoning from a bad tooth. Actually our best race horse - Phar Lap - went to the States and died of blood poisoning, too. We've had some good fighters. Kostya Tzysu, of course, is from Russia, but he lives here now and is very popular. He is a wonderful advertisement for the sport. Unfortunately, and I hope I'm wrong, I suspect he might be the type to get old overnight (if you know what I mean). The best up-and-comer from here is Danny Green (trained by Jeff Fenech) who will win a title soon (he was disqualified against Marcus Beyer earlier this year for a head butt after knocking Beyer down 3 times). My favourite Australian fighter was Tony Mundine (Anthony's father). In 1974 he got knocked out by the very great middle-weight Carlos Monzon in the 8th round. It was a tremendous effort to even survive that long with that guy. Tony never won a world title, but he deserved one. At one stage in Australia Tony held every national title from middle-weight to heavy. He was an excellent offensive fighter, but his chin let him down. Anyway, Evren, gotta go, and I'm sure we're both good guys when we're not boring the rest of the posters here by talking politics or religion. Cheers.
at home. Tomorrow I'll go to the university and I'll see! Thanks again!

11/28/03 12:28:13 PM|Massimo|Rome||12-3 without Shaq|||10|Evren<br><br>I sent you an e-mail

11/28/03 01:22:02 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|I didn't bother to record CSI last night, because I'd seen it before. They had three cases, one of them about a boxer killed in the ring. I can't imagine a ref not stopping a fight that was as shown, particularly the caliber of ref used with world class fighters. Anyway, in addition to the one fighter being helpless on the ropes, "out on his feet," the winner had injected mercury into his gloves to give them a few ounces of extra weight. Has anyone ever heard of something like this actually being done? I personally have not, though I have heard of various other foreign objects being put in or on gloves, though usually to produce cuts or irritation. Inspections should take care of this sort of thing, but of course, all inspections are not equal.

Regarding another discussion - Zack Clayton. I agree about him being a quick count ref, probably shaving off a second with his style (which we saw with Quarry-Chuvalo, and Foreman-Ali). Remember the funny argument Mel Gibson and Danny Glover have in one of the Lethal Weapon movies, where they're going to "go on three," but can't agree whether this means the instant they ~say~ three, or after? That's how Clayton tolled "ten," simultaneously waving off the downed fighter. By doing it that way, the ref's actually counted to a legitimate ~nine~. I think Jerry would have been in better shape to continue than George would have been, but that isn't the point, particularly when a fighter might be strategically staying down till eight or nine, in a screaming arena.

11/28/03 02:43:12 PM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|RS

Willard accused Dempsey to have (or having) put something into his gloves!

Yo, always yo, RS!

11/28/03 04:02:46 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Massimo, yes Dempsey was accused of having loaded his gloves with plaster of paris, but if Dempsey had this substance in his gloves, he would have injured his own hands very badly when he hit Willard. The substance is hard, like cement. So it would have been like Dempsey was punching a cement wall during the fight.

11/28/03 04:24:26 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|Kent and Massimo I don't know whether you remember the long time British Boxing Commentator of the UK called Harry Carpenter? He was like the Don Dunphy of the United Kingdom. <br>Anyway many years after the fight between Dempsey and Willard he actually interviewed Jess. <br>Willard claimed that what had indeed happened was that Dempsey held in his glove a large bolt. He claims that in the footage you see Dempsey throwing 'Side on' punches as if trying to strike Willard with the inside of his glove. Harry carpenter said that midway through the interview Willard opened a draw in his house and produced this bolt which he found on the ring apron after the fight. It was this 'Bolt' which caused him so much facial damage and body damage. True or Not? Who knows? Willard did have a tremendous amount of bruising though. What do you guys think?

11/28/03 04:51:13 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Yo Massimo -

I've read more than once that Dempsey had soaked his wraps in something that dried hard. Who knows? Did they have people checking wrapping and gloving up then? I don't know. Even if they did...<br>As for the horrific damage Dempsey did to Willard? I know Dempsey could punch hard, but other than broken noses (which even a ten year old can inflict if they connect right), how many injuries of that magnitude have happened, even with the bombers when they massacred someone? Ali had his jaw broken (probably because he was talking) by Norton, Chuvalo had his cheekbone fractured by Frazier, and didn't Jerry Quarry have his jaw broken once? I may be missing some, but look at Louis, Foreman, Liston, Marciano, Shavers, other fearsome punchers, some possibly, ~probably~ in
some cases, harder hitting than Dempsey, and they didn't do to their opponents what Jack did. So a few ounces of mercury would mean this guy's gloves would weigh 12 oz, and in the show, they had the offending fighter unable to hold his hands up, they were so heavy. C'mon! Fighters don't have a problem doing this with ~16-ouncers. Plus hands would be slower with more weight.

I think the show was just making something up that sounded dramatic, and the average viewer wouldn't know the difference. Even though I like the two CSI shows, I've caught the Las Vegas one in two mistakes already. Like the old McGyver series - climbers used to watch it just to laugh at the preposterous things they did to be exciting.

Did someone control if Dempsey's hands were all right? Maybe he sacrificed his hands for the glory.

Did you receive my email? I suspect that the thesis of the bolt is true. Even at the weight-in Jack held a little stone for adding weight. Nobody can cause so much damage in so little time! Foreman hit Frazier almost as often in Jamaica and after the fight Frazier was pretty fine, even if a little sad. He didn't lose teeth and he hadn't 49 broken bones! Dempsey was often incorrect in his fights. For instance, against Sharkey he was having his ass kicked and then did what he did.

I meant "were all right after the fight". I just forgot "after the fight"

Checking back on my favorite fighter's site, I see some folks are still sniping at each other and continuing some of the same old arguments. Cooney and Morrison are not chumps (whatever a chump is) for failing to beat the very best in their careers, certainly neither was Quarry. All three were stars just as much for their ability as the novelty of their race, given that few whites choose boxing as their sport. Let's drop the race issue, all three beat good black fighters, all three lost to the best not because of race but because of talent, which usually was the only thing to decide any of their fights. Dempsey-Willard "hands of stone" issue is interesting stuff, given Dempsey's devastation of the farm-strong Willard in just three minutes, I believe it to be true. Still doesn't stop me from calling Dempsey one of the all-time Top Ten heavies. Willard's heart was never really into being champ, his reign was short and strange, especially given his bizarre 26-round win over the better Jack Johnson, the culminating fight of the White Hope era people have tried to tie Quarry, Cooney and Morrison to. Is this what awaits Joe Mesi? Hopefully not.

Hey Gerry, what's your problem, I'm the Kookoo Clock, I speak truth about these fighters. Gerry Cooney was nothing, overrated crybaby, like you, get over it. Hey Kent! Throw the bum out!! KOO KOO!

I always felt that Dempsey's gloves were loaded. My reasoning being based on the fact that Jack Kearns bet $10,000 against $100,000 that Dempsey would knock Willard out in the 1st round. Dempsey himself mentions the bet in his autobiography. It is my feeling that a hustler like Kearns would not bet over a millions dollars (today's value of $10,000 as compared to 1919), unless he had an edge. A big edge.

I sent the tape and then you can send the cash in the post. I hope that is okay with you. Evren

Oh and Massimo in the Heavyweight tournament we ran a couple of years ago Primo Carnera went out in the preliminary stages against Gerry Cooney. The posters voted that he was stopped late. Evren

Regarding the Dempsey-Willard bout. Amazing to think that back then Willard was considered a coward for quitting on his stool!!!!!!!!!!!

What a swear! Maybe Cooney and Ali together would have had a chance against Carnera, but Cooney
alone... Never in this world or in the other one!

Gerry Schultz makes a good point, although not the one about Cooney and Morrison being good fighters. To reach the limelight, be ranked in the top 20 or 50 or 100, to go in against name fighters, or to fight in the major venues is a tremendous accomplishment most of us take for granted. (The exception is when promoters buy a kid into the Top Ten just to hype him for a fight.) These achievements are equivalent to making the NBA, NFL or major league baseball. So even someone like George Chuvalo, Ron Lyle, Buster Mathis and others we see as mediocre and undistinguished were actually in the 97th or 98th percentile, better than almost all other pros. From 98th to 99th, though -- that is, from Chuvalo or Wepner level to Ali or Frazier level -- is a HUGE JUMP.

I have a friend in Jersey who calls anyone who loses a fight "a bum". This is grossly unfair to anyone with the stones to climb inside the ring and fight. I don't care if it's a Boys Club Fight Night in La Habra (agree, Kent?) or a PAL smoker in Brooklyn, nobody who fights is a bum. I was hoping more people would comment on Barrera, with the device in his brain to fix the aneurysm. Someone said nobody cared about that until he started losing. Bullshit. I don't care if he ran his record to 50-0-0 against ranked fighters -- that kind of reckless disregard for a human life is disgusting. And please, no jive about how a man's got to do what a man's got to do. At the very least, when a man gotta be that stupid, taxpayers have to pick up his ER expenses and the cost of his MRIs, CTs, and extended ICU costs before he crumps -- all so he could show the world what a tough monkey he was. Even Koo Koo would agree with that, if we could get him stabilized on his medications and out of his restraints.

I think Jerry would have been in better shape to continue than George would have been, but that isn't the point, particularly when a fighter might be strategically staying down till eight or nine, in a screaming arena." (QUOTE) I think Jerry really didn't win many big fights. He ko'd Doug Jones, He ko'd Jerry Quarry, he ko'd Manuel Ramos and he decisioned Cleveland Williams. But George, like Jerry, had a big heart and was and still is held in high esteem by most Canadian fight fans. I liked his fight with Frazier. Frazier was up and coming at the time and just demolished poor George's eye socket. It didn't last long, but it was a great display of pugilism. When the Foreman/Chuvalo fight was stopped, George turned to the ref and said, " What are you, nuts??" I think that George was quite proud of his showing against Jerry and later attended a dinner in Jerry's honor, when he was diagnosed with his condition. George has experienced a lot of family tragedy and today he hosts a Classic Boxing television series in Toronto and does a lot of charitable work where educating young people of the dangers of drug abuse is concerned.

I agree with you whole heartedly on Barrera, and Cooney. First Barrera. I spoke about this on an earlier post. I was not aware of Barrera's medical condition until you brought it up (reason being I don't follow boxing to closely anymore). Imagine, a guy has a problem with his brain. So in order to help him they put a implant in his brain. Good so far. They determine that the damage done to his brain, cause UNKNOWN (maybe from sleeping on a hard pillow); is undone. Bravo, and now he is allowed to go into a ring and get hit in the head again. This sounds like a torture only Saddam Hussein could think of. I never regarded Cooney as a good fighter. And God forbid, I would never mention him in the same breathe as Jerry Quarry. The reason I regard Cooney as your average run of the mill fighter is simple. Cooney never won a fight that went beyond 8 rounds. He never got up off the canvass to win a fight after being knocked down. All good fighter's never mind great fighter's have done this at some point in their careers. I will give Cooney's management accolades for picking the right "fights" for him, and moving an average fighter
into big money fights. Every day Cooney gets up he should say a prayer to God thanking him for the managers he had. With meager talents he made an extraordinary amount of money. Only in boxing.

| 11/29/03 01:10:11 AM | kookoo|ny||kookoclock000@yahoo.com| | | | | |10|OK, HERE GOES FOR THE LAST TIME, GERRY COONEY WAS A ACKWARD, OVERATED, OLD MAN WHIPPIN, BUM, WHEN MICHAEL SPINKS WHIPPED HIS A.. COONEY SHOULD HAVE JUMPED OFF THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE, BIG A.. PUTZ. KOO KOO|
| 11/29/03 01:28:56 AM | Evan B|Sydney||evanb46@juno.com| | | | | |10|Cooney was even worse than that, Koo Koo. He was a big dumb ugly mick who set being Irish back 20 years. He wasn't fit to carry Jerry Quarry's jockstrap. Boy oh boy, did Holmes tune him up, and Gerry dropped out of sight. What is he now, a bouncer at the Massepequa Hooters? <br>Who was feeblest -- Cooney or Morrison? New York, the island and Jersey are allo chock full of these stupid harps who think they can scuffle. I should know because all my cousins were that way. Truth is, they feel a lot better if they can fight you with a 2x4 or a piece of pipe in their hand. "John Barleycorn must die," if you catch my drift. <br>Most of them stumble a bracket or 2 into the Gloves, fighting other potatoheads, until they run into a black guy who's learned how to handle himself in the Mean Streets. Then it's adios, Patrick/Mike/Sean/Casey etc. <br>BTW, I don' see these Russian brothers doing SQUAT. They still haven't mixed with anybody down yet. Some poor hungry bastard from South Philly or The Hill or Desire Project or West Balty or DC SW is going to give put a clinic on for these Russkies. Mark my words. |
| 11/29/03 02:12:56 AM | steve |N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net| | | | | |10|Hey Evan B. to understand your New Jersey friend who calles every guy who losses a fight a bum , you would have to live in the tri-State area of New York,New Jersey,and Philly that comprises the Delaware Valley. We are one of the largest,fiercist sports markets in the states.We are also considered the craziest,nastiest grours of fans.We love the Eagles,Phillies,Flyers,and all Philly fighters. Yet,if one of them dares to lose,or have a poor performance,we immediatly them as "bums",untill their next game or fight.Then we all jump back on the bandwagon! We have been known to boo Santa Clause here at the Vet Stadium. To Evan and Kent; the Philly sports writers are the biggest sports whores in the world! Their opinions change daily. They castigated the Eagles' quarterback,Donavan MacNabb,for the first four weeks of the season. Now they think we could still win the superbowl!! |
| 11/29/03 03:17:24 AM | Evan B|Sydney||evanb46@juno.com| | | | | |10|Thanks, Steve. Makes sense and I stand corrected. I remember when young Joe Frazier started his climb up with Yank Durham and Cloverlay Management. Was the whole city of Philly behind him from the beginning? <br>I also read back then he only went to the gym to lose weight at first, because his thighs were so fat he couldn't pull on his pants. That legend true? Tell us a little Frazier lore, Steve. |
| 11/29/03 03:20:11 AM | STEVE|NJ||dmmsrm@| | | | | |10|Hey Giancialo,and Avan, Since the only guys to attack me personally,then I'm going to respond personally.Yes, I'm, a stupid "Harp" who thinks he can scuffle! Hey,Evan,maybe all your irish cousins were punks.|
| 11/29/03 06:44:51 AM | Paul|Sydney, Australia||P1Mils4@aol.com| | | | | |10|In a society as litigious as America, would the taxpayer really be burdened with Barrera's ER, MRI's, CTs, and extended ICU costs ? Surely there'd be some critter to sue. Did the surgeon warn Barrera of the dangers of fighting with that gadget in his brain ? Did his manager allow him to fight by failing to warn the sanctioning body of the gadget and the risks ? Did the promoter knowingly allow the fight to proceed despite the risks ? How about the sanctioning body ? What did it know ? Come to think of it, how about his opponent ? The opposing trainer and manager ? What about the referee ? Was there a pre-fight medical and let's hope that the duty-doctor had his liability insurance current - he's gonna need it. Why did the guy who owns the venue allow it to be used for that purpose ? Did the all the above parties warn the boxer of the dangers ? Who failed to save the boxer
from himself? Everyone? Apart from the boxer himself, EVERYONE else has a duty of care to that boxer. There'd be so many defendants, you wouldn't fit 'em in the Superdome. And then the lawyers and hangers-on would eat up all the award in costs and disbursements. And guest what? The incapacitated boxer gets nothing and taxpayers must then foot the cost of his remaining days in a nursing home because not everyone can get a job as a 'greeter' at Caesar's Palace. So the winner by unanimous verdict is..... all the lawyers! Sadly, Gianfranco, that's how the system would probably work. Perhaps Forest Ward was right all along when he wrote many months ago that boxing produces more victims than winners.

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| Steve, are you drinking again?  
Paul, I imagined a situation where someone like Barrera would have no medical insurance and after being injured in the ring, would be taken to a county facility. Yes, court cases could get caught up in a storm of delays.  
The Quarry family took some advantage of public assistance, including SS1, I would imagine. It may have amounted to millions of dollars over the years.  
Where'd you do your scuffling?, Steave?

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| Yes, anyone who enters the ring is no bum.  
Evan, let me tell you, they had some pretty tough hombres there at the La Habra Boys Club and the La Habra Catholic church.  
I put the gloves on and sparred with some of these guys back in my youth and one of them busted my lip up and bloodied my nose up quite good.  
I wish I could remember the guy's name as I was certain he was a good pro prospect.  
Why? Because he kicked my ass of course!  
Hey, but if the fans want to call someone a bum, then let them. Boxing is nothing without the fans and while I don't agree with someone saying any fighter is a bum, they have a right to say it.  
At various boxing shows, I can always tell when east coast writers such as from Philly are around. Some of these guys seem to be an arrogant bunch and they act like they are above the rest of the press core instead of being just another guy with an opinion, which is what most boxing writers are anyway, just a fan who is lucky enough to have a forum to express his or her opinion.  
Two things you can bet on my opinion of Gerry Cooney will not and my opinion of Jerry Quarry, if Quarry had the size of Cooney he would have held the title I don't know how long, by the way what big fights did Cooney ever win? He'll never get the respect of Jerry Quarry, not from me, not from boxing fans, not from his fellow fighters, never!!!!!!!!

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| Larry Holmes said Cooney hit him low so many times, he thought Cooney was "funny," as Larry put it.  
To the person who asked:  
Frazier started out punching a bag with bricks in it for weight, surrounded by rags and things, which he hung in a tree.  
He wanted to be Joe Louis. No one messed with him, even when he was a little kid. We all know you're born with a big punch, but obviously the tenacity was there too. He went to the gym because he was a real butterball, and a guy there noticed that he could really punch, even though he didn't know how. His hard work ethic was why they told him to stick around later as an alternate when Mathis was on the Olympic team, because Mathis was so lazy. When Buster broke his hand, Joe was in.  
An interesting thing about his conversion from southpaw - his father lost part of his left arm to a farming machine. When Joe was born, people showed up to see if he'd have a left arm! In the superstitious tradition of a lot of the deep southern black culture, many later said that Joe's left hook was so powerful because he had his father's strength too, from the severed arm!

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| Here's an interesting topic at boxrec.com on sparring sessions between name fighters, some who actually met later for real, some who...
Talking about great fights I have recently seen a synthesis of Rex Layne vs Bob Satterfield fought in 1951. What a fight! Layne was decked in the first round and maybe even another time later in the fight but won with a wonderful combination: left jab and hard right to the jaw. He looked so big and was only 190.5 lbs for that fight. A few fights after I fought Marciano. He was given 9-5 favorite for that fight!

I would like to make a note on here if I may. I lost my father tonight after two years of the bravest battle against Cancer. I mention my dad as he got me into boxing and he always was a great fan of Jerry. We would always watch the old fights together - me and him. He suffered so much over the last two years. When James Quarry became ill with cancer we would talk about my dad. Thanks to allowing me to write this. Thanks to Kent for all your kind words of support over the last two years. My life will never be the same.

Evren, you have my deepest condolences. Your having a tough go lately. Your father's spirit will always be with you. Evren, always remember: "no champion ever lost a fight by being knocked down, only by staying down." Just take it one day at a time. Evren, your my man!

Evren, I am very sorry for your loss. You father sounds like a wonderful man, and obviously the two of you had a great relationship. Good luck, my friend.

Evren, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. As you know our Father, James Quarry, died a little over a year ago to Cancer, 3 wks before that we lost our Mother, and just about 2 months ago, our Grandma. In time it will be ok, and you'll always have him in your heart, and in your memories, that'll always be with you. Take care and just give yourself time.

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Evren, my friend, I'm very very sorry. My heart is close to you. Condolences.

My sincerest condolences, Evren. A year ago when my father died someone told me that loved ones are never really gone while ever wonderful memories of them live on in your mind. Hang in there.

Thanks everyone - it means so much. Saddest day of my life.

Evren, your dad will always be a part of you in your heart and in your spirit. As you know, I lost my father sixteen years ago but to this day, he is still a part of my life. I know it is hard but I hope you can focus on all of the good times you had together and that this can somehow ease your pain. We are here supporting you my friend!

My sympathies, for sure, and I know how you feel - my Mom died last spring. The sharp pain goes away after a while, and good memories do begin filtering in, but at the same time, there's still always a cold room with a broken window and glass on the floor.

You have my deepest sympathy Evren, may the Lord comfort you in this time of need. God bless!

I am very proud of all of the posters who have left their condolences for Evren in his time of loss. Jerry, Mr. Jimmy, Evren's father, and all of our other love ones who have passed on are all smiling at us right now!
Anyone ever seen a "Toughman Competition?" We rented a tape once, just for the heck of it, and it was terrible. We weren't exactly anticipating the Thrilla in Manila, but these guys were just plain awful! Only a couple appeared to be in any kind of condition at all, and after about a round all were exhausted. Punches missed only by accident, as the "boxers" wheezed around the ring, bellies jiggling, hoping to connect on opponents who were about as mobile as a cement truck.

The problem is that, in addition to training regimens that likely consist, at most, of buffalo wings and beer and an occasional 30 second barroom "brawl" (first landed punch wins), the competitors know nothing at all about fighting or defense, and even a punch from a like opponent can be dangerous, even lethal, considering that, in addition to punches connecting by accident, they also ~miss~ by accident too. These things are savage carnivals, preying on clueless innocents, however mean they may be in spirit.

As PT Barnum said though, "There's a sucker born every minute." Why should greedy promoters shun Sapp vs Tyson, or Butter Bean vs Tyson or whatever, if there are people who are going to grab up tickets to the execution?

I don't think that Butterbean is so weak. He recalls me Tony Galento, he is very fat but his punch is heavy! In my opinion a fight against him would be more dangerous for Tyson than a fight against Roy Jones, or a return match against that tough warrior that he fought in his last fight (Clifford). Who knows how would be a "Softman competition"...

How much are able of gaining (or to gain) these desperate guys who fight in these "Toughman competitions"?

Do you agree that R.Jones wouldn't have a chance of beating Tyson?

A good chance, yes. Tyson's no kid any
more. He'd better get some quick paydays in while he can, and put the money away. He's going to be old a long time. Instead I'd like to see Tyson-Toney, that would be an exciting fight! Do you think that Tyson's power would be too much for Toney? Toney might have a chance today. Boy, he's really something. Few light-heavyweights have had any success in the heavyweight ranks, and here Toney's moved all the way up from middle-weight! About odd fights, did you ever see Andre' the Midget vs Chuck Wepner? In their primes, it'd depend who was able to execute his specialty first. To a non-boxer, Wepner would seem like a cross between Muhammad Ali's speed and George Foreman's power. However, Andre was simply monstrous and strong as a horse, so Chucky would definitely want to fight outside!

I have seen Jones against Tarver and he didn't impress me at all... He can't hurt Tyson because is not powerful enough and his style would be tailor made for Iron Mike. The last thing Tyson needs is money because it doesn't matter how much money you give him, after a week he'll be full of debts again. Andre' the Midget vs Chuck Wepner was really fought in 1976 and Andre' won easily in 3 rounds. He literally threw Chuck out of the ring! Yeah, he was a little bigger than me, even if his dimensions were always overexaggerated by the wrestling organizzators... Shoe size 24? Shaq wears 22... I doubt!!!!!!

I'm with you regarding horses. Anything that big and that dumb is not for me! Paul -<br>Paul -<br>We've watched some of the workouts at a track in the Chicago area (Arlington Park), and the teams for the different horses are some really hard working folks. It's like a pro athlete in training. They keep meticulous records too. I know they're likewise meticulous about the horses's diet. I got to see the prep area at the zoo once, and human athletes should only be so careful about their diets. Imagine what it must be like for an expensive race horse! Some trivia I read once: pound for pound, a human is stronger than a horse. P4P, a human is much weaker than an ant. P4P, if a human could jump like a flea, they could clear two football fields!
pissed a river !!!!!!!!!|
|12/2/03 01:53:55 PM|Evan B|Belfast||evanb46@juno.com||||10|Massimo, not only is the elephant's urination an impressive fire hydrant-like gushing, but their urine is also very corrosive. In some zoos, you can see cement floors in their enclosures worn through and eroded by their pissing. <br><br>Golly, RS, horses aren't stupid! Maybe you were teasing. <br><br>Steve, everything you say about jockeys and more is true. You have a 100-pound man trying to control a 2,000 pound animal in full gallop. Because of their serious and sometimes nasty competition, fistfights among jockeys are common after races. Laffit Pincay of Panama was always one of the best fighters. He's about Roberto Duran's age, and I always wondered if they were friends. .. <br><br>I like Toney a lot, too, but I think he's reached the last gasp of his career where he may lose it all at any time. <br><br>Whatever happened to lightweight champ Pedro Carrasco? He was the one guy Mando Ramos could not beat, and more of less ended Mando's career. He has been a stevedore in Long Beach since about 1974, and weighs a solid 200 or 220. I wonder how many guys over the years have chosen him off, Massimo!!! <br><br>On the Toughmen, this is an exhibition with none of the discipline or art of boxing, of course. To me it's depressing. There are a few guys who train full-time for it, but so what? It's a trash sport. <br><br>Does anyone remember Irish Frankie Crawford from the San Fernando Valley, around 1965-1975? Kent, you probably did. He had a pretty sad existence after boxing. For some reason, he retired young, at about age 30 or so. Soon after, he was sitting at a hamburger joint when he was shot and paralyzed. How was it he died, Kent? He was a good fighter. |
|12/2/03 02:28:24 PM|Evan B|Belfast||evanb46@juno.com||||10|Massimo, qualunque è accaduto a quel ragazzo grazioso, Alfredo Evangelista? Muhammad Ali ha interrotto il suo fettucine! (I am asking whatever happened to that pretty boy, Evangelista. Ali messed up that dude's pasta.) |
|12/2/03 03:11:56 PM|Massimo|Rome||4||||10|Evan B-Mi dispiace, ma l'unica cosa che so di questo Alfredo Evangelista e' che e' stato un avversario di Muhammad Ali'. Who can understand, understand... Who can't (probably the major part... His problem!). Why do you speak Italian? Are you been in Italy? <br><br>I didn't know that elephant's urination was corrosive. Interesting, even if probably no elephant is gonna piss to my face... But in life you can never know. |
|12/2/03 04:31:08 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Evan, yes I remember Frankie Crawford, he was a good lighter weight fighter, featherweight or lightweight. He lost about his last five fights in a row so that is probably why he retired. Some fighters are old by the time they are 30 years old while others are just starting to mature. Crawford was of the first kind. <br><br>Apparently he never could cope with life outside of boxing. I am not sure how he died, other than I heard he was shot, a tragic story anyway. |
|12/2/03 06:50:28 PM|Evan B|Belfast||evanb46@juno.com ||||10|Parlo italiano (così male!) per honor Massimo, il mio amico e l'uomo più nobile in questo Web site. La mia prima moglie proveniva da Torino. Potrebbe buttare giù Marvin Hagler in 2. (I speak Italian (so poorly!) to honor Massimo, my friend and the noblest man in this web site. My first wife was from Turin. She could have knocked out Marvin Hagler in 2.) <br><br>I agree about Frankie, Kent. He fought some wars. How about Hedgemon Lewis from the same time? <br><br>What was the best fight Jerry Quarry ever put together, in victory or defeat? |
|12/2/03 07:12:12 PM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|Evan B-Grazie di cuore per le gentili parole! Sono commosso! |
|12/2/03 09:05:15 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|I remember Frankie Crawford very well, I did not know about how he died, and that he lost his last 5, I hope he too was not suffering dementia, as so many of the lighter weights have a tendency to do (they get hit more, and have more bouts) I'll haveta get ahold of fellow
stooge. Curly Q. Link (Kent) FOR MORE INFO, I know for a fact, he (Crawford) was a
great friend of Jerry's. I'd heard a while back Ernie (INDIAN RED) WAS also
doing quite poorly, as well as Armando Muniz. Sadly so many California fighter's
from the great era of 60's 70's 80's suffer this unfortunate and unasked for
affliction, I'm a lot like Mr. FORREST WARD nowadays, for lack of
interest, especially when you see such great athletes and performers suffer this
way. TAKE CARE!

| 12/2/03 09:31:03 PM | Paul | Sydney, Australia | PlMls4@aol.com | 10 | RS - I hope you were only teasing when you said that horses are dumb. My brother breeds
clydesdales and shire horses, and apart from being huge and beautiful and good
naturally, they are not so stupid. At the races, when they want a thoroughbred to
pee in a bucket to swab for drugs, they whistle and it soon does the trick. It's
none of my business, Massimo, and I know nothing about elephants, but it would
probably be prudent to refrain from whistling next time you visit elephants at the
zoo. |
| 12/2/03 10:01:37 PM | Evan B | Belfast | evanb46@juno.com | 10 | I couldn't find a bio of Irish Frankie Crawford so far, but the following excerpts tell some of
his story. There were 2 things that made him popular, along with his great
skills: he was a real battler; he was a very skinny, almost fragile-looking kid
with dead white skin. In the 1960 and 1970s, LA was a great boxing town, thanks
mostly to Aileen Eaton, promoter at the Olympic Auditorium. She promoted a
weekly card, and bigger fights usually happened at the Forum, across town. See
the list of Forum fighters at the bottom here. <br>
http://www.ringmemorabilia.com/_disc1/0000003f.htm<br> <br>I remember your
father (Frankie) as one of the most entertaining fighter of his era. I was at
the Forum in 1971 or 1972 when he fought one Jesus "Chu Chu" Alonzo (aka "El
Mortero"). I was sitting behind one of his biggest fans, the actress, Connie
Stevens and when the decision went undeservingly to Alonzo, I thought Connie and
the crowd was going to riot!! Anyway, I will always think of your father as one of
the best pound for pound boxer in the featherweight/lightweight division. Are
there any videos of his fights available? Please advise. <br>
http://pub97.ezboard.com/fcyberboxingzonefm3.showMessage?topicID=266.topic<br> <br>A couple of years ago I wrote a story on Mando Ramos for the CBZ. I
didn't interview Mando, I just wrote the story based on my memories of the
youngest Lightweight champ, which is the way I usually write about the boxers I
knew. <br> <br>A couple of months ago GorDoom out me in contact with Mando Ramos
and ever since we've exchanged E-mail and today we had a long talk on the phone.
It was really fun discussing things with Mando & the people we both knew well,
such as Frankie Crawford, Ruben Navarro & Dwight Hawkins. Mando told me that
Hawkins KOed him three different times in the gym, which is no surprise if you
saw Hawkins workout. <br> <br>Anyway, I won't go into all we talked about,
however. in a month when I return to California to live, Mando & I are going to
get together and from there a real story will written about the youngest man to
win the lightweight title. <br> <br>Mando has been happily married for 30 years &
has nearly twenty years clean & sober. Life is in session for Mando & I'm happy
to hear it. With the exception of a bad back, life is very happy today for Mando
Ramos, in the end he has proven to be a true boxing success story. <br>
The following month (in 1967) Jackie McCoy took Ramos to Sacramento where he KO'ed
Alex Luna in two. Ramos returned to L.A. and a few weeks later knocked out
Eliseo Estrada in five. Mando was growing into a lightweight but before getting
much bigger, fans in Los Angeles were begging to see him fight another hot
featherweight making a name for himself at the Olympic, "Irish" Frankie
Crawford. <br> <br>Crawford and Ramos were not strangers, as both worked out at
the Jake Shugrue Gym near 78th & Hoover in South Central Los Angeles. they had
started their pro careers within months of each other and were similar in build.
Like Ramos, Crawford was a tall featherweight at 5'9" and was a knockout
puncher. Another thing the two boxers had in common was natural ability and poor training habits. In later years they would become stablemates when McCoy took over management of Crawford’s career and the two fighters became friends. However, on October 5, 1967 the two brought no friendship into the Olympic Auditorium ring when the two met for the first of two great fights. Mando had about an inch in height on Crawford and at the weigh-in came in nine pounds heavier, which is quite an advantage to a guy under 130 pounds. Before a sellout crowd of 10,500 fans, Frankie Crawford stepped on Ramos' toes, hit him low, thumbed him and opened cuts with head butts and elbows. I knew Crawford well and can guarantee you that Fritzie Zivic and Ace Hudkins had nothing on Frankie when it came to dirty fighting. However, Crawford beat him legit. It was Crawford who entered the ring in better shape and who scored an upset decision victory over Ramos. I remember that Frankie had exhausted himself so much fighting the heavier Ramos, he was given oxygen in the dressing room after the match. Ramos had lost for the second time in three months and this was a loss that Mando would have to avenge or forever hold his peace. Mando turned nineteen a month after losing to Crawford and three months later, on February 1, 1968 he'd meet Crawford again in a rematch. Mando entered the ring in shape this time and won a unanimous decision over Crawford. Mando Ramos was now ready to get back on the road that would lead him to a world title.

Some of the boxers who have appeared on Forum Boxing Fight cards at the GW Forum in the past (including the days of promoters George Parnassus and Don Fraser) are Muhammad Ali, Ken Norton, Ruben Olivares, George Foreman, Bobby Chacon, Thomas Hearns, Alexis Arguello, Chucho Castillo, Jerry Quarry, Jean Josselin, Alan Rudkin, Billy Backus, Julio Cesar Chavez, Lionel Rose, Terry Norris, Roger Mayweather, Jorge Paez, Jose Napoles, Carlos Zarate, Raul Soriano, Alfonso Zamora, Jesus Pimentel, Oscar De La Hoya, Greg Page, Albert Davila, Jose Legra, Hedgemon Lewis, Marty Monroe, Tim Witherspoon, Bonecrusher Smith, Ernesto Marcel, David Kotey, Danny Lopez, Sean O Grady, Lupe Pintor, Art Frias, Enrique Pinder, Randy Shields, Rafael Herrera, Rodrigo Valdez, Hedgemon Lewis, Emilie Griffith, Rodolfo Martinez, Ahzuma Nelson, Marcos Villasana, Juan O Kidó Meza Curtis Cokes, Micheal Carbajal, Jonny Tapia, "Chiquita" Gonzalez, Arturo Lomeli, Ben Villflor, Rodolfo Martinez, Dwight Hawkins, Takao Sakurai, Frankie Narvaez, Evan Armstrong, Irish Frankie Crawford, Rafael Herrera, Raul Cruz, Enrique Pinder, Ruben Navarro, Manuel Pulgarcito Ramos, Jack O'Halloran, Rafael (Bazooka) Limon, Paul Ferreri, Erbito Salavarria, Mike Waever, Juan Kid Meza, Ruben Castillo, Frankie Duarte, Marcos Villisana, Jaime Garza, Andy Price, Jose Medal, Ernie Red Lopez, Rojelio Lara, Romeo Anaya Irish Art Haffey, Genero Hernandez, Julio Cesar Barboa Vincente Saldivar, Mark Johnson, Marco Antonio Herrera, Sammy Fuentes, Luis Santana and Bollilo Gonzalez.

|12/3/03 08:59:54 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com||||10|Paul: regarding the intelligence of horses: I heard on Discovery channel that a rat is much much smarter than a horse and the dumbest dog is streets ahead of a horse. I have no idea why we are posting this on this board. |
|12/3/03 11:26:17 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|To horse fans:<br><br>I do not dislike horses, do in fact think they're very nice animals. However, there are a number of animals that are smarter - dogs, dolphins, monkeys, ravens, pigs, and many humans.<br><br>I had a parakeet once that I taught to say quite a few words, some even on cues other than my saying of the word first. I read that man's (woman's too) best friend, the dog, could talk if its vocal chords were structured differently.<br><br>Re boxing - after doing a little research, I found out that Butterbean, the now "boxer," X Toughman Champion, has fought five rounds many times, and at a furious pace. The reason I mention this, and the number of rounds, is that this was the time at which Muhammad Ali is credited for having "cleverly" roped his dope, and seeing
glimmers of the fight becoming his. Yeah, sure. A 5'8" 350 pound beachball with arms can fight hard for five rounds, but George Foreman is exhausted after the same amount of time? Uh-huh, doesn't sound like anything's fishy about that fight at all.<br><br>RS writes, "The reason I mention this, and the number of rounds, is that this was the time at which Muhammad Ali is credited for having "cleverly" roped his dope, and seeing glimmers of the fight becoming his. Yeah, sure. A 5'8" 350 pound beachball with arms can fight hard for five rounds, but George Foreman is exhausted after the same amount of time? Uh-huh, doesn't sound like anything's fishy about that fight at all."<br><br>What exactly are you saying, RS? Are you suggesting the Ali-Foreman fight in Zaire was fixed? It's exhausting to go 5 rounds outdoors in a tropical African country at 4 AM, after weeks of intense media scrutiny and overcoming an injury, when most of the crowd is with your opponent, chanting his name, and you suspect curses and magic have been set against you. To the other person, we discuss any subject that arises in our more general discussion of Jerry Quarry. Be more flexible, please.<br><br>Curses and magic? :-) Do you really think George bought into that? Oh, I absolutely do think the fight was dirty, probably in more ways than one, ie, ahead of time with George (water, grapefruit, whatever), and with the judges, who were not going to let George win by decision. I think without his aura and fixed fights, Ali would have a record befitting a darned good, but not great champion. I'd love to see scorecards of a lot of his fights...<br><br>Horoscopes, magic, witchcraft... All these things are a huge bunch of crap! Everyone is shooting up my favourite animal and sports hero. Okay, I can believe that dogs are smarter than horses, but RS you are never going to convince me that the Ali-Foreman fight was fixed. In that heat Foreman was never going to last 15 rounds, and in the end a punched-out, exhausted, and dispirited George simply didn't want to get up. But I do agree that Ali's aura got him the benefit of doubtful decisions (eg Norton) but in my eyes it doesn't diminish his greatness. Ali never ducked anyone, and he fought the best on offer time and time again. Unlike your favourite heavyweight RS. If you take the three Ali fights out of Joe Frazier's resume, Frazier might merely be regarded as an above-average champion, but not an elite one. The way Foreman twice demolished Joe raises huge questions about him. I also never really understood why Joe found the time to fight Tony Doyle, Marion Conners, Manuel Ramos and Dave Zyglwicz, but somehow never managed to enter the ring against Ken Norton, Ron Lyle, Chuck Wepner, Mac Foster, Ernie Terrell, Zora Folley, Henry Cooper, and Earnie Shaver. I don't think blood pressure and eye sight problems are the reasons Joe didn't fight the best on offer (although these medical conditions might explain why he didn't fight very often). It seems to me that unlike Ali, there was an agenda as to who Joe did and didn't fight.<br><br>Say, I was thinking about something the other day. Once a fighter is out of the game, people tend to polarize with them. Either they become near bums, with faults or bad performances from sometimes just one fight becoming overlays for their entire careers, or they are awarded hindsight halos and abilities beyond what they had when they were actually in the ring. That got me thinking about Jerry Quarry's reputation as a "bleeder." How many times was he actually cut to the point that it affected the outcome? I mean, Ali and Frazier were the fastest heads and elbows in the west, superb at cutting up a fighter, particularly Ali, but who else cut Jerry, causing either a loss or a situation where the fight was
I can't convince you. No one can prove the Foreman fight was fixed, myself included. I just think it was, given Ali being Ali, moneymaking machine, mystique, people he knew and all, and George being the killing machine we all knew he was. Now, ala my first point in this post, George is widely viewed as a devastating puncher, but also as a wheezing pansy who couldn't go more than five rounds without getting in trouble, even after winning the title again at 45.

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to. Ali's aura is palpable. George identifies with the Zaire people but also feels separated from them, and does not mix in with them successfully. He wonders more and more about their spiritual beliefs about ghosts, evil spirits, possession, curses, white and black magic, and so on. He comes to feel these forces are probably real, and they increase his anxiety and fear. He gets sick and is injured several times, and the boredom of waiting for the fight and Ali disturb him deeply. When Ali arrives, it's almost as a god, and Ali manipulates the people shrewdly. When the fight comes, it's just before dawn and Foreman is "psyched" and exhausted. The huge crowd changes "Ali m'bele" and other incantations. All this disturbs George even more. He fights unintelligently and Ali exploits his weaknesses. Wearing George down, Ali finally goes for the kill and wins by TKO. Where exactly is the fix, RS? You have a habit of postulating ideas as facts and factoids, passing them off as true, and never replying if someone challenges you. You used the term and concept of race hundreds of times, but never once defined it when you were asked. I wish you'd come down off your high horse of believing you are such a mega-expert and listen to the real experts like Kent, Jimmy, Steve, Massimo, and Paul. Please take this as constructive criticism and not a personal attack. BTW, read Norman Mailer's The Fight. Massimo says, "Horoscopes, magic, witchcraft... All these things are a huge bunch of crap!" My dear friend, as a man of deep passion and fiery but tender heart, how can you deny these intangibles? As my first anthropology professor said in 1967, "Superstition is only what you call what the other guy believes." Foreman believed it and it finished him. SI? I doubt that KooKoo is gonna open a JOE FRAZIER FAN CLUB... <br><br>Evans B., <br>simpatico amico mio, <br>Stesso discorso per le stregonerie! (forgive me for the heavy word). Stesso discorso per le stregonerie! I don't have any religious belief. Mi sono sempre comportato da persona perbene solo perché mi piace comportarmi così, non perché creda in qualche premio ultraterreno... |
out of gas or out of his mind from exhaustion, physical, emotional or otherwise. George didn't have the mental toughness to beat Ali that night. As for Frazier fighting Foreman with a different style, bull. Joe only fought one way. You can't turn a Joe Frazier into a counter punching defensive fighter for one night. You are what you are. And Joe was pretty good at being Joe. 

Bob, thanks for addressing the issues I raised and, while you have not convinced me, you obviously have an informed and accurate memory on the subject. I just can't get out of my mind that Joe did not fight the calibre of opponents Ali did and, relevant also, is that he didn't really have all that many fights after the first Ali fight. Take the Ali fights out of his resume. What was his best victory? Ellis or Quarry? With all due respects, that doesn't put Joe up there with Marciano, Louis, Ali, or even Larry Holmes. Also (and sorry to harp back to it RS) but your accusation that the Ali - Foreman fight was fixed only seems to be grounded on the assertion that Ali "knew a lot of people" and that the result was a huge upset. I'd need more than that to even entertain the suspicion that it might be true. To have fixed that fight would have been a logistical nightmare. It would have been the hardest conspiracy of all time to pull off. Apart from Ali and Foreman, the trainers, the judges, the referee, and even a bank manager would have had to be in the know and how could you trust them to keep quiet about it for the rest of their lives. Wouldn't you worry about deathbed confessions or even a religious conversion (like Foreman) for someone to blab out the truth. Imagine how much money had to have been involved to bribe the crown away from Foreman. So there'd be more problems in hiding a financial transaction of that magnitude. And if big George was really only acting in Zaire then move over Russell Crowe because Foreman should have been the star in Master & Commander, The Insider and all those other films. RS, I honestly enjoy your posts but I think you missed the mark on this occasion. And you are not a counterpuncher. You never fully answer the questions asked of you. Finally, I rate Larry Holmes way above Joe Frazier. Sorry.

Paul - Joe was supposed to fight Shavers and Knoetzee, but got hepatitis. He didn't fight Norton because they were friends. I doubt Norton wanted this anyway, as Joe had already knocked him out in the gym.

Evan - Ali had plenty of weaknesses, and plenty of "third people in the ring" throughout his career. The greatest boxer ever? Not a chance. The best brawler? Certainly ~one~ of the best. I just somehow have never been able to place him completely in the legit column, or as much more than a talented professional wrestler with concrete for a head. C'mon, there are lots of ways to fix fights, just as there are in any sporting event. It's just that the individual sports are easier and more certain to rig. Norman Mailer, professional wannabe jock sniffer as boxing expert now, is it? LOL! I've heard him and another guru, George Plimpton talk about both the first Frazier-Ali, and about Zaire, and they didn't even have some of the punches and moves right! I read the book. It was more a book about Norman Mailer once removed, if you look and read closely.
your credibility here. <br>What was it you said about Foreman being a sissy or something for not going more than 5 rounds? I don't think you actually imagined he couldn't, either in his prime or recently. You are a piece of work, Roadscholarette. You'd do well to listen to the experts here and try to learn. (I am not an expert but simply a fan.) <br>Massimo, come mai sarete scelti Papa con quell'atteggiamento? Quanto vecchi siete, il mio amico? Quanti mogli e bambini? Scommetterò che potreste ascendere a destra conoscete e buttate giù Tyson!

A lot of the time you don't have to 'fix' things to get a result. Foresight and manipulation can do the trick. Plan the fight in a foreign country and incite the people into frenzied support. Make sure it is a stinking hot country where your opponent will not have the stamina to go the distance. Slacken the ropes a little. When the fight starts lean on the ropes and get into your opponent's mind to sap his spirit. Let him punch himself out. And when he finally shows fatigue, go for him. Does anyone really doubt that Ali wasn't smart enough to manipulate such a scenario? Talking of fixing things, I remember a trick they used to do with greyhounds. No need for drugs. Just tie the poor thing to the back of your boat and then take it for a very long swim. That night when the finishing line is in sight, it will start to think like Greg Norman and knock up very suddenly. You can't swab for fatigue. Anyway, RS, I hope you are not serious with what you said about Ali. The other thing I can't understand - if Ali needed to 'fix' the Foreman fight to win, then why didn't he do the same thing with Holmes and Berbick? RS, thanks for addressing my concerns regarding Frazier's opponents. Did you know that the first person to visit Norton in hospital after his accident was Ali?

Holmes was surely a great champion, but he never convinced me completely. Who did he ever beat? Shavers (he was a top contender only thanks to his power, nothing else), Weaver (a guy with 215 losses in his record), Witherspoon (a disputed win), Norton (another disputed win). I rank him a step below Ali', Foreman and Frazier. Anyway, I didn't see him in the ring when he was in his prime because I'm 31, so I'm not sure of what I'm saying. That's just my intuitive impression. What do you think about the following 2 matchups? Lewis-Holmes, Lewis-Frazier?

I'm working while the rest of the world sleeps (although some might unkindly suggest that it is because I'm a burglar). Anyway, RS, you turned me around on my thinking about Roberto Duran, so I deserve a last chance to change your thinking on my favourite, Ali. In his career, Ali fought eight men who held world titles (Moore, Liston, Foster, Patterson, Frazier, Foreman, Spinks, and Holmes). He won 9 and lost 3 of those fights. Now look at the calibre of opponent Smokin' Joe fought. He fought three world champions - Ali, Foreman and Foster. Of those fights he won 2 and lost 4. So you must agree that Ali's record has a better calibre of opponent. Longevity goes to Ali as well. Ali fought often and anybody. Frazier didn't. Do you want me to prove that? And you say that Frazier didn't fight Norton because they were close friends. Okay. But Ali and Ellis were close friends, too, and they had the same trainer. They fought. Business is business. As I said before, I look forward to reading your posts and you think 'out of the square' and that makes you very interesting for a conservative thinker like me. However, I suspect that you were disingenuous on saying that Ali is just a guy with a "block of concrete for a head" (or words to that effect). I think you made a rash statement and, rather than back off, you foolishly persevered. I'm an expert on foolishness because it's usually me doing it! Anyway, I am not trying to be offensive in saying this and I hope you take it in the playful way it is meant. One more thing, RS, please give me your opinion on who won the Leonard v Hagler in 1987 and why. I'll then give you my
opinion. Be warned - I have a very firm belief. Massimo, does 'consigliori'
really mean trusted advisor in Italian. Evan B - you were right when you posted
that Massimo was the most 'honourable man' on this site. He is. Cheers.

| 12/4/03 07:29:53 AM | Paul | Sydney, Australia | plm1s4@aol.com | 10 |

Massimo - I really gotta go to bed as it's getting late here. I'm 46 and I need my sleep. If you don't mind, I will get back to you on the questions you asked. I am going away early tomorrow morning (hence the need for sleep) but I will be back on Sunday afternoon, and I will reply then. Quickly, though, if Holmes hadn't made THAT 'jockstrap' comment about Marciano, he would have been a lot more respected. But, gee whiz, he won 49 times in a row against the best on offer. What more could the guy do? Take care and I am sincerely hope that Evran is hanging in there.

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Paul -<br><br>I look forward to reading your opinion about Holmes. What do you think of Frazier's wins against Eddie Machen, Doug Jones, Buster Mathis and Doug Jones? Very good wins, in my opinion! &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Ellis was so desirous of winning the Ali' fight that he said "I don't care if I never win another fight as long as I live if I win this one, I lived in the shadow of Ali' too long".&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;"Consigliere" means "trusted advisor".

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MASSINO , YOU ASK IF FRAZIER COULD BEAT PRIMO, I KNOW THIS WAS A JOKE QUESTION. I FELT SORRY FOR PRIMO, HE WAS USED IN THE BOXING GAME BY CROOKED MANAGERS, IT WAS NOT RIGHT, CONCERNING FRAZIER, I RESPECT HIM, BUT FEEL HE WAS OVERATED IN BOTH PUNCHING POWER AND TOUGHNESS, &lt;br&gt;HE COULD BE HURT WE SAW THIS IN THE 2ND ALI FIGHT, THE STANDER FIGHT, THE BUGNER FIGHT, HE DID NOT WANT ANY PART OF SHAVERS OR LYLE. SHAVERS FOR SURE WOULD HAVE KNOCKED HIM OUT. NOW GET IN THAT KITCHEN OF YOURS AND FIX ME SOME SPAGGITTI AND MEATBALLS. KOO KOO |

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Assuming all of Ali’s fights were on the level, ;-) he was a great ~fighter~ not a boxer. I’ve seen a lot of younger fighters beaten who tried to imitate his style, with disastrous results. I agree with Eddie Futch: Ali was ridiculously fast, he was hard to corner, you couldn’t follow up on him (Futch didn’t say this, but it’s true), he threw tons of punches, disrupting his opponent’s rhythm, and anyone who underestimated his heart or chin placed themselves in harm’s way. However, he threw arm punches, often from crazy angles with no leverage, he pulled away from punches, he never went to the body, he was always upright, had a great jab, straight and overhand right, countered well, had a decent left hook, no right, and not much of an uppercut; his repertoire consisted of mainly three attacks - a jab, a lead right, and a one-two jab, straight right. My reference to being a professional wrestler was to call attention to his theater and his faults to a degree, but also to point out the cerebral side of boxing, a far greater factor than just getting is shape and learning to fight, which anyone can do. Mailer was a super fan who came up with some cool observations sometimes, but when you listen to him, always realize that Norman is endlessly and hopefully projecting himself~ into the ring when he writes or talks about a fighter.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Massimo -&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Primo was a giant, powerful man, but I don’t believe he would have been a match for Frazier. Joe was hard to hit, took it well when he was, forced others to hurry and fight his fight, which was usually reacting to him and trying to survive. He punched non-stop, and would have been in under Primo in a flash, in close. I can’t see Carnera being able to handle a fight in a phone booth.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Paul -&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Fighting Ali in Africa was akin to fighting Duran in Panama City or Galindez in Buenos Aires. Second career Foreman could have handled it. Young George could not.&lt;br&gt;|

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Ali was a money machine for many people. In order to win the title he had to go through Foreman as it was his time. Ali needed help to steal the fight. Can anyone explain what you could
see like the loose ropes. Has anyone seen a fight go on with loose ropes before or since that night and in a heavyweight title fight? Can anyone explain why George said at the time they gave him a grapefruit before the fight and he was drowsy afterwards. How come Dick Sadler who took George from the job corps to Olympic gold to heavyweight title never worked with George afterwards. Even if George was getting tired he could have still slowed the pace down. How could Ali who was a light puncher knock out George? He couldn't George had something in him that night. <br>Joe Frazier fought everyone they put in front of him and peaked in the first Ali fight. Frazier would have fought Mac Foster who was undefeated 24-0 and #1 ranked but we know who bumped him off.<br>After Ali 1 Joe was never the same fighter. You can't rate Joe based on the post Ali 1 fights. Joe was at his best and peaked in 71. Ali peaked in 67. 

Joe Frazier, I thought he won the 2nd fight against Ali. Ali did so much holding in that fight it was a disgrace. Ali would "jab and grab." Throughtout that fight Ali would jab Frazier, and then grab Frazier behind the neck hold. T he referee in that fight Tony Perez was terrible. I think it was in the 2nd round Ali had Frazier in trouble, and Perez heard "bells" and stopped the 2nd round a minute early. I think as a result of that error Perez decided to make it up to Ali, and he let him "jab and grab." Many of the writers covering of that fight thought Frazier won including Red Smith. On my scorecard, I have Frazier winning 2 of the 3 fights. Over the years Frazier has been quoted as saying words to the effect, "look at Ali, and look at me; and you tell me who won those fights. <br>I agree with the idea that Frazier was at his peak when he fought Ali the 1st time, and after that he was on the way down. Frazier fights Foreman 10 times, Frazier loosens 10 out of 10. Frazier fights Jimmy Young 10 times, Frazier wins 10 out of 10. Foreman fights Jimmy Young 10 times, Foreman would be lucky to win 3 times. The point being styles make a fight.
likely at all that Ali really had a "head of concrete" -- he just went farther in his commitment and training than most. | 12/4/03 10:11:41 PM|Pete|Cleveland|pco@hotmail.com|10|"How could Ali who was a light puncher knock out George? He couldn't George had something in him that night."(QUOTE)<br>George had nothing in him but air, which ran out quickly that night. Foreman was not a smart fighter, he did not take instructions from his corner and he saw himself as being invincible. Ali beat him nicely for the title and the KO was really a culmination of George over exerting himself to the point of exhaustion. Lyle put him on his ass, as did Jimmy Young. George was a powerhouse but he peaked quickly and died out the same way. Ali was the greatest heavyweight in his prime(64-67). He stayed on too long, as most fighters do, and made a fool of himself in the end. He's not the only one. Larry Holmes wants to fight George Foreman. Jerry stayed on too long as well. So did Frazier, Holmes, Patterson, Liston, Tyson, Lewis...<br><br>There's some psychology involved, but the prime attribute is certainly physiological, unless we're also willing to say that Frazier was a sissy with Foreman, or that other tough guys were too who were KOd or TKOed. :-) More likely, it's part of attitude, And he said ~Frazier~ was ignorant!? Honestly, this tactic has to be one of the most ignorant things I've ever heard in or out of sports. John Tate copied this technique too. This approach is like a lot of others in sports, like a football team practicing in rain or extreme heat. Some moronic football coaches used to deny their players water too, in the erroneous belief that this made them "tougher." Till kids started dying from dehydration/heat stroke.<br>It's not likely at all that Ali really had a "head of concrete"<br>If medicine had the wherewithal to measure such things, I'm certain Ali would show himself to be different neurologically in a way that made him more resistant to head trauma. It's interesting that no other champion I know of has wanted to quit as many times as Ali (even though he never did), so it's sort of good news/bad news he could take a punch. If he were more of a mortal, and been knocked out a few times, it might have spared him a lot of grief today. Fans need to believe that Ali was durable solely because of character though. -- he just went farther in his commitment and training than most.<br>That's one thing I really resented about Ali - showing up in the ring in less than peak condition, blowing off about how great he was, then lumbering and loafing around the ring, grabbing opponents, and passing this off as "strategy." Also one of the best eye thumbers and head butters too, though this was always "accidental" contact. | 12/5/03 12:43:39 AM|Evan B|Belfast|evanb46@juno.com|10|Roadscholarette, you are a Roberto Duran at begging the question and a Tex Cobb at debate. It's pointless to correct you because you slither on to your next outrageous claim. What will it be? That Foreman was actually a big Lesbian, or that Frazier is the Risen Christ? That only by using Flubber in his shoes was Ali able to dance? Where do you get these ideas, ma'am? OK, OK, OK, OK, Ali was a hopeless bum who won his fights by fighting dirty, we should have him because sometimes he didn't train enough, and his skull was made of Titanium. Now we're getting somewhere! You are so wise. | 12/5/03 04:05:05 AM|Massimo|Rome|10|Judging a fighter for his best night, I think that the Ali' that fought C1. Williams was the greatest heavyweight (and maybe the greatest fighter) of all time! I know that Williams was over the hill at the time, but was still a dangerous opponent. Nobody ever showed the class that Ali' showed that night !| 12/5/03 05:55:33 AM|Fran|PA|plc7755@aol.com|10|Ali was the guy they wanted to win. They being promoters sports writers and all others who profitted from Ali's ability to attract the non boxing fan. So one fight maybe is a stretch but
when you look back at all the fights that an over the hill tired Ali "won" you see a pattern. 2nd Frazier fight jabs and holds, 3rd Norton fight he losses gets the decision, Jimmy young fight losses gets the decision, Lyle fight lays on the ropes losses 11 rounds throws a few pity pat punches ref jumps in and stops it. 2nd Leon Spinks fights he jabs and holds the whole fight any one else would be disqualified. The sad part about it is he was tired worn out over the hill but still made everyone so much money they kept him going 3 or 4 years to long and now he is a shell of the man he was. He was a great fighter and would have been something in his retired years. He made alot of people alot of money at a terrible cost to his health.

12/5/03 06:35:25 AM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|I think the best evidences of Ali's greatness as a fighter are the following fights<em><br></em>1)Williams<em><br></em>2)Frazier 1-3<em><br></em>3)Foreman<em><br></em>4)Quarry 1-2<em><br></em>5)Liston 1<em><br></em>IN the first and third fight with Frazier he didn't hold that much and showed a big heart. In the 2 Quarry fights he clearly showed his superiority and Jerry was a champion. In the first Liston fight the way he survived the fifth round being totally blind showed his greatness.|
right, but it's completely Mickey Mouse. If you look at the sequence of punches that put Foreman down, you'll notice that only one is what could be called a hard punch, and even that was nothing to write home about. The rest were arm punches, most thrown while slightly off balance and out of position.<br>BTW, the befuddled Jersey Joe was way out of line to ~not~ let Ali-Liston 2 continue, simply because Nat Fleischer told him more than 10 seconds had gone by. The correct response, even if this was true would have been to go ahead anyway. A call was made and action had resumed.}

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I have a boxing tape entitled "THE 12 GREATEST ROUND OF BOXING THE UNTOLD STORIES" in which Tom Hauser (the author of "MUHAMMAD ALI' HIS LIFE AND TIMES" says that Williams after the first Liston fight in the dressing room had a lot of trouble seeing. The same thing happened to Eddie Machen.|

|12/5/03 02:31:31 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|The phantam punch is a topic that comes up over and over again and yes, there was a punch. Liston appeared off balance and he went down. Liston lunged forward while attempting to hit Ali with a left jab. He didn't get up before ten, not because he was hurt, but because Ali was standing over him and yelling at him. Ali then was running all around and Walcott didn't have control of the situation. I think Liston may have thought Ali really was crazy and he would attack him while he was down. The correct thing for Walcott to do was not start the count until Ali went to a neutral corner. Yes, Walcott should have let the fight continue. As far as Ali as a fighter, I have never seen a heavyweight who is better. Ali had the speed of a lightweight, in both hand and foot speed, he had extremely quick reflexes and the heart of a lion. As far as using tactics such as holding, he used what he was allowed to use. If the officials had been more critical of not allowing him to hold, then Ali would have come up with some other tactic to help him win. Ali was a great improviser in the ring and he would adapt to any situation. As far as Ali as a fighter, I have never seen a heavyweight who is better. Ali had the speed of a lightweight, in both hand and foot speed, he had extremely quick reflexes and the heart of a lion. As far as using tactics such as holding, he used what he was allowed to use. If the officials had been more critical of not allowing him to hold, then Ali would have come up with some other tactic to help him win. Ali was a great improviser in the ring and he would adapt to any situation. He was a genius in the mental as well as physical aspects of the game. If you notice in Jerry's second fight with Ali, near the end of the second round, Jerry hits Ali with a hard left hook and right cross combination to the head. Ali play acts like he is hurt by wobbling at the legs, much to the delight of the fans. I am sure he probably told Jerry something like, "my grandmother hits harder than that!" Jerry didn't seem to press the action anymore after this. Did Ali get into Jerry's head? I think this added to whatever the reason was that Jerry just didn't have it that night. The real Jerry would not just slowly plod after his opponent, win or lose, like he did for most of this second Ali fight. Ali did the same thing to Foreman in Zaire, because after taking some hard shots from Foreman, Ali would say things like, "George, you punch like a sissy!" This sort of thing has to take energy from a fighters psychological energy. |

|12/5/03 04:41:10 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Yes, fighters do what is allowed, even if some are more allowed than others. In hockey, you can fight, it's condoned with a wink and a nod, even though you do get a rinky-dink penalty doing it. If players were fined ten, twenty thousand dollars and suspended for three games, it'd stop yesterday. In football, a sport second only to boxing in contact and brutality, you ~can't~ fight, so no one does. Same with basketball. In amateur hockey, you can't either. Not in Olympic hockey either, and these are basically pros. I always liked the Mexican fighters. No grabbing and clinching, lying on the ropes, just furious action, fights of attrition.Interesting bit of trivia re hockey. When X Chicago Blackhawk star Keith Magnuson first came into the NHL, he couldn't fight at all. He was a superb hockey player, but in fights, he threw wimpy punches, and was always falling down and getting beaten up, so they took him down to then Johnny Coulon's gym. He soon became one of the best enforcers on ice. Now they scout players for ability to fight and throw punches, while maintaining leverage,
balance, and power on ice, in skates. <br><br>|12/5/03 04:50:04<br><br>PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|10|BTW, when I was real little, my Dad took me and my brothers down to Navy Pier in Chicago, where Ali trained for a while (before moving to Coulon's), while in training for his Ellis fight the Summer after Frazier. It was cool! He really trained hard - shadow boxed, jumped rope, hit the bags, and sparred with serious intent, rather than gym rope a doping like he did later. Of course to a little kid, anyone would have looked good, but I still knew I was seeing something special. My Dad filmed it on 8mm movie film too, so I've been able to view it from an adult perspective too! One other interesting thing: he and his sparring partners really scrapped, and he was better than they were, but he didn't beat the crap out of them as many champions did/do, just because he could have. I thought that was pretty classy.<br><br>|12/5/03 06:11:02 PM|Massimo|Rome||4||10|RS-<br><br>In soccer, if you are a bum you have no problem... But if you are good, they' ll kick the shit out of you !!!!!!!<br><br>|12/5/03 10:02:16 PM|Forest Ward|South Carolina||joekevin@cs.com|10|For too long now, Muhammad Ali has been given tremendous praise for his victory over Cleveland Williams. Many knowledgeable boxing fans regard this as Ali's greatest fight. I think it's about time the record has been set straight on that "fight." That "fight" was the biggest hoax put over on the public, since Floyd Patterson fought Pete Rademacher. At least when Patterson fought Rademacher everyone knew it was a sham. But when Ali fought Williams the public regarded it as a legitimate "fight." Nothing could be further from the truth. Williams took 2 or 3 bullets in the stomach from a 357 magnum about 18 months prior to the Ali fight. Normally one 357 magnum bullet in the stomach is enough to kill someone. Although Williams did the loose one kidney<br><br>After getting out of the hospital with a bullet still in his kidney, and not fighting in 18 months; Williams had 4 fights in 4 months. Williams fought and beat: Ben Black, Mel Turnbow, Sonny Moore, and Tod Herring. As a result of knocking out 2 of these "tigers," Williams "qualified" for a fight with Ali. It should be noted that the last legitimate contender that Williams beat was Earnie Terrell. He knocked Terrell out in the 7th round in April of 1962. That's right 4.5 years and 3 bullets earlier.<br><br>The point I am making is when one talks about Ali's great fights, and there were many make no mistake about. That Williams "fight" should have never been allowed, and should not be regarded as a "fight". No matter what the record book may say. An exhibition would be more realistic description. Let me make it clear I am not denigrating Cleveland Williams, in his time he was a very good fighter. And the lifetime goal of any fighter is to fight for the championship. But by Nov of 1966, his time had passed; he was just a shell of the fighter he once was. Williams finally retired in 1972. What really amazes me is that somehow he was not lured out of retirement in the early 80's, and signed to fight Gerry Cooney.<br><br>A few tidbits about that fight. The fight was promoted by Bob Arum. He later guided Butterbean to the championship. And if you look closely at the tape of the Ali-Williams fight you can see Don King in the ring after the fight is over standing next to Ali grinning. Ironically, this fight took place after King's most recent homicide, apparently he was out on bail. Because soon after he was sent to prison for murder. |12/5/03 10:36:34 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|10|Let's be real, Williams was not able to defend himself against Ali. Ali looked so good because Williams had nothing to offer. Come on! He couldn't miss his face, it was a sad night for boxing. Like a lot of other sad nights. The idea of Mike and Jerry fighting on the same night was a bad idea, because if I lost it would effect the other. By the way I didn't like Ken Norton , I thought he was so full of himself, another guy Who I didn't like knocked him out (gerry
cooney). Ali and Norton that's who I could not stand. I feel nothing for them, especially Norton that said he wanted them to carry Jerry Quarry out on a stretcher. Koo koo!

12/5/03 11:15:06 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||Kentallenent@aol.com|||10|You guys are right because the Cleveland Williams Ali fought that night brought nothing to the table. Now if Ali had destroyed an in prime Williams, it would have been Ali's greatest fight.<br><br>"Awaqu$ kuna Ya'ash potung Jerry Quarry. Jerry Quarry pilek lovich sodatho awaqu$. Jerry qay ahiyka pi chamshoon qay lovich!" Since some of us are writing in Italian, I thought I would write something in my native California dialect (California Indian). What I said was, "there once was a man named Jerry Quarry, Jerry Quarry was a great warrior. Jerry is no longer alive and we are all sad because of this!"

12/6/03 12:11:58 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||10|Yes, it isn't too hard to look brilliant when you're fighting someone who isn't in your league. I might be in a minority when I say this, but I think Ali hit his prime when he returned to boxing, not before, when he was up against a lower grade of competition than before his exile.<br><br>"Look at who he fought when he returned: Quarry twice, Bonavena, Frazier three times, Norton three times, Foreman, Shavers, Lyle. Did I forget any monsters? The others were more in the league of career one (not that that was bad, just not as good as career two)." Of course, I don't know the guy, only what I've seen, but Ken Norton always seemed like a nice guy. Did he really say that about Jerry? That's pretty bad, like Duran saying of Ray Lampkin after knocking him out, "If I'd been in shape, he'd be in the morgue, not the hospital." Jeez, in the end it's a sport, and should be a brotherhood. They should have a mindset to beat their opponent, even KO him, but not to hurt, "carry them out on a stretcher."<br><br>Re Mike Quarry --<br><br>WoW, even Foster was worried. Mike didn't run from him though, like most Foster opponents did. I can't imagine being a brother and even going out to fight after that, let alone doing well. I think Foster was the best, most devastating LH ever, and believe he would have taken even Moore, Conn, and Spinks.<br><br>12/6/03 01:07:48 AM|Forest Ward|South Carolina||joekevin@cs.com||10|I guess we will never know for sure when Ali was at his prime. Before his lay off he was certainly approaching it. But, without question the opponents he fought after his lay off were far superior to the ones he fought during his 1st run for the roses. They were younger and stronger than what Ali was fighting before the layoff. I guess it was about 20 years ago when Ali started showing signs of brain damage. People would ask me what was wrong with Ali. I would tell them he was hit in the head too much, and he has brain damage. They would tell me that can't be, Ali never got hit. I would explain before the lay off he never got hit, after the lay off was a whole new career. And he got pounded.<br><br>During Ali's 1st career as a young pro he was given a number of stiffs to fight on the way up. No damage there. As he moved through the ranks and fought better fighters he was so talented he rarely got hit. So during his 1st career he probably suffered less brain damage than a man getting drunk at his bachelor party.<br><br>During Ali's second career there were no more preliminary fights (with few exceptions). Ali was fighting ranked contenders. Imagine a fighter in his first fight, fighting Jerry Quarry, 2nd fight 15 rounds with Bonavena, 3 fight 15 rounds with Frazier... And he is getting hit in the head by these guys! by the time his second career is over: Frazier 3 times, Norton 3 times, Shavers, Foreman... Most of these fights went the distance. And once again these are young vibrant world class athletes pounding him on his head.<br><br>No question about it those guys Ali fought the 2nd time around were far superior to the ones he fought the 1st time around. It's only conjecture at this point to wonder what Ali's health would be like today if he retired after the Foreman. My best guess is that the brain damaged still might have occurred,
but it might have progressed a lot slower, and possibly not have become evident until Ali was well on in years.<br>Ali's brother Rachman the last I heard was homeless and living in his car in Louisville. Some years ago after a sparring sessions with Muhammad, Rachman complained of head pains and was hospitalized and then released. But he was never allowed to box again. The story goes that Ali always felt guilty about that. | Most of you experienced readers who actually did a little fighting or training know that a punch doesn't have to be powerful to hurt or to knock an opponent out. What's more important is placement of your punch, especially in regard to knockouts. What you want to do is hit an area of the opponent's head or face where a nerve ending or its circuitry to a brain center will be momentarily compressed, in effect turning much or all of the brain off for a moment, something like a light switch. If the compression is long or deep enough, there is enough loss of consciousness for a KO or full 10-count. One or your earlier posters called these perfectly-placed punches "snap punches". They can indeed be "arm punches", and do not have to be powerful, bludgeoning blows. Alexis Arguello was a master of the snap punch, and hardly ever seemed to throw really hard punches, but still became a champion. This type of punch from Ali brought down Liston in their second fight. Sonny got clipped perfectly and went down. Heavy, bludgeoning blows, unless they're right on the button, do hurt a fighter but seldom know a man out, unless several land in quick succession. Is this right, Kent, Steve, Paul, Jimmy, Kokos? Now regarding the way Ali "trained getting hit"L he did not allow his sparring partners to knock him out or bang on him until he was finished. What he did was dare to accept a little more punishment than most champions sparring, so as to familiarize himself with fighting hurt, not showing it, and learning to keep some of his wits about him in this situation. It worked, too. Regarding the loose ropes and all the funny business in Kinsasha, Zaire: isn't it the responsibility of a fighter's manager and trainer to make sure all that stuff is acceptable, or refuse to fight? Why didn't Foreman's people raise a stink? Were they threatened not to? Did they try and get ignored? Regarding the allegation of Ali's dirty tactics: isn't this every man for himself? Either fight or shut up. I fought a guy in the amateurs once who used just about every foul you can think of, but only once. The referee was mad at him but did not stop the fight or disqualify him. Besides, as Paul (I think) pointed out, there are thousands of ways to shade an outcome, semi-cheat, or get away with fighting dirty. When I fought in LA, a lot of the black guys had their hair freshly cut to just a stubble, and after just a few rounds, their fairer-skinned opponents would have arms, shoulders and sometimes faces scraped raw. Lots of white guys used the same tactic -- including Jerry Q, I think -- by coming into the round with a 5 o'clock shadow. That's more gamesmanship than cheating. Ali was not the only hombre who held, clinched, leaned on your neck, etc. | YES, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SOMEONE BROUGHT UP A WHILE BACK ON HERE. THE BODY IS FULL OF PRESSURE POINTS, IF ONE HAPPENS TO GET HIT JUST RIGHT, IT WILL KNOCK THEM OUT. THIS IS MUCH HARDER TO DO WITH A GLOVE ON, IF YOU WERE TO TAKE OFF THE GLOVES, YOU'D FIND FIGHTERS GETTING KILLED IN THERE, ANY TIME A FIGHTER GETS IN THE RING HIS LIFE IS ON THE LINE, I KNOW THEY DON'T LOOK AT IT THIS WAY BECAUSE THEY ARE YOUNG AND FEEL INDESTRUCTIBLE, BUT THAT IS THE REALITY OF THE GAME, BECAUSE IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THE GAME IS NO GAME AT ALL. Your right, it is no game and the fighters are the last to lean that, if they ever do at all. Going back to the Ali-Williams fight. Howard Cosell rose to fame and fortune on Ali's coat tails, and brain cells. I ask, why did it take Cosell; 16 years almost to the day to realize whata horrible "sport" boxing is.
Ali-Williams fought in the Astrodome in Nov of 1966. Cosell was right there on national TV hyping the fight for his employers, ABC network. He knew then how ill equipped Williams was. Three bullets shot shots, one still in his kidney. But, does Cosell tell us this noooo. He tells us what a great fighter Ali is. And how dangerous Cleveland "Big Cat" Williams. And then 16 years later same place the Astrodome, Larry Holmes fights Tex Cobb. And Holmes pounds Cobb for 15 rounds. And Mr."Tell like it is," decides he boxing is shameful and degrading and he won't be involved with it anymore. You mean to tell me that it took Cosell 16 years to learn how dangerous boxing. No, he was feigning integrity trying to show how noble and enlightened he was. He was typical of those sycophantic journalists surrounding Ali who described how beautiful Ali was pounding his opponents into submission. They could not control their glee, when a fighter was rendered helpless, and defenseless. The way they oohed and awwed when Ali was fighting, you would think it was better than sex. I always marveled at these wonderful enlightened people. They were always so sophisticated and urbane. I often wondered if they were "closet" cockfight fans? I will tell you why. You would never see them at the prelim fights leading up to the main event. God forbid, they find themselves mingling with blood thirsty commoners, watching two prelim fighter trying to earn $500 for a trip to the Jersey shore. No, they were too civilized for that. To them Ali was a beautiful hawk swooping down on ugly moles. Two cocks killing each other was cruel and inhumane. But watching Ali was sooo beyond description. Bullcrap the media elites cared more about two chickens, than they do about humans. If you think I am over stating my case. The next time you see Muhammad Ali, ask him to float like a butterfly and sting like a bee, just for 20 seconds.

You're Indian ancestors have discovered the symbol of dollar $, or anyway something very similar! They were not dumb at all!!
can render someone knocked out if landed in the right spot. My trainer, if and
when I ever make it to his karate dojo, is an expert at such centers in the body
and he can render someone incapacitated just by pressing certain areas such as on
the arms. When he gets one of his "spots" it is very hard not to go down. It
has to be pressed on the exact spot otherwise it doesn't work.

How can you know the
Indian language if they didn't use to write? "Scripta manent, verba volant " !

Even athletes in sports more known for joint and muscle damage than head
injuries know that the pain they live with in their twenties or thirties gets a
lot worse from 40 on, often "branching out." It's been shown that brain damage
worsens too within this age frame. I read that back in the Liston days,
Ali complained of dizziness and feeling drunk sometimes, and it was written off
as "stress." He wasn't getting hit a lot in those days, but I saw a feature once
on PBS stating that even bumping your head getting into the car does a teeny
weeny, infinitesimal amount of damage. I guess it shows just how resilient we
humans are, when we see fighters take what they do. There's also no doubt at all
that some fighters are more prone to awful injuries and effects than others,
just as some are more able to take punches. ~What~ is happening internally to
make these things true is the million dollar question.

Taking a fighter
who gets really bad later, and wondering if they would have gotten that bad if
they'd quit way earlier is a good question. There's a possibility they would
have anyway when they got older, or maybe not, but for sure, continuing to fight
never ~helps~!

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WERE FRAZIER AND HOLMES. HAD HE Fought THESE TWO, IN PHASE ONE, HE WOULD HAVE
DONE MUCH BETTER.

I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT ALI'S BROTHER IS
HOMELESS IN LOUISVILLE. THAT SOUNDS LIKE CYBERSPIN TO ME.

I LIKE K.JOHNSON
TONIGHT BY TKO.

Don't you think
Frazier, Norton, Foreman, Quarry, etc. are a bit of a cut over Liston,
Patterson, Williams, Folley, etc.? I do - a ~big~ cut. <br><br>I think a lot of
the guys he beat or had tough fights with in career two, he'd have had a real
time with in career one, almost certainly being unable to beat them. I also
think Ali would have taken Clay.<br><br>The long rest did him good. His
tentativeness against Quarry was some rust, like anyone who hasn't done
something skill-specific for a long time, but it was also because of who the
opponent was. Without Quarry's cut, Ali would have had a looong night, and may
not have won. Well, they might have given him the decision, but he might not
have ~won~! He was under intense pressure to build up fast to Frazier. If he'd
done it really right, he'd have eaten up two or three slow, light hitting
stiffs, then maybe a really good guy who was fading, like Patterson or someone
like that, ~then~ Quarry-Bonavena-Frazier. Does anyone really think any pre-
Frazier fighters were going to be given a decision? :-)|
some linguistic experts spent time with the various tribes who speak the same language and the linguistics people learned the language and created a writing system. The language, which was only spoken in parts of Southern California, was in danger of being lost forever as most of the people didn't speak it anymore, they all speak english. Only some of the older people spoke the native language. It is now a completely written language with an alphabet similar to english but with some subtle differences. I am not fluent in it yet but I have been taking a class to learn it and I am going to help pass it on to the younger generation or maybe they may end up teaching it to me as they have a teacher that is at their school who teaches them the language and they learn it faster than I do!

12/6/03 03:55:40 PM|KOOKOO|NY||KOOKOOCLOCK000@YAHOO.COM|||10|MASSINO , YOU ARE TRYING TO POSION THE MIND OF KENT,<br>HE ALREADY HAS HIS OWN HERITAGE , STOP TALKING ALL THIS <br>ITALIAN STUFF , THIS IS THE LAND OF QUARRY , THE WORLD I&lt;br&gt;LOVE BEING A PART OF , THE CLOCKMAN WILL HELP POLICE THIS&lt;br&gt;SITE. ALL DUMB, FAT, BALDHEADED PEOPLE NEED NOT APPLY, SPEAK &lt;br&gt;ENGLISH FOR GOD'S SAKE.
KOOCOO<br>

12/6/03 04:07:13 PM|Jerrys Spirit|Valhalla||Angelwings@^^^.com|||10|Amen and thanks KOOCOO|

12/6/03 05:26:34 PM|Pete|Cleveland||pco@msn.com|||10|" Don't you think Frazier, Norton, Foreman, Quarry, etc. are a bit of a cut over Liston, Patterson, Williams, Folley, etc.? I do - a ~big~ cut. " <br>Only Frazier was really at that top level. Liston would have beat Foreman easily. Patterson, I believe fought with Jerry the first time around(PATTERSON WAS FINISHED BY THEN) and was decisioned in their second fight, but I believe that he was above those you mentioned, where overall skill is concerned. Ken Norton, a sharp, heavy hitter, was not really championship material. He was put away by virtually all the top contenders. Williams, as stated, was all shot up and over the hill, but so were many of Ali 2's opponents.(BONAVENA, SPINKS, DUNN, QUARRY(sorry, but it's true), ELLIS, CHUVALO...THE ALI/FRAZIER TRILOGY, TO BE FAIR, SHOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE, WHILE BOTH FIGHTERS WERE IN THEIR PRIME, BECAUSE FRAZIER WAS THE ONLY FIGHTER WHO GAVE ALI A RUN FOR HIS MONEY. FRAZIER WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REACH ALI 1.|

12/6/03 05:55:38 PM|KOOKOO|NY||KOOKOOCLOCK000@YAHOO.COM|||10|LISTON WOULD HAVE BEAT FOREMAN IN IF HE WAS IN HIS PRIME, I KNOW THAT THEY SPARRED IN 1968 AND LISTON GOT THE BETTER OF IT, BUT LISTON WAS FADED IN 68, I BELIEVE JERRY WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE HIM OUT AT THAT POINT, AGE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE, THERES A LOT OF FIGHTS THAT DID NOT HAPPEN AT THAT TIME, LISTON VS QUARRY, BONAVENA VS QUARRY , FRAZIER VS LISTON, ELLIS VS LISTON, HEY THERES ONLY SO MANY MATCHUPS THAT COULD BE MADE, THE REST IS FANTASY. KOOCOO|

12/6/03 07:01:39 PM|Forest Ward|South Carolina||joekevin@cs.com|||10|I think it's beyond question that the men Ali fought his 2nd time around were far superior to those he fought in his 1st go around, with the exception of Liston and possibly Terrell.<br><br>Comparing: Doug Jones, Zora Folley, Mildenberger, Henry Cooper, Brian London, George Chuvalo. To: Quarry, Bonvena, Shavers, Norton,Young, Lyle,Foreman is quite a stretch.<br>The second group of fighters were younger, stonger and more talented than the 1st group I named. Even using your logic, would anyone doubt that Floyd Patterson put up a better fight against Ali in 1972 than he did in 1965.<br>Regarding, Rachman Ali's condition. I was out in Las Vegas 8 months ago. And I had a conversation with an old member of Ali's entourage, who has been living out in Vegas for the past 25 years. He is the one who told me that Rachman is homeless and living in his car. Also, at times Ali is unable to walk and uses a wheelchair. Just because the press does not report it, or it is not seen on TV, does not mean it's not true. During President FDR's terms in office it was never reported that he wasusing a wheelchair.<br>Boxing is a great "sport," as long as you are not a fighter<br>
My last sentence was Latin not Italian. My friend Evan B. spoke to me in Italian first, so I responded him in the Dante's language.

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Patterson put up a better fight in '72, because Ali was spent; in '65, he wasn't.

Doug Jones was not a bad fighter and I would have to rank him above the likes of Bonavena and Young. Jerry was not unlike Chuvalo, in that they both had a lot of heart and courage. Jerry was a better box office draw, in much the same way that Bonavena and Young were. The only fighters from phase 2 that you mention, that deserve some recognition would be George Foreman (he became champion and was put down by Ali. This was Ali 2's greatest moment and it's a shame he didn't retire on the spot); Ron Lyle (he was tough and a hard hitter. He had great courage and heart, but I don't see him surpassing Doug Jones, when Ali fought him.) Ken Norton (who did he beat...Ali once and Jerry. He couldn't get past Foreman, Holmes or Shavers. He was a top contender for a while. His most impressive victory was probably over Duane Bobick.) Earnie Shavers (much over-rated because of his knockout power. Lost against Ali, Holmes, Quarry.)

Patterson clearly fought better against Ali the second time around because in the first fight, Patterson was suffering from back problems. His back went out on him early in the fight and while he lasted longer in the first fight, twelve rounds, as opposed to seven in the second fight, Patterson was never a factor in the first fight. It had little to do with Ali slipping in albillity.

Vitali Klitschko sure looked good tonight in knocking out Kirk Johnson inside of two rounds. But Johnson didn't help matters any by coming in at 260 pounds. I can't see how a fighter can be that much overweight for a major fight. At 6'7" 250 pounds, Klitschko went after Johnson and manhandled him, something that nobody has ever done to Johnson. Lewis had better look out if he decides to fight Klitschko again.

Maybe it's time again for each of us to publish our opinion of the top 5 (or 10) heavyweights of 1960-1980. Mine are:

1. Ali
2. Frazier
3. Foreman
4. Liston
5. Holmes
6. Young
7. Ellis

That's as far as I can remember with specificity. My feeling is that looking only a records, rounds, punches in fights, and comparing opponents and records against is a good objective basis but has two problems -- one if that it's more or less unlimited and tentative, for there are always more angles to look at for human beings without supercomputer data-crunching capability; and second that subjective judgments and intuition are more powerful and comprehensive. Different people also interpret data (like results or knockdowns) differently, especially when these events happened 35 or 40 years ago, when some of the people writing on this site were small children.

These are the strongest boxers as I remember them. I should say fighters because the point has been made that Ali did not know how to box in the traditional meaning of the word, and never learned.

Facing Muhammad Ali coming off a 3 or 4 year layoff was a perfect opportunity
for Jerry, or rather the best he would ever get. He got beat, though -- if not "creamed", then at least beaten decisively. Being one punch away from winning, as a few of you have said, is meaningless and does not count anyway except in being close, in horseshoes. Jerry got beat up twice by Frazier. I think that's the difference for Jerry between greatness and a level of very good. During his prime years, Frazier showed against at least 2 opponents he was vulnerable and could be beaten. Jerry had two chances at him and could not convert. Many if not most of you will put Jerry in your top 5. I expect Roadscholarette to rank Jerry #2, behind only Frazier. Massimo will make Primo Carnera #1 in 1960-1980 simply because of his lasting greatness, then go to Ali as #2. So be it. Let 'em rip!<br>More more thing -- I know you folks are mentioning hepatitis, bad backs, and so on as explanatory information, but in the only sense that really matters about this sport (or activity, Forrest, and I agree with you and Jimmy now), no excuse counts. A champion is someone who finds a way to win. Period. He overcomes all obstacles, including injury, illness, bad fortune and so on.<br>More funny how this site has turned my stomach against boxing. I think it's the way you friends have explored it up close and shown how many of my old favorites have been ruined by it physically and mentally. I am interested in the older fighters but seeing current fights and new kids coming up, thanks, but this is where I came in.<br>Massimo, il mio fratello, che l'espressione lo significa "ha cominciato a vedere il ciclo infinito a questo punto, grazie e non desideri vederlo diverse volte". Quello si riferisce ad entrare in un teatro di movie nel mezzo di un movie, vedente lo all'estremità, allora attendente per vedere che cosa avete mancato fino a che in primo luogo non siate entrato. Quello è come ritengo circa boxing -- un ciclo infinito che distrugge i giovani. Sono un amico codardo e anziano? Spero che non pensiate così. | 12/7/03 03:46:32 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com|||10|People seem to forget that 'arm punches' are also scoring hits. And what they may lack in power, they certainly make up for with surprise. Arm punches are delivered with much greater speed (because they travel shorter distances) and when they connect they usually totally surprise the opponent. He doesn't see it coming, he can't tense his neck and jaw, and the shock can put him out.....just like it did to Liston in the second Ali fight. That was no phantom punch. It was an instinct punch that found its totally unsuspecting mark. Had Ali loaded that punch up with shoulder and hip pivot then it would have had much more power - but it would not have landed. And even if it did land, the benefit of surprise was lost. It wouldn't have knocked Liston out. Look at Ali's lead rights. They were always arm punches and they nearly always landed. Ali's jab was virtually an arm punch too. The reason the jab and his lead right hurt (apart from surprise) was because Ali also did what most rookie fighters are taught but seldom do - he snapped the thumb downwards at the moment of impact. Even with a light 'arm' punch, this broke the opponents skin (usually white guys with their sharper features, eg Cooper, Quarry, et al). Someone said that Ali didn't have an uppercut. True. He didn't need one. Ali's great jab kept the opponent on the outside and the shorter, elbow bent nature of uppercuts would not have reached their chin. Uppercuts are an 'in' fighters greatest weapon, not a guy with a fast straight jab. The only time Ali let an opponent in close was to lean on them, tie them up, rest himself, but wear them out by making them wrestle to get away. Ali's jab, lead right, and right cross, were so accurately delivered, and so fast in transit, that he never needed an 'in' fighters uppercut. Also, Ali had the best balance in the business. RS said he fought "too upright". With respect, RS, that is untrue. Ali had a terrific stance. Anyone ever see Ali lose his balance or slip ? I stand to be corrected, but I can't. (It was also Ali's stance - left foot way forward and right foot back acting as a shock absorber that made throwing uppercuts more difficult). Ali could throw punches going backwards or sideways......all because of his superb balance. Call it throwing punches from 'crazy angles', RS, but superb balance let that happen and they
were all scoring punches. Someone said that Ali didn't throw a lot of combinations. Mostly untrue. As Cassius Clay his combinations were blinding. But as age crept on he threw fewer because throwing combinations eats up a lot of energy. He took to throwing combinations at the end of rounds to impress judges, and he conserved energy doing that (as per Foreman). Also, in the heat of his last fight with Frazier, it was too damn hot to throw combinations. Who had the energy? So Ali threw lead rights (scoring 'arm' punches), and also jabs and right crosses. He didn't need fancy combinations (and it was too hot and energy sapping, anyway). RS wrote that Ali won that fight "after Joe's left eye betrayed him." Not so. Ali's lead rights and right crosses 'betrayed' Joe's left eye. There was nothing 'mickey mouse' about Ali, as someone wrote. Evan B - another very good 'arm' puncher was Australia's triple world champion Jeff Fenech. He threw 'arm' punches often and from all angles. Fenech mauled opponents into submission. Problem was, at the end of his career, he never had Ali's chin. Cheers.

12/7/03 05:04:17 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com||||10|Evans B - my top 7 heavies for the period 1960 to 1980 are:<br>1. Ali<br>2. Holmes<br>3. Foreman<br>4. Frazier<br>5. Liston<br>6. Patterson<br>7. Ellis<br>I couldn't leave Patterson out, despite his smallness. He was the youngest heavyweight champion to that time, and he was also the first Olympic gold medalist (he won as a middleweight) to go on and win a world heavyweight title. |
consistently take all the others, or in some cases ~many~ of the others, but everyone here did take some or most of the others on the list, and/or all the other contenders in their time. Of the ones they fought, Chuvalo beat only Quarry (officially at least), Patterson beat only Chuvalo, and JQ beat only Patterson, but how can you not include them? <br><br>Lyle and Shavers were really tough guys and hard punchers, but were taken by everyone here who they fought. Both were incomplete fighters, either hurried along (both) or trained one dimensionally (Shavers).<br><br>I didn't include Bugner, because potential aside, he didn't beat anyone here he fought, and really had ~only~ potential. Without results, that and a quarter will make a phone call.<br><br>Excuses," reasons, mitigating circumstances, whatever, are part of every discussion of sports, of wins and losses alike. I think they can get out of hand sometimes, ie, Mike Tyson's KO of Woody Allen at 00:01 of round one: "Woody would have won if only he hadn't lost," LOL, but talking about other factors in wins and losses can also lend color, understanding, and often greater perspective to events that may not always be as black and white as the cold stats on a sports page. What involving humans ~is~ ever completely subjective?| |12/7/03 05:02:51 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com||10|SOUNDS LIKE A JAILHOUSE LAWYER, WHATS WITH ALL THESE LIST, WHO CARES :) ) ) ) ) ) ) )| |12/8/03 12:00:02 AM|Evan B|Belfast||evanb46@juno.com||10|Koo Koo, I don't think you're funny or entertaining at all. On the contrary, you're depressing to me, because you sound very much like a desperate alcoholic, prescription medicine abuser, or mental patient. Some of the people here have been patient with you, but clearly you are the one spitting in our communal bowl of soup. For a day or two, you cooperated and were polite, but now you're back abusing people, calling people assholes, and expressing your opinion as if we are somehow obligated to do your bidding. Would you please, as a holiday gift to us all, either mind your manners or stop posting? I mean this request seriously, and intend you no personal offense or injury. You'll feel a lot better about yourself, too, if you stop trying to insult people. The important word is "trying", because do not think Kent, Paul, Steve, Massimo, Jimmy, Sonia or Roadscholarette take your words to heart. And while I have your attention, what is your relationship to the Quarry family? Are you an old friend from Bellflower or Artesia, or did you meet Jerry as a fan, or are you an inlaw or cousin, or were you once a boxer or promoter, or what? Finding out would be interesting to all of us. Take care, my friend, and please think about what I suggest. | |12/8/03 12:11:33 AM|Evan B|Belfast||evanb46@juno.com||10|ON EXCUSES -- Yes, I know they are often real and unavoidable, Roadscholarette. The point I was trying to make (and I guess I failed) was that part of greatness is succeeding despite them, in my opinion. I'm certainly not saying every injury or illness is psychosomatic or a conversion reaction, but I believe the greatest champions somehow bypass these problems through their will and determination. True, we cannot explain this now, and certainly not prove it, so it's an intuitive idea. Great champions like Dempsey, Louis, Marciano and even Ali rarely if ever had excuses to make, or illnesses or medical conditions that stopped them. The same goes for champions in other sports, like Jim Brown or Rod Laver or Jesse Owens or Jackie Robinson or Marion Jones. It's true that some great champions like Sandy Koufax and Joe Namath did have injuries or conditions that slowed them down sometimes, but it seems to me the trend for the great is to overcome them. What I'm talking about is related to the old saying, "Never let them see you sweat." I know this idea is abstract and subjective, so I don't necessarily expect anyone to agree, but think about it. |
got any sweat left, anyway). I recall when Holyfield looked Tyson in the eye before their first fight and said, "You don't bother me at all" and he won the fight there and then. Clay deliberately went on like a lunatic before his first fight with Liston because he knew Liston wouldn't worry about a sane man. You never see lazy champions. All of them worked unbelievably hard to realise their dreams. They also had to have passion, and that's the same for anyone in any walk of life. JFK and Martin Luther King were so compelling and awe inspiring because they 'sweated' passion and self-belief. I don't like tennis, but I always found Agassi a real warrior. He had that look in his eye. I think Hewitt has it too. Greg Norman, however, is the very anti-thesis of "never let them see you sweat". You could always see when he was under pressure. His eyes would sink back in his head. That aside, you were a bit tough on poor old Koo Koo. You listed three reasons for his behaviour; a fourth possibility is that he is lonely and hasn't had recent practice relating to people and therefore doesn't know how to. We all annoy each other at times on this site. I regret the argument I had with Evren. We both touched a nerve on something we were passionate about. It was the same with Forest Ward earlier this year. I disagreed with his pessimistic views on boxing. But the more I think of Ali's present state (and, of course, Jerry Quarry), it becomes increasingly difficult not to have doubts. So I wish I had been more accommodating of Forest's view. Anyway, how come you live in Belfast, but spell words the American way. You asked a lot of questions of Koo Koo, too, but never answered any about yourself.

| 12/8/03 09:48:00 AM | John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com| | 10 | TONY ALONGI DEAD AT 64. Tony fought JQ and Chuvalo to a draw. He passed away in Florida on Dec. 3rd. |
| 12/8/03 10:59:54 AM | Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com| | 10 | The point I was trying to make (and I guess I failed) was that part of greatness is succeeding despite them... <br>No, the point was made, and I know exactly what you meant. It just got me thinking. The really great participants do indeed go beyond anything considered reasonable or even sane by the average person, and this is part of the triad that makes them great - genetics, training, and determination. Without one of those, an athlete is just another "coulda." Something else, and I'm not basing this on any hard numbers, just observation, but it seems that the two sports in which the most excuses emerge are in boxing and tennis. Odd, the most brutal and the most gentle sport. <br>Once more, there are many times when an "excuse" (which technically doesn't mean anything phony, but has ~come~ to mean that) is solid cause and effect, but can you imagine the hazing football or basketball players would get if they really said much at all about why they lost, that wasn't self effacing? <br>You mentioned Namath. I met him at a sports/charity event many years ago, when he was out of football, via a guy my Dad knew who was then a sportswriter for the Chicago Trib. He's a very charming, nice guy. Other than his looks, money, and fame, it's easy to see why he was never without women. At halftime, he used to ride piggyback on the back of one of the big linemen down the steps at Shea, get his knees drained, and come back out ready to rip. I shudder to think what his life must be like now though. The Bear's great Dick Butkus has to have his wife help him put on his pants, and Ted "Mad Stork" Hendricks once said his five year old daughter could ride a bicycle farther than he could. :-( |
| 12/8/03 11:26:15 AM | Massimo|Rome||4| | 10 | Tony Alongi fought JQ 3 times: 1 draw, 1 loss on points and 1 loss by KO 4. |
| 12/8/03 11:53:34 AM | KOOKOO|NY||KOOKOOCLOCK000@YAHOO.COM| | 10 | EVAN , HOW CAN YOU ASK ME ALL THESE QUESTIONS, ALL<br>I WILL TELL YOU IS THAT I AM JERRY'S GREATEST FAN, CRAZY<br>HEY EVERYBODYS CRAZY THESES DAYS, LOOK AT THESE RAP ARTISTS, TRY TO PUT THEM AWAY THEY PUT A HIT ON THE<br>PROSECUTER, I TELL YOU THERES A WHOLE SUB-CULTURE<br>TAKING OVER, GETTING BACK TO THE QUARRYS, NO ,
They don't know me, only on here, Evan, don't try to be more Quarry than me, it won't happen, I've studied this man's life, like some people study to be a doctor, respect your elders young man, listen to the clockman, you might even learn something.

Koo Koo Koo Koo Koo

12/8/03 01:20:15 PM|Evan B|Belfast, originally||evanb46@juno.com ||||10|Koo Koo, I apologize to you for saying those unkind things about you. I was wrong. I asked you those questions out of curiosity, because I thought maybe you were Jerry's accountant or one of his brothers in law, or something. I meant no offense by asking. <br><br>12/8/03 01:28:29 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com ||||10|Joke from another page:<br><br>One night, a cop was staking out a particularly rowdy bar, figuring it was a good place to make his DUI quota for the month. At closing time, he saw a guy stumble out of the bar, singing in a slurred voice, tripping on the curb, and trying his keys on five different cars before he found his. After stopping to urinate, the man got in and sat in the front seat fumbling around with the keys for several minutes. By this time everyone had left the bar and driven off. Finally, he started his engine and began to pull away. However, the cop was waiting for him. He stopped the driver, read him his rights and administered the field sobriety test. The results showed a reading of 0.0. The puzzled cop demanded to know how that could be. With a smile on his face, the driver replied, "Tonight, I'm the designated decoy!" LOL!<br><br>12/8/03 02:28:48 PM|Koo Koo NY||kookooclock00@yahoo.com ||||10|EVAN, I'M VERY SURPRISED, YOU SEEM TO HAVE A LOT OF CLASS, WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES, I USED TO BE MAD AT JAMES QUARRY, I TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS TO BLAME FOR JERRY NOT WINNING THE TITLE WHEN HE FOUGHT ELLIS, JERRY WENT TO HIT HIM AND JAMES PUSHED JERRY INTO A JUKEBOX AND HURT HIS BACK, I DO FEEL VERY VERY BAD I TOLD HIM THIS AS I KNOW THIS HURT HIS FEELINGS, IT JUST WASN'T MEANT FOR JERRY TO WIN IT I GUESS, HE WENT OUT IN A BLAZE OF GLORY THOUGH!

12/8/03 06:05:55 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com ||||10|Koo Koo, Mr. Jimmy said he wasn't hurt by the comments you made about him costing Jerry the title. But you are right, he may have said it didn't bother him and it really did bother him. The incident, for those of you who don't know, happened at the Quarry's family bar when they were celebrating Jerry's victory over Thad Spencer. After much booze, a fight broke out and Jerry tried to hit Jimmy, his brother, for who knows why. Jimmy did grab a hold of Jerry and pushed him into the Jukebox and Jerry injured his back. After the Ellis fight, Jerry found out he had a fractured vertebrae in his back. In Jimmy's telling of the story, he said the brothers used to fight a lot growing up but by the time Jerry got to be an experienced boxer, Jimmy could not compete with him. This is why he grabbed and pushed Jerry as Jerry would have "taken his head off!" He also said he regretted it a lot that they fought like that but it was part of their proof of their manhood when they were younger, who was tougher on any given day, and they would fight at the drop of the hat. Who was a better fighter, Jerry or Ellis? Well Jerry fought Ellis with a broken back and he still only lost by a split decision. I would say Jerry was the better fighter.

12/8/03 06:24:46 PM|Evan B|Belfast, I said!||evanb46@juno.com ||||10|Kent, Jimmy, Koo Koo, Paul and all you mugs! Where I come from in Ireland and even among my Los Angeles mick friends and cousins, pushing one another into a jukebox would not even make a typically violent day! I was fighting two round semi-mains in my Uncle Desmond's garden by the time I was 5, with no mandatory 8-counts and no neutral corner rule. The absolute worst whuppin's I've ever
taken have been from my own blood kin. Whenever the Irish get together, the
blood flows along with the whiskey, right, Steve? Most glorious damn race in the
world! Jimmy, look at it this way, y'harp -- if you hadnna dunnit, one of the
other brothers or cousins (or even a big girl cousin, maybe in training to be a
nun) woulda. Bless the Quarrys, past, present, and forever!!

12/8/03 06:31:24 PM|Massimo|Rome||4||10|Why didn't Jerry delay the fight if
he had a broken back? That was, by far, the most important fight of his career
!!!! I'd be curious to know the reason, thanks !!

12/8/03 07:07:56 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclockk000@yahoo.com||10|this is what i
read once, that jerrys dad jack quarry told him that this fight was it and he
had to fight it or he might not get another chance, jerry having too much guts
as always went through with the fight, against his better judgement.

12/8/03 07:54:10 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||10|EVAN B: Being 1/2 IRISH and 1/2 STOOGE. I
can relate, Really sad to hear about Tony ALONGI. Massimo that was Tony Doyle you
were referring to and not Tony Alonei, Something about Doyle, Quarry was asked
which former opponent he wanted to see, and he said TONY DOYLE. So it was
arranged for the two to get together in L.A. at the CAULIFLOWER ALLEY CLUB, and
Dole was sad saying JERRY QUARRY was not JERRY QUARRY anymore. Doyle was also
quoted that Quarry was one heavyweight who could really hurt you, "Irish" GIL
KING who sparrd a little with JQ, Told me he was simply "JUST AWESOME" WITH A
PRO RECORD 36-5-1 (21 KO'S) KING OTTA KNOW. take care!!

12/8/03 09:06:08 PM|Pete|Cleveland||pco@msn.com||10|"Who was a better
fighter, Jerry or Ellis? Well Jerry fought Ellis with a broken back and he still
only lost by a split decision. I would say Jerry was the better
fighter." I agree, Jerry was much tougher, much stronger. Ellis had a
much overhand right, but who did he beat? He wasn't a legitimate champion and he
really was just a blown up middleweight. Frazier was smart not to involve
himself in that tournament back in '67, although it did provide some good
television entertainment for fight fans.

12/8/03 10:21:02 PM|Forest Ward|South Carolina||joekevin@cs.com||10|John
Gerard, how are you buddy? I was watching a tape over the weekend, Eddie Machen
vs. Doug Jones, from 1962 in Miami Beach. In the prefight introductions the
announcer introduced Willie Pastrano, and Tony Alongi to the crowd. What a
coincidence.<br><br>In fairness to Jimmy Ellis, he has a lot to be proud of.
He was an overachiever, big time! He got the most out of his ability. As a
heavyweight, his record was not shabby. He beat: Johnny Persol, Leotis Martin,
Oscar Bonevama, Jerry Quarry, and George Chvvalo.

12/8/03 10:54:56 PM|Evan B|Belfast||evanb46@juno.com||10|Maybe this would be
a good time to go through some of the Jerry Quarry legends and find the truth. I
remember around 1968 or so when Jerry had a big fight scheduled. Then he
reportedly sprained or even broke his ankle sliding into second base in a family
softball game. I think the big fight had to be postponed. I remember thinking,
"What a dope!" but at the same time, I liked it because he was with his family
having a good time, and not duking it out with vice cops at 3 AM in an alley in
Hollywood, you know. It's a human mistake that could have happened to any of us.
But is it true? Koo Koo, Kent, do you remember that story? Jimmy? Besides,
sliding in one of those games show A DAMNED HIGH LEVEL OF COMPETITIVENESS! I
wonder who was on the teams.

12/8/03 11:12:09 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Evan, yes
that doesn't sound like much of a brawl, Jerry falling into the jukebox but it
could very well have cost him the title. It is not entirely Mr. Jimmy's (James
Quarry) fault as he was protecting himself. In fact, Jerry was also to blame
for throwing the punch in the first place. <br><br>Forest, Jimmy Ellis was a
good fighter. I just feel Jerry, overall, was a better fighter.

12/9/03 01:43:05 AM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree,
CA||Sonia90101@aol.com||10|I remember when I was younger, The Quarry's had a
Reunion of sorts, and they played Football, and Uncle Jerry, and Uncle Mike, I believe were playing and damn it if they didn't run into each other, and only one was cut, that day was fun, listening to tunes, playing football, and of course eating. That was a cool time.

Koo Koo - you being acknowledged as the number 1 Quarryologist, which was the 'one too many' fight that Jerry had? Which fight should he have retired after? I was thinking about Ali. I don't think he sustained any lasting damaged in his first career as Clay. The hardest he got hit was Henry Cooper, but film of him speaking during his exile at a college reveals him to be articulate and fluent in speech so I assume he was okay. The first apparent damage to me was his ringside speech after he beat Foreman. His speech was awkward and slurred, and the sparkle in his eyes was dimmer. I think maybe the damage started in the first Frazier fight and was probably irreversible by the second Norton bout. Probably had a gene that meant he would have got Parkinson's anyway, and the damage he took in the ring just hastened the process. He should never have been allowed to continue after Foreman, but there were many snouts in the financial trough that only Ali could keep filling. Evren B - one side of my ancestry came from Ireland's County of Cork. Never been there. The other side was from England and got a free cruise to Australia on a convict ship. Were you in Australia for the rugby world cup singing 'Sweet Chariot'? 

After Mr. Jimmy's memorial service, I was playing pool with Mike at Wilma's house and I said to Mike, "I don't really care if I win or lose this game." Mike looked straight at me, and he said, "show me a good loser, and I'll show you a loser!" He said it in a kidding, friendly sort of way but I could tell he was at least a little bit serious, that he was very competitive in even a back yard pool game with no money on the line. I said back to him, "Mike, I am just going to have a good time and while I am not going to let you win on purpose (which he did anyway, two games out of three), I still don't care if I win or not as it is just a pool game." He smiled and nodded at me and he respected what I had to say because in a way, his competitiveness was testing me and I stood up to his challenge anyway by sticking to my attitude, no matter what he thought.

I have heard people say that Jerry was the most competitive person they ever met. I believe Mike shares this competitive spirit. Something that is needed to compete at a world class level in a sport such as boxing.

I agree completely. Patterson won that fight and the judges handed it to Ellis. Ellis was at the top of the heap at the time and Patterson was well on his way out. I think that politics and future earning potential for all related to the fight game, were behind that decision. A lot of us tend to view Floyd as "The Rabbit"; a guy who lacked heart and courage. But he was actually a highly skilled fighter and a great champion, during his reign.

Ali may or may not have had a genetic tendency towards Parkinson's. As many times as he was hit over such a long period of time, he'd have had brain damage if ordinary men had been doing the punching, let alone the people who were. A lot of times, visible signs of brain damage show up many years after the injuries have occurred, and the fighters have retired. In truth, there's a microscopic amount of damage even from trivial household head bumping...
Everyone who boxes has injuries to the brain. Degree, how they present themselves, and how visible they are do vary though. The average fighter's career isn't that long, and symptoms start appearing about ten years after retirement. In most cases, that means they're mid-30s/crowing 40. Ali was still fighting then. That would make it more tempting to assign his condition to one particular fight, rather than to a whole career. I do think the heavy hitters of career two were mostly responsible, though all the fights against lesser opponents that went the distance contributed some too. I wonder how he feels about his choices?

Patterson ducked too many top contenders to be called a "great champion". Cleveland Williams would have run him out of the ring in three rounds and Cus Damato knew it and guided him accordingly. But Floyd was always a gentleman and a very gracious winner and looser. His title defense against Pete Rademacher who never had a pro fight was inexcusable even by today's circus standards.

I have read that Patterson fought very well in the rematch with Ali and that he was winning on points! Patterson was 37 years old and Ali only 30 years old at the time of the fight. Do you think that that was just a bad night for Ali? Ali defined Patterson the most skillful fighter he ever fought! He beat Johansson twice, Machen, Chuvalo and Bonavena and drew with Quarry... Not bad! Patterson was not a bad fighter by any means. He had very fast hands and a good left hook. I honestly believe had he fought as a light heavy he would have perhaps the greatest light heavy ever. Regarding the second Ali fight: I don't remember it being that close.

I agree with you utterly and entirely with both posts about Patterson. About 20 years ago I bumped into Patterson at some club fights and we had a little chat. I mentioned to him that he could have been the greatest light heavyweight champ ever. Floyd replied, "I rather be the heavyweight champion for one day, than the light heavyweight champion for 10 years." Floyd, certainly had a long and distinguished record. But John, your right! What Patterson and D'Amato did with the championship by ducking worthwhile challengers was a disgrace.

I haven't seen the second Ali/Patterson fight in years but while I don't remember it being as close as Patterson being ahead at the time Ali stopped him, Patterson did do better than in their first match. In the first Ali/Patterson fight, while it appeared embarrassing for Patterson to have to endure such a one sided beating, it is Patterson's corner and the referee who should be embarrassed for allowing the beating to go on for so long, 12 rounds. They should have stopped it a long time before they did. Patterson has nothing to be ashamed of as he showed a lot of heart in the fight and no one can question Patterson's courage. Patterson was a great fighter.

I agree that Patterson's reign was not one of the best because he avoided fighter such as Machen, Polley, C. Williams, and Liston (for a long time), but it wasn't his fault, it was Cus, his manager's decision, who by the way was not in the corner the night Ali fought Patterson the first time.

I WOULD SAY THAT JERRY HAD A LOT OF ONE TOO MANY FIGHTS FRAZIER 2, NORTON, AND THAT BUM RON CRAMER THAT HE Fought AT AGE 47!! I MUST SAY THOUGH IT WAS THE NORTON FIGHT THAT CAUSED THE MOST DAMAGE OF ANY FIGHT, I THINK JERRY TOOK ONE OF THE WORST BEATING EVER IN THAT FIGHT, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN STOP AT THE END OF THE 3RD, I LOVED IT WHEN GERRY COONEY BEAT NORTON WITHIN A INCH OF HIS LIFE, HE WAS A SELFLOVING COCKY JERK, HE HAD IT COMING AND I LOVED IT!!!
to the trash... I agree that Patterson wouldn't be heavyweight champion today, while a prime Liston yes. In his prime Sonny Liston was a top 5 heavyweight ever. The best left jab ever, powerful left hook, powerful right hook, iron chinned, very long reach, fearless... What a champion !

I wished Jerry'd retired at 33-3-4 and gone into engineering at UCLA or got into acting fulltime in 1969, he'd had plans to retire then, or maybe after his big payday with Ali in 70' where he netted only 85 grand. It shocks me that macho comacho, can take home more moolah (6 million$) in one fight then JERRY could his whole career. As a fan I was selfish to where I really wanted Jerry's 73' comeback to be big (and it was). But ultimately may have did more harm than good, for Jerry obviously physically, Everywhere the man went when he commented with Brookshier for CBS, people hounded him for a comeback, he looked like a stocky undestructable tank in a tux. the men whom were responsible for Jerry's fateful comeback in 1992, should be playing on Jose Conseco's softball team in prison!!!!

Jerry should have retired after Frazier 2. The Norton fight should have been stopped after the fourth round or during the fourth round, certainly Jerry should have not been allowed off of his stool to fight in round number five after the frightful beating he took in round four. Jerry was still winging punches in round five, even if they didn't have much force on them by that point but Jerry was still fighting his heart out and he went out of the fight a true warrior in every sense of the word. Jerry was even trying to push the referee away to get back at Norton, what a heart! The fight should not have been stopped after the third round though when Jerry and Norton went toe to toe for the whole round, with Jerry holding his own throughout. What a round, one of the best I have ever seen.

It was after this fight that Norton said all of his bad feelings towards Jerry went away. It would seem Norton couldn't help but respect someone with as much guts as Jerry had.

Koo Koo - thanks for your opinion. RS - head injuries can be a bit bizzare. I played a lot of rugby league football in my youth and I was knocked unconscious a number of times without any apparent ill effects. The weirdest time, though, was when I wasn't knocked out. I remember absolutely nothing about the second half of a game, even though I played the whole second half as usual without any sign of injury. The next I recall is talking to someone in the dressing shed afterwards. There was no headaches, nothing. And I recalled the first half of the game clearly. There's something I've noticed about people suffering dementia, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and those types of conditions. An in-law has Alzheimer's and so does the father of a close friend. Both have full heads of hair with a low hair line on the forehead..... just like Ali and President Reagan. Noticing this makes me wonder whether I've had too many hits to the head. Cheers.

MASSIMO: Liston was the prototype of today's large heavyweights, while Patterson represented the era smaller heavies of the 1950's such as Marciano, Charles, etc. When the two eras collided, Floyd wound up on the canvas. To some degree, a similar thing happened to Tyson when he fought Lewis.

RS - head injuries can be a bit bizzare. Lots of injuries can be strange. A guy plays in the NFL, never has a knee injury, then tears one up stepping off the bottom rung of a ladder wrong. I was knocked unconscious a number of times without any apparent ill effects. You can have a concussion and not be knocked out, but when you are, you always have one (and of course, there are different degrees of severity). It's a mystery why some people are relatively
unaffected after many head traumas, and why someone else will actually die from an injury that's actually pretty mild compared to boxing or some hits in football. I knew a boy when I was in school who fell out of a tree, was unconscious for five minutes, and afterwards, his personality was completely different forever. His parents privately said that it was as if he'd been possessed. The next I recall is talking to someone in the dressing shed afterwards. There was no headaches, nothing. And I recalled the first half of the game clearly. That's really unusual - no dizziness, headache, nausea, memory loss, but it happens once in a while. It would be interesting to completely understand what's going on in there and why, and reasons for differences (which medicine doesn't). Both have full heads of hair with a low hair line on the forehead....just like Ali and President Reagan. Noticing this makes me wonder whether I've had too many hits to the head.

Cheers.

They're finding out more and more all along, but right now, it's still like a partly completed jigsaw puzzle. Taking that metaphor a step further, I imagine when the final answer to Alzheimer's and the other forms of dementia are finally understood, the final picture will be different than many would predict it would be at different points along the way to completion of the puzzle.

Hey Jimmy Dorsey, I agree with you, it makes me sick that Jerry made so little money in some of his biggest fights. Guys like Hector Comacho made 6 million bucks per fight because of several factors. Did he really make 6 million per fight? He was an arrogant, loud, and flamboyant fighter who got peoples attention, especially the networks. His ethnic origins, he became a hero to many Mexican people. He also could fight a little bit. He strung together a pretty impressive record before he actually fought anybody dangerous. Jerry, on the other hand, was put in with Machen way to early in his career. Especially given Machen's difficult, elusive, seasoned style. That lose hurt his career badly, in terms of financial marketability. The loss to Frazier, big mistake. There where plenty of fighters he could have developed on, while building his experience and public interest. The fight against Norton, was the biggest management mistake in his career! He gets a call while he's drunk on vacation, and agrees to a fight with Ken Norton, on two weeks notice. Norton's status, should never have had to take a fight on two weeks notice! Especially coming of a beating from Joe Frazier earlier that year. I really think that this is where the final, irreparable damage was done to that poor brave warrior.

Hey Evan B., my entire family comes from County Wexford. My mother was born there. I still have over 50 living relatives there. I hope your last name isn't Broder or Broaderick. I hope none of your mothers relatives were Doyles. If it turned out we were cousins, I'd have to shoot myself! Your right about the Irish being one of the truly blessed ethnic groups. We are literate, poetic, sensitive, (except for you), and incurably romantic. We also like the occasional wake, or wedding, where we at least have an excuse to drink whiskey and fight. On a personal note, since you asked the question, "where have I scuffled?" I did two tours in Vietnam with the 1st. Air Cav. I then spent 25 years in bar fights all over South Jersey. I've never laced on a pair of gloves in my life. Now are we done posturing?

Hey R.S., you still haven't responded to my questions about your assertions that there is clinical evidence proving, or even suggesting that N.Y. Mohawk American Indians have a different inner ear structure or a different hip bone structure that makes them superior to whites and black ironworkers in walking the high iron.
I realize it's easy to get carried away on an anynomous web site. Sooner or later, however, you might trip over someone else's area of expertise. With iron work, you tripped over mine!

Saying that some Indians have certain genetic advantages re high stell work isn't exactly my idea of a red hot topic to fake though, if I were prone to such things! :-) I really did read about this once. I'll get cookin' and see if I can find something on it.

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Friends, when you read someone like Steve, just remember he's a sore-ass potatohead who couldn't tie his own shoes if his suffering wife didn't do it for him, and then he beats her up to prove how tough he is. I'll bet you've got 6 or 7 lamebrained mick sons, too, who like to pick fights. Contact me and tell me where and when. Bring your sons and all your prick harp friends, too, bitch. Everyone, it's been fun, and I bid you adieu.

Hey Kent, hey anyone! I was just kidding on my last post to Evan B. I swear it, I was just kidding! I honestly thought he would respond with some good family information. Hey, if my style of posting is that abrasive, someone please tell me about it!! The last thing I wanted to do is get Evan so damn mad he stops posting here! It's alot more fun to argue with him. I honestly didn't mean anything personal. Hey Kent, help me soothe Evan's feelings?! I love it, I love it, this is a lot like jerry quarry's life, things could be going along fine and then all hell breaks loose because somebody gets called a name, hey I never understood that mick thing, it really doesn't sound that bad compared to what they call some other races, lets have a race war on here, it'd be fun, I'll start.

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You'd never make it in America, stay where you are. Open a restaurant.
YOU CAN EAT FREE THAT WAY, I LOVE ITJ<br>

I don't think Evan B is serious, Steve. He is just testing to see what sort of reaction he gets. But poor Massimo. Everytime someone gets testy, Koo Koo gives it to him. I find Evan's posts entertaining and I hope he stays. You keep posting too Steve. Ever been to Washington Square and the Silver Bullet Bar in Bangkok ?

I've just started reading a book on Joe Louis and it relates how his first professional trainer - a nasty little man named Jack Blackburn - doubted that the white establishment would give him the opportunity to win the title because of the legacy left by Jack Johnson. It says that Louis and his managers "carefully constructed a well-behaved" public image, by modestly downplaying his victories, complimenting his white opponents, marrying a "nice, black girl", etc. Even then, Louis was warned that he must make "his right fist the referee" if he wanted to win the title. It's shaping up to be a good book. Anyway, you've been on this site long enough to know that Koo Koo is only joking, haven't you ?

I'm not angry with KooKoo at all. I consider him a friend and I hope he consider me the same way ! I consider everyone on here a friend ! I'm on here to spend (a good time, relax, laugh, talk about boxing and life in general and improve my English. RS gave me some free English lessons on here. No other expensive English teacher in Italy would have taught me things like ain't and yo, simply because they are not known in Rome.<br>
We Italians are all dumb, I'm smart to be ( or to being, or for being, or something else ) an Italian ! We have never had a painter, a sculptor, a poet, a novel writer or a scientist...<br>
All we can do is pizza, spaghetti and mafia.<br>
We all need you, you're cool ! Don't go away. We have verbal brawls in this site every day ! Ti ci devi abituare ! " Accustom " is the English traslation of "abituare", isn't it Evan ? I don't have a dictionary to control in this moment. You have to accustom yourself to these verbal brawls if you want to survive on this site !

I knew that Louis used to follow a long list of rules. He was a great champion, his combinations were the best in boxing history, even if I feel that his first fight against Conn ruined a little his imagine. <br>

What does it mean ITJ ? Italian and something ? I challenge all the Italian English teachers to teach me that, for God's sake !

I don't know offhand what "ITJ" means. Thinking along the lines of IMO for "in my opinion," I started thinking "in the," but the J stumped me. I'll let you know if I discover the answer.<br>
I don't speak Italian is like Spanish - a lot of the words have enough similarity to English (some English words have Latin roots) that you can figure them out.<br>
One of my husband's buddies is Italian, and they argue about everything. This guy will laugh and say "one of the boys might be coming around to see you," and my husband replies that if that ever happens, he (buddy) knows what we Irish like to do to cars! :-)<br>
Is it true that JQ and George Foreman once sparred in the gym? Does anyone know the details: where, when, etc?|
AT THE TIME.

Maybe the best way to discover what ITJ means is asking to KooKoo. Yes, Italian is pretty similar to Spanish, if I read a Spanish book I understand about 80%. But they have some words that are very different from ours. For instance, the Spanish version of "brother" is "hermano", while the Italian version is "fratello". The French written is very similar to Italian too. I have overcomen a French exam at University (it was about translating a French article) and I have never studied French in my life. I really want and don't understand why these 3 languages are so similar! I know that Giulio Cesare conquered Spain and France (Gallia at the time) but it was over 2000 years ago and that was Latin. Maybe Kent might help me on this subject. The major problem is when these language are spoken because that 80% becomes 30%. About English I understand without using dictionaries 90% of what is written on here, but if I listen to an English movie I understand about 40% and after an hour I'm damned tired!

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PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Massimo -
<br><br>One reason so many Hollywood movies have such a high ratio of action to dialogue, with much of the action self explanatory, is for marketability to the worldwide non-English speaking, or English-not-as-a-first-language countries. This approach makes them much less costly to dub later. The dubbed voice is almost never the actual star, obviously, since many Hollywood stars have enough trouble with English. One of your countrymen directors, Martin Scorsese said once that he was appalled at the simple words he had to pronounce and define for many top stars.<br><br>I never knew Bugner sparred with Liston. I'll bet that redefined passivity, though Bugner wasn't that bad against the relentless Frazier. Maybe JB did fool everyone - a millionaire with no injuries.

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PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Massimo -
<br><br>What do the letters ITJ stand for? In the context of the tirade you were posting at the time, did ITJ mean 'imagine the joy'? It could also mean 'in the joint', but I don't think you meant 'information technology junkie'. You have to tell us. And I'm sure Sonia would love to play pool with you. Who wouldn't. Why did the turtle cross the road? To get to the shell service station. |
I am a former bar band singer and maybe a present and future one as well. It is a tribute to the sixties band. You've Lost that Loving Feeling or something like that. I can carry a tune well but people are usually surprised I am any good at all because I don't look like a singer. I look more like a "roadie" even though I know nothing about electronics and I am not too thrilled about lugging equipment around, etc.

If I was married, which I am not, if anyone else could take my wife from me, than she wouldn't be worth having.

I sure wish I would have had the chance to sing a duet with Jerry. I am sure he and I could have done a good job on something like the Righteous Brothers "You've Lost that Loving Feelig" or something like that. I look it's great you don't work, I HATE THE CORPORATE WORLD AND ALL THE UP ASSHOLE.. YOU MEET IN IT, LITTLE COLLEGE BOYS 25YRS OLD THINK THEY KNOW EVERYTHING, AT LEAST YOU DON'T HAVE TO KISS THE ASS OF SOME BRIEFCASE CARRYING, STUFFED SHIRT, THAT THINKS HE BETTER THAN YOU!! MORE EDUCATION IN A LOT CASES MEANS MORE EGOS, THIS IS THE WISDOM OF THE KOO KOO CLOCK

I'm not a very good Pool player, the person that was a great Pool player was Dad (Mr. Jimmy), my Father in Law, is pretty good too. I play it when I do for the fun of it. Anyways, yeah I'd play you for the fun of it. Kent, played with Uncle Mike, at Aunt Wilma's house the day of Dad's funeral. Hey all keep checkin out the website, and posting, but we gotta be good.

Koo Koo - with you talking about your library, are we to take it that writing your memoirs is in the offing? Include some of our favourites that you've posted here, and you could call it the 'Best of Koo Koo'. And I wouldn't give up on a singing career just yet. 'Kent & Koo Koo' sounds a bit like 'Simon & Garfunkle'. Reword the lyrics of 'Fifty Ways To Leave Your Lover' with some of your attitude and philosophy and it would be a smash hit (with the emphasis on 'smash'). Just a thought.

I just get P.O. when I think about corporate people, they sit behind their desks and make decisions about other people's lives, they want you to beg for a job, I say to everybody stop kissing ass and start kicking ass, getting back to some of my books, HOW TO MEET FAMOUS PEOPLE, THE SON OF SAM WAS MY FAVORITE. I THOUGHT HE WAS COOL AS HELL, HE DIDN'T BOTHER ME, I DIDN'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, I DIDN'T HAVE TO WEAR A BLONDE EITHER :))))))

I MEANT BLONDE WIG

Yes, musicians can be a strange bunch and while I am not a big fan of karaoke, at least the machine doesn't argue or have opinions, and I had a problem with some musicians in the past. Even so, karaoke is a substitute for the real thing, live music, and karaoke is nothing more than a practice tool and it is never magical, like a good band is when they are playing very well and I am singing at my best. The machine lacks the soul of the players, something the karaoke enthusiast who has never sang, other than karaoke, will never understand.
music.  

KENT, I’M SURE THAT PEOPLE BOthered THE HELL OUT OF JERRY TALKING ABOUT MUHAMMAD ALI AND JOE FRAZIER, I HEARD HE PLayed GUITAR ALSO, THIS IS THE THING MOST PEOPLE MISS WHEN THEY LOOK AT JERRY QUARRY, THIS MAN COULD HAVE BEEN ANYTHING, HE HAD A GREAT MIND, YOU COULD TELL BY LISTENING TO HIM THIS WAS NO AVERAGE MAN, WE’VE ALL HEARD THAT ALI STORY, LETS GET JERRY’S STORY OUT SOMEHOW, THE MOVIES ABOUT ALI WOULD BE NOTHING COMPARED TO THE ROLLACOASTER LIFE OF JERRY QUARRY.

One of the saddest things about Jerry losing his cognitive ability was the fact that he had so much to offer---the music and also his commentary during boxing broadcasts. He was an intelligent, articulate guy who had "insiders" viewpoints of boxing. I think that had he retired earlier (much) and stayed retired, he would have become an elder boxing stateman and stayed in the public eye. I would LOVE to hear Jerry's take on today's heavyweights---even guys from the 80's to the present.

When Joe Frazier said once, "I wish I was smarter, had a degree," I hope someone explained the difference between intelligence and education. I think many people with multiple degrees would trade them for the richness of Joe's life. I think with any fighter, even those showing not a lot of multiple dimensions in their personalities, the person themselves would be more interesting to explore than just their careers as fighters. Wasn't Jerry also able to do the NY Times crossword? I do crosswords every day, and this is no small feat. After the second day at Gettysburg, Robert E. Lee was enthusing to his top general, James Longstreet about the day to come (fateful, as it turned out), saying "...as close as it was today." Longstreet answered, "It wasn't that close, sir," and Lee became angry. I didn't know Jerry Quarry, and even those who were close to him may not have known all of his secret feelings about his fights. Perhaps he saw the really important ones against the real t-rexes (Ali, Frazier, Norton, and Foreman, even though he didn't fight him) as being far different than the results. Who knows? I don't. Just wondering.

everybody can't be a genius, if joe frazier had not been a fighter i don't think he would have done too good, but i could be wrong as a man with that kind of determination might make something happen one way or another, i think that as of the last 7 or 8 yrs frazier's health has not been very good, i've seen pictures of him he looks very frail, he is diabetic.

There is often a difference between intelligence and education. Lots of academics might have high IQs, but many don't have any common sense. These people focus all their attention on one subject to the exclusion of everything else. While they become an expert in that particular subject, they often know nothing about anything else. Many academics have poor motor skills as well. They are boring one dimensional people. HOWEVER, Massimo is the obvious exception. I don't believe in IQ, I'm not going to explain why I don't believe in them because I don't want to offend anybody. I truly believe that intelligence is essentially a genetic matter! No baby can decide to become Mozart or Fermi or Leopardi. At six years old of age Mozart already was a much better musician than Arturo Toscanini at 50 or Von Karajan at 50 because he had a gift that almost nobody has: THE CREATIVITY. A lot of people can learn how to play an instrument decently but only A FEW HAVE THE CREATIVITY GIFT. This is true in music, physics, in everything. I know physicists that, with hard work, have learnt how to use very very difficult Mathematics but they have never had an original idea! There are other physicists that have a smaller
culture, but have the gift. Einstein used to say: "Imagination is more important than knowledge". But this doesn't change that the study helps and improves anyone's brain. I realize that now, after years of study, I understand 10 times better Physics that 8 years ago. Not just in the sense that I have more knowledge but in the sense that now I'm smarter. The study helps you to reach the best of your mental native capacitives. If I had never opened a book I'd be surely still dumber than I am. 

In the George Foreman site (www.georgeforeman.com) it's possible to write a letter to George Foreman. I haven't understood yet in detail how this can be done and anyway my post has always problems but it's possible. It'd be interesting to ask George about his relationship with Jerry or about other things of his career!

IQ is the best thing we've been able to come up with to measure intelligence, though the tests are do have their flaws. And you're right - no one gets up one day, quits their job and instead becomes Beethoven, Michaelangelo, Edison, or Jack Dempsey. Probably most people test lower than they really are for many reasons - difficulty taking tests, lack of education (they ~do~ have cultural and educational bias), learning disabilities, etc. and certainly all smart people don't function well in all ways, but one thing is true - no one who's truly dumb tests high. George Foreman seems to be going through a humble phase. I can't imagine him really ducking Jerry, having not ducked Frazier or Ali, Chuvalo, Lyle, Norton, or anyone else. I also can't imagine a Quarry fight not being a money maker. Maybe not Thrilla or Rumble in the Jungle, but a big gate nevertheless. In his list of top ten champs, he doesn't include himself, which is silly, further evidence of humble pie, for whatever reason.

In 1968 if George was only 20 when he sparred Jerry, Jerry was only 23, and only 19 or 20 when he fought Patterson the first time. Right or wrong?

Charles you're a nice guy, but you are wrong, Jerry was 22 yrs old when he fought Patterson, next question.

If you look at Foreman's record, he really only took the title from Joe Frazier. He defended his title 3 times (beat Norton and some other no namers) took on Ali and the rest was history. Likewise, Joe Frazier defended his title against Foster, Ali, Stander and Daniels. His final defense was against George Foreman. Foreman may very well have been avoiding Jerry. I think Frazier's better fights were up to and including the championship. He fought guys like Machen, Jones, Chuvalo, Bonavena. I think he became the well known champion that he was because of the Ali/Frazier trilogy, but certainly not because of how he performed as champion. George became a household word because of his destruction of Joe Frazier and his lean, mean grilling machine.

Foreman destroyed Chuvalo in 3 one-sided rounds in 1970, while JQ lost against the Canadian. Foreman beat Peralta twice also. However I think JQ would have had a serious chance against Foreman even if I think George would have been favorite (about 3-1). JQ beat clearly Ron Lyle who was almost as powerful and as big as Big George and not a worst
boxer.<br>KooKoo-<br>Why did JQ fight Cramer in 1992? Did he need money?<br>|12/12/03 04:58:39 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|PETE, PETE,<br>WHAT I’M GONNA DO WITH YOU, YOU MEAN TO TELL ME YOU BELIEVE EVERYTHING FOREMAN SAYS, I’M JERRY'S BIGGEST FAN BUT I’M TELLING YOU ALMOST EVERYTHING THAT COMES OUT OF FOREMANS MOUTH SHOULD BE TAKEN W/ A GRAIN OF SALT, YOU WANT ME TO BELIEVE THAT HE WAS AFRAID OF JERRY, I WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE IT BUT I DON'T, WE NOW KNOW THAT FOREMAN IS OUT OF JERRY'S WEIGHT CLASS, BACK THEN A GUY 180 COULD FIGHT A GUY >250, WHAT DO YOU THINK THE RESULT IS MOST OF THE TIME?? YOU DON’T HAVE THE MENTAL BOXING WATTAGE TO KNOW WHAT YOUR TALKING ABOUT, AS GREAT OF A GUY THAT FOREMAN IS I MUST SAY AT TIMES HE IS A LIEING FRAUD!!! KOO KOO||12/12/03 05:17:14 PM|charles anderson|ark.|ctjjandfam@aol.com|||10|my bad koo koo. ithought they fought in 65||12/12/03 05:35:57 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentalleent@aol.com|||10|Styles make fights and Jerry's style was similar to Gregorio Peralta's style, who gave Foreman two very tough fights. Foreman was not fully developed as a fighter yet and Peralta was vastly more experienced. Peralta probably wouldn't have been as tough a fight for an in prime Foreman however, Jerry was a harder puncher than Peralta and stonger. He would have had a chance against an in prime Foreman but I would still favor George in this one.|12/12/03 05:42:45 PM|KOOKOO|ny||kookooclcock000@yahoo.com|||10|I'D SAY THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT, JERRY PROVED IN THE LYLE FIGHT HE'D HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST FOREMAN, YOU JUST NEVER KNOW IF HE COULD BE IN AND OUT ON HIM LIKE THE LYLE FIGHT HE STOOD A GOOD CHANCE,JIMMY YOUNG & ALI PROVE IF YOU CAN TAKE FOREMAN PAST 5 RDS YOU GOT HIM.||12/12/03 06:23:33 PM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|Kent-<br>That guys were pieces of shit. This is my personal opinion !<br>RS--<br>I need you! What's "conned" ? I did look for the verb "to conn" in my dictionary but I couldn't find it !<br>You speak too difficult sometimes, my friend !<br>Remember that I was born in Pisa not in Los Angeles ! Have mercy !<br>Is "conned" something about Billy Conn ?<br>|12/12/03 06:26:15 PM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|Kent--<br>Remember that I was born in Pisa not in Los Angeles ! Have mercy !<br>Is "conned" something about Billy Conn ?<br>|12/12/03 07:08:12 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: "Conned" is almost like being tricked or swindled.<br>These guys basically used Jerry by misleading him into thinking that by taking the fight, it would lead to big, money-making future endeavors. It's a classic case of leeches feeding off someone else's reputation to make a buck---taking advantage of a good guy. Most of the fans on this site would love a few minutes alone with these idiots to give them an idea of what getting hit the head feels like. |
('s..t') is not polite. |
|12/12/03 07:39:28 PM|charles anderson|ark.||ctjjandfam@aol.com|||10|i thought i was jerry's biggest fan! regarding big george and jerry, depends on which jerry comes to fight(foster,shavers,lyle)or the one that left his fight in the gym.|
|12/12/03 07:50:41 PM|KOOKOO|NY||KOOKOOCLOCK0008@YAHOO.COM|||10|CHARLES, YOU ARE WHAT I CALL A MIDDLE OF THE ROAD FAN OF JERRYS, I KNOW YOU COME HERE ONCE IN A WHILE, YOU DON'T CAUSE ANY TROUBLE, BUT YOU DON'T SEEM TO ADD THAT MUCH TO DISCUSSIONS ON HERE, WHY I NEVER SEEN YOU FIGHT WITH ANYBODY ON HERE , WHERES THE QUARRY IN YOU??|
|12/12/03 07:55:22 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Massimo - Being conned almost always involves deception or shadowy truth, and even in cases where it may not, it will still include great amounts of manipulation to get someone to do something they probably wouldn't do if such coercion were absent. In his prime, Quarry with the flu could have taken a palooka like Cramner. His emotions may have taken him for the joy ride we've all been on with them, or if he thought logically, he may have thought he could do it with his mind, his experience and knowledge. Unfortunately, by that time, he had mostly turned into an ordinary man again, and his body could no longer cash checks his mind wrote.<br>Is boxing a business or an emotional sport? Both, though the young men involved play on both sides of the fence. The big 3-1/2 (Norton being the 1/2) in the 70s felt the same fire from each other that the contenders did from them. Styles, emotion, business, all swirls of paper in a high, violent wind where anything could happen. Remember the scene at the end of the football movie, "North Dallas Forty," when the frustrated John Matuszak is having the tantrum in the locker room? To the coach: "Everytime I call it a sport, you say it's a business, and everytime I call it a business, you say it's a sport!" In his other choice words, he pretty much sums up the creatures who run all sports. What to do?|
|12/12/03 08:20:17 PM|Gerry Schultz|Cleveland,Ohio||jgschultz11@msn.com|||10|Some good comments about some classic topics here. Yes, George has been very respectful of Jerry historically but I would not call that fear. Fighting Quarry would be a risk for Foreman, though he would likely win. I've always said Jerry would have had a good chance versus Big George, Foreman himself supports this. I think Frazier may have been referring to the toughness of his life and the advantages he thinks he might have had with a better education. I hear he is going through real estate litigation now as some people have assumed Joe's ignorance and, allegedly, are trying to swindle him in a development deal. Some good comments comparing Joe's record versus George's, again, I've always had Frazier ahead of Foreman. He beat better guys and was a better champ, even though George totally had his number. Also, I give George credit for not including himself in the all-time Top Ten, he definitely isn't. George may overrate Lewis, among his many loopy comments, but Lewis is definitely Top 20 material. Massimo is correct about IQ tests in that they cannot measure creativity, Thomas Edison was considered very impaired in his youth, then became the great inventor we know him for, by virtue of his creativity. Still, IQ tests provide a good sample of knowledge in academic subjects or in conceptual intelligence, which is a valid way to determine someone's intelligence in a general sense, in my opinion.|
|12/12/03 08:27:30 PM|Gerry Schultz|Ohio||jgschultz11@msn.com|||10|Also, I heard Joe Mesi edged Monte Barrett recently, did anyone see this? Another fight in Joe's Buffalo backyard, probably. The Klitschkos also have matches coming up I think. Where's the division going, opinions? I haven't heard anything new on Lewis or Tyson lately.|
taught me at school!

Gerry, I saw the Mesi verses Barrett fight and I called it a draw with Mesi winning the first half and Barrett winning the second half. Both scored knockdowns. The judges gave Mesi the win by a slight margin by majority decision. One judge scored it for Mesi, one had it for Barrett, and the third judge called it a draw.

Mesi has a long way to go before he should try for the title.

Yesterday, I have seen on ESPN Classic the two knockdowns of the first Frazier-Bonavena fight. That was probably a great fight to watch... Have you ever seen the whole fight? Did Joe deserve the decision?

Massimo, why are you still posting? Your input is most welcome here.

Great
line in an otherwise terrible movie (The Great White Hype). A rock band member who beat the heavyweight champ when they were amateurs is brought back for a title shot. When he's introduced on the comeback trail, it's as "Irish Mike Conklin." The fighter whispers to his manager that he's not Irish. The manager replies, "Never mind - it just means you're white!" LOL!

[12/13/03 07:24:46 PM]Charles Anderson|Ark.|ctjjandfam@aol.com||10|Koo Koo, I thought we were all all the same side. Sorry I sounded too serious. I guess I found your glass jaw(ha) I wonder what ever became of crammer? Koo Koo, since you are the ultimate quarry historian, I will let you expound. Merry Christmas!

[12/13/03 08:01:17 PM]Massimo|Rome||4||10|RS=<br><br>I think you have a little exaggerated with the "s" in my name, but it doesn't matter !<br>Bonavena hit Frazier with a powerful right right (sorry) on the jaw. Soon after you can see Joe hopping trying to clear his head. About 10 seconds after the first knockdown Oscar hit Frazier with left hand ( not a great shot) and Joe went down again. In his auto. Joe says that he was hurt badly after the first knockdown, and this is true, and adds a little lie... he says that the second knockdown was a push. This is not totally true, it wasn't a great punch, but was a punch !

[12/13/03 09:07:36 PM]Kookooclock000@yahoo.com||10|Ron Cramer went on to fight 2 more yrs. Total of 12 fights lost 8 of them. Beat a Jerry Quarry that was already having mental problems, there's no way Jerry should have been anywhere even close to a ring, he was in all a round bad shape, Jerry would have knocked this guy out in less than a round in his heyday, Ron Cramer ain't sh...!

[12/14/03 12:18:30 AM]Kent|La Habra, Ca|Kentallenent@aol.com||10|No Koo Koo I am not taking anyone's side I just do not want to see anyone leave this site, even you, surprised?<br>Besides, Charles can defend himself.

[12/14/03 05:26:13 AM]Massimo|Rome||4||10|RS=<br><br>KooKoo said in his last post " Cramner ain't shit " !. Remembering your lesson this should mean "Cramner is not shit " ! I'm surprised and confused ! Is KooKoo a Cramner's fan ? I doubt ... I fear that I haven't understood ain't very well yet ...

[12/14/03 06:14:06 AM]Paul|Sydney, Australia||PIMls4@aol.com||10|Massimo - when Koo Koo said that, he meant that Cramer was worse than sh... In other words, sh... was better than him. It is confusing. Did you also get confused when Koo Koo described someone as being "cool as hell" ?

[12/14/03 08:24:15 AM]Paul|Sydney, Australia||PIMls4@aol.com||10|Yeah, it's confusing ! How the hell can the hell<br>be cool ? Maybe in an abstract sense ! What I have to say, Paul, English is a deep mystery...

[12/14/03 08:24:37 AM]Massimo|Rome||4||10|Paul<br>Yeah, it's confusing ! How the hell can the hell<br>be cool ? Maybe in an abstract sense ! What I have to say, Paul, English is a deep mystery...

[12/14/03 08:36:14 AM]Massimo|Rome||4||10|Now that Saddam Hussein is captured I doubt that he'll be the next President of the United States ...

[12/14/03 11:04:40 AM]Massimo|Rome||4||10|MISSIMO, I MUST SAY THAT I AM GETTING TIRED OF ALL THE PEOPLE ON HERE GIVING YOU A LESSON IN ENGLISH, YOU ARE WASTING OUR TIME, I MUST ASK THAT YOU LEAVE, IT IS THE KOO KOO CLOCK HAS TO POLICE THIS SITE, NOBODY ELSE WILL TELL YOU TO LEAVE, I FOR ONE WOULD NOT MIND IF YOU DID, DO YOU AGREE KENT??

[12/14/03 11:17:55 AM]Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||10|Massimo -<br>Wow, that was some surprise to get up today and find out that So Damn Insane had been captured! One more to go.<br>Slang terms involving obscenities have evolved to the point that they often convey a meaning that's different than the literal one you see ("cool as hell," for example), although saying "Cramner aint shit'' could possibly mean he isn't as good as ~even~ shit ~ shit's better IOW. Damning something isn't really, since use of "damn'' usually means the person isn't ~that~ angry. "Screw you'' in both its forms, and other sexual suggestions are a perfect example of non-literalness. Use of harsh expletives convey strong feelings, not a proposal to do actual events (some of
which don't even make sense, such as "screw you"). Usually an obscenity is used to amplify feeling, not meaning.<br><br>There was some protest when Frazier fought Cummings in Chicago, though he was only 38, not as old as Jerry when he fought last. I don't think opponents can be blamed for beating up a washed up fighter. If they take the fight, they can't afford to go easy. Joe Frazier at almost 60 is more dangerous than most 20 year old ordinary guys, and look at George Foreman when he was 45!

Do you use your ass in the right way ( to shit )? I tried to be your friend, but I can't change your brain... I'm sorry, but you are an idiot and you'll be an idiot for the rest of your ( I hope happy ) life !

The question is: would an inferior fighter going against an over the hill once top boxer be an even match? Would they have bragging rights, via a handicap system?" (QUOTE)

In a word "NO". These guys like Berbick, Spinks (both of them), Lewis etc., by defeating Champions who were great, but way past their prime, are not fooling anyone. The problem with boxing is that most fighters don't know when to quit and when they do, it's usually too late. They are either permanently injured or disgrace themselves at the hands of a lesser opponent. Most fighters only have a handful of good competitive fights in them... after that, it's time to retire.

I don't mean ~fooling~ anyone into thinking they were great. Obviously, they weren't. But wouldn't it even the field - palooka against over the hill? Like when Bobby Riggs used to play tennis against women, carrying a bucket of water, or with folding chairs set up on his side of the court.

These guys probably never become completely ordinary in real life though, ala Jack Dempsey when he was an old man, knocking out one of two punks who tried to mug him and his wife, not knowing who Jack was. Love it! :-)

The great comic Toto' used to say "every limit has a patiente !!!!!!!! ".

Pazienza speaking easily!

12/14/03 08:59:18 PM| kookoo| ny|| kookooclock000@yahoo.com | ||| 10| MASSIMO, THATS THE FIRST TIME YOU SHOWED ANY GUTS, YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS DON'T YOU? EVERYTHING HAS TO BE EXPLAINED TO YOU LIKE A LITTLE KID, GOD BLESS AMERICA LETS CONTINUE TO CLEAN UP OUR ENEMYS HER AND ABROAD, I WANT ALL TO PICK SIDES HERE EITHER YOUR FOR THE KOOKOO CLOCK OR THAT BALDHEADED WACKO MASSIMO, NO. 1 QuARRY FAN BARRE NONE!!!!!

12/14/03 09:22:30 PM| Paul| Sydney, Australia|| PMLs4@aol.com | ||| 10 | Koo Koo - Massimo's written English is probably better than yours. Maybe you'd be better if you posted in Italian. I like reading both your posts. When Massimo mangles English it is entertaining, and your posts are fun, too, Koo Koo. No need for anyone to take sides. Anyway, the news today from Iraq is too good for us to be quarrelling. Remember, Koo Koo, that the Italians were one of the first countries to join the 'coalition of the willing'. And Massimo is the foremost Quarryologist in Italy and perhaps even Europe. So apologise to him, Koo Koo. Cheers. |
Rahman lost against Ruiz, I'm very surprised. I thought that Hasim was much better than Ruiz" (QUOTE)

I don't think that one is much better than the other, although Ruiz appears to be a more determined fighter. He's very awkward and tough in his own way. Rahman ko'd Lewis, but that could happen in any heavyweight fight. Ruiz was defeated by Jones, so that says a lot as well. I think that the winner should fight Mesi, that way we can clear out the dead wood.

PETE, WHEN YOU TAKE MY SIDE , YOU TAKE THE SIDE OF AMERICA, MASSIMO IS A FOREIGNER , HE DON'T BELONG, THE HANDS OF THE CLOCK POINT TOWARDS YOU PETE AS YOU BEGIN TO BE THE OLD KENT, MASSINO GET ROGAIN :)))))

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Massimo - I thought that Rahman would win, too. What a joke boxing is today when someone as limited as Ruiz now has boasting rights to say that he is the two-time world champion. In yesteryear he would not have been considered talented enough to even get a title shot. If you say that Ruiz is truly a champion heavyweight, then how good does that make Roy Jones. As I said, what a joke.

Massimo - I haven't forgotten about your Carnera tape and will get to it when I can. Paul - At my dad's funeral we had a Muslim Imam (equivalent to a priest) saying prayers for my dad and also my brother in-laws father who is a reverend saying prayers for him too. Both parties were so respectful of one another and for their beliefs and views. When we told the Imam that the service would be held in a Chapel he didn't mind whatsoever - he viewed it as a place of worship and respected it for that. That is the way it should be...it never is. I thought of you Paul when this happened (strange I know, but that argument we had upset me so much).

I'm saying goodbye as it is goodbye from me. I'm tired of reading stupidness from people like Koo Koo - it's not an opinion or a view it is childishness to get conflict arising - how pathetic and I have had a belly full of it. See ya...massimo - you must reach me by e-mail. Thanks for everyones messages in regards to my father-not that anyone knew him but he was my hero and a very human being.

It isn't hard to figure out why boxing in general, and the heavyweight division in particular, is in a slump. There's a serious lack of talent or even charisma. The guys who ARE good (like Lewis) are basically boring to watch---Ruiz, I admit, is tough and determined. But that doesn't sell tickets when it's coupled together with a plodding, boring style. Tua is another guy whose fights end up being borefest. And when Lewis, who is at least 6'5" tall, muscular and athletic, fights with the caution of rabbit against an alligator---and he's the legitimate Champion no less---you end up with a disinterested fan base. Lewis-Holyfield were studies in boredom when compared with ANY good heavyweight fight of the 70's!

Welcome back ! Don't worry about that tape, there's no hurry. I sincerely love America and as an Italian I am grateful to America for many reasons and I'm not licking any asses. There are only 3 things I dislike of America: caution money, baseball, Mac Donald's ( blaah !) Paul--I really can't understand if Rahman is a good boxer or not. He is very discontinuous, in his last fight he drew with Tua and David is 100 times stronger than that semi-bum (Ruiz)<br>PS; I love Italy still more, of course!
What's "caution money?" Baseball fans love the game any way they can get it. I personally only like it at the ball park, on a nice day. We don't go to that many games, because we don't like being ripped off by the high ticket prices. Football, basketball, and hockey are just as bad, plus the Chicago teams in those sports are atrocious on top of being expensive! I don't eat fast foods that often - part of my fitness regimen! McDonalds has been accused by some consumer watchdog groups of putting things in their food that's mildly addictive (just what Americans need - something to make them fatter).|

I have found in my dictionary that "caution money" is the possibility to go out from jail by paying some money. I guess I have to burn that dictionary, you are my ET and I believe only in you!|

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That's very true. These guys are less concerned with entertaining the fans and more concerned about the color of their trunks or the way their hair is styled. There's too much money in boxing, which makes it an easy payday for those fighters who lack character, determination, courage etc. |

Massimo, if you really are from Italy, you have a warped perception of The USA. Maybe you should come over here and see for yourself, rather than take the word of some of those who, may or may not be Americans themselves. If you want to know what the USA is all about, it comes down to one thing pal $$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$. <br>It's the be all and the end all, it's the American Way, it's the bottom line, dawg!!!|

In looking over Jerry's record again, I looked into the guys JQ drew with. I was surprised by Tony Alongi, who had just two career losses and never seemed to go anywhere, can anyone comment on this guy? He was good enough to draw twice with Jerry, and draw with George Chuvalo, Yet he seemed to retire with a stack of wins and no real title chances, why? One of his two losses was to Billy Daniels, who Jerry wrecked in one round. Each of these guys Jerry drew with have some common opponents, and Jerry fought some of them as well, Yet Jerry clearly stands out among them, making these draws curious. I have read that Jerry did not take these draws very seriously, since they were not losses. Given that Jerry also had semi-plausible reasons for losses to Machen ( a fluke, laziness) and Ellis ( the bad back thing ) Jerry could argue he was undefeated until Joe Frazier in 1969. He was 26-1-4 for Ellis, and some did voice their suspicion of Jerry regarding these draws, though it was drown out by the hoopla of his wins over Spencer and Patterson. These draws and Jerry's attitude toward them must have been the subject of some extended conversations with Jerry, to keep him focused and hungry. I get the feeling this may have been a tough task. The press, though, seemed to buy into it too. When Jerry was finally decisively beaten, by Frazier, it was his 38th pro fight. He had three losses and four draws, but many acted like it was his first loss, and the bubble seemed to burst after that. It's almost as if the press paid Jerry back for giving him so much hype and credit early on, for buying into the idea that Jerry hadn't really been beaten or drawn on, an attitude that Jerry seemed to have himself going into the Frazier fight. Ellis and Frazier were Jerry's real chances, yet I have to wonder if this attitude, and all the hoopla, were real barriers for Jerry. His early rounds with Frazier are epic, but there's almost an unrealism in the idea that JQ could just run out and slug with one of the all-time sluggers and win, almost like a movie script. How grounded was Jerry? After Frazier, and his bizarre loss
to Chuvalo, I've read where Jerry was clearly depressed after these fights. Muhammed Ali and Joe Frazier both seemed to be waiting for Jerry when JQ ran off a string of wins, but the press seemed to still be punishing Jerry and did not seem to give Jerry credit for becoming a better fighter in the 70's, I think. Jerry's record does show some real inconsistency, attitude must be a big factor in this. After 1975, it seemed Jerry did not get nearly the credit for his performances that he began to get in the 90's and still gets now. Did Jerry's early hype prevent him from fairly getting a title shot against Foreman? What kind of attitude did Jerry have going into the Norton fight? Like FrazierI, an unrealism seems to exist, where he can take a fight with a major contender on two weeks notice, go in out of shape and expect to beat him. Again, as with Frazier, there are some great moments, particularly round 3. JQ 's boxing talent in hugely obvious, all considered. But his attitude through all this, high and low, is something I'd like to know more about. There are some who've said Jerry made a lot of excuses and was not grounded enough to learn from these few losses and draws to become what he had the talent to become, champion. I ask these questions as a real fan of this guy, believe me. Any replies? | 12/16/03 04:12:18 AM|Paul|Sydney||PlMls4@aol.com||||10|Until the Iraqi Information Minister confirms his identity, how can we be sure that the right guy was captured? (((:| 12/16/03 09:39:19 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Gerry:<br>Two of Jerry's greatest wins were against Lyle and Shavers. In my opinion, at the time, people knew they were nice, impressive wins---but thought that maybe Lyle and Shavers "must have been overrated for Quarry to beat them." Well, both of these guys picked up the pieces and continued on with their careers. Both of them got title shots and fought very well in these bouts against Ali. Lyle had the epic slugfest with Foreman. Shavers floored Larry Holmes---arguably one of the best Champions ever. Shavers KOed Norton in one round. In other words, it took a few years for people to realize that both Shavers and Lyle really were very good fighters and they proved themselves AFTER Quarry beat them. | 12/16/03 10:38:36 AM|Pete|USA||pco@intel||||10|"There are some who've said Jerry made a lot of excuses and was not grounded enough to learn from these few losses and draws to become what he had the talent to become, champion. I ask these questions as a real fan of this guy, believe me. Any replies?" (QUOTE)<br><br>As great a fighter as Jerry was, I don't think that he was championship material. I don't mean any disrespect to Jerry or his many fans, but Jerry was a guy that champions had to get past, to become champions. When you consider how many heavyweights actually go on to become champions(not including these phoney paper champions & federations designed to make big money for promoters, while ripping off boxing fans), Jerry was very close to being there. When we start making excuses for fighters, we lose objectivity. Everyone here holds Jerry in high esteem; we liked his attitude, many of his fights were classic fights of the "GOLDEN ERA" of heavyweight boxing and he looked good, in and out of the ring. Unfortunately, he was not an Ali, Frazier or Holmes.| 12/16/03 11:15:48 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Possibly even more than the other forms of entertainment, athletes are victims of a Walter Mitty meat grinder created by a public that lives in shades of black and white - first place or last, winner and loser, ignoring their own travails across the range of human experience. It's sort of like creating Gods in a laboratory, and hoping we hit the jackpot of perfection and immortality, and will be allowed to ride in the car if we can ever figure out how to build it. Even those who endure and reach the top are recycled and subjected to a hierarchachal rating system against others who did likewise, or hypothetical comparison to people who didn't, or who they never met; when someone makes it through the gauntlet, it's as if "we" want to then deny them if we can't come too.<br>Well, a person
can get out of jail via bail (temporarily, till trial), with a payoff, or by being found innocent. Being rich and important doesn't hurt on any of those fronts!|

Jerry was my favorite boxer. I remember reading every article in every boxing publication I could get my hands on in which he was in. I think in one he stated that boxing was not his passion. He learned to fight at a very young age. No disrespect intended, but he had the tools to be world champion, but he did not love the sport well enough to be champion. I want to say again, no disrespect, I loved the guy.|

Jerry not of championship caliber? This is not true as Jerry was better than a lot of fighters who won titles. Not winning the title in an era when your competition was Ali, Frazier, Foreman, etc. is not something to hang your head in shame. Realize that six of Jerry's eight losses were to fighters listed in Ring magazine's top fifty heavyweights of all time (not counting the Crammer fight). His other two losses were to fighters who were at or near this level as well. In his original career, Jerry never lost to a fighter who was not a champion at some point in his career or who was not a legitimate long time top ten contender.

How many times do I have to point this out to some of you people?

Did Jerry pick himself up after losses and learn from these losses to make a charge at a title shot again? Yes he did this on no less than three occasions. Just because he didn't get his third shot doesn't mean he didn't earn it. In fact George Foreman told Jerry at ringside after Jerry destroyed (creamed) Shavers, that Jerry had just lost his title shot and this wasn't the nice, jolly Foreman of today who gives everyone credit. At the time Foreman was the mean, surly Foreman. Most of the people who have a low opinion of Jerry's ability have no idea Jerry beat fighters of the caliber of Lyle, Shavers, and Patterson. When I say Jerry fought these fighters, they assume Jerry lost to them. Of course, this is not true!

Jerry Quarry morally has been heavyweight champion! He just made the mistake of going (or to go) into the ring with a broken back! He would eat alive Ruiz, Rahman, this Holyfield. I'd love to see Lewis-Quarry!

Jerry not of championship caliber? This is not true as Jerry was better than a lot of fighters who won titles. "(QUOTE) Just to reiterate, Jerry was a great heavyweight. He was well liked & respected by all of us here. He had great heart & courage and will never be forgotten. But what fighters, who won legitimate titles were not superior to Jerry? I'm not referring to guys like Riddick Bowe, Michael Moorer, Mike Weaver, Big John Tate, Leon Spinks, Michael Spinks, Trevor Berbick...the list is endless. Would Jerry have taken out Louis, Marciano, Patterson (in his prime), Liston, Ali, Frazier, Foreman, Holmes, Tyson???|

In my opinion, Jerry was a great heavyweight. He was a major player during the most competitive era of boxing.
heavyweight boxing. As stated by many, including myself, he had great heart, tremendous courage; he gave everything and many of his fights were historically, very significant. So for everything that Jerry contributed to boxing, I consider him to be a great heavyweight. That doesn't mean that he is championship material, however. During Jerry's time, Frazier, Ali and Foreman were champions. Ali, in my opinion, was the greatest, because of what he did for boxing, as well as his boxing skills. Frazier was a great heavyweight, as well, although much of his greatness came as a result of his meetings with Ali. Foreman could also be considered great, because during his brief reign, he did dominate the imaginations of many boxing fans. But I see Jerry as greater than George, because the whole picture shows a man who gave it all, went out with nothing, but is remembered as one of the great heavyweights of a bygone era. | 12/16/03 09:47:58 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentalliente@aol.com|||10|Pete, Jerry was better than a lot of heavyweight champions. Was he better than the top ten of all time, which you practically listed in your post? No he wasn't, but he was better than other linear champions such as L. Spinks, M. Spinks (possibly, Quarry/M.Spinks- a competitive match), Johannson, Sharkey, Tommy Burns, Max Baer (Jerry would have outboxed him), an older George Foreman, Moorer, Jess Willard, Primo Canera, and maybe even Schemling. Jerry was also certain better than most of the split champions. Pete, championship caliber and the all time upper elite are two different things. | 12/17/03 12:37:05 AM|Gerry Schultz|Cleveland, Ohio||jgschultz11@msn.com|||10|As already said, I definitely feel JQ was championship-caliber, and better than Jimmy Ellis, who showed JQ a lot of respect in their match. Given that Ellis was a very good heavy, this is a real compliment. Also as said before, I consider JQ a former champ anyway. He certainly had the respect of every top heavy and champ in his era, which is almost certainly the best ever in boxing. My question was about the draws, how he looked at them (perhaps not nearly as seriously as he should have), and his mentality, attitude and confidence. It takes quite a bit of something to charge Joe Frazier, a top champ he nearly beat, or to take on Norton with virtually no preparation. JQ certainly had plenty of voices telling him how good he was, way more supporters than Joe Frazier or Ken Norton, each of who may have saw these fights more clearly than Jerry. There were these draws, and shrugging statements in losses to Machen, Ellis, Ali I, Chuvalo as well as his approaches to Frazier I and Norton that make me want to ask about how he saw himself and these matches. I don't feel Jerry could have beat Ali, two matches weren't necessary to prove that point, but Ali I's quick end gave him room to talk, I've read that Jerry really did believe he could have won, I guess I wonder where that comes from. He was as good as Frazier early in their matches, and was confident enough to try Joe twice. Again I think he could have beat Norton, but not realistically the way he ended up meeting him, where was he at, at this point? He had the talent to have great moments against these champs, was there something in the hoopla or his own attitude that prevented Jerry from going maybe a little further? As a fan, I guess that’s my question. He never flinched versus Shavers, who wanted a round-one KO, and ended up being one, and was just incredible against Lyle, yet gave much different efforts in other fights. Even at the Superstars, so way up one year, so down the other. I get the feeling Jerry was very approachable as a person, but a much different personality in the gym/ring. Again, I'd like to know more about his attitudes through all this. Thanks. | 12/17/03 05:30:34 AM|Massimo|Rome||4|||10|Yeah, Jerry Quarry was better than Carnera, but Primo was better than Ruiz, for God's sake! Don't you agree, Paul? What do you think about a matchup Carnera-Toney? Be carefully, our friendship (or friendship? I don't remember, anyway one of the two) is on the line! I'd love to see Chicago Bulls-Lakers once in my life! You have Eddy Curry "Baby Shaq". If you meet Eddy there in Chicago, look up and say "
best greetings by Massimo Cini, but the true Shaq is gonna dunk right on your face, chump!”. Ken Reeves (Warren Coolidge's coach) was a fan and ex-player of the Bulls.

Look up if you are shorter than Eddy Curry... But if you are taller, look down, of course!

I think Primo Carnera was probably better than we give him credit for. People tend to ridicule really big people and expect too much from them and perhaps that has detracted from the modern day perception of Carnera's career. Carnera won the title from Jack Sharkey, and remembering that Sharkey easily beat Max Schmeling the year before, it was an impressive win. Because Carnera wasn't a hateful, snarling, vicious guy with a killer instinct, and was more the likeable giant, we have taken him for granted. He was badly beaten by a young Louis, but there's only been one or two guys in the history of boxing who could have withstood what that guy had. The loss to Max Baer (who put him down 11 times) might give us a clue to the outcome of a hypothetical fight with Toney. Baer had better skills than Toney, but Toney can be a fearless killer. I'd have to pick Toney (however, if Carnera got rid of those ridiculous socks he used to wear to weigh-ins is that an Italian thing - who knows?) Whatever the result, Italians have every right to be proud of him. By the way, Carnera retired in California after operating a liquor store before returning home. And how do I know this? I read it in my book! Cheers to Massimo.

The modern day perception of Carnera is a direct consequence of the fact that the only Carnera's fight they show over and over again is Baer-Carnera! Every fighter would look bad in his worst night! Ali looked an average fighter in his first fight against Cooper, Tyson looked a clown against Lewis!

I'm on your side regarding Carnera and I was just sitting here in front of the television reflecting on my picking Toney to beat him. I have to change that selection. 70 years on and we are talking about Primo. In 2074 will anyone be talking about Toney? No. So, if I was betting my last dollar, I'd put it on Carnera to beat Toney. And I have to disagree with you about Clay against Cooper. Sure, Clay wasn't all that impressive boxing-wise and we all know about the thumb in the glove time wasting tear. But I think that was the night Clay gave us a glimpse of why he would become the greatest..... his foolproof chin! Only the very elite in history were capable of getting up from Old Henry's Hammer when it connected flush. So the only reason I can pick Ali over Louis was because Ali was knockout proof. If the Schmeling knockout of Louis never happened, I couldn't choose between them. I just know that Ali would have picked himself up off the canvass had Schmeling knocked him down - like he did against Cooper and Frazier - but Louis couldn't get up. The different weapons and expertise that Ali and Louis both had cancelled the other's expertise and weapons out. Louis had the raw power, but Ali had the fool proof jaw. Louis had overwhelming 'bang' in both fists, but Ali had the jab, the balance, the timing, and the brains. The defining factor in Ali's favour was that he was knockout proof and Louis - as proved against Schmeling - wasn't. How sad is it that the two greatest figures in boxing history became so obviously impaired in the twilight of their lives? Anyway, Massimo, do you Italians have turkeys or spaghetti for Christmas dinner? Christmas in Australia is stinking hot and we are going to have seafood - prawns (Americans call them shrimps), oysters, and fish, washed down with a nice red wine. Only eight more sleeps.

Had Jerry peaked during this time period, I agree he would have been heavyweight champion, not in a unified sense, but I'm certain he would have had one of those belts. Most of those fighters mentioned Spinks, Burns, Sharkey, Carnera etc., were nowhere
close to Jerry's level. But I'm talking about the very top, because I'm not interested in paper champions or guys who got there by default or by way of crooked promotion, management etc. The real, legitimate heavyweight champions were Johnson, Dempsey, Louis, Marciano, Patterson, Liston, Ali, Frazier, Foreman, Holmes, Tyson and Lewis.<br>Massimo: Tyson looked like a "clown" against Lewis, because Tyson was washed up and had been for more than ten years. If Tyson & Lewis had met in the late 80's, Lewis would have been put into dreamland, early in the first round.| 12/17/03 11:46:48 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Massimo - <br>As I said, we don't go to many sporting events any more, and haven't seen the Bulls live since their glory days back in the 90s. Shame they lost their fantastic coach, Phil Jackson, but nobody can get along with the Bull's awful owners, Slimesdorf and Tinhorn for long. I'm a little under 5'4", so I'm a ~lot~ shorter than "Baby Shaq." Sportmart (a huge sporting goods chain), used to have a life sized Shaq in the shoe department, and it was unbelievable to stand beside - so much so that there were actually people (myself included), who got their picture taken next to the cardboard figure! I imagine I could have put ~both~ my feet, with gym shoes on, inside one of his gunboat, size 22 tennies! :)<br>Re Quarry: individual sports are so unforgiving. In a team sport, individual players can have an off day, and the team can still win, plus they have another shot the next week (in football, sometimes the next day/night in the others). Even in tennis and golf, you have many chances to get on top and stay there. No sport is crueler than boxing in this way, among others.<br>I've said it before, and I'll say it again - if anyone were to ever get a handle on motivation and body chemistry to the point that performance could be predictable on demand, they'd make Bill Gates look like a beggar! Of course, everyone would have it though, from pee wee athletes to the pros.| 12/17/03 12:19:57 PM|Massimo|Rome||4||||10|Paul- You Australians are the smartest in the world! Sea food is my favorite food. We Italians use to eat a lot on Christmas dinner! As a first dish we usually eat LASAGNE or SPAGHETTI ( it's hard to say what's better of the two), as a second dish you can find everything you wish and in conclusion a lot of cakes and similar ( torrone, panettone, God knows the English traslation of these two words...). Torrone is a sort of chocolate with peanuts inside, panettone is... Too hard to explain! :)<br>RS-If you think you are big, I'll let you know that I'm 5'6" without shoes! I know that's incredible, but I'm really 5'6"! I think I have a pituitary condition, acromegaly or something other... I'd jump 3 meals for having the joy of standing beside a life-size Shaq. If you think that Shaq is big, you should see Calvin Lane beside Shaq in Calvin Lane's site. Shaq has very large feet and hands in comparison with his (limited) height... Yao Ming is 7'6" tall and wears a 19 size shoe ( Cenerentola). I'm not going to say my shoe size because I don't want to scare anybody...| 12/17/03 02:06:48 PM|Michael Cobb|Chicago||mikekoob@yahoo.com||||9|Styles make boxing, and there were styles that gave Jerry problems, but there was one style that seemed to give him no problems: the straight-up, straight-ahead style. (Examples: Mac Foster, Ron Lyle.) For this reason, I always thought Jerry would have whipped George Foreman.| 12/17/03 04:19:23 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Pete, the Spinks brothers, Carnera, Burns, Sharkey, Johannson, older Foreman, Moorer, and even Hasim Rahman were all linear champions, they were not paper champions as they "beat the man who beat the man," meaning they were undisputed champions. For example, there was nothing political about Rahman's win over Lennox Lewis, an all time great, unless you think a right hand punch that knocked Lewis out cold is political! Sure Rahman lost the rematch but he was still a legitimate undisputed heavyweight champion of the world who earned his title in the ring and Jerry was a better fighter than him. <br>Funny how you can put Riddick
Bowe on your list of non championship caliber fighters as he is the one fighter on the list who Jerry probably wouldn't have been able to beat. Bowe, when at the top of his game, was hard to beat by anyone in any era.

Pete, I guess we are just going to have to agree to disagree on what championship caliber is because I don't think it should just be limited to the upper elite of all time and you think it should be defined this way. I firmly believe that an in prime Jerry would beat the older version of George Foreman hands down! Jerry's quickness and counterpunching style would be the difference in this one. If people think Jerry couldn't have coped with the older version's size advantage, as he was weighing in at the 250 pound mark, remember Evander Holyfield was giving away about forty pound in weight to Foreman and he outboxed Foreman. Moorer was also outboxing Foreman for most of the fight until he decided to be stupid and go for a knockout by standing directly in front of Foreman in the tenth round. Moorer also gave away a substantial weight advantage to Foreman.

KENT: Of course we can disagree; your points are as valid as mine or anyone elses. I'm simply stating my views and I'm happy to see that you are stating yours. Kent, I cannot take George Foreman the second seriously. Although he was a much smarter fighter, the second time around, it's apples & oranges. Of course Jerry would have done well against the re-furbished George, but would he have done the same with Foreman circa '72? I can't agree with you where Bowe is concerned. After seeing Golata punch that guy out (I'm disregarding the low blows) I'm convinced that he could be had. He also lacks courage and determination as shown by quitting the Marines.

Foreman 2 has been one of the best heavyweights of the first half of the 90's. Iron-chinned, sturdy, still very powerful and a better tactician than Foreman 1. He fought well against a prime Holyfield and gave him a competitive fight! Also he destroyed Bert Cooper, a limited but dangerous fighter and fought toe to toe against Stewart and Shannon Briggs. I suspect that Tyson dodged him...

George claims an interesting strategy for beating Moorer. Because of his otherwise brute power, Foreman's jab was often overlooked, but it was jolting, enough to knock many fighters off balance. What he did in secret ahead of winning the title the second time was to practice a slapping, namby-pamby jab, followed by a pile driving right. And it worked, resulting in a one punch KO. He said that if he'd used his treasured jab he'd honed for so many years, he'd have only succeeded in knocking Moorer out of the way, and causing him to continue to circle counterclockwise away from the right. Well done!

HEY, LET'S LET KENT SPEAK MORE, NOT MASSIMO, I LIKE PEOPLE THAT KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY OF BEING MORE QUARRY LIKE, YOUR SMALL PASTA BRAIN WILL NEVER KNOW MASSIMO!

Wow, we're back to Quarry-Foreman. It's a lot to ask for JQ, tough as he was, to beat very talented fighters 20 pounds above him in the caliber of Ali or Foreman. He'd have his moments yes, he'd win a couple rounds, and scrap for several more, but come on... let's retire this old argument. Foreman 2, as you call him, is a couple of notches above Butterbean, and has not been a serious heavy since he beat Gerry Cooney in a straight-up slug fest he nearly lost. Tyson, with a hangover, would have mauled jolly George anytime in Tyson's career, and would have him prime vs prime as well. Tyson isn't coherent enough to dodge anyone. A prime vs prime Tyson Bowe match around 1992 would have been the fight of the 90's. Lewis against either about then would also have been good PPV. Holyfield, Morrison, others gave the division good depth at that time. Golota beat a cracked-out Bowe, just as Jimmy Young beat a stoned-out, depressed Foreman. Bowe and Foreman both share some similarities: big talents and appetites, nearly
equal talent, each with brief reigns and remarkable transformations, though Bowe's was not for the positive. Guys, in discussing Foreman, how can you call this guy who was champ for just a short time one of the Top Ten when so many others dominated for much longer in their eras? He was a titanic puncher yes, but not a boxer, a great guy absolutely and fun to listen to, in short segments. But, like with JQ, we might need to reel in the respect a bit.

I recall Foreman once saying that Tyson's handlers should let him out of his cage every once in a while to perform a loop-the-loop before putting him back in the cage. My memory is that Foreman (2) was pushing hard for a fight with Tyson, but Tyson's management (led by Don King) refused to work with Foreman. It is odd that the fight never happened because Tyson was the devil and Foreman was extremely popular and it would have been huge money. Tyson might night have been coherent enough to duck anyone, but his management were (even though Tyson probably would have beat Foreman (2)).

Gerry-

Foreman lost the title early because he fought a super-motivated Ali', if not I think he would have kept the title for a long time! I don't agree that Big George couldn't boxe, if you watch Foreman-Frazier 2, Foreman-Chuvalo and Foreman-Norton you see a good boxer. His left jab, for instance, was a very good weapon.

Paul-

I have read that in his youth Tyson watched over and over again Foreman-Frazier 1 with Cus D'Amato and both were very impressed by Foreman! I think that that fight is very scary and I would not be surprised at all if Iron Mike didn't want part of Foreman...

RS-

I don't agree with you regarding Ali'-Foreman. I have recently seen that fight again and Ali' deserves credit for that performance! He fought a great fight and outboxed George. I think the fight was very close after 7 rounds. I have even heard that the loose ropes weren't Dundee's fault but a will of the local organizers. On the contrary, when Angelo Dundee discovered that the ropes were loose he informed the local organizers, but they didn't care... Foreman said that one of the body punch he hit Ali' with was the hardest punch he had ever thrown and that any other fighter would have collapsed to the canvas!

George could definitely box! Better than Ali, as a matter of fact. Ali did many things wrong, and was only able to accomplish what he did in the ring because of his speed in career one, and ability to take a punch (along with some speed) in career two. George's fundamentals are often overlooked because of his brutal power.

George vs Tyson in career two would probably result in a Foreman loss by UD. Tyson was too mobile. However, if George caught him, it'd have been, "Down goes Tyson, down goes Tyson..." etc. George fought 34 times in career two, losing only three times (Holyfield, Morrison, and Briggs). Pretty decent for a 45 year old!

Hypothetical fights are always fun, and I like talking about them as much as anyone, but in terms of real stuff, there isn't a champion in any time who wouldn't have been lucky to take a prime George Foreman (I don't count Ali, since that fight was fixed, IMO).

There's no doubt that Ali's ability to take punches, whether to the head or body, was his greatest asset. Even back in the old "float like a butterfly" days, before anyone realized this, it becomes clear in retrospect that while his speed was very useful against his (far lesser than in career two) opponents, his undiscovered durability kept him in fights that were at the time assigned to his quickness. In career two, his rock hard head was essential, both because he'd slowed down some, but also because of the tougher boxers he faced. Without his gift of punch-worthiness, Ali would have been just another showy speedball,
waiting for the first Frazier/Foreman-type opponent to end the party. Actually, Ali doesn't do that much real boxing in the Foreman fight. He mostly lets George whale away on him, occasionally a combination. I'm not even sure I'd call them counters, as opposed to just survival replies, but I don't have a problem with "counter." I personally thought Rumble in the Jungle was a very dull fight. Let's put it this way - if you saw that same fight on an undercard somewhere, would you say it was a mind-blower? Only what the fight meant affords it any excitement at all. IMO, anyway.

To suggest that the Ali/Foreman fight was suited to an undercard...what are you guys & girls smoking??? That fight was a classic. Ali, back on top, outsmarting and outboxing "THE MUMMY". Foreman got what he deserved. George's greatest fight was against Frazier. Joe just couldn't get enough of that down home pounding and kept coming back for more. Who did George fight after winning the championship and before losing the championship to Ali...a nobody by the name of King Roman and of course Ken Norton. After losing to Ali he beat Joe again, Lyle(after Lyle kicked his ass through most of the fight), Scott Ledoux and was defeated by Jimmy Young. The Ali/Holmes title match was not fixed, Ali did a number on Foreman. It was one of the greatest moments in heavyweight boxing; too bad Ali didn't retire after that one.

RS's recent comments: "Foreman was a better boxer than Ali". "Ali v Foreman was fixed." "Ali did many things wrong (as a boxer)." "Without his punch worthiness, Ali was just another showy speedball." RS - this fluff that you write might sound good when you read it back to yourself, but it really is just unsubstantiated nonsense. You habitually make outrageous statements, either trying to get a reaction or more probably to try to convince yourself that you are an expert, but you never produce any evidence to back up your opinion. For instance, for the 'fix' allegation you only rely on your opinion that it was an improbable upset and that Ali was overrated. The comment about Ali being "nothing but a showy speedball" makes me wonder whether you have ever been to a fight. It's clear that for whatever reason (and I have my suspicion) you hate Ali and your jaundiced mind is intent on discrediting him. I'm sorry......but your repeated petty rubbishing of Ali is childish.

I apologize from the heart of my bottom. I forgot that it was verboten ever to criticize St. Muhammed.

I have recently just watched Foreman verses Moorer again and it was not just a one punch knockout as Foreman hit Moorer with some hard one-two combinations leading up to the final blow. Moorer appeared hurt before the knockout punch and he could not avoid the punch. Moorer said afterwards that it was not part of a plan Foreman had set up and that Foreman just got lucky. I agree with this assessment because why would anyone take a beating for almost ten rounds if he could avoid the punishment by winning earlier? I mention Foreman, version two, verses Quarry because I remember the talk going around that Foreman, when he won the title the second time, would destroy Tyson and I was laughed at when I said Jerry could beat him, Jerry's prime verses older Foreman and if Jerry could beat Foreman, then Tyson could also. I think Bowe's best days in the ring did not last very long but at his best, he was very hard to beat. The Holyfield fights took a lot out of him and he was not the same fighter by the time he fought Golota.
another RS clanger a month ago. You posted that "Joe's left eye betrayed him in the third fight." Fancy that. That wasn't a fair fight either. By some act of God Joe's eye got injured. It had nothing to do with Ali's right fist. You wrote that Foreman was a better boxer than Ali. Ali was just a showy punching bag. Ali couldn't throw combinations, etc, etc. If this is what your brain spits out about Ali, then you are better off speaking from the bottom of your heart! It's one thing to write legitimate opinion, but it's another to post silly inane insults. Anyway, if Ali was such a bum, then what does that make your hero? Cheers.

It's easy to concede Foreman could box to a certain point, he looked very good stalking Frazier in their second match, his best match in my opinion. But he was often troubled by good boxers, Peralta, Young, Ali, others. Could George box? Yes, some. Was he a good boxer? No, it wasn't what brung him there, as they say. He was big and he had the Hammer. To say his boxing skills got it done for him is simply inaccurate. Sorry Road'ette, Ali, who got away with a lot of crap in his fights, like laying on the ropes and leaning away from his opponent, or excessive clinching, did a masterful job of confusing and draining the non-boxer Foreman, who mindlessly chased Ali into the ropes again and again and rarely got anything for doing so. Frazier could get Ali off the ropes by going to the body and scoring, forcing Ali to fight. Frazier was a better boxer than Foreman, both are punchers almost exclusively as is Tyson. Tyson and Foreman did not have to face the music much in most of their fights because of the fear they inspired and the power each possessed. Why would they, like Shaq, develop the finesse side of their games when being so one-dimensional has brought them so far? JQ had to be a boxer to get where he did because he wasn't a gliding 6'3" like Ali and he didn't have the Hammer that punchers like Foreman/ Frazier/ Chuvalo did. Necessity breeds that kind of growth. Foreman had a rack of KOs to show for being the biggest baddest puncher in the ring, why would he turn Gene Tunney? It's like expecting Wilt to practice his free throws. Foreman, like Liston, could not change his spots after Ali, the consumate boxer who used psychology on the whole world long before rallying throngs in Kinshasa and psyching Foreman into defeat like he did so many others. Only Frazier saw Ali for what he was, if he had two good eyes he might have made Ali pay in all three fights. Foreman wasn't that sharp, and he still isn't.

It might, or might not, be worth mentioning that Ali psyched Jerry also for their second fight, the way he complimented the Quarry women for their looks, he knew Jerry was a fan and played on it, the same almost as the way Russell would invite Wilt to dinner and butter him along with his biscuits so that his fire might burn a little lower when it mattered. Ali was older when he gave Ken Norton his shot and clearly underestimated Norton. Knowing Norton had his number, Ali turned to other tactics, using his fame, the media, the clownish Cosell he so easily manipulated. His fame beat Norton when he couldn't, then he dodged him. But he couldn't dodge Joe, who saw him for what he was. He could only survive Joe.
fundamentals. Duh! I also said the same about Jerry Quarry once. Fundamentally speaking, most Olympians are more fundamentally sound. Ali's speed, craftiness, hard head, ability to handle himself when in trouble, and ability to avoid follow up punches were his fortes, not sublime boxing ~fundamentals~. Ali was just a showy punching bag. Ali couldn't throw combinations, etc, etc. <br><br>Did I say that? Hmmm. No, I don't think I did. Y'all're embellishing my words a bit to try and make a counter point, when you didn't fully grasp my original premise(s). It's another to post silly inane insults. Anyway, if Ali was such a bum, then what does that make your hero? Cheers.<br><br>You must not have read all my posts in which I lavishly complimented the man. Besides, I already apologized for criticizing St. Muhammad. Sheesh.<br><br>So far I've said Foreman and Quarry were better ~boxers~ than Ali. Not necessarily better all the time in the full scope of things that go into a match, and sometimes never as good in some of the things Ali did well. ~But~, as far as the bread and butter, meat and potatoes of boxing fundamentals, George and Jerry made only a small fraction of the mistakes Ali did. MA had many things he used to compensate, and these stood him in good stead. It's a tragedy that in such a savage sport, one of fractions of a second and fractions of an inch, often with only one chance to get it right, that the "sweet spot," that magical night is often so elusive, or that little things, not even noticeable in everyday life, can conspire to change things just once.<br><br>Hey Gerry, I think Frazier was underated as a boxer at his range. If he could keep you in that certain area where you could hit him, but he could hit you. He was excellent at pitty patting inside his range for 4 or 5 punches, and then loading up on a combination. He was excellent at slipping and rolling away from punches. To me, he was a very good boxer, when he got you withen range. He did seem to get everyone he fought in range, including Ali.<br><br>What does being a better boxer mean? Every time Frazier got "within range," Ali grabbed him behind the neck, and pulled his head down! He elbowed, backhanded, held, and never lost a point! In Manilla, Frazier only lost by his corners' bad decision. Ali was spent!! Frazier would have KO'D Ali in the next round.<br><br>Steve - Woulda, Coulda, and Shoulda, never won anything. The fact is that Frazier didn't come out for the last round and Ali did. Frazier's corner threw the towel in, and Ali's corner didn't. A loss appears on Frazier's resume; a win is shown on Ali's. End of story. Cheers.<br><br>I still think that Joe Frazier vs Larry Holmes would have been a fascinating fight, both in their prime.<br><br>Hey Paul, would you at least agree that a very fine line separated Ali and Frazier? If Foreman is
used as a criterion between them, then I disagree. I don't fully understand what happened there, but it's not a good yardstick.

| 12/19/03 02:00:22 AM | steve | N.J. | drmrm@comcast.net | | 10 | Hey Gerry, I never heard that one! That Ali even mentioned the "Quarry women", in any way. That would seem to be highly inappropriate, even for pre fight hype. I did, however, hear that something along those lines took place preceding the Norton fight. All this leads me to believe, if your wife is insulted, hire a lawyer! |

| 12/19/03 03:20:26 AM | Paul | Sydney, Australia | PI1Ms4@aol.com | | 10 | Hi Steve - my view is that Frazier's absolute hatred of Ali drove him to superhuman efforts in those three fights. In my opinion, if you took the hatred away, and Ali was just another opponent, then no contest. And (this is only my view, RS, so take a couple of deep breaths and calm yourself) if you take the three Ali fights out of Frazier's resume, you don't really have a lot left. I just can't accept that Frazier was one of the all time greats. He didn't fight often enough and, unlike Ali, he didn't fight the best on offer. As I posted once before, there are big gaps in Joe's career, especially after he began fighting Ali. It seemed like he could only get himself up for the Ali fights. And it also seemed like it took him a lot longer to recover than it took Ali. Have a look at Joe's resume and take note of all the top heavies he never fought that Ali faced one after the other. Joe was running around fighting exhibitions when Ali was doing the real thing. Also, the depth of Frazier's hatred of Ali was there for all to see when he sneered and laughed at the debilitating effects of Ali's medical condition (even though Joe slurs his words, too). The way I see it, Ali had all the tools and he didn't need hatred's help. However this is only my view as a boxing enthusiast and I mean no offense by it and I have been wrong before, but I just think that Joe was overrated. Cheers. |

| 12/19/03 10:08:36 AM | charles anderson | Ark. | ctjjandfam@aol.com | | 10 | i'm going to change gears just for a second. let us take time out to remember our troops and their loved ones this holiday season. my son will be going to iraq in jan. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! |

| 12/19/03 10:49:34 AM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | | 10 | Steve - <br>As I've long said, "classic boxer" was an illusion fostered by Ali's speed - he was a brawler, not a boxer. You're right about Manila. Very little ~boxing~ on his part, and of ~course~ no point deductions for the Saint. Even with an eye pounded shut, Frazier would have taken Ali in the 15th (if MA had even been able to get off his stool). I never heard that either, about Ali saying anything to or about the Quarry women. What did he do, compliment them? <br>Paul - <br>You must be related to Ali, or have pictures of him all over your walls. I never said George was in on the fix, but fix it was, sorry. Frazier had already beaten the crap out of him twice - no way they were going to let George inflict the humiliation of a 10 count on their baby. |

| 12/19/03 11:03:21 AM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | | 10 | Charles - <br>My good thoughts for all those overseas are on the wind as we speak! So, what about your son? Army, Marines, Air Force? How old is he? What does he have to say? Boy, talk about carrying a weight on your back at Christmas, knowing you're shipping out in January! I can't imagine the loneliness of being in a strange land for months on end at ~any~ time of the year, much less at Christmas. |

| 12/19/03 11:36:38 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | | 10 | You guys have GOT to be kidding. You really think Frazier would have KOed Ali in Manila if there was a 15th round? Frazier would have been the one knocked out. Frazier's corner saved his eyesight and maybe more when they stopped it. I've watched the fight several times and truly believe this. As for Frazier vs. Holmes - I agree that this would be fascinating. Holmes never faced anyone who would put so much pressure on him. Holmes DID face bigger punchers, like Earnie
Shavers, but his style was very good to avoid guys looking for one big punch. Frazier would throw bunches at him, and keep moving forward. Holmes amazing left jab and great defensive/boxing ability might carry him through. I believe Larry Holmes is one of the best ever, based on his long title reign and the fact that he fought frequently and didn't duck anyone. Frazier didn't fight all the top contenders of his time (where was Lyle, Shavers, Norton, etc. on his record?), but I also consider him a great champion. In the grand scope of things, I rank Holmes higher than Frazier, but I have to say, this fight is almost too close for me to call.

| 12/19/03 12:44:53 PM | charles anderson | ark. | cttjjandfam@aol.com | ||| 10 | thanks rs, he is in the army nat. guard |

| 12/19/03 12:48:04 PM | charles anderson | ark. | cttjjandfam@aol.com | ||| 10 | rs, he is 24, went to bosnia in 98, he is ready to go. |

| 12/19/03 02:45:20 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | ||| 10 | To Charles and to other family members of our military, and to the enlisted men and women: Thank you so much for making the world safer and our country more secure. Many of us, me included, don't often think about the unbelievable sacrifice these people make day in and day out to protect us and our way of life. Our boxing heroes that we always discuss on the board are great athletes who give us their best for entertainment value. The men and women of the armed forces give us their very best to keep us alive and they're real heroes to me!

| 12/19/03 03:33:34 PM | Paul | Sydney, Australia | P1ML54@aol.com | ||| 10 | RS - Firstly, you list no substantiation of your claim that the Ali - Foreman fight was fixed. None at all. All we're left with is a biased hunch. You should be renamed BS. Your ignorance leaves me wondering whether you have even seen the third Ali - Frazier fight. Claims you make regarding it were lifted from Joe Frazier's own book. For instance, you wrote that "Frazier's eye betrayed him." At page 163 Frazier wrote, "Things were going my way, but then my face betrayed me." You accused Ali's punches of only being "pittypat". At page 146 Frazier wrote, "The punches Clay did throw were mostly pittypat." And by the way, BS, when Frazier's corner threw the towel in before the last round, all three judges had Ali well in front. Padilla had it 66 - 60, Quiazon 67 - 62, and Nadayag 66 - 62. But they don't know as much about boxing as you (or are you going to accuse them of 'fixing' the fight). In my view, by the end of that fight Frazier had nothing left except blind hatred and even that couldn't save him. Despite all the woulda, coulda, shouldas, Ali won that fight. Learn to live with it. Cheers. |
ready to go to war. But it wasn't "pitty pat" punches that reshaped Frazier's eyes and face. It was lethal jabs and crosses from Ali that had Frazier on the verge of being knocked out. And yes, throwing in the towel saved Frazier from further punishment and possible humiliation (if Ali had the hutzvah) if that fight went into the 15th.

Roadscholarette: Firstly, you list no substantiation of your claim that the Ali - Foreman fight was fixed. Only your little kid idolotry of St. Muhammad keeps you from entertaining it. Your ignorance leaves me wondering whether you have even seen the third Ali - Frazier fight. Probably two or three dozen times, including twice in slow motion all the way through, with freeze frames here and there. Claims you make regarding it were lifted from Joe Frazier's own book. For instance, you wrote that "Frazier's eye betrayed him." At page 163 Frazier wrote, "Things were going my way, but then my face betrayed me." You accused Ali's punches of only being "pittypat". At page 146 Frazier wrote, "The punches Clay did throw were mostly pittypat." And by the way, BS, when Frazier's corner threw the towel in before the last round, all three judges had Ali well in front.

BS: I don't recall using the term "pitty-pat," but if you say I have, I have. You've reshaped enough else to suit your case without really anything else of much substance. Others have said as I have, which you'd know if you read much about the sport. Padilla had it 66 - 60, Quiazon 67 - 62, and Nadvayag 66 - 62. But they don't know as much about boxing as you (or are you going to accuse them of 'fixing' the fight)?

Roadscholarette: I wonder if they decided on this before the fight? It's like the arguments about whether Jerry Quarry would have taken Ali if he hadn't been cut. Short of knocking MA out, Jerry was never going to be given a win. Look at all St. MA's other bogus wins by decision. Maybe it'll be the first time you've ever seen them, huh?

BS: In my view, by the end of that fight Frazier had nothing left except blind hatred and even that couldn't save him. Despite all the woulda, coulda, shouldas, Ali won that fight. Learn to live with it. Cheers.

Roadscholarette: I completely withdraw my claims that the Foreman-Ali fight was fixed. It's much more peaceful to accept official versions of things, wouldn't you agree? In my present state of mind, I sure would have given all those heretics a piece of my mind who thought man could fly, that the Earth revolved around the sun, that disease was caused by microscopic organisms, or that TV would never catch on, among other insane ideas. I go on record one step further: Muhammad Ali is not only the greatest flawless boxer who ever stepped into a ring, but the greatest one who ever will, and he just graciously carried Joe Frazier in those three fights to give everyone a good show! What did he say before fighting Frazier the first time? "It'll take more than an ugly, slow, flatfooted, punchy, roundhousin,
easy to hit Joe Frazier to beat me!" I'll be darned - a flawless, analytical prognosticator too!!

| 12/19/03 07:39:49 PM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | 10 |

Oh, and throw in greatest human being who ever lived, or who ever ~will~ live too, while you're at it. Christ doesn't count, because He was sort of ringer, being the son of God and all. Do you think Muhammad Ali could have beaten Jesus too? I'm not sure a Rope a Dope would work, because God would probably be in JC's corner and tell him all about it.

| 12/19/03 08:38:35 PM | Paul | Sydney, Australia | p1mls4@aol.com | 10 |

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| 12/20/03 02:14:49 AM | FOREST WARD | South Carolina | JOE KEVIN .COM | 10 |

Regarding the statement by Angelo, that, "Frazier did not fight all the contenders of his time, Lyle, Shavers, Norton." Frazier lost his championship in Jan 73. Lyles first fight against a legitimate contender was in Feb of 73. Lyle was was soundly beaten by Jerry Quarry, Jerry won 10 of the 12 rounds. Shavers was not ranked in the top 10 when Frazier was champ. In Dec of 1973 in Shavers first attempt to crash the big time he was knocked out in the 1st round. Six months later in June of 1974 Quarry, as a result of his victories over Lyle and Shavers was matched with Frazier. Frazier destroyed Quarry. Generally speaking, on this web site there is so much rationalization for Quarrys defeats that it almost demeans Jerry's true ability. Invariably, Jerry is regarded as a near great fighter. While, on the other hand there is so much rationalization for Frazier's victories, that it demeans Joe Frazier. Frazier is regarded as an ordinary champion.

| 12/20/03 03:28:26 AM | Paul | Sydney, Australia | p1mls4@aol.com | 10 |

Frazier was a great champion, no rationalizations needed!

| 12/20/03 04:55:04 AM | Paul | Sydney, Australia | p1mls4@aol.com | 10 |

Kent - you have me wondering about something. In all my posts about Frazier I never attacked his character, his honesty, or his integrity. I strictly limited myself to comments canvassing my opinion as to his standing as a boxer - rightly or wrongly. I thought that was what this site is all about. But then you accused "some people" (obviously me) of "demeaning a great fighter" for making those comments. I find that a little odd. After all, "someone" else called another great fighter (Ali) a cheat and a fight fixer, etc, and you said nothing. Unsubstantiated personal attacks of a defamatory nature did not "demean" Ali, Kent? Interesting. Cheers anyway.
meant it more as Frazier not being respected as a fighter as much as I believe he should be not that anyone lately has attack Joe's person. Again, it was a poor choice of words.<br><br>As I said in a private E mail to you, I haven't jumped into the Foreman/Ali fix idea as I don't believe it can be proved one way or the other. I don't believe the fight was fixed, but that is my belief, I can't prove it.| 12/20/03 07:04:41 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||P1Mls4@aol.com||10|What a weak ass piss response, Kent. If an allegation can't be proved one way or the other, then what the hell is it doing on a web site where it defames reputations? Whatever happened to the presumption of innocence. It's not as if there is ANY EVIDENCE that a fight was fixed by Ali. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING MORE THAN BS'S BIASED HUNCH. If I am wrong, Kent, then please direct my attention to that evidence. At least show me something that would justify your silence. I have been begging RS to do that for days, to produce even one iota of evidence, but she produces nothing. There's no more evidence that Ali fixed a fight than there is that Jerry Quarry fixed one or that Frazier fixed one. And by the way, Kent, if you want to refer to private e-mails, then come out and say that you weren't referring to me as the person "demeaning" Frazier. You told me in an e-mail that you meant Koo Koo. Get a spine for Christ sake and criticise someone to their face or not at all. In the meantime, someone produce something tangible that Ali fixed a fight. If not, shut up. | 12/20/03 08:52:22 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Paul is correct. Ali is innocent until proven guilty. I haven't done enough research to prove my feeling that the fix was not in for Ali/Foreman. If I look further into this, my feeling of no fix was in will likely be stronger. <br><br>As far as my statement about Koo Koo being negative about Frazier, I was stating a general feeling and maybe he hasn't attacked Frazier personally. I do know Koo Koo tends to be negative agout Joe as a fighter because Joe was a small heavyweight.<br><br>Sorry about that Koo Koo but like I told Paul in a private E mail, my mind has been on other things than boxing lately and I need to read the posts more carefully. <br><br>SOMETIMES I NEED TO TAKE A BREAK FROM ALL OF THIS AND RECENTLY, EVEN THOUGH I HAVE BEEN POSTING, I HAVE NOT FOLLOWED THE GOINGS ON VERY CLOSELY. | 12/20/03 11:21:36 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||10|Obviously:<br><br>The A-F fight being fixed is technically not so till proven, which of course, it never can be. Lots of things that happen are unproven, just as some things that ~don't~ happen ~are~ proven. It's a flawed world. We've all smelled skunks in sporting events from time to time. We need to speak up, or the bastards get clean away (and usually will anyway). "Innocent till proven guilty" is a laudable philosophy, but as anyone knows, who has any contact with the "justice" system, that isn't really how things progress once you're in it.<br><br>Not Frazier, not any champion, will ever get full credit by everyone for being great. There are always human flaws, someone they didn't fight, someone they looked bad against. And in boxing, you usually get just one chance. Even if Joe had been only a club fighter, one thing's certain, as sportswriter Mark Kram said after Thrilla, "He lay there on the bed, embodying the remains of a will never before seen in the ring, a will that had taken him so far, and now, possibly ~too~ far." Or as the ancient Spartans used to say, "Come home with your shield, on ~on~ it." That was Smokin' Joe. <br><br>P (Pee?) - I believe we've met before in another forum(s). While you'll deny it, that became clear some time ago. You need to put that behind you (though I suspect you won't)! :-)) | 12/20/03 01:10:57 PM|Pete|USA||pco@home||10|" Generally speaking, on this web site there is so much rationalization for Quarrys defeats that it almost demeans Jerry's true ability. Invariably, Jerry is regarded as a near great fighter. While, on the other hand there is so much rationalization for Frazier'r
victories, that it demeans Joe Frazier" (QUOTE)<br>Good point. We can't deny Joe as one of the all time great heavyweights. Historically, he filled a void when Ali went into exile and played a very important role, where Ali's return to the ring, was concerned. He and Ali created the "BIG PAYDAY" in professional sports and without Frazier, Ali's comeback really wouldn't have been as exciting for the fans. <br>For those of you who suspect a "fix" regarding Ali/Foreman, I would say you are having a difficult time reconciling Ali's second coming with reality. George was a powerhouse, but that's all he was. His persona was great for the heavyweight scene and his destruction of Joe Frazier, followed by the ultimate showdown, with Ali, places him close to the top of the heap of outstanding heavyweights. |

| 12/20/03 03:10:13 PM | steve | N.J.||drmsrm@comcast.net ||| |10|Hey Pete, God bless your son and keep him safe! If He's already been in Bosnia, he's earned his stripes. Tell him to avoid another combat zone, like Iraq! Don't push your luck!!!!!!!!!! |
| 12/20/03 03:30:13 PM | steve | N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net ||| |10|Hey Paul, I have an idea for your consideration. I would like you to list a series of fights for Joe Frazier, including all heavyweights from Ali on. Including the guys you say he dodged. I mean, I would like to hear your blow by blow on Norton, Shavers, Holmes, etc. |
| 12/20/03 04:10:34 PM | steve | N.J.||drmsrm@comcast.net ||| |10|Hey Paul and Angelo, I am forced to give Ali the edge over Frazier, against my will. I know he won the last fight. What you guys are missing is the sociological impact. Ali proved to most of our nation that "fighting those Vietcong was wrong" He beat Frazier in Manilla by a width of a hair. C'mon Paul, give him that! |
| 12/20/03 04:33:41 PM | Paul | Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com ||| |10|Hi Steve - It might be fun doing that if we stuck to debating the skills of 'make believe' fights between Frazier and others. The fun part would be that we probably all know enough about Frazier that we can guess how he'd perform, but a little research would be needed (by me, at least) to be certain about the others. I'm going away for Christmas, so maybe in the New Year. RS - I am a little confused. Am I the 'P' you refer to? I am uncertain whether I am or not, but let me assure you that I always give my correct name, etc, when I post. I'm sure that I haven't encountered you on another site. Cheers. |
| 12/20/03 08:17:34 PM | Paul | Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com ||| |10|By the way, it was wrong of me to say that Kent is "as weak as piss". I apologise to Kent for saying it. |
| 12/20/03 09:21:49 PM | kookoo | ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com ||| |10|KENT, WHATS GOING ON? DON'T LET THESE OTHER PEOPLE BRING YOU DOWN, MY MIND IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE ON JERRY QUARRY, WHAT A GUY, WHAT HE WENT THROUGH AND HOW HE LIVED, I ADVISE ALL BOXING FANS TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THIS MAN, JUST CHECK HIM OUT, HE WAS SO F'N COOL. |
| 12/21/03 12:20:32 AM | Forest Ward | South Carolina||joekevin@cs.com ||| |10|Lets stick to boxing. Regarding the statement "Ali proved to most of our nation that fighting those vietcong was wrong." Is not true. And in fact, during the Viet Nam war Ali was no wise elder statesman. Ali declared at the time that he would not fight in any war, unless he was directed to by Elijah Muhammad. Using Ali's logic from 1967, if the Twin Towers were destroyed in 1967 by Al Qaeda, and there was a war declared against Al Qaeda by the United States; Ali would not fight in the war unless directed to by Elijah Muhammad. It was not Ali who "proved" to most of the nation that fighting the vietcong was wrong. All Ali proved was that he was either a loyal disciple of Elijah Muhammad, or that he was a duped puppet for Elijah. Personally, I think Ali was a duped puppet for Elijah. <br>Ali was managed by Herbet Muhammad, son of Elijah. At the end of Ali's career he was short on money and in bad health. You may say that Ali could have quit boxing sooner, and that it was his own choice to continue, true. But if Herbert the son of Elijah cared so much about Ali; then Herbert should
have walked away from Ali. But, no of course not, Ali was a cash cow for Herbert son of Elijah. And as long as Herbert could make money off of Ali, he would. If anyone doubts my remarks read Ali's autobiography written by Tom Hauser. One more point about 10 years ago Ali sued Herbert Muhammad for back money owed to Ali from his boxing purses when he was managed by Herbert. Ali in 1967 was not the wise statesman people now make him out to be. There are many peculiar aspects to the career of Muhammad Ali. He claimed to be a staunch supporter for Blacks back in the 60's. But it's remarkable that he had 2 white guys in his corner. You mean to tell me out of all the black trainers in boxing at the time Ali could not find to capable ones to replace Angelo Dundee and Ferdie Pacheo, "Uncle Tom" Joe Frazier fought his whole career with all black cornermen. And finally regarding Ali's love for his black brothers. If my memory serves me correctly; when Ali fought white fighters in the 60's he went pretty easy on them. He would defeat them, and that's that. But, sometimes when he fought black fighters he was meaner than a Klansmen. Are we forgetting how he tortured and humiliated Floyd Patterson, and Ernie Terrell? The Ali of the 60's was nothing like the Ali of later decades who became a kind and generous man. And to pretend otherwise, is myth making.

| 12/21/03 03:00:21 AM| Paul| Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com|||10| Forest - You summed that up very fairly and accurately, and I especially agree with your comment about the war. I also read the book by Thomas Hauser and I recently lent it to a friend. It is the finest book about Ali. The spite he showed against Patterson was surprising, but I can't recall the reason for it. Regarding the men he had in his corner, I recall reading somewhere that Dundee felt a bit uncomfortable with the religious side of things. There were many hangers-on and all of them got a big piece of Ali. When the Vietnam war was on I was in high school over here and I was approaching draft age. I was such a dope I wanted to be drafted. There was a change of government here in 1972 and they pulled our troops out before I got to the right age. Anyway, that was a very good post. There were many things about Ali's personal life and beliefs that I didn't like. In fact, ironically, I'm more in tune with Joe Frazier's outlook on life than Ali's. |
| 12/21/03 05:14:32 AM| Massimo| Rome||4|||10| Paul- Ali's spite against Patterson was caused by the fact that Patterson said that it was not right that a Muslim was champion and that he wanted to fight for Christianity against the Muslim word! Cheers (you taught me this word, thanks ).|
hanging on the head of an unsophisticated 20 year old without much of an education. I don't agree with many of the things Ali did outside the ring and I am an atheist without religion and no fear of hell. But in my early 20s I had none of his pressures, no fear of a God or an Alah, and I STILL managed to get myself into a truck full of trouble. I lost count of the number of street fights I got into and I am now ashamed of the fact that I am not ashamed of that fact. If RS thinks me insufferable now, you should have seen me then. So I think that all things considered Ali didn't do too badly outside the ring and he is a much better human being now than he was then. Certainly he is a much better human being than me, and probably most people. Joe Frazier is a wonderful human being as well, perhaps even better than Ali. Anyway, Massimo, now that you understand the meaning of 'cheers', what does 'your shout' mean? Cheers.

I eat spaghetti every day of my life, at least once a day! I almost couldn't imagine my life without spaghetti... I never got involved in street fights for 2 reasons: 1) I'm a very peaceful guy 2) I'm small and weak. It's hard to find a guy weaker than me! You played football also! Are you big? I'd be curious to know!

In reality, Ali was given credit for deepness of thought and action at the time of the Vietnam war, as well as in regards to racial issues that he really didn't deserve. He could barely read and write, not to mention the fact that he was not really much interested in or curious about things that didn't apply to him (the reason for the real -big- interest in Vietnam). Whether the war was just or not, it must have made parents here feel real good, watching Ali, with their sons hunkered down in the swamps over there somewhere. The Muslims used him to stay on the political scoreboard, he used them for credibility - a classic symbiotic relationship. Re Frazier and Manilla. Believe it or not, the scores were 8-4 after twelve. Knowledgeable boxing people had it even after 10. Looks like the Phillipines rolled out the cream of the crop to "get the job done," as Joe would say. Both were outstanding, though I had Joe ahead by half a hair after 14. Two of the top three greatest fighters of all time, no doubt.

BTW, re Frazier and Ali. I noticed something that both did, and I'm sure with people like Futch and Dundee watching them, I'm not the first. Ali telegraphed a ~lot~ of his punches. A ~lot~ of them! While he was very good at not winding up with them, his face changed markedly just before he threw one. In fact, I can't think of any other top fighter who kept less of a poker face than Ali. Not ~as~ much with a jab, but a real lot of the time with the others. This is one reason Frazier's bobs and weaves made Ali miss so often, and not as much when Joe's eyes were shut. Joe, with some amount of regularity, would drop his right when he threw a left. His face didn't change at all though. He also kept his gloves lower more of the time than most fighters with his style, but the right did drop lower yet when a left was thrown. While little kids can have swelling in the face from being hit by another just once, Frazier's susceptibility to edema was absurd. Even Cobb and Wepner, two punching bags if there ever were any, didn't swell up a tenth as much. It's a miracle that swelling only cost him one fight.

RS - a lot of knowledgeable people had Ali on top, too. Just depends on your interpretation of 'knowledgeable' and who is objective and who isn't. Not every disappointment can be explained by alleging fixes or corrupt judges. That's often the easy way out. The one thing you can't speculate on is the result in the record books. Out of
the ring, Ali has a lot of stock phrases for situations he was in or questions he was asked. Especially now with his speech problems he uses these phrases with repetition. For instance, how many times you heard him say, "You ain't as dumb as you look", etc. Much of his early stuff seemed to have been rehearsed with Bundini, and then Howard Cossell led them from there. Massimo - I like spaghetti too. My weight fluctuates between 15.5 and 17 stone depending on the amount of exercise and swimming I do. I've got weights to use at home. I'm 6 foot tall. I love food too much and when others are 'shouting', I drink too much. Cheers.  

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There was never anyone, bar none, who bobbed and weaved as effectively as Frazier, also possibly the best inside fighter ever, or certainly one of a handful of elite. One thing I suspected was confirmed by Eddie Futch, via some research I've been doing. Joe certainly bobbed to evade punches, and as part of his rolling rhythm. Whether intended or not, I also saw it as being a little in the genre of the sleight of hand employed by magicians; it intensified ever more the appearance of aggression (which was real enough ~without~ the bobbing and weaving!). IOW, illusion to enhance, rather than replace reality. I also used to think Frazier used bobbing to invite Ali to throw an uppercut (to which Joe would respond with a left hook). Futch confirmed this. He said they had two strategies. One was to wait for Ali to throw his (substandard) right uppercut at Frazier's bob (which he sometimes exaggerated for this purpose), then throw the left. The other technique was to step in, let the uppercut graze his chest, then let the left hook fly. He also doubled up a lot, most often body to head. Ali was, as we know, as impervious to punches as a human can be, but if Joe could get him to block one, he'd double up to the head (how he knocked Ali down in the first fight). |

| 12/21/03 09:27:27 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |

RS, it doesn't matter if a person's self interest is the reason he or she does something. For example, Rosa Parks, the black woman who refused to stand up or go to the back of the bus, did so because she had just worked a long, hard day and her feet were tired. This one self serving act sparked the bus boycott, one of the turning points in the civil rights movement here in America. That Ali didn't really care about things that didn't apply to him or were not in his best interest (not going in the army) is not of significance as he was the individual caught up in the middle of the social events of the times. Also, just because Ali was not good at reading and writing does not mean he wasn't intelligent. Verbal skill is also reflective as showing intelligence and Ali was a very skilled speaker. Your comment that Ali was not a deep thinker implies he is not intelligent. Ali was not well educated but he was and is very intelligent. In addition to this, often the most simple statement is the most profound and being good at reading and writing does not mean someone has the common sense to say something like, "Aint no Viet Cong ever called me nigger!" One more thing to add, Ali stood his ground and he showed courage for standing up for his beliefs by not running to Canada like a lot of draft dodging cowards did. If these other individuals really believed that the war was unjust, and they had the guts to stand up for what they believed in, then they should have risked going to prison, like Ali did. I would also like to point out that the Nation of Islam, AKA the Black Muslims, was and still is an obscure sect with racially bised views that Ali does not associate with anymore and this group does not represeent main stream Islam in any way, shape, or form. RS, you should have clarified you were speaking about this obscure sect and not Muslims in general. My own beliefs are Christian but I don't lump other religions into one big group. I believe that extremism in any form, regardless of the belief, is a true enemy of humanity. NOTE: RS, I DON'T THINK YOU ARE BEING AN EXTREMIST JUST BECAUSE YOU REFERRED TO MUSLIMS IN YOUR POST. IT JUST NEEDED CLARIFICATION. |

| 12/21/03 10:00:12 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA |
CALIFORNIA| RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | KENT and STEVE (the CURLY Q.LINK AND SHEMP of our fearless leaders club). Just watched the Howie Steindler gig on "America's most wanted" about his murder, I remember it well in DELANO CALIFORNIA (I was a sophomore in H.S.) Probably around 1977. My old welterweight buddy Gil King said Stiendler was a gruffy old guy, but he liked him when he worked out at the main street gym on 18th and Grand. I just wondered what Jerry Quarry thought about that whole thing. Too Bad we do not have Moe to convey. Funny how those old fight trainers did not have a whole lot of loyalty back in the day. Case in point, Forest Ward and I had a discussion on how Gil Clancy could work JQ's corner in '69 against Frazier then worked Mac Foster's corner vs Jerry a year later while Quarry had Chickie Ferrara among others then just 4 months later, Chickie was one of Ali's seconds on his come back vs Jerry. Speaking of Forrest he could be the honorary "JOHNSON" (USUALLY A "three stooges" Boss) in our Fearless leaders Club! TAKE CARE!

RS - you're getting neurotic and spooky. You've blamed fixed fights and corrupt judges. Now you've found a new culprit......a lump. Not any old lump, either. It's an edema. Can you dispel this image I am starting to get of you? When the other girls in kindergarten were playing with dolls, were you inside the amenities block ritualistically sticking needles into the hated Ali voodoo doll screaming incantations like, "Substandard uppercut", "concrete head", "fight fixer", "grimaces before throwing a punch", "beat Joe", etc. Head spinning 360 degrees on your shoulders. Wide eyes rolling back in your head. Green muck pouring out of your mouth. Just like that cute little girl in The Omen. Also, you posted that you've watched the Ali v Frazier number 3 fight "dozens" of times in "slow motion". The picture I'm starting to get is your poor old husband doing old the household chores while you sit hunched over the remote, coma-like and staring, in some dank, dark corner of the house for weeks on end watching Ali in slow motion, frame-by-frame. By now we're all starting to visualise Glen Close from Fatal Attraction. And then comes the revelation in your latest post that you've been "researching" all this other stuff about Ali. For christs sake, RS, other housewives are out buying presents for loved ones with Christmas only three days away, AND YOU'RE DOING RESEARCH SO THAT YOU CAN THROW EVEN MORE SHIT AT ALI. SPOOKKKYYY! I've never heard of anyone like you. I surrender. E-mail me a draft copy of whatever you want me to post - that Ali burned babies, that he robbed old ladies, that Eddie the Eagle would have bashed him up in a fair fight, whatever you want - and I'll put my name to it. Anything for your black belt nagging to stop. PLLllleasssssse stop it, RS. I beg of you. Cheers. (((((((((:|
ALI / FRAZIER I'M TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT THEM, LET ME SAY THIS<br>ALI HIT FRAZIER MORE IN THE FIRST FIGHT BUT FRAZIER GOT THE KNOCKDOWN<br>AND LANDED THE HARDER PUNCHES, WINNER FRAZIER, THE OTHER 2 FIGHTS ALI<br>HANDS DOWN, BEAT FRAZIER TO A PULP IN FIGHT 3, JOE SO STUPID THAT HE STATED<br>ONCE THAT "ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LOOK AT THE FILM AND YOU KNOW WHO WON<br>ALL OF THE FIGHTS , MEANING HIMSELF!!! FRAZIER IS OUT TO LUNCH, OVERRATED WHEN IT COMES TO THE ALL TIME GReATS, HIS LEFT HOOK WOULD MEAN NOTHING<br>ON TODAY'S FIGHTERS, I KNOW PEOPLE WILL DISAGREE, STOP LIVING IN THE PAST,<br>

Forest, it is true that other war protesters didn't have the means and lawyers to drag their case out but the threat of Ali going to prison was very real. But fighting for what one believes in doesn't always mean picking up a gun. It can mean risking going to prison, which a lot war protesters didn't do. There are some who did go to jail for refusing being drafted into the military and whether or not I agree that they were right for doing so, I respect them for standing up for what they believe in. Personally, I likely would have gone into the military but who's to say as I was too young when the Vietnam war was going on and I never had to face that decision, one way or the other.<br>

I didn't know Rosa Parks' protest was organized. It still doesn't change the significance of what she did. I can understand why back in the sixties if black people didn't want to fight for a country that always talked about being for freedom while at the same time denying them a lot of basic freedoms.<br>Even here in the Los Angeles area, blacks were not allowed to be in certain areas. My mother commented that as a little girl, she and her friends used to like sitting in the balcony at a movie theater, where all of the black people sat and she used to think it was lucky that these people got to sit up high. She didn't realize until later they were not allowed to sit down below. I HOPE THIS TALK OF RACE DOESN'T BREAK OUT INTO NAME CALLING AGAIN. I WILL ANSWER COMMENTS DIRECTED MY WAY REGARDING THIS ISSUE FOR A SHORT TIME BUT NOT FOR LONG.<br>

Ali and Foreman both received IQ scores in the 70s via the military. All one need do is listen to either one to know that both are extremely bright men. When you could understand Ali, that is - one rather side note on that was one time when he was on, they had to close caption what he was saying on the screen. Their performance in the ring is further indication of their high functioning brains, as it is with any top athlete. However, IQ tests do have an educational and cultural bias, and both men were woefully lacking in both. Ali was basically a man-child, wondrous about elementary things, fearful of others on a childish level. He was afraid to go into the military for many reasons. My point was not an overlay or indictment of civil rights, but rather to dispel the notion of Ali as a serious and mystic thinker who "stood up for his beliefs" (also widely held to be deeply rooted), the source of much of his aura then in the radical 60s, more so today, now that legend has had a chance to hone the edge. I think it's also called being a phony! :-)<br>

That was the Exorcist, BTW, not the Omen. Thanks for another entertaining rant though - beats the heck out of your "boxing posts!" :-)
Anyway, I won't be able to play with you much longer because I have lots of work to do before Christmas. But that shouldn't affect you as I'm sure practice has taught you lots of ways to play with yourself ever since those kindergarten days when all the other kids were forbidden from playing with you and your voodoo doll of Ali the despised brainless moron. Just don't become neurotic about playing with yourself, as you have about Muhammad. Koo Koo - good to hear from you. Cheers. ({(((

|12/22/03 06:38:16 AM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||P1Mls4@aol.com|||10|RS - on a serious note. In my posts on Frazier I have always confined myself to comments about his boxing ability and I deliberately never criticised him as a person (I never wanted to anyway - I consider him a fine human being). I did so hoping that you might respond in kind towards Ali who, as you obviously know, has a medical condition that in the tiny minds of some exposes him to ridicule. I was therefore shocked that, in your latest post, you called him a phoney and sneered at the fact that his speech became so affected by his medical condition that in an interview on television they needed cards to inform the viewers what he was saying. That was an insensitive comment to make, especially on a web site founded in the memory of another great fighter afflicted with a condition similar to Ali's. I dare say that in the advanced stages of that illness, too, his speech would have been difficult to understand and I at least have some inkling as to the difficulties his family endured dealing with that shocking reality. I have a child nephew who got brain damage from a botched medical procedure. His speech is effected, just like Ali's. Medical impairments like that are nothing to be sneered at, especially by an intelligent person with all of her faculties. If you can't keep your comments about Ali within the bounds of common decency, then let's take Koo Koo's suggestion and move onto something else. Ali's medical condition shouldn't impinge on the perception of his ability as a fighter. In some posts about you I said some things that were deliberately insulting. If that provoked you into responding by ridiculing someone with a disability, then I went too far and I apologise to you. But please don't ridicule medical impairments again, even if it does involve a fighter you obviously dislike. Thanks.

|12/22/03 10:35:11 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|P - I originally thought you were just a wimpy flamer, but you truly embody a great deal of unresolved hate which you project into others, attacking it there where it's safe to do so. Combine that with a childish and blind idolatry for Muhammad Ali, and...well, the result is obvious. And, of course, there's our history in other places, I imagine, where no doubt you didn't fare too well in "discussion." I haven't been sucked into replying to someone like you in quite a while, but I too am very busy with Christmas preparations. I'll only reply to two items of your general foolishness, before jettisoning you into Internet space:<br><br>- As far as I know, Jerry Quarry did ~not~ have Parkinson's disease, though the cause of the problems of both had the same root. I said that I thought it was very sad that they had to close caption Ali's words when he talked. And you suggested I was making fun of him? Once more, you reflect your own misery and unhappiness. <br>- While I've observed some flaws of Ali's myself, everyone knows they're there, and some of my material was via Eddie Futch ("substandard jab," and the strategy of bobbing to set up the left hook were both discussed). Just type his name into Google. You can reply if you wish, but it'll be for naught. |

|12/22/03 10:40:05 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|From message to Kent:<br>- one rather side note on that was one time when he was on, they had to close caption what he was saying on the screen.<br>This contains a typo. The word, "side" should have been "sad," though this should be self explanatory in context. I've said this same thing twice before. |
As a youngster, I idolized Ali, and I still think he was the greatest heavyweight champion of them all---at the very least, in the top 3. I loved that he played the part of the villain with the bragging and poetry---he made it interesting and also made tons of money for himself and his contemporaries. Socially, he was a complex personality with faults (everyone has them) and also very good traits. I won't excuse the bad things he might have done, but I will say he also had a generous side and did a lot of good things for people of all backgrounds. I agree that maybe in hindsight, he's being made out as too much of a Saint and his shortcomings are glossed over, especially by the movie. But on the other hand, keep in mind that Ali represented something of great importance to many thousands (if not millions) of people around the world---and I'm not talking about winning some boxing matches---he was a guy who stood up to the establishment at a time when doing so made you larger than life. And yes, a couple pages back, I posted about how truly great our men and women in the military are, and how grateful I am for their service. And yes, now I'm posting about how great Ali was for not stepping forward when he was drafted. People, it was a different time, with different circumstances. Does this make Ali right? No, but it explains why he's held up as a hero by so many people for what he said and for what he did (or didn't do). When Ali passes, the tributes will be monumental. It will be headline news, not a story in the middle of the broadcast. He's bigger than boxing. Even now, over thirty years past his prime as an athlete and over 20 years since he's boxed or held a title, he's one of the most recognizable faces on the planet. I'll close by saying this: I think Ali has handled the Parkinsons with a courage and grace that makes him more impressive to me now than when he was winning titles as the world's greatest boxer.

Jerry Quarry's condition was similar to Alzheimer's disease. He progressively lost his short term memory and motor skills but as far as I know, he didn't have the shakes that are common to Parkinson's patients.

I don't see why we can't honor Ali and Frazier both as being brave and great fighters. It seems to be a prevailing theme around here that appears from time to time and it was a major source of conflict at the old Joe Frazier's gym site. Ali and Frazier have buried the hatchet, so why can't the fans of both do the same? Koo Koo, why do you say DKS is back here? He hasn't posted in over two years. Who are you saying DKS is?
Frazier site is no longer going? I haven't been able to find anything, other than Marvis's site, which deals more with Jacqui and Joe's lawsuit.<br>Parkinsonian -symptoms-, ie those that are like Parkinson's disease (but isn't) isn't that uncommon among fighters, but it's only a coincidental similarity. Parkinson's, even in non-boxers, mimics the condition caused by too many blows to the head. Ali just happened to be one of those in whom the dopamine producing center of his brain was destroyed by the hammers of Mars.<br>Why either happens more in one fighter than another is one of those many yet-to-be-solved mysteries by our doctors (spelled "G-O-D," by them anyway).<br>Hey Forest, since we are not limiting this discussion to boxing any longer, I take exception to your statement, "Yup, in the late 60's, Ali stood up for what he believed in, just like Jane Fonda stood up for what she believed in. Do you not believe that communism during the sixties and seventies was a threat to our way of life? I always thought, if we go on with the Ali myth of him being a social hero, we would get to the green dream, Vietnam. Ali was exploited by his fringe, extremist religions group. Ali was not concerned with , nor did he understand, the political ramifications of his actions. If you really believe "Hanoi Jane" was correct in posing on a 37mm anti aircraft gun in Hanoi, North Vietnam while our pilots where being shot down, then I will respectfully disagree. |<br>Yup ?!? Wimpy ?!? I already said this, I have to burn my dictionary...<br>Last night I have seen a synthesis of Cooper-Folley 1 (October 1958) on ESPN. Interesting fight! I don't know why Bonavena got more credit for his career than Folley, Zora was still better than him !<br>Steve, I was being sarcastic. If I had my way Jane Fonda would be charged and brought to trial for Treason. Frankly, I despise her.<br>Steve, the point I was trying to make is, that the Ali of the middle to late 1960's; was not some wise athlete/stateman with wisdom and courage. Standing up to the US government, as the myth makers portray him. Frankly, he was a duped parrot, for Elijah Muhammad and that sect he ran with his sons. Remember what he did to Patterson in 1965; and Terrell in 1967, it was despicable. Who gave him the orders to do that, Elijah, or maybe his son Herbert? Ali's lawyers claimed he was a Conscientious Objector. They further stated that he could not fight in any war unless directed by Elijah. Torture your black "brothers" in the ring, that is okay. But, outside the ring your as peaceful as a Quaker, unless told otherwise by Elijah, father of Herbert. Ali was a class A hypocrite regarding the draft, and quite a few other things in his life. <br>Steve, I an grateful to you for pointing out the confusion about my remarks. Once again, I despise Fonda. And, I have no problem admitting that it would not upset me to see her die a slow and painful death. She is a diabolical person. |<br>Hey RS - can I make a quick suggestion before I go on holidays without you biting my head off? Unemployment seems to be feeding your paranoia, and sitting around all day surfing the web is only making it worse. Why not push the keyboard away and go outside and smell the roses and enjoy some sun? Who knows, if you drop that know-all pretence, you might even get some friends. But make yourself presentable first. Shave the legs and clip those armpits. Wash that matted mange, get some lice treatment and stop scratching. Scrub the nicotine off those fingers and stop biting them nails. Wear a long sleeved shirt to hide that Smokin' Joe tattoo. Definitely try some exercise. You'll feel better about yourself when shoppers stop averting their eyes and sniggering as you push that overloaded trolley down the sweets aisle. Consider coming to terms with your sexuality (yes, we all guessed). Getting some feminine interests might help too. I'm sure they'll let you be the 'alpha' female (so to speak). Anger management
therapy is something else to think about. Anyway, off with the computer and to
the airport holiday-bound. Happy Christmas to all, and I hope the New Year
brings prosperity and good health. Bye for now.

Talk about being duped, Jane Fonda was a naive young woman when she pulled that stunt in
Vietnam. She was duped by anti-American propaganda and I have heard she now
regrets her actions. Nevertheless, at the time she was a legal adult and she
should have been tried for treason. If posing with one of the very guns that
was killing American servicemen is not giving aid and comfort to the enemy, than
I don't know what is. Yes, the Nation of Islam used Ali for its own
purposes but like I said in an earlier post, I understand why blacks of that
time wouldn't want to fight for a country that talks about being for freedom and
than denies them that very freedom. The comment made by Ali, "aint no vietcog
ever called me nigger" makes sense in the context of the times.

Saying that I understand why blacks wouldn't have wanted to fight is not the same as
saying I wouldn't have fought in that war. I am not black and even though some
of my Native American ancestors were treated disgracefully, I am also white and
I have never faced any kind of out and out racial biased treatment personally.

I have never heard of Jane Fonda making apology for her actions during the Viet Nam
war. If she was to make an apology, that would require her to admit that she
was wrong; and she has never done that. She was not a "young" woman when she
made those statements. She was damn near 30 or very close to it. The soldiers
who fought in Viet Nam were young persons they were teenagers or in their early
20's. She went to Vassar college. She was educated and priviledged She knew
very well what she was doing. She is the type of person who in the year 2003
will tell you that Fidel Casto is a good man, and not a ruthless dictator. Tell
that to the political prisoner rotting in the Cuban jails for decades

I suppose some of the people on this site would have liked to see her box. Me I
would push her in front of a train.

Some good comments on Frazier-Ali. Sorry Kookoo,
two of their fights are among the top five heavyweight fights of All-Time, have
any of your muscleheads of today staged anything approaching their fights? No,
not even close. Boxing fans will discuss Frazier-Ali in the next century. Ali
had the big points lead because of his reach and jab. Frazier, like Marciano,
lost a lot of points but won a lot of fights. That's because his 10-9s usually
hurt more than the other guy's 10-9 round. Pointwise, he wasn't in control of
Jerry in their first fight until round five, anyone watching could tell you it
was practically over by then. Ali did eat some punches versus Foreman, good
point, credit to Ali the fighter for handling George when that happened. I have
never been an Ali fan, because of what he did to Frazier ( their hatchet is not
buried, trust me ), for his plasticity, his overt racism and even anti-christian
statements. In showbusiness, everybody uses and everybody gets used, the key is
to get the benefit of both sides as much as possible. Ali clearly came out way
on the plus side of it, Frazier, who was simply a fighter and not very self-
promotional, did not. Joe, like Larry Holmes, came across as a very good blue-
collar guy, down to earth, approachable the way Jerry was, I'm still a fan. Ali,
meanwhile, ran a circus, and sometimes he had to let it run him. I give him
major credit for his politics regarding Vietnam and he used his fame to impact
America, which, agree/disagree with his views, is commendable. While I will
never be a fan of his, he is the best boxer I've ever seen, even ahead of
Leonard, Hearns, De La Hoya or Jones in their smaller classes. He took fights to
exotic venues and made the matches spectacles. I have to give him his fair
credit as a legendary figure in sports history, and again, I'm not a fan of his.
Too much personal sniping here guys, let's agree to disagree in this season of
peace, most everyone here has contributed something worth reading, if we all
agreed all the time it wouldn't be much of a discussion, would it? For Cleveland readers and others in the NFL-know, I've got to mention the recent passing of former Browns legend Otto Graham: 10 years 10 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES, 7 Titles, oh yeah he starred in the NBA too, may have been better than another Browns legend, Jim Brown. Happy Holidays. |

Even people who were opposed to the war grudgingly acknowledge that Fonda was indirectly responsible for deaths. She's was/is nothing more than a "look at me, look at me" grandstander with the depth of a mud puddle. It wasn't about the war. It was about her. |

Massimo -<br>When someone is "wimpy," they're foolish, a crybaby, a sissy, ineffectual, socially and usually physically clumsy, unpopular. A person can be some of those things and not necessarily be a wimp, but a wimp is all of them, sometimes more.|

Thanks for the kind English lesson! As a physicist I knew what WIMP (Weakly Interacting Massive Particles) but this didn't help me to understand the other meaning. Merry Christmas to everybody, especially to Evren who lost his father recently. Merry Christman to the n.1 Massimo's fan Kookoo also! |

FOREST: Jane Fonda is a traitor, pure and simple. She NEVER apologized for what she did, she gave some bs, half-ass comment such as if she offended people she was sorry, but not for what she did or said. I will never forget the sight of her sitting on a VC anti-aircraft gun battery and grinning. Don't get me wrong, it is her right as an American to protest the war and she is entitled to her opinion. but there is a line between protest and traitor. And I also think that Ramsey Clark has crossed than line more than once. I did not mean to get political on a boxing site, but I really detest that woman. |

One other point on Ali avoiding service in Vietnam: He was practically "guaranteed" by the military powers that were, that he would not in any circumstance face front line fighting or even hostile areas. There was every reason to believe that he might stay stateside for his stint, or that if sent to Vietnam, he would be in the safest possible areas and give exhibitions or be a source of a morale boost to the troops. I think Ali was wrong for not going, but that's just my opinion. Millions of Americans stood with Ali as he objected. But really, my point is that it wasn't fear of death or lack of courage that prompted Ali's refusal to go, because he would have been safe and he knew it. It was pure and simple that he just didn't believe in the cause or even people that were pushing the cause and he wasn't alone in his beliefs. On Frazier: I think he should have mellowed out after the Thrilla. To this day, I watch the video of the fight and the post-fight comments. Ali was very complimentary to Frazier, calling him the "Joe Frazier: The greatest next to me." |
as a "minster" in the sect, that Macolm deserves to be killed, prior to Malcolms murder. And its core belief's are the same today as when Ali was a member in the 60's. For the record Ali is no longer a member of the sect.<br>One more question about Ali. Am I the only person on this site who remembers Ali imitating punch drunk fighters. He would sometimes press his nose in with one hand, thereby giving the image of a flat punched in nose. With the other hand he push his ear out thereby giving the image of having a cauliflower ear. And then he would start speaking with slurred speach. Was this kind, was this sensitive? Making fun of formers boxers who took too many punchers. How many times would he do this for cheap laughs.<br>Ali would always claim it would never happen to him. Well, it did happen to him. Am I sorry it happened to him? Yes!!! But, I can't stomach the the way history is being rewritten regarding Ali. Was he a great fighter? Yes. Was he entertaining? Yes? Was he a statesman? No!! Was he a kind benevolent person? Nope, he could be wicked and mean while trying to promote his own agenda.<br>Does anyone on this site remember when President Carter sent Ali to Africa as a pseudo diplomat? The African nations were insulted. They asked how can the President of the United States demean our people and our goverment sending a prizefighter to our nation as a diplomat. Ali made a fool out of himself, and Carter for selecting him. The trip was cut short and he was sent back to the USA. Ali was a great fighter and a personality; no more no less.<br>In the 60's and the 70's, Ali did not demonstrate much sincerity, or depth. Did he change throughout the 80's and the 90's and right up to this very day? Yes!! But, it's funny illness and injury always have a way of humbling people.<br>Angelo, I don't dislike Ali as a person or an athlete. What I dislike, are his fan who either ignore or deny his action in the 60's or 70's. Angelo, I stand by every
point I made in my last post. It is not me who is in denial about Ali. But his fans who cannot be objective, and are stuck in a child like awe of the boxer. The guy was a class A hypocrite. 

My husband remembers Ali mocking punchy fighters. Also, the laughable trip to Africa. Ali was told he wouldn't be around hostile action in Vietnam, but didn't believe it. He was fed all kinds of scare scenarios by the Muslims who wanted to control him, and believed them. I don't see Ali as having the depth to opt out of the war for the reasons he gave, and know what it really meant. He could do nice things, and he could be cruel and sadistic. He also seemed to enjoy being cruel so much more. The cohabitation of both tends to negate the former. Could he have been told how bad it was to carry and torture inferior fighters? What to say re the war, in order to look good? Other little PR moves? Whoever told him to denigrate Frazier, and emphasize black stereotypes was a real genius, or maybe the real Ali was coming out. Once more, when such radical opposing behaviors both present themselves, you're usually right to look to the dark side as the real person. Star-struck America, and really the whole world is so desperate for idols, custom-made ones yet to whom they assign God-like qualities, that Ali's legend will only grow.

I don't know which is worse - waay back, olden times, when record keeping was shoddy or non-existent, or today, when it's slick and smooth, and history is edited and reshaped, fictionalized even, till it becomes sufficiently legendary or fulfills some agenda.

Ali is a paradox---but I'd stop short of calling him a Class A hypocrite. I'm sure that 25 years ago, when I was younger and more in awe of him as an idol and an athlete, I would find no fault with Ali and would be in the total denial you talk about. Now, I can stand back and agree with you on some of your assertions. Ali made some mistakes and did exhibit some hypocrisy at times---He's not "Saint Muhammad" by any means. I still regard him as a great boxer and sometimes great man who in a lot of ways, changed pro sports. He and Cosell weren't just in the right place at the right time---they MADE it the right place at the right time.

One thing they CAN'T change about history is the films (Well, on second thought, they probably can do that too!). But when you watch Ali and Frazier "get it on" you see what heavy boxing used to be! The tape doesn't lie: These guys put it on the line like very few fighters today ever will. It was a different time---and it makes me laugh when I read the posts claiming that Tyson would be so scary to someone like Joe Frazier. Tyson couldn't gut it out against Holyfield.

FOREMAN---OLD FOREMAN---gutted it out against Holyfield and damn near beat him.

HOLMES---OLD RETIRED HOLMES---gutted it out against Holyfield and took him the distance. Put Tyson in with one of the in-prime 70's heavies and provided the fight went more than a few rounds, he'd lose the battle of the wills.

Lots of times, people fall into the "good old days" syndrome, a trap where things from the past gain an aura and take on qualities they really didn't have when they were actually happening. However, 70s boxing isn't that way - top champions for any age, top tenners all, with contenders who would have been champions in many other eras. Every single champ & contender had the guts and fighting heart of a timber wolf, did in fact, raise the bar in that regard. Sometimes too, people will do the reverse, and devalue past athletes and events in comparison to the star of the present. I like Evander Holyfield immensely, and think he was a great champion. Tyson had his time as well, and was a devastating boxer. However, what two "old men" did with them indicates that the going might have
been considerably rockier yet, had Evander and Iron Mike been transported by
time machine back to the 70s!

| 12/24/03 03:36:20 PM | Andy | LA | Andyrockster@aol.com | 3 | Anyone of you guys know that Clay registered for the army when he was 18. He later became a moslem. When Ali refused to be drafted he said "I was a christian then and knew nothing about islam and had I been drafted then I would have gone." Was Ali the only black boxer to be drafted. Wasn't he the only one who wasn't scene as compliant. Did any of the other blacks express a different view to the white establishment. Cant it be possible that Ali was only drafted because of his different religious or war belief. Wouldn't you guys get upset if the govt. drafted you 'cause of your religion or for not being compliance. If you guys were very keen on a religion wouldn't you do something the cardinal sayed to do. Maybe Ali wasn't being brave, maybe he was just indignant at being picked for being outspoken when none of the other boxing blacks were picked. Also, something else to think about. If Frazier had 3 years off in his prime before the first Ali fight just like Ali had them off, would he have won? |

| 12/24/03 03:51:49 PM | Andy | LA | Andyrockster@aol.com | 4 | One moore thing. Ali used religion as his excuse to not being drafted. That was in '67. Almost 40 years on his still a moslem. Doesnt that show that he was sincere. Im argueng with my pals reading this that some of you guys just dont like ali 'cause he waasn't a compliant nigger. Youd like him better had he shut his mouth and sayd the same things as you about the war and religion. He was diferent and you dont like that. He should have been a white nigger like Sonny and Joe. |

| 12/24/03 05:57:01 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Andy, I understand why you support Ali but why pick on Sonny Liston and Joe Frazier as being so called "white niggers?" Sonny had some questionable character traits, criminal activity and mob connections but what does this have to do with "how black he was?" As far as Joe Frazier is concerned, he is a fine man, a true warrior in every sense of the word. I am assuming you are a black man yourself and you accuse some of the people here of not liking Ali because he didn't act and believe like they do. You then put down Joe for not believing and acting like you do. This is not fair to Joe. Realize, I disagree with a lot of the negative talk that has been directed at Ali recently and have and never have had a desire for any group of people to be compliant (in this context subserviant)with anything, or anybody. People should only be true to themselves. Of course, all people should obey laws that are set up for the common good of all, but we are not talking about this here. Joe Frazier is a fine man and he shouldn't have to answer to anyone like you about how black he is. This kind of talk against Joe is very tiresome and it should be given a rest, once and for all! It is total BS! Andy, I can respect Ali and respect Frazier at the same time and I have always done so! |

| 12/24/03 09:17:26 PM | Charles Anderson | ark | ctjjandfam@aol.com | 10 | how did jerry stay out of the armed forces? |

| 12/24/03 11:08:40 PM | Andy | LA | Andyrockster@aol.com | 3 | U guys dont get it. Were not saying that Frazier was a white nigger. Thats crap. But lots of white folk thought of Joe as a white nigger. He wasnt a noisy, troublemaking black like Ali. So lots of white people took Joes side and look at whoe is being posted here. That bull lesbean with the make believe husband all she ever does is throw crap at Ali every day. Never stops, Hates him. Ali was the only one in his day outa all those black boxers who got the drafted. All because he was noisy. Had he just shut up like Joe then no problem. Just cause he didnt wag the red white and blue flag like Foreman at the olympics. Just cause he didnt have connects to the white gangsters like Sonny. Just cause he wasnt compliance to whites. The white establishment made an example of him. Im gonna count the number of posts roadscoleratte has done and tally up how many is slagging at Ali. Its alright to say anything bout Ali but nothing bout Joe. Anyways none of my questions been answered. Guess this sites only good for ripping reputations
down and belittling people like Ali. Some folk here think it funny that he got punchdrunk. Im outta here fore i catch sumthing.

As some of you may know, the Professional Boxing Amendments Act of 2003 did not pass the U.S. Congress this year. To those of you who did express your support for its passage, thank you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!!!

ANDY, WE WHITE PEOPLE DON'T CONSIDER FRAZIER WHITE IN ANY SHAPE OR FORM, MANY BLACKS DUG ALI BECAUSE HE DISRESPECTED WHITEY AND GOT AWAY WITH IT, FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND ALI IS 1 SIXTHTEENTH WHITE HE HATES THAT PART OF HIMSELF IF YOUR BLACK YOU CAN BE RACIST AND NOBODY SAYS SHI. BUT IF YOUR WHITE YOU WILL EVAPORATE, BLACKS ALWAYS WILL BE THEIR OWN WORST ENEMYS, BLAME WHITEY, THATS THE STANDARD PLAN FOREVER!

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Hey Massimo, you crazy Italian fool, Merry Cristmas, or whatever holiday your allowed to celibrate in your socialist country.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS SHEMP (STEVE) CURLY Q. (KENT) FOREST WARD, PAUL, ROAD, KOO KOO, GERALD, MASSIMO, AND EVERYONE ELSE ON THIS GREAT SITE. BEST "FITE SITE" ON THE WEB, BUT I COULD BE A LITTLE BIASED ON THAT ONE, I HAVE TO THROW ONE IN FOR ALL AGAINST JERRY AND HIS QUOTES ON THE QUARRY WOMEN, HE WAS SIMPLY COMPLIMENTING THEM THATS ALL, TOLD JERRY'S WIFE HE DID NOT SEE HOW JERRY GOT ANY TRAINING DONE ETC. TOLD JERRY'S MOM SHE WAS YOUNG LOOKING NOTHING NODDY BUT NICE, I THINK HE WAS JUST BEING CHARMING UNLIKE KEN NORTON AND HIS QUIPS IN 75'. WHOM HE MADE COMMENTS TO EITHER ONE OF JERRY'S SISTERS OR 2ND WIFE I'M NOT SURE, AND IS REALLY JUST WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE ANYWAY.

A very Merry Christmas to all of you too - hope Santa was good to you! Re Sonia's message: husband and I were talking along those lines today. As the years go by, it's too bad that holiday times have to be so bittersweet - those here, but those not here any longer too.

Merry Christmas, guys... Jimmy D. pretty well sums up the Ali thing with Jerry, it was never insults or anything derogatory, as some have curiously thought. He charmed them, or more importantly, used them to charm Jerry, which was my point: He knew Jerry was a fan, and took him out of the mindset Jerry needed for that fight, to some degree at least, by playing on that fact. Joe Frazier he totally enraged, by asserting that Joe was an Uncle...
Tom for not acting out in the activist late 1960's, as well as dehumanizing him to a horrible degree. Kent if you can respect someone who would use his fame for such a purpose, you have your right to. I certainly have the right not to. Joe was caught in the shadow of both Ali and Jerry when he fought them, Ali's tremendous fame and politics, and Jerry's fervor created by his becoming the great White Hope of his time. Joe never had the fans or media appeal of either of those men, but proved to be a courageous fighter and a very good guy when given his chance. What more can be asked? I'll always be a Frazier fan, I'll never be an Ali fan, though I am cognizant that Ali was an unbelievably great fighter and one of the most compelling personalities of the century... I cannot comprehend the mindset that would call Joe a white n---, I think those were just anti-Ali guys, I got some curious looks when I rooted for him because he was black and I'm not, I never let that get in the way of my being able to see that he was a good guy and a hell of a fighter. A great many blacks and whites have been able to see good in each other since those days, one of the best things sports have contributed to America.

Steve-

Our country is not a socialist one, it's a free, great and beautiful country! Merry Christmas to all of you on this site, and if someone of you will get married in these days... Merry married Christmas! Merry Christmas to Shaquille O'Neal, I don't dare to imagine how much he is gonna eat... Merry Christmas to the great Paul from Australia and to my sweet and kind English teacher Roadscholarette too.

Gerry, some of the reasons I respect Ali as a person are because he showed a lot of courage in the ring. The man has a lot of heart. Also, although I realize the Nation of Islam did use Ali for their own self serving purposes, I believe the threat of his going to jail was very real as the NOI was extremely unpopular with most of America and I don't think he got a break from going to jail by being associated with them. I think the mainstream establishment tried to stick it to him because of this association. Originally, the government said he didn't score high enough on the written test for the armed services to be drafted and then they reclassified his status, why?

Also, his religious beliefs were not just a sham because as someone pointed out, he was a muslim back then and although he is more in the mainstream now, he is still a muslim today.

It could very well have been that Ali, back in the sixties, feared the NOI more than he did the government, so he went along with their plans. after all, when Malcolm X saw the truth, that there is good in all groups of people, after praying with all kinds of people in the middle east, including white people, he was killed when he saw talked about this truth.

Was Ali perfect, by no means and he did do and say some hurtful things in the past but people can change and I respect him for that reason also. If he really didn't believe in the NOI rhetoric that whites are inherently evil and he didn't stand up against them like Malcolm did, I understand this as the NOI may have tried to kill him as well. I do know he doesn't spew such nonsense now and he hasn't done so for many years.

Trash talk in sports is ferocious. Most players/participants wisely shed it, like water off a duck's back. There's an old saying, "Those who the gods would destroy, they first make angry." That's really true - make a person lose their cool, and they usually don't do as well. Except for Joe Frazier. In some people, pressure of any kind fans the fire, and they use the energy to focus further. In truth, he probably did better. Both men were unbelievably tough, but they seemed to go that extra mile against each other. We know where Joe's fire came from. I wonder where Ali's did? He'd denigrate Joe as a Tomming idiot and an ape (none true), yet seemed endlessly fascinated by him.
fully grasped the theater part of sports. He seemed slightly puzzled at times that he didn't have the charisma Ali did. What he didn't realize was that he was getting all due respect from the fan. The Ali circus brought in people who didn't ordinarily pay that much attention to boxing. He borrowed his tricks from many other people, but he pulled them off well. He was a true Narcissist, perfectly suited for the role, but what was interesting was that he was always winking at us all! Joe understood Jerry's appeal, I think. He himself said, "Jerry's a tough fighter with a boy next door face, and an engaging manner." I think he also realized that the novelty of being white (and good) brought in the curious, but among serious boxing fans, I'm sure Jerry had black fans, just as Joe and Ali had white ones.

Say, I heard Stallone is pushing hard for Rocky 6. I liked the Rocky movies (except for five), even though we know we had to suspend disbelief to a degree at times. However, I wonder what he'll do for six? He's still in shape, and actors portray roles as younger men than they actually are all the time. The fact is though, he's still in his mid-50s. Say he plays Balboa as a mid-40s fighter. Rocky 1 was based loosely on the Ali-Wepner fight, so I wonder if six would be based on a boxer in his forties who comes back and takes the title? Not that anyone's ever done that! :-) George Foreman could play Don King! If Stallone wants me as his challenger in Rocky 6 I'm ready to kick his ass and to gain the money! He is the ITALIAN STALLON but he is not really Italian! If he is Italian then I'm American!

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My God, ANDY from LA, why don't you get a dictionary?!!!?? And, a Merry Christmas, to you, Max Hord, from FLA.

Special thanks go out to Mr. George Otto for all of his hard work on behalf of TJQF. Although it is a disappointment that the latest bill to reform boxing failed to pass the United States congress, I am sure it hasn't seen its last days and hopefully we can reintroduce it again in 2004. Mr. Otto's hard work reminds me that there is something much more important involved here than our sometimes petty squabbling about issues on this letter's page and it is because of his work that we even have this letter page. Mr. Otto gives up his own time to carry on Jerry's and Mr. Jimmy's legacy of trying to make boxing better for future fighters. My hat is off to you Mr. Otto for a job well done!

For those of you that don't know, Mr. Otto and our own James Quarry (Mr. Jimmy) were instrumental in passing three key pieces of boxing reform bills in the U.S. congresses, including the Muahmmad Ali Boxing Reform Act of 2000.

Mr. Kent--Thank you for your kind words. Despite what occurred in 2003, other legislative developments will occur in 2004, and TJQF will be there to participate in the legislative process!! Happy New Year to all!!

Hey guys hope every one had a nice Christmas. Im sitting here watching an old tape of Pinklon Thomas vs Mike Weaver what a fight. Any way i was sitting thinking of a few things about the 80's heavies vs the 90's and 00's heavies and came up with a few fights as i try to play match maker with the variety of champs from that period with a few fantasy match ups let me know what you guys may think and which way youthink these fights would have went. Larry Holmes (1981) vs Lennox Lewis <br>Mike Tyson (1987) vs Evander Holyfield
(1983) vs Hasim Rahman  
Pinklon Thomas  (1985) vs John Ruiz  
Mike Weaver  
(1983) vs Oliver McCall  
Michael Dokes  (1982) vs Chris Byrds  
Gerrie Coetzee  (1982) vs James Buster Douglas  
Greg Page  (1983) vs Frank Bruno  
Tony Tubbs  (1984) vs Bruce Seldon  
Riddick Bowe  
Trevor Berbick  (1986) vs Michael Moorer  

Im maybe forgetting a few but this was the card i came up with was just wondering what everyone thought.

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 .br> gandhi nagar (p.o) udumalpet-642154.<br> | 12/29/03 10:16:31 AM | Massimo | Rome | | 4 | | | | 10 | Sean--<br> Pinkon Thomas would have beaten John Ruiz easily ! Last night I have seen on ESPN Classic Joe Louis-Tommy Farr and I can say that Farr gave Louis a very close fight ! Sometimes I think that Louis is a little overrated... Billy Conn almost whipped his ass in the first fight, Schmeling knocked him out, Tommy Farr ( a guy with 30 losses in his record) gave him a very close fight and, dulcis in fundo, Walcott knocked down him 3 times ! What do you think about , Paul ? Anyway, his combinations were the best in boxing history, that's for sure !!
| 12/29/03 10:29:00 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | | funktron@yahoo.com | | | | 10 | Wow, Sean's list will give us something to write about for the next month!!! Holmes would take Lewis, in my opinion, without much trouble. True, Lewis is bigger and stronger, but Holmes would break him down like he did Leroy Jones. Jones was also taller and substantially heavier than Holmes and Larry found a way to neutralize him. And before everyone starts saying Leroy Jones is no Lennox Lewis, I'll beg to differ with that as well. Jones was fat, but had speed and boxing skills and could double and triple up on his jab as well or better than Lewis. Holmes would use the entire ring to outbox Lewis and would probably win an easy decision. Let's put it this way, if Holmes could survive Earnie Shavers best punches, which he did, he'd have absolutely NOTHING to worry about with Lewis' power. And if Holmes best punch could knock out Mike Weaver (which he did), he could also KO Lewis, whose chin is suspect. Also, Tim Witherspoon, a very good and underrated fighter, would beat Hasim Rahman. The contemporary fighters have the big size advantage, but that's about all. Witherspoon had very good boxing AND fighting skills and his career was stalled because he was on Don King's bad side. Witherspoon would have been a great champion if his management/promoters circumstances had been better. |
| 12/29/03 10:50:15 AM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | | | | 10 | Of course, far be it from me to be one-sided in favor of yesterday's fighters. From Sean's list, I'd pick the following contemporaries: Roy Jones over Michael Spinks (Jones is simply better), Riddick Bowe over Tony Tucker (Bowe is simply better), Frank Bruno over Greg Page (Bruno would out-work Page) and likely, Moorer over Berbick (Close one). Page and Bowe were two big and fast guys, with good fundamentals, who might have been long time Champions if they had a harder training and work ethic. In his prime, I believe Bowe would have trained furiously and beaten Lewis. But that was the problem with Bowe: He trained
when he was motivated. For the most part, Lennox Lewis, while not my idea of a great champion, has come prepared and proven himself to win his fights in some way, shape or form. Lewis hasn't always won impressively, but he manages to get the wins and hold the belt and that's pretty good. Page and Bowe let themselves get out of shape in between fights and sometimes didn't even get back into good shape for the fights. If these two were primed for a war, I think it would be a good fight with Bowe getting a middle round knockout win.  

Anyway, I think that Joe Louis is rated by many the best heavyweight of all time because he beat the great Primo Carnera...

Just as Ali and Frazier defined the greatness of each other, there's no doubt beating da Preem defined Louis's greatness! Sssh, this is a little known fact! :-)

Happy new year to everyone on this site without any distinction of colour of the skin, race and shoe size !!!! In particular, happy new year to Ernie Terrell, who made us a present of the "What's my name " fight!!

Happy New Year 2004 to all on the Quarry site... I was reading thru the archives a little y'day, rereading the postings of James Q, Kent, Paul, Joe and even George Foreman, pretty cool stuff. Many of the same topics, yes : Jerry versus everybody, the family, Joe Frazier stuff and so forth. This has been a great place for opinion and I've been grateful for it. Jerry's era had so many great figures and moments, and it has been alot of fun discussing and allowing all the opinion that has flowed. I've met some intersting people here and learned some things. Frankly, I was amazed that a site like this would exist for my favorite boxer, given that he never became THE Champ and that his actual abilaty still remains a secret to many when his famous losses are what is usually presented. I still consider Jerry a former champ, and Mike too, and am glad they were there for me to watch when I was a kid in the 70's. I still watch Jerry's highlight tape about once a month or so, surprised it hasn't worn out. It may seem like living in yesterday, but I'll watch something better in the heavyweight division when it shows up, and I'm not holding my breath waiting for it. Jerry and his contemporaries were good heroes whose era lives on and on. It's been fun discussing and challenging things here, and rekindling the life of Jerry, his time, and all those who were part of it. Hopefully, it will continue just as well in 2004. Peace guys, and Happy New Year! 

Also, I join others in thanking Mr. Otto for his efforts this past year in advocating positive changes to the sport and those who participate in it. Boxing is a tough sell today, and getting the mainstream to care enough to improve it's condition is a steep hill to climb. But boxing is a reality that will not go away, and I think eventually people will see that, and the need for the kind of legislation being presented. Thanks Mr. Otto for continuing to fight the good fight. 

HAPPY NEW YEAR'S TO ALL! TAKE CARE AND BE SAFE. WE ALL MISS DAD, AND UNCLE JERRY, AND WE ALL STILL LOVE YOU ALWAYS!

Sad New Year to Saddam Hussein and Bin Laden! They ain't shit !!!!!!!!

Yes Gerry, the archives can be quite fun to go through. I wish I could go to the old Joe Frazier's gym site again but it doesn't exist anymore. We had some wild discussions there, to say the least and it would be quite entertaining to read
some of those posts again.<br><br>MR. OTTO, LET US KNOW WHAT IS ON THE POLITICAL ADGENDA SO WE CAN START WRITING LETTERS AGAIN.<br><br>I know people say that boxing can never be safe, completely, but it is still worth the effort because as Gerry says, boxing is not going away and we can work towards making it safer.<br><br>I do know that the situation of Jerry Quarry fighting at the age of 47, when he should have never been allowed in the ring would not happen today (that is if the states are indeed enforcing the laws now on the books). TJQF did a lot towards acheiving those goals.

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| 1/1/04 11:55:27 PM | Gerry Schultz | Cleveland, Ohio | jgschultz11@msn.com | 10 | To clarify, Kent et al, I don't feel Boxing should be improved or better handled just because it isn't going away. Boxing has a lot of problems, some very serious, some just plain ridiculous, but like many sports fans, I watch it --- even today's guys. Boxing, like baseball and horse racing, is a throwback sport to an America that has faded away since the 1950's. It was a sport of poor immigrants, poor urban people with little access to anything else to elevate their chances in this money-is-king country. But it has provided great moments and figures who have transcended the sport and made impressions on those of us who have seen it or read about it. That being said, I think saving Boxing and improving it's current state has real value that goes beyond those directly connected to it or it's fans. I have a few ideas, I'd like to know if anything like them is being incorporated in the bills presented. I know a manifesto has been presented which I've read some of, apologies if anything I suggest is redundant: I think pro boxers should be at least 20 years old, and should have at least 15 pro wins before they can fight for a belt in the United States. Those 15 wins would consist of 4 4-rounders, 8 8-rounders, and finally three 10 rounders. The 10-rounders would be contender matches for the sake of establishing rankings for title matches. Championship matches would be 12 rounds. I think each of the various commissions should use a ranking system similar to college football, where opponent strength, records and other criteria are examined to fairly and more accurately rank fighters so that the best guys are getting the best matches. The USBF then would compile all of the commissions and rank for the whole country, the NABF for the whole continent. Europe would do the same as would other parts of the world for one set of world rankings, the WBA for example. A federal agency would allow only those groups to sanction fights in the U.S., forcing conformity. The same federal agency would license promoters, monitor physical exams for fighters, school and certify judges, and observe the various associated legal issues. Really bad record fighters and those with a pile of KO losses would be weeded out, a senior division would be set up for those over 40. A dethroned champ would have to win two 10 rounders to be considered for another title fight, a champion would have to defend his belt three times in a given year minimum and face the #1 at least once in that time or be stripped. Purse would contain incentives, and include small percentages for chosen charity or causes... I have other ideas also, like mandatory headgear, pensions for retired fighters, med benefits they could pay into, etc., but I don't want to take up a pile of space ( I have already ). I know some of these things are being discussed already in some form. I'd like to know more about what is being submitted, to whom and the process involved. What do you guys think? What other ideas do we have that might improve the sport? One more thing, we need to get away from the PPV concept a little and allow casual fans greater access to big fights, which will increase the sport's exposure and
Some good points Gerry. I especially agree with doing away with PPV except for the biggest possible fight in a given year. Ironically, by trying to cash in on PPV, the boxing industry is limiting the amount of money they could make in the long run because the broader the appeal of a sport, the bigger the audience and the more money to be made. PPV, by its very nature limits widespread appeal.

A fair ranking system is a good idea and I have some ideas of my own. The problem with making ranking fairer is promoters would lose control of the sport and they will fight it with all of the influence they have. The sanctioning bodies would also lose power, so they are against it. It doesn't mean we can't point out the problems and work towards fixing them.

I will map out my ideas on how a ranking system can be run in another upcoming post.

Everyone who goes to a ballpark or tunes in to a game on TV isn't a rabid enthusiast, but is still part of the fan base, and the same would be true of boxing, as it was in days past, when fights were on TV, or people in big cities could actually go to one. Most people today couldn't name more than a couple of fighters, and they'd probably be Tyson and Ali, not necessarily for their boxing either.

One thing that hurts boxing enormously is that it's such a dangerous sport. I suppose it's naive to ever hope for centralized authority, but if there was, they could not only enforce fair matchups at appropriate times, but also mandatory layoffs after knockouts (gym and in fights), as well as forced retirement after X number of KOs in a given time frame, and after a total number across a career, period. They could also go with headgear and large gloves, though those don't afford the amount and type of protection people generally think they do. Besides, denials aside, fans like the excitement afforded by the possibility of a knockout. "We" humans are not as civilized or compassionate as we like to congratulate ourselves on being.

Boxing is a little like drugs were when they started. When drugs weren't affecting rich white kids, nothing was done, no one cared. They only became a crisis when they moved out into the suburbs. Lots of people know there are problems in boxing, that it's corrupt, unregulated, and that men get really messed up, but it's out of sight, out of mind. The average person doesn't relate - they might have seen a bout or clips on television, but they've never even been in a real fight, much less in the ring.

Yesterday I've seen Quarry-Shavers... WOW! Quarry was unbelievable in that fight, what a fighter! Probably he wasn't a one-punch knockout artist, but was fearless, with great hand speed and great talent! He humiliated Ernie Shavers! What does it mean "manifesto"? No, I don't need you for "manifesto"!

Massimo himself admits that he was an underdeveloped fighter, concentrating too much on his tremendous power, and not enough on technique. It would figure that he'd have trouble with someone like Jerry Quarry, who was impeccably skilled in boxing fundamentals, moves, tricks, and was more experienced as well, and with better fighters. He caught Shavers, and Ernie didn't have the wherewithal to recover. If Shavers had caught Jerry, it might have been a different story, though JQ could almost certainly take a punch better than ES.

"Ernie hit me so hard, he shook my ancestors in Africa!" - Ali
"If Ernie Shavers hit any harder, I'd shoot him!" - Tex Cobb
"I'm not going to fight you Ernie - you hit too hard!" - George Foreman

A manifesto is a body of belief, generally held to be true, but in any event, a statement of intent and guiding principles, usually by a group...
or government, that will be put into operation. A manifesto -isn't- always true (Nazi Germany's agendas, for example), but if it's held to be by a particular side, it's still a "manifesto."

I am very surprised by your answer because "manifesto" is an Italian word, for God's sake! In English you say manifest! Thanks, anyway!!

"Legitimate manifesto" is a fluid thing too. It belongs to the winner, and to whatever/whomever lasts. If Nazi Germany had won and their agendas prevailed, it would be "legitimate" in the same historical way that others have been in their time, even if they were viewed as inappropriate later. Look at your country, the mighty Roman Empire - we'd never condone that way of life today, but it lasted and had the official seal of approval for centuries. If the United States were obliterated, many of the things we do and have done would not be treated kindly by the history of whoever the new "big dog" was. Sadly, through human history, the biggest and meanest have made all the rules.

Control, Kent, is actually the key to reforming or improving boxing. It's why there's now a push for a pension system for fighters, they want a piece of the power. Imagine the NBA or the NFL having to go to these lengths for player benefits. But those leagues/sports enjoy public legitimacy, boxing does not, it's seen as something crude and cultish, if not simply as ridiculously violent. A federal agency, which might bring some regulation to a range of entertainment and revenue from gambling to rock concerts, as well as boxing, would consolidate that power, and disseminate it to those who know there's money to be made by playing with the system. Who the hell would care about the objections of a Don King, a Cleveland who has ruined the sport for his own sake? Imagine what might have happened if an official was made aware of the treatment of Mike Tyson, or the rehab of Aaron Pryor, or the condition of Jerry before that Crammer fight. Preserve the Golden Goose and make money, put fights before more perspective fans and increase the sports appeal, keep the talent clean and hungry, promote the development of talent, give the fans what they want. It's really not that hard to do, Boxing simply must become smart enough to make these moves... The Shavers fight, I think, isn't just one of JQ's best moments because he dominated a very, very good heavyweight, but how and why it happened. Jerry was underestimated as he often was, yet was near his peak at that time, such a smart, skilled counterpuncher, very quick and very tough. Shavers had Don King in his ear, and the three of Ali, Frazier and Foreman at ringside. Racial arrogance was in the air also, with Jerry simply a well-known hurdle for Shavers, like he was for Foster. The play-by-play practically conceded the fight from the first bell. Shavers bullrushed Quarry fearlessly, and God, did he get taught. They all did that night. I think it's one of Jerry's 3-4 best matches, even though it didn't last that long. Jerry never flinched, showed his chin and put on a clinic with the reckless Shavers on how to counterpunch. That fight alone would've made me a fan, but that's just a piece in the guy's puzzle, as far as I'm concerned.

What is amazing about the Shavers fight is that Shavers had won, going into the fight, 33 fights in a row, 32 of those by knockout! Among his victims were Jimmy Ellis and Jimmy Young. In Shavers' mind, Jerry was going to end up on the floor in less than one round, just like Ellis. Jerry was just another big name to add to Shavers' resume on his march to the title. Boy, was he wrong about that one as it was he, Shavers, who ended up on the floor, the victim of a first round Knockout!

Jerry had just beaten Ron Lyle in Feb of that year 73 was his best year with 2 major upsets. They
underestimated him. Jerry was the No. 1 contender of that era. Whenever he was challenged by a new hyped contender (Foster, Lyle, Shavers) He showed he was the boss and in doing so showed his skill. When he fought the champions he had problems even though it appeared he had the ability to beat them. If he won a few more rounds against Ellis, Breaks Joe's ribs in Frazier one, he was champ and he came close. 68 Ellis 69 Frazier and 70 Ali (even though no title was at stake it would have been big) he was so close to being Champ. 71 and 72 were just cashing in on what he did before. 73 Under Gil Clancy he makes another run. Who else scored 2 big wins of that magnitude in the same year. Both fights he was the underdog. What was his mental frame of mind during those years. 68 Ellis 69 Frazier and 70 Ali (even though no title was at stake it would have been big) he was so close to being Champ. 71 and 72 were just cashing in on what he did before. 73 Under Gil Clancy he makes another run. Who else scored 2 big wins of that magnitude in the same year. Both fights he was the underdog. What was his mental frame of mind during those years. Hope everyone had a great holiday season. 

To Joe frazier's credit, he did take some great body shots off Jerry, you could really hear 1 of them, if there was a way to have beat Ali and Frazier Jerry would have found it, THERE SIMPLY WAS NO WAY, (Frazier to much pressure) (Ali to much reach). 

Jerry Quarry seemed to make people nervous. With some, he was sort of like an unwelcome guest who won't leave, and no one quite knows what to do about it. There were those who wanted to make his wins into near flukes (the ~other~ guy had an off night), and those who waited for a Frazier 2 to color an entire career. The big three, and some below them didn't suffer this fate. So many people wrote him off so many times, and judged him by harsher standards than others (especially ~one~ particular other), yet he kept coming back and winning. He didn't do flashy things ala Ali, have frightening power like Foreman, or have a trademark unique style like Frazier, and maybe some people didn't see him coming. That was their problem. If you're in a business like boxing, and don't know your competition, you deserve what you get. 

It's a tragedy in boxing that usually the greatest virtue in a fighter - his toughness - so often becomes his greatest enemy.
respect of these two and to defeat so many others, which again is why I am/was a Quarry fan in that amazing era. He was ranked how high for how many years?!

I agree with you that JQ and KooKoo that JQ would never have beaten Ali', but not just (or only) because Cassius was 6' 3" 220. You know better than me that JQ beat several big guys! The real reason was that Ali' was too good and too expert and JQ would never have survived Ali' s jab and would never have been able to hurt (or of hurting) him because Ali' could take a hell of a punch. I don't agree that Ali' treated Jerry with respect. He played with JQ in the first two rounds of the second fight and this was not polite by him. You shouldn't do this against any opponent and especially if this opponent is such a great fighter as JQ.

You Guys have great points and its great to hear them because you are all JQ fans like me. I just want to add a few things about how close he was. His tremendous strength boxing ability and heart took him so close and I really think that there were a few factors that could have taken him to the top and beat Frazier and Ali.

1. Gil Clancy or a trainer with the ability to dissect Fraziers and Ali's style and prepare him for what he was about to face. Nothing against his trainers but some trainers have more experience than others and that can make the difference. Boxing is like a high speed violent chess game and at the level Jerry was at he was up against guys who were scientists when it came to strategy.

2. Training camp. Can you imagine Jerry training for Ali at Joe Frazier's gym with Ken Norton and Jimmy Young sparring with him every day. In that kind of environment. The best we saw of Jerry was his dramatic rise back to the top with Gil Clancy training him. The Lyle fight was probably Jerry's best he was in great condition kept his cool and worked his game plan for 12 rounds.

The first Ali fight was Jerry's. That was the worst break he ever got by getting cut. That fight defined him as a bleeder. Ali was coming back and his people were arrogant. All Jerry had to do was pressure him make him work and the fight was his.

As I said in my most recent post, the big slide can come at any time. Sometimes though, it's hard to tell when a fighter is beginning his return to becoming an ordinary man again, in a game with such a short life. Sometimes, what appears to be a slide may not be, but rather simply an off night or one in which styles have come heavily into play.

It seems Gil Clancy was a good thing, but timing is another question. Too late, or close to it? Jerry with Eddie Futch, the "Ali killer" at Joe Frazier's gym, ahead of the first Ali fight would have been something to see!

I think the reason Jerry was just an afterthought in the movie Ali was that the fight only went three rounds, and while Jerry was cut, all that has faded into just a night of faded and haunted memories, becoming just another easy and expected Ali win in history's lovestruck eyes.

I'm sure JQ trained like a maniac, and that Ali was looking two fights ahead. As I've said before, Jose Torres said he felt Ali would have won in 10 rounds, looked bad doing it, but even he said this wasn't a sure thing, and he was a super Ali fan. I do think Jerry would have had to absolutely beat the crap out of Ali to get the verdict though, probably even knock him down, ala getting a decision over a South American, Mexican, or Panamanian fighter, in their home country. That probably would not have happened. Ali was too tricky, too big, had too much reach, and was nearly indestructible, as we now know.

Torres offers a pretty fair accounting of the Atlanta fight in his book Sting Like A Bee. In the first round, Ali had things pretty much his way, but things began to turn after that. He was out of breath, was missing, and wasn't discouraging Jerry at all. The average fan saw what they wanted to see - Ali beating up
another bum, but that wasn't the way it was at all. Anything could happen when Ali and Frazier got in with each other. What people don't realize, is that this view is in retrospect. With two fighters of any quality at all, this can always be true. People often assign truths to an event in the past as having existed at that time, that ~hindsight~ has given them after the time has passed. JQ was probably a half click off what he needed to get past Ali or Frazier. Sometimes that's all that's needed in boxing, but at the same time, if that half click were food, a mouse couldn't live on it for long!!

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| Fran -              | Forgot - I asked once before how many fights Jerry had in which he was cut, particularly in which this was or could have been a factor? Ali and Frazier were masters at cutting fighters. They knocked heads and threw elbows at each other like mad, but of course neither were bleeders, and it didn't work. You'll notice this ebbed cosiderably as the fights went on, pretty much stopping altogether past the middle rounds of Thrilla.

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| Jerry already had the skills before his association with Clancy. Note his fights with Spencer, M. Foster, and Patterson, in which he used his skills to gain good wins. Jack Quarry and Johnny Flores did a good job of teaching Jerry the fundamentals that came to fore in the Lyle and Shavers fights. It was Jerry's overall experience that won these fights for him, experience that gave him an advantage over both Lyle and Shavers, not some magic worked by Clancy.

Sure Jack did not have the business experience or knowledge, and maybe Jerry was rushed too quickly into big time fights, but Jack still deserves credit for doing something right, schooling Jerry in basics, early on.

If Clancy was any kind of manager, he would have never let Jerry off of the stool for the fifth rounds of both the second Frazier fight and the Norton fight. Everyone always blames the referees, Joe Louis in particular in Frazier/Quarry 2, but Clancy and the corner should carry a lot of the blame for Jerry taking unneeded pushiment in these fights. Clancy's job was to protect his fighter and even though Jerry would have complained, as he was even shoving the referee away in the Norton fight in order to get back at Norton, Clancy still should have not let Jerry back out of the corner. I will never be a fan of Clancy's because of this. In both Frazier 2 and in the Norton fight, Jerry was a beaten fighter before the fifth rounds started.

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| It might have been his place to stop Jerry Quarry from going out after a point against Frazier (or other fighters he might have had in similar situations), but in the end, the ref's got to have his head
in the game too.

Maybe the right thing would have been to stop Thrilla after 8 or 9 rounds, but once you have let the two guys fight for 14 rounds... Maybe the right thing would have been to let them fight the last round. In this way they have ruined the best fight of all time, and we'll never know who really won the Thrilla...

Some say Ali wouldn't have come out for round 15. This is a minority opinion, and we all know the saying about opinions anyway. I think he probably would have gone on. I'd have let it go. If Ali had come out, Joe would have either put him down, or Ali would have pounded on him for three more minutes. It was hardly a torrid pace by that time, plus Padilla, the ref said he'd have been watching closely. Joe would have had to have KOd or TKOd Ali though, because all the Phillipino had Ali ahead by a ridiculous margin.

To say Joe Frazier should have been allowed to fight in round fifteen just because there was only one round left ignores the fact that Joe was in terrible shape. His eye was almost closed and he wasn't firing punches back hard in round fourteen like he usually does. His legs were also very unsteady and it is a miracle that he didn't go down after the pounding Ali gave him. Fighters such as Frazier and Jerry would have died in the ring, and in a way in the long run Jerry did just that, rather than admit defeat. It is up to the officials, doctors, and cornermen to protect the fighters, sometimes from themselves. Eddie Futch did what was right because there are some things more important than winning any fight, the fighters themselves!

I also think the corner and the referee in the first fight Frazier had against Foreman were negligent in allowing Frazier to continue after suffering three knockdowns in the first round. Joe would have tried to get up ten thousand times or die trying. His corner, especially knew this but why make Joe prove it by his dying just to try and keep his title. Once again, there is one thing more important then even the heavyweight title, in this case it is Joe himself!

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Happy New Year to all. Regarding Ali - Frazier 3: at the end of the 14th the referee actually escorted Frazier back to his corner showing lots of concern. The referee had his hand on Frazier's back. He showed that concern because Ali was hitting Frazier 4 to 1 and at times Joe wasn't able to throw any punches back. He kept getting hit on both left and right sides of his face, not only with rights, but also with lefts. He could see the left hooks coming, but didn't have enough in the tank to get out of the way. Even without a knockdown the 14th was a 10/8 round to Ali. At the end of the 14th Ali walked unaided back to his corner. He sat there normally and was not getting any special attention. Neither his cornermen, the referee, or the doctor were inspecting him with a view to determining whether he was fit to continue. That was because he was fit to continue and they all knew it. Ali was waiting for the bell to come out for the last. No one was even considering him not coming out. Look at the video of it. When the fight was stopped, Ali stood straight up (unaided) and looked over towards Frazier's corner. By then Frazier had his head down and was allowing his corner to take his gloves off. The correct decision was to stop the fight. Frazier had had enough and there was no question about that in the minds of ring officials and
Frazier's corner. Letting the fight go any further risked serious injury to Frazier. The referee, doctor and Frazier's corner should have been charged with manslaughter had they let it go any further. Frazier was behind on all three cards at the finish, he couldn't win it on points, didn't have a knockout punch left in him....in other words, he didn't have a snowflakes chance in hell. Had the 15th happened he would at the very least got lots more(unnecessary) punishment but, more likely in my opinion, he would have been knocked out and perhaps badly injured. Stopping it was in Joe's best interests. As brave as Joe was, and I've never said otherwise of him, he just wasn't good enough on that particular night. And it's not like he got beat by a bum, anyway. Joe has every right to hold his head high even though he got beat fair and square. End of story. Look at the record books. Massimo, how was your festive season ? Did you go away on holidays ? I got back to work yesterday and that was lots of fun.

1/6/04 05:25:06 AM Massimo Roma 410 Hi Paul, how you doing ?

1/6/04 05:32:15 AM Massimo Roma 410 I have spent a pleasant festive season in Rome, thanks ! I have eaten good food, listened to great music and made good walks for Rome ( former caput mundi ).

1/6/04 09:17:32 AM John Gerard NYC 410 I too had Joe a hair ahead in Manila, ~before~ watching it in slow mo - that made it even firmer in my mind. Of course, the Phillipino officials had him hopelessly behind. Joe's eyes were in bad shape, but I think he was in better shape otherwise. Ali staggered him in the 13th, and just stood there, unable to follow up, and was slumped badly in his corner after the 14th, fainting after the fight was over. I suspect he'd have come out. Then it's anyone's guess what would have happened. No question if Frazier had had his eyes.

1/6/04 12:18:22 PM Massimo Roma 410 In your list of the fighters who would have died rather than quit, you forgot the bravest of all time: Primo Carnera. Look at his fight with Max Baer... He fought with an injured ankle almost all the fight and was knocked down 11 times but...<br>At the end of the night he was still up on his feet ( ... On his big feet ... ). He fought almost all the fight against Joe Louis bleeding for a large cut on his lip ! He fought the second fight against Paulino Uzcudun with the right hand injured ( since the forth round ) and won clearly on points. He fought all the first fight against Uzcudun ( Barcellona,1930) with too small gloves because the local organizers gave him too small gloves! You see that Joe Frazier was a chump in comparison!

1/6/04 12:27:17 PM Massimo Roma 410 How could I have forgotten the Frazier killer, da Preem? Seriously though, Carnera was indeed a very tough man. Actually, Italians have a long and...
proud heritage of tough as nails fighters in many divisions. Only one heavyweight champion after Carnera, but Marciano was in a truly elite group. Some guys who aren't of championship caliber might rank as high or higher than many champions, since they don't have the skills to avoid ferocious punishment from really good boxers, yet don't quit.

Massimo, in the past, managers, promoters, and officials cared less about the fighters. The further in time we go back, the less they cared about them. Just because Carnera fought in a tough era and had people who didn't care about him around him, who just cared about making money, doesn't mean that because Eddie Futch cared about Frazier that Frazier is a chump, as you say. Frazier would have fought on through the same kind of adversity that Carnera did, if given a choice. Both Carnera and Frazier were/are brave men. Muhammad Ali for that matter also has the heart of a lion.

Ali was in much better shape after the fight in Manila than Frazier was but if he did collapse after the fight, that is understandable as it was one of the most brutal, toughest heavyweight title fights of all time.

I have never said or thought that Frazier was a chump, I should be crazy to say something like that! Joe Frazier was the second bravest fighter of all time...

Hi Kent - when exactly did Ali collapse after the third fight against Frazier? It certainly wasn't at the end of the 14th or before the 15th would have started as the video clearly shows him standing up unassisted from his chair when it was announced that Frazier's corner had pulled the plug. The referee obviously had no concerns about Ali's condition as he did not assist him back to his corner at the end of the 14th. Instead, the ref assisted Frazier to his corner. We can therefore safely assume that Ali was ready to go for the 15th and final round. We can all debate the state of the cards at the finish (as people have done with the Leonard - Hagler fight). But the referee and two judges had Ali in front and the ref certainly seemed sympathetic to Joe. In the second round he warned Ali for holding and that was to address Joe's complaints about the holding in the second fight. So there was not much holding in the third fight and that excuse was removed. Cheers.

No, Ali did not collapse in the ring at all. I am not sure he did afterward at any point. I was saying if he did, with if being the key word here, it is understandable as it was a very tough fight. Again, if it happened, it would have to have been in the dressing room. Massimo is the one who said he collapsed, not me.

Thanks, Kent. It was so damn hot in that fight that you couldn't blame anyone for collapsing from heat exhaustion. I looked closely at the video and never saw Ali collapse. I've heard people speak of it, but none have specified when it allegedly happened. From memory, I think that Frazier said in his book that he had "heard" that Ali collapsed, however he didn't expand on that. Not that it matters, but I don't think Ali did collapse. It's extremely hot in Sydney at the moment and I'll collapse walking down to get the newspaper. I will need a beer to revive me. Imagine fighting 14 rounds in oppressive heat like Frazier and Ali did. Maybe Ali was a little more used to it than Frazier after his fight with Foreman in Zaire. We can all have views on their skills as boxers, but there is no doubting their courage. Cheers.
I've seen this on a British video commemorating the fight and Reg Gutteridge describes Ali's collapse.

Yes, in fact professional Ali shill, Don Dunphy made sure to tell everyone that Ali was "just trying to escape the crowd in the ring," when he fainted. He stays down for a little while, and even talks from the canvas. The brutal pounding he took, and possibly the heat both had an effect. He commented that before the end, he felt like fainting and throwing up, along with the "close to dyin'" remark. He looked terrible after the fight. Not just the beaten up look - Frazier looked worse, as he always did after a fight - but that intangible "something" when you know there's something really wrong with someone.

Are you sure you are not getting Thrilla mixed up with Kinshasa? I think that Mark is right while I was partially wrong. Ali collapsed to the canvas in Kinshasa, but he didn't in Manilla. In Manilla he collapsed after the fight, before giving an interview.

Massimo -

Yes, exactly. While his corner was grabbing him when Thrilla was stopped, it also appeared they were sort of lifting him a little two - both guys were dead - and it was shortly after that that he fainted momentarily, then stayed down with his seconds fanning him with towels, and talked for a bit from that position. I can't imagine what must have happened to both men internally, from that fight alone.

My husband has always subscribed to Playboy, and they really do have some great articles and fiction, this month a good feature on the great Johnny Tupia.

Just for fun:

Look at this word : ANILINA

What do you get if you write this word from right to left, RS? I wonder if in English there are words with such a peculiarity! What do you have to say about RS, my ET?

Thanks Mark. My video of the fight stopped a minute or so after Frazier's corner threw in the towel and in any case before the so called Ali 'collapse'. People who have been involved in contact sports would understand that sometimes you get a little light headed shortly after the exertion or contact has ended. Your blood is in different areas other than your head. It is a normal bodily response to great exertion especially in heat. Marathon runners collapse when no one has punched them. In Ali's case he returned to his corner unassisted after the 14th, rose from his chair unassisted when told that Frazier's corner was pulling the plug, and he was obviously ready for round 15. His 'collapse' (or rush of blood from the head) was minutes later. The other thing that must be said is that if Frazier's corner thought that he was winning, or a chance of winning, then they most likely would have sent him out again rather than throw the towel in. As it was, none of his corner argued among themselves as to the appropriateness of that decision. Heads were down and gloves were coming off because they accepted the situation was hopeless and in went the towel. Ali and Frazier fought for 44 unbelievable rounds and there was finally a definitive result as determined by Joe's own corner. That was the beauty of the Thrilla - Joe's own corner became the judge and jury. It is not possible to get a more definitive result. But Joe has nothing to be ashamed of because he fought wholeheartedly for every one of those 44 rounds.

"Able was I ere I saw Elba." A word or phrase such as this, or what you mentioned, which is the same read either way, is called a palindrome. Here's a web site on them:

http://www.palindromes.org/
tape a copy of Frazier vs. Jimmy Ellis (their second fight). As I recall, this one was outdoors, in a hot climate. I remember that Ellis fought his best, though Joe caught him and TKOed him in the middle rounds (maybe round 9). Ellis is underrated, having fought in the toughest era and winning most of his fights, losing mostly to great champions. |

1/8/04 10:28:13 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Jimmy Ellis fought Frazier in Melbourne the second time. Joe said the fight was a breeze. Ellis was, though, an excellent fighter, and sort of in the same boat as Jerry Quarry - a small heavy in boxing's toughest age.<br><br>I'll tell you a division that's never gotten its due, and has had some great boxers through the years - the light heavyweights. It used to be said that middleweights were popular because the average man was that size (and for the great fighters too), but that isn't true anymore. The average man who isn't overweight (rare these days) is lightheavy-sized.<br><br>1/8/04 11:56:00 AM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com||||10|ALI BEAT FRAZIER IN MANILA HANDS DOWN, ANY DUMBASS WHO THINKS IT WAS EVEN CLOSE IS CRAZY, FRAZIER GETTING HIT 5 TO 1, STOP TALKING ABOUT THAT BUM PRIMO , IT'S A WASTE OF SPACE ON HERE, MASSIMO , IF YOU TALKED ABOUT ROCKY MARCIANO I WOULD UNDERSTAND, BUT PRIMO ??? GET REAL OR GIVE IT UP!! |

1/8/04 01:04:56 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|Without Carnera boxing would be so boring !<br>Just like wrestling without Andre' the Midget, tennis without the great Mc Enroe or soccer without Maradona ( Pele' was the greatest, but Diego was the most funny to watch, he made the ball sing, a real genius ! ). How many Carnera' s fights have you seen ? I guess just 1: BAER-CARNERA.<br><br>Do you know that Primo fought is first fight against Sharkey just a few hours after having had a serious car accident in which he lost senses ? That means having guts ( and being crazy, as well...).<br><br>PS: yes, Manilla was a walk in the park for Ali'... I don't understand why he trained for that fight ))))|

1/8/04 03:12:57 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Frazier said his Melbourne fight with Jimmy Ellis was easy, yes. Oh, of course Manilla was easy for Ali. Muhammad probably just played ping-pong to get ready for it, and of course won every round, laughing at Joe Frazier's punches. He probably could have fought again that very night, one or two more times, maybe, or maybe juggled at the same time he was fighting Smokin' Joe. Everyone knows that.<br><br>Seriously though, I had the fight 7-6-1 for Joe. I could be talked into the same score the other way though, even if it'd take some smooth talking. Very close, and begging for round 15, which would have been basically a blind man against a thoroughly beaten one. Foreman was the only Frazier opponent not forced into Joe's rhythm, fighting for his own survival.|
name calling that started it off. Frazier's reported reactions behind the scenes, and to this day, say to me that he was really hurt and angry, and never got in the groove of building the gate, at least not on Ali's terms. There aren't any dumb athletes at that level, but Frazier didn't have Ali's gift of articulation. If he had, he could have nailed Ali back just as hard. I also always wondered if Ali was -really- "kidding" to promote the rivalry. He could have hit on so many other things other than stupidity, ignorance, Tomming, gorilla racial stereotyping, punchiness, etc., and still put on a show for the public. If I were a black person watching, Ali's spiel would have offended me. I'd have thought, "Hey champ, aren't there enough white people talking this trash? What's with you?."

It could be that Joe was in on a staged act ahead of fight two, but could have been surprised by Ali's material, and got lost in a Twilight Zone between real and make believe. Funny that the virtually illiterate Ali, who actually became a poster boy for the ravages of boxing used to hit Frazier most often for being punchy and dumb and a primitive gorilla.<br>

Far from being "thoroughly beaten", Ali was able to stand unassisted immediately after Frazier's corner threw the towel in. Call round 15 and Ali was there, upright, gloves up, waiting to fight on - but there was nobody there to punch back! After his victory, Ali called Frazier's son, Marvin, to his dressing room. Ali then graciously congratulated Marvin on his father's performance. Ali lavished praise on Joe Frazier to Frazier's son in a gesture of great sportsmanship. As I said before, the beauty of the Thrilla was that Frazier's own corner made the decision by stopping the fight. Put bluntly, they surrendered (even though that term unfairly describes the situation for the great warrior Joe Frazier). The reality of Frazier's corner throwing the towel should make the result tamper proof, but there are full mooners out there, revising history, overflowing with excuses to try to cushion reality for fallen heroes (even though Joe Frazier does not need to be protected from it - he fought extraordinarily bravely but just wasn't good enough). Yet the full mooners dream of corrupt judges, biased referees, fixed fights, a "thoroughly beaten" victor, a legally blind boxer who only lost because viciously biased officials barred his labrador from the ring...... and on and on and on the conspiracy theories flow. At least the fluff and bubble of all those excuses make life entertaining and it's enjoyable reading, too. And it tutors Massimo in his English.

Agreed---it was a good fight. Ali had his way in the early going, Frazier heated up and "started smokin'" later, pressing Ali to the limit. But it can't be denied: Ali won because Frazier couldn't continue. If there was any way he could have come out for the last round, his corner would have let him fight on. He was a sitting duck and Ali had enough gas in the tank to seriously hurt Frazier had there been a 15th round. I truly believe Frazier would have been knocked out because the fight was headed in that direction. Pure and simple, his corner stopped Frazier from being knocked down and possibly knocked out and might have saved further damage to his vision and serious injury. Clearly, Ali had been in a fight and clearly he was physically extended beyond his own limits, but he was ready to continue and Frazier wasn't. A victory couldn't be much clearer than this one.
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|1/8/04 06:53:23 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Paul—we know that Frazier never fought Norton (the two were friends). Had they met, how do you think the fight would unfold? RS, what about you? For my part, I think Norton's biggest failures were against devastating power punchers, and Frazier, even with his great hook, wasn't usually a one punch power KO artist. Also, Frazier wasn't a fast starter (another weakness of Norton was getting caught early against fast starters). For these reasons, I'd actually give Norton a chance. In the end, Frazier's constant pressure might unravel Norton. The record shows that if Norton or Frazier hung around long enough, they'd start to turn the fight to their favor in the later rounds. Norton did this Larry Holmes (though he lost) and to a lesser extent, Jimmy Young. Frazier showed this in several fights, especially Ali III, though HE lost! That's what makes this fantasy match up so intriguing to me. Their styles were very different, but their pace and results were so similar and both were excellent fighters. I think Frazier would probably win a decision, based on landing more power punches and being more aggressive overall.

|1/8/04 07:38:58 PM|Paul|Australia||PlMls4@aol.com||||10|Angelo—off the top of my head I would have to go for Frazier over Norton and I'd be fairly confident. But I will have to think about that some more and get back to you. In regard to Norton and Frazier not fighting, Frazier denies that it was because of their friendship. Frazier says in his book that the fight never happened because there was never a big enough financial offer to make it happen. That seems a bit odd, but it might be so. The friendship things doesn't wash for me. After all, Ali and Ellis were close friends. By the way, reading back through the posts that happened while I was away on holidays, someone mentioned about Frazier not being drafted like Ali was. Frazier says that this was because he was ineligible for the draft as he was married with children. That explains that, but I can't recall any other boxers at that time being drafted like Ali. My memory is that the authorities also lowered the IQ threshold especially so Ali could be drafted. Even though I don't agree with what Ali was doing outside the ring at that time (in fact, I strongly disagree with some of the stuff he was involved in), in my mind I can't entirely discount the possibility that he was singled out and given special treatment by being drafted. Maybe he has a big mouth to thank for that. Cheers again.

|1/8/04 08:02:11 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|Paul—I know that you consider Ali' the greatest of all time and maybe you' re right, as he was surely a top 3 ! But I' d be curious to know ( or of knowing ) where do you rate Norton, who fought Ali' so amazingly well for 3 fights. How do you think he' d do against the modern heavyweights ? Norton b Norton KOT 9 or 10, I swear !|

|1/8/04 09:16:42 PM|Forest Ward|new york||nyc.com||||10|Muhammad Ali was not singled out. In 1966, the growing war in Viet Nam required more soldiers. Instead of doing away with college deferments in order to increase the pool of available bodies. President Johnson and his sidekick Robert McNamara decided to lower the test scores for the draft. The people who were screwed were the farm boys in Iowa and elsewhere... who did not get to college. They got drafted. The people who were given passes, were the people in college.

|1/8/04 11:23:18 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Angelo—Frazier knocked Norton out in the gym once. Norton couldn't cope with pressure, and as we know, no one, save George Foreman (who's in a class by himself) could keep Frazier off them. Traditional jabbing to keep him away just didn't work, nor did combinations, since he, like Ali was hard to hit with a followup. Norton had an odd style sometimes, of mirroring an opponent's moves.
This confused Ali (the reason for the first official defeat, and the second one too, though Ali got the nod). Frazier was hard to mirror or predict. He came from reverse sides, over, under, doubling hooks, all from that crazy bobbing (always with a step in). I don't think Frazier-Norton would go the distance. You're probably right that Frazier would have continued to be pot-shotted, though other than Joe's eyes, Frazier was in better shape. Ali was a wreck. He was collapsed in his dressing room afterwards, skin gray, puking, when he heard JP was out talking to the press. Then he went out. Good thing this one wasn't in an alley. Of course, Ali is lucky he never fought Quarry out behind the "Drink 'Til 2:00, Pistol Dawn" lounge either! In the second Ali-Quarry, it was interesting that when Jerry tackled him, Ali didn't respond instinctively as a street fighter would. Back to Norton - I always saw Norton as a superb athlete who functioned well in boxing on that natural ability, but that this wasn't quite the right sport for him (he took it up out of more desperation than anything).
might have seen how a perpetually mobile ~boxer~ would have done against Joe, without the bogus rope a dope garbage.

| 1/9/04 10:57:16 AM | Fran | philly | plc7755@aol.com | 10 | The Frazier that fought Ali in 71 or Ellis in 70 would have destroyed Larry Holmes on Holmes best night. Holmes was not in the same class as Frazier. Norton was a perfect sparring partner for Frazier because Frazier could unload on him but when I saw them sparring before Frazier fought Foreman they were rockin each other. |

| 1/9/04 11:26:33 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | RS<br><br>Anyway Marvis Frazier can be proud of his career! He beat James Broad, Joe Bugner, Jose' Ribalta, Boncrusher Smith and the Golden Gloves title! That's nothing to be ashamed of!! After all, surviving (or to survive) a 19 years old Tyson would have been hard (or difficult) even for the iron chinned Primo Carnera... |

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| 1/9/04 11:38:14 AM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | 10 | Massimo - Marvis has nothing to be ashamed of, for sure. He's a rich man, and likely will not have to suffer the woes Joe will as he gets older. Mike Tyson was not only one of the all time greats, but one heck of an intelligent guy. Mad as a loon, but he's really said some bright things. The highly educated boxer is practically nonexistent, removing that context from conversation, and certainly the gym is not a hotbed of traditional intellectualism. However, sportswriters and fans often treat anything smart they say as sort of like a roller skating bear - you clap because the bear can do it at all, not because it does it well. If they bothered to listen closely or further, they'd realize these are not only bright guys natively, but almost always fun and good hearted men away from the ring. I guess for too many people, it's hard enough to accept that these guys could take them in a fight without having to accept the possibility that they may be smarter as well! Intelligence is something a person ~has~, not education per se, social skills, or grammatical speech. I think everyone just sort of accepts that da Preem could take anyone, and just reconciles themselves to talking about all "the other guys." :-)|

| 1/9/04 01:07:13 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | RS<br><br>I think too that intelligence is essentially a native matter! Diracs are not made, they are born! But believe me, education helps! Spending a little time of your life thinking to not totally trivial things fortifies your brain a little, just as spending time in the gym fortifies your muscles! PS: if you are born Stan Laurel (the actor not the man, for God's sake...), you can do all you want, but you'll be essentially Stan Laurel for all your life!! |

| 1/9/04 01:51:15 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | RS<br><br>"Just sort of accepts"... Is this correct English or were you drunken? ))) I'd never have said that in that way in a million years!!!!!!! Anyway, I have intuited what you meant. ! |
Ali again. Ellis did well for three or four rounds until Joe got to smoking full steam ahead and from then on it was no contest, leading to a ninth round TKO win for Frazier.<br><br>Ellis was a very good fighter who had a excellent jab, good defense, and a good right lead that often caught fighters by surprise. The right lead was the same kind of punch Ali used to success, an example of Ellis' similar style to Ali's.|1/10/04 10:24:37 AM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com|||10|I've just read the past posts I've been out of town for a week so Paul, sorry about this, but I watched the "Thrilla" again and what a fight it was. I haven't seen it in a while but it has to be one of the greatest fights of all time. Ali won the first 4 rounds hands down. He rocked Joe, repeatedly buckling Frazier's legs. Joe started to come on the end of round four and and continued in the fifth, Ali seemed to take a break and Frazier jumped on him keeping Ali in his corner almost the entire round. Between the fifth and eleventh round it was Joe's fight Ali may have stolen a round, eight or nine with his last minute flurries, but Joe's punches were doing much more damage. I scored the fight even going into the tenth round, Frazier took the eleventh, again battering Ali. Where ever it came from I don't know, in round twelve Ali came back and pounded Joe with rights and whipping left hooks, Joe was not bobbing and rolling as in the middle rounds and was a sitting duck for Ali's head shots. The thirteenth was even uglier for Joe, Ali launching his mouthpeice, buckling Joe's legs, distorting his face and nearly flooring him. The fourteenth was more of the same, I really don't see how Frazier came out for the fourteenth round, much less finished on his feet. The same for Ali in the eleventh, he was completely battered by Frazier. Ali was on his stool when Dundee grabbed his arm and told him it was over. Ali got up and then went down on the canvas, weather from exaustion or relief, and then his people got him up on his stool. My feeling is Ali would have continued to batter Frazier if there was fifteenth round forcing the ref to stop the fight. Joe was in bad shape and Ali's eyes were clear and focused at the end of the fourteenth. He may have been dying between the round, but would have been able to go on and pot shot Frazier. I also don't think Frazier would have been counted out if the fight continued, the ref would have simply stopped it and led Joe to his corner. So at the end of the fight I had Ali 8-6. The eighth and ninth could have gone either way, I gave eight to Ali as he was up on his feet again and landed some good combinations, Joe landed the harder punches, you could give to Joe and call it even. Either way it was one of the most thrilling fights I've ever seen and truly lived up to the hype. As for Holmes vs Frazier. I don't think Holmes would beat Joe. He would hurt him for sure but the pressure from Frazier would have been too much. Frazier wins a decision. Frazier vs Norton. Frazier in five. Marciano vs Tyson. We know which Marciano would show up but Tyson is another question. Rocky never faced someone as big and quick as Tyson. Both men came right at you, Tyson relied on overwhelming opponents with quick, powerful combinations, hooks and uppercuts, Rocky on wearing guy's down and simply out lasting them. I still have to go with The Rock here he had icewater in his veins, Tyson, even the young Tyson is a complete nutbag. Yeah, I might be one too. |1/10/04 10:37:51 AM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com|||10|BTW, I watched the fight with the sound off. I hate the way Don Dunphy calls an Ali fight, he is so clearly biased toward Ali it makes me cringe. When Joe was killing Ali in the middle rounds, Dunphy would make comments like, "Those punches are not really hurting Ali". And when Ali landed a weak combination "I don't know what's keeping Frazier up". Maybe some people think he's legendary...I think he's a quack.|1/10/04 11:55:54 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Frazier won the third round in Thrilla in my opinion, even if it was only because Ali' allowed Joe to hit him to the body for about 1 minute.|1/10/04 12:32:07 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||||10|BOB: yes i agree what a battle Ali-Frazier III. One thing about ALI he fought everybody, all the big guns and Mr. Tyson can not say the same. Frazier was one hell of a gladiator, and I really get upset how people could bad mouth him. Personally I think he might have had his hands full with say a RON LYLE OR EARNIE SHAVERS. I only went to his site a few times mostly because of all the terrible names people called him "was not right" I sure wished Jerry would have stayed away from him in 74'. I cringed when the bout was officially signed, for I figured Jerry was gonna get a clear 1 Million$ shot at the WORLD TITLE. Joe of course crashed those dreams and that was about it, JERRY had bills to pay especially when he has a wife who was "high maintenance" etc. QUARRY-BONAVENA probably would be a real thriller, they were up and down against each other in the world ratings for ten years. |

|1/10/04 12:40:07 PM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||PlMls4@aol.com||||10|Bob - I'd go for Marciano over Tyson, too. Marciano would have soaked up the punishment and as the fight continued Tyson would have got very tired and dispirited and his head movement would have stopped. Marciano's punches would by then be connecting and I see a late rounds stoppage. And, while I don't think Tyson would be back for a rematch, Rocky would stop him very early if he did. |

|1/10/04 01:13:06 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Marciano-Tyson is a tough one for me to call. I was born in 1963 so I never saw Marciano fight, except for some highlight reels. I have a video of great knockouts and knockout punchers, co-hosted by Tyson. Tyson pays tribute to Marciano on the tape. I think it would be a brutal fight and the way I see it, Tyson would win the fight early, or Marciano would win it late. If Tyson connected in the first 5 rounds, he could finish Rocky with a typical Tyson knockout. But if Marciano could take him past the middle rounds, I think he would wear Tyson down and take the spirit away from Iron Mike. For me, Holmes-Frazier is also tough to call, but I would favor Holmes. I think Holmes' height advantage might help him a little, and his foot movement and strong left jab would keep Frazier away (to the extent that you could keep Frazier away). I think Holmes would win a unanimous decision by outboxing Frazier. Holmes ability to take a wicked punch and survive a knockdown is underrated. For my money, Shavers hit harder than Frazier, and Holmes took the best Shavers had to offer and managed to come back strong, to beat Shavers not once but twice. True, Frazier had more stamina than Shavers did, and would likely keep smoking toward Holmes, but like a bull fighter, I think Holmes would keep moving back and to the side, clipping Frazier with sharp jabs and the occasional hard right, scoring more points and taking rounds on "ring generalship." Holmes by decision whether it was 10, 12 or 15 rounds. |

|1/10/04 02:35:21 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|Massimo -<br><br>I too gave Frazier that round. I don't agree with the Olympic system that all punches count the same, but at the same time, in the pros, body shots don't consistently count the same as ones to the head, and that's wrong too.<br><br>Don Dunphy was so bad, an argument could be made for him knowing the result and doing a voice over on the tape, but he ~is~ there, and some remarks are obviously real time besides. Frazier would be crawling all over Ali and there was silence, or Ali was "setting Joe up," or something like that, then Ali would throw three punches, miss two, and "Joe's in trouble." I remember at the beginning of the 11th in fight one, he said "Frazier's lost the timing he had earlier," just before the drama started.<br><br>It's unfortunate Frazier's web site closed due to fools. I suppose the higher you are, the bigger the target.<br><br>I really see Marciano taking Tyson only because of his greater mental stability. Also, Marciano would not have been afraid of him. Otherwise, I think Mike would be too much for the Rock. |

|1/10/04 07:13:09 PM|charles anderson|ark.||ctjjandfam@aol.com||||10|frazier(69-71) would have eaten foreman alive(prime), anybody else too.|
But Primo Carnera, of course!
i was a big fan of primo's too. his fights against Young(mighty Joe) and Reeves (hercules) were classics. (he lost those too)! 

Primo was much better than people usually think (or thinks). I have seen Carnera-Sharkey 2 and Carnera-Loughran and, in this way, I realized that he was powerful and had a good jab. Even his chin was better than people usually think (or thinks). ... He took a couple of hard rights from (or by) Sharkey. After 1935 it's true, he was a bum! But before 1935... No way!

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Just kidding, Massimo. Primo was quite a physical specimen. Just by looking at him you'd thought he could whip the world. I always enjoy reading or seeing something about him.

Do you know that Jack Dempsey admired Primo very much as a boxer? He wrote an article on an Italian newspaper "Illustrazione del Popolo" in which he said that Carnera was a great boxer! Maybe it was a bluff by the fascist government but probably it was all true! Carnera lost sometimes against fighters who were one half of his size and, in this sense, he was surely disappointing!

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I don't think that Primo made use of steroids! He just got involved in many heavy works in his youth, never getting much money (poor Primo). The verb "slice up" is not in my dictionary, I have found "to slice", but not to "slice up". I hope it's about the same! RS! RS! RS! )))! It should be VERBOTEN to use expressions that are not in my dictionary... Carnera was a dancer, just like Ali' and Sugar Ray... FLOAT LIKE A BUTTERFLY, STING LIKE A BEE! AAAAAH! RUMBLE, YOUNG MAN, RUMBLE! AAAAAH! YOUR HANDS CAN'T HIT, WHAT YOUR EYES CAN'T SEE...
infamous "jock strap" comment was a mistake, and he regretted it from the beginning. The context was that Peter Marciano was at the press conference after the fight, glowing because Holmes lost the decision to M. Spinks. It got under Holmes skin that people were rooting for him to lose so that he wouldn't match Marciano's undefeated record. Sort of like rooting against Hank Aaron so he wouldn't break Ruth's record. Holmes was about to make history, had a questionable decision take it away from him (wasn't knocked down, wasn't cut, landed the harder punches, but lost his title) and now Peter Marciano was standing in the back of the room, obviously happy that Holmes lost. Larry Holmes made the jockstrap comment to dig at P.M. more than anything else and later, really felt bad about it. Even back then, Holmes had photos of Rocky Marciano hanging at his training facility and was an admirer of the former champ.

I don't remember using "slice up," but I'm guessing whoever did was using a knife metaphor for a fighter who was severely cut. Carnera wasn't on steroids - they weren't around then. He was "normal" muscular, like the guys in the old California muscle beach photos of the '50s, unlike the juiced-up guys of today. He was just a giant, muscular man, who could actually move well, a forerunner of modern day football players who're built like bears, but move like deer. Primo on steroids would have produced a 300 pound block of chiseled muscle! That "jockstrap" comment was blown way out of proportion. Holmes said it right after the heat of battle, after a fight he thought he won but was taken from him by the officials. As Angelo suggests, Holmes apologized to the Marciano family and to Marciano's fans but this is never brought up. Holmes was a great champion and he is a class act and he deserves to be cut some slack for a poor, but understandable choice of words. After all, in his mind he should have been celebrating tying Marciano's record, not explaining why he lost.

In the fight itself against Michael Spinks, Spinks did land more punches but Holmes landed the harder blows. It is back to the question about who really won that fight. The judges sided with Spinks' quantity over Holmes' quality of punches. I tend to think Spinks had a slight edge in the fight but did he really go out and decisively take the title from the champion? I don't believe that he did. A case can be made for either fighter winning and a draw would have been a fair decision.

As far as Holmes verses Spinks 2, Holmes was robbed by the officials in that one. Holmes stepped up his performance but he was denied by officials with "sour grapes" for him.

BOB BUMBERA: They(Quarry-Bonavena)Had a tentative agreement for July 25th 1973,But Oscar pulled out citing he needed more time to train,that when Shavers came into the picture and winded up ko'ing Jimmy Ellis in one JUNE 18TH,Which doubled both fighter's purse for the DEC.14TH QUARRY-SHAVERS.I was reading Ali's 10-0 title defenses after he beat Foreman,WEPNER,LYLE,NORTON,FRAZIER,COOPMAN,DUNN,YOUNG,SHAVERS, EVANGELISTA,BUGNER .It would have been tough for any heavyweight to beat those 10 in a row,especially the "LION OF FLOUNDERS".Well at least LYLE,FRAZIER,NORTON,SHAVERS,YOUNG. were tops albeit bouts had a little controversy to them.
Ali, The Lion of Flounder's manager said the Lion was the only person on earth who thought he had a chance. He (manager) said they wouldn't have taken a fight with Frazier or Foreman, because, "Those guys were killers." The thought was that Ali was not, and this was good, since everyone who knew Jean Pierre was concerned only with him getting out without being hurt badly.<br>That's amazing that just about everyone of those bouts had controversy or questions of some sort.<br>Quarry-Bonavena would have been a super fight! Bonavena was a nut though, so who knew what was in his crazy head. I really would see it going the distance, and Jerry would have been one tired fighter, though I can't see OB winning more than a handful of rounds.<br>

John, the comments Holmes made before the Cooney fight were part of the hype that Holmes, and everyone involved, got caught up in. I don't think it was typical of how Holmes is most of the time. <br>The Holmes verses Cooney fight brought out the worst in a lot of people.<br>These days, Holmes is very respectful of Cooney and vice versa.<br>

Larry Holmes was a great fighter, unfortunley he had to follow ali who is a hard act to follow, so he never got the adulation he deserved and coveted. i think never fighting Foreman hurt his chances being remembered as a great champ. i think he could have beat big george if having the chance. i guess we will never know.<br>Charles, Holmes didn't fight Foreman because Foreman had already retired by the time Holmes himself fought for the title and Holmes was ready for retirement when Foreman made his comeback ten years later.<br>Foreman left the game in 1977 after his loss to Jimmy Young and Holmes defeated Norton for his first title in 1978. It would have been too soon for a young Holmes to take on Foreman when Foreman was champion or just after Foreman lost the title. It is not Holmes' fault Foreman retired.<br>

Massimo, your Primo comments have been entertaining. Like Wilt, he suffered from the fact that no one rooted for Goliath. A very good moving boxer for a big man of his day, but reminds me of Gerry Cooney defensively. Since both had clear short-term successes, that may not be such a negative comparison... No way Holmes beats Frazier for the Philly title. Holmes a master boxer yes, but not a strong chin as many of his opponents revealed. JQ might last a full 12 with Holmes also as Larry had average power as well, though Holmes would get the decision there. Frazier by late-round KO over Holmes. I don't rate Holmes as high among champs, but like Frazier, is a very likable guy, very down-to-earth. Jerry would counterpunch Oscar and suffer a knockdown a la Chuvalo, but would get the decision, I think. Especially if no former Globetrotters ref the match... I'm watching the Lakers-Cavaliers NBA game, not the L.A. season many imagined, eh? Personally, I'm glad to see the Lakers have to earn something for a change.|
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I wonder if Primo Carnera could speak proper English! One thing is sure, I have read a few of his letters and his Italian was a disaster!!<br>

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The other is "How To Taunt Those Philly Boo Birds" As a completely objective, unbiased, fair minded sports writer, I'm sure you've been following the Eagles road to the Superbowl. These two articles had me falling out of my computer chair laughing. They are great!!

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this. As I have already said I have read a few of his letters written for his beloved wife) written in Italian and they seem written by a 8 years old guy. Now I say that if he had so much trouble with his native language, I honestly don't believe that he could speak other languages very well! Thanks again!

[1/14/04 07:56:36 AM] Kent | La Habra, Ca | | Kentallenent@aol.com | | | | 10 | Massimo, that Carnera didn't have good writing skills in even his native language, Italian, still doesn't tell me he wasn't smart. Reading and writing skills show someone's education, not his intelligence. He very well could have spoke four languages but perhaps he didn't read or write any languages well.<br>Remember that guy who came to this site and he said the posters here were a bunch of illiterate goons and Jerry was a racist? He also insulted some of the towns Jerry lived in and my hometown as well as being trailer park trash towns, which means in derogatory terms, lower class white Americans. He may not have even used this term but he sure inferred it showing his own ignorance in the process. My point is, this kind of person would automatically say someone like Canera was a stupid person without having any proof this was true. Just like he said the people who post here are stupid when the opposite is the truth. I find some good intellects here, even if their English grammar and spelling, a problem I also have at times without spellcheck, is not always perfect.

[1/14/04 08:39:24 AM] Massimo | Roma | | | | 10 | Kent - You're right, but I have never thought that Carnera was dumb! I simply don't know how smart he was. In reality, I can't define intelligence exactly and I don't like to judge people's smartness. Sometimes, anyway, there is such overall quality difference between two persons, that is obvious who is "better" than the other. More often judging who is smarter between two guys is very hard. It's perfectly possible ( if not probable) that Primo Carnera was much smarter than me.

[1/14/04 11:05:05 PM] Kent | La Habra, Ca | | Kentallenent@aol.com | | | | 10 | Steve, are you actually an Eagles fan? I am not. I was just comparing them to the old L.A. Rams, who got close a lot of times but always came up short. I don't even have a football team anymore as the St. Louis version is not my Rams. In my mind, the Rams have never won the superbowl.<br>Shouldn't you be rooting for the New Jersey Giants? after all, they are no longer in New York.

[1/15/04 05:28:27 PM] Steve | N.J. | | dmmsrm@comcast.net | | | | 10 | Hey Massimo, some current thought has it that there can be physical genius, musical genius, interpersonal relationship genius, as well as scientific or philosophical genius. There are linguistic geniuses, and there are idiot savants. I like this site because, so far, we are not trying to use each others opinions on 70' s, heavyweights, as an indication of our intelligents. Except for the two stooges, Jimmy Dorsey and Kent Apell, who have turned on me in their obvious frustration over the Eagles winning the Super Bowl. I am afraid, of course, that I will require an apology from both Stooges after Feb. 1st.

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[1/16/04 05:26:00 AM] John Gerard | NYC | | rock289z@yahoo.com | | | | 10 | MARK: Roy Jones
is negotiating a rematch with Ruiz in a fight that no one wants to see. I think Toney will beat McCline quite easily! I have seen Jameel in the Boswell fight and he was losing badly until the last round! He has no class, definitely isn't a top 10 heavyweight (even if I think he is a very good heavyweight). Primo would have had a good chance of beating McCline, in my opinion. Vitali is gonna beat Lewis, as I don't think Lennox can come back in good shape, at this point of his career. Anyway, it's a very interesting fight. I was thinking how cool would have been a wrestling fight between Primo Carnera and Andre' the Midget. Better than sex with Anna Falchi! First of all, it would have been a very exciting height contest, even if I'd put my money on "the Midget". Good weekend to everybody!

Is Lewis fighting Klitschko for sure? I get a lot of press releases and I haven't gotten anything on this yet. The only thing I have seen is an article on a website that says he may be making his return, probably against Klitschko. Interesting match up with depending on how much Lewis has left. Lewis suddenly looked old in their first bout. I am not knocking Klitschko but he is still a somewhat unproven commodity. When he wins the title and defends it multiple times and dominates his competition, then we can say he is great but until then he is just a talented prospect.

Vitali needs a chance! Nobody has never given him a chance so far. He has lost a fight for an injury and another for a premature stoppage. I consider him undefeated and hope somebody will give him a real chance before he will be 50 years old!

Interesting match up with depending on how much Lewis has left. If Lewis wins, and wins impressively (not one of his L-O-N-G boring, plodding, fights, but instead a fast paced KO or TKO), he'll win a lot of respect and add to his legend. Conversely, if he loses, or wins by holding, staying away and pitter patting (sort of like his "wins" against Holyfield), he'll reinforce the opinion of many that he's a really tall, big and strong guy who is terrified to mix it up. I guess you can say that he should fight his own fight and win however he can---but if his fight is to survive and rest on his title, then he deserves whatever criticism he gets. With that said, he might just surprise us with a great performance and shut me up!

MR. Jimmy (Moe) Used to tell me that Jerry told him he didn't think the Rams would ever win the SUPER BOWL when they were in LA. On a sad note, And I do not mean to bring anyone or anything on the site down, Jerry had 53 different pro opponents, and only one passed away before he did (BUSTER MATHIS). TONY ALONGI just recently. NO real point to make its just if JQ could have stayed retired after 1975, He most probably would still be with us. He was one guy who, actually was too tough for his own good. And too much intestinal fortitude.

I've long enjoyed your postings on this site, you have a very entertaining insight regarding Jerry, who is one of my all-time sport heroes, thanks. Makes me think of friends of my own who are no longer around also. In a perfect world, so many fine people would know when to say enough, but these are the lessons we learn, especially those still here who miss the friend departed. Jerry made a huge impression on many. They may be his biggest compliment.

Steve, if you are an Eagles fan, too bad again! The Eagles always seem to almost make it but lose in the last game before the superbowl. Like I said, being an Eagles fan is like being a Jerry Quarry fan, they get you going by looking great one moment, only to fall just short. I have to put in a dig to my buddy Joey B. from
Philly. Naaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa! I called it, didn't I? He isn't on line but I will make sure he sees this post.

1/19/04 09:18:47 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|THANKS GERRY I really appreciate the kind words,My STOOGES buddy Steve(Shemp) I can relate because his Eagels beat my Pack last week, When Brett Farve had stooges flashbacks of when he was a Atlanta Falcon. His "MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK" Commercial is a classic thou. Anyone remember the Quarry's Miller Lite commercial "saved by the bell"? that was also a classic.

1/19/04 09:40:47 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Gerry Schultz I just re-read your post on Quarry-Ali a while back,And I could not agree more Ali just had his number,(NO SHAME IN THAT).One thing for sure I can not think of one fighter,who was not in tip-top shape vs Quarry (Even "SCRAP IRON").Another point you made was that although he clowned around with Jerry, Quarry did have Ali's absolute attention,and few can lay claim to that! Recently read a 1975 RING mag. where Pedro Lovell ko'd Billy Daniels in one and the California Athletic Commission took 2/3 of Daniels purse, (so he made nothing!) How about Akinwande's DQ vs Lewis where he received his $millions?|

1/19/04 12:05:03 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com||||10|I MIGHT BE ALONE ON THIS , BUT I THINK THAT BRETT FARVE LOOKS SOMEWHAT LIKE JERRY, WHAT DOES EVERYBODY THINK??|

1/19/04 12:51:11 PM|Sabrina Porter (Quarry)|Florida||sabrinalporter@aol.com||||10|kookoo you must be really kookoo to say that my Uncle Jerry looks like Farve...hahahahahaha...LOL...have a great day!|

1/19/04 12:52:56 PM|Sabrina|Florida||sabrinalporter@aol.com||||10|i meant that Farve looks like Jerry...|

1/19/04 12:52:57 PM|JERRY QUARRY|VENTURA
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|I think he does look a little like Jerry for sure. I know a former Utah linebacker that is the spitting image of a 1970 Jerry,talks the same,actions etc.probably weighs 215,PEOPLE THAT DIDN'T EVEN FOLLOW BOXING WOULD TELL HIM "HEY YOU LOOK LIKE JERRY QUARRY!" would have been the perfect Quarry in the Ali movie,other than the out-of-shape-one that they pulled off out of the nearest tavern!|

1/19/04 03:07:04 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com||||10|I'm still waiting for someone to tell me why "Favre" is pronounced "Farve" - shouldn't it be "Fav-ray?" Oh well, who cares? I suppose if "Farve" were a little blonder, he could look a little like Jerry, but I wouldn't have thought of it on my own. I heard that Favre's toes were so long that he could pick up a baseball with them! That's like a monkey! LOL!|

1/19/04 10:52:48 PM|KOOKOO|NY||KOOKOOclock000@YAHOO.COM||||10|LOOK SABRINA, I DON'T MEAN FAVE IS BETTER LOOKING, HE'S NOT, BUT THERE IS A SLIGHT RESEMBLENCE TO JERRY, SORRY I BROUGHT IT UP, WISH YOU WERE NICE LIKE SONYA!!! SHOW SOME RESPECT FOR THE CLOCKSTER|

1/20/04 11:16:02 AM|Massimo|Roma|||10|RS<-br><br>Maybe I can help you on this subject ... " Farve" is probably a slang pronunciation... |

1/20/04 12:55:53 PM|Sabrina|Florida||sabrinalporter@aol.com||||10|kookoo i was just messing around.please don't get offended.i didn't mean anything by it...lol|

1/20/04 09:16:45 PM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com||||10|OK, NO PROBLEM, YOU KNOW JERRY'S NO. 1 WITH ME, BRETT HAS NOT DEVELOPED THAT LEVEL OF COOLNESS|

1/21/04 07:05:28 AM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia90101@aol.com||||10|Yes, Uncle Jerry is No. 1, to alot of us. Hey all what's shakin? Have fun, and be good! We love & miss you Dad, & Uncle Jerry!|

1/21/04 08:32:35 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Yeah, and
while Favre throws interceptions, Jerry was throwing punches! How is Ken Norton doing? I know he had a car accident, maybe 15 years ago?? He suffered head injuries. I read about it in SI (The article was actually about Ken Norton Jr.). Why was Norton's relationship with his son strained? Does anyone know if he made a full recovery from the injuries? Interesting because he had started to do some acting back when he was still boxing, but I haven't seen or heard from him in a long time.

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I am glad when some fighter with questionable credentials doesn't win at least a piece of the heavyweight title. Last year Kirk Johnson had a good chance of holding on to a slim lead in the ninth round and winning his fight against John Ruiz for the WBA title but he was disqualified for low blows. It is bad enough that we have to refer to Ruiz as a former champion even though he can't compare to our own Jerry Quarry, who we can't call an ex champ, but Johnson too? That would have been another slap in the face of our Jerry.

It is not that Johnson has no talent, because at times he has looked good. It is his poor work ethic. He is 6'3" and he weighed in at 260 pounds for his fight against Vitali Klitschko. That was disgraceful!

James Toney hit the nail on the head a few months ago when he was asked about the big size of the heavyweights these days. He had this to say, "a lot of them are just plain lazy. They don't like to train hard and they don't like to run. That is why their weights are so high." He added that he runs ten miles a day and that he just would eat differently at heavy weight but continue to train just as hard, to keep himself in top condition, even at higher weights than he used to fight at.

Norton is not doing too badly but he has slurred speech as a result of the accident that he didn't have before.

Norton, in his book, says that the problems he had with Ken Jr. had to do with the younger Norton choosing to get married at an early age. Norton Jr. took it as his father disapproving with who he was marrying. The split between father and son lasted longer than either one of them wanted because according to Norton Sr., they were both stubborn and neither one of them, for a long time, would make the first move at ending the feud. Both of them took the attitude that the other one should say he was sorry.

Regarding the weights of today's heavies: years ago, and up until the 90's the idea of training was bring a fighter down to as light as possible a weight, without weakening him. Today, it seems the idea is to get as big as possible. I heard Lou Saverese interviewed and he was boasting that he "put on 15 lbs. In training camp". Too many fighters think that because they lift weights they can weigh just about anything or eat anything they want. Marciano for example could have easily weighed 200 lbs. But Charlie Goldman knew he would be just as strong, but more effective at 188 or so.

The problem with weights and weight gain is that too many people think if they lift and gain, they're automatically gaining all muscle. In truth, you can almost double the strength of a muscle without any increase in size, so unless a fighter, or anyone, is on steroids, true muscle gain is slow. Guys who say they added "10 pounds of muscle" in some short period of time, are fooling themselves. With a lot of running, gain is slower yet. Hagler said he used to run 15 miles a day for some fights. This and Toney's claim of running 10 a day are ~very~ suspicious, particularly if they're doing anything else. Fifteen a day (average) is what an elite, world class marathon runner does, and 10 isn't far behind. They might do these distances ~sometimes~, but not everyday.

I would say 6 to 8 miles is more likely but Toney's point is well taken, I do believe that heavyweights of today don't train as hard as Jerry and his contemporaries did.
Yes, a lot of the fighters are bigger than earlier eras but no way is Johnson supposed to weigh 260 pounds. About 230 is better for him. Would he have done better against Klitschko if he came in lighter? I believe he very well would have done better as he would have been more likely to avoid the punches he got knocked out in the second round with and more likely to land punches of his own. Klitschko still may have won the fight but Johnson would have made a better fight of it.

| 1/22/04 09:07:48 AM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | 10 |

No doubt everyone can learn and benefit from modern day training information, but it has to produce to be valuable. Strides have been made in diet, and I think weights are good, along ~with~ traditional boxing training. I think there's value in interval training, but only with lots of long slow (not ~too~ slow!) distance running as a base. But, in the main, there's no other sport that'll get a person in shape as boxing, plus one that includes elements of training that are actually useful and carry over, even as guys trained three quarters of a century ago.

I think many modern fighters do faddish, flashy things, eat like hogs, are too lazy to run and train really hard, and rationalize that they're really big, so they must be bad. As long as they fight guys with similar attitudes and training regimens, they're fine.

Conditioning a person maintains year 'round isn't ultimate peak form, but at the same time, I'm not sure an athlete who takes huge amounts of sedentary time off (often accompanied by drinking and weight gain), is able to get into peak shape either. A wiser plan to is maintain somewhat of a base all the time. With the money involved and the potential for serious injury, I'd be scared ~not~ to! you are so right roadman, sugar ray leonard said once he only runs 2 miles a day. anymore is a waste, that time and effort must be put in sparring jumping rope etc.. You would lose muscle tissue and fast twitch muscle fiber that you need for boxing, hagler could run 15 miles, but theres no way he would do it everyday!

| 1/22/04 10:36:35 PM | kookoo | ny | kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10 |

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| 1/23/04 12:14:15 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 |

Ciao RS ! When a fighter says he runs 10 miles a day does he mean 10 miles in a row or 10 miles distributed somehow in the whole day? I'm sorry if this question is ingenious or silly, but I really don't know! If I ran for 1 mile in a row, I'd die of heart failure! |

| 1/23/04 05:28:58 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 |

MASSIMO: He means 0 miles in a row, without stopping.

| 1/23/04 06:07:38 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 |

Thanks John! I'm not sure that I could do 10 miles using a bicycle... I guess maybe I am not ready for a Thrilla in Manilla yet...

| 1/24/04 06:52:21 AM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | 10 |

I saw a funny interview on a boxing bloopers tape once about a fighter who decided to set up training in an area where some other fighters had trained, and there was a lake nearby. He asked another fighter he knew who'd trained there where he ran, and the other guy replied, "Around the lake." The lake was huge, probably on the order of a half marathon or more, and uussccessfully trying to run around it the first day left the fighter exhausted. The next day he called the fighter who'd given him the advice, and was told, "Not ~all~ the way around, just around the lake~area~!" :-)

| 1/24/04 07:02:09 AM | kookoo | ny | kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10 |

that was written in a training book put out by floyd patterson era 1974, i remember it!

| 1/25/04 01:28:44 AM | Sean | Jersey | Emailppsinc@aol.com | 10 |

Hey in a topic not related to Joe Frazier, Jerry Quarry or Muhammad Ali, what the hell was Larry Holmes so bitter about? I just got done watching Larry vs Carl The Truth Williams and Williams got robbed. He didnt beat Larry he kicked his ass, I also thought witherspoon got robbed against Holmes, pooint being I guess was Larry
was a great champion no doubt but why cry over the Spinks decision when he received two great gift decisions in my eyes.

1/25/04 02:43:33 PM| Kent| La Habra, Ca|| kentallenent@aol.com | ||| 10
Sean, it has been years since I have seen either Holmes verses Williams or Holmes verses Witherspoon, but my impression was they were both close fights. There is an unwritten rule that says the challenger has to take the title from the champion decisively. Did Williams really kick Holmes' ass, as you say? What do some of you other people think about this?<br>

1/25/04 03:34:50 PM| George Vreeland Hill| Los Angeles|| broadway4you@yahoo.com | ||| 10
Jerry Quarry was a solid fighter, and one of the best ever.<br>
If he were in the ring today, he would be champ!<br>

1/25/04 11:51:48 PM| Gerry Schultz| snowy Ohio|| jgschultzll@aol.com | ||| 10
I've always thought Larry Holmes had several very suspect performances, not a strong champ in my opinion. But a very good guy and master boxer... Ali was given credit, rightfully, for fighting everyone during era. If you compare the opponents of Quarry with Frazier, Foreman and Norton, who would say took on the best competition overall for a career?<br>

1/26/04 12:31:58 AM| Sean| Jersey|| emailppsinc@aol.com | ||| 10
Kent I am fully aware of the unwritten rule of taking the title but at what point does it go too far. If you pull a fight out on the 10 point must and most observers have you winning the fight by say 2 rounds wouldn't that be enough to get the decision.<br>

1/26/04 09:02:54 AM| Pete| Gold Coast Australia|| aussie_0@hotmail.com | ||| 10
Can anyone verify and/or give me details to a supposed fight years ago?<br>
Friend says that Tony Mundine (father of Anthony) once fought Cassius Clay (before he changed to Mohamid Ali)<br>

1/26/04 10:13:01 AM| Kent| La Habra, Ca|| kentallenent@aol.com | ||| 10
Sean, good point on how far the unwritten rule of taking the title from the champion decisively can get. I think the same rules should apply to all fights. Whoever wins, wins, title at stake or not.<br>
The defeated champion and the promoters can use his not being dominated as a means of hyping the rematch.<br>
I think the ultimate of favoritism shown a champion was in the Ali/Wepner fight in which although Ali clearly dominated the fight, winning almost every round, there were a couple of rounds when Ali did nothing.<br>The announcer, after about the sixth round, said, "I would have to call that round even as Ali did nothing." How obscured is this? Because even if all Wepner did was pursue Ali and land a few ineffective body shots, which he did in every round, if Ali did nothing, Wepner wins this particular round, right? I would think so but probably the judges didn't think so.<br>

1/26/04 11:12:36 AM| Carl Weingarten| TJQF|| TJQF | ||| 10
Hello friends. I spoke to Brandi Quarry this weekend, and I wanted to let everyone know that the web host for TJQF has been making changes that will affect this page. Somewhere in the next week they are moving the web site to a new server. It’s likely that the Letters page will go off line temporarily. It is also possible that the messages you have written over the last year will not be transferred to the new server and will be lost. I apologize for this. I have been in touch with the host, but unfortunately, they have not been helpful. Hopefully the break will not be too long, and the Letters page will be back in a new format. In the mean time, I am rebuilding the site in its new location, and looking for a new web host as well. Thanks, --Carl

1/26/04 11:55:15 AM| Massimo| Roma ||| 10
My messages will be lost !!!!! It's like losing a Mozart's symphony !!!!!!!!!!

1/26/04 06:22:38 PM| Roadscholarette| Chicago|| roadscholarette@hotmail.com | ||| 10
I'm certain Earnie Shavers can hit very hard. Ali said so, and Tex Cobb (who TKO'd him) said, "If Earnie hit any harder, I'd have to shoot him!" However, I was checking his record, and for the first forty or so matches, I’d never heard of any of his opponents. Most were early KOs. I know the early fights of any future champion
are with nobodies, even stiffs or beer bellies, but with Shavers, it goes on and on, even when he began to fight better people. Ron Stander KOd him (I wouldn’t have heard of Stander if not for Joe Frazier’s bag workout with him), then a few more nothing fights, and he takes out Young and Ellis. Maybe he’s for real. Then Jerry Quarry massacred him, followed a little later by a KO by Lyle, a controversial loss to Ali, and a decision by Homes. He took Young again (UD), then a washed up Ken Norton and Joe Bugner, and by that time, he was back to nobody-city. Earnie seems like a nice guy, and admits he was an incomplete fighter, working on power at the expense of technique. His stamina was OK, not sensational, as was his chin. Now I won’t necessarily go so far as to say he made a career and KO record on Butter Beans, but does he deserve to be mentioned in the same conversation with the legendary punchers – Jeffries, Dempsey, Marciano, Liston, Frazier, Foreman? Oh, and Carnera, of course – almost forgot, Massimo! |

If Shavers was a Baseball hitter, he would be considered a "tough out". His fights with Holmes, Ali, Ellis, Norton, Young, Clark, Bugner AND HOWARD "ko" Smith attest to the fact that he was a top heavyweight of his time, His bout with Ron Lyle was a true classic. (a GREAT BOUT). The reason for the "no-names" on his record was mostly due to the fact, nobody would fight him, until Jimmy Ellis finally came out and gave him a chance, it would have been very interesting had he fought, FOREMAN, FRAZIER, BONAVENA among others to see what he could really do. |

Shavers was indeed one of the hardest punchers ever but lets not forget he was KO’ed in about 8 rounds by Ron Stander. Stander said it was like being hit by a baseball bat over the head. Shavers had a fair jaw, average stamina, and average boxing skills -- but what a punch in either hand.
war! Tyson's punches also weren't too bad! |

[1/28/04 01:47:21 PM] Carl Weingarten | TJQF | TJQF | 10 | Okay, the new site is online. Sorry we lost some messages from the last couple of days. Otherwise, everything seems to be running. Brenda please repost the great news about Mike. Thanks, --Carl |

[1/28/04 03:28:43 PM] Jimmy Dorsey | Ventura California | RONNYRAINS@yahoo.com | 10 | No I do not think Oscar was Gay at all, I knew a guy that knew Oscar personally and lived up where he was murdered. The guy who shot Oscar, Ross Brimer is also out of prison and dead of peculiar circumstances. Joe Conforte who had OSCAR done in was hid in exile in Argentina of all places last I'd heard. Oscar was too into the ladies, then anything else, if Shavers fought like he did against Norton and Lyle, I'd have to throw some dough in on Ernie vs Ringo, they both went 15 with Ali AND incidentally both looked good, Oscar got the nickname "RINGO" from BEATLES ringo STARR, for their hairstyles! |

[1/28/04 06:52:26 PM] Daniel | LA | danielz@hotmail.com | 5 | For some time I have read postings on this site without injecting my own comment and generally it must be said that most posters have been sincere and informative. However there is someone on this site plainly intent on ruining reputations. This small minded woman - without any evidence whatever - writes that she heard "somewhere" that Oscar Bonavena had a sexual affair with a man. Many of you will remember that last year she also wrote that Emile Griffith was gay and once again she did not produce even one iota of evidence. On top of this she accused George Foreman of being a "wheezing pansy" and then there were allegations against Ali, Foreman, and also judges and referees, of being cheats and fixing fights. Like the gay allegations against Bonavena and Griffith, not one shred of evidence was produced to sustain these smutty accusations made by an anonymous person without the courage to attach her name to the dirt that she writes. I invite you all to do a google search on the name 'roadscholarette'. You will find that this know it all presents herself as an expert on everything - movies, medical procedures, religion and now, of course, boxing. On one site she described herself as being a "professor in literature at Northwestern". I opine that she is a frustrated lesbian, addicted to prescription medication, unemployed, scorned by her family and with no friends, who spends her entire day surfing the net posting smutty allegations whilst trying to impress others with concocted expertise. Judge for yourselves and ask the question - has she ever posted ANY evidence to sustain the allegations she makes? The answer is clearly no, yet she is allowed to demean this otherwise wonderful site with unsustainable allegations of smut against well known sporting figures. I don't intend to visit this site again, mainly because it insults me that a frustrated lesbian with too much time on her hands falsely calls fighters like Bonavena and Griffith gay. |

[1/28/04 08:43:12 PM] Brenda | ca. | thethid@hotmail.com | 10 | I wanted to let Mike's fans know he is being inducted into the Calflower Hall of Fame, on March 6th at Steve's Steak House, in the City of Commerce 1.a. area, the tickets are $25 you can contact Don Frazer. This is all so Mike's birthday week-end he will turn 52 on the 4th. So come all and party with Mike. Jerry will also be honored during this luncheon. Thanks and God be with. Brenda (I will post # when I get it) |

[1/28/04 10:10:40 PM] roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | 10 | LOL! Nope, sorry, Rufus (under whatever handle you post to me), straight as an arrow, not a prof at NU, and am retired (before 40), when we sold our biz last year. Bozos do clumsily imp me now and then, however. You most likely believe everything you read online, huh? Do you wear your baseball cap backwards? :-) (probably over your head, sorry).<br><br>Massimo -<br><br>I've never heard of Ermino Spalla? Who's he?<br><br>Bonavena-Shavers? I'd prolly go with Bonavena, unless Earnie landed. How good was Shaver's chin? |
I agree that Oscar was not involved in sexual relations with men quite the opposite a major playboy with the women. One more thing to bring up. I love this site but i would appreciate it if we would not speak of Emile Griffith's sexual preference what ever that may be. He is a friend of mine and a very nice person who brought dignity to a sport that catches many black eyes. | I ONLY POST WHEN I THINK IT'S WORTH IT, WELL LET ME TELL IT IS!!! GET OFF THIS BULLSHIT ABOUT GRIFFITH AND BONAVENA BEING GAY , IT'S 100% FALSE, ANYONE WITH A BRAIN KNOWS BONAVENA WAS A WHOREDOD THAT CHASED WOMEN LIKE A CRAZY MAN, GRIFFITH ALWAYS WAS A GENTLEMEN , CLASS GUY, STOP WITH THE LIES!!! | I am with you completely Sean. It is wrong for anyone to discuss those things on an open site like this, especially when it involves good men, and moreso again when the writer produces not one shred of evidence. All this malicious gossiper can say is that she "heard" it on some site she is unable to identify. The damage is magnified when the (cowardly) author is anonymous and can't be traced. Yet that is precisely what this small minded woman relishes. First it was Emile Griffith she accused of being gay, and now it is Oscar Bonavena. And the evidence ? None ! Not one iota. Zilch. She is a repressed lesbian trying to come to terms with her own sexuality by accusing others of being just like her. It makes her feel better by pulling others down to her level. If this wasn't the case then why has she twice, without any prompting from anyone else, raised the subject of someone else's sexuality. Why is that so important to her ? No one else mentioned it and the subject came right out of left field. Think about it. Also, I never wrote that she is a "literary professor at Northwestern". In fact, she described herself on another site as a 'literary professor at Northwestern'. Her words; not mine. Do a google check on her name. Mark my words, ladies and gentlemen, this woman is big trouble. She thinks it amusing and fun to slander decent people like Emile Griffith. She has too tiny a character to admit the error and apologize for it. The woman just moves on to attacking someone else and on this occasion it is the dead Oscar Bonavena. Who's next ? I will not post here again (her posts make me puke), but those who continue to visit must call the witch of slander to account, and please don't allow her to demean this tremendous site by using it to defame decent men like Emile Griffith. Emile - rest assured that none of us believe what the witch writes. You were a great champion. | Erminio Spalla was an Italian heavyweight who fought between 1919 and 1934. He was Italian and European heavyweight champion. He fought the heavy-hitter Fred Fulton ( a draw ), Luis Firpo ( L KOT 14) Uzcudun ( L pts 15), Gene Tunney ( he was ahead after 6 rounds but was stopped in the seventh) and lasted all the fight against the terrible George Godfrey. Many boxing experts think he was still better than Carnera ( and this is surely a prove of greatness !) ! He was less Shaq than Carnera (only 6' 1" for about 190 lbs). Tonight on ESPN Classic they' ll talk about Bonavena, Frazier and Foreman. All I know about Bonavena as a person is that Joe Frazier thought he was a racist but, of course, I have no idea if this is true or not. Probably they' ll show some of their fights ( I hope Frazier-Bonavena 1 and Frazier-Bonavena 2, since I have already seen Foreman-Frazier 1,2 several times and Foreman-Bonavena never happened). A few days ago I saw Ali'-Lyle on ESPN. Ali' fought like a crazy guy in that fight. He just clowned in rounds 1-3-4-10 and danced almost without scoring in rounds 5 and 6 ( even rounds). He fought well rounds 7-8 and of course 11, where he literally kicked Lyle' s ass ! But Lyle never hit Ali' with dangerous shots and Cassius looked always in control of the fight. My impression is that he didn' t train for that fight. Is it true ? | Brenda, thanks for the great news about Mike's award. You know I will be there for
Mike is a true gentleman and I can't think of many who deserve recognition more than him! I hope some of the regulars on the board can somehow make it to the celebration. It would be cool to meet you in person!

If this meeting will be in Caianiello, I will be there!

Luis Firpo was very famous (el toro of the Pampas in an Italian-Spanish-English mixing), he fought Dempsey! But what is really hard to accept is that you didn't know Spalla! Ali' yes but Spalla no? It's absurd!

Do you tape the boxing programs you mention? The reason I ask is that ESPN and ESPnCL show different programs depending on their audience and market, and you may get fights we don't see here. For instance, I've seen Bonevanya bouts and other Latin American fighters listed on the Spanish language ESPnCL that were not shown on the mainstream channel. Just wondering, thanks.

Well, I see that Spalla gave Gene Tunney a pretty decent fight before the fight was stopped. Tunney was a super cool customer, maybe the coolest and most patient HW champ. He used to even do "patience exercises," methodically doing frustrating things, to hone this mindset. Kept his cool when nailed too, as good as Ali in that regard. In the Long Count, Dempsey didn't go to his corner after flooring, but didn't the ref begin counting in the Ali-Liston, while Ali was standing over the Bear, yelling?

Firpo knocked Jack Dempsey out of the ring. Dempsey hit his head on a typewriter, and just managed to clamber back into the ring at the count of nine. Whew, close call. Firpo had already been down seven times, and Dempsey KOd him in round two, but Firpo was the first Latin to challenge for the title.

I'm beginning notice about Frazier, he says a lot of bad sh.. about the people he fought, fighters say a lot of things before fights, I promise you if Bonevanya were alive today he would have nothing but praise for Frazier, Frazier needs to get over what Ali, Bonevanya and others said, his attitude sucks, I view him as a bitter ex-champ that can't except he lost 2 of 3 to Ali, live with it Joe!!!
individuals?<br>Carl, why would you want Brenda to post the "good news" if there is no good news?<br>Mike really does deserve better than what those fools are shoveling his way, if they are for real!!

[1/29/04 04:02:04 PM]Massimo|Roma||4||||10|RS<br>I have just seen all Frazier-Bonavena 1, but round 1 since my mother switch off the light ( for washing the dishes, snort ! ). It was a very close fight ! Since the commentator said the first round was even, I have Frazier 1 point ahead at the end.<br>BONAVENA won round 2 ( 2 points) and round 10 ( the last ).<br>FRAZIER won rounds 4-5-7-9

[1/29/04 06:03:46 PM]Brenda|Ca.||thethis@hotmail|||10|Yes there is a lucheon on the 6th of March. I know it sounds kind of hookie, but it is something for Mike and he has always felt he was in Jerry's shadow. So we his family are trying to make it a big deal for him. Please who ever can make it do come. Brenda |

[1/29/04 09:47:57 PM]Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Of course I will be there to support Mike. For a moment there it sounded a little bit disrespectful but as long as he and the Quarry family are not taking it that way, then I won't take it that way either.<br>I am waiting for contact information and I am in.<br>[1/29/04 11:40:56 PM]mINTO|fUNNYVILLE||laughter@aol|||7|Of course I will be there to support Mike. For a moment there it sounded a little bit disrespectful but as long as he and the Quarry family are not taking it that way, then I won't take it that way either.<br>I am waiting for contact information and I am in.

[1/29/04 12:49:41 AM]kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|STOP TRYING TO BE LIKE ME SMUT MAN, THERE'S ONLY ONE CLOCK MAN, YOUR TRYING TO STEAL MY THUNDER BUT YOU DON'T KNOW JACK ABOUT BOXING OR WHAT THE QUARRYS ARE ABOUT YOU MORON!!

[1/30/04 02:37:01 AM]mINTO|fUNNYVILLE||laughter@aol|||7|ME AND ROADDIKE CANT BE SILENCED BY A DUMB CLOCK. ROADIKE GOT SOLE HUMOUR. YOUR WIPING IT OFF YOUR BOOTS AND SHES LAUGHING AT U. SISTER ROADDIKE GOT THE DOPE ON KKK FOR BEING A FAG. YES U KOO KOO. THE CLOCK HAS LOST HIS TIC TOC. NOW GO POLISH ROADIKES BOOTS BOY. HA HA.

[1/30/04 09:15:37 AM]kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|Da , what did you say? da, you need to rewind your clock to whenever you had a brain, da, if you ever had one, DA DA DA moron|

[1/31/04 06:05:54 AM]Paul|Sydney, Australia||PIMLs4@aol.com|||10|To change the subject, was that a fluke punch by Max Schmeling that stopped Joe Louis in their first fight ? Did Max just catch Joe on a bad night ? Or was Joe's chin not absolutely bulletproof ? Would that punch from Max have been good enough to stop every other heavyweight in history ? (including Ali - I have my doubts). In his prime, I think Louis was at the very least the second best heavy of all time. Minus the Schmeling knockout, I would have rated Joe the best ever heavy (by a considerable margin) and also the greatest pound-for-pound. That's until I remembered the deeds of Sugar Ray Robinson - how can you pick anyone pound-for-pound above him ? Henry Armstrong ? Transposing Robinson from that era to today, was he capable of winning titles from welterweight to light-heavy ? I think he was. Would Jerry Quarry have beaten Max Schmeling ? Jerry would win that fight on sheer 'mongrel', in my opinion. It would have been a great fight, though. I think Jerry would have gone at Schmeling like he went at Frazier, but with a different result. Schmeling couldn't tolerate the sustained pressure Jerry would have given him. |

[1/31/04 06:58:00 AM]Massimo|Roma||4||||10|Paul<br>Welcome back ! I have seen Schmeling-Louis and Max didn't win for a lucky punch ! He already had Joe on the canvas in the fourth and was ahead after eleven rounds ( even if it was a hardly fought match). Max said after the fight that he had discovered a flaw in Louis's style, but I don't remember exactly what it was about !<br>What do you think about the two following matchups ?<br>Quarry- Terrell<br>Quarry-
Joe Louis had a tendency towards a "three step jab" ie, jab, drop the hand, bring it back up, and Schmeling capitalized, countering with his own right. This was remedied in fight two!

At that point in Louis's career, Joe dropped his left after throwing the jab. Schmeling noticed this after attending several Louis bouts. He also studied film of Louis. Max threw his powerful right over Joe's jab and nailed him all night. Joe took to many of Max's shots and it confused Joe. He just couldn't get out of the way.

Max was a great fighter, with a tough chin, he took some hard shots from Joe, very quick and with an explosive right hand. Louis was, at least at that point, never out of shape. Max just taught him a lesson that night. Of course Joe taught everyone a lesson a few years later when they fought again. You can knock me down or knock me out...but you never want to fight me again.

Writing this post reminded me of Norton's first fight with Ali. Kenny was told to throw his right at the same time Ali started his jab. The punch would land at the same time making Ali think Kenny was just as fast as Ali, of course he wasn't, but it gave Ali some to think about...besides the broken jaw. Could there be an RS imposter? He, she, it's last few posts ain't as literate as her previous ramblings. Although anyone who thinks Roberto Duran is a great fighter can't be all bad.

RS can write pretty well in English, still a little better than me, and I am almost Milton! I have chosen her as my English teacher on this web site and I am not dumb!

I have found footage of Jerry Quarry's first fight with Brian London and I need someone from The Jerry Quarry Foundation to help me obtain it. I'm sure no one has seen this footage since it was first aired. Please help, Evren.

It is true, Schmeling's first fight with Louis was no fluke. He found Joe's weakness and he exploited it. Joe's trainer, Jack "Chappie" Blackburn, corrected the problem in subsequent training and Joe, being a good student of boxing, learned his lesson well. Joe may have made a mistake once but he never made the same mistake twice and he destroyed (creamed!) Schmeling in the rematch.

Norton's awkwardness really caused Ali problems, not just in fight 1, but the other two as well. Norton could easily have been a 2 to 1 winner from those 3 against Ali. To his credit, though, Norton never whined about those losses. My impression is that Norton is a really decent guy.

Some trivia: as someone mentioned before, Russell Crowe is in training to play James J. Braddock in the movie Cinderella Man. Over Christmas Angelo Dundee was in Sydney tutoring Crowe. Anyway, last week Crowe injured his shoulder and needs surgery and that will delay the film. Also, Kostya Tszyu was in training to fight Sharmba Mitchell on February 7 in Moscow. Tszyu hadn't fought for a year after an achilles injury. But he's now done a shoulder tendon and needs surgery and the fight is off. He can't fight for at least another 6 months. I hope I'm wrong, but this may finish him. He'll fight again (Tszyu is a real warrior and loves it), however he'll struggle through age and inaction. In their first fight in 2001, Mitchell gave Tszyu heaps of problems before Mitchell injured his leg.
Wow, way to go, Road'ette. While I've enjoyed some of your posts on Ali and Frazier, passing rumors like these are just ridiculous, and anyway who cares? Oscar's girlchasing probably got him killed, I've heard. Whatever the case, he was a top heavyweight who earned the respect of both Ali and Frazier in the ring. Let's keep the focus there... Glad to see someone else give props to Max Schmelling. A great boxer for his time, very good sixe for his time, actually bigger than JQ. Max should get more credit for his intelligent win versus Louis, who could be outfought as Billy Conn and Jimmy Bivins proved. Their second fight was so politicized, Schmelling may have been very bewildered at all the press, he was never a Nazi, Louis was enraged enough to nearly kill him. May have been the Fight of the Century. Schmelling's initial win against Joe, and Standers win versus Shavers prove that all these matchups are decided in the ring no matter what they look like on paper. It'll be the same tomorrow when Patriots face Panthers in the Super Bowl, Pat fans will see if their team can back up all the talk.

I thought Norton clearly won the third fight with Ali...but what do I know. I've watched that fight several times and I still think Norton won. I have a weird thought, speaking of Max Schmeling...did you notice how much Omar Sheika looks like him...with a little Dempsey thrown in. Not in style mind you but his face. His first fight with Pemberton was a great one and I thought maybe Omar would pull it out this time...again, what do I know.

I agree Norton took Ali in the Third fight, but i am one who thinks that Ken Norton was one of the most overrated Heavyweight Champions. Kenny had a great style for Ali, but take a closer look and you can come to the conclusion that he was nothing more than an above average heavyweight a good fighter. On his way up he was ko'd by Jose Luis Garcia, then there was the Foreman debacle. Ernie Shavers walked through Kenny, Scott LeDoux got robbed in a fight that was called a draw and Gerry Cooney nearly killed him. His three biggest wins in his entire career not counting the Ali fights was over a faded and poorly undertrained Jerry Quarry, Duane Bobick a great amatuer but a sub par pro at best and Jimmy Young a very good boxer but he couldn't break an egg. Case and point this is not stuff legends are made of.

I think Kenny Norton was avoided by a lot of guys, certainly his first five years. Great athletic package, could be puncher, could also box. A prime JQ vs Norton matchup to me would be a great fight. Whoever started hotter would probably win. Either way, he certainly got the best of an older, softer Ali while being one of many who wilted under Foreman's power. I don't think he took a punch as well as some, JQ was better boxer also. I think he beat Holmes, especially as belt holder that night. Le Doux, Cooney just mauled him, he stayed too long, like so many do. Norton was like Lyle in that he was pretty far along when he got his due. An unappreciated heavy in my opinion. JQ vs. Terrell I always thought would have been a great match, a lot of height there, Terrell was also quick and very game. JQ would probably end up counterpunching him, which of course he did very well. Also, glad to hear something's up for Mike. Like Jerry, I consider him a former champ, I enjoyed watching him fight in the 70's. Sounds like he is doing well.

Frazier-Bonavena 1 was a very good fight, almost a "Classic". I think Frazier deserved to win, unless you judge round 2 three points for Oscar ( and maybe, with the 2 knockdowns, it should be possible, I don't know this rule exactly. Anyone know ?). Now I have the whole fight and I wanna watch it over and over! I wanna be the N.1 Frazier-Bonavena 1 European expert !!!!!!!
Aw, the Bonavena gay thing was no big deal, though it did bring out the intellectual riff-raff. The article I read may have even been a misprint, who knows? If I had to guess, I'd say no, but you never know about anyone else. It is interesting how people respond to the issue though, whether OB, Griffith, Lewis, whoever. Who cares (sheesh)! Eddie Futch said one observation and a couple of strategies played heavily into Norton's victory over Ali (officially in one, unofficially, in two). One was to mirror Ali, particularly when he jabbed. The second was to not rush him immediately after a landed punch. Something Norton watched constantly was Ali's face. Probably no top level pro telegraphed punches like Ali; his face changed dramatically whenever he was ready to punch. Only his speed allowed him to land anyway. Norton's a strange guy. Never quite crossed over into greatness, and the fork in the road when he started returning to normal man status came fast and obviously.

Ali's Super Bowl commercial was a nice surprise. The Champ looked good. The recent posts about Norton might be a bit unfair. As an Ali fan, I of course didn't like Norton back in the day. He not only broke Ali's jaw, but fought him tough all three times. And for all the people who thought Norton was "robbed" in the Yankee Stadium fight, you're hypocrites if you don't think Jimmy Young outpointed Norton in their "title" fight. But with that said, Norton was far better than an average heavyweight. His ability to frustrate Ali, demolish Bobick and take Jerry Q. (admittedly a poorly prepared/rushed Jerry), have to rank Norton as being better than average. And his loss to Larry Holmes, while legitimately a loss, served to show that Norton had the heart of a true Champion. After the first 6-7 rounds, Norton had no business being in that fight. But it's amazing that he clawed his way back into it and nearly won. Shavers pile driving bombs pounded Norton out of the title picture forever, but Norton's loss to Gerry Cooney was so far after the fact---like Ali losing to Trevor Berbick. Didn't matter. Norton holds a place as one of the five most influential heavies of the period: Ali, Foreman, Frazier, Holmes and Norton go down as the heavies who made that middle 70's period the best ever. Jerry Q. had the best part of his career late 60's into early 70's, or he would make the list too. But the five I mentioned held the belts.

Just one more thing, RS - is it unfair of you to write that Brenda is "intellectual riff raff" for the comments she made regarding your propensity for posting unsubstantiated allegations against well known boxers. Brenda just happens to be one of the hosts to the site that you use to demean boxers you don't like, and she also happens to reflect the views of the majority visiting here. If you haven't got anything nice to say, RS, then please say nothing at all. There'd be many here who would not be unhappy if you just went away after all the distasteful comments you've made against Bonavena, Griffiths, Ali, and Foreman, et al. Maybe if you were more constructive and positive about others, you'd begin to feel better about yourself. I think you are deliberately trying to cause trouble. The subject had changed, the spite was gone, people had restarted posting constructive comments, and then you take the debate back to the gutter again. You are going to kill this site RS.
Interesting - and predictable - reconstruction of reality. I think I already mentioned that I thought you, and your various other handles would be happier back at BBB and/or Dotcom (one of your other handles mentioned something one of my imps said only in one of those places). Doesn't really matter though - every court needs a jester...

I just looked up some things on the "LATE GREAT" California heavyweight LOU NOVA. I could not believe the similarities in the careers of him and "IRISH" JERRY QUARRY both California Title aspirants who at one time were both ranked Ring Magazines #1 contender in the world. Nova's record ended at 51-9-4 (31 knockouts) and of course Jerry's 53-9-4 (32 knockouts) Both honored at the Cauliflower alley club in STUDIO CITY. Nova was 6'3 196-208 LBS WITH A 76 INCH REACH, Jerry 72 inches 6'0 AND ABOUT 185-205 POUNDS. Nova lived until 1991 was born in 1915. Both were susceptible to cuts around the eyes both had a devastating wallop, would have been a major bout in California for sure. TAKE CARE!

You post that Griffith and Bonavena were homosexuals and when called to account (and after being told that you had upset people), you added that Lewis was homosexual as well. And when called to account for that, you make further nonsensical allegations. Look, I am using my real name on this site and if anyone wants to contact me and get a reply then it can be done via the e-mail attached to this post. Unlike RS, who remains anonymous while making sordid claims that have become the trademark of her posts. I came to this site to have sensible and polite conversations on boxing topics. I do not come here to read RS defaming former great boxers like Griffith (you called him 'gay'), Foreman (you called him a 'wheezing pansy'), Ali (a 'cheat and fight fixer'), Bonavena ('gay'), our host Brenda ('intellectual riff raff') and now you call Lewis gay as well. RS, leave the personal stuff out about others. Brenda asked that this personal nonsense be stopped (and she mentioned that those making 'smut' allegations lacked intelligence - hence your 'intellectual riff raff' counter punch), and you came straight back and not only repeat your claims about Griffith and Bonavena, you then added Lewis to your list. You are obviously not a true fight enthusiast to speak the way you do about former great boxers. Anyway, all your views and purported 'expert' comments were plagiarised from some other web site or book. You were caught before taking comments from Joe Frazier's book and then posting them verbatim here as your own. A very grubby and sordid type you are indeed. Not an original thought of your own.

RS, if you are directing comments towards Brenda, realize that she is no other than Brenda Quarry, Jerry's sister, and she is indeed one of our hosts here at this site. Maybe implying certain boxers are (were) homosexuals may be no big deal to you but you know full well, in this environment that it would be insulting to some of the people who post here. Whether this is right or wrong is not the point, you knew how they would react. Just saying something to upset people and get them going is not funny and it is rather childish.

One more thing to add to my last post, whoever is calling R.S. Roadyke, this is stupid too. I am guessing that R.S. probably doesn't care that you are calling her this, as she likely doesn't care what you think of her, but calling her a ridiculous name adds to a juvenile atmosphere that we don't want at this site. Fair is fair, I don't want to be accused of being one sided by telling R.S. that she shouldn't label fighters a certain way when some other poster does the same thing to her.
percent correct. Everyone should post using their correct name - if only the first one - and also a correct e-mail address. As you know, Kent, mine is correct. I know that yours is too. Perhaps RS (or whoever she really is) should be just as responsible. RS enjoys the bickering. Over the last few days she's been asked by several posters - 3 or 4 I think - to stop the accusations. But she continues, enjoying the resentment and hurt she causes. We had Koo Koo posting that he doesn't enjoy visiting here as much and now does it less often. I am the same. The atmosphere created by RS with her accusations has diminished the enjoyment here. Her ridiculous posts are attracting loonies. She thinks she owns the site, and can say what she likes, despite what one of the hosts here said a day or two ago. A friend of Emile Griffith even wrote of the upset RS caused with her comments, but she quickly repeated the hurtful information.

|2/2/04 11:32:58 PM|KOOKO0|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|R.S. HAS BEEN ON HERE SPOUTING OFF AT THE MOUTH FOR SOME TIME, HE NEEDS A LIFE BESIDES THE QUARRY SITE, MAYBE HE IS REALLY ANOTHER OUT OF WORK WRITER OR A FORMER MALE STRIP DANCER IN A GAY CLUB, I THINK HE IS MOST LIKELY TOO OLD FOR THAT NOW, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING VERY ODD ABOUT HIM THAT HE WOULD BRING UP ALL THIS GAY STUFF HE SAYS HE'S READ, READ SOME STRAIGHT BOOKS SOMETIME GAY BOY!!! KOO KOO KOO KOO ))))))))))))))|
to keep his opponents from getting the ball. Wilt was also a better passer, Wilt was faster up and down the court. He also had better timing on blocking shots. Wilt would let an opponent think he had gotten the shot off and then Wilt would time the ball at the top of its flight and he would block it at the last moment.<br>Most of Shaqs moves are pure power and while Wilt was also very powerful and he could dunk with a couple of guys hanging on him like Shaq, Shaq is the stronger of the two players and harder to stop when he is intent on dunking (as Wilt was too). Another thing in Shaq's favor is he has more guys his own size and sometimes even bigger to compete with. Wilt was guarded by guys around 6'10" or 6'11" compared to his 7'1" height. There were not that many players over 7'0" when Wilt played.<br>Thanks again ! If Wilt was better, Shaq is very close to him, anyway... I have seen Raptors-Lakers, and Shaq was unstoppable !<br>Another pivot I like very much is Sabonis ! Another is Warren Coolidge...<br>Most of Shaqs moves are pure power and while Wilt was also very powerful and he could dunk with a couple of guys hanging on him like Shaq, Shaq is the stronger of the two players and harder to stop when he is intent on dunking (as Wilt was too). Another thing in Shaq's favor is he has more guys his own size and sometimes even bigger to compete with. Wilt was guarded by guys around 6'10" or 6'11" compared to his 7'1" height. There were not that many players over 7'0" when Wilt played.<br>2/3/04 11:44:01 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Kent-<br>2/3/04 02:18:56 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|Roadschollete: In regards to which champion JQ would have beaten. Here are some off the top off my head: Braddock, Sharkey, Schmeling, Carnera, Ingo Johanson, Patterson. AND MAYBE: Charles and Walcott.|<br>2/3/04 02:25:41 PM|Paul|Sydney||PLMls4@aol.com|||5|Angelo - I would have thought it boring that RS has returned to the gay subject ad nauseum, calling whomever she does not like homosexual, cheats or fight fixers. The list of her targets is long, but the evidence for her accusations is non-existent. If that type of behaviour is allowed to continue, Angelo, then this site will live in the gutter. There should be some standards of decency, particularly when the author is anonymous and the targets of her venom are former boxers who are also decent, honorable human beings with families and friends. RS should not be allowed to use this site to slur the reputations of good people on a whim as she has been doing. We've ignored her in the past but that hasn't worked. Others are entitled to object. |<br>2/3/04 03:35:05 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|In regards to which champion JQ would have beaten. Here are some off the top off my head: <br>Braddock - could be. The "Cinderella Man" got lucky winning the crown anyway, over a nutty, inconsistent, sometimes not in shape Baer. <br>Sharkey - pretty hard puncher, but really just a place holder waiting for someone decent to come along. <br>Schmeling - he could fight, but his win over Louis wasn't indicative of his ability, but rather of an ability to capitalize on a stylistic flaw of Louis's.<br>Carnera - I wonder what Massimo has to say about this? :<br>Ingo Johanson - it still amazes me that he beat Patterson. Not that Floyd was an immortal or anything, but he was better than Ingo. Just got caught, I guess...<br>Patterson - he drew and won a split over him. How would JQ have done against a super prime FP? Patterson didn't have a super chin, but very quick hands, a decent punch (not Foreman!), and good fundamentals. <br>Charles and Walcott - think so? I think there's a chance too, though these guys held in there pretty tough with the Rock.|<br>2/3/04 03:44:23 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|There are some recent Champions who Jerry Quarry would have beaten. Starting with Ali's loss to Leon Spinks, some men have held the title, who Quarry would have taken. While Holmes held the WBC title, there were a few different guys who won the WBA title. And before and during Tyson, a few more "Champions" who Quarry would have outclassed easily. Michael Dokes? Greg Page?<br>Gerrie Coetzee? These names represent talented, top notch sparring partners for an in-prime Quarry. Holmes, Tyson and Holyfield would have managed to beat Jerry, but "other" Heavyweight Champs in the same eras as these "real" champions would lose. |<br>2/3/04 03:59:56 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Starting with
"Neon Leon" and on through a lot of the silly paper champs, I'd see JQ doing well, on a good night. Someone in Eastside boxing asked how Carnera would do against Butter Bean! I agree with one of the posters in there - when people say Carnera wasn't a good fighter, that's only in comparison to some of the immortals. He'd kill the ridiculous Butter Bean. BTW - I think Wilt was a better overall player than Shaq. My husband was young when Wilt was in his prime, and saw him live as a little boy. The Stilt did everything well. I admire Shaq for finishing college because he promised his mom he would. Like he needs it (worth easily a quarter of a billion or more), but he gave his word! BTW2 - the adman who did the Byrd/Jordan "Horse" commercial for McDonald's said that Larry didn't miss a single shot, ever, in all the hundreds of ones he attempted while filming the commercial.

I think that probably Larry Bird has been the greatest player ever. He didn't miss a shot and was incredibly smart on the court. Magic was the most amusing (I should say, following the English grammar, the "amusingest" but it sounds so badly... Forgive me!) ever. MJ was pretty good too. I didn't respond immediately on Quarry-Carnera because I'm a gentleman and I'm writing in a foreign language and in a foreigner site. But we know the thruth! JQ, in his best night, would have had a good chance against anybody but Carnera, Spalla and Damiani. Any champinon has (or got, or has got) his own limits! Not a chance in hell against these guys! PS: ABOUT SHAQ: I see the facts: when Kobe doesn't play the Lakers are still a great team! When Malone doesn't play the Lakers are still a great team... When Shaq doesn't play the Lakers ain't shit!}

Okay then, the standard devised by Angelo and RS is this: RS is allowed to post whatever she likes about whomever she dislikes without any obligation to the truth. The rest of us must ignore RS's scandalous allegations without objection or comment. Sounds like the presumption of innocence just got trashed. That's not something I'm going to be part of but, before I go, I have to tell Massimo something - it is crass and impolite to use the "F" word in your postings. | 2/3/04 06:23:58 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|RS

I'm so sorry that Paul wants to go away! You have at least one friend on this site: me! Sigh! Don't go away! Stay posting, please! | 2/4/04 01:38:39 AM|Sean|Jersey||emailppsinc@aol.com|||10|OK

I like to make a quick point. The 80's Heavyweights get a bad name. There was a good crop of fighters that all seemed to spiral out of control at the same time. And why I would agree with anyone that the heavy's of the 60's and 70's are a class above any other time, I took a little time to go back a look at the Ring's top 10 heavyweights at the close of 1982 and compared them to today's heavyweights at the close of 2003 and this is how I believe it would have worked out in a head to head match up using Rings top ten in order.<br>10. Tim Witherspoon vs Mike Tyson<br>At the end of 1982 Witherspoon was five months away from losing a highly disputed decision to Larry Holmes. And as later point ill make with David Tua when was the last time Mike beat a very good heavyweight. Witherspoon works behind a very good jab to take a Decision.<br>9. Randall Cobb vs Fres Oquendo<br>Oquendo a little to good on his feet for the very slow Tex Cobb. Oquendo by clear decision.<br>8. Pinklon Thomas vs Wladimir Klitschko<br>Thomas with perhaps the best jab since Liston out classes Klitschko all day long. Pinky by ko by round 8.<br>7. Gerry Cooney vs Hasim Rahman<br>Gerry to big to strong and punches to hard. Hasim most likely fights Gerry's fight stay's to close a little to long. Cooney ko by 4.<br>6. Greg Page vs David Tua<br>Very good fight this time frame may have been one of the best for Page still a very focused heavyweight at this time in very good shape. I like Page by Decision. Using speed and movement to get by a very good puncher that is very limited at best. (Oh by the way when...
was the last time Tua beat a quality fighter)

5. Trevor Berbick vs James Toney
Very good fight. Berbick coming Toney slipping. I like Toney by Decision using the angles.

4. Renaldo Snipes vs Vitali Klitschko
1982 may have been the last good year for Snipes. But I think this fight plays out alot like the Holmes fight with Klitschko controlling the early rounds but like the Holmes fight sometime around round 7 or 8 Snipes lands that right hand fired from hell only difference is Viltali dont get up like Larry did. Snipes by KO.

3. Gerrie Coetzee vs Roy Jones
You gotta like Roy in this fight, but hold your breath if Coetzee lands that bionic right. Jones by Decision. to fast for the slow footed Coetzee.

2. Mike Weaver vs Corrie Sanders
Sanders wins the first three rounds against a very slow starting Weaver. Weaver starts to come on around the fourth or fifth round and catches up with a tiring Sanders around the ninth or tenth and stops Sanders.

1. Michael Dokes vs Chris Byrd
Dokes at this point in his career was a very very fast swarming heavyweight with decent power. Byrd a very good boxer doesn't have the punch to keep a young Dokes off him. Dokes by a decision.

World Champion. Larry Holmes vs Lennox Lewis
1982 may have been Larry's last very good year and 2003 may have Shown signs of the last of Lennox Lewis. I like Larry behind that very good jab and nice foot work. Holmes by a late round stoppage maybe 11th. or 12th.

As a follow up to my earlier posting regarding which champs JQ would have beaten. I should have included Leon Spinks and don't know if Mike Weaver was a legit champ or not. If he was, put him on that list too.

Mike Weaver was WBA champ once, KOing "Big John" Tate. I'm not sure when the paper trail nonsense began in earnest, with no end in sight, but there have been runs of champs, er, I mean champs who could almost qualify as a cast of lumberjacks such as the five George Foreman beat one after another on the same night.

I was re-reading your description of Sharkey "just a place holder waiting for someone decent to come along". Now I got ( I try with "got" instead of the trivial "have") a question for you: WHO WAS THIS DECENT GUY ? Another question: what was Wilt's shoe size ?

I'm sure that everyone in this site would love to know that even if somebody would never admit it to himself !

Sharkey was knocked out by none other than da Preem! I don’t know what Wilt’s shoe size was. From pictures I’ve seen, he changed in appearance at the two ends of his career. At the beginning, he was a beanpole, but at the end, he looked like he’d lifted weights - still lean, but more rangy/muscular than
skinny. Shaq wears size 22, I think, so I’m guessing Wilt would be up there too. I wear a 6. I’m pretty small (a little under 5’4”, 110). Sportmart used to have a life sized cardboard figure of Shaq, and people were always getting their picture taken beside it (me included). I could have put both my feet and both my hands in his shoes, and still had wiggle room! Ali’s on a new commercial now, for Linux operating systems. He’s telling a little kid to “shake up the world.” He doesn’t look bad. Even though he only says a short line, it sounded pretty good too. Not that overweight either. Of course, he always did have a fleshy face, and one side effect of the medicines he’s likely taking is fluid retention.

Where is that sportmart exactly? I’m gonna take the first flight for the USA, cause I wanna get that picture taken beside Shaq’s cardboard too!! If you find a Andre the Midget’s life sized cardboard, I’ll come to the USA by swimming...!

I know KooKoo, we Italians are just a lower race... We Italians ain’t shit! But you Americans we’ll never have a fighter as great as da Preem! Ah, another fundamental thing :) Andre’ the Giant wasn’t 7’ 5”, he was only about 6’ 9“ !!!!! Now, live with it if you can!!

I don’t know who this Gotti was, I haven’t had so much to do with gainsters in my life, even if I grew up in the worst streets of Rome. Do you know what saved me from drugs and criminality? OOOOHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH.... The Physics! LOL! RS-<br><br>I have seen in Italy the "exact size" cardboards of "Pippo Baudo", "Jerry Scotti" etc, but these guys are bums, we haven't the legends you have! Do you want to compare Pippo Baudo with Shaq, RS ?

Sean's post on 80's vs. 90's heavyweights was interesting. I guess I implied in an earlier post that the 80's heavies weren't good---but in fact, I think they were decent. My point was that some of them who became alphabet soup champions weren't worthy, and JQ could have beaten most of these guys. Compared to the 90's group, the 80's contenders weren't all that bad. And while I agree with most of Sean's picks in his dream matchups, I take exception with his comment that Pinklon Thomas had the best jab since Liston. Holmes had a better jab, and Ali's was faster. Foreman's was underrated---not fancy, but like Cosell said, it was a "telephone pole" jab. Finally, the best of the 80's contenders (not
(alphabet champions) might have been Tim Witherspoon. I think he had the best overall package and good heart as well. The problem with Witherspoon was questionable management at times, and a conflict with Don King, which cost him dearly. Spoon was avoided like the plague and kept out of title matches he deserved. The kind words about the picks in those match up's. I also agree that Jerry may have taken all those alphabet champions; and Tim was avoided and boxed out by the Plague.

2/5/04 11:42:41 PM Sean | Jersey | emailppsinc@aol.com | 10 | Angelo thanks for the kind words about the picks in those match up's. I also agree that Jerry may have taken all those alphabet champions; and Tim was avoided and boxed out by the Plague.

2/6/04 01:20:33 AM kookoo | ny | kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10 | I SEE YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE NOW MASSIMO, A PUPPET FOR THE R.S. ROADMAN IS A BUFFOON THAT MANAGED TO COP YOUR MIND(WHAT YOU HAVE THAT IS) PRIMO IS THE GREATEST, RIGHT MASSIMO, YOU KNOW NOTHIN, I DON'T KNOW WHO JOHN GOTTI IS, YOU REMEMBER BECAUSE HE'S JUST LIKE ONE OF YOUR UNCLE'S FROM THE OLD COUNTRY, WHERE YOU BELONG, PROVE A MAN, STOP LISTENING TO THAT NON STOP CRAP FROM ROADMAN, ROADMAN IS A PROFESSOR OF NOTHING, STOP THE INSANITY MASSIMO!! KOO KOO KOO KOO

2/6/04 11:09:33 AM Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | What is amazing about Tim Witherspoon is that he was competitive well into his forties which shows his talent but also the weakness of the division lately. The "Spoon" was a legitimate top twenty, but not quite top ten contender as recently as two years ago. He is definitely one of the best, if not the best of the so called Alphabet boys, split champions, of all time. He held either the WBC or the WBA belt twice. Don King had a way to mess up any fighter's mind. Witherspoon had easily defeated James "Bonecrusher" Smith by unanimous decision but in their rematch held about a year after their first meeting, Smith won by first round knockout. Witherspoon said he was so upset by King and his B.S. that he walked into the ring against Smith mindless and he was kayoed.

2/6/04 11:26:59 AM Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Another fighter who was fucked by Don King was Mitch Green. Don King promised him the moon and gave him crap!

2/6/04 11:40:35 AM John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 | By now, everyone knows what Don King is. Anyone that goes ahead and signs with him deserves anything they get. He makes Franke Carbo and Blinky Palermo look like honest men.

2/6/04 12:48:31 PM Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia90101@aol.com | 10 | Hey all lets be cool, and everyone please get along. We love & miss you Dad, and Uncle Jerry!!

2/6/04 02:39:21 PM Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | 10 | Don King is no dummy, plus, while a little slippery perhaps, seems like a fast talking, but essentially OK guy when you see him. Stir into the mix an unsophisticated young kid, a bunch of money, and promise him that he's on the way to making all the dreams he has come true, and it's easy for the beginning boxer to overlook a lot. If he's "heard things," it's also easy to think everyone was wrong. In nature, we have the Venus Flytrap. And then there's Don King...

2/6/04 03:29:47 PM Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Don King is a piece of shit gangster who likely bought his way out of a conviction for manslaughter by probably paying off an outgoing "lame duck" governor to gain a pardon. Can I prove this? No, but I think that is how it happened. That he beat to death a man who owed him six hundred dollars, during Don's loan sharkin days, who by the way weighed one hundred pounds less than Don did, is not in dispute. His early release from prison and his subsequent pardon are at the very least, suspicious. Add to the above event all of his allegedly shady business dealings and we have a not a very decent man at all. He can drive around in all of his fancy cars and wear fancy suits but you still have a man who has no class and who never will have any.

2/6/04 04:32:19 PM kookoo | ny | kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10 | WHY DON'T ALL YOU DUMB ASS'S WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE ON HERE, KENT YOU SURPRISE ME THE MOST, YOU BEING
CLOSE TO THE FAMILY, YOU KNOW BETTER, MASSIMO JUST KEEP BEING DUMB, THAT'S WHAT YOU DO BEST, |  
|2/6/04 04:53:26 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|That's official, Lennox Lewis has quitted his ring career. Honour to a champion. Cheers! |  
|2/6/04 05:16:32 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Don King looks out for number one, no doubt about it. One of his genius practices is taking jurors on exotic vacations once they find him not guilty of his latest escapades. Of course, the jury pool knows this, so it increases the odds that he'll get off. King has committed his share of transgressions, but you've got to love the fact that like a cockroach, he survives through everything. For all his bad points, the guy was really a spectacular promoter of events. He screwed the fighters and lined his own pockets, but he filled stadiums like no one before or since. I talk about him in the past tense because there just isn't the talent there right now for dream matchups---to make the kind of impact that Ali, Frazier, Foreman, etc. did back in the day (not to mention Leonard, Duran, Hearns, Hagler, etc.). Hell, give me an in-prime "Dynamite" Dokes now, and he'd probably rule the heavies! That's sad! Here's one to contemplate: Tex Cobb vs. David Tua! I'd love to see everyone's pick on this! For my money, it would be a 10 round draw with no knockdowns, but a whole lot of swelling! |  
|2/6/04 05:54:32 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|Angelo-Tex Cobb would have beaten Tua in about the same way he beat Ernie Shavers! His style was so odd, he threw punches like he was knocking the door! |  
|2/6/04 11:00:08 PM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|So there we are the retirement of Lennox Lewis and boxing is much the poorer for it. No, he was not as good as Ali, Louis, maybe not even Foreman, Frazier or Holmes but he was a wonderful boxer who dominated the toughest scene for over 10 years and would just slot into the top 10 of all time heavyweights. It was not his fault that he didn't fight in the top generation but he defeated more no 1 fighters than anyone in history-Holyfield, Tyson, Mercer, Morrison, Ruddock, Bruno and Tucker from one generation, and Tua, Rahman, Klitschko, Golota from another. Although he should have fought more in the last couple of years, what no boxing fan must forget is that Tyson DELIBERATELY avoided him in 1996 and Bowe did the same in 1992-maybe management were at fault but his willingness to fight both and his calls for each fight determine his bottle. Please remember that he was willing to fight both of these! Although he was defeated by average heavies his comeback wins prove something as well-so no not in the class of Ali, Louis and Frazier but damn close. Lewis has done an enormous amount for boxing. A class apart in the ring and outside of it. As good as both are, Tyson is a rapist and Bowe beat his wife to a pulp-not pleasant to think of but some people will slant Lewis and prop up these two as 'heroes'-wonderful fighters yes but not decent human beings at all-Shame Quarry, Shavers and Lyle from the unheralded era aren't around now. I think they would have a feast. |  
|2/7/04 09:52:08 AM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|THATS RIGHT IGNORE ME MASSIMO, YOU DUMBASS, I THINK I'LL CALL YOU DUMB DUMB FROM NOW ON, YOU WERE IN A MOVIE ONCE BUTCH CASSIDY & THE SUNDANCE DUMB DUMB, TAKE CARE DUMB DUMB |  
|2/7/04 10:08:31 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|KooKoo, you ain't a bum! You dare to call me names only because ( or as, or since) I'm not right there and you'll never meet me! Otherwise, right besides my huge 5' 6" 128 (and shoe size 40), you would look up and you would be scared at death! |  
|2/7/04 04:24:33 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Back to Boxing: from Ring Magazine there were only 48 heavyweights who graced the top ten from JULY 1965 TO JUNE 1975 120 ISSUES and ALL during Jerry Quarry's then career 50-8-4.(which of course is what it should have stayed at)he was 11-8-1 against those top ten fighter's during that time.Quarry was outweighed by his opponents 21-40-1.I've also been researching Muhammad ALI'S weigh ins vs his opponents and is 41-14-1 with 5 ( of
his bouts undetermined in-which I'm still searching) 41-14-1 in Ali's favor that is.

2/7/04 04:51:55 PM | Observer | LaLa Land | inagoda@vida.com | 1 | kookoo, do you even have a high school diploma? You're an unbelievable idiot. No one cares about challenging you, because what's the point? Sober up, get a job, get an ugly girlfriend.

2/7/04 05:03:15 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Observer, I guess you can say what you want about the Koo Koo Klock but why do you have to rate this site as a 1 out of 10 and bring our average down? Koo Koo is just one poster and even if he is one of Jerry's biggest fans (he calls himself Jerry's biggest fan) he isn't the site itself. I am posting just to get it closer to 10, where it belongs.

2/7/04 10:12:33 PM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | 10 | Speaking of Lennox Lewis... For nearly ten years, the world was treated to the largest collection of great fighters in the heavyweight division ever seen in boxing history, competing at the same time - "The 70s." Not only were the Big Three top 10 all time champions, but never were there so many top rate contenders as well. There are a lot of boxers in the past we'd all like to see face the trio of champions, and the contenders as well, but let's look at the time beyond when Ali, Joe, and George were gone. It would have been a thrill a minute to have had Tyson, Lewis, Holmes, and Holyfield around in the Golden Era!

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2/7/04 11:02:10 PM | TRYTHIS | USA | ???.com | 8 | I used to post here. I couldn't put up with the idiots anymore and left. It would be great if people had to register a username so that the quality of posts could be better. Try Larry Holmes' new site. He actually answers the questions himself!! It is larryholmes.com.

2/8/04 06:54:52 PM | KOKOO | NY | KOKOOCLOCK000@YAHOO.COM | 10 | KENT I KNOW THE WAY YOUR MIND WORKS, ARE YOU ATTACKING ME USING OTHER NAMES. DUMB DUMB, WOMEN ARE NOT MY MAIN FOCUS RIGHT NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO GET RID OF ALL THE DUMMYS FIRST, BREnda, SONYA WILL ALL HAVE TO PARTY SOME TIME, THE KOKOO CLOCK ROCKS!

2/8/04 09:25:23 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Koo Koo, you obviously don't know me at all if you think I attack you using different names.<br><br>Kent Appel is my real name and the only name I have used at this site ever. Ask Jimmy D. or Steve from New Jersey if I am a real person or not. Too bad Mr. Jimmy Q is not alive anymore because he too would verify that I am for real.<br><br>I don't take time to think of ways I can insult you. In fact, I don't think about you very much at all. You may find this somewhat insulting but it is the God's honest truth.<br><br>The truth is, and everyone who has visited this site for a while knows this, is that is was you for a long time who kept insulting me.

2/9/04 12:20:00 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Bum, bum......... Sucker, Sucker !!!!!! (KooKoo)<br><br>You cannot beat me physically (of course) and you cannot beat me mentally! I can't see a KooKooClock whipping me! I can seem stupid sometimes but I know for sure that I am not that way!!

2/9/04 09:42:14 AM | kookoo | ny | kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10 | KENT, I BELIEVE YOU FOR NOW, MASSIMO YOU ARE A NOTHING LOSER THAT ONLY TALKS ABOUT SCIENCE AND PRIMO CARNERA, YOU ARE A TOTAL LOSER, ROADMAN YOUR ABOUT THE SAME, YOU AND DUMB DUMB PROBABLY LIVE TOGETHER, THE THING IS FOLKS I DON'T LIKE IT WHEN PEOPLE THINK THEIR BETTER THAN THE KOKOO CLOCK.

2/9/04 09:57:34 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | I don't think I'm better than you or better than anyone else! And it's not true that I talk only about Science and Carnera... I talk about Andre' the Midget, also!!

2/9/04 11:02:30 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Massimo, you also talk about Shaq and Wilt and that other guy, the world's largest body guard or security man, who's name I can't think of right now. You also talk about Spalla too. That is a large range of subjects to write about. Heck, I could be
kept spellbound just reading about Andre the Midget!

BRENDA, ANY INFORMATION ON MIKE'S EVENT NEXT MONTH AS TO WHO THE CONTACT PERSON IS AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBER?

Anyone who might have the weigh-in stats for the "COCKY STOCKY" Jerry Quarry. I need 4 bouts 1-his pro debut with "Sergeant" Gene Hamilton 2- 9/24/65 rematch with Ray(Junior)Ellis 3-AL"Tiger" Carter and his major California Bout with Joey Orbillo in 1966. Mr. Jimmy told me Jerry was 192lbs but did not know Orbillo's.I started this as a hobby in 1999(Conclusive detailed stats of Quarry's record) and what seemed deemed impossible there might be a light at a long tunnel. I read in a boxing mag. Where they had almost every stat of Roberto Duran,fighter's weights, time TKO OR KO, UNAMINOUS OR MAJORITY DECISIONS,SCORE-CARDS.Obviously it made a lasting impression. But on the bright side iv'e found out a lot, Take care!

The person to get in touch with is Don Frazer at 818-761-4887 he will send you direction and your tickets. Hope to meet some of your there, for Mike. God bless I am sorry i can not give my real e-mail address, it's only because of the first time i did put it out there i recieved 1500 e-mails in three days. Boxing was my brothers life and even being on the web from time to time still hurts and makes me miss my brothers. I talk to Mike a lot and no he is not good either. So to hear stuff about any fighter who had the guts to get in the ring is just sad. Know one knows the life these boxers live after they retire it is not pretty and a lot don't even have family to turn to. This foundation is just for such fighters as these, so please reach out to them make a difference. | 2/9/04 02:17:27 PM|BJ|LA|bjla@hotmail.com|

The only thing on that issue I will address is the last person to call Emile Griffith a faggo. Emile tragically killed in the ring (Benny "KID" Paret).I have a Ring Magazine that Shows Mr.Griffith out at a Casino pool with three very attractive Bikini-clad women. on "RING CAMERA CLICKS!" thats good enough for me.I used to have another issue of thr Ring that shows JQ holding up two play boy bunnies on his shoulders.Must have been when he was training For Shavers at the catskills. which makes sense in fact that both fighter's had training rounds at the playboy club.

Regarding the recent derogatory posts that have been appearing here---my comments weren't meant to encourage R.S. (or anyone else for that matter) to make mean-spirited, unfair or vulgar comments on the site. My only point was, and is, that when people are here to share views of boxing, boxers and the foundation, it gets very frustrating when nearly a full page of posts turns to chastising visitors...
to the site. I agree that people should be careful about what they write—but I still feel the best course of action by others is to ignore offensive posts and just respond to respectful opinions and questions offered. Instead, when we finally start getting something good going—be it predictions of upcoming fights or discussions about dream matchups—or debate about decisions—whatever it is—just when it gets interesting, there will be a bunch of posts that totally take us off topic and these posts have never stopped anyone from continuing to write whatever they want to. It was said that my idea of ignoring offensive messages doesn't work. Well, neither does writing volumes about how terrible the posts are—and all this accomplishes is taking up space and also taking us off positive, interesting discussions. Look, as someone who always has and always will respect Muhammad Ali, I don't agree with some of R.S.'s views on him—and other people here have also attacked Ali for dodging the draft, getting lucky on some decisions or owning judges—people are entitled to their opinion and freedom of expression. Why don't we just agree to disagree and move on, keeping the site moving forward?

| 2/9/04 05:52:37 PM | Rhodescholar | Nevada | rhodesscholar@hotmail.com | 5 | Angelo, why should everyone suffer because of just one idiot (Roadscholarette). Others DID ignore her attacks on great fighters but she just kept repeating the information until someone was so outraged that they responded. Fools like you attack the respondent and not the cause. People come here to discuss boxing in a friendly atmosphere and not be badgered by an arsehole like he/she/it, or to be lectured by a pinhead like you. I gave up posting here six months ago because of the gossip being posted by that person. I look in from time to time and see that nothings changed and last time I looked she added Lewis to her list of fags. He/she/it is also posting under different names and then she has the suckhole twins, you and Massimo, giving he/she/it air. Anyone who truly loves the sport wouldn't write the crap he/she/it does. It is enormously disrespectful to call great fighters cheats and pansies and fags, yet she/he/it does it all the time and you want us to ignore it. Seems to me the only way people can ignore it is by not coming here at all. The reason you attack us and not Roadschollarette is because you are too scared to cross she/it/her or maybe you agree with what it says but hasn't the courage to say so. Keep it up and only Raodschollarette and the suckhole twins will be here. |

| 2/9/04 06:30:25 PM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | 10 | Amgelo - That's always been fine with me, though there seems to be bewilderment over automatic reciprocation between "great fighter," and "great person." Heaven forbid that I should insinuate that a sports figure might have feet of clay, or that the pristine sport of boxing might not always be above reproach. I came to discuss boxing and boxing in all its many facets, though not necessarily to Canonize its participants. Others seem to want a Bianca-like ~duh~ flame page. Sheesh. |

| 2/9/04 08:53:03 PM | Rhodescholar | LA | rhodescholar@hotmail.com | 5 | What a liar. All the time posting speculation as to the sexuality of famous fighters, some dead and who cant defend themselves, isn't debating legitimate boxing matters. Neither is calling great fighters cheats or fight fixers. You treat everyone here like fools. Spoiling reputations is a game to you. Its obvious you have to much time on your hands and spend you're entire day on the net disrespecting great old boxers. You have no shame. Go get a job and stop defaming dead boxers like Bonavena. Its about time you apologized to Griffith for what you wrote about him. You plainly dont like boxing or fighters cause otherwise you wouldnt spend so much time slagging them. Find some other house to haunt you fool and take you're 2 tiny suckholes with you. |

| 2/9/04 09:13:23 PM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia90101@aol.com | 10 | WOW THE LANGUAGE ON THIS SITE, AND THE ATTITUDES, AND GETTING SAD. LET'S ALL GET ALONG, BE NICE TO ALL, OR JUST KEEP IT TO
YOURSELF. WE LOVE & MISS YOU DAD, AND UNCLE JERRY! GOOD LUCK UNCLE MIKE, WE LOVE YOU TOO!

I just want to say, I thought Brenda's post was very poignant, am a little saddened she had to make it, regarding the innuendo. Clearly it goes well beyond friendly discussion, and I've never seen the relevance anyway. Let's show the Quarrys some respect please, as well as those named, just pathetic... Am glad to see a very good champ, Lennox Lewis, decide to hang up his gloves. He has nothing left to prove in his era, and his retirement will add life to the division, given his inactivity. Klitschko-Sanders for WBC is a fight that will draw some long-overdue interest... Glad to hear about the event for Mike, too bad CA is so far from OH, I'd love to be there. Best wishes always to the Quarrys, who I've always admired.

This site used to be real good but in my opinion has declined alot. One other poster suggested that people have to register by their real name. I think that would be a real good idea for the sake of quality on this site. I am on another site now and it is fantastic. People really know their stuff and I have learned so much. My best to Kent, Jimmy, Paul, Angelo, Gerry and all the Quarry clan. Evren

All the best Evren its been a real pleasure and you are a class act, I'm not going to preach to anybody but people lets keep this site a class act just like the fighter who is named for this site and was always a class act with more courage then he had Beans. If you want to bicker take it outside and keep it off the site. When were supposed to be stooges you people are coming off like a bunch of clowns and Jerry for one would not be laughing.

THAT'S RIGHT AND JAMES QUARRY (MY FATHER) WOULD NOT BE HAPPY EITHER. PLEASE LETS KEEP THIS SITE GOING AND STOP ALL THE B.S......

The trash talking kind of goes in cycles. Believe it or not, it was actually worse about two and a half to three years ago, when Mr. Jimmy was around. But back then he had a way of posting and calming down the situation. Everyone here knew he was fair and they would behave better because of this. One thing Mr. Jimmy encouraged was freedom of expression and I don't think this should change but, a few people here can take advantage of this and drag the site down. I came to discuss boxing in all its many facts, though not necessarily to Canonize its participants.....Sheesh.

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to make a point. Using bad words, such as how much Calvin Lane gets rid of in
the bathroom is considered rude by most people here. I realize you are probably
only trying to be funny but people here didn't take it that way.

I watched 'When we were Kings' again for the first time in a while, and was struck
by a few things differently this time. One, Road'ette did have a real point in
mentioning how well Ali took punches. He took a lot of them not just from
Foreman, but from so many as he fought nearly everyone. Second, there was that
sequence where George was just popping that body bag and just caving it in, one
big slug at a time. Man, who would want to be in front of that? The movie was
just a big Ali fan flick, not nearly enough of George, who was only the
defending champ after all. Music performers were interesting also. After that, I
was further impressed with Jerry, who at just 200lbs., was taken so seriously by
these giants. That JQ had their attention to the degree he did is a big
compliment professionally. I reread George Foreman's posting here a few weeks
back, and was really impressed. I believe George Foreman was a real Jerry Quarry
fan, and that speaks volumes to me about Jerry.

In addition to Ali being among the all time elite in terms of taking a punch, he
also enjoys top status as being among the hardest ever to corner, and in terms
of handling himself when hurt. I don't agree with his methods long term in
preparing for this - going to the "half dream" as he called it, in training, so
he'd be ready, but it seems to have worked. He was also nearly impossible to
follow up on, even when rocked. When We Were Kings was an Ali fan movie,
but also at that time, George was a pretty sullen, withdrawn guy, not the happy
go lucky Teddy bear he is today, so it may have been difficult to approach him
and get much out of him.

BTW, just a FYI - I'm being imped, with copy and
pastes as well as clumsy imitation attempts. Registered handles might not be a
bad idea...

George Foreman wants to coming back for another fight (he says it will be his last fight) at 55 years of age. I can't see a good reason for doing such a thing, I don't agree at all! We already know that he is still very strong and we already know that he can't be as strong as he was when he defeated Joe Frazier in Kingstone. He is training hard, he wants to coming back at about 225 lbs (this is about his "in prime" weight, and I don't think it is possible).

I apologize with you and with everyone else in this site for having used impolite expressions. Now, after some thinking, I realize that it wasn't the case, even if I don't think that that behaviour makes me automatically Pol Pot, Jeffrey Dahmer or Hitler. I will be more careful in the future to show the respect I have for Jerry Quarry, his family and all the posters on this site. I realize that I use to joke too much! It's just my nature! Maybe I'd need some help...

I hope George Foreman decides not to fight. If he wants to be more active in the sport, maybe he can become a trainer. He has a lot of knowledge he can pass on to young fighters. There is some talk about matching him with Larry Holmes. I would give the same advice to Larry. Be glad you got out of the sport in good health.

Sometimes a fighter can take one too many fights. PLEASE, GEORGE AND LARRY, DON'T RISK ALL THAT YOU HAVE!
two famous fighters above, be glad you got out in one piece. | 2/11/04 11:16:59 AM | Roadscholarette | Chicago || roadscholarette@hotmail.com ||| | 10 | Massimo -

George made in the neighborhood of $100 million by selling his share of George Foreman grills (though he still promotes them). He, like Larry Holmes obviously loved the sport and all the excitement, attention, etc., though neither need the money. Larry’s stayed consistently in shape, but George is fat as a pie wagon, so he can’t be doing much. Both may find that the sport they love may not reciprocate. I think of the line in the movie, Devil’s Advocate, when Al Pacino (as satan) says, "Vanity - ~definitely~ my favorite sin!" You act fine - no need to apologize. I appreciate your light heart and sense of humor. |

2/11/04 01:43:24 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM ||| | 10 | Gerry Schultz: I could not agree with you more, I've talked to the few people around where I live now, that really know anything about boxing and, we could not come up with anybody who was not in absolutely tip-top shape when they took on Jerry Quarry, I witnessed "live" the JERRY QUARRY JAMES J. WOODY bout, in Vegas. You really do not realize how fast these pro's are till you see them up close. It was an extremly fast-paced brawl for two rounds. Quarry was actually the undercard to FOREMAN-ROMAN closed circuit, too bad it was not Foreman-Quarry. Would have settled over 30 years of issues. Take Care! |

2/11/04 02:18:17 PM | Massimo | Roma || 4 || 10 | RS- Thanks for the nice words! I have no problem to apologize... It's free! I could apologize for the wars between Rome and Annibale or for what the Turkeys did to the Greeks, some time ago. I was sincere this time, anyway! I am sorry for Foreman has said he has lost about 44 lbs in the last month and that he will be in shape as soon as possible! |

2/11/04 02:43:00 PM | steve | N.J. || dmmsrm@comcast.net ||| | 10 | Hey Kent, Jimmy D., and Angelo. I couldn't agree with you more about the strange turn of events on this site lately. I agree with the idea of having to register your e-mail name and address. What's the harm in that? It would discourage all the nightcrawlers and trogs we seem to be attracting. It's getting childish, it's becoming pretty obvious that these people are using different e-mail names and addresses and then, comically, they use the same exact language, speech patterns, opinions and modes of attack on the same few people they seem to get fixated on.

I recently watched Tyson vs Hollyfield I and 2. I then watched Tyson vs. Berbeck and Ruddock. The main difference in the outcome of those fights was the fear factor. Hollyfield simply met tyson's charges in the middle of the ring with his own combinations, then tied him up and proceeded to outmuscle him all over the ring. I believe Jerry Quarry would not have given Hollyfield or Tyson the advantage of the fear factor. I also believe he hit harder and faster than Hollyfield, took at least as good a punch, had as good a rating as Hollyfield for stamina, and the same refusal to be defeated. Remember, Jerry was never stopped for any reason other than cuts. I would give Hollyfield a slight edge over Quarry, only for the cut factor. If no cuts occurred, Jerry would outcounter punch, and outslug Hollyfield for a late round tko or a close decision.

I can also verify that Kent is a real, live person. He seems like a reasonable, intelligent gentlemen whom I've had several conversations with. He also has a pretty good sense of humor as he held his own insulting me and the N.J. of speaking English. |

2/11/04 04:07:49 PM | Roadscholarette | Chicago || roadscholarette@hotmail.com ||| | 10 | Massimo - Larry Holmes is in shape. George always loved to eat. People think he was slow footed in career one because he was in his mid 40s, and certainly ~no one~ is AS fast in their 40s as in their 20s, but the difference isn't as much as many think; a 65 year old has 85% the capacity of a 25 year old, all things
being equal (injuries, condition, illness). In tests done with resistance training, over 100% gains have been evidenced in people in nursing homes, even into their 80s and 90s. If George gets back in the 220-230 range, he'll be amazed at how fast he is, and my guess is that his punch is still there. People who ~stay~ in shape age very slowly. Larry Holmes and George seem to have a very real animosity. A fight would be interesting - two all time top tenners...

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They said on the news that out of $200 million that he'd earned, Mike Tyson now has only a little over $5,000. There are a lot of things about MT that can ruin a person's sympathy for him, but if you read and listen to the things he says (even if they're goofy or mean), he's clearly intelligent, but virtually friendless, and has lived a terrible life. Sometimes, I think all he wants is a friend, but lacks the wherewithal to make and keep any. People who have him on shows, of in movies say he's a real sweetheart to be/work with. I also suspect he, like Ali, has a lot of little boy in him, hence is vulnerable to sharks like Don King. As Leno joked last night (pretending to be King), "What? He has $5,000? How'd I miss ~that~?" Sad.
sport, and if true, it figures. Larry and George are physical phenoms, actually
even freaks of nature in a good way. I only hope that they can be honest with
themselves. It is true that an older body, however capable still, is hurt more
easily, and heals more slowly. Also, amazing that they might yet be, boxing is a
"lose an inch, lose a mile" sport. They're two of the fortunate ones to get out whole. What a tragedy it would be if they lost this to a fight neither needs.
Time is a thief, but in strong matters of the heart, the mind seldom listens. At
these times, it's like the dual masks of drama, one smiling, the other
miserable.

2/11/04 06:48:36 PM|steve |N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Hey Jimmy D.As a
stooge,you might have information on these two areas that I've never been able
to get an answer on.Do you know what issue of Boxing Illustrated or The Ring
magazine showed a smiling Jerry and his new bride, Charlie,She was a beatiful
blonde who looked like a movie starlet.Did they have any kids? What year did
they divorce?

2/11/04 09:44:05 PM|Kent|L:a Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|R.S., my
trainer's talking about riding the rodeo circuit at age 66 may be just wishful
daydreaming on the part of an older man. But who knows, he could be serious as
he often says he doesn't feel old.<br><br>I, at times, say I would like to have
a fight. My background is karate, which I trained in for four years in my teens
and early twenties but I also used to spar with boxers for cross training
purposes. I had one boxing match, in a tough man contest about seventeen years
ago and while I thought I won my match and most people in the audience thought I
won also, the judges voted for my opponent. I have begun to train in karate
again for weight lose purposes and the thought crosses my mind, that once I get
in acceptable shape, I visit some boxing gyms or find some full contact sparring
partners. But maybe this isn't a good idea and I should leave well enough alone
myself. So I do understand what these fighters are thinking, only on a
different level from them. <br><br>At this time, all I do is some karate
routines called kata and I hit the bags too. I am not even doing any controlled
or light point sparring yet. But maybe this as far as I should take it with
adding the light sparring later and leaving the full contact stuff alone.

2/11/04 11:05:42 PM|Sean|Jersey||Emailppsinc@aol.com|||10|Hey I was wondering
if anyone on this site had ever seen the Mike Quarry vs Jimmy Dupree
fight.<br>Also was thinking about som lightheavy weight contenders from that
time frame that would have been intresting to see Mike fight and that was Johnny
Persol from NY. and Eddie (Bossman) Jones from Oakland. I was looking to see
what you guys thought and how think Mike would have fared in those fights.

2/12/04 01:06:22 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Sean, Mike,
on any given night, would be a good bet to beat almost all light heavys,
including Bossman Jones and Persol.<br>He was on the short end of some close
fights in which he could have gotten another shot at the title if he had been
given the verdict even once. These include: The second fight with Mike
Rossman, vs. Pierre Fourie, vs. Chris Finnegan, and vs. Yaqui Lopez.<br>As
good as Jerry's pure boxing skills were, Mike's skills may have even been
better. What Mike lacked in pure punching power, he made up for with heart and
he always came to his fights in shape and prepared. <br><br>I never saw the
fight with Dupree but know Mike won by techical decision.

2/12/04 01:09:25 AM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|LET ME TELL YOU
FOLKS SOMETHING, I JUST READ AN ARTICLE ABOUT FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT GREG PAGE , AS
MOST OF US KNOW HE WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN 2001 , SUFFERED A STROKE AND BRAIN
SWELLING AFTER BEING STOPPED AT AGE 42, HE NOW REQUIRE ROUND THE CLOCK
SUPERVISION, THIS IS DONE BY HIS WIFE , WHO I TAKE MY HAT OFF TO, MY POINT IS
THAT A PERSON 42 IS STILL YOUNG FOR LIFE, BUT IS ANCIENT FOR BOXING, ANYBODY
THAT AGE IS IN GREAT DANGER TRYING TO COMPETE IN A YOUNG MANS GAME, DON'T THINK
BECAUSE YOUR TRAINED IN SOME MARTIAL ART THAT WILL SAVE YOU, THERES GUYS ON THE
STREET THAT CAN KILL YOU JUST BECAUSE THIER FIERCE, YOUNG AND MAYBE DRUGGED UP,
FALSE CONFIDENCE THAT WHAT A LOT OF BLACK BELTS HAVE, IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING THOUGH.

I think it's not Don King's fault if Mike Tyson has financial problems, it's Mike Tyson's fault! I have nothing against Mike Tyson, but how many Ferraris did he buy? How much money did he throw out of the window?

In Italy there is a lot of people who live with 800 Euros a month. I can't feel sorry for Mike Tyson's financial problems. He could have kept 0.01 percent of his money in bank. Was it so complicated to do?

Technically, Mike Tyson's financial situation falls on his own shoulders, yes. Don King's no Mother Teresa, and I'm sure Tyson's contracts weren't written with him (Tyson) in mind. When he attained a position of power as champion, Mike (if he realized what was going on) should have said, "Enough, time for a new deal!"

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came, it could also go. With the amount of money he earned, and ESPECIALLY the amount of money his fighting talent generated for so many others, there's no way he should be broke. If only he had invested in the right kinds of long term assets (like Larry Holmes did), he'd be rich beyond belief. I'm still not convinced that he doesn't have money left. Also, he's probably good for another big payday and maybe he can make that money last.<br>As for average street joes fighting against someone with ring experience: I've done it. Let's put it this way, against other inexperienced guys my size, I'm very capable of holding my own or even winning with ease at times. But the few times I stepped in with someone with even a little REAL boxing experience, I was so far out of my league, it was laughable. The thing that's most amazing about trained boxers is how fast they throw punches. The speed and volume of punches is what will confuse an average guy. Sure, you might be good at taking a punch or even powerful enough to hurt someone with a punch---but you're in against a good boxer and you go to punch him and he's suddenly in a different place. You have a hard time avoiding his punches because they're coming from odd angles and your reflexes are one step behind. These guys took it easy on me and still I had trouble defending. But it's the same with anyone who practices a craft. I can hit a tennis ball around with most people, but once I played against a good amateur player and his serves were impossible to return. The ball went off his racquet and just looked like a long green tube speeding at me. I didn't mind losing the tennis match, but didn't really like having my mouth bleeding after losing to the boxer! Question: Who is the best pound for pound HEAVYWEIGHT of all time? Marciano? Our own J.Q.??? Holyfield?<br><br>A lot of it had to do with two men he really trusted, Cus DiMato (I never know how to spell his name) and Jimmy Jacobs, both died, early on in his career. He still had Bill Cayton but Cayton was not a father figure to Mike, like Cus and Jacobs had been and Don King drove a wedge between Tyson and Cayton as well as trainer Kevin Rooney by using the race card that Mike could not trust whites, when it was King himself Mike should have been watching out for. King's own racist rhetoric convinced Mike that he cared about him because they were both black, when the truth was that King only cared about green, how much money he could get out of fighters, did a lot to drag Tyson down. | 2/12/04 03:02:27 PM| Angelo | Washington, DC || funktron@yahoo.com ||| 10 | Kent. True, Cus D'Mato (Is that the spelling???) had earned Tysons trust---Tyson loved him like real family---but beyond that, the early inner circle didn't hold up. You're right---Don King had an easy time breaking things up and getting it to go his way. Too bad for Tyson. Not only was he mismanaged financially, but I truly believe that his greatness as a fighter was hampered by bad management. Imagine Mike Tyson if he stayed the course he was on when he was 20 years old. If Tyson focused primarily on boxing and shunned the celebrity factor (no Robin Givens for example), he'd have been better off. If he had a strong management team and steady trainer (like Ali and Leonard had Dundee), he would have fought more frequently. I can't comment on his jail term---who knows if a better situation would have kept him out of this trouble---but I do know that inactivity in the ring spoiled his skills. If he kept busy enough as a Champion or on his comeback trail to fight three times a year and stay in training, he'd be more of a historic force. With that said: No excuses for losing to Buster Douglas and precious few excuses for losing to Holyfield. |
actions often do little to elicit sympathy, but the man is a smart and extremely
troubled boy/man, and in many ways a very tragic - possibly self destructive -
figure. He may no longer know how, or possess the wherewithal to be the sort of
socially acceptable, and media cuddly person the sports public likes to like.
Tyson may have already gone around the bend to ghost town, and the point of no
return. He's certain to fight again, and will win some, because talent-wise,
he's one of the very best elite who's ever stepped in a ring. Inexplicably, I've
always had a sort of soft spot for the man, against all odds, and hope he does
well, makes a few million, and manages it wisely, living the rest of his life in
some peace. It's unfortunate that listening to him, one can begin to detect the
effects of too many landed punches. A nice financial nest egg can soften that
some (ask Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier), but I question now his ever finding
peace from the demons...|
agrees.

| 2/13/04 01:16:20 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenton@aol.com | 10 |

I hope I didn't step on any toes in my last post by repeating something I heard quite a few months ago. I would hate to upset anyone in the Quarry family because, even though I should know better, Mrs. Quarry's comment was likely off of the record and I might have shown more thought before repeating it, especially at this later date. I would like to express my apologies if anyone was offended. The Quarrys are fine people and they should be treated as such.

| 2/13/04 07:12:55 AM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 |

ANGELO: thanks for your comments. If Tyson was sincere about making the most out of his last few years in boxing, he should go to an honest, old-timer like Angelo Dundee and tell that he knows he has very limited time left in boxing and wants some honest management and training. In that way, he will go the furthest and not have to watch his money. Just concentrate on what made him great in the first place.

| 2/13/04 09:23:31 AM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | 10 |

Loyalty is loyalty and don't give me any of that "social graces" crap.

When judging public figures, social graces, the brief exposure via sound bytes, are almost always all we know of the person, other than anecdotal innuendo, which can spin out of control, like gossip in high school. Mike Tyson do doubt has many personal problems, possibly some chemical imbalances, which Zocor is only partially able to curb, but he's also obviously a very impulsive person, who says whatever enters his mind. There's an old saying, "Hell has nothing on the everyday thoughts of the average man and woman." When Thomas Hearns began coming of age in the big time, he saw a "social coach," someone who helped him conduct media interviews, learn what to say, what not to say, how to say it, so he didn't appear inarticulate, even gnomish. MT might have benefitted from such counseling.

I don't know all the true private ins and outs of his range of management. It would seem he did better early on than later, in terms of quality of association, but who knows? The King money had to be mighty appealing, and I'd have to wonder why his first group wasn't getting it for this immensely talented man? Maybe Mike wondered the same thing. Perhaps there were things that happened that didn't warrant further loyalty. Who knows?

Mike Tyson does have a faculty for destroying sympathy just when he starts to garner it. His entire life and the resultant inner demons have made him something of a wild animal in many ways, yet you can still see glimmers of someone who wants to be otherwise.

| 2/13/04 12:34:07 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 |

Also, a point to be made is that Thomas Hearns had the motivation and good sense to see a "social coach" and Tyson probably would have very little interest or patience for something like this. I don't view this exercise as humbling for the athletes at all. To the contrary, even Ivy League educated executives take training courses for various reasons, including interacting better with media, labor negotiators, etc. The smartest, best trained people in the world could benefit from a little advice to make them look their best in front of the public. More power to Hearns (I didn't know he had done this) and to Tyson---all I could say is it wouldn't have hurt to do the same.

| 2/13/04 12:48:07 PM | John Gerard | NYC | rock289z@yahoo.com | 10 |

What a load of nonsense about Tyson. His problems don't stem from a lack of social graces they stem from being an unappreciate person who dumped the people who brought him to the top and made him a millionaire simply because Don King promised MORE money and used racism as a wedge. I know plenty of guys from the ghetto who also lack social graces but they have enough class to keep their friends and remember who was good to them on the way up. All the sound byte prepping in the world won't
give Mike Tyson a sense of appreciation or an understanding of the virtual of loyalty. When the Black Muslims wanted Ali to drop Dundee because he was white -- Ali said no. But a more accessible and less sullen Tyson would have played better to fans, the media and possibly corporate endorsements. Of course, social grace lessons probably wouldn't have kept him out of jail for the rape conviction or for assaulting a motorist who was involved in an accident with him. Psychiatric drugs maybe, but social lessons, no.

In the movie, "North Dallas Forty," Nick Nolte clumsily tries to pick up Dayle Haddon, is shot down, and asks for a second chance, commenting that, "I got all my social graces from football coaches." Thomas Hearns wisely realized that being thrust into the mainstream media storm, after a life in the ghetto and the Kronk gym might leave something of a communication gap that could be to his disadvantage. What you say is very true. Executives, political candidates, and others in the public eye, whose regard will be affected by how they come across, regularly avail themselves of services that will allow them to more positively present themselves, since publicly viewed people are judged on very brief, and often shallow images.

Tyson's milieu is a bit more difficult. His life and his responses to it has likely set up a vicious cycle/circle of bad choices begatting more of the same, with a resultant helplessness with any idea of ways to break out of them.

Massimo --

Very honestly speaking, I'd never trust Mike Tyson! I'd never trust to stay alone in the same room with him. If I said something he doesn't like I don't know how he could react. How many of you would trust? There are/were many fighters who are/were clearly good guys: Evander Holyfield, Primo Carnera, Lennox Lewis, Erminio Spalla, Joe Frazier, Francesco Damiani, Muhammed Ali', Nino Benvenuti etc. etc., but for Mike Tyson I really don't know. I haven't still understood if he is good or bad. To rape a girl it means being a monster. Nobody knows if he really did that to Desiree Washington in 1991. Nobody but Mike and Desiree.

I have no illusions that Tyson is just a person who has been misunderstood as he has done some bad things in his life. While denying that he raped the girl he was convicted of raping, he says he has done other bad things he was never caught and punished for, so he understood that he deserved to be in jail. What are some of the things he did but wasn't punished for? Did he rape others or did he murder someone? Only he knows this. It is ironic that people from higher classes continue to get training and education, such as corporate executives in the public eye would get public speaking training while when someone like Hearns gets the same type of training which he needed, people are surprised.

The same hold true for education because if someone from the working class, for example, continues to go to school, even if this person is working a job (but maybe not the best job), this person can be labeled a "professional student," which is a derogatory term because he or she is never seen as leaving the safety of school to take their place in the "real world." While someone from the upper classes never leaves school, so to speak, and this person gets a different, more positive label of university professor. The professor is allowed to study his or her whole life and it is not looked down upon even though he or she has never worked in the so called, "real world."
green all the way down the boulevard” mode. He does things because he wants to, and when. While "sociopath" is a broad wastebasket term in many respects, casually speaking, that's what he seems to be. Knowing the probable reasons for why he became what he is doesn't negate reality. Boxing is probably the only thing that's insulated society from more problems with Iron Mike. I wonder what'll happen once he's out, and possibly broke on top of it?

2/13/04 11:43:47 PM|charles anderson|ark.||ctjandfam@aol.com|||10|mike tyson is a bad apple. his fault or somebody else's, he is a bad apple.he has had his fair chances to to change, but he hasn't, maybe he he simply cannot. too bad, because he could have been the best that ever laced on a pair of gloves. maybe he and george can hook it up.

2/14/04 10:30:16 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|RS--I had just said that Joe Frazier is a good guy when, a few hours later, I have discovered that he has recently hit ( or hitten) his wife !I have read it on " TuttoSport", it was a very short article. If you buy it there in Chicago, you" ll read it too. It's very easy to read as it's written in Italian. There's no need of dictionaries !In an argument, I can see how things can get heated, but the more capable the man is, the more cowardly it is to assault anyone, particularly a woman. You're right. Maybe he isn't such a good guy, huh? |

2/14/04 12:32:52 PM|Patty Tackett|Grand Junction Colorado||Robbiec@gjrealsource.com|||10|Just wanted to say hello to my family. I am Jerry, Jimmy, Mike, Robert, Diana, Brenda, Janet, and Wilma's 1st cousin. Did I forget any one? It's been a long time. Love your website. Hope you will e-mail me back. Love you all.

2/14/04 12:45:18 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|If it is true Joe Frazier assaulted a woman, then that is a big disappointment. SAY IT AINT SO, JOE! But if it is true, he needs to be treated the same as if he was a plumber or locksmith, doctor, or whatever. The law should see no difference between celebrity athletes and "average Joe's."
case of being attacked by the man ~or~ the woman! However, the article said that Philadelphia statutes required an arrest when an assault is alleged to have taken place. Police minimizing things on the spot is how Jeffrey Dahmaer continued on - lazy cops being conned by a killer. <br><br>Police minimizing things on the spot is how Jeffrey Dahmaer continued on - lazy cops being conned by a killer. <br><br>OJ got off because of a legal team few could afford, and in the end because of a jury who may have been starstruck with what they'd always thought the Juice was. | 2/15/04 03:25:24 PM | Forest Ward | New York City | NY, NY | 110 | Joe Frazier, is one of my all time favorite fighters; and among living fighters he is my all time favorite. I saw the most recent picture of Joe on the internet after he was arrested, and he looks to be in failing health. The last time I saw him in person was about 10 years ago, and he looked great. But, for a heavy drinker 10 years is a long time, especially between the ages of 50 to 60. <br><br>Add Joes advancing years, the punches to the head, the alcohol, diabetes (he already has had a toe removed) and it's easy to realize Joe has major health problems. <br><br>I honesty love the guy for all that he has accomplished in boxing. He always gave 100%, and never made excuses after a loss. I pray for Joes well being | 2/16/04 07:54:08 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 110 | Didn't Frazier lose the toe because of an accident with a lawnmower while he was cutting grass? I didn't think it was because of Diabetes. <br><br>Regarding his latest episode, I guess we all have to wait to see what the story is. Hopefully it's something that was a minor incident---though any type of domestic abuse isn't acceptabe. It was a shame for Riddick Bowe's family when he "kidnapped" them. I'm not sure they were ever in danger (I don't think Bowe would have harmed them) but it was a trauma for his estranged wife and children that they shouldn't have gone through. | 2/16/04 08:32:18 AM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | roadscholarette@hotmail.com | 110 | I once read a story about a fighter who was accidentally kicked in the face by his young daughter while they were playing, and was very upset because of the split second instinct it triggered. Let's hope the Frazier incident was of such variety - a flash reaction under the influence, as opposed to a dominant life pattern response. <br><br>I hadn't heard of a ~diabetes~ related toe loss. If true, that's not good. The Chicago Cub's diabetic Ron Santo is now a double amputee, having had multiple surgeries, removing more of his legs each time. A janitor at our building when we worked was going through a similar experience, starting with toes. With high blood pressure anyway, plus being overweight, drinking heavily is just about the worst thing JF could do (not to mention what it's doing to an already damaged brain). The incident occurred at 7:00 am, and if he was drunk at that hour, that's another very bad sign... | 2/16/04 09:24:27 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 110 | Of all places, Frazier was on the Howard Stern radio show a few years ago when the topic came up about him losing his toe. I thought it was because it was run over by a lawnmower. Frazier has been a regular on that show over the years and seems to get a kick out of appearing there. | 2/16/04 12:27:37 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | RS-<br><br>Does JF have serious brain damage ? | 2/16/04 04:16:07 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Who was the MVP of the ALL STAR GAME ?<br><br>Hey guys, Wilt who ? He ain' t even close !<br><br>I have nothing against Wilt, he was a good pivot, he held his own in basketball, but... You cannot stop 34 !!!!!!!!!!!!!<br><br>He could be a great wrestler and a great bouncer also if only he wanted ! | 2/16/04 05:18:50 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 110 | I saw a repeat on ESPN of an interview with Red Auerbach---and although he admitted to being biased, he said that Bill Russell outplayed Chamberlain most of the time. It was interesting because he said the statistics lied. His point was that if you look at the games closely, you'll see that the first half stats almost always favored Russell---close, but he would outscore and outrebound
Chamberlain. Red said that by the end of the 3rd quarter, the Celtics would be far enough ahead that he would sit Russell. In what was left of the 3rd quarter and all of the 4th quarter, Chamberlain would dominate and rack up the points, playing against the Celtics bench. So at the end, it would look like he outplayed Russell, but in fact, wasn’t even playing against him and had been outplayed earlier. Of course, this reminds me of Ali losing to Norton then beating him in two close fights. I think history shows that Ali was comfortably better against most opponents than Norton, but for some reason, Norton gave him trouble. I think Chamberlain might have been the best ever, but Russell just knew how to play him. Plus, Boston's supporting cast was amazing. Bill Russell was a big part of all those championships, but he didn't do it alone!

The problem is that nobody on earth knows how to defend against Shaq. Ben Wallace looked like an amateur. "The Big Daddy" would have dunk (or dunked) right on Bill Russell’s face!

Bill Russell had a way of coming up with plans to offset his opponent's strength. He has a tremendous knowledge of basketball but he also was a master of the psychological aspects of the game. For example, he would find a spot on the court his opponent at center liked to set up on his opponent's offensive end of the court and Russell would race up the court and occupy that exact spot first, which would confuse and throw off his opponent's rhythm. One of one, Russell was outmatched by Wilt and he would be too by Shaq but he would find a way to be effective anyway. He might just let Shaq score all he wants and work on double teaming Shaq's teammates, to keep them from being as effective. Remember, basketball is a team game and no one player can win by himself. Russell knew this and worked it to as close to perfection as possible. Russell was like a second coach on the court but ironically, when he became a coach himself, he was never effective beyond the talented Celtic team. He just couldn't deal with players who didn't want to play for the team or who were not as talented as he was.

You mentioned the character Warren Coolidge from The White Shadow, Bill Russell made a guest appearance on the show and he played a one on one game with the actor who played Coolidge. Russell, completely outplayed the younger man with his better ball handling and over all skill, even though Russell was retired and very much past his best playing days. Professional players are better than everyone else and the guy who played Coolidge was an actor, not a basketball player.

Regarding Joe Frazier, I thought Joe lost his toe to diabetes, but that was only assumption on my part. Is it really appropriate on this site to expend so much space on basketball?

I've read many times over the last few years that Joe Frazier's toe was removed because of diabetes. I have never heard of the lawnmower thing. I have also read that he had quit drinking because of "The Sugars", as my grandmother calls diabetes. If it is true that he hit a woman, whatever the reason...I hope he get's help. Probably won't but I hope so....
trouble with interviews in which he's asked to think about something, and come
to a conclusion, or deal with subjective, abstract topics. There's no doubt he
has serious damage from all the terrible punches he's taken, not to mention his
wars in gyms, but as I said, only doctors could tell you how much and his
possible future. One common problem with repeated head injuries is a widening of
the septum, often leading to problems controlling emotions, particularly
temper.| 2/16/04 10:21:21 PM|Gerry Schultz|Cleveland, Ohio||jgschultz11@aol.com||9|
A lot of judging here lately. Frazier is human, is clearly on the downside of a
life that included epic fame, which is addictive, even maddening to some,
especially for blacks as they can rarely move on when it ends. I hope the
Frazier thing is untrue, but if not just add it to the pile. People here like to
dig on Tyson, both have my sympathy, as do others... Massimo and the cult of
Shaq, if only you knew where the NBA was when Wilt played and where it has
fallen to. I interviewed Ben Wallace when we both were in JC for the school
paper, he's 6-7. If you can appreciate classic heavyweights like JQ, maybe it's
time you saw the NBA of the same era, that was better then too... Quarry-
Holyfield at 200 lbs. each has always been a great fantasy fight for me. Two of
the real greats at that weight or lower. Jimmy D, Quarry-Foreman will always be
the one that got away, terrible shame. Thanks again.| 2/16/04 11:43:47 PM|sheri|CA||lizardluver@hotmail.com||10|
i have not written
on this web site sense 1998, so i guess it is time. i am Jerry and James' niece
sheri and brenda's daughter. i just wanted to say thank you to all of those who
are and who are not fans of this site and my family. because of all of you
(friend and/or foe) the memories live on. that is what most want in life...to be
remembered.| 2/17/04 12:44:55 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|
Sorry Forest,
but Massimo seems very interested in Shaq and in comparing him to players of the
past.  
It is probably better to talk about these things at a basketball
site though.| 2/17/04 01:09:39 AM|kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com||10|
I SAW FRAZIER
WITH ALI ON TV IN 1991 DURING THIER 20TH ANNIVERSERY OF THIER 1ST FIGHT. FRAZIER
AT THAT TIME AT 47 LOOKED VERY GOOD FOR HIS AGE, SINCE THAT DRINKING AND HIS
SUGAR PROBLEMS HAVE LED TO HIS BEING A VERY WEAK LOOKING MAN, OLDER THAT HIS
YEARS, I HAVE TO WONDER IF IT WAS HIS NOT BEATING ALI IN THOSE LAST 2 FIGHTS
THAT LED HIM TO DRINK MORE OR MAYBE HIS EGO FOR BEING A HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP, HE IS
IN MY OPINION IN HIS FINAL FEW YEARS.| 2/17/04 04:03:39 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|
OK, I'm not gonna speak about
basketball anymore! Just two more thing: Shaq is a great champion, he
is second only to Dino Meneghin. The legendary Warren Coolidge ( Byron Stewart, 6' 8"
just allowed Bill to outplay ( or of outplaying ) him for
a matter of kindness. I don't think that Joe Frazier cares too much about
his two losses against Ali'. When you are rich and in good health, what the hell
do you care ?|
CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|hi GERRY SCULTZ, yes that Foreman-Quarry 73'or 1974 bout would have been really something, Boxing of course is a battle of styles JQ would have probably been at least a 12-5 underdog. A lot of people thought Jerry might have been hurt permanently, for Foreman was so awesome. George also had a great chin. Did anyone see the punches Lyle hit Big George with? I still would rather had Jerry in there with Foreman for all the marbles, than say "smokin Joe". They interest that this particular bout would have been enormous say for Madison Square Garden. |

[2/17/04 01:46:20 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Guilty again about getting off of boxing topics but as far as the White Shadow goes, I liked Goldstein. He always stuck out like a "sore thumb." Whoever heard of a jewish kid playing on an inner-city L.A. basketball team anyway. Also, I am sure every team in the area had a kid named Salami too, right? These kids were the token whites every television team would have to have. It kind of throws off the concept of the white coach having to prove himself at the ghetto school anyway, doesn't it? <br><br>The Doobies were cool and still are but who would have thought Rog, Duane, and Rerun would be into them?|

[2/17/04 02:11:03 PM|brenda|ca||meme@aol.com||||10|Ha Patty is it you? Have not heard from you in years. Is that your e-mail? We are going to plan a blood, inlaws, outlaws and friends, family reunion. Please get in touch. I feel bad for JF if he does have brain damage, its possible he knows not what he does. The lives of fighters, after their career is over, seems to be the forgotten aspect of a fighters life. The disabilities a man faces and they know it for awhile. It is just so overwhelming that they turn to anything familiar for comfort. This could be booze, drugs, family and now the foundation. Thanks bq|

[2/17/04 11:48:57 PM|Sean|New Jersey||emailppsinc@aol.com||||10|I'd like to take time to comment on Quarry - Foreman for a second. I think that styles make fights like most people believe and I think that Quarry had the perfect style to beat Foreman if he stays on his game. I seen Jerry fight about 20 time and think the best Jerry Quarry I ever seen was that one against Ron Lyle in Madison Square Garden. Jerry took Lyle apart, clearly out boxed and out punched when he needed to but most of all out thought Lyle. I think that George and Lyle had very similar styles George with a better jab and a better puncher but very similar with his straight forward, slow footed, unwillingness to adjust style. I think that if you take Lyle out that night and put in Big George in the night may have ended in similar fashion, maybe George even gets stopped late. Just one more quick point; most people when they talk about George and his career forget his fight with Gregorio Peralta in the Garden. Peralta gave George fits with his boxing and not folding under Georges aura and punches. Thats the one stand out fight and other reason I think Jerry would beat George and not just give him fits.|

[2/18/04 12:22:51 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Sean, could Jerry have beaten Foreman? On any given night Jerry would have a good chance of winning because as you point out, styles make fights. Most of the time though George would win as he was too big and strong for Jerry. It would not be an easy fight and Foreman would have trouble with Jerry, unlike his fights with Frazier and Norton, who both beat Jerry, although Norton did catch Jerry on the way down. <br><br>The comparison to Peralta is a good one and one can argue that Jerry had a similar style to Peralta and that Jerry hit harder than Peralta. But also remember the Foreman Peralta gave tough fights to was still not fully mature physically and George was stronger when he became champion. <br><br>I do believe that Jerry could have beaten Foreman on the night Foreman lost his title to Ali and also on the night Foreman lost to Jimmy Young. For whatever reason (the connection likely was that George couldn't handle the heat), Foreman just didn't have it on both of those nights. Take nothing away from Ali's or Young's wins but we were not seeing Foreman at his best. <br><br>The talk that the fix was in in Zaire, when Ali beat Foreman, doesn't hold water when you consider the
Young fight also showed George couldn't handle the heat. I have never heard anyone claim Foreman's fight with Young was fixed. Now that really would be absurd! I don't think Jerry could have beaten Foreman at Foreman's very best, the nights he kayoed Frazier and Norton.

I have seen a synthesis of Foreman-Peralta 1, was really an exciting fight! Big George won clearly, he hit Peralta with many hard punches. Gregorio "Goyo" showed a great chin! However, Peralta held his own in that fight. Not many humans ever fought as good Big George as Peralta. Sorry for talking about boxing. Back to "White Shadow"! I'm sorry for Ken Howard's death! I spent a good time watching "White Shadow"! Is Warren still in good shape? Thanks!

The Gregero Peralta vs George Foreman fight always surprised me. Peralta managed to go the distance with probably the hardest hitting heavy of all time, but Peralta was stopped by Willie Pastrano probably the lightest hitting lightheavy weight champion of all time. It was on cuts that he got stopped (and Peralta was a big favorite to win title having beaten Pastrano in a non-title fight) but he was still stopped by him. Mass: I saw ur hero Carnera a couple weeks ago on espn classics he was ahhhh ummm big. How come u never mention Nino Benvenuti? His shoe size not big enough for u? You could fantasize about fighting Nino but Primo way to big for you, his finger as big as your arm!

I have almost never mentioned Nino Benvenuti for 2 good reasons. The heavyweight division is THE DIVISION in boxing. A light-weight champ would have his ass whipped in a bar's brawl. To whip the HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP's ass it needs Calvin Lane... For me it's hard to talk about someone with a shoe size under 13in! Nino Benvenuti doesn't need to be defended! His greatness is evident for everyone! He won a gold medal in Rome in 1960 and beat Emile Griffith twice.

Foreman improved steadily after the Peralta fights, especially in regards to balance, footwork, and power. It is unfair to evaluate him by those kiddish performances. It is like judging JQ by his loss to Eddie Machen early in his career. Jerry improved 200% in later years and was far better than that one fight would indicate.

In recent months I've obtained films of Peralta. I have him fighting Wayne Thorton, and the second fight with Pastrano (I have previously seen the Foreman fights). Peralta was a heck of a fighter. He was a very good scientific boxer, who was willing to mix and trade punches. His problem was that he was too big to be a lightheavy weight, and to small to be a heavyweight. Willie Pastrano probably fought the best fight of his life beating Peralta in the second fight. It was a very interesting fight. When boxing is done right, it's a great sport, thats how I felt watching Peralta-Pastrano II.

Yes, Peralta was a very good fighter, a likely winner of the crusierweight title had the division been around when he fought. In addition to his fights with Foreman and Pastrano, Peralta had two fights a piece against Ron Lyle and Oscar Bonevena, He lost a decision to both of them but held each of these fighters to a draw in their other meetings. Another factor that caused problems with Peralta for Foreman was the fact that Peralta had over 90 pro fights when they first fought compared to about 16 for Foreman, a tremendous advantage in experience for Peralta.
given George a tough fight at any point of Georges career. I remember George stopped Peralta in their second meeting (10 tough rounds). The fight Pastrano had with Peralta sticks with me because no one expected Pastrano to win and Willie was criticized (esp. by Archie Moore) for not having a punch. Pastrano came out bombing from the opening bell and won by tko in 6th round. Couple other interesting things about Pastrano is he won title as big underdog against the great Harold Johnson as a substitute for a substitute. I forget who the 2 fighters were that had to miss out on title chances but Willie really cashed in on his big chance. I also heard that Ali picked up a lot of boxing knowledge from Pastrano. They had same trainer Angelo Dundee.

I have just seen a wide synthesis of Ali'-Bonavena and it was a very close fight! I'm not sure that Ali' was ahead after 14 rounds. Oscar hit him with several hard left hooks. What a tough fighter Oscar was! A hell of a fighter! Even if his style was quite clumsy he knew how to fight, he knew all the tricks and his left hook was very hard. Ali' looked in trouble at the end of round 9. If that fight were 12 rounds fight maybe Oscar would have won on points, or obtained a draw. The simple fact that Peralta held his own twice against Bonavena and Small George proves he was a great fighter!

I always felt that if there had been a Cruiserweight division at the time, Peralta would have been a champion. I think him and Patterson would have been a good match up. Bonavana was what I call akwardly clever. He was a strong guy, and a clumsy cutie. Ali had only gone three rounds since him comeback (against JQ) and needed to work off a lot of rust -- so Bonavena was perfect for him. Had Ali had about two more tune-up before the first Frazier fight, he may have won. John, Ali needed two more fights after Jerry and Bonevena before he went after Frazier. My plan for him would have been two fights with fighters below the top ten contenders, then Bonevena, and Jerry after this, before Frazier. The problem was, nobody except Jerry and Bonevena would fight him. Ali didn't make the same mistake twice by not being totally prepared for his second comeback title shot. He fought about fourteen times against a lot of the current contenders of the times, including his rematch with Jerry and his loss and win against Norton, and his rematch win over Fraizer, who had lost the title to George Foreman, before challenging Foreman for the title.

There dozens of fighters who would have fought Ali when he wanted to return but of course, you could be correct that more fighters were willing to take on Ali and the time factor was definitely a consideration because as I said before, the threat of Ali going to jail was real, as Forest states also. Ideally of course Ali would have been better prepared for Frazier had he had more than two tune up fights before his title shot. It was still a great victory for Frazier as Ali did fight at a high level. Frazier/Ali one will always be one of the best fights of all time and it truly lived up to its title of Superfight.

Yeah the ninth round of Ali vs Oscar fight was the focal point of the fight. Before the fight Ali promised he'd knockout Oscar in the 9th, so Oscar fought doubly hard in that round. After the fight Ali admitted he almost got knocked himself in that round. I remember Bonavena was a really wild acting guy (I seen him play real rough with Howard Cosell, punching him in the stomach), so much so that Ali didn't go into his usual crazy acts with him. Ali probably figured Oscar would
over react and go nuts for real on him.<br>Oscar was also considered to be the strongest heavy in the division at that time. Ring magazine made a big deal of him coming from Argentina. They compared him to Luis Firpo, the fighter from same place, that knocked Jack Dempsey out of the ring before Dempsey K O'ed him.

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[2/20/04 10:16:01 PM] Gerry Schultz | Ohio || jgschultz11@aol.com ||||| 10 | Kent, Sean, John G. all make good points regarding Foreman-Quarry. I think Jerry would have really bothered George for a while, but today, these guys would not even talk about meeting as they would be 20-25 lbs. apart. It isn't just size, Foreman must be given his due. JQ's wins versus Lyle and Shavers proved that bullrushing and glaring not only didn't work, against Jerry it'll get you beat. Foreman was clearly better than both of these very good fighters. As Jimmy D says, it would have been a great match anyway... Massimo, 1960 Rome Olympics had a lot of great performances in many events, including basketball. 5 Hall of Famers on the USA team that year... and yeah, that Clay kid was pretty good too. Oh yeah, I like the Doobie Bros also, well named, but very talented band. I wonder who Jerry's favorite music performers were?

[2/21/04 11:41:07 AM] Jimmy Dorsey | Ventura, California || ronnyrains@yahoo.com ||||| 10 | I read an article where Luis Firpo died rich, and with his smarts intact, I sure hope it was true, and very rare, Quarry-Bonavena would have been very interesting, their career's just did not need the other, as both had their sights on other fights ALI, Frazier, Lyle the WBA tournament etc. Gregorio Peralta could have had other interesting matchups Henry Cooper, Jimmy Ellis, George Chuvalo, Joe Bugner, Duane Bobick etc.

[2/23/04 07:29:00 AM] John Gerard | NYC || rock289z@yahoo.com ||||| 10 | Yes, not only did Firpo die rich he was very generous to his old opponent Jack Dempsey when the stock market took much of Jack's earnings. He had a reputation for being cheap, but actually at times he was very generous.

[2/23/04 07:47:30 AM] Massimo Cini | Roma ||| 10 | "I'll outspeed that big Carnera fellow" said the great Tommy Loughran before their 1934 bout. He had just beaten the giant Ray Impelletiere, Max Baer, Ernie Schaff and all the best heavyweights of that time and so he thought he could whip Carnera too. He was wrong. He couldn't survive Primo's shuffle!

[2/23/04 04:25:12 PM] Joyce Ferre | Orange County, California || bonyknees@msn.com ||||| 10 | This is a wonderful site! I knew Jerry briefly back in the early 80's. It's true, he was a wonderful, funny, non-pretentious individual not to mention a great athlete. He showed me his great mimic of "Ali" and his softer side. His love for his sport and family stood out. We will all remember and miss him. God Bless, Jerry Q.

[2/23/04 06:26:36 PM] Kent | La Habra, California || kentallenent@aol.com ||||| 10 | Joyce, did you meet Jerry in Anaheim Hills? I lived there for about a year but I never saw him but I heard he lived there around the early 80's.

[3/1/04 03:37:23 PM] Carl Weingarten | TJQF ||| 10 | Hello Everyone,

[3/2/04 01:50:57 PM] kookooroo | ny || kookooclock00@yahoo.com ||||| 10 | I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT JERRY WAS NOT ONLY A FAN OF ELVIS' BUT KNEW HIM AND GOT BACKSTAGE PASSES TO SOME OF HIS SHOWS. WHILE I USED TO LIKE THE BEATLES, I DON'T LISTEN TO THEM
ANYMORE, VERY TIRED OF THEIR MUSIC, EXCEPT FOR SERGEANT PEPPERS & ABBY ROAD ALBUMS, THE REST IS BUBBLEGUM MUSIC, WHICH TOMMY ROE WAS KING OF, WHO I LIKED, HE WORE HIS HAIR LIKE JERRY TOO :))

GLAD TO SEE WE'RE UP AND RUNNING AGAIN...HOPE IT STAYS THAT WAY...THIS WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO MY FATHER JAMES (MR.JIMMY) AND UNCLE JERRY.....THANKS...

Great to have the site back up! I think it's pretty well-documented that Jerry was likeable and down-to-earth with the fans. I'll also add that unlike other boxing/sports V.I.P. families, the whole Quarry clan seem to be well grounded, good people. We know that Mr. Jimmy started this site to coincide with furthering the foundation. It's good to get the legislation updates and keep an open dialogue about the real purpose here. Of course, it's also fun to post our great boxing memories, dream match-ups, predictions, etc. (Yes, even Massimo's basketball and TV series references are great!). Let's all keep visiting, expressing our views, and let the Quarry's know how much we appreciate their family (and extended "family members" like Kent, who consistently contribute to this forum). Here's a question to start a new volley: Does anyone think that Leon Spinks would have had a chance against Ken Norton back in 1978-79? Remember, Spinks lost the WBC title by not defending against Ken Norton. Instead, Spinks gave Ali a rematch and it was only for the WBA crown since the WBC stripped him for not fighting Norton. Is there any chance that if Spinks would have defended against Norton, he would have won? Then, if he gave Ali a rematch, it would be for both titles. This would have changed history, since Norton wouldn't have been awarded the WBC crown---and wouldn't have lost it to Larry Holmes! Spinks vs. Norton: How would this have played out?

Yes Koo Koo, Jerry was a big Elvis fan and he did meet Elvis. I just didn't know if he was Jerry's all time favorite, though I am guessing he was.

I am also a big Elvis fan and I did meet Elvis. I just didn't know if he was Jerry's all time favorite, though I am guessing he was.

Leon was just a light heavy but a fierce fighter, he didn't have the knock out power to intimidate Norton but he was so fast and had such good head movement he would have given Norton problems and could definately have beaten Norton if he was at his best. But Leon wasn't going to be on top for long. He had pure heart and great skills he just shot his bolt in the amatuers. So the night he beat Ali I think he could have beaten Norton. After the distractions of winning the title maybe not. Leon
and Norton weren't in the same class as amateurs, Leon won everything in the amateurs.

| 3/3/04 01:58:46 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA |

| 3/3/04 02:52:40 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca |

HI Fran: Fran this is just boxing talk (so please don't be offended) I personally think Norton would have personally killed Leon Spinks. Spinks ducked him to where they WBC had to intervene and take away his title. For some reason Norton gets a little underrated on this great site. I very much doubt it, But Norton might have had the skills to beat Jerry Quarry his whole career. Although JQ SUPPOSEDLY KO'D HIM 1970 in a sparring match. Of course if Quarry would have won a title, he'd have only lost it in the ring, I think Norton would have ko'd Leon, much like he did Randy Stephens, where he actually had to wait and let him fall. TAKE CARE!

| 3/3/04 04:22:06 PM | Fran | Philly |

If Leon could get under Ali's Jab what makes you think he couldn't get under Nortons. Pure boxing wise Norton wasn't in Leon's class. They were both on the same all marine team and Leon went way farther than Norton. Norton was big and strong and was able to last and learn and make a name for himself in the pros. Leon beat anyone they threw in front of him he was just too small. Anyway just look at the amateur career of both. Norton was ko'd by Shavers and would have been kaed by Lyle or Mac Foster. Norton just had a name.... Jerry would have iced him in a prime vrs prime.


Muhammad Ali' wasn't that good anymore when he fought Spinks. He was, at that time, just an average heavyweight. I think that a 36 years old Lenox Lewis was a lot ( or much) stronger. I have recently seen Charles-Louis and I have to say that a 36 years old Louis would have beaten a 36 years old Ali'. It was an exciting and very close fight. Both fighters fought almost all the fight with a closed eye and showed great heart. Both were tough warriors. Ali'-Tyson, both 36, would have been an interesting fight among two great "has been" fighters. The James Toney who has beaten Holyfield, would have without a doubt beaten the Ali' who fought Spinks. But, at his best, Ali' probably was the fourth best heavyweight ever ( after Spalla, Carnera and Damiani). That is a good placing in history. He has nothing to be ashamed of. FS; Lennox Lewis' s shoe size is 15.5in. He can be proud of his feet! Among the heavyweight champs he is second only to Da Preem. I'm back, cheers ! FS; Angelo, thanks ! You' re cool, and you know what are the important things in life.

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A dedication to our friend Massimo Giulio Leonardo Cini!

Max Baer vs Primo Carnera | Rounds 1-2 | New York | June 14, 1934 | Play Video ——> <A HREF="http://www.jerryquarry.com/media/baercarnera56k.ram">56K</a> <&#124> <A HREF="http://www.jerryquarry.com/media/baercarnera150k.ram">DSL</a> | 3/3/04 05:43:54 PM | M.G.L. Cini | Roma | 4 | 10 | Oh thanks! Now everyone will see that Primo Carnera was the greatest! | 3/3/04 05:52:36 PM | M.G.L | Roma | 4 | 10 | Baer 3 times down in the second round...

What did I say? |<br><br>3/3/04 10:04:17 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | Kentallenent@aol.com | 4 | 10 | Fran, as Massimo points out, the Ali L. Spinks was able to get inside on was not the same Ali anywhere near his best. Even the Ali who Norton beat in their first fight was much better than the version Spinks beat. Spinks could not have gotten inside Ali unless Ali had nothing left, which is how Ali was when he fought Spinks. <br><br>Spinks would not have gotten inside a still close to his prime Norton. I repeat, Norton beats Spinks handily. | 3/4/04 03:13:25 AM | Fran | Philly | plc7755@aol.com | 4 | 10 | Spinks was a razor sharp amatuer with all the moves and speed and combination punching, things that Norton never posessed. Leon was just a lightheavy in reality who for a few years was unbeatable. I understand your view is much more logical than mine but I was on the same team in the Marines as Leon and he was the best in the world he was an Olympic champ and never got the respect he should have. | 3/4/04 05:34:46 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | Kentallenent@aol.com | 4 | 10 | Fran, I respect Leon Spinks as he did something most fighters only dream of. He beat the man, who beat the man, to become heavyweight champion of the world. He also was an olympic gold medalist. No matter what else happens in his life, no one can take those honors away from him. | I just think Ken Norton was a better fighter. | 3/4/04 11:22:46 AM | Mormon Joe West | Bell Gardens, CA | hurricanego@aol.com | 4 | 10 | Los Angeles Times, Sports section, page 1, March 4, 2004 | Back From the Brink | Boxer 'Indian Red' Lopez wandered for years after losing world title bouts. Now, he will be reunited with his family and inducted into Hall of Fame. | By Diane Pucin, Times Staff Writer | FORT WORTH — Ernie "Indian Red" Lopez was lost, and now he is found. | That is the short version of how it has come to be that Lopez, a boxer of some popularity in Southern California in the 1960s and '70s, will be inducted Saturday into the California Boxing Hall of Fame. | It is an honor that Lopez's tenacious and loving family had feared might be a posthumous one. But after 12 years out of contact with relatives, the former welterweight contender turned up in a homeless shelter here last month, setting the stage for a long-awaited reunion today. | Lopez — son of Lucille May Hackford Lopez, a Ute Indian, and Ernest Paul Lopez, a Juaneno Mission Indian — was born with flaming red hair and stubborn courage, strong legs and knuckles of steel. So Lopez became a boxer, as his father had been and his older brother Leonard was and his younger brother Danny would become. And Lopez came upon his nickname because of his red hair and Native American heritage. | Twice Lopez fought for the world welterweight title in front of sellout crowds of more than 14,000 at the Forum, and twice he was laid out by Jose "Mantequilla" Napoles. Napoles, a tough Cuban who had found his way to Mexico, beat Lopez once in 15 rounds and once on a seventh-round knockout. | That knockout hurt more than any other. By all accounts, Lopez had won the first six rounds. He had cut Napoles over and under the eye and on the bridge of the nose. But at the start of the seventh, Napoles, hardly able to see, caught Lopez flush on the face. It was a knockout punch. Lopez lay unmoving on the canvas for three minutes while Napoles cradled Lopez's head and wailed, "Please wake up. Please wake up." Lopez woke up, but his life was never quite the same. "I think Ernie lost his self-esteem when he didn't win the title," said Marcia Iannone, his former wife.
It was the losses to Napoles and the divorce that sent Ernie into a tailspin," said Ernie's brother Danny "Little Red" Lopez. "He was a hurt man." Lopez sat in the cluttered office of Dennis Pennington, program manager for the Presbyterian Night Shelter here, earlier this week. Although the shelter is closed during the day, Lopez remained inside. Pennington did not want to lose track of Lopez, who until two weeks ago had been lost track of for 12 years. After his boxing career ended in 1974, and after his divorce, Lopez became a wanderer. He would show up to visit his four children — daughters Cindy, Kami and Tracy and son Lance — every few months. He would work construction and odd jobs for a while, then he would go away. In 1992, Lopez came to stay with Cindy in San Bernardino, where he was visited by his other three children and some of his seven brothers and sisters. He eventually left, but his pattern had been to call someone in the family, a child or a sibling, at least once a year. A year, two, three went by and Lopez never called anyone. Even though she was remarried to R.H. Iannone, a school superintendent, and living happily in Alta Loma, Marcia said she never lost her affection for Lopez. Her children, now grown and with their own families, always ached to have their father in their lives. So every couple of years, Iannone would contact police, asking for help in tracking down Lopez. But it isn't the job of detectives to find adults who wander. As the years passed, his children began to think the worst.

"I feared he was dead," said Lance Lopez, 38, who lives in Utah with his five children. A few months ago, Tracy Hadaway, 35, Lopez's youngest daughter, saw an item in the Los Angeles Times that mentioned her father as well as Don Fraser, president of the California Boxing Hall of Fame and promoter of many of Lopez's fights. Hadaway called Fraser, telling him about Lopez's disappearance and wondering whether he could help. While he did not think he could do much to find Lopez, Fraser recalled in an interview this week, he realized that Lopez belonged in the Hall of Fame. Determined either to find Lopez or to learn for certain that he was dead, the children and Iannone made another call to the Los Angeles police. "I told them there really wasn't much we could do," said Det. Christine Beltran. "This typically isn't what we consider a missing person. Their father was a man who went away." But Beltran was also touched by the circumstance. "They told me about the honor of the Hall of Fame," she said. "It seemed like we should make an effort." Her checks of arrest and death records turned up nothing.

While Beltran said she could not disclose how she located Lopez, Iannone said she received a phone call about two weeks ago from the detective. Beltran said Lopez's Social Security number had come up in association with the Presbyterian Night Shelter. Iannone called the shelter. Yes, she was told, Ernie Lopez was there. "Ernie, you've been lost for a long time," Iannone told him. "I'm not lost," Lopez replied. "I'm right here." Over the last week, joyous phone calls have been exchanged among father and children. Fraser has arranged for Lopez to fly to Los Angeles today. He will be taken shopping for new clothes. About 40 members of his family will gather, including 23 grandchildren. Lopez is 58 and looks older. His red hair has turned bright white. He wore a blue stocking cap, a faded flannel shirt, worn jeans and boots covered with dirt. His eyes were bright, his smile wide. "This is the humblest man I've ever met," Pennington said. And Lopez asked five times, "Why are they doing this for me? I wasn't good enough for the Hall of Fame." "Yes he is," Fraser said. "Absolutely." Hedgemon Lewis, who fought Lopez three times and lost twice, called Lopez a ferocious fighter. "He was aggressive and always on the attack," said Lewis, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame last year. "Ernie was a crowd-pleaser because he was a fighter. Period. He fought." Ryan O'Neal, the actor of "Love Story" fame, was Lewis' manager when Lewis fought Lopez. "Lopez was a warrior," O'Neal said. "He was also a gentleman, a
decent man. But as a fighter, Lopez would hit the other guy so much he would become exhausted. Because of that, Lopez would always fill an arena, because he would give the fans their money's worth... It was his heart that made him win."

For much of his career, Lopez fought out of Los Angeles' Main Street Gym. He and his brother Danny, who won a world championship, were managed by Howie Steindler. "Howie treated me like a son," Lopez said. "I loved Howie." Lopez was born on the Ute Indian Reservation in Fort Duchesne, Utah, the third of eight children.

"Our life wasn't easy," said a sister, Naomi Adams. "There was trouble at home and many of us ended up in foster care." Lopez says his father taught him to box. "But sometimes I learned when I watched my father hit my mother," Lopez said.

Lopez met Marcia when they were students at Orem High School, and the couple moved to Pasadena when Lopez began fighting out of the Pasadena YMCA. Over a decade, Lopez compiled a 51-18-1 record, fighting champions such as Napoles, Emile Griffith and Katsuya Nakano. He fought in England, Hawaii, Japan and Mexico as well as all over Southern California and Nevada. "My biggest purse was $40,000," Lopez recalled. "But it's gone." Lou Filippo, 79, a veteran referee from Downey who worked many of Lopez's fights, says that if Napoles hadn't been in Lopez's way, "Ernie would have been a great champion.... I feel so good for him. He deserves this. I hate to say it, but when I heard his story, it brought tears to my eyes." Fraser said he was going to introduce Lopez at Saturday's induction in the City of Commerce, "but I think I'm going to ask someone else because I will not be able to keep from breaking down." Lopez says he's not sure when, how or why he came to Fort Worth. He remembers living with a church family in Missouri, shoveling snow for a hotel owner in Portland, Maine, sleeping in New York's Central Park, working construction in Florida and cleaning hotel rooms in Phoenix. "Twice at that hotel, I went to clean a room and found a dead body," Lopez said. "After the second time, I left." Lance Lopez has spent many years collecting bits and pieces of his father's boxing career. "I've found video clips of some of his matches by searching the Internet," he said. "I've turned up some newspaper clippings." He wants to share these things and some other memories with his father. "I remember we'd have this big jar of silver dollars on a shelf," Lance said. "Whenever I'd hear the ice cream man coming, I'd grab one of those silver dollars. Later on I found out that fight fans had thrown those silver dollars into the ring as tips." On Halloween, Lance would dress up in his father's boxing robe, recalling that people would stop him and say, "Oh my goodness! Do you know Indian Red?" Many years later, Lance took Ernie to the Forum to watch boxing. "I snuck down during the first match. Gil Clancy was there. I told Gil my dad was in the stands. Gil said, 'Oh, no, you're kidding. Indian Red is here?' Before I could even get back to the seats, they were introducing my dad. He got a standing ovation." Pennington and others at the shelter have worked hard to get Lopez ready for his flight home. They took him shopping for pants and shoes, and to the airport for a dry run. Pennington told Lopez he might have to take off his shoes for security "because of 9/11." "What's that?" Lopez asked. Pennington says he hopes that when Lopez gets on the plane today, that it is a one-way trip: "We all hope he finds a home." Daughter Kami, who lives in Apple Valley with her six children and her husband, William Watkins, gets choked up when she considers the reunion this weekend. "I had a dream years ago that my dad had died," Kami said. "It really, really scared me. From that time on we all started pitching in, being more proactive about finding him. We'd call police stations in places we knew where he had been, checked out unidentified John Does." "It's very exciting we have found him alive but also very sad that he was so alone. We just want him to know now that he is always welcome in any of our homes."
Ernie Lopez was a solid, hard-punching fighter who stood in with the best of them. Along with Jerry Quarry, Mando Ramos, Carlos Palomino, Hedgemon Lewis, George (Scrap Iron) Johnson, Reuben Navarro, Frankie Crawford, Baby Cassius, Joey Orbillo and other great kids from the area, Ernie was one of the outstanding fighters in Aileen Eaton's Olympic Auditorium heyday in Los Angeles, lasting from the mid-60s to the mid-70s. Ernie was not too hard to hit, but very hard to hurt, and he punched like a mule kick. I just hope to God he's not too badly impaired now. The funny thing is that he looks real good in his current photos. Where is Danny?

He was of course a great friend of Jerry's, Last i'd heard when living in Laughlin Nevada, a few people said Ernie was living at the Colorado River, on the banks of the Arizona side, They said it was Danny, But (BEING A BOXING FAN, I KNEW IT WAS ERNIE). HE WAS ON A LOT OF TV SHOW, One in particular he ended Sugar Ray Robinson's TV CAREER-might have been on MANNIX. Of course he should be in the California Hall of Fame. "Irish" Gil King a great California welterweight, Originally from Ohio, Always talked about Ernie and Jerry, and how he raced Quarry's El CAMINO. When they were at the Massacre Canyon INN Training facility, Nearby San Jacinto. King had a great record. One heck of a 147lb puncher Like Ernie "Red" Lopez. Last I'd seen Danny they were interviewing him on America's most wanted. And the Howie STIENDLER murder. I can remember Sugar Ray Robinson putting on 3-round exhibitions at the Olympic vs Mike Nixon in 1971 and 1972.

Lopez was a great contender that article was very touching hope he gets back with his family. Thanks for putting that up. I remember watching the tape delays of fights from the forum and saw all those guys. Napoles was one of the all time greats I haven't seen a tape or anything of him since the 70's I'd like to see tapes of him and Olivares from back then any on the web???? Take care everyone...

I'm not gonna run Neon LEON DOWN, but just who did he knock-out of any consequence? I saw him lose about every round vs Scott LeDoux. And was granted a draw. (a guy Duane Bobick owned) Muhammad Ali
himself said, he hit like a baby. Not even in the same league as Norton 1978. They threw Spinks to the wolves and made a dollar off him, just like they do 90% of all fighter's. He's in Joplin Missouri a lot, I've had friends seen him there and he's very corgial. Had a terrible up-bringing in East St. Louis (there was no Cus D'Matto for Spinks). Was a crowd-pleaser, who was there to give fans their money's worth. Won a world title that counts for something. And yes had an impeccable amateur record as a light-heavy.

3/4/04 02:32:32 PM | Kent | La Habra, CA | kentallenent@aol.com | Good to hear Indian Red Lopez will be getting his just due this Saturday at the California boxing hall of fame awards ceremony. I am honored to be attending, as I will also be there to cheer for our own Mike Quarry and of course Jerry, who is also being honored posthumously. I hope I get to meet Indian Red, a fellow California Mission Indian, as I am part Luiseño Mission Indian.

3/4/04 09:59:59 PM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia90101@aol.com | Kent, is it this weekend that Uncle Mike, is being inducted in Boxing Hall of Fame?

3/4/04 11:50:51 PM | Kent | La Habra, CA | kentallenent@aol.com | Yes Sonia, Mike is being honored by the California boxing hall of fame this Saturday, March 6, at a luncheon at 11 AM at Stevens Steak House in the City of Commerce. I wish I had known that some of the Quarry family didn't know when it was as I would have posted it here. I do know Brenda posted the telephone number and contact name on how to get tickets about three weeks ago. That is how I got my ticket.

3/5/04 02:13:28 AM | Kookoo | ny | kookooclock000@yahoo.com | YOU PEOPLE ARE ALL SICK, WHAT A BUNCH OF WIMPS, LET ME BREAK OUT MY VIOLIN, CRY ME A RIVER KENT!

3/5/04 02:13:28 AM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia90101@aol.com | Just seen on the news that Mr. Lopez, had been missing for 11 yrs, and they found him in a homeless shelter. When Spinks beat him---what's more, by training harder and focusing more on the rematch, Ali basically pitched a shutout against Leon. Of course, later, he dropped to, I think, about 217 1/2 to fight Holmes (mostly by diet pills unfortunately) and got his clock cleaned. He was probably better off at the later point, heavier, when he fought Berbick and again he lost. Norton should have been able to take Spinks with relative ease, but style make fights and one never really knows until they get it on! Leon was like a poor man's Joe Frazier and who knows, that type of pressure might have bothered Norton. But once Norton figured out that Spinks didn't have the punch to take him out, I think he'd fight aggressively and win going away.

3/5/04 01:53:29 PM | Roadscholarette | Chicago | usual | I've mentioned in other forums, as well as in RL, the stories of fighters whose lives have turned sour, particularly after retirement. The overwhelming, almost unanimous opinion is that, "We don't even get the ~chance~ to make that kind of money, or be that famous - it's tough if they wind up broke or busted up. They knew what could happen."
playing, is clearly tempered by hidden resentment, and later by indifference if they fall on hard times. This has been hard on players who actually thought all those people loved him for ~him~. Boxing is loosely "controlled," and fighters are not concentrated under the financial umbrella/control of owners as is the case in the big four. There is no union, or joining together of fighters of any sort, to exert pressure. Unlike other pro sports, you don't have to be good to fight professionally, so those fighters don't have a bargaining position at all.

One can debate till the cows come home whether athletes (or entertainers of any sort) should make the kind of money they do, but that's the way it is, and the owners of the team sports (and promoters in the individual sports of golf and tennis) make out like hounds, so why not? The McCaskey family, who own the Chicago Bears, make in the neighborhood of fifty million a year, AFTER taxes, salaries, and various other expenses. | Shouldn't the owners make the lion's share? They take all the financial risk to put themselves in a position to acquire a franchise, then they shouldn't make a lot of money? Why not? The players deserve a high salary because they put the fans in the seats. If the salaries go too high, or the owners get to greedy, or both, and ticket prices skyrocket----fans always have the option of not supporting the sport. If the NFL goes nuts and decides to make the Super Bowl pay per view, or if regular season games no longer appear on broadcast TV, again, the fans control their own wallets and can find something else to do on Sundays. But as long as people can afford the product, and want to support it, I say more power to the owners and players. Now, on the topic of former boxers and former athletes in general: What "hidden resentment" are you referring to? I think fans who resent athletes salaries/success/lifestyles don't keep it hidden, they definitely give their opinion. And after an athlete's retirement, in most cases, the fans are still mesmerized. They'll pay money at card shows to have old timers sign something. They'll buy former players drinks at a bar. Hell, they'll even HIRE unqualified people because they have great memories of when these people competed at a high level. No, I don't think retired athletes have it bad because of any hidden resentment. Instead, I think it's because they become accustomed to, and expect God-like treatment and let's face it, when they're no longer playing, they just aren't as relevant. And when they stop playing and stop making the huge money, if they burned it all having a life that most wage slaves can only dream about, what are we supposed to do about it, pitch in so they can have a new Escalade? That isn't hidden resentment talking, it's reality. For every Larry Holmes, who invested wisely, stayed grounded, and now owns businesses has the respect of his community, I'm sure there's a Mike Tyson who "went Hollywood" and spent every nickel he made on tasteless crap. It's not the fans' fault. | But what about someone like Ernie Lopez, who came along before the really big money came pouring in? I thought that is what we were talking about.

The players deserve a high salary because they put the fans in the seats. And the public demands winners and thrills. A bit of trivia: you could buy an NFL team for $50,000 back in the league's early days. Now, the top franchises would sell for close to a billion. Fans always have the option of not supporting the sport. That doesn't happen though. Fans stop coming when teams are consistently lousy, and not even then,
always. Teams serve many purposes for its fans, going way beyond the big, lucrative businesses they really are. It can get pretty ridiculous sometimes, but intense emotion always has that potential, in any area.<br>What "hidden resentment" are you referring to? Let's call it ambivalence instead, love/hate. The fan finds it absurd that players make millions for playing a game, and it ~is~ pretty dopey, but they still show up at the games, or watch them on TV; the fan is complicit for creating the atmosphere in which the foolishness they deride is allowed to flourish.<br>And after an athlete's retirement, in most cases, the fans are still mesmerized. In ancient times, accomplished athletes were believed to be shirt tail cousins of the gods. This hasn't changed much. Idolotry, and an overlying halo effect regard, typically spanning all phases of the athlete's body and character, is rampant. Along the lines of the god metaphor, they also remind many of all people's irrational and subconscious quest for immortality. Many relive the old days, and this is fine, but a lot of it is a "long live the king (god)" psychology.<br>They'll pay money at card shows to have old timers sign something. They'll buy former players drinks at a bar. It's more common than not for a top athlete to have been a prince among men since he was a little boy. They come to believe that people love them for ~them~ rather than for the thrills they provide as paid entertainers. Many athletes are truly adored, but the majority of the public forgets them day in, day out, when they can no longer play, and there's new meat on the hoof to provide excitement.<br>Hell, they'll even HIRE unqualified people because they have great memories of when these people competed at a high level. It's also typical for exploits to grow, much like a story in high school does, as it makes the rounds. When they're no longer playing, they just aren't as relevant. True, relevance fades. A member of the Bears summed up a lot of it once when he was cut, and commented that it took him a long time to deal with the "Bill ~who~?" reaction from his "adoring fans," and that he was cut because he was no longer a good football player, not because he'd become a bad or flawed person. That isn't hidden resentment talking, it's reality. True, and there usually isn't much excuse to blow the fortunes most make. It just seems to me that there's a certain glee just under the surface, seeing the mighty fall, as if their former place on the pedestal was a negative reflection of the imperfections in everyone else. It's not the fans' fault.<br>I agree. You make a point I didn't really think about: Most great athletes have ALWAYS been great athletes. This usually means that they were always the "first picked" on the playground, and probably popular, often not because of their general goodness, but because of their ability to do well on the field. They go from being "first picked" among their piers, to "Coach's Favorite" (as well as Teachers'/Parents/Adults in the community's Favorite). It means special treatment and free passes in life, as a kid. Then, the college and pro experience is more of the same, on a bigger stage, with lots of money. Now I think I understand what you were getting at: When that's all over, it's like falling off a cliff. I was looking at it from the point of view of an adult. I figured that if suddenly I was a great athlete, making lots of money, I'd be wise and invest and I'd also realize that when I'm forty years old and no longer the best, it would be over. But if I had been getting this special treatment since age 6 or 7, I would never have known life without it---and that's probably the root of the psychological woes that hit some former great athletes (plus their inability to fit in when their great talent is diminished or gone).
great athlete, choose your parents well!" While athleticism runs in families, it doesn't necessarily always bless all, or equally. Genetics is the single biggest necessity for becoming a star. Hard work, toughness, character, etc. only affords an edge over the ~other~ talented athletes. Often not because of their general goodness, but because of their ability to do well on the field. Lots of good athletes are good guys, but many are bums too. Their failings are almost always overlooked however, in direct proportion to how good they are. It means special treatment and free passes in life, as a kid. And often a sense of entitlement. When the backstage passes in life slow down or end, this can be very hard on the athlete. Then, the college and pro experience is more of the same, on a bigger stage, with lots of money. Yep, and girls, and everyone telling you how wonderful you are, just the way you are, and no matter what you do (as long as you continue to perform). It almost reaches Biblical proportions, with satan in the garden.

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Men, more than women, tend to identify with what they do as who they are. Not all, and not totally, just more. In a sports mad world, the sports machine is almost a form of brainwashing, and can really skew values, even though no one is actually setting out to do that. What the bullet proof young athlete (and even "grizzled veterans" are young men when they're forced to quit) never sees is the dichotomy, the mixed messages. On one hand, he's treated like a god, but on the other, despite what's happening on the surface, he's also being used. Used by his coaches, the owners, handlers, hangers-on, and fans out for a thrill and vicarious Walter Mitty excitement, everyone. In the football movie, "North Dallas Forty," the character played by Mac Davis says, "Hey, we're all whores anyway, so we might as well be the best!" This is a reflection on the system, and may sound cynical, but in truth it's pretty right on.

No intent to preach with yet another Biblical reference, but vanity ~is~ definitely satan's favorite sin.

It was great to see Mike Quarry get his California boxing hall of fame award and to see him and all of his and Jerry's surviving siblings and their mother gather on the stage to receive the award. They also picked up an award for Jerry, posthumously. The awards ceremony also honored Ernie Indian Red Lopez, Armando Muniz, Andy "The Hawk" Price, and many others but the promoter of the show, Don Fraser, saved the best for last as the Quarry brothers once again shared center stage.

Hey Kent, INDIAN LOPEZ WAS NOT AN INDIAN AT ALL, HE WAS JUST ANOTHER BEAN BURNER THAT DRANK IT UP, COMMON SENSE KENT THATS WHAT LOPEZ LACKED, HEY, I USED TO DRINK, BUT YOU GET TO A CERTAIN POINT, HEY YOU CAN'T TAKE IT NO MORE, MEXICAN LOPEZ WAS NEVER SMART TO BEGIN WITH, LETS LEAVE IT AT THAT |
It's great to see ex-fighters get their due. Ernie Lopez was an exiting fighter that I had almost forgotten about and reading the story about him brought back a lot of memories of him and his brother Danny. The Norton-Spinks thing... Michael would have given Norton all he could handle but Leon, he just couldn't take a heavyweight punch, and Leon took a lot of punches. Leon took the title from a guy that was in the beginning stages of what he suffers from now, and should have not been in the ring at all. Not taking anything away from Leon, I watched him during the Olympics and he was a thrilling fighter but had he fought Holmes, Norton or Ernie Shavers the night he beat Ali he would have soundly thrashed. He was in the right place at the right time. Massimo, my favorite foot fetishest, who had the smallest shoe size amoung the heavyweight champs? I believe it was another Italian guy?

I fear that we Italians haven't had too many wordl heavyweight champs... Only 2: Primo Carnera and Francesco Damiani ( WBO). I'll try to discover Damiani's shoe size. But, for now, all I can say is that Kareem Abdul Jabbar's shoe size is 16. Kareem in person said that! I wonder, what's Warren Coolidge's shoe size?

I think that Tommy Burns was the heavyweight champ with the smallest shoe size.

I think maybe Bob Fitzsimmons had the smallest shoe size among heavyweight champions.

You're right. I remember Michael
Spinks’ s glance just before fighting Tyson as it was yesterday. He was scared at death. I had never seen anyone as scared as him that night before. He was looking forward that the fight was over. The only chance he had of winning the fight was that Tyson died of heart failure that very night in the ring. Mike Tyson is a very intimidating guy. He can knock a man out just by watching him in the eyes. I think in the history of boxing there were only two guys more intimidating than Iron Mike: LISTON and FOREMAN.

Spinks was not hit hard enough to be knocked out in the fight against Tyson. Spinks simply didn’t want to fight. He took a dive to avoid getting hurt. Going into that fight, I really thought that he had a chance to win a decision by using that awkward style, sticking and moving, clenching and yes, taking a few punches in the process. But it became clear before the fight started that he was frightened out of his mind. I’ve never seen anyone that scared in a professional boxing match.

As for Jerry, the record speaks for itself: You could stop him on cuts, but that was the only way to stop him. He would have mixed it up with Tyson and win or lose, we’d have seen some fireworks! A "punchfest" as Don Dumphy said about Shavers-Quarry.

Some are a mixture of Spanish or Mexican ancestry and Indian and others are a mixture of White ancestry and Indian, such as myself. Without knowing all of the details of the Lopez family history, I would bet they probably are as much as half Indian mixed with Spanish or Mexican ancestry. But what difference does what race they are make anyway? Ernie "Indian Red" Lopez's story is still a touching human story and you sir have no heart! I am sure you wouldn't have gotten up and said what you posted at the awards banquet filled with Indian Red's friends, fans, and family, would you have? You make a lot of brave noise hiding under a fake name on the Internet. I never said I was brave, there's nothing wrong in being a chicken, you live longer for one thing, stop being so pc kent, now your trying to make Lopez an Indian, on just a possibility, give it a rest kent, stop all the spin, you should be in politics, the clock man always lives to fight another day, Lopez is alive that's great but this guy still is depressed about his losses to Jose Napoles and even worse he still thinks about his ex-wife, what a moron, wasting all those years )))))))

I don't agree with you and you don't agree with me. In fact if I didn't call you on your B.S., if I just sat back and said nothing, that would be PC by just letting you slide without being challenged for your nonsense. Surprise, sometimes what most people think is right is actually correct. I am not kissing the ass of the liberals and the minorities and I don't, deep down, agree with your bigoted views. It is what I really believe. I believe you are wrong.

I'd like to clarify my last statement. When I said I don't kiss as* to minorities and liberals, I meant I don’t treat any group of people other than how they deserve to be treated, as human beings. I believe the statement by Dr. M.L. King, "judge people not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character" and I try to live by this at all times. It makes no sense that my esteemed friend, Mr. Koo Koo Klock should bring race into the Ernie Lopez story as it would be the same story, a touching human story, no matter
what race Mr. Lopez is. I AM NOW NOT GOING TO DISCUSS THE RACE ISSUE ANY FURTHER AT THIS TIME. IT IS NOW BACK TO BOXING AND OF COURSE, SHOE SIZES OF VARIOUS ATHLETES!!

I have to say that Tom Gola, a former Warriors (who the hell are?) teammate, measured him in the gym using a ladder and found he was 7'1 3/4 tall. But Wilt's shoe size is more secret than the formula of Coca Cola. Maybe, I guess, he wore 6' 1/2 and they don't want to destroy his legend. Kobe's shoe size is 12 1/2. For those wimps who still believe that Wilt was 7'1" tall, I'd pay a lot of money for having a picture of Wilt with Andre " the Midget" Rousimoff.

But back to boxing:

boxing is an exciting sport. Cheers.

AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|12-1/2? That's not very big for a man Bryant's size. There are average sized men (5'9") who have feet close to that. You know what they say... :-) No, seriously, there's no relationship at all between predictable size of one body part compared to another.

I wonder why the Nevada State Athletic commissions were not tougher on their fines and suspensions of various heavyweights the last 10 years or so, AKinwande-Lewis (LMS mills lane wanted to clobber AKinwande). They could have cashed in on these guys making millions and fleecing the public. How about Oliver McCall/Lewis? I Feel sorry for anyone who bought a ticket to Mike Tyson-Michael Spinks. I Happened to be right across the street NEW YORK NEW YORK CASINO. When Tyson took the easy way out biting Holyfield's ear (no I do not consider Mike Tyson an alltime great!) He knew he was going to get KO'D again! Talk about pissed off people! Tyson's took the ten count three times, vs not all that great opposition. How many times did Ali, Joe Frazier, Rocky Marciano, Ever took the ten count-NONE. JQ of course might as well be on that list. As far as Ernie Lopez is concerned, He was an alltime great, so was one of his good friends, Jerry Quarry, So if you have no respect for Lopez, That tells me you have no respect for Quarry- why even come to the site? TAKE CARE!

I do not remember making Mike Tyson out to be a hero? Anyway i've seen Both Lopez brothers bouts too many times, Its almost like they part of a Boxing Institution in California, Kids do not impress easy, I was impressed with Danny and Ernie IN THE 60'S 70'S 80'S. This has nothing to do with anything, and I know they were great friends of the Quarry's. I HAVE A PICTURE IN 1969 OF JQ AND INDIAN RED SPARRING, Before Frazier bout, Jerry liked to work out with him for hand speed. I do love boxing trivia, Especially when you lived it, and where actually there, I'D HAD LOVED TO HAVE KNOWN tough-guy actor Mike Mazurki who founded the Cauliflower alley club, And LOU NOVA, whom
Unlike Jerry enjoyed his retirement. A lot of people who were not impressed with JQ (AND EVERYONE HAS THERE OWN OPINION) have no idea how tough Jerry Q. was. People have no idea how AMOS LINCOLN top ten contender (and, at the time) for RING MAGAZINE and 20 year old JERRY used to go at each other sparring, Jerry got the best of Frazier in 1966 at MAIN STREET GYM, Till Frazier knocked Jerry's teeth thru his lower lip and cost him an up coming bout with a left hook. Eddie Futch himself kept them away from each other, Until they could fight for something $ (THE TITLE) There's a sight on the internet Pro-Marciano, who voiced his opinion on how THE ROCK could beat Frazier, "SAY WHAT YOU WANT ABOUT JERRY QUARRY, THE MAN WAS NOT A PUNCHER" No He was the only non-champ to beat 8 top ten contenders between the 60's and 70's. AND ONLY KNOCKOUT 4 OF THEM. Say what you want about Rocky Marciano, I'll throw a few bucks Quarry's way! Jerry probably only knocked out a few hundred people and 5 in three days (NATIONAL GOLDEN GLOVES) BUT NO HE WASN'T A PUNCHER !!!!!!!!!!

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| It's really hard to make a point against a guy who was 49-0 with 43 knockouts, Jerry did fight better opposition, (no-GRAND PA'S) Being a betting man and a SELF DEBRACATING STOOG, if the match ever took place, Hipathetically, I'm taking the odds and Quarry or Frazier, How this got started, one of the Gents on the boxing circles said JERRY was not a puncher! I Just have to beg to differ. I read an article that Liston just intimidated the hell out of Marciano, and Rock working for some column or network, did not even want to interview CHARLES! What about the monsters Quarry fought? The LYLE'S, SHAVERS, FRAZIER'S, ALI'S, NORTON'S, FOSTER'S, SPENCER'S, MATHIS, Chuvalo's. They only Boxers he really missed, where Foreman, Bonavena, Bugner, and Bob Foster. And these guys obviously didn't want
Quarry! Rock's gonna win the stamina factor for sure. Marciano's UNDEFEATED RECORD. Is nothing short of amazing. Gil Clancy stated JERRY WAS THE HARDEST PUNCHER HE EVER TRAINED. And had trouble keeping sparring partner's. It would be one of the very few (if only) matches, where Quarry would have every advantage physically, height reach, weight, speed etc. Frazier or QUARRY, would have been ROCKY'S toughest bouts. If you look on his record.

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JIMMY DORSEY: The story about Marciano being intimidated by Liston before interviewing him started was originally told by Howard Cosell. Cosell naturally made himself the hero of the story and wrote how unafraid of Liston he was and how scared Rocky was. So take the story with a grain of salt. A major one. Regarding JQ vs. Marciano. Jerry was a very, very good, game figher. A real warrior. Let's leave it at that.

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I would give JQ a real shot at beating Marciano because of like I said, Rocky threw wide looping punches as he moved in and Jerry could have avoided and countered these. Finding a way to keep Rocky from working from in close is the key which means also Jerry would have to avoid the urge to slug it out with Rocky, which sometimes Jerry did when tagged hard. Could Jerry had done that, I don't know for sure but I do know Jersey Joe Walcott did that for nearly thirteen rounds and if he had somehow not ran into the tremendous knockout punch near the end of round thirteen, a short right hand delivered from in close, Rocky would not have retired undefeated as he would not have even won the title that night, although Rocky likely would have won the title at some point. Walcott, up until the final devastating punch, had avoided a lot of Rocky's wide, looping punches as Rocky moved in and he effectively countered Rocky's punches almost all night long.

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Marciano probably would stop Jerry on cuts. If Jerry could avoid serious cuts/bleeding, he could beat Marciano, but that's a huge "if." I don't think the Rock could KO Jerry or outpoint him. Plain and simple, I think he would have to win by TKO and I think he WOULD win by middle round TKO. This was part of Jerry's career. If not for the cut factor, Jerry would have retired with a better record.

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I have an article on the homepage of Eastside Boxing, www.eastsideboxing.com, about Mike Quarry's career and his induction into the California Boxing Hall of Fame. I hope you folks read my article. It should be up on the Eastside homepage for up to a week.

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Kent, read your article it was cool. Thanks! I even made sure some of my friends recieved it also. Keep checking out this site all. Take care and be safe. We love & miss you Dad, and Uncle Jerry. Congrats to you Uncle Mike, we're all really proud of you, and we know Dad & Uncle Jerry, would be too.

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JIMMY, JIMMY, JIMMY, WHAT GIL CLANCY SAYS MEANS NOTHING, I'VE HEARD HIM SAY SOME OF THE MOST STUPID THINGS I'VE EVER HEARD, I'M VERY SURPRISED HE MADE IT AS A TRAINER. JIMMY, JERRY HIT HARD, BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK HE HIT HARDER THAN FOREMAN? THATS NON-SENSE, JIMMY HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING AGAIN???

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It's too bad Rocky didn't fight Floyd Patterson for his finale, we'd have a common opponent to compare each other to.

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Patterson would have been a good test for Rocky because his quickness would have caused problems for Rocky. Patterson would have to stay away from Rocky because if he stayed in front of Rocky, Patterson's chin would not have stood up to Rocky's power. Thanks Sonia for the support regarding my article.
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because at his best, poor Floyd would have had a rough night before being knocked out. Marciano was a latter day, smaller Jim Jeffries, and no champion ever could have claimed a "given" against him. It's nice to be a fan of a fighter, but Jerry against Rocky? He would have exposed the Rock's faults early, succumbed to his virtues late. In that dopey computer fight, he was amazingly quick for a mid-forties man, and would have given Ali a rough night, though I don't believe could have triumphed. Frazier might have, Foreman almost certainly...<br><br>Actually, Rocky did begin training for a comeback against either Floyd or Ingo, but gave it up. Dan Duva was going to train him that time around.<br><br>The problem with dealing with a legend like Marciano is that the legend can get in the way. I am not just being a fan of JQ, I am giving reasons why Jerry would have a chance of winning a fight against Rocky. My reasons are based on what I see in Rocky's fight films such as, Walcott staying away from Rocky's power for almost thirteen rounds and counterpunching brilliantly. This would have been a good plan for Jerry as well, in and out movement, like he did against Lyle, coupled with strong two fist counter attacks. Jerry would not want to fight a war of attrition, like he did against Frazier, because this would lead to a probable mid to late round stoppage win for Marciano. Do I think Jerry could beat Marciano? I don't know if he could but if he fought the correct fight plan, I would give him at least a fair chance of doing so. |<br><br>Comment on Patterson–yes his chin wasn't great but he was only knocked out by Ali, Liston (both of which are forgiveable!) and Johansson who although limited packed an absolute hell of a punch, one o the most underrated i've seen–remember him knocking Machen out cold in 1. Quarry was a great finisher and floored Patterson twice but Floyd not only got up but outboxed him for a lot of the rest of the fight into a tight finish. He also survived punches from Bonavena and Chuvalo who could bang. So yes his chin wasn't Marciano or Ali but it was not glass either. His speed would have worried Marciano until very late stoppage. Patterson really was a good fighter and at 13.5 stone for most of his career should have been given high praise.
Rocky had problems with Archie Moore on his last defense but Floyd handled Archie with ease. But whoever would have won fight it would have been great historically because Floyd being so young (21), we'd have some comparisons (of the great Marciano) to fighters that fought Patterson in the 60's and 70's. (That is unless the Marciano fight took years off of Floyds career).<br>

Have you seen the punch Marciano knocked out cold Rex Layne with? One of the best punches ever thrown in the ring. It was very similar to Iron Mike's final punch against Trevor Berbick (the tragic ballet). The man could punch! I think JQ vs. Bonavena would have been a much more competitive fight than JQ vs. Marciano. Actually, Marciano vs. Bonavena would have been interesting too. Charlie Goldman trained Oscar for his first few fights here in the USA.<br>

John, you don't mention why you don't think Marciano verses Quarry would have been very competitive. Is it because you believe Rocky was better conditioned, hit too hard, had more heart (which if it was more than Jerry, that is incredible), or some other reason? I have given reason why I think it would be competitive and why Jerry would have a shot at winning such a fight but not much is said why Jerry would lose decisively. KENT: My gut instinct is that we are matching a great one against a good one. But on a more tangible level, if excellent crafty boxers like Walcott and Charles could not outbox Rocky, I find it hard to believe that JQ could. I also wonder if JQ's skin would hold up to rocks sledge hammer shots. Frankly I think he would bust up on impact. Neither man had much of jab, and I would rate them even on left hooks and give a big edge to Rocky on right hand power. Fighting out of his awkward duck crouch, Rocky was deceptively hard to hit, with lots of punches going over his head and sliding over his back. I think Rocky would wear Jerry down just like he did to Moore and score a late round TKO. Even though many people consider it a once in a million fluke, the fact is, Chuvalo KO'd JQ, and anything George could do, Rocky could do better. |<br>

A lot of people did not know that Charles "Sonny" Liston bet his entire 1970 Wepner purse on Mac Foster vs Quarry, I heard Wepner himself had to dig out Liston's end from his own pocket, I wonder for all his guts and gore, he knew the whole thing was going to the SPORTS BOOK? A friend recently told me they saw Quarry on the movie "caveman" with John Matuszak and Ringo Starr, I highly doubt it. He also tried to con the promoter into more money by refusing to get into the ring unless he was paid more than the agreed upon amount. He did not get a cent more. |<br>

That was also an old MSG Oscar Bonavena trick, Pulled it on Teddy Brenner and Harry Markson a few times, Ringo got the extra dough from the Garden. Vs Chuvalo among others, One time he actually kicked in the Madison Square Gardens front office doors over one dispute. |<br>

I used to be of the mindset that Rocky was overrated because most of his major opponents were older fighters. But how many fighters would have beaten Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott they way they fought Rocky (in Walcott's first fight against Rocky, of course)? Probably not very
I do think Joe Louis would have beaten Rocky, prime against prime. Joe actually won a couple of rounds with a fine use of the left jab when he was a shell of himself and he would have done so for more than a couple of rounds in his prime. Joe also would have been much more effective with the use of the right hand in his prime. I have heard people say Rocky took it easy on Joe because Joe was his hero growing up. I don't believe this for a minute because in the ring, Joe was a fighter standing in the way of Rocky's rise to the top and there is no way any fighter would give that up just to be nice. At that level they work too hard to get there and there is a fine line between the very best and the also rans.

Joe Louis, in his prime, is one of very, very few fighters who would have a good chance against Marciano. And no, I doubt that Rocky "took it easy" on Joe. I will say, there are times when a great fighter pays respect to a former great by not fighting as fiercely as possible. Holmes vs. Ali comes to mind. Sonny Liston was truly a great fighter, but not a great champion. To me, he was a little like Tyson. Once the mystique was broken by a loss to someone who stood up to him, the intimidation factor was compromised to the extent that he could be beat. I'm not so sure that Liston would have his way with Marciano. Getting tagged a few times and fighting against someone who could take a punch and come back with two more would rob Liston of the confidence that comes easy when someone is afraid of you. Think back to Tyson's glory years, when guys were beaten before the fight started (i.e. Spinks). Once James Douglas stood in front of Tyson, jabbed him to death, took his punch and got back up, then proceeded to pound on Tyson until he KOed him, Tyson was no longer the king of the playground. Suddenly guys like Razor Ruddock would trade leather with him and not fold up.

To those who may claim that Rocky took it easy on Joe Louis, then why did Rocky so brutally knock out Joe in the eighth round? He sure wasn't taking it easy then, was he? Rocky saw an opportunity to take care of business and get Joe out of there and he did just that.

As far as I am concerned, I *want to* say that I have recently seen the whole Charles-Louis and Joe was still a very dangerous opponent at the time. Charles clearly deserved the decision as he dominated the last four or five rounds, but, in the first 10 rounds, Joe produced a great performance. "wanna" means "want to".
in the first fight against Roland La Starza and in the first fight against Ezzard Charles. On the other hand, Primo Carnera deserved all his great victories and was even robbed in some of his fights (for instance in his first fight against Jimmy Maloney). Cheers.

While realizing the letter page is for opinions, I think it is unfair to both Quarry and Marciano for anyone to think Jerry could have beaten him. Jerry was a good heavyweight with some serious flaws....Rocky Marciano's record, punching power, stamina, will to win, and ability to throw hundreds of punches per round is documented fact. Marciano destroyed Lowrey, whose biggest accomplishment was to go the distance....Marciano clearly won the first Charles fight....let's just appreciate both fighters for who they were, but remember that Rocky was a GREAT champion...."Maricano" by Everett Skeehan is available at Amazon.com a must read for those interested.

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thats just great!!Should have got the DQ ALL THREE TIMES VS FRAZIER,he held Joe like a long lost AUNT,He had too!

| 3/14/04 04:22:52 PM | Mike Stevens | Ohio || brownss@bright.net ||||| 10 |
| Sean, you might be right but we will never know. On ESPN sportscentury, a documentary/profile of Rocky Marciano is often repeated. I can only tell you that Angelo Dundee considers Rocky one of the greatest of all time, no question in his mind. But I accept your viewpoint. |

| 3/15/04 07:09:11 AM | John Gerard | NYC || rock289z@yahoo.com ||||| 10 |
| KENT: I agree with you that prime Louis would have beaten prime Marciano. I think he would have cut him up. But I remember the trouble that Godoy gave Joe and he did not have Rocks power so it would have been interesting. |

| 3/15/04 07:57:48 AM | Roadscholarette | Windy City || roadscholarette, etc.||| 10 | Marciano, in the late '60s to late '70s, would have had problems with the big three - Ali, Frazier, Foreman, but much of anyone else, any more than they did. I imagine he'd have wound up with a loss or two from these guys too, just as they did from each other.<br><br>My guess is Marciano takes Louis prime or not. He just made it look easier when it happened. |

| 3/15/04 08:41:41 AM | Massimo | Roma || 4 ||||| 10 |
| RS<br><br>You don't live in Chicago anymore, RS! Now you live in Windy City! Have a nice time in Windy City! I live in Sunny Country yet! Seven straight cheers ( or cheerses ). If Louis could beat Carnera, it's obvious that he would have literally kicked the c@#p out of Marciano, who was twice smaller )})})

| 3/15/04 09:37:05 AM | Roadscholarette | Windy City || Same ||||| 10 |
| Ha, "The Windy City" is the nickname for Chicago, because it's...windy! Lou Rawls referred to the knife-like winter winds coming in off Lake Michigan as "The Hawk." I forgot about Louis demolishing Da Preem. Certainly, that means Louis would have destroyed the Rock! Sorry. |

| 3/15/04 12:54:42 PM | John Gerard | NYC || rock289z@yahoo.com ||||| 10 |
| On Marciano vs. Ali, Foreman, Frazier. Of the three, I think Rocky would have the best chance to beat Frazier, the least chance to beat Foreman, and I don't think he could beat Ali, but he would have had a solid chance to. |

| 3/15/04 01:39:26 PM | Roadscholarette | Windy City || rs@hm ||||| 10 |
| I see Foreman putting Rocky away, ala Frazier. Marciano-Ali? Prolly Ali two out of three. Not many could ever hit Ali often, follow up, or hurt him when they did (and he recovered amazingly fast). With Frazier, you'd have two street brawlers in a phone booth, and whomever could best capitalize after catching the other would stand the best chance of winning. Both were volume punchers, with Frazier harder to hit.<br><br>All would have a big weight advantage - Joe twenty pounds, Ali and Foreman about thirty. Not that the Rock didn't take big men, but not ~this~ quality of big man...

| 3/15/04 01:48:20 PM | John Gerard | NYC || rock289z@yahoo.com ||||| 10 |
| MARCIANO: believe it or not, years ago, I met Foremen's trainer, Sandy Saddler (not Dick Saddler who was Foreman's manager) and asked him who he would have picked on a Foreman vs. Marciano. He said Marciano would have won. Remember, Saddler, along with Archie Moore was part of Foreman's original team and was the hands-on trainer. His opinion has to be taken into consideration. |

| 3/16/04 03:53:30 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca || kentallenent@aol.com ||||| 10 |
| Remember, Marciano was not your average 185 pounder by any stretch of the imagination. He was much stronger and he hit much harder than his size would indicate.<br><br>As always, with Foreman at his best, it would depend on if Marciano survived those first two or so rounds but if he did, Rocky's chances of winning would get better every round. Rocky would have a huge advantage in stamina and an advantage in hand speed over Big George. My verdict? Foreman by early knockout or Rocky by late round knockout or decision. |

| 3/16/04 04:51:03 AM | John Gerard | NYC || rock289z@yahoo.com ||||| 10 |
| Against Frazier, in a phone booth war, in a fight for the ages, I give Frazier a slight edge for being a bigger version of Rocky's style. Believe it or not, one of the reasons I shade with Frazier is his busier punch output. I keep hearing how Rocky threw 100
pinches a round but in which fights? I know some rounds he did throw that many punches but every round? I have most of his major fights and Frazier, in his major fights, is throwing more punches than Rocky is. One thing going for Rocky is his very accurate punching from in close and Frazier could be hurt, as seen by Foreman, especially early in a fight. Frazier lost the first round in just about all of his major fights and often the first two rounds. Frazier also was most vulnerable to being knocked out before round three, when he usually started to "smoke" full steam ahead. This can be seen by Frazier getting knocked out by Foreman in round two in their first fight and by Bonevena knocking down Frazier twice in round number two in their first meeting as well. <br><br>Ali, prime against prime, would outpoint Marciano on the basis of keeping Rocky at a distance with the use of the left jab. Ali would win by number of punches landed but he would know he was in a real fight as Rocky would land some savage body shots and if people think Ali was feeling it after taking Chuvalo's body attack all night long, just think how he would feel after taking those shots from Rocky! Who would win, Ali or Marciano, also would depend on who is judging the fight. I don't see anyone getting knocked out in this one. Both fighters had great chins. Oldtimers would give Ali less credit for moving away much of the time and they may side with Rocky's better quality of power punches over Ali's quantity of punches. They would also view Rocky's pressing the action in high favor. Latter day judges likely would go with Ali's volume of punches landed. I don't see Rocky landing very many head punches against an in prime Ali. Rocky would land short punches to the head whenever Ali would try and rest and hold but Ali at this best didn't do this as much as he did later stages of his career.
for every inch. I don't think Jerry had the discipline to do that. Jerry would have caught Rocky at some point and gone after him and the trap would be set. The Rock vs. Patterson? Marciano in no more than five. Floyd couldn't take the drubbing. And the Liston thing, I used to think Liston would beat Rocky with the long left jab, he out reached Marciano by 17 inches, But after watching several Liston fights I had never seen before, Burt Whitehurst and the Eddie Machen fight I don't think Liston would go the distance with Rocky. Like Holyfield-Tyson, Evander was not at all intimidated by Tyson, and Mikey had to stand up or fold up. The same is true with Liston-Marciano. Liston might have looked meaner, "The Rock" just was......Oh on the shoe size thing, I read a book by Nat Fleisher a long, long time ago who wrote that Marciano had a size 10E shoe. Why that stuck with me I don't know....kinda freaky huh?

3/19/04 02:37:38 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|Bob-<br><br>Thanks for the precious information on Marciano's shoe size! Charles- Quarry would have been another very interesting fight. Charles was a good puncher, a warrior and a very skillful boxer.<br>The left hook he knocked out Bob Satterfield with was a beauty! <br><br>3/19/04 11:19:42 AM|Fran|Philly||Pic7755@aol.com||||10|I think Quarry would have kayoed Marciano in the early rounds. It would have been a brawl like the first Frazier fight with the only difference being Marciano was easier to hit than Frazier was so Jerry would have been dropping Bombs on him and Landing I don't think Marciano could have withstood Jerry's power. Not taking anything away from the great Marciano but they fought different levels of competition, the fighters of Jerry's era were bigger stronger faster hit harder and had more boxing skills than Marciano's era. <br><br>3/19/04 02:23:30 PM|Gerry Schultz|Cleveland, Ohio||jgshultz211@aol.com||||10|Wow! I thought this page was gone, glad to see it isn't. St. Patrick's Day makes me think of Jerry, what can I say? My wife and I have a brand-new baby son since my last post... JQ vs. Rocco, I guess we're running out of matchups? Jerry did beat better guys than Rock, but Rock is probably top 5 all-time, dominated his era. Rock was rare, just granite tough, more power than Frazier. I saw Archie Moore try everything he could in Rocco's last fight, no dice. I love JQ, he'll always be my favorite boxer, but it would go like Frazier I if he fought Rock prime-prime, no insult in that. A real compliment that Marciano was a Quarry fan even after Eddie Machen. JQ has/had a lot of fans in high places. Congrats also again to Mike Quarry, a real pro's pro, glad to hear he got his due.<br><br>3/19/04 02:57:55 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Fran, wow you pick JQ to kayo Rocky? You are a real dedicated Quarry fan! I don't go that far though I just say he would have a good chance at winning. I tend to shade Rocky in this one as Jerry would find it hard to resist trading toe to toe with Rocky and Rocky with his very accurate, short in close punches would likely bust up Jerry and cut him. It would be a very good fight.<br><br>3/19/04 04:33:35 PM|Massimo|La citta' eterna ( the eternal city)|
And Kent don't forget that Rocky beat Rex Layne, who was 9-5 favorite against him and one of the best heavyweights ever... Gino Buonvino, who means "Gino Goodwine". The legendary Rex Layne beat Walcott on points, Bob Satterfield by KOT in one of the most exciting fights of the 50s and fought 3 times against Ezzard Charles (1 win and 2 losses). I apologize that I don't know Rex Layne's shoe size. I'm ashamed of that! Cheers.

The legendary fighters of the past were legends in their time but how many guys the size, skill and power of Lyle, Shavers, Foster did Marciano beat? I mean did he beat the young hungry black fighters of the era like Jerry did? Jerry was the baddest white guy I ever saw. Bar none. Marciano was great in his era like Louis was in his... But Quarry at his best was a tough fight for anyone past or present that's why in 74 before Frazier 2 there was so much talk about Jerry vs Foreman you just couldn't count him out. This site is the greatest take care everyone.

What happened to Max Kellerman on Friday Night Fights? I liked the guy, he had different and well thought out views on things.

Max Kellerman is now working for Fox Sports Network. His first show is this Sunday on Sunday Night Fights I believe the show starts at 7 PM. Check your local listings.

It was the card I was at last Sunday and the broadcast this Sunday will show the headline bout between junior lightweight contender Robbie Peden of Australia verses junior lightweight contender Nate Campbell of the USA. The CO feature bout, which will be shown the following Sunday, features Jr. Middleweights Keith Holmes and some guy from Uzbekistan who's name I would have to look up again. I was there wearing my black Eastsideboxing.com shirt in press row but I was behind the camera man so I don't know if I was ever on camera or not.

I hope they show one of the prelims, my buddy former national golden gloves heavyweight champion Malcolm Tann, 9-1 as a pro.

The way I see the decade from '67 through say '77 (and let's throw the great Larry Holmes in there too, even though he just missed this time) is that it's -The Era-. Greatness of
others must be judged by this time. The champions, the Big Four (including Holmes), could have been champion in any other time. At times when the competition was stiff, the title would have likely gone back and forth. Many of the contenders from the golden age would have been champions in many of the other times. Can any other period make these two claims? No.

As I've mentioned before, it's easy for perspective to blur, with past guys becoming invincible. This can happen with a current champ too. Sometimes, it goes the other way though, and people can lose sight of how great someone from the past was (factoring in the fact that past fighters would have to come up to speed in terms of style). Varies, depending on appeal of a fighter for a given person.

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Kent, it was Holyfield you are talking about. Holyfield, the good smaller man actually did defeat Bowe once out of three fights. Holyfield, at his best, weighed anywhere from 205 to not more than 215. The 220 pound version of Holyfield is the older, washed up model. Skill can overcome size, a recent example is Roy Jones Jr., who had to bulk up to weigh 193 pounds, defeating John Ruiz, 230 pounds. Also, in the past, Joe Louis, in his prime about 6'2" 200 pounds beat fighters such as Canera who was 6'6" 270 pounds, Abe Simon, who was 6'5" 260 pounds and Buddy Baer, brother of Max, at 6'6" 250. Not to mention Max Baer, himself 6'3" 215 and Tony "Two Ton" Galento, at about 5'9" 230 pounds.

Our own Jerry Quarry had a field day with Buster Mathis about 6'5" 240 pounds and dominated Ron Lyle at 6'3" 220 pounds, the same Lyle who gave George Foreman absolute hell just three years after losing to Jerry.

Point being, even today, smaller skilled heavyweights are finding ways to beat larger supposedly stronger men. Until he gave up the WBA belt, Jones and Chris Byrd at 6'2" 212 pounds, held two of the three major heavyweight title belts.

When more of the giants start winning titles and holding on to them, then we can say it is the age of the supersized heavyweight. In recent times, only Lennox Lewis and Bowe have proven themselves to have real talent. The Klitschko brothers have potential but they are still somewhat unproven.

Size doesn't follow a completely smooth and gradual curve that translates predictably into proficiency or power, and certainly not speed. Most of the time, a good bigger man should beat a good smaller man, but it depends on where each sit on the cusp on diminishing or expanding returns on their respective body dimensions.

I think many people lump huge guys together, many of whom were just galoots, and then dismiss the whole group, ignoring the big guys of latter day who were really good - in addition- to being big. Guys are getting bigger, and the best are retaining their speed as well. The coming of the fast big man, which began in the late 50s and revolutionized sports, would spell doom for many of the guys in the past."

The Undertaker has whupped Kane's ass! What a surprise! Unbelievable! What were the bookmakers? The Undertaker 10000000000000000000-1 favorite!"

since the Klitschko brothers will never fight each other, at least The Undertaker and Kane fight each other. After all, they are brothers in real life. What do you mean I can't get any odds on Undertaker versus Kane, the rematch? What do you mean professional wrestling picks the winners before the matches? It seems real to me!!
The wrestlers themselves admit that! I have read a Small Show's interview and he said that sometimes the organizers tell him to lose (or of losing) against wrestlers who are still smaller than him. Still, I have some problems to believe that a buried alive man can go out from two or three meters under the ground and win a fight! But, I have spent a good time watching Undertaker-Kane even if I think that my chances of beating Vitali Klitschko would have been better than Kane's chances of beating the Overtaker...

What? The wrestlers themselves admit they are told to lose? What next? No Santa Claus?

I think a buried man can win just as easily as anyone else in Professional wrestling. All joking aside, the athletes are very good in the wrestling game and even if the matches are staged, a lot of the stunts they do are real and injuries do occur. I hope the wrestlers who do get injured in the ring doing their shows are taken care of medically and financially and when they leave the profession. But my feeling is they are probably not any better treated than their boxing counterparts. That would be a shame as no wrestlers, means no wrestling shows and no money for promoters like Vince McMahon.

You're right, some wrestlers show great skills (for instance Ray Mysterio). A picture with me, Small Show and Coolidge would be cool!

Does anyone think for one moment that the late great Archie Moore, could imagine or visualize any scenario, where Jerry Quarry defeats Rocky Marciano?

Yeah I think Archie Moore saw the talent in Jerry Quarry, (how could he not) as far as beating Marciano who knows what he thought, but one thing is for sure he wouldn't have said it would have been an easy fight for Marciano. Jerry in a 5 round Brawl as he is to fast slips and counters and to much movement. Marciano can't hit him and Jerry is fighting like Frazier 1, Shavers 1.

A long time ago, we went to a pro wrestling match. It was fun! The crowd was as interesting as the wrestlers. An awful lot of these guys were good athletes in other sports first, and it shows - these huge men executing amazing acrobatics, not to mention ballet-like quickness throughout the matches. Sure, things are choreographed and all, but they ~do~ get hurt for real, what with all the falls and other shenanigans.

I read recently that the ones with the super bodies who stay around a long time are on the juice big time (duh!), as well as a never ending cycle of pain medication for injuries. They evidently think it's worth it when they're younger, since the stars make a lot of money, but the after shock of all the drugs and body destruction might make them think otherwise when they're older.

Of course there would! These guys are behemoths, and most are unbelievably strong as well. Even a little kid jumping on someone can knock the wind out of them, and the jumps, slams, kicks, and other things are way over the top for what a body could stand, if they were real. The punches and forearms are the funniest though! They clearly don't land, but when we went to the match, "punches" that obviously didn't land, or that couldn't have cracked an egg sent the crowd into a frenzy!
Like I said, the crowd was as entertaining as the wrestlers. Numerous members of the audience got into loud, profane arguments with each other over the matches. LOL!

3/23/04 07:25:02 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|R.S. and Massimo, yes a lot of the professional wrestling stunts are controlled and many outright miss, but some do connect and some are real and they are becoming increasingly more real to keep up with the more sophisticated audience of today. Injuries do occur. Why do you think certain wrestlers disappear for months at a time? I just hope they are not just tossed aside and forgotten when they are of no use to wrestling anymore. Also, the steroid use appears to be rampant. A lot of you probably remember the fate of football player Lyle Alzado, who died of cancer he believed was brought on by steroid use.

3/23/04 02:38:23 AM|Ed|Cicero n y||mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|Yea ur right about Superstar Billy Graham, Kent. His ankle bones didn't just break they turned to dust (according to him). He went on an anti steroid campaign to warn others about the dangers of using the hormones.

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3/23/04 04:17:01 AM|sm|melbourne aust||sm|||7|i have been reading the site for sometime without responding. the subject on quarry vs marciano is a interesting one. i read once in a boxing magazine ,an interview with jerry quarry. i presume after his retirement before diagnosed with puglist dementia . jerry said [quote these are his words]my record was like rocky marcianos and i serious would have beaten him, rocky marciano couldn,t beat all with handful of rice.<br>in this interview also he said something about the great white hope tag that he didn,t like about which i can,t recall.as far quarry vs marciano goes .the fight would have been the most thrilling.they both had alot of heart

3/23/04 07:09:46 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|Archie Moore had great respect for Marciano. In the book IN THIS CORNER, he speaks very highly of the Rock and called him a great champion. Moore was not a guy to throw roses at anyone so if he said Rock was good, bet the ranch he was GOOD. JQ was a fine fighter and a fine man, but the Rock was in my mind, a few notches above him. Rocky was awkward but not slow and I need not tell you guys about his power, stamina, and will to win.

3/24/04 08:34:00 AM|Roadscholarette|Windy City||RS|||10|Not only do steroids improve performance tremendously (strength, speed, stamina, recovery time), but they're psychologically addictive as well. There've been cases even in athletes who've experienced terrible problems, who have gone back to them to feel the rush of power again. Now, there are new products that don't show up on tests. Better athletics through chemistry! In a way, it ruins sports where they're rampant, but OTOH, use is so universal that it sort of evens the playing field again. What's a young athlete to do when he's working his buns off, and is getting destroyed by peers who're 30 pounds of more (of muscle) heavier, are faster, don't tire, and recover in a snap? Sad.
health to the devil and nothing good can come of it. How many Alzados and Superstar Grahams does there have to be before they wake up? If people wonder why all of this talk about something as silly as professional wrestling, remember part of the charter of TJQF is to make contact sports safer, not just boxing and folks pro wrestlers, like it or not, are athletes. I must not forget, Superstar Graham also borrowed aspects of his wrestling character from Gorgeous George, the original blond haired heel. Muhammed Ali also got his idea of bragging and calling rounds from George, the wrestler. Probably everyone's heard of the famous survey of top athletes re drugs. A group of college and pro athletes (many of whom were no doubt already on drugs) were asked if they'd take X drug that would guarantee success, championships, titles, etc. in their given sport, but the price would be death in ten years. 84% said yes. Of course, in one's bulletproof youth, no one thinks anything'll happen to ~them~. Or it's like the dopey drug ed in school where kids are led to believe that if they even smoke grass, they'll become heroin addicts, if they don't drop dead on the spot. When this doesn't happen, and they actually feel good, they unconsciously assume nothing ever ~will~ happen, regardless of what they do. Lots of steroid users rationalize that if a doctor is "monitoring" (translation: team and/or unscrupulous doctors prescribing) them, or if they cycle the drugs, things will be fine. Doseages, of course, continue to increase - "more is better," right? They see people who ~don't~ end up like Alzado and Graham (countless others too), and identify with ~them~, plus as I said, the feeling of power is incredible. One time power lifting champ Larry Pacifico, who suffered a heart attack from steroid use, stated he'd probably go back on them, he liked the feeling so much. Drug damage is often going on undercover too, and/or will emerge later. I remember Ali and Frazier, when they were in their twenties, poo-poohing the dangers of brain damage in boxing - same sort of thing. I personally would rather be a non-star than to pay the price drugs can exact. Guys say, "Why me?" Why ~not~ them? In a sports mad world, athletes need to use a little sense when it comes to "doing whatever it takes." But of course, denial is a powerful driver.

I wanted to let all boxing fan's know about a very fine fighter, and a great human being in the person of Rufus Brassell who passed away this February 6, 2004 of Lou Gerhigs Disease at the age of 60. I had the privileage of talking to his son. a very upbeat and positive person.

A lot of good points regarding Rocky Marciano, who was often the smaller but stronger man in his matches. Rock had little reach, poor defensive skills, but could not be knocked out, was always in shape, was just as good late in a fight as in Round One, and of course had rare power. In an era of sub-200 pounders he was unbeatable, but he was much better than that also. Seeing the Frazier/Ali trilogy, I'd love to see Rock and Ali. JQ had limited reach also, but undoubtedly would have the chance to take rounds from Rock. Still, Rock was rare puncher and a dominant champion... a lot on steroids lately, which I guess will always be there as long as people want to win. I remember Billy Graham, your basic steroid psychotic who paid a high price for his fame. I personally can't imagine taking that step, I'm amazed so many do.

I have just read that Andre' Roussimoff, at autopsy, was 6' 9" 1/2. It's not right to call him Andre' the Midget ! He was the same height as Bill Russell, taller than Coolidge. It took a long time to me to discover the truth, I think I' m gonna cry ! I guess I' ll call him Andre' the Tall. God bless his soul, anyway ! Have a good weekend and make treasure of this information !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Andre was still a giant in other ways as he weighed over 500 pounds, he was a huge man. All of the physical activity must not have been good for Andre's health as he suffered from gigantism. Have you seen the movie The Big Fish? I don't know if you get all of the American films over there. There is a man in the movie, who by the way plays a giant in the story, who has to be close to eight feet tall. He is a true giant. I wonder what his shoe size is?

I have never seen The Big Fish, it has to be a masterpiece! I'd be pleased with Kazaam in that movie. I have looked for it, but in vain! (and they say that Italy is a civilized country!). I have seen Wilt in a movie with Arnold Shwarzegger and he was pretty tall. What do you think of Sultan Kosen? He is a Turkish basketball player. Beside him, Yao and Calvin would look short. He is about 20 years old, 7'11" and still growing. They say he should reach 8'2". That's more than average, in my opinion! His shoe size is 60 (in the Italian system), I guess about 23 in the American, Britain etc. etc. one. Maybe he'll play in the NBA in 3 years. Good night, now it's late and I have to go in my huge bed, where I use to sleep diagonally, of course...

I have just acquired my first computer, and although I have looked at the web site before. I have never really got into the depths of what it is all about. So this is my e-mail address and if anyone would like to talk with me you are more than welcome to. For people whom do not know me. I am Bob Quarry. Jerry and Mike's younger brother. I was the one who did not uphold the Quarry name in the manner that it should have been. I would like to say a few words to defend no that's not the right word. I do not feel I need to defend myself. Although I wasn't what I had the abilities to have become. Or so I would like to think so. With that really being neither here nor there. I boxed from the age of about 4 years to the age of 7. Where I engaged in 7 jr. amatuer.
PROBABLY GET TO ASK THEM TWO QUESTIONS. IF ANYONE HAS A QUESTION THEY WOULD LIKE TO ASK EITHER OF THEM, AND IT IS BETTER THAN THE QUESTIONS I COME UP WITH, I WILL ASK THEM.

3/29/04 02:07:43 PM|Massimo|Rome is magic||4||10|Kent-<br><br>First of all, greetings from the wonderful Florence, where I am right now. You'll say: who cares? I care, for God's sake! You should ask Vitali the following question: HOW LONG WOULD HAVE TAKEN FOR PRIMO TO WHIP YOUR ASS? THAT'S A SMART QUESTION! Greetings again and... Dikembe Mutombo's shoe size is 22.

3/29/04 08:28:27 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Massimo, greetings from sunny Southern California! Summerlike weather in late March. Who could ask for more!

I may use part of your question. I could ask both Klitschko brothers, "how does it feel to be compared to Primo?" Because of their size. I like to get a lot of questions prepared because if there are over twenty other people asking questions, often someone else uses my questions before it is my turn. I like doing interviews as fun stuff like James Toney yelling at me over the telephone because he didn't like my question and being ordered out of a fighter's dressing room by a manager for the same reason. I am not rude to the fighters but I ask honest questions and right after a fight can be when people are the most sensitive.

Believe it or not, I am very polite to anyone I talk to. People on the Internet are ruder than I have ever been. This last statement is not directed at anyone here in particular but it is about the Internet in general.

3/29/04 09:28:02 PM|Joe Krause|Chicago||sadmspats@yahoo.com||10|Kent, who ordered you out of their dressing room. Have you always been a reporter or is it a new gig. I haven't been around much since James' untimely passing. Take care.

3/29/04 10:03:48 PM|Gerry Schultz|Cleveland, Ohio||jgschultz11@aol.com||10|Bobby, sorry I could only rate your posting a 10, it's very good of you to say a few words to us Quarry fans. Anybody good enough to meet Tommy Morrison is pretty damn good to me... I was not impressed with Joe Mesi's near-melt down to Vassily Jirov, a very, very good cruiserweight he could have made a statement against. How old is Joe now? This fight might auger worse things for Mesi. Kent, one question you might ask the Klitschkos is what they are going to do when they own the heavyweight division, which seems now inevitable. Who can beat these guys now? While on the subject of outstanding cruisers, here's one for you: JQ vs. James Toney at 200 lbs. Any thoughts?

3/30/04 01:29:43 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Joe, welcome back, your comments have always added a lot to our discussions. I hope you continue to post. I have been doing a boxing column for mainly one other site, eastsideboxing.com, but sometimes for others for three years now. Jim Quarry was very supportive and he always told me to plug what I am doing. It was Jr. middleweight contender J.C. Candelo who along with his manager didn't like it when I told them I thought his bout with a fighter named Angel Hernandez was much closer than the five point+ point margin Candelo got in 2002 from all three judges. The manager pointed towards the door when I further suggested the fight could have gone either way with Hernandez possibly having a slight edge. On the way out, one of them, the fighter or the manager said, "what does that guy know? He eats too many hotdogs." I am overweight but I thought that was uncalled for as I wasn't rude to them. I then turned around and shook both of their hands and thanked them for their time anyway. I treated them with respect, my comments that I say or write are just my opinions, and I expect to be treated with respect in return.

I am jotting down the suggestions I get for the Klitschkos' interview and adding them to my own ideas and I will let everyone know if I use any of the suggestions.
participated in interviews with the likes of Lennox Lewis, James Toney (I will recount my encounter with him sometime), Evander Holyfield, The Klitschkos, Kirk Johnson, John Ruiz, Ricky Hatton, former jr. lightweight champion Gabriel Ruelas, and others.

I also asked a third question, I believe it was the last one of the conference, about stylistic problems the K brothers will have in their upcoming fights on April 10 and April 24, Wladimir verses Lamont Brewster and Vitali verses Corrie Sanders, respectively.

Hi everyone<br>Its hard to figure the Klitschko Bros.. They seem to have skills and are well trained and look unbeatable sometimes but then they lose a fight over an injury or a ko. I'd never bet against them but the big draw of being "undefeated" like Joe Frasier, M. Ali, and Mike Tyson were during their peak years isn't there.<br>

Mass: I am surprised u didn't have Kent ask a question about their shoe size??

Thanks for the honour !<br><br>This is a hard time !!

I thought you might like to know that the Senate approved the boxing oversight bill yesterday. I know Jim would be so happy that it has finally been past, this is the bill he went to congress with. So thanks Jim for all your work it is finally done something to help boxers not promoters, managers. Lets just hope your mission to have a home with doctors also comes true

Yes, Brenda, Mr. Jimmy would be very happy with the bill passing the senate. Special thanks to Senator John McCain of Arizona who has been there from the start pushing for the improvement of boxing, as well as again to George Otto from TJQF. I am sure Alex Ramos and his Retired Boxers Foundation also had a hand in this. Ramos, a former middleweight contender is at the forefront of working to help the fighters, not just the promoters, as Brenda stated. Jimmy wanted a home for boxers who get injured, with doctors staffed to look after them. You never know, it could happen!

Not only is Jimmy's spirit pleased, Jerry's also is smiling down upon us because of the good news.

I HATE JAMES TONEY'S GUTS, HE'S ANOTHER COCKY, TRASH TALKER, ROY JONES HANDLED HIM, KENT I ASK THAT YOU NOT INTERVIEW THAT UGLY BASTARD, WHATS AN UGLY MAN LIKE HIM GOING TO DO BUT FIGHT, I FORGOT TO ADD HE'S DUMB AS HELL TOO!! KEEP YOUR STANDARDS UP KENT.

I saw him a few weeks later, in person, and he didn't remember it was me he was yelling at on the phone or he doesn't remember my name. But whatever the case, he was pleasant to me, joking around with me about things like shaving my head bald, like him, as my hair was getting pretty long.
I meant to say James Toney, he seems like a mellow guy off stage, not it seems like a mellow guy offstage. |

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KENT PLEASE LISTEN TO KOOKOO DON'T BOW DOWN TO THIS GUY, THATS WHAT YOU'LL BE DOING IF YOU SHAVE YOUR HEAD! DON'T LET HIM THINK THAT YOU ADMIRE HIM, THAT A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!!!<br><br>SAVE YOURSELF!!|

Koo Koo, I told Toney I wasn't cutting my hair and he just laughed. Toney recognizes a lot of the local reporters and some of the hard core fans that are at a lot of Southern Calif. events, so he remembers who I am even if he doesn't know my name. Toney's promoter, Dan Goossen, is based in Southern Cal. To me, it seems like he is different when he is off stage. |

Have you seen Nicolay Valuev's first round win over Dick Ryan? Nicolay has only beaten a long list of bums so far, but maybe he has potential! Valuev vs Toney would be as cool as hell, and maybe even cooler...<br><br>After watching Max Baer-Max Schmeling on ESPN I have to say that Baer-Quarry would have been a good matchup. Jerry was much better as an overall boxer, but Baer probably punched harder. |

Alright, that's more like it, for a minute I thought you were losing it.|

I was watching FNF last night and Teddy was talking about a top heavyweight "prospect" that might die the next time he fights......does anyone know who he was talking about? The first person that came to my mind was Evander Holyfield, although he is not a "prospect", he doesn't need to be fighting anyone anymore. Massimo, Foot Freak News Flash!......Mike Tyson wears a size 13 1/2...US of course. Remember "BigFoot" Martin....he wore a 9 1/2. Go figure. |

Kent-|

I have seen Joe Mesi in his last fight against Jirov and I think he is not that good. He can't punch hard and can't take a good punch. He ain't definitely a top contender.|

Yes, I don't think Mesi is going to be a champion. It has been a long time since I have seen a winner of a fight get beat up as bad as Mesi did against Vassiliy Jirov. Jirov, who lost most of the earlier rounds, knocked down Mesi three times in the last two rounds to come up just short on the scorecards. Jirov, a former cruiserweight champion, weighed in at 211 pounds and I felt he was too heavy and he would have boxed better and won the fight if he would have been closer to 200 pounds.<br><br>Mesi also was floored in his previous fight against Monte Barrett, which Mesi barely won also.<br><br>Some people at another site were saying Mesi would have destroyed JQ. I just laughed at them and told them, if Jirov and Barrett can knock down Mesi, then JQ would have destroyed him and it doesn't matter that Mesi weighs in the 230 to 235 range, their reason he would beat our Jerry. They say he is just too big and strong for Jerry to handle.
Barrett, by the way, dropped Baby Joe with a left hook, JQ's best punch. Mesi does have a good punch, and he has shown he has a lot of heart, but do JQ's critics really think he hits harder than Earne Shavers, Ron Lyle, and Mac Foster? Three punchers who's power Jerry stood up to and defeated.

Regarding the passage of S. 275 by the U.S. Senate, I want to thank Brenda and Kent for acknowledging that event. However, one important question remains. Will the House pass a version of this bill that immediately considers the major financiers of boxing events (the cable, pay per view operators and casinos) as promoters and thus under the jurisdiction of the boxing commission? Both TJQF and the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing have consistently promoted this position concerning S 275 and the establishment of the commission. And here is the reason why. Without having immediate authority over these media outlets and the casinos as promoters the Commission as a federal agency would have little control over the major fights or the boxing industry itself. I realize that this might be confusing so feel free to contact me about these issues if you have any questions. Thanks for allowing me to make these comments that I am sure would be supported by both James and Jerry.

To Mr. Otto you must know by now how slow our government works, to to get anything passed is pretty good, be proud of what you and others have done. This is just the beginning, and now that something is down in writing it opens a door where before it was just a window. It is just the start on the right road and not a dead end anymore. me

I would like to encourage anyone from the U.S. who visits this site to write letters, make telephone calls, or send E-mails, to their congressman from their district and also to President Bush to ask that they support this bill in the form that was passed by the senate.

John McCain (who should be President) has been there for the recent passing bill, which I was very glad to read about. Boxing has hope after all... I agree regarding Mesi, JQ would probably pound the guy. JQ contended after just two or so years, Mesi has been messing around for how long to this point? Who is Mesi's Floyd Patterson or Thad Spencer? I don't see any for him. I'd like to see him fight Fres Oquendo, Chris Byrd or Kirk Johnson. Then Buffalo can go back to following the Bills... Glad to see someone else remember Max Schmelling again. Before politics and racism took over Joe Louis, a clear-headed Schmelling owned him. Max was pretty bewildered the second time they met, under better circumstances their rematch would not have been so brutally one-sided. Given Louis' high-rank all-time, it says a lot for Schmelling, who probably ranks ahead of JQ, that would be a very good match... I like James Toney myself, the guy definitely does fight and does back up the bluster, which is more show than substance... ESPN Classic ran Jerry's two fights with Ali again last night here, but also his first fight with Joe Frazier, which was great to see again. While JQ's wins were discussed, it's his efforts against these two in defeat that most seem to know about. Floyd Patterson was quoted as saying Jerry gave just 35% of his effort against him, and insinuated JQ was shortchanging himself by not trying harder. History, I think, proved Floyd wrong.

It is funny how just because a fighter is a white American and he wins some fights, even against nobodies, he is the next white hope and compared to JQ. Sure Mesi fans will say, "he destroyed DaVarryl Williamson," who also had a good record, but all this shows is Mesi has a good enough punch to, at times, bail him out of his shortcomings.

People have no answer when I point out that JQ would likely
have won going away over Mesi. The only argument is he is too big for Jerry. If they look at the facts, Jirov is a cruiserweight who looked sluggish throughout much of his fight with Mesi because he was about ten pounds overweight for the fight, which means he is about the same size as Jerry. If Jirov can knock down Mesi three times in the fight, then it proves Jerry would not have been too small to do the same thing or more to Mesi. Jirov made the mistake that a lot cruiserweights make these days when they venture into the heavyweight ranks, they bulk up too much and they can lose their main advantage, speed and mobility. Al Cole is another example. He was cruiserweight champion but he now fights in the 220 pound range and he is nothing more than a stepping stone for up and coming heavyweights. During the press conference with the Klitschko brothers, one of the reporters made a comment that it is unusual for two white guys to be fighting for the title, in referring to Vitali verses Corrie Sanders. In the transcript whoever wrote it down tried to be politically correct by phrasing the question, "two guys fighting for the title." This makes no sense as either it has to be a typo or someone was trying to avoid the race issue. Vitali and Emanuel Steward handled the question with class. My main questions were the first two questions when the floor was opened to the reporters and they are the ones I modified from Gerry and Massimo's suggestions. The transcript does leave out the reference to "The Preem" though. It should still be on the homepage of www.eastsideboxing.com and is/was on a lot of other sites as well.

Mesi has actually gotten farther then I thought he would. His opponents have been so carefully picked its only lately hes been fighting anybody that actually had a "pulse". Jirov, although smaller then Mesi, is a real tough cookie and Mesi took some pretty hard shots early in the fight and didn't flinch. Also Mesi showed me something by still mixing it up with Jirov in the 10th when he had fight won (although maybe he wasn't aware of it...which indicates a weak corner). I rate him as a solid "pro fighter" but not a contender...who knows though, with him gaining fight experience as hes now doing, he could develope into a contender.

It's amazing the way Baer dominated and destroyed Schmeling. The only round I gave to Schmeling was the seventh. Baer was clumsy in the ring, but carried an hell of a punch. He took almost always a left-right combination. He almost never attacked with a single punch. And now, it's time to talk about Primo! He fought the n.6 heavyweight contender "Big" George Godfrey on 23 June 1930. There were 35000 boxing fans in the stadium. Godfrey was a "beast", as strong as Liston and Tyson. Before the fight he said: " I will destroy Primo within 3 rounds". In the real wordl, Big George won the first two rounds, but Primo won round 3 and 4. He was beginning to smoke... A frustrated Big George hit him under the belt in the fifth, right to the g...s and was disqualified. Yeah, it's true, Primo was one of the worst heavyweight champions. But, in his prime, he was a legittimite contender, a very tough guy. He fought 6 rounds against an in prime Joe Louis and, in the first five, was never on the canvas. Baer and Sharkey couldn't reach this goal !

Jerry Quarry would have beaten Mesi. There's no doubt in hell about that ! Mesi has not skill and fire enough to beat him. Primo would have probably beaten him too. Damiani would have, without a doubt ,beaten him. Vincenzo Cantatore, who is a devastating puncher, would have a decent chance against him. Erminio Spalla would have killed him in 30 seconds...PS; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is the greatest genius who ever lived. He wrote the Linz symphony K 425 in 4 days and... You can't note a single correction in the manuscript ! He was greater than Antonio Salleri ! They say he was a very short man. I wonder what his shoe size was... I love his g...s !

Messi is a hoax who is waiting to be exposed. If I were his management, I would have one big
payday before that happens. I would sigh for Tyson and at least make a few million while being exposed. If JQ and Messi ever met in their prime, you would not need a referee, you would need a priest. If JQ and Messi ever met in their prime, you would not need a referee, you would need a priest. You can't put Messi in the same sentence as......

Jerry Compare him to Scott Ledoux or Tex Cobb. I think he has some skills and talent but at 30 he still hasn't beaten anyone yet. He reminds me of Duane Bobick but not as good an amateur as Bobick was. He has no chin. No big punch and can't box that good. Jerry may have been white but he fought like all of the great fighters fought and he fought against the great black fighters won most lost a few. Jerry was a great fighter plain and simple white or Black.

Good comparisons concerning Messi. Ledoux, Cobb, and Bobick while good fighters, were all limited and were exposed as such at the higher levels of the sport. Ledoux and Cobb could take a good punch while Messi appears closer to Bobick in that regard. One thing I am impressed by Messi is he has something you can't teach and that is, he has a lot of heart. He got off of the canvas in both the Barrett and Jirov fights to hold on to wins, even if barely in both cases. Personally, I thought the Barrett fight should have been scored a draw and the Jirov decision was correct as Jirov only won three rounds, the first, the ninth and the tenth. So even with 10 to 8 and 10 to 7 round scores in nine and ten, the Mesi/Jirov decision was fair. Monte Barrett appears to be a spoiler in his tough appearance against Messi and also in his recent upset win over Dominic Guinn, another up and coming heavyweight who was being billed as a world beater. It seems now that a lot of the people who handle good prospects may now stay away from Mr. Barrett.

How do you think Jerry quarry would have done against Sam Langford? Both were excellent fighters neither won championships. Old time films really don't do him justice and no doubt Dempsey called him the best fighter he ever saw and no doubt he had to fight "with handcuffs on" just to get a payday sometimes. Jack Dempsey called him the best fighter he ever saw and no doubt he had to fight "with handcuffs on" just to get a payday sometimes. Dempsey may have had trouble with the science that developed over the next 50 years when we were in the golden era of heavyweight boxing. Dempsey may have ducked Langford but Jerry wouldn't have. Jerry by a knock out over Langford toooo much skill power and finesse. Would have been a great fight. Would have been a great fight. Would have been a little costly vs Duane,But i've never been into looking for a White Hope anyway. (THERE GOOD FOR THE GATE I GUESS).|

Mesi's to Messy to ever have competed with the likes of Quarry, Jerry just got used up like they did 90% of the fighter's in L.A. And would have been a prototypical Cruiserweight and probably dominated the division. Foreman could beat Mesi right now! Bobick was sort of a mystery. I'm sure Tommy Morrison would have ko'd him. Bugner's lack of aggression, and punch. Would have been a little costly vs Duane, But i've never been into looking for a White Hope anyway. (THERE GOOD FOR THE GATE I GUESS).|

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I definety agree with that, Bobick going to Joe's stable to me was a mistake, they even had him boring in and crouching like SMOKIN JOE, with a reach of 82 inches and 6'3" Bobick did not have to fight like Frazier, And we all saw the results, yes Fran I remember his gym wars, if you
saw Bobick's face before and after he joined Frazier and Futch. It changed dramatically. They did get him some good paydays he may have never received with BILL DANIELS IN DENVER.

It isn't so much white hopes that are popular in America. It is American white hopes. No one ever called Ingemar Johansson, who was briefly undisputed heavyweight champion or Gerrie Coetsee, who was briefly WBA champion, white hopes. Why? Because they are not American. We are also not seeing many white Americans jumping on the Klitschko brothers' bandwagon or Corrie Sanders' either. Again, because they are white but they are not Americans. In fact, I would not be surprised that a lot of white Americans were rooting for Ray Mercer, a black American, to defeat Wladimir Klitschko when the two of them fought. I know I was.

A big 2 or 3 weeks ahead for the heavyweight division. Ideally the Klitschko's will win their fights and so they should to really stamp their authority on the division. From there I hope they take on the best as in Byrd, Ruiz, Tua, Toney and not weak opponents to really bolster their credentials. One gripe I do have is Andrew Golota having the opportunity to face Byrd—how has he deserved this having only fought once in 3 1/2 years? His only top performance was 8 years ago in two thrilling encounters where he showed plenty of skills and guts. From there he was a rabbit caught in headlights against Lewis and Tyson and even had the feat of being knocked cold by Michael Grant. Oh dear.

One guy capable of defeating the Ukrainians is David Tua, particularly as he has knocked cold the 2 fighting for the WBA belt this weekend as well as Rahman and Moorer. Unfortunately he is in a current dispute with former trainers and he probably won't fight again this year meaning ring rust will ensue and leave him a limited fighter—too bad as he would have bought plenty of colour.

As for other prospects the untidy performance of Mesi and defeat of Guinn has left me to root for Audley Harrison, the 2000 gold medallist. Dubbed Audrey after a few disappointing victories in his early career by the British press, the same ones who helped poor, good-natured Frank Bruno (possibly the nicest heavyweight boxer ever—he is an icon here and opens elderly people's homes and believe it or not is more popular than the vastly superior Lewis), Harrison has 14 victories and no defeats and is improving at a really fast tempo with a superb ability to fight on the inside like a Riddick Bowe of 90-95. Predictions for the heavyweight division possible but the way fighters are matched and perform nowadays is impossible to predict. We may have champions in a couple of weeks like Brewster, Osquendo, Golota and Sanders—now that would be bad!

Bobick had some decent skills, but couldn't take a legitimate heavyweight punch. His two notorious first round KO losses (Norton and Tate) ended so quickly, he never had a chance to establish any type of fight strategy or rhythm. I wouldn't blame Frazier's gym for Bobick's failures in the big fights. In fact, if Bobick had a better chin, he might have been a lot of trouble for the best of his era. He had good stamina, was aggressive and had a good punch. He could throw punches in combinations and didn't seem to be a bleeder. His downfall was suspect defense and inability to absorb hard punches to the head. I think it's unfair that people joke about Bobick. He was an above average fighter who came up against an all-time great heavyweight (Norton) and a very good fighter at his peak (Tate) and will forever be judged on those losses.

Jimmy D: I do agree with you though—I question a tall guy with long reach having to crouch and bore in.

Bobick had a very questionable chin. If you remember, Teo Stephenson ko'd him in the Munich Olympics. I don't know who was better, Bobick or Cooney. Cooney was a much
harder puncher. I think Morrison would have beaten both of them.

Cooney was better than Bobick. Cooney beat quality fighters, although they were past their prime. Also, he gave a pretty good effort against an in-prime Larry Holmes, for my money, clearly a top-five all time Heavyweight Champion. Cooney's all-out early attack would take Bobick out in short order.

Very good point about Bobick not being able to take a big punch and a matchup with Cooney would have been interesting of course in the pro's Cooney went farther but Bobick was the best in the World in the amatuers untill Stevenson knocked him out in the Olympics in 72. The year before at the 71 Pan Am Games Bobick beat Stevenson for the gold he may have been the last to beat Stevenson before he went on his great run. It seemed like after he was ko'd by Stevenson he was never the same. Cooney would have had his hands full with Bobick a guy who was the best in the world going into the 72 Olympics he had beaten Stevenson and Holmes in the amatuers and I am sure he beat a few others of that era in the amatuers and he beat Mike Weaver in the pros, I wonder if he ever fought Norton, Lyle or Shavers in the amatuers. Bobick was very respected but left his best in the amatuers.

I agree that Cooney did better against Holmes than Bobick ever could have. They both fought Norton, but there was nothing left of Norton when he fought Cooney. Of the three, I think Tommy Morrison was the only one who actually enjoyed boxing. Cooney clearly hated it. I think Morrison was also the best all around athlete of the three, although he admitted to taking steroids and that negates alot.

There is a prospect named Malcolm Tann that I met at some of the fight cards I have been attending who was a former national golden gloves heavyweight champion and who is now 9-1 as a professional and I agree that his loss a couple of fights ago against a journeyman heavyweight named Willie Chapman was a good thing for Tann.

Chapman, who has about forty professional fights and about a 50% win/loss record, taught Tann a valuable lesson, never take anyone lightly, especially one who has a lot of experience.

I had the same respect for Bobick in the early 70's as an amatuer I had for Jerry Quarry I thought they were similar in that they were both the best, Jerry as an amatuer and pro and Bobick as an amatuer. Remember Bobick beat Holmes easily in the amatueres and I think they were around the same age. He just shot his bolt in the amatueres. Cooney was getting rich in carefully set up fights and was loaded before he fought for the title and afterwards he was not hungry at all. Morrison was always hungry just too musclebound and couldn't get out of the way of a train going 10 miles an hour. Looked tough though. When they put him in with guys who could think punch move and set him up he was done. George Foreman probably made more money "losing to Morrison than he does with the Grills he sells ( I have 2 of them). Take care Everyone.
Michael Grant was not knocked out by any bum. He was knocked out last year in the seventh round by highly touted prospect Dominic Guinn, who is 29-1 and was undefeated when he beat Grant. Guinn recently suffered his first loss to Monte Barrett. The same fighter who gave Joe Mesi a lot of trouble in dropping a split decision verdict to Mesi.Grant, who is 36-3 in his career, has also been knocked out by Lennox Lewis and Jameel McCline.Grant seems to suffer the same affliction that effects a lot of heavyweights these days. He doesn't seem to take a punch very well.I think that is why someone like John Ruiz can win a portion of the heavyweight title as it seems Ruiz is one of the rare breed these days, in that he can take a good punch as apart from a first round knockout loss to David Tua a few years ago, he has stood up to some power punches.

Hey Kent give me a jingle

It took me a moment to figure out who you are. it seems you are up late too but I will wait til a better hour to call. Will call sometime in the AM, depending on when I wake up. Hope everything is well with the Mr!

I meant that a bum has been knocked out by Michael Grant in 6 rounds. His name is Hatcher. What did I say ? English is not as easy as most people say. Even if ,of course, Russian and German are more difficult. My teacher RS has( or is ?) gone away for a while and maybe I'd need an English lesson...

Ruiz is a rare breed in that he is a wrestler competing as a boxer. He doesn't get knocked out because his first move is to try and get you in a headlock. I understood what you meant Mass.

Ruiz will always attempt to win by disqualification. After a body punch he will invariably fall to floor cluthing his groin. If the ref says "no low blow" he magically jumps up as if nothing happened. I guess he figures, its worth a try. Mark my words, he will try it again.

A lot of people at other sites have been critizing Grant recently and I thought you were doing the same thing but you weren't. Sometimes it is a good thing to take some lesser opponents after a tough loss. It is part of the rebuilding process.

Do u get that HBO show "The Sopranos" where u r?<br>Its my favorite show ever and the cast members are big fight fans.

No, I don't. Do you know Rino Tommasi ? He is the n.1 boxing commentator in Italy. I remember when Bruno hit Tyson with an hard blow in the first round of their 1989 fight ( a fight that Mike clearly won ) he shouted TYSON E' SCOSSO !!!! TYSON E' SCOSSO !!!!! It means TYSON IS SHAKEN UP !!!! I didn't realize that Tyson was in trouble. I did need the replay to understand...

Do u see fights where u r? HBO or what?

This is not easy to explain in English, but I will try ! Until a few months ago the only way I had to get boxing fights was by watching Berlusconi's Canale 5 and Italia 1. They show very few fights, essentially only Tyson's fights. That meant that I could see a fight every three years and usually it didn't last too much! And never fights from the past ! It was a disaster ! Since I have bought Sky , the situation is changed ! Now I get tons of fights. For
instance, last night I have seen Michael Grant's fight. Now I even get worderful fights from the past, once a week, by ESPN. I have already seen for instance Frazier-Bonavena 1, Quarry-Shavers, Ali'-Lyle, Ali'-Blin, Ali'-Bonavena, Ellis-Quarry, Charles-Louis and, dulcis in fundo, Carnera-Sharkey 2 - Carnera-Loughran and Carnera-Godfrey !!!!!!!!<br>Wow !

[4/10/04 07:51:24 AM] Fran|Philly|plc7755@aol.com|||10|Speaking of fights I have never seen Jerry vs Ellis Mathis Or Middleton would like to see them. If anyone knows how to get those fights let me know.......<br>Thankks <br>Wow !

[4/10/04 05:45:17 PM] Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Fran, Quarry verses Mathis is not available anywhere. We all have been looking for that one for years. Too bad, as it was one of Jerry's best performances. You should be able to find the others at any tape seller, such as Pat Merrick's boxing videos, he is on the Internet, is one that comes to mind. <br>There was a guy who used to post here that had tapes for sale so if you are still out there, now is your chance to maybe sell some tapes.|
WON THAT FIRST FRAZIER FIGHT, 2 KNOCKDOWNS, IT WAS ENOUGH FOR JERRY IN THAT 2ND PATTERSON FIGHT. |

Bonavena was originally trained by Marciano's trainer Charlie Goldman for about his first nine fights. I don't know whey they broke up. Oscar had real potential. |

Thanks Kent I'll check them out. Was the Mathis fight telivised? If so then the networks would have a tape guess it wasn't. <br> Klitschko is inexpeirienced, shouldn't be with Steward, and should get a good physical before he does anything. The difference in corners was huge Brewsters people were right on every bit of advice they gave, Steward didn't give Klitschko anything "nice fight" is all I heard him say. He could have said throw the uppercut more or just straight punches and aim the right at Brewsters chest. He was hitting brewster high on the head except the one that almost took Brewsters head off, he wasn't hurting Brewster. Klitschko has talent and looked good but is very raw. I don't think he was hurt just ran out of gas and has no way of maintaining his composure when he is tired or hurt he just falls a part. Jerry was on the other hand very tricky and dangerous when hurt. Klitschko seems like he has never been tested. He didn't know what to do with a big southpaw who could bang or with a guy just trying to wear him out. |

Oscar Bonavena never beat Joe Frazier. If ( or weither) you give the second round 10-8 to Oscar, Frazier is 1 point ahead at the end of the fight, if you give the round 10-7 to Oscar, you have a draw. As the second knockdown wasn't that impressive, I think it was a 10-8 round, not 10-7. Bonavena won round 2 and 10. Frazier won the following rounds: 4, 5, 8, 9. I'm an expert on this subject ! I have the tape of the fight. But Bonavena was very very strong. Oscar Natalio would have easily beaten Lamon Brewster ! Lamon is, yeah, a good fighter but you know... He is no Carnera... |

I thought the first Frazier-Bonavena fight was very close. Could have been called a draw. Joe clearly won the second fight. Oscar took a real pounding and could not even see at the end of the fight and actually had to be led out by his handlers. Oscar was NOT the first man to scored a knockdown against Joe - 245lb Mike Bruce was the first to deck Joe in the pros. |

Klitschko just isn't world class. He's showed flashes of talent on occasion---maybe SOME of the raw skills it takes to be world class, but that's about it. If you're inconsistent, have a questionable chin and no stamina, you're not a Top 10 fighter. Guys (and ladies), Klitschko ain't world class material. Never has been. I think a lot of people WANT him to be great. That's not enough. |

There are some rumors floating arong the Internet that Wladimir Klitschko is a diabetic and that he had dangerous blood sugar levels after the fight.<br>But even if this is true, it doesn't solve the problem that he can't take a punch because even if he would have made it back to his corner after round five, he still would have vunerable to the next bombs Brewster would land in round six and thereafter. Klitschko fans should face it. Every time Wladimir gets hit with a big punch, he folds up like a card table. He can solve all of his stanima problems but this won't solve his inhearent weak chin problem.
Wladimir reminds me of Duane Bobick in this regard because remember Bobick could look like a world beater when his opponents didn't have the skills to fight back hard but once Bobick faced fighters who could fight back hard and hurt him he folded up too. People forget Bobick was 36-0 or 38-0 when he fought Norton and was knocked out in less than one round and that Bobick at times looked like he had the skills to become heavyweight champion of the world, just like Wladimir.

Yes, but I really believe that Vitali is a champion. We'll see him soon against Corrie Sanders. I think that Vitali Klitschko is the best heavyweight in the world right now.

Bonavena went 25 RDS TOTAL W/Frazier without getting hurt, they gave the first fight to Frazier because he was a up and coming fighter, Frazier was very overrated, all he had was that funky left hook that did him no good against Foreman, why? Because it didn't have the power that everybody thought it had. Frazier could be hurt and should have been knocked out in the 2nd Ali fight, he was not at all a Superman!!

Klitschko's loss is baffling, but also revealing. All the talent in the world, but no chin. Reminds me of another 6-6 or so guy who fell short to Larry Holmes despite his best efforts. You need a chin to last in this sport, and even more than that. Without it, even this former Olympic champ can fall to a trial horse puncher he may have taken very lightly.

Unbelievable... Comparing Joe-Oscar to Jerry-Floyd not very accurate. Oscar had four very good rounds, was clearly outpunched even in most of those. Joe wins on points, despite Oscar's terrific effort. I'd call Oscar a more energetic Chuvalo, not quite as big a bomber. Clearly a top five contender in his best days, Jerry would have beat him. Jerry could not be hurt by Floyd in any round, boxed surprisingly well for being so young, was not up against a puncher like Joe, could wait for Floyd to come in and counter. Jerry-Floyd had draw rounds, I didn't really see any in Joe-Oscar. Floyd also is a good picture for Klitschko. Floyd was a brilliant boxer, so-so chin sent him to the canvas more times than Picasso. It's a tough sport... I agree regarding Mesi, this guy should cash in vs. Tyson or someone rather than trying to win one of the fifteen, um, world belts.

They did not give Oscar enough points for the knockdown, I really don't think that Frazier could compete today, just too small. His punches would mean nothing to these giants now a days.

I have seen the whole fight 3 times. Yes, if you give the 2 round 10-7 to Bonavena, it might have been a draw. But in no way Bonavena won that fight. Joe Frazier was always the aggressor, while Oscar fought a defensive fight. At the time, Frazier wasn't as good in defence as he became later. He didn't move the head as well as in his bouts against Ali'. I don't agree in part with you with the fact that Joe would be too small against today's fighters. I think that today's fighters are often too heavy! For instance Jameel McCline. He weights 265 lbs, but I don't think he is that good. He doesn't hit that hard, he is so clumsy in the ring. He was having his ass whupped by Boswell, he was dominated by Wladimir Klitschko. He is a good fighter and would surely be a very good bouncer, but he definately ain't a top contender. He is so clumsy in the ring, he moves like a mummy! I think I'm gonna call him "the mummy". Jameel "The Mummy" McCline. Do you really believe that McCline would have beaten Joe Frazier, Jerry Quarry or Rocky Marciano? I really don't think so! Don't forget that Joe Frazier clearly beat some big guys in the names of Mathis and Bugner, for instance. And I wouldn't call Muhammad Ali' a midget even if he wasn't a big heavyweight for modern standards and he did look a dwarf beside Wilt and would have looked short.
beside Andre' the Tall or Warren Coolidge! It depends on what you mean when you say that he couldn't compete today. I think that Joe would have had problems against the big and skillful fighters like Vitali Klitschko, Lennox Lewis or Riddick Bowe. I don't know, maybe Joe would have lost against these three guys in their primes.

In this so called age of the giants, the IBF title is held by Byrd, 211 pounds, the WBA title was recently vacated by Roy Jones Jr, 193 pounds (dripping wet!), and is held by John Ruiz, 225 pounds and the not so prestigious WBO title is held by Lamon Brewster, also 225 pounds. These fighters are not giants and they are not much bigger than fighters from JQ's era and Frazier's and Jones is smaller than both JQ and Joe F and he proved he is better than Ruiz. Not to mention, Vitali K still has to prove himself against another 225 pounder in Corrie Sanders and this result is still very much in doubt.

There I have presented many examples of why Joe Frazier could compete today, that the giants of the game are not dominating. I doubt any of the fighters I have listed could defeat Joe or JQ for that matter, at their best. In fact, smaller fighters, in the range of 210 to 220 are holding their own. OF COURSE KOO KOO NEVER GIVES FACTS AS TO WHY JOE COULDN'T COMPETE, JUST HIS BIAS AGAINST JOE. The fact is if Jones, Jirov, Byrd, and Barrett can compete well today, than Joe would do even better than them!

You use Oscar Bonevena, one of the most durable and toughest fighters of his era to prove Joe had no punch. this doesn't prove Joe had no punch, it proved Oscar was tough and could take a good punch. You use George Foreman, a bigger fighter than Joe, as an example of why Joe couldn't compete with the bigger fighters of today because he knocked Joe out twice. Again, you would be missing the point. The point being that Foreman had a high skill level, higher than today's fighters. This high skill level was what was needed to beat Frazier, not just size.
by KO during the 1990s well into his forties shows the weakness of recent
heavyweights as far as skills go. Larry Holmes and Tim Witherspoon were also
effective well into their forties. This again shows fighters from the past were
better than their recent and current counterparts.<br>

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CRAZY! WHEN SINCE DID FOREMAN EVER HAVE ANY SKILL, SIZE<br>BRUT FORCE IS ALL HE<br>EVER HAD, I JUST WISH I COULD BE ABLE TO SET IT UP, SOME THESE LINEMAN IN THE<br>NFL WOULD KNOCKOUT FRAZIER, IT'S NOT A MATTER OF SKILL AGAINST FRAZIER, YOU JUST
HAVE TO BE BIG AND HIT HARD, FRAZIER HAS BEEN SHOOK BY FAT BOY RON STANDER, ALI
2ND FIGHT, JUMBO CUMMINGS, WHO JUST HAD MUSCLE NOTHING ELSE, I HATE TO ADMIT
THESE THINGS AS I LOVE THE HEAVYS OF THE PAST, BUT THIS IS REALITY KENT, SHOW ME
ONE FIGHT WHERE FRAZIER KNOCKED SOMEONE OUT WITH 1 PUNCH, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN, EVEN
IN HIS BEST CONDITION FRAZIER LOOKED FAT, BECAUSE IT WAS HIS NATURAL WAY OF
BEING, I DON'T BELIEVE ANY OF THAT CRAP FORMAN SAYS, HE ALWAYS BUILDS PEOPLE UP,
WHAT A LIAR HE IS!! |

| 4/14/04 02:40:48 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Linemen from the NFL knocking out the great Joe Frazier? Now that is funny! I could take any average journeyman heavyweight with say, forty professional fights, even one in the 215 pound range, and match him against any 300 + pound football lineman who has no boxing experience and the football player would be lucky to make it out of the second round. <br>Haven't you ever seen the toughman contests on television where the football players fight it out? They are pathetic as far as boxing skills go and most of them couldn't even beat me if I was in any kind of shape let alone Smokin Joe Frazier. <br>Another example is about last year, 210 pound Davarryl Williamson knocked out 320 pound American Corey Sanders (not to be confused with South African Corrie Sanders). American Sanders has much more boxing skill than any NFL football player but he still lost. You Koo Koo would have said a football player could probably beat Williamson because he is a small heavyweight. <br>It is true alot of potential boxers go into football at an early age and these players could have been good boxers if they had boxed from an early age but they haven't boxed and they wouldn't last in the ring because of this.<br>All things being equal, size will win out if skill levels are even, that is why boxing has weight classes. But skill can often overcome size if the skills are above the larger fighter's level.|
super-sized heavyweights who have been shown to be better than smaller heavyweights. I was trying to show koo koo that even now, when the average heavyweight is somewhat bigger than they used to be (but not giant), that a lot of smaller heavyweights are still having success in the division and that people such as Joe Frazier could compete now and do well. I hope you take the time to comment on Joe Frazier verses some NFL linemen!

I hope you take the time to comment on Joe Frazier verses some NFL lineman!" (QUOTE) Joe Frazier would have no problem with ANY NFL lineman or any other pro athlete who thinks he can jump into a ring and box. The toughman contests are a good example which were mentioned earlier. These guys can't even execute a punch properly and run out of steam inside of the first three minutes. Just because a guy is big and heavy doesn't mean he can box. I have to agree that the smaller heavyweights are more of a total package. When you consider the likes of FRAZIER, TYSON, MARCIANO, CHARLES, DEMPSEY, QUARRY...to name just a few, as well as ALI, LOUIS AND HOLMES, who were not exactly giants. These guys were key players throughout the history of the heavyweight division. Although Joe was not one of my all time favourites, it would be a mistake to under-rate a fighter of his profile. He was the main event from '68 to '72, as was Ali during his reign and Tyson through the middle to late 80's. If you look for one dominant heavyweight currently, you won't find one. Today's champion (and there are many) is tomorrow's chump. They come and they go, but they never seem to be consistent. Let's unify the title, get rid of crooked promoters and we just might be able to restore the GOLDEN ERA of heavyweight boxing.

TRUE THE LINEMAN WOULD NEED ABOUT 1 YR TRAINING, BUT NOT ALL OF THEM, LOOK AT SOME OF THOSE GUYS THEY WOULD JUST OVERPOWER FRAZIER, HOW MANY BIG MEN DID FRAZIER EVER BEAT? ELLIS, QUARRY, BONAVENA, SMALL COMPARED TO NOW, THINK ABOUT IT, IN ALL OTHER SPORTS THEY'VE BETTER, IS THERE SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT BOXING THAT THESE PEOPLE COULDN'T EXCEL, NO WAY. FRAZIER WAS GREAT FOR HIS TIME, THAT'S IT. HE DID NOT HOLD THE TITLE THAT LONG, AS YOU COULD ONLY COUNT HOW LONG HE HELD IT AFTER THE FIRST ALI FIGHT, NOT ELLIS, THAT WAS A JOKE:))

Was Buster Mathis small? Was Joe Bugner small? Bah! Was Jimmy Ellis a joke? He dominated Oscar Bonavena, Jerry Quarry and Leotis Martin, while Joe Frazier dominated him! Anyway, LYLE and SHAVERS would have been dangerous opponents for Joe Frazier.

Jimmy Ellis did not dominate Jerry. Ellis won a fifteen round split decision over Jerry in 1968. It was a very close fight in which some observers thought Jerry won. By the way, Jerry fought that fight with an injured vertebrae. He essentially fought Ellis with a broken back that wasn't discovered until after the fight.

You know that I think that Jerry Quarry was a great fighter even if not in the class of Ali', Foreman and Frazier. He is a legitimate top 30 all time heavyweight but this doesn't change what I think about the Ellis-Quarry bout. I have seen the whole fight on ESPN, but round 11 and, very honestly, I think that Jerry won only the fifth round. I have 9-1-4 for Ellis on my scorecards. Jerry wasn't brilliant on that night, he almost never took the initiative. His best punch was a left hook in round 13. I just don't understand how that fight was judged a split decision. Of course, the fact that he was injured explains at least partially what happened that night. I just wanted to make a point: Jimmy Ellis was not a
The only football player that I have ever personally seen who could fight a very little was the late Lyle Alzado. He did fight in the amateurs and was beaten by Ron Stander who years later fought Frazier. The other guys like Too Tall Jones, Mark Gastineau, etc. were jokes. Gastineau was too dumb to know his fights were fixed -- well maybe he did know.

I wouldn't say that ELLIS was a joke either, but he wasn't top shelf by any means. His fight with QUARRY was close, as I recall. JERRY had difficulty fighting his fight that night. ELLIS was cagey enough not to be turned around on the ropes. JERRY was quite an effective counter puncher. That technique works beautifully if your opponent fails to connect. It wasn't JERRY'S night, unfortunately.

Getting back to ELLIS; PATTERSON took him apart when they met, but they gave the decision to ELLIS. FRAZIER beat him and so did ALI, twice. As is often the case, when a paper champion meets the real deal...well I think we all know the general outcome.

Ellis might not have been WELL POSITIONED on the top shelf, but he was still ON the top shelf among others of his time! He beat some very good fighters---showed good speed, boxing ability and foot movement. Had adequate power when he needed it and when the opportunity presented itself. He wasn't a good textbook defensive fighter, but he had a style that worked to make his opponents miss. He won a lot more than he lost and his in-prime losses were to some of the all-time greats. He was cursed with one of the same things Jerry was---fighting in an era of the best ever heavyweights. In fact, I'd place him in Jerry's company and that's definitely top shelf.

Pete, Ellis was a very good fighter and I would not call him a paper champion. Yes Frazier proved to be the better fighter when the two of them fought but it wasn't Ellis' fault that Frazier had decided against entering the WBA tournament and Ellis won the tournament fair and square. Because before Frazier and Ellis fought, their seperate titles were disputed, not paper titles and this was settled in the ring. Frazier held the title recognized by the New York State Athletic Commission, several other states, and some foreign countries that would later be recognized as the WBC. Who is to say Frazier's title, before he fought Ellis, was any better than Ellis' title? Of course Ali, before he fought Frazier, was saying he was still the real champion as no one had taken his title in the ring.

WHAT I MEAN IS THAT FRAZIER CLAIMING BEING CHAMP BY BEATING ELLIS IS A JOKE NOT ELLIS BEING A JOKE. BUGNER CAN'T FIGHT, BONAVENTA CAN'T FIGHT, STILL ALMOST BEAT FRAZIER, WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT?

Even the great Ali' had a very hard time against Bugner. Maybe he wasn't even ahead on points after 14 rounds or if he was, not by much. I have to say that Frazier fought Bugner soon after his devastating loss against the "monster" George Foreman. He didn't fight a bum as so many fighters do soon after a defeat. He fought an European Champion ( or former European champion I don't remember), a guy who beat Mac Foster ( even if an over the hill version of Mac Foster), gave Ali' a tough fight ( Ali' himself said that his first fight against Joe Bugner was tough) and lasted the whole fight against Ron Lyle. A curiosity: I have recently read on the Internet a Joe Bugner's comment in which he says that he took his worst beating in the ring by (or from) Ron Lyle. He says that after the fight he had a broken jaw and broken ribs and that many weeks were needed to recover. He also said that fighting the distance against
Ali' and Frazier wasn't close to be so hard! RS, WHERE ARE YOU? PAUL IS GONE, NOW EVEN RS IS GONE! THIS SITE AIN'T THE SAME WITHOUT YOU TWO!

I wouldn't say FRAZIER'S title was better than ELLIS' title, Kent, but FRAZIER was "THE" most significant heavyweight on the scene at that time. If you saw him demolish GEORGE CHUVALO...well it was apparent that he was well on the way. FRAZIER made the right decision by staying out of the tournament. It created an extra pay day for him, although I found the tournament quite interesting, particularly when SPENCER floored TERRELL. "WHAT I MEAN IS THAT FRAZIER CLAIMING BEING CHAMP BY BEATING ELLIS IS A JOKE" (QUOTE)

Who else was there for him to beat KK? He was the best heavyweight at that time, with the only exception being ALI who was forced out of the ring during the peak of his career. ALI/FRAZIER '68 would have been a great fight to have seen. Both fighters would have been at the top of their game. I'd put my money on ALI!!!

Smokin' Joe was a great warrior, but if Ali never went into exile---a 1968 Ali would have boxed circles around Frazier and in my opinion, would have won a fairly easy decision. The fact that Ali had ring rust from three years of inactivity, then minimal rounds of tune-ups, and STILL fought Frazier closely tells me that if he was never away from the game, he would have beaten Frazier decisively. The most amazing part of Ali's career is that for all his accomplishments (too many to list), the BEST THREE YEARS of an athlete's career were not even in the mix for him.

Buster Mathis was a good fighter who at 6'5" tall and 245 pounds was the size of all of the fighters you say would kick Joe Frazier's butt. Remember, you think this is way too big for Joe to handle. Mathis was a good boxer who had a decent punch and he was at least as good, but probably better than Michael Grant, Jameel McCline, Lou Savarse, and maybe even better than Wladimir Klitschko, now that we now Klitschko cannot take a punch. All these again are examples of the giant fighters you think would destroy Joe because of their size. Yet, Joe wore down Mathis on the way to stopping him in the 11th round. Mathis fought well in this fight and in fact won probably the first three rounds and he was even on one of the scorecards when he was knocked out.
think Mathis couldn't fight, then look at his biggest win over George Chuvalo. It was a dirty fight in which both fighters almost made it a street fight. Mathis overcame adversity in this fight to pull out the win, by decision. Mathis was 30-4, 21 by KO in his career and his only losses were to Frazier, Muhammad Ali, Ron Lyle, and our own Jerry Quarry, not bad company I would say and it's no shame to lose to those guys! 

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4/16/04 12:40:14 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|KENT: by the time Mathis fought Lyle he was totally washed up. Nothing left. His legs were gone.|

4/16/04 02:29:34 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|One thing about Ring Magazine they did not recognize either the WBA tournament or the New York Athletic Commission and had Ali as Champion until his official retirement in 1970. Although Frazier fought for it and won it, he was a much more active Champ then most early on, taking on top rated Mathis, Ramos, Bonavena, Quarry on his way to Ellis. While Ellis had the long layoff after his controversial decision over Patterson in Sweden. I think our Mr. Quarry was rushed upon the scene way to early I know Ali and Tyson were brought up faster to the title, but they were exceptions to the rule, Jerry was really rushed vs Alongi who was in the worlds top 20 at the time.|

4/16/04 06:51:55 PM|mark sargeant|uk||lpu00mts@reading.a.uk|||10|With all due respect anyone who criticises a boxer cannot realistically acknowledge the depth of pain and torture some of these men have to go through during fights and sadly for some like Quarry, Ali and Page for a long time afterwards. Men oft derided such as Coopman, Evangelista etc are often panned despite the fact that they were skilled and brave fighters. You can't compare everyone to greats such as Ali, Louis and Foreman and then regard the rest as average. Mathis for such a big guy was a very, if not remarkably skilled boxer who Frazier acknowledged in his book outboxed and outthought him. He had some creditable wins and brave performances and was no way a chump. Bugner took huge punishment against Frazier and Lyle yet didn't quit and also beat a couple of fine fighters such as Ellis and Foster. Not every fighter is as good as Ali so criticising the ones who come up short is terrible and insulting-you can bet the top guys who fought them had real respect for them and hence lesser mortals like us should certainly be more respectful.|

4/16/04 10:26:17 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Well said Mark, anyone who calls certain fighters chumps or questions their courage obviously has never even set foot near a boxing ring and they have no credibility.<br><br>Not only did Bugner show a lot of guts for lasting the distance against brutal fighters like Frazier and Lyle, he was very much in both of these fights. Bugner fought back hard and I am sure has the respect of both Frazier and Lyle.|

4/16/04 11:43:45 PM|kookoo|ny||kookoooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|KENT LETS' NOT TRY TO MAKE MATHIS BIGGER THAN HE WAS, HE WAS 6'3 BY ALL ACCOUNTS. A YESTERDAY BIG GUY, WHICH MOST OF KNOW DO NOT MOVE AND PERFORM LIKE TODAYS BIG GUYS, I DON'T MEAN TO SOUND COLD , BUT GREG PAGE CAN BLAME HIS HARDHEADED SELF FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM, IT'S ALL EGO WITH THESE GUYS, THEY THINK THEY CAN FIGHT FOREVER|

4/17/04 04:26:39 AM|Jeffrey B.|LA||jeffreybee@yahoo.com|||10|Frasier is a big disappointment. The recent charge against him for assaulting his girl friend is bad enough. Ive just read a book in which Frasier adsmits being a car thief as a child. On top of that he is an alcoholic. The other thing that aloyed me about him was that he always had an excuse when he lost. He never took a loss on the chin. He comes across as very, very bitter. Every other fighter has civil things to say about Ali but not Frasier. Frasier said that he was glad that Ali has brain damage and stuff like that. As soon as I read that I stopped respecting
Frasier. I think its sad that Frasier ended up so bitter and twisted. He ended up with no dignity. Someone said that Frasier was finished after the 3rd fight against Ali. I think Joe was shot after the first Ali fight. He had long periods of inactivity and avaded the main contenders after then. Frasier was overated for sure.

I just don't understand why Joe Frazier is so angry with Cassius Clay. Cassius, during his career, said bad things about all his opponents, and it was only for promoting fights! It happened 30 years ago, and wasn't, anyway, too important. Joe should find the strengh to forgive (or of forgiving) Ali'.

Frazier probably wouldn't be recognized as a great champion without his three fights against Ali'. Besides that, there were occasions in which Muhammad spoke with great respect of Joe Frazier, for instance soon after the Thrilla in Manilla. In that occasion Cassio Marcello said that Frazier was the second best heavyweight of all time. There is no doubt that Joe Frazier was a champion, but maybe he is only a worm as a human being.

Joe Frazier is human, he has made mistakes as all of us have also.

I admire Joe Frazier as a boxer and while I thought he had more character than he might have, I have no way of knowing as I don’t know the man and I have never met him. Like I said, he is a flawed human being, no more or no less than my plumber example.


I keep hearing this is the age of the super-sized heavyweight but not one of them, with the exception of Lennox Lewis has acheived anything close to greatness.

I will say it again, when someone such as Vitali Klitschko wins a major title and defends it again't all comers numerous times, then we can say that a giant of today has shown greatness, not until then.

On the other hand when smaller heavyweights such as James Toney, Monte Barrett, Chris Byrd, Fres Oquendo, Dominic Guinn, and Vissilly Jirov are fighting at or near the top ten level of the sport, this shows me the smaller men are doing at least as good if not better than the bigger fighters.

Once again, the Koo Koo Klock says as if it is fact that the bigger heavyweights are better than smaller heavyweights, because of their size and strength. But he never gives facts or examples as to why this is so.

What's a plumber? I'd need a dictionary or RS!

I have watched on Internet and I have learnt that a plumber is " un idraulico ". Well, 1 word today, one word tomorrow... Thanks Kent !
in other sports such as track and field where faster is measured as being better but it doesn't work for boxing. Did Lewis beat Holyfield just because of size? Or did he catch a champion who had already started to slow down due to age? If Lewis did win because of his size advantage, then this only one example. There has to be more than one example for this to be the age of the bigger heavyweights and I don’t see the bigger guys doing any better than their smaller counterparts.

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4/17/04 09:00:57 PM| kookoo| ny|| kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10
OK KENT, WHY DON'T WE LET SOME OTHER PEOPLE WEIGH IN ON THIS SUBJECT, IF SKILL WAS EVERYTHING THEN SUGAR RAY ROBINSON WOULD HAVE BEEN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP, IF JERRY QUARRY HAD THE SAME REACH AND SIZE OF ALI, THEN ALI WOULD WIN ON POINTS, NOT A KNOCKOUT, YOUR FORCED TO EAT PUNCHES WHEN YOU SHORTER, THATS A FACT!! KOOKOO IS A LONGTIME STUDENT OF THE GAME AND I'M MORE QUARRY LIKE THAN YOU KENT!!

4/17/04 09:03:44 PM| kookoo| ny|| kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10
BRENDA, SONYA, WHERE ARE THE QUARRYS? I'D LIKE TO SEE SOME UPDATES ON THIS SITE, I WANT TO HEAR MORE STORIES ABOUT JERRY, CARL WAKEUP! MAKE THE CHANGES!

4/17/04 11:08:52 PM| Sheri| Paso Robles | 10
it is really sad to see this sit turn to a battle of wits. i thought these pages were for you the fans to talk about boxing and other things. not turn it into a site were if you don't like what the other person is saying to verbally abuse them. i thought you were all adults? you act like my kids and they are 3 and 2. my uncles would be very sad to see what you as fans are doing to this to eachother.

4/17/04 11:12:54 PM| Sheri| Paso Robles | 10
oh and by the way Trace Atkin has a shoe size of 16 E but he is only a country singer that is 6'7".

4/18/04 01:40:48 AM| Massimo|Roma | 10
16 E is exactly what have written on their soles<br> Duncan and Jabbar ! Not bad at all ! I'm a <br> 5'6" pituitary giant ( I have played this role in many movies) and I wear 40 in Italy, I guess I'd wear about 7 in US.... Is that big or what ?

4/18/04 08:57:10 AM| brenda| ca| 10
I was sitting her thinking of Jim his Birthday just pasted, he would have been 60. I sure miss him. Then we have Jerry's next month. However, i was thinking about a time when Jim and Jerry were in high school. Jim would start a fight with someone, then just as it was getting to the niddey gritty Jim would yell ok Jerry take him. Jim sat around for years laughing about how many fights he got Jerry into. Have a good day everyone and thanks for still comming to the page. Hopely soon there will be more one the page.

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4/18/04 09:58:43 AM| kookoo| ny|| kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10
YOU SEE THAT KENT YOU CHALLENGE A QUARRY TO DO SOMETHING , THEY STEP UP, OK BRENSA I WILL BACK OFF THE SUBJECT WITH KENT, KENT IS RIGHT THERE HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE TIMES ON HERE, WITHOUT A DOUBT YOUR BROTHERS MEMORIES DESERVE RESPECT

4/18/04 03:40:18 PM| mark sargeant| uk| 10
Rather predictably saturday's big fights were disappointments. Ruiz, and i suppose you have to give him some credit as he notched another top 10 fighter on his win list and neither is he afraid to fight quickly unlike Byrd and Tua, served up a real yawn with Osquendo. Byrd and golota was much better with Byrd showing some good, crisp but hardly explosive stuff and Golota using some intelligence and pretty neat skills at the end. Sadly a draw is pretty unsatisfactory for the division and the thought of waiting another 6 or 7 months
for a rematch is not something to look forward to.

Mark, I was at a local fight card in the afternoon and I didn't make it back in time to watch the heavyweight card. A lot of the fans and the media are saying Galota won but was robbed of the decision. Who do you think won the fight? Anyone else out there, please post your opinion.

It appears that Ruiz once again pulled out a win in a sloppy fight. It seems he has an uncanny ability to rise to the occasion even when the rise is not to a very high level.

Golota is a very strong fighter, with probably a decent shoe size. His only flaw is the lack of "mental stability". Tyson-Golota was "Stell" Mike Tyson's last great fight! Too bad for Mike that he destroyed his own win by assuming mariujana. I was thinking: Ruiz is heavyweight champion of the world, Byrd is heavyweight champion of the world. I think that Jerry was better of both them. Nowadays he would be heavyweight champion of the world! Maybe not undisputed, but anyway champion of the world. Ciao. Eat lasagne, they are so good! I haven't seen Byrd-Golota, so I can't judge the fight.

If you go to the Las Vegas Sun website (lasvegassun.com) and hit "columnists" then go to "accent columnists" you will find an April 16 article about JQ.

Thanks JQ Fan!

I think you put it very well. That pretty much sums up how fights are scored and why people see things differently---leading to disputed decisions. I didn't see the fight. The way you describe it, I'd probably score it for Byrd. Of course, it also depends how consistent the fighter is throughout the fight---the old "stealing a few rounds" method. Ali managed to get decisions over Shavers and Norton, who clearly landed the harder, more effective punches. Apparently the judges saw merit in what both fighters did in the fight, hence the draw verdict.

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Saw Jerry Quarry on 'Knight Rider' the other day and remembered this site. Anyone ever see this episode? Norton was in it, Palamino was in it...and David Hasslehoffer!!
of the real Quarry's a book and the truth comes out. I know what was happening with the Quarry's back when Tina is talking about and they did not stay together that long. Jerry would get money from his family to send to Tina. But anyway the real truth will come out someday and those so called friends will not like reading the truth about them selves for the world to read, i will even help them if they decide to write such a book. Knowing them as i do they will say just consider the source. Seems to me she still wants her name in the paper, if remarried why still use quarry?  

[4/20/04 08:41:54 PM|KENT|LA HABRA, CA||KENTALLENENT@AOL.COM|||10|Real fan, what did Tina say about Jerry in the article? In a way I don't want to hear negative things about Jerry but you got me curious. <br><br>WELCOME BACK EVREN! YES WE ARE STILL HERE! I HOPE YOU COME BACK OFTEN AND CONTRIBUTE!|]

[4/20/04 10:00:18 PM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, Ca||Sonia90101@aol.com|||10|Hey All, whats up? Computers been down, for the last couple weeks, Windows crashed on us, so having to use this old one, with the AOL 7.0, but hey it works. Anyways, is everyone being good or what? Take care and be safe all. Dad, and Uncle Jerry, you are really loved, and missed daily!|

[4/21/04 08:11:12 AM|brenda|ca|meme@trien|||10|I am doing a school paper on the dangers of boxing, does anyone know where i can search for this information? I have found some research on the brain trama however i need at least ten resources only have five. real fan read vegas paper, i don't get it either Jerry was very good to his wifes and there children they all love him and respect him Jerry was a humanbeing and when he and tina meet Jerry already had brain damage please don't kick when he was down. |

[4/21/04 12:18:22 PM|Fran|philly|plc7755|||10|I didn't know anything about Jerry from 77 on except the comeback in 83 and within the past few years the 92 comeback so reading that article was interesting because I know that he married a third time and was married for 10 years thats a long time. Thanks for posting it.|

[4/21/04 12:21:50 PM|Fran|philly|plc7755@aol.com|||10|Brenda I think they did a big study on Boxing and dementia in England within the past 10 years if I find it I'll let you know|

[4/21/04 02:34:42 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I read the article too and I didn't see anything that was really putting Jerry down. She mentions some things we have already heard about, such as drug use and drinking and that their marriage waw up and down but she also says that she and Jerry remained friends after their divorce.<br>The one part of the article that might upset the Quarrys is she says they took Jerry off of life support at the end of his life and she disagreed with that decision but couldn't do anything about it as she was not married to him anymore. <br>This is something I can't comment on as this is a family matter involving the Quarrys.|}

[4/21/04 04:04:46 PM|brenda|ca|meme@timtin|||10|Maybe people don't see this as bad, but i do because jerry did so much good for people including tina that why not talk about the good and not keep putting the bad he did. He drank beer and yes he tried some drugs but not enough for people to say he was a drugie because he was not. He did not even smoke cigs. He took care of all of his family including his ex's even after they had split up. most boxers have taken a bad rap for their life styles. I remember when my mom's camper caught on fire the head lines read quarry's lose again.I suspose that's the price you pay for fame. I just felt if you are going to talk to the press, why not the good instead of the bad. But that's me |
I DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS ANYTHING WRONG WITH WHAT TINA SAID IN THAT ARTICLE. EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO THEIR OWN OPINION... SHE SAID WHAT SHE FEELS. AND THE TRUTH MAY HURT SOME PEOPLE, BUT IT WOULDN'T HURT UNLESS IT WAS TRUE.....

Regardless of whatever anyone says about Jerry, I still have a lot of respect for him. So someone pointing out he had some flaws does not diminish my respect for him one bit as he was a human being who made some mistakes in life, as we all have. I do believe that there was more good than bad in Jerry by far and that is how he will be remembered.

The article wasn't that bad. Nothing really new. No one claimed Jerry was perfect. No one is, no one should be expected to be. But as someone else pointed out, if she has remarried why does she still use the name Quarry? I was just happily surprised to see Jerry remembered in a newspaper article in 2004. It's been a while since I've seen anything written about him outside this site. I thought other Quarry fans would find it interesting as well. Putting aside the mention of his problems - which we'd all heard about - the piece made reference to Jerry as a guy with a heart of gold and the greatest fighter never to win a title. Not bad. I was especially pleased, as I expect all of Jerry's fans were, to learn that his son Jonathan is doing well. I can tell you that life can be particularly challenging for young men growing up here in Las Vegas; as you might imagine, there are plenty of "distractions". Jonathan's decision to devote his energies to ROTC is commendable. If you happen to read this, Jonathan, congratulations to you, and best of luck as you prepare to enter into the service of your country. Be safe. I am sure that your father would be proud of you.

Among the heavyweights I think the greatest fighters are: 1. Muhammad Ali - he beat all the best in 2 decades of fighting. 2. George Foreman - he completely creamed the only two fighters who beat Ali when Ali was still pretty close to his prime (Frazier and Norton), besides coming back a decade later to become the oldest heavy champ ever. 3. Joe Louis - I'm not really in his generation, but he had a great record. He couldn't have beaten Foreman because he was more of a puncher than a clever boxer and he was smallish heavyweight. Ali would have found a way to beat Louis by outboxing him. There is no absolute 4. There are a lot of fighters that I would rate at 4: Lennox, Evander, Larry Holmes, Tyson, Frazier, Liston, Norton, maybe even Riddick Bowe, oops, I left off Marciano - well, like Louis it would be difficult for me to rate him, he's just not in my generation. Jerry Quarry was a great fighter too, based on his victories over Ron Lyle, Eddie Machen, etc.
also... Andrew Golota showed up, Chris Byrd got another sketchy keeping of his belt, rematch is a must. Golota has been an enigma, obvious talent, so much emotionality. Actually was bombing Micheal Grant all thru their fight before inexplicably quitting despite being way ahead in points. Claimed horrendous injuries against Tyson, but is fine now? Was a deer in the headlights vs. L. Lewis, but has some major wins against contenders. Which Golota shows up next? ... Klitschko/Sanders is this weekend, any thoughts? One of those Russians needs to deliver, where is the division if he doesn't? Sanders is very savvy and tough, could go 2-0 versus these guys. I have to think Vitali won't let it go that way. Enjoyed watching them on '60 Minutes'.

| 4/23/04 07:11:12 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 |

Ted:<br>Nice analysis---though I happen to think Larry Holmes is better than most of the guys you grouped him with. Holmes took all comers for about 7 years and consistently delivered. Like Foreman, he had an interesting "Seniors" second career, beating up Ray Mercer (much younger and highly regarded at the time) and giving an in-prime Holyfield a spirited challenge for the title. I also have fond memories of Holmes because he usually carried himself well outside the ring and he was the last great champion to defend his title on network television, for ALL fans to see. When Holmes went away, so did free, live viewing of heavyweight title fights. Remember those Friday nights when Holmes defended on ABC, with Cosell announcing?

| 4/23/04 07:45:33 AM | kookoo | ny | kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10 |

THE REAL HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP IS SOMEWHERE IN THE NFL, NOT BOXING, THEY GET THE HEAVYWEIGHT REJECTS!

| 4/23/04 08:17:09 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 |

Koo Koo:<br>You mean someone as skilled in boxing as Too Tall Jones? Lyle Alzado? Mark Gastenou (His boxing was about as good as my spelling of his name.)? You find the prototype huge NFL guy of your choice---the most athletic, "bad" guy out there---train him in boxing for two years, let him spar with the best, get him the best trainer money can buy---I GUARANTEE YOU, any top 20 heavyweight would make him look silly. In fact, 50 year olds like Foreman and Holmes would have enough saavy to take your dream NFL guy out in short order. If your point is that very good POTENTIAL boxers are in other sports because they can make a lot of money without getting punched in the head, I agree with you. But if you're saying that a current NFL player can transform into a great boxer, you're not just Koo Koo---you're Koo Koo for Cocoa Puffs!

| 4/23/04 08:31:56 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |

Once again, no one in the NFL, even if they took a year off with a world class trainer to devote completely to boxing with no previous boxing experience, could even beat an average journeyman heavyweight boxer with say thirty professional fights and with probably thirty or so amateur fights before that, let alone become heavyweight champion of the world. The boxer has been training at a specialized skill since an early age. Something the football player, with maybe more natural talent, did not choose to do.<br>My boxer, with a record of 17 wins, 13 losses as a professional, would knock out any NFL player within five rounds and even if he didn't knock out the football player, he would win every round convincingly. I would bet my entire life savings on it and I wouldn't lose my money.<br>Now if the hypothetical NFL player had decided, at an early age, to devote his talent to boxing, then Koo Koo you are right, there may be a football player who could have been a great heavyweight champion. But the point is the NFL player didn't choose to go into boxing.

| 4/23/04 08:41:14 AM | Jonathan | Las Vegas | Jonnyqa@hotmail.com | 10 |

There always seems to be some sort of argument made at this site, and concerning the one about the article here in Vegas (April 16,2004) There were some misconceptions I hope to clear up. First of all about the alcohol and drug issue reporters will ask questions and write down what they want to write down. I said many More Things In the Interview That were good things but yet all of it wasn't Quoted. My
mothers decision to keep the last name Quarry is no buisness of mine. I dont
know why either but maybe it is because I was her last child. Please I'm asking
everyone to please stop with the negativity it's not going to help with
anything. I do however want to thank all the people who have been supportive
through the years and it is greatly appreciated. I'm sorry if i may have seemed
rude in this letter, that is not how it is meant to be taken and that is not the
type of person I am. Thank you also to all my family for always being
there........To you dad, I Miss You|

| 4/23/04 08:50:17 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, I
| 4/23/04 09:05:25 AM|Sabrina Quarry-Porter|Florida||SabrinaLPorter@aol.com|||10|I agree with my cousin
| 4/23/04 09:14:58 AM|Angelo|Washington,
DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent:<br>Something people don't understand about
boxing is that it's not just physical ability and fighting skill you need---it's
the psychological toughness to face off against someone who is trying to take
your head off. I've boxed a little, and those first few moments of a fight are
something that's very hard to describe. Some guys take that
nervousness/anxiety/excitement and parlay it into winning. Other guys (like me)
end up behind a desk! Don't get me wrong---it's fun to square off against
someone of your basic skill level. I also had fun some years back, taking on
guys who were clearly better, and spending most of (typical 3 rounds) on defense
just trying to finish. I've been knocked down (and almost out) and also scored
knockdowns of my own. But it was fun and games---not even anywhere near good
amatuer or professional action. And when you're in a pro fight, against someone
who is trying to make a living and feed their family, I'm sure it's a scary (not
fun) prospect to stand in there waiting for the bell to ring. It's a dangerous
business.<br><br>Jonathan: The debate on the board is usually all good---but
yes, the arguments go too far when it gets personal (aside from joking with the
Koo Koo Clock). But seriously, if you stay on the ROTC path, thank you for your
service to our country.       |

| 4/23/04 09:34:03 AM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree,
Ca||Sonia90101@aol.com|||10|Go Jonathan! Let's keep this site positive,
and not so much negativity. Its the way Dad, and Uncle Jerry, would want it. I
love you & miss you Dad, Uncle Jerry, we love & miss you also. Be good all!!
such a young man and he has made it and is a very good man. no drugs or booze that i know of that alone is a giant step today. This has nothing to due with what was said about Jon. This is a family having to still read bad about a brother that helped all he knew. Can we not talk about the bad all the time.Jerry was a great man made mistakes in his life but so much more good than bad. Maybe if his own family focused on these the this kind of stuff wouldn't be printed. All of you have a right to your opinon as am I and i think it is wrong. My dad alway said if you don't have something good to say about someone don't say anything at all needless to say in print. |

| 4/23/04 11:43:15 AM|ME|USA||YOU KNOW DOES IT REALLY MATTER|10|Ya know you all are too funny, you say everyone is entitles to their own opinion, yet when people tell their opinions, you come down on them. The stuff thats said isn't a lie, yes it was a long time ago, but maybe its the boys way of healing, ya ever thought of that. So give him a break, and get over it. Let's get back to boxing.|

| 4/23/04 12:08:00 PM|janet|ca.|tyetye@hotmail|10|FLAWS AND WAS A VERY VERY GOOD MAN AND PERSON. THE MOST GIVING MAN THAT I WAS HONORED TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF HIS LIFE. I HAVE NOTHING BUT RESPECT FOR HOW JERRY CHOSE TO LIVE HIS LIFE IT WAS HIS LIFE NO ONE ELSES. THE FEW THAT WANT TO BUILD THEMSELVES UP BY TRYING TO MAKE JERRY LOOK BAD I AM SURE THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO BUILD YOURSELVES UP. EVERYONE HAS A PAST AND FORTUNATELY THAT IS RIGHT WHERE IT STAYS WHY NOT LEAVE A MAN WHO IS NO LONGER HERE ALLOWED TO REST IN PEACE AND LEAVE THE WRONG HE MIGHT HAVE DONE TO REST ALSO. |

| 4/23/04 12:49:53 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC|funktron@yahoo.com|10|You know, it sort of proves the point about Jerry---deceased for a few years, retired from boxing (for all intents and purposes) since the 1970's, out of the public light for a couple decades. And still, so many of us come here to offer opinions, defend Jerry and his family---and get very emotional about it all. Why? Because Jerry Quarry was a great boxer to some, but also a fine man to many others. People (strangers, not just family members), talk about meeting him many years ago, when he was on top---and how nice he was to them, giving them time and making them feel like they belonged in his company. I'm sure he wasn't perfect because none of us are. But he touched a lot of lives and I'm amazed at how loyal his family and friends are to his memory. Had he merely been a good boxer, he wouldn't inspire this many strong opinions. To Jonathan and all of Jerry's family: Keep doing what you're doing! |

| 4/23/04 02:04:47 PM|Kent Appel|La Habra, Ca|kentallenent@aol.com|10|It is nice to see more of the Quarrys giving their input. Of course their views are welcome here any time because it is because of their family that we are here at this site at all.<br>It is amazing, as Angelo points out, that we are still talking about Jerry Quarry and his legacy.<br>Now, I am going to talk about some of the negative things I have gone through in my life and even though I feel there has been more good than bad, HERE GOES! WHAT? NOBODY CARES? You know what? I am even bored by this. Because my life has never made an impact anywhere near what Jerry Quarry's life made and my life likely never will.<br>One thing I can say though, even though I have never been high on the totem poll in the sports writing business, I have never exploited an athlete for my own gain and even though I don't think the writer of this article was using Jerry's name for these purposes, there have been many down through the years who have done so shame on them!<br>As a fan, I don't think the article was too negative but if it was about my own family member, who I knew well and loved, I might think differently.<br>OH ONE MORE THING, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK JONATHAN FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO SERVING OUR COUNTRY! GOOD LUCK IN THIS ENDEAVOR! |

| 4/23/04 03:16:32 PM|Massimo|Shaq 2.... Yao 0... Yao, who ?|Roma, la Fontana di Trevi|10|This is not true ! I'm very interested about your Life, Kent ? Where were you born ? Do you have toothache often ? Do you have headache often ?
Are you better in basketball, in baseball or in football? Do you prefer Yao or Kareem? All the best to you! Good luck!

Sorry if I upset everyone I was just thinking of my brother and know that no one would want stuff written about them and there past. but it did spark the old fighter in me to protect my family especially my dead brothers. so i guess if you want us to be here more just say something about one of us. lol thanks |

Johnathan, stay on the ROTC path. I also thank you for your service to your country. Has everyone heard about Pat Tillman? What a true Hero!! Jerry was too old for the Vietnam draft. I'll bet you if he'd been drafted, he'd have gone into a unit like the Rangers, and fought his ass off! Kent and Angelo, try to keep things in their proper perspective. Angelo, you are correct, anytime you face another man, I mean I MEAN FOR REAL not just for sparring or kidding around, but in combat, fists, street fighting, which could mean anything, knives, guns. The psychological factor is huge, probably determining as much as 40 percent of the outcome. Kent, do you have a clear perspective on the athletic ability necessary to become a pro football player? Do you think these guys go through life without ever getting into for real fistfights?

Your right, just jumping in to the ring lets say at 28, it too late, but over all boxing is not getting quality big men, even though I still think people lennex lewis' size is how big you have to be to compete, almost any NFL lineman would knock out Marciano of Frazier, just on pure strength alone,

BRENDA, TAKE IT EASY, I KNOW THIS ARTICLE UPSET YOU, BUT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TALKING SH... ABOUT JERRY FOR THE LAST 39 YEARS, NOTHING NEW, THOSE WHO LIKE AND RESPECT HIM WILL CONTINUE, THOSE WHO DON'T WILL ALSO CONTINUE, JERRY WAS ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING PEOPLE I'VE EVER SEEN, ALL THROUGH HIS CAREER AND EVEN AFTER, LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, YOU ARE A QUARRY AND THE NAME LIVES ON!

I agree with you Steve. Footballers are usually great athletes and can adapt to most sports. Over here in Australia an elite professional football player retired in his mid-20s to become a boxer in 2000. Anthony Mundine is now the super middleweight champion of the world. Recently in Sydney another elite professional footballer (Lance Thompson) had a fund raising fight for charity against an established professional heavyweight. Thompson won easily. (By the way, our footballers don't wear all the 'nancy boy' protection your guys have. No helmets - none of that sissy stuff over here!) Also, Marciano didn't take up boxing until he was in his 20s and look what he did. Sometimes people who began boxing in amateurs at an early age are stuffed by the time they reach their twenties. Am I right in saying that Jerry Quarry was an all-round athlete before he boxed? Didn't he play baseball? Jerry became one of the bravest men in boxing. Steve is also right about street fighting. As grotesque as it is, it takes ability, discipline and courage to be a good street fighter and those skills are readily transferrable to the ring. Where do you think Duran learnt his craft? In the gutter, that's where. Koo Koo - you are right and wrong! You are right that Frazier was incapable of competing against the really big guys. When you look at his record, he was very fragile. He had trouble enough taking Ali's pitter patters, but was no chance against the bombers. That's why his opponents were mostly handpicked. But you are wrong about Marciano. He absorbed the punishment from the big guys and then went on to beat them just like he did with Walcott. Marciano could also dish the dirt out, too (ala that right cross and vicious elbow). Finally, my sympathy to all of you after the death of your guy who gave up playing football to serve in the army in Afghanistan. His loyalty to your country humbles the rest of us. It really does.

You two retards with
the fixation for footballers ought to hook up w/each other(try frisco). The only thing either of you have ever boxed are apples and oranges at the local grocery store. If ozzies tried to play American football w/out the equipment they'd be smashed to bits. Sorry "nancy boy", but the Americans are to big and strong (pharmasutically advantaged)for those shrimp eating outcasts from every decent society. I agree that pickens are slim these days in the heavy wt division, but your bagging on Joe Frazier! Send any NFL line man you want from any time, just make sure he brings condems cause old Joe can't afford no child support. Let me take a wild guess -- you're both liberals, right? |

|4/24/04 06:51:42 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||Kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Ray, I think Thompson and Mundine are exceptions to the rule of footballers not becoming good boxers. I would suspect that both of them had some boxing experience on the way, it is very likely, especially in Mundine's case as his father was very good pro boxer. Mundine probably learned from his father.<br><br>Thanks for your mentioning Pat Tillman, a footballer who was a hero in all respects.<br><br>Steve, I have respect for footballers as they are fine athletes who are experts at what they do, but they are not boxers although a lot of them likely would make good street fighters as they are very strong.<br><br>Street fighting is another ball game as it has no rules. Head butting, poking in the eyes, kicking in the groin, throwing elbows, using a backhand (a commone karate technique), while all illegal in boxing, are all things one may have to do in order to survive a street attack.<br><br>I don't have a lot of respect personally for people who constantly streetfight on purpose as it contrary to societies norms (and I am not talking about someone who got into a few scraps in their youth). I would never fight someone in this way unless there is no other way to survive without walking away first. Down through the years, most of the time I have backed down from fights even when I was certain of victory as I don't care what some guy with an ego problem cares about me.<br><br>Welcome back Steve, I hope you start posting regularly again. I don't always agree with everything you say but I always respect your opinions.<br><br>Welcome also to Ray from Australia. I like it when more people take part in our discussions.|
7'2" guy whose name I can't recall right now !
| 4/25/04 02:22:22 AM| bk| ireland|| mydarkcolleens ||7| wow, rba, I guess I really hit a soft spot w/the ozzie footballers! I would like to take this opportunity to formally apologize, I didn't realize your mother still played -- I thought she was still a hooker. If "Braveheart" was the film you were referring to I believe it was a Scottish Epic, not Irish. You've already shown your ignorance in boxing, you really want to continue? PS bag on Ireland all you want most of them are liberal cunts like yourself. I moved to the USA when I was four. |

| 4/25/04 02:48:21 AM| bk| ireland|| mydarkcolleens ||7| Massimo from Rome, the most beautiful city on earth (Paris could have been, but they'd have to get rid of the French), you are correct about Vitali Klitchko -- he would make quick work of anyone from the NFL (and anyone from the NFL would make quick work of those Australian nancy boys). You've got to realize that a big goofball like Klitchko is only at the top because no one else is available. We will never see it, but I truely wish we had Jerry Quarry today. He would have surely had the career he deserved. By the way, in regards to the aforementioned letter, Tina Quarry told the truth. Of all the people in Jerry's life, besides his mother (who's partial to her own family), Tina loved him most. |

| 4/25/04 03:07:14 AM| Ray| Brisbane, Australia|| rba@hotmail.com ||10| BK - I forgot to mention the most famous Irish movie of them all. The quintessential Irish love story. Padraic and Lassie ! |

| 4/25/04 05:50:52 AM| Massimo| Roma||4||10| Vitali-Corrie was a fantastic fight ! Almost another George-Ron ! Corrie Sanders is a very tough guy ! It's unbelievable how strong he still is at 38 ! He has got a dynamite left hook and an almost Chuvalian chin ! Vitali showed a huge heart in this fight. But I have to admit that he is clumsy in the ring and can be hurt ! The problem is that there is nobody out there ( I don't try with "outta", it's too dangerous) good enough for beating him ( or to beat him).<br><br>PS: BK, you' re right ! Rome is not ugly at all ! |

| 4/25/04 08:38:11 AM| bk| ireland|| mydarkcolleens ||7| rba -- do you realize Irish Jerry Quarry would have hated you for all the BS you spew! You know nothing about boxing and you hate Ireland. Try a new website www.my mother was an Aborigine hooker and my father a gay erotic dancer.com PS I'm sorry your boyfriend from Dublin broke up with you. |

| 4/25/04 09:47:37 AM| Party Pooper| Here||14u@ifeltathigh.com ||6| Who cares if Jerry Quarry would have hated anyone? Get a life! Where are all the posts about how Jerry would have counter punched Vitali Klitschko to death? What a laugh! |

| 4/25/04 10:17:17 AM| real fan| ny|| toby@aol.com ||10| How nice of you to talk about a family you don't even know. The Quarry family grew-up with boxing and got into a sport that they had no idea what it would be like. Jerry untill the very day he died loved Charlie his second wife. Yes the Quarry's were a wild lot but very good people. To set the record straight the family chose to pull the plug because the doctors told them that Jerry would remain in a home for the rest of his life with a tube in his neck so he could talk or even eat. They were told he would have to have a bag comming out of his side just so he could pee. I know this because i was there. He was my friend. The family did not want Jerry in a home not being able to even move around or knowing anyone even his family. So you see there is always more to a story than just one side. So those who think that his family didn't love him more than a ex you just don't know what you are talking about. It was his family who took care of him from 1992 untill the day he died no one else. They took him to all his dr. app. cleaned and feed
him they are the one's he told all day long i love you. No one else even asked
if they could help. so now what is love it is when you give up your own life to
take care of one of your own. So say what you want, but you have no idea what
you are talking about.|  
[4/25/04 01:28:27 PM]Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Real Fan, I
have gone through the posts and unless I have missed one, no one here questions
the Quarry family's love for Jerry, with the exception of someone called G-man
who calls the rest of the family parasites. That is a real cheap shot as
parasites would not take care of their dying brother, especially if they had
nothing to gain for it except the love he gave in return.<br><br>I did say that
maybe The Quarrys might be upset that Tina, the ex-wife from the article,
mentioned pulling the plug on Jerry and her not having any say so about it, but
I didn't make any judgement about it one way or the other. If you read my post,
I said, "it is a family matter that I can't comment on." <br><br>Again Real
Fan, who on this letter page, with the exception of the stupid comment by G-man
calling the rest of the Quarry family parasites, has questioned the Quarry
family's love for Jerry? I know I have never said that as I have great respect
for what they did in caring for him.|  
read an entire document of interviews from people close to Jerry. It was turned
into a screenplay which fell out of preproduction but now I hear that it got
hooked up with a new producer and it's back on the go. Not certain of exactly
what's gonna end up on the screen. The working title is "Hard Luck" |  
[4/25/04 06:37:51 PM]Glenn C.|LA||Glenn (2)|||3|Jails dont give prisoners access
to the net, so how is BK posting here. Calling someones' mother a hooker and
using the C word is real low class stuff. Thats what you are BK, a real
low class criminal. So what jail you in. How many boyfriends you got. |  
[4/25/04 06:45:22 PM]Glenn C.|LA||Glenn (3)|||3|Forgot to mention that GK
sounds like a real big noting loser. So what if you read things. Are you
bragging that you can read. Nobody cares what a dopey fool like u does. So
crawl back in to you're jail cell and shut the hell up. You and BK are the same
posters anyways. Get back to you're boy friends. |  
[4/25/04 07:18:06 PM]Glenn, I think you're getting two
dudes confused here. If you're referring to me it was Chino State, but I'm out
now. Don't you worry though, you're still my only boyfriend. Big kiss.|  
[4/25/04 07:54:07 PM]Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|I know I said
I like it when more people post at this site but lately the quality of the posts
is suffering. <br><br>Some of the newcomers seem to get a kick out of being
petty with each other and even talking garbage about the Quarrys on their own
site. Don't some of you folks realize you are on a site dedicated to the memory
of a fine athlete and decent person and that you are disrespecting Jerry Quarry's
memory. <br><br>THIS IS NOT JUST SOME SITE WHERE GOOFBALLS CAN TRASH TALK EACH
OTHER. IT IS A SPECIAL SITE, LIKE NO OTHER. COME ON FOLKS, SHOW SOME CLASS AND
LET'S LIGHTEN IT UP A BIT!|  
[4/25/04 08:54:58 PM]Sounds like G-Man and Glenn are
an item. You guys should pay attention to Kent and stop the nonsense. How is my
old friend Massimo ?|  
back ! I' m fine thanks, and I hope you are fine too.<br><br>I think that
probably J. Toney would have a chance against Vitali. What he lacks in shoe
size, he has in skill. He is a true warrior with a chuvalian chin and is much
more skillful than Vitali. But I'd put my money on Vitali, anyway.<br><br>Vitali-
Golota would be another interesting fight.|  
absolutely beat that big goofball, Vitali, down to the ground. Unfortunately
he's out for good -- severed his achilles tendon. PS Glenn, why don't you read
how that Ozzie fruitcake was bagging on Frazier and Ireland before you stick
your nose in it.

Pretty exciting heavyweight fight Sat. night. Time will tell with Klitschko but he looks the best so far.<br>

Kent: Did u see the mystery fighter Teddy Atlas was talking about was Joe Mesi? Dangerous brain condition according to Atlas but Mesi down played it when interviewed about it.

With the greatest respect bk, you are unsuitable for this site. People using the C word and calling the mothers of other posters 'hookers' (as you lamentedly did) are not welcome here. Try a 'google' search. Type in 'dopey, ignorant fools' and you will find like-minded imbeciles to share your moronic views with. The JQ site has too many problems already. Koo Koo is a repressed alcoholic. My old friend Massimo was tossed out of the priesthood for undisclosed reasons (but he has since repented). Kent thinks he is Ritchie Cunningham from 'Happy Days'. And G-man is an old friend who hasn't been truthful about his identity. So go away, bk, put the cork back in the glue pot you've been sniffing, and wise-up forthwith. Your smut is unwelcome here. Warm regards anyways.

My deepest Evan, I didn't realize you were the son of a hooker as well. Nice soliloquy, though. Sounds like you have everybodies number -- I believe they call that type of behavior projection.

Kent, Jimmy D., Angelo, Ray, and KooKoo, this may sound crazy, but I think Quarry might have had a chance against Klitcho, he didn't look right, and Sanders ain't going anywhere.

Hey Kent, I'm going to try a little experiment. I'm going to try to make a reasonable post on this site. If I can't ask a question or express my opinion without having my ethnic heritage, manhood, or intellect insulted by some crazy, who I suspect is one guy using three or four different e-mail names, then I'm going to contact my internet provider. I will ask him to contact the webmaster of this site, and have him start blocking some of these posts. I don't know what happened to this gentlemanly, vastly informative site about the Quarry family. I do know when people start calling other people's mother's whores and c---s, I'm not gonna post here anymore.

Oh golly gee Fonz, I mean Evan, I guess that makes Massimo Ralph Malph? No matter how you say it, we agree this new clown(s) has to go. He is disrespecting Jerry Quarry and his family by his lood comments. Carl, maybe you should consider banning some people if they (he) continue to stink this joint up!

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Another loss for a meatball.

Come on people stop the bickering, it's getting old. That's not what this site is for. I would really like to know more about this screenplay. Like who the producer is?

Back to boxing, any veracity to these stories that Joe Mesi has some kind of brain damage, or that James Toney has a completely severed Achilles tendon, that could end his career?

O'kay, party pooper, why don't we get real? How do you think the big Russian would have done against George Foreman, Ron Lyle, Ken Norton. Remember, the Russian only came in at 245 lbs. He still has not mastered the jab! Corrie Sanders is not in the same league as Ron Lyle, yet look what Quarry did to him. That Russian has got serious stamina and ability to take sustained punishment problems.
know. I'm involved to some extent in the movie biz. There was this big, bald white dude from the show OZ and he paid like twenty grand for the rights to the story from Jerry's oldest son who was supposed to rep the family and divide the loot and he kept it. Then the dude went to Jerry's older brother Jimmy and the dude wanted the story to be about him and how he took care of Jerry but that didn't fly with the OZ dude. The guy I know is the writer and he interviewed a bunch of the family. He said there was a lot of disagreeing and everyone was mad at the father. I know he finished the screenplay and they made a really cool tape with interviews from all them dudes Jerry fought (and he wasn't no meatball either) whiteboy could box! Straight up apology for offending the family, cause some of them were supposed to be cool. I just heard some warn't.

4/26/04 10:09:17 PM|bk|Ireland||mydarkcolleens||||7|1. Answer to Steve -- I'm certain James Tony's out for good. Bruce Silverglade who runs Gleason's in Brooklyn told me about it three weeks ago. I've heard further reports since then.<br>2. I will not apologize, but I'll keep my language clean as long as nobody aggravates me. And I never called a woman the c__ word, I reserve that terminology for weak spirited men.<br>3. There are possibly four heavyweights in the last 20 yrs. who could have been competitive in the golden age (70's) of the big boys... Larry Holmes, Evander Hollyfield, Mike Tyson and Riddick Bowe. No one else!

4/26/04 11:36:22 PM|steve |NJ||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Hey B.K. I agree with you on your first three choices for being able to hold their own among the 70's greats. I never thought Riddick Bowe had that fire in his belly after the Hollyfield fights. Look at the terrible damage he suffered in the Gollota fights.

4/26/04 11:36:32 PM|steve |NJ||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Hey B.K. I agree with you on your first three choices for being able to hold their own among the 70's greats. I never thought Riddick Bowe had that fire in his belly after the Hollyfield fights. Look at the terrible damage he suffered in the Gollota fights.

4/27/04 01:54:42 AM|Evan B.|Belfast||(same)||||8|BK, please don't post the C word ever, whether or not anyone aggravates you (not 'aggravates' as you wrote - use a dictionary). You should also try being more civil and polite to people. Calling someone's mother a hooker is very low class. Using that term lets everyone know that you're not witty enough to think up a better insult. In regard to your grammar, I'm sure there are classes you can go to, but that's just a suggestion. Perhaps download something from the net. Sounding the longer words out will help as well (ie. ag gra vates - it's not difficult to do if you practice). Now moving on, you don't rate Lewis, huh. Do you think that you have mis rated him? (I'm sounding the longer words out for your benefit, BK) I consider Lewis to have had marvelous skills and I think he was a more competent fighter than some give him credit for. Perhaps people on this site could do some exercises to try and help BK with his spelling. Maybe we can deliberately put a error in and see whether BK can find it. That's just a thought, though.

4/27/04 02:51:07 AM|bk|Ireland||mydarkcolleens||||7|Evan, perhaps your mother was a hooker in Belfast but you are most certainly not from there you lying CUNT -- imagine this should bring some efficacy to your school boy pontificating? Everyone else, sorry for the disparaging comments, but as you can see I'm dealing a reprobate who's spent his fictitious sex life on his computer and in person has as much courage as a beaten house wife w/an acne problem. How's my spelling now?

4/27/04 03:05:23 AM|bk|Ireland||MDC|||7|Steve, although Bowe lost it he did have the equipment necessary -- similar to Tyson. You can fix just about anything on a fighter besides his mind -- both of theirs fell apart. Lewis was a big lazy half-hearted dope who never would have got away w/dropping that left hand after his lungy jab w/a guy like Quarry. He would have capitalized with
that sneaky counter right, left hook and lights out for Lewis. Lewis's best fight was his battle w/Mercer. It was the one time that big pussy impressed me.

4/27/04 03:28:02 AM|Evans|Belfast||(same)||||7|BK, whilst there is no need to be em barr assed about your lack of formal ed uc at ion (we were, after all, all ig no rant before we went to school), you should feel bad, however, about your repeated use of the C word. That is NEVER ac cept able, especially since females visit this site. So lose the C word out of your vo cab u lary.

Anyways, my last post was not about trying to em barr ass you. I was merely opening the way for you to not only use this site to in tro duce you to some basic boxing knowledge, but to also teach you social skills as well as providing some reading and writing practise (so that you have a better chance of getting a job). It's no shame to ac ept help when it's offered and others hear will have patients with you. (PS. How did you go picking out the errors? Here's a clue - there's more than one. Come on BK, it'll be lots of fun to give it a go, so post me back with what the misstakes are. Thanks.)

4/27/04 04:31:21 AM|steve |N.J.||drmsrm@comcast.net||||10|Hey, b.k. Your write about one thing. You can fix everything about a fighter except his mind. Mike Tyson, what a waste.

4/27/04 07:29:13 AM|Party Pooper|Here||14U@ifeltathigh.com||||5|Don't go too far with correcting grammar and spelling here. There wouldn't be any posts left.

4/27/04 08:58:24 AM|G-man|cali||coolio|||8|yo BK you need Jesus bro! stop bickering with that fool cause hes just intimidated by you I dont think anybody hears him. you think Tyson might might still have enough juice for a comeback? hes still got all that power right?

4/27/04 08:59:05 AM|Jonathan Quarry|Las Vegas||jonnyqa@yahoo.com||||10|I Have NO Idea What it is Going to take to get you people to stop arguing. It's Not Right. I dont know when this site lent it self to profanity and slander if you want to debate and put somebody down, become a politician it's not needed here. I hate coming to this site everyday seeing all the Bickering. I'm 17 years old and still I hold my self to a higher level and show more respect then many of you. Grow Up! It's amazing how so many people can put down a man that has done no wrong to them. So Knock it Off! keep the posts clean.

4/27/04 10:17:26 AM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||SONia90101@aol.com||||10|Come on everyone lets all get along. You know my Dad, or Uncle Jerry, would not like what's happening here, so please lets stop it, and do the right thing. We love & miss you very much Dad, and Uncle Jerry!!

4/27/04 10:57:14 AM|Katherine|Atlanta||katherine Freitas@hotmail.com||||10|I have looked back at the archives of letters posted on this site, and realized how much Jerry is loved by his fans, friends, and family. They are dedicated to preserving his memory. I am sure he was a wonderful man and it makes me so angry that you men would be so disrespectful. From the looks of it Sonia and Jonathan visit this site on a regular basis and I am sure your slander is the last thing they want to see. This is a heartfelt website, and a wonderful page, it is a shame that people have to see your stupid senseless remarks.

4/27/04 12:14:11 PM|Sabrina Quarry-Porter|Florida||sabrinalporter@aol.com||||10|you trash mouth people need to get a life. if you don't have anything nice to say then SHUT THE F__K UP....go crawl back under the rock where you came from....

4/27/04 12:44:49 PM|Massimo|Roma||Francesco Totti: Zico' s genius in bigger shoes !!!!||10|I think Joe Frazier was a great hooker, as his left hook is in the legend of this sport and put <br>down people like Ellis and Ali'. This is the way I understand the word " hooker ". But, I don't t<br>know, I have the impression that you guys mean something different. But I have no idea of what it's all about! In Rome we say " parla come magni ", it means " parla come mangi ", it means " speak like you eat ". It means, speak in a way I can
I would like to ask the decent folks that come to this site, the people who want to preserve a positive memory of JQ's life and career, and who also want to help fighters who become injured in the ring and to try and make boxing as safe as possible, need to ignore certain individuals. Often when no one responds to garbage, the offenders go away. A little debate on issues and disagreement is good for the site but cheap shots and name calling never is.

Well said, Kent, and I share your sentiments entirely. This is no place for profanities, so keep it clean guys. G-Man, I've spent some time in the States as my father worked for IBM when I was growing up. I met a big fat bald Italian guy involved in films in Vegas and he was very interested in doing something on boxing. His name was Giancarlo. Is that the guy you were referring to in your post?

You would think that the colorful language and arguing back and forth would make things interesting, but to the contrary, it gets boring really fast. Dialogue and debate on the boxers is far better! Speaking of which, Riddick Bowe on a good night could hold his own against some of yesterday's greats, but the problem is, it would be tough for him to have that good night with Ali, Frazier, Foreman, etc. bearing down on him. Tyson matches up well against Frazier but would lose to Ali or Foreman. Lewis wouldn't have the toughness to stand in with these guys—I think he would crumble if Foreman landed anything on him and I think Ali would probably take every round against Lewis and end it with a TKO in the middle to later rounds. As far as Larry Holmes goes, I consider him to be one of the greats of the 70's class. He gets lumped in with Ali, Frazier, Foreman and Norton and in my mind, could take everyone except maybe an in-prime Ali—and might have trouble with Foreman.

To the Quarrys—realize that most of the people visiting have great respect for Jerry, Mike, James and the whole bunch of you. We love the site and like the updates on what the foundation is doing. Don't let the idiots get you down.

Hey Kent, Jimmy Dorsey, Angelo, KooKoo, Massimo, and all the rest of the regulars. You know what really is starting to annoy me? I've posted three times asking for boxing info on James Toney having a career ending severed achilles tendon. I've also asked about Joe Mesi having some form of brain damage. I can't seem to get a response
because no one on this site is listening. Your all too fascinated in this Belfast, Ireland blowhard!

One of the weaknesses of a totally free-access chat page is occasional attacks from the partially brain-dead. If I was you gentlemen, I'd be more than embarrassed that a young man like Jon already knows more than you about acting like an adult... I was glad to see a Klitschko finally answer all the hype, though Corrie Sanders has more than earned my respect. Given the bouts of Ruiz and Byrd, it at least looked like a heavyweight title fight is supposed to. I'd like to see Vitali challenge Ruiz for the WBA or rematch Byrd for the IBF. Byrd's lucky rabbit's foot has to be about wore-out, he's been more than lucky. Lennox Lewis continues to circle in the background also ... Angelo, I disagree with some of your legends assessments. I take a prime Tyson over the defensively flawed Foreman, who was beat to the punch by Jimmy Young and Ron Lyle. I agree Riddick Bowe was a huge raw talent, I've said the same about Greg Page. Ali would have more trouble with Lennox Lewis than you think. Tall guys who can box were rarely seen by Ali. Ken Norton and even Joe Bugnar both seriously challenged Ali, Norton beat him at least twice. The early 90's had a very good group of heavies... Laker fans have to be impressed with what Mr. Laker, Jerry West, has done with the NBA Memphis franchise. Cleveland's LeBron was predictably Rookie of the Year. What's his shoe size, Massimo?

Steve, at the risk of sounding redundant, Tony's OUT -- for good! And he was back w/a vengence too. Gman, chances are Tyson will not be back. Like I said before the mind is unmendable. Does anybody know that I have an interview on tape of George Forman saying that he intentionally avoided only one man (Jerry Quarry). He was supposed to fight the winner of the Quarry/Lyle fight and he did not. I hear people talking about Ali having trouble w/a tall fighter like Lewis. Maybe he would but Lewis would not have been around long enough in that era to face Ali. There were too many gate keepers like JQ for instance who Lewis couldn't have gotten by. Ali was durable. I never thought he beat Norton either, but he beat others who did. Now honestly imagine how many of those battles against such calliber fighters do you think Lewis would have survived. Big dope has had himself quite a cushy career hasn't he? <br><br>Evan/glenn/ray (same guy I imagine), I'm sorry for bickering and swearing. Please forgive me. I won't do it anymore. And good luck w/the penial implant!

Your problem, Steve, is that you want this to be a totally American site. Describing posters from Belfast and Ireland as "blowhards" is hypocritical in light of you asking others to stop with the abuse. Practise what you preach or shut up. Anyways, going back through your posts I can see that you have been the most boring of posters here, and that little game concerning the Three Stooges is childish. |
sometime this week, whenever time permits, to ask him if Toney is through.<br><br>The thing is, he may not tell me as I am a member of the press and they might not want it publicly admitted, for whatever reason.<br><br>Yes, being a stooge is an inside joke, and the people not involved in it may think it is silly, but being one of the stooges here is an honor. Being called a wise guy by Mr. Jimmy, Jimmy D., Steve, and myself is something to be proud of.<br><br>Your motives differ from your words, Steve. You want others to believe that you are not being inflammatory, and then you do just that. You plead "can we just let it go" (or words to that effect) and then you ask an inflammatory question. It was the same with the foul-mouthed bk. Each time he used the filthy 'C' word, you would post him in an effort to encourage the vulgar scumbag to return. Is bk the type you want coming here? On the issue you mentioned - yes, I remember that I was going to put an evening aside for you. If I remember correctly, you went into hiding after beseeching other posters for offers of support. Let bygones be bygones, brother, and let's just talk about boxing. Peace be with you. G-Man, was that film guy Giancarlo? Are you hearing me?|4/28/04 06:48:31 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|If I had any insight or info on Mesi or Toney, I'd definitely share it. Sorry to ignore the questions---hopefully Kent could uncover something.<br><br>On the legends discussion: Ali might not have faced too many tall guys who could box, but Lewis never faced anyone with the skills and heart of Ali. I still say it's a no-contest with Ali dominating. Also, I don't mean to bash Lewis, because he was the best of his class for a few years, but let's get serious: If Oliver McCall and Hasim Rahman drop him down and out, what would Earnie Shavers do to him? Probably kill him. They'd still be counting.<br><br>even you just some silly old white dude who frontin like you all smart. I dont think anybody thinks your very smart. My mama taught me to ignore fools. Didn't your mama teach you no shame? The family asked you to stop fighting on this site. Seems like everybody has except for you. I will forgive you and answer your question if I see that you being cool for once.|4/28/04 08:18:28 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com||||10|ON FOREMAN VS. QUARRY. I distinctly remember reading the Boxing Illustrated issue that covered JQ's win over Larry Middleton in England, that Foreman had agreed "in principal" to fight JQ in England. Obviously George had second thoughts or the reporter was wrong.|4/28/04 10:29:47 AM|Fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com||||10|After Jery beat Lyle Foreman had just beaten Frazier and it looked like Jerry had the style to beat Foreman. Move Counter make him work. After Jerry beat Shavers it seemed like a letdown to fight Frazier Jerry was set to fight Foreman. I still can't believe Frazier beat him in the second fight. Klitschko looks like and amatuer I haven't seen any Russian except Kosta look like a pro they all fight like amateurs. I thought Oleg Maskaev was going to do something he has been the closest thing to Jerry I have seen yet. Just couldn't take a punch like Jerry.|4/28/04 10:45:10 AM|JQ fan|Vegas||Anon||||10|JQ Fan: Too bad you're anonymous---you should take the credit for a great post! The
Quarry family is giving us this forum and I think I speak for most of the people who post here—we love the site and appreciate the opportunity to log on and chat. Also, it's great when members of the Quarry family stop by to comment, keeping alive a link to Jerry and James for all the fans.

Yes, after Jerry beat Shavers, he was primed for a title shot. I think it was hard for him to get motivated for Frazier. Joe had already beaten him once and it seemed as though Jerry had nothing to gain by taking this fight. He had earned the right to fight for the title and instead, he gets put in against Smokin' Joe. I wish Jerry would have taken on a lower rung fighter or two to kill some time before forcing a fight with Big George. Of course, by that time, Ali might have regained his belt, setting up a third Quarry-Ali fight.

| 4/28/04 01:14:21 PM | Massimo | Roma | Totti: GENIUS and POWER! What a player! |
| 4/28/04 02:09:20 PM | Party Pooper | Here |  |
| 4/28/04 03:52:08 PM | Evan B. | Belfast | (same) |
| 4/28/04 04:47:44 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com |
| 4/28/04 06:07:25 PM | G-man | cali | coolio |
| 4/28/04 06:31:28 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM |
| 4/28/04 06:32:31 PM | G-man | cali | coolio | 10 | JERRY QUARRY was an alltime great, no doubt about it, Anyway you look at his career, it was great, there's probably a lot...
of fighter's who could have taken Jerry on any given night, and vice-versa, but did they have A CAREER like JQ. I agree with Kent, JERRY was brought up a little too fast, age 28 to 32 should have been his prime years to go after the title not 22 to 25! hi STEVE(SHEMP) STOOGES ARE FUNNIER THAN CLOWNS!@

[4/28/04 06:41:57 PM]Evam B.|Belfast|(same)|(same)| | | | | | |Right on, G-Man. I'm thinking that bk is a groovy dude, but using the C word and calling someone's mother a skanky ho is slam dunk ignorant. You know it, bro, and so do Steve and Angelo and the whole crew. But I'm past that and have repented. I won't mention any of that pu$$ again. ANYWAYS, I think that film guy's name is Giancarlo and I'm thinking that you know this dude much better than you are letting on. |

[4/28/04 07:18:18 PM]G-man|cali||coolio||| | | | | | |you sharp Evam I'll give you that. The truth is I got friendly with the writer and his name is johnny he wrote a couple other movies. The big bald dude I do not know personaly so Im just covering my own self you hear me? Its not the guy you think, that Im sure.| |

[4/29/04 03:25:00 AM]Evan Bearscove|Belfast|(same)|(same)| | | | | | |You got that right, G-Man. Jimmy's a real funny dude, isn't he. 'Stooges are funnier than clowns'. Gotta remember that one for the guys down the bar. Just have to think up a context in which to use it, so I can nail it like Jimmy just did. Might wait until they've had a bunch to drink. Something along the lines of working out who are the clowns and who are the stooges and who might be both. I'll think of something. ANYWAYS, I hope you remember that guy about the film. Suppose there is lots of big, fat bald guys around. Be easy to mix all them dudes up. Later.| |

[4/29/04 04:57:28 AM]Fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com| | | | | | |Good points about Jerry having so many tough fights and being worn out at 30. I disagree about Spinks win against Ali being a fluke. Leon was sharp, strong, hungry and very well schooled with some of the latest techniques that even Ali hadn't seen at the time. Jerry on the other hand could have beaten Ali at his best he didn't need to catch him on the way down. Jerry was always dangerous and had the power. The first Ali fight would have won if not for the cut. Ali was tired and it was only the 3rd round. |

[4/29/04 05:56:58 AM]John Gerard|NYC||rock2892@yahoo.com| | | | | | |I don't want to start the JQ vs. Foreman thing again, as I posted many times, I think George would have won. It was a matter of a very good one fighting a great one. Regarding a third Ali-Quarry fight, Ali simply had too much cutting power in his fists for Jerry to handle. Jerry beat some very good ones, lost to some great ones. |

[4/29/04 07:43:49 AM]Party Pooper|Here||14u@ifeltathigh.com| | | | | | |C'mon, Quarry was a good fighter. He was not a great fighter. Champion in another era? Only against fluke champions, ones who got their clocks cleaned by greats. There are lots of fighters who coulda, woulda, shoulda, if everything was perfect. The fact is that the greats DID. He didn't. He lost big against greats, and lost too against some not so greats. It's ridiculous to say he was great because at his peak, he coulda beat Ali if he'd crashed. |

[4/29/04 07:45:57 AM]Fran|Philly||plc7755|| | | | | | |Jerry was always dangerous and had the power. The first Ali fight would have won if not for the cut.Ali was tired and it was only the 3rd round. |

[4/29/04 08:01:00 AM]John Gerard|NYC||rock2892@yahoo.com| | | | | | |FRAN: Jerry was a fine fighter and a fine man, but he never under any circumstances could have beaten Ali. As far as Ali being tired, well he had not fought for 3 and a half years and still came back to beat the #1 contender. Ali did not come back against stiffs like Tyson did after his jail time. Give the man credit where credit due. As far as Jerry "having the power" if hitters like Liston, Foreman, Shavers could not stop Ali, do you really think Jerry could? Let's be honest in our memory of Jerry -- a fine man, very good boxer, courage to spare. But lets also be honest in our memory of his contemporaries. |

[4/29/04 08:48:06 AM]Party Pooper|Here||14u@ifeltathigh.com| | | | | | |Quarry couldn't have beat Ali in his dreams. The cut only shortened the inevitable. Ali was
humiliating him. Quarry was a tuneup, plain and simple. Power? Adequate. Ali and Frazier walked through his punches like they were nothing.

| 4/29/04 09:12:28 AM | kookoo|ny|kookoo|clock000|||10|PARTY (DOPE HEAD) IS A MORON, SIZE IS THE REASON QUARRY WOULD LOSE TO ALI EVERY TIME, I DON'T THINK THAT SKILL MEANS THAT MUCH, IT'S WHAT YOU CAN TAKE AND WHAT YOU CAN DISH OUT, PATTERSON VS QUARRY , SPENCER VS QUARRY ARE GOOD FIGHTS BECAUSE THEY ARE ABOUT THE SAME SIZE, IN ANOTHER 5 OR 10 YRS ALI WILL BE CONSIDERED A SHORT FIGHTER FROM THE PAST, THAT LOUD TALKING, DRAFT DODGING PUNK!! |
| 4/29/04 10:25:18 AM | Party Pooper|Here||14u@ifeltathigh.com|||5|You calling anyone a moron is like a hippo calling an elephant fat. You're a totally illiterate dull normal, without a single useful thing to say, ever. You can't write, you can't spell, you're stupid. What year did you drop out of high school? Do you work? If you do, I laugh to think at what. Why don't you go get drunk? That's probably the only thing you do well. No wonder you idolize Quarry. It's to make up for your own failed life. |
| 4/29/04 11:20:37 AM | brenda|ca|meme@thien|||9|I am very sorry if i started all this talk because i was upset about the article. I hope everyone will just get back to talking about boxing. I myself will never respond to something an ex chooses to write again i hate seeing this happen to the site. Jerry and Jimmy were good people and i will leave it at that. If someone really wants to write a movie or book present it and lets go from there The title hard luck comes my my dads hands he has tatoo on his fingers. I ask at this time if you will pray for my dad he is very sick and close to the end of his life. I ask that he doen't have to suffer to much. He says he ready to go with his sons. Thank you |
| 4/29/04 01:32:40 PM | Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Everyone's entitled to their opinion. Most of us here, even the biggest of Quarry fans, agree that he wasn't the greatest ever---that the best of his era defeated him. No excuses. With that said, while it's okay to disagree about how good Jerry (or even Mike) were as boxers, I think it's unacceptable to come to this page to launch personal attacks against these fighers and their family---to belittle their careers. To me, this is like the Quarry family home, and we're guests. I think it's disrespectful and also<br>low-class to make vile comments of a personal nature against anyone, especially the Quarrys, who are the host here.<br>Back to boxing: In-prime Ron Lyle vs. in-prime Lennox Lewis: Who would win, and how?<br> |
| 4/29/04 02:09:57 PM | charles anderson|ark.|ctjjandfam@aol.com|||7|what does someones shoe size have to do with this site? i'm outa here. |
| 4/29/04 04:21:43 PM | Evan B.|Belfast|||same|||10|Brenda, I'm sure all the posters here sincerely wish your father, yourself, and your family, great strength. The squabbling here has nothing to do with you.| | 4/29/04 04:40:54 PM | Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Evan Bearscove, I'm going to explain this to you just this once. Why in this lifetime would I have to "plead" with you for anything? I didn't go into "hiding" after your terrifying threat to "set aside an evening for me". The fact is, I stopped posting for awhile due to the death of a family member. As far as the poster who said,"all you Irish dudes talk that way", maybe your right. My mother and half my uncles and aunts where born in Ireland. I don't need any other posters from this site to protect me from you, Evan. You whanna cool it now? My apologies to the Quarry family. I have had my last say on this stuff and am willing to let it go. |
| 4/29/04 05:59:08 PM | charles anderson|ark.|ctjjandfam@aol.com|||7|evan, i stated some time ago that the language on this site should be cleaned up. but i
have been reading about shoe sizes for quite awhile now and i am sorry you took offense. when yhis site started there were a lot of people who posted here but now it is the same 5 or6 who dont sem to have much to say, that is why i have gone from 10 to 7 on my scale. i love to read anything about jerry but not a lot of other stuff i see here, sorry but that is the way i feel, sorry for my spelling. |

[4/29/04 06:40:17 PM] steve | N.J. | dmmrsrn@comcast.net | 10 | Angelo, I think Lyle and Lewis would be a great fight! Lyle was a bit of a plodder, but had pretty fast hands and a knockout punch in either hand. He had a rock for a jaw, and plenty of heart as he showed against Quarry and Forman. Lewis was a much better boxer, but with a suspect chin. I think Lewis would have pulled of a close decision. I think Foreman vs Lewis would have been even more interesting. |

[4/29/04 08:08:28 PM] Party Pooper | Here | 14u@ifeltathomhigh | 5 | Party Pooper - you're coming off as working class unemployable. Coolio it. <br>Oh yassuh, boss, just because you said it, I'll be sure to attend to it post haste. How you wish that were true, but of course you know it isn't, don't you? Please say yes. Your opinion means so much to me. |

[4/29/04 08:18:21 PM] bk | ireland | mdc | 7 | who besides me is now totally ignoring Evan b the walking dichotomy who is not really from Belfast? Party Pooper you truly underestimate the quality boxer and warrior that JQ really was! Koo Koo you're still lusting after the big fellas. Size wouldn't have helped Lewis or Klitchko against the bad asses from the 70's -- a rare breed they were. PS your big footballers, Gastineau (spelling) and 2 tall didn't fare too well in the fight game, did they? |

[4/29/04 08:19:36 PM] Jerry Schultz | Cleveland, Ohio | jgschultz11@aol.com | 9 | Brenda, please don't feel any responsibility for these classless postings, it's not you. Perhaps it is time for some security on this site... While this is a site for Quarry/boxing fans, there's nothing wrong with stating you're not one, Jerry and Mike did have their detractors. Just show some manners when doing it. You would not want someone looping it up when they enter your house... Sorry, but I feel both Jerry and Mike were great fighters, both would-be champions. JQ was better than Ellis, no insult to Jimmy Ellis. He was basically Top Five 1967-1975, only a real talent does that in the greatest era in boxing history. Barely 6' and rarely 200 lbs., he did rile and seriously challenge Ali early, and did embarrass Ali when he relaxed. Few can say that. He nearly beat Frazier, nearly KO'D Norton on two-weeks notice, and clearly raised Foreman's eyebrows at ring side. Who else did all this? No power?? Ask Earnie Shavers, Ron Lyle, Mac Foster or Thad Spencer, all top-rated heavies, if JQ could bang. Read Joe Frazier's bio and what he says about Jerry, or Foreman's website entry on him. He would certainly have been cruiserweight champ also, was rated #1 contender multiple times when it was just the WBA, and
was treated like a champ often. I might also add, he came across as a great guy. Why does all this need to be re-explained? New posters, check the rest of the site, you might learn something... I was glad to see Cleveland's own Don King get the boot for not having a permit recently. It's about time boxing's higher power's, whatever they may be, checked that guy... Brenda, if I had the credentials, I'd love to see something made on Jerry and the rest of your family, I've been a fan for years. Maybe Kent or someone can take the lead on that. I recently wrote ESPN Sportcentury and told them what a good story Jerry and you guys would make... Angelo, you're right on Lewis's chin, but his skills would have fit right in in the 70's. I rate him even with Larry Holmes, another great boxer with some funny performances. A Bowe- Lewis fight, about 1993, could have been the fight of that decade. Early 1990's also had Tyson, Holyfield, Mercer, Morrison, others, an underrated group in my opinion, though not as good as Jerry's era, I agree... Sorry Kookoo, real champ isn't in the NFL, boxing is a skill sport, usually anyway."

4/29/04 11:40:34 PM|KOOKOO|NY||KOOKOOCLOCK|||10|PARTY POO POO , WELL AT LEAST YOU GOT HEART AND YOUR NOT PC , LIKE A LOT OF PEOPLE, I HOPE THAT ONE FORMER BASKETBALL PLAYER GETS DOUBLE LIFE, SHOT HIS LIMO DRIVER, THIS SO CALLED STAR ATHLETES NEED TO BE TAKIN DOWN, HE'S GUILTY, LIKE O.J. PARTY POOPER YOU INSULT LIKE A REAL MAN, YOU MIGHT BE THE NEXT KOO KOO WHEN I RETIRE))))))))]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]}
stopped it. Like I said, I love Ali more than anyone, but I don't see how you'd view him as dominating that fight. | 10:22:33 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|Angelo-

I have Lyle 3 points ahead after 10 rounds. But I think he was ahead only because Ali' did nothing but clowning for almost all the fight. In round 7 and 8 Ali' got abruptly serious and Lyle was in trouble. I think that Ali' was killing Lyle in round 11. Lyle was already shaken after the first right and Ali' hit him with 20-30 other punches. Ron had no chance in hell to survive (or of surviving) the round. Watching the fight I got the impression that Ali' was always in control of the fight and never hurt or in danger. If he had fought with the determination he showed against Foreman, I'm sure Lyle wouldn't have been ahead after 10 rounds, and maybe wouldn't have been up on his feet. Just my impression. 

I have watched only a synthesis of Ali'-Spinks 2, not the whole fight, and Ali' didn't look that good in my opinion. Besides that I think the fight was pretty boring. Just different views.

4/30/04 11:27:15 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Angelo, look at Lyle's eyes when the referee stopped the fight. They were glazed over and he was not throwing punches back. He was out on his feet and taking a large amount of punches. That right hand that started it all by sending Lyle sagging against the ropes was a hard punch.

Massimo, Lyle fought a strategic fight and he scored with enough punches, even if a lot of them were not as hard as he could punch, to lead on the scorecards. You are right, Ali did very little in a lot of the rounds and Lyle did just enough but there were times when he hit Ali hard. Lyle was saving energy for the latter rounds. 

By clowning around in the fight, Ali also was saving energy for the latter rounds but he almost waited too long to get going because if he doesn't score that knockout in round 11, he is facing a powerful fighter with energy left. Lyle likely would have fought as hard as he could against Ali in rounds 12 through 15 to go after the win. 

Ali, later in his career, until the Shavers fight, was hitting harder than he was earlier in his career and there probably would have been some hard toe to toe action in the last rounds of the Lyle fight.

Against Foreman, my memory of the fight was from seeing it has it happened and that all Ali did was lay against the ropes and tire Foreman out. But after viewing it on tape a lot of times since, Ali is counterpunching and tagging Foreman hard throughout the fight, bouncing off of the ropes and hitting Foreman in between wearing Foreman out with the rope a dope. The key to this fight is Ali hitting Foreman with hard lead right hands early in the first round to let Foreman know he was in for a real fight this time.

4/30/04 11:47:22 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|Kent-

Yes, I agree with you, Ali'-Foreman was very close after 7 rounds. After round 5 Giorgio Eduardo was not in the fight anymore. He was already ready for his own big bed.

4/30/04 11:51:52 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||10|Massimo---I think you're right that Ali-Spinks second fight was boring to watch. Sometimes, good boxers like Jimmy Young, Eddie Gregory (Eddie Mustafa Muhammad), even Lennox Lewis look boring when they win decisions.

Kent: The crazy thing about Ali-Foreman round one was that Ali even tried throwing right hand leads---much less the fact that they connected that hard. "When We Were Kings" comments on that. It's insulting to a pro fighter to throw right hand leads because they leave the guy throwing them so vulnerable to counters. But I think Foreman was stunned by the strategy and that's why he got caught. And it's very interesting that you mention your old recollection of the fight and then your experience watching it again. Ditto for me. When I first saw that fight, and for many years after, it was as though my memory told me Ali's only really good round was eight, when he scored the KO. But watching it again shows that he fought brilliantly for at least half the rounds, including coming off the ropes and popping Foreman with crisp punches. The punch that ended it was one of the best of Ali's career---and had Foreman beat the count, Ali would have tortured him in
the next round. <br>
| 4/30/04 12:27:02 PM | Fran | Philly | | plc7755@aol.com | | | | | Thanks Mass. In the second Spinks fight if I remember right Ali just held on to Spinks the whole fight and really didn't do anything but hold and tie up Leon....that was back in the day when they made up the bull that you had to KO the champion to take the title so Ali holds on and gets the decision cause Leon couldn't hurt him. The fight where Ali fought Lyle seemed very hard to believe that Lyle could take Foremans Bombs but couldn't take Ali's light punches. | | | | | | | |
| 4/30/04 12:35:55 PM | John Gerard | NYC | | rock289z@yahoo.com | | | | | I remember before the Ali-Lyle fight, Lyle said that everyone who fights Ali for some reason goes out there and tries to kill him. Lyle said his plan was to win even if the fight went to a decision. I had Lyle ahead and I think the fight was stopped too early. My friend was a ringside and he agreed. Cosell's calling of the fight was horrible. He had it in his mind that Lyle had no chance and he would not concede that Lyle was doing well even when he clearly was. He called Lyle "muscle bound" and said something to the affect that "Lyle was one of the few fighters who could claim a loss to Quarry" | | | | | | | |
| 4/30/04 01:54:47 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | | funktron@yahoo.com | | | | | It's a shame about Cosell----I enjoyed his call on fights and I think he made Monday Night Football interesting too. I don't remember the derogatory comment about Quarry during the Lyle/Ali fight but as I recall, he said something very similar about Earnie Shavers when Shavers fought Norton---one of the few fighters to claim a loss against Quarry. The thing that makes me scratch my head is that Cosell really seemed to like Quarry early in Jerry's career. I have tapes of Cosell praising Quarry both as a fighter and as an intelligent guy outside the ring. I wonder why he turned like that? Cosell was frustrated by boxers getting hurt or being in mismatches. Maybe he had a problem with Jerry hanging around too long?? | | | | | | | |
| 4/30/04 03:18:34 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | | | | | If you weren't ALI,JOE NAMATH OR O.J., you just did not rate with Cosell,just ask Dandy DON,Howard was hard on boxer's and Washington Redskins(Alvin Garrett). he was a weird duck anyhow,and a highly paid one.Handsome Howard skated thru life. easier than a fox in a hen-house | | | | | | | |
| 4/30/04 03:29:32 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | | | | | Maybe HOWIE was jealous JERRY QUARRY BEAT him out for Boxing commenting awards in his first year(1976)Call it how you see it,I can respect that,What he did not see was JQ beating more top ten Ranked contenders (7-0) than any other non-champion in the 1960's and 70's combined.His appraisals of Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers,As well as others show you how ignorant to the sport HUMBLE HOWIE really was.Glad he got the big bucks!NOT!! | | | | | | | |
| 4/30/04 04:51:59 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | | kentallenent@aol.com | | | | | Steve, I called that office I spoke about yesterday to ask if Toney's career was done. I left a message for someone to call me back and no one has yet. I will try again Monday or Tuesday. I also E mailed a couple of reporter friends of mine to see if they know anything about Mesi but haven't heard from them either. Of course, if they did know something, they might not share it with me as it is a big story. It was worth a try though. My feeling on the subject of Toney being through is he isn't through as he recently was seen shooting his mouth off about the Klitschkos after Vitali's win over Sanders. I think Toney only does that to promote himself into getting big money fights and he wouldn't do it if he wasn't going to fight again. | | | | | | | |
| 4/30/04 10:02:47 PM | Gerry Schultz | Cleveland, Ohio | | jgschultz21@aol.com | | | | | Just rewatched Byrd-Golota, Golota not as aggressive as he could have been, but I thought he won a narrow decision. Chris Byrd does not impress, I have to think his bell is about to be wrung soon. Howard Cosell's bio was called "I NEVER PLAYED THE GAME", which I suppose is
supposed to have a double-meaning, to me it clearly means that what he knew about fighters could barely fill a matchbook, he was not complimentary of JQ to the degree Jerry deserved and just gushed for Ali like a schoolgirl, Howie was overrated in my opinion... Ali-Spinks was a farce. Larry Holmes and Ken Norton were the top guys by then, Ali had become a cartoon. I still remember "Neon Leon" on Letterman after his win, hilarious stuff at his expense. Brother Micheal was much better.

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<td>Thanks Kent for your efforts at getting that info on Toni and Mesi. Your article on Mike on the Eastside boxing site was a great tribute to Mike and his family. Still, I agree with Gerry Schultz. Why don't you take the lead on writing something more in depth on Jerry and his family? Perhaps you could approach it from the viewpoint of writing a book. Not as an unbiased journalist?</td>
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| Steve, I am glad you enjoyed the article about Mike. I have actually written a book, a book of children's stories. It is not related to sports at all. It is a collection of short stories. I also have had a book of science fiction short stories in the works for a while now but it hasn't been finished.
I have never written a novel or a non fiction full book length before. Everything I have done is article length or twenty five pages or less short story length.
It would be quite a challenge but it is something to consider as we haven't heard much about the gentlemen who were working on a book idea lately. Daryl Breese, if you are out there, what's up with the book? |

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<td>Cossell was a joke but to the casual fan he was believable he helped sell the Ali show and all the needed explanations of any weird stuff that his fights generated near the end. He knew nothing about boxing. Kent did you write an article on Mike if you did where can I get it.....Thanks</td>
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<td>Yes, Kent, we'd like to check out the article also, can you please send us the link to it. Keep checking out the site all. We sure love &amp; miss you very much Dad, and Uncle Jerry!</td>
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| Sonia, I tried sending you the link to the article but it didn't go through. So to you and Fran also, and anyone else who would like to read my article about Mike, go to www.eastsideboxing.com and click on the link that says "The Time Tunnel." The link is on the left side of the homepage. A list of articles will come up and the article about Mike is about the third one down from the top of the list.
Also, I have another article in the Time Tunnel section about Jerry's 1973 fight with Ron Lyle, near the bottom of the list of articles in the section and there is an article about Jerry from another writer in the section too. You will have to go to Eastside boxing right away because the editor of the site told me they are going to a new server and the site may be down for a couple of days. |

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| Fran: Cosell knew about the personalities in boxing, the fighters, trainers, promoters, etc. He obviously never boxed himself, limiting his first hand knowledge of technical aspects of the sport. On the other hand, lots of judges have never boxed either---you can still score a fight or in Cosell's case, comment on it, without having been a pro. In fact, I find that some of the better sports announcers have never professionally played the sport. Of course, it's changing now---ex-jocks are the only ones hired to do color and they're even taking over play-by-play. The problem is that I don't think they can be impartial. Say what you want about Cosell heavily favoring one team or performer over the others---I
think it's all a matter of perspective. It's funny that some Baltimore Orioles fans I know think Cosell favored the Pirates during the '79 World Series. I'm a Pirates fan, and I can remember being irritated with Cosell for favoring Baltimore. I agree with you though, that he had a relationship with Ali that clouded his coverage of the sport. Cosell had his faults, but I'm not a Cosell hater. I think he brought an intelligence to sports coverage that made it journalism instead of cheerleading. Sometimes there's nothing wrong with a little controversy. Also, by and large, he had integrity. He did have a few slip-ups (like during Olympic boxing, when he was getting fight results passed to him, then acting like he was predicting the outcome). But normally, I think you could trust that he was giving his views without being bullied by the network pressure. Other announcers take the company line and ignore stories that Cosell would jump on and report. In the end, I think his downfall as a serious sports journalist is that he began to believe his own hype—he loved interacting with celebrities and ended up too much on the entertainment side of sports instead of the athletic side.

Angelo, it does help to participate on even a limited level when reporting on a sport such as boxing. I do my part time column for the other site(s) and it helps that although I had no official bouts, I have put on a pair of boxing gloves in the gym and I have been punched in the face. This perspective gives me a respect for boxers and what they go through because at least I have an idea what it feels like and it is the reason, besides my basic instinct towards fairness, Evan B would call this the "Richie Cunningham" in me, that I never take cheap shots at any fighters. Some writers who like to dig up dirt on boxers I suspect are the very ones that never have laced on a pair of gloves ever. Thankfully most writers are the opposite and by and large have at least some integrity.

True enough, writers who never played the game take cheap shots that are unwarranted. Kent: Do you see the stars lining up for a resurgence of the heavyweight division? I'm not necessarily saying that tomorrow's crop of fighters will be Ali, Norton, Tyson, etc., but it seems to me that interest is picking up and there are a few guys on the horizon (or even active already) who are making for some intriguing bouts. I think that after Holmes—with the exception of Tyson, none of the guys appealed to a large fan base. Also, there weren't good natural rivalries. At first, Holyfield was viewed by some as an inflated Cruiserweight. I think he proved himself, but he gets beat by Bowe, who gets hammered by Golata. Put Lewis in the mix—a big guy with an engaging personality, who often is boring in his wins—he takes Golata rather easily, but loses to guys like McCall and Rahman—let me rephrase that, he doesn't just lose, he gets destroyed. Holyfield was the closest thing we had to excitement because he'd mix it up with anyone. Lewis was the closest thing we had to competence because he ruled for so long. But when they fought each other, it produced two snoozefests. Yes, we can make a case that the post-Holmes era produced some very good fighters, but not a lot of general fan interest (save for George Foreman's comeback—and he PRE-DATED Holmes as a factor in the sport! In my mind, lately that's starting to change. Kent, from your viewpoint as someone who is speaking with fighters/managers and is covering fights, do you see the division turning the corner? At what point do you think one of today's contenders will emerge as the clear best in the world—someone to shoot for? Forget the alphabet soup belts: Fans will know when one guy is clearly deserving of the title "Champion" and will consider his fights as the real title fights and other "champions" title defenses as elimination bouts.
Audley Harrison is one heavyweight who comes to mind who could make things interesting. He needs a little more seasoning but he is one to watch. He is big and quick. Vitali Klitschko of course is the man at the moment but he needs to take on all comers and come out on top before we can say he is more than just for the moment. Wladimir K. has a lot of talent but he seems to crumble up every time he is hit with a big punch and he has stamina and/or health problems that will hold him back. As far as American heavyweights go the pickens are slim indeed, former national golden gloves champion (like Jerry!) Malcolm Tann could surprise a lot of people if he learns to settle down in the ring and box and use his natural height advantage, he is 6'6" and at 230 pounds, is always in shape, but he tends to brawl more than he should and he sometimes leaves himself open to punches. He is 10-1 as a professional and I have seen him fight several times, including his only loss as a pro this past November to journeyman Willie Chapman, a veteran with almost forty professional fight and about a 50% win rate. Tann has already sparred in the gym with James Toney, Wladimir K, Kirk Johnson, and Chris Byrd, among others.

We could very well be in a resurgence of the heavyweights as there are also several Eastern European fighters that are climbing the ladder. The problem is, none of the prospects seem to get together and fight each other, they just seem to pad their records and it is hard to tell who is for real and who isn't. It isn't like it was when Jerry was coming up and he was already fighting Eddie Machen and Floyd Patterson by the time he was twenty-two or when Joe Frazier was already taking on Oscar Bonevena in his 11th professional fight.
Howard Cosell for what I thought was his biased favoritism for Ali. That and his at times snide remarks about Jerry whenever he lost a fight. He even described Quarry's two fights with Patterson as "failures". I'll never forget his remark that "Jerry will be fine as soon as he finds something he's good at." Then again, whenever I watch an Eagles game, I feel like the National commentators all hate the Eagles and are unfair in their coverage. Maybe that's just typical fan reaction, especially when your team is getting clobbered. One incident I did resent, however, is on the Jerry Quarry vs Norton fight. The one commentator, not Dunphy, makes the remark, with a little laugh, "boy, Norton is really painting pictures now, on Quarry, isn't he? This was at the end of the fight, when Quarry was taking a brutal beating. One thing I'll say for today's referees, they don't allow that kind of slaughter to take place anymore."

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5/3/04 03:08:59 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA
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If my QB Farve would have forgotten his time as a Falcon and not threw that yo-yo interception in OT, The PACK might have been in there against NEW ENGLAND. I AGREE though JQ had a lot of media detractors. And most of them do not know boxing, One thing for sure, the knowledgeable fan THINK Jerry was a great fighter whether they liked him or not, the not so knowing (Cosell etc.) were less impressed. I still wish I could find the 1974 "superstars" competition were JQ finished third with the NFL'ERS. That would have shown Howie a few things Jerry was good at. Like GOLFING, BOWLING, BASEBALL HITTING, WEIGHT LIFTING (HE WENT OUT AT 230 LBS IN THAT ONE) BICYCLING, He wasn't even the same guy who showed up at ROTUNDA FLORIDA a year later.

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I think Jerry was a victim of the Sport of Boxing as it was conducted at that time, and his environment. Today, with a savvy promoter, management and trainer, he could have easily accomplished much more than he did in the sport. He would have been brought along more carefully and slowly. He would have been making ton of money on the way up. With a real pro management and trainer team, he would have been taught discipline. That is, he would have been taught to go after an opponent's weaknesses, instead of always challenging his opponent's strengths. Also, in Todays sport, if he did lose the occasional fight, it wouldn't have to be by a brutal beating.

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Hey Jimmy Dorsey, you knucklehead, yuk, yuk. How're you doing? I'm gonna try to write to the network, which one was it? They must have a tape or microfich of those 1974 and 1975 superstars events. They never just throw that old stuff away. I would love to have both those shows! If it costs some money, maybe we could share the cost. I know I'd be willing to.

5/3/04 04:33:47 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA
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Yes Steve I would be all for it, they filmed those things in January/February of the particular year. Jerry was there to win that 74' competition and received more points (28) far more than any other boxer. He'd just Ko'd Shavers RANKED No. 3 FOREMAN 1- ALI 2- FRAZIER was in shape and on a roll. He even lifted 220 lb, when one year later he would go out at 210 lb after O.J. had favored him to win. Quarry fans would love how he determined to win he was at every event he was in. I HAVE THE 75' VERSION, and JERRY DIDN'T SEEM TO be in the shape he was in the year before, another thing that gets me, is 74' he did a lot better and against far more superior athletes than in 1975.

5/3/04 05:27:39 PM | Evan B. | Belfast | (same) | 1

It's sad watching this site go round and round in circles. You guys posted exactly the same comments about Cosell last year. The same criticisms, the same biases. You recycle a topic every few months, making the same utterances as if it was all something new and inventive, happy to post in the company of the proudly racist Koo Koo, whilst giving each other gratuitous little pats on the head. Posting ridiculous comments that Jerry Quarry was one of the greats (when everyone else knows he
was gutsy and good and worthy of respect - but nothing more). Believing that you can somehow look into the mind of a fighter because someone punched you in the playground at school. It is all so very, very silly and sad. This site has become the reserve of four men ("knuckleheads") posting alongside a poison-tongued racist. A happy little clique wasting time and ensuring that few others bother visiting here. Charles Anderson left because he tired of the trivial topics covered. I'm going because of the bigots and racists. I bid you adieu. 

[5/3/04 10:19:10 PM] Kent [La Habra, Ca] | Kentallenent@aol.com | | | | | | | | | | | | Yes Evan B, we do sometimes recycle topics but notice it is someone new who wasn't on the topic when it was brought up before who brings it up and we just comment on it. What are we supposed to say when something is brought up again, we already talked about this we can't discuss this again? Unless I missed something, it was John Gerrald, not one of the four knucklehead you are referring to, who started talking about Cosell this time around and it was Massimo who brought up the Ali/Lyle fight. Massimo wasn't around when we did in fact talk about that fight before. Again, he isn't one of us knuckleheads either. As far as a certain someone making racist remarks, notice none of us comment on anything he says of that nature, we ignore it. If we did, there would be constant battles going on around here. Something we all promised the Quarrys we wouldn't do.

WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER WHO POSTS HERE AND WHAT THE CONTENT IS BUT I HOPE EVAN YOU RECONSIDER AND KEEP POSTING HERE AS YOUR INPUT IS MOST WELCOME AS CHARLES' INPUT IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN AND I HOPE HE DROPS IN HERE AGAIN AS WELL.

Steve [N.J.] | dmmsrm@comcast.net | | | | | | | I think George Forman, the younger version, would have flat out walked down Lennox Lewis and knocked him out cold in about three rounds!

Steve [N.J.] | dmmsrm@comcast.net | | | | | | | | | | | | For me, the point of posting here is to get attention! When I post my opinion here or ask for info on the Quarry family, I greatly enjoy getting a response. Instead, relevant posts are getting ignored while we keep trying to defend this site against the same split, or should I say, multiple, (at least four that seem pretty obvious to me) personality.

Evan B, "because he tired"? You are
speaking incorrectly! But for the 1st time I agree with you about something...
Koo Koo not only knows shit about boxing but he's most certainly an anti-semetic, back pedaling CUNT! |

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<td>Steve, I was speaking in general terms as I don't remember who wrote in about a certain subject. I was responding to Evan B's knitpicking about the same subject appearing here from time to time. To me, he was making a big deal out of nothing because if someone comes here and brings up a topic we already talked about before, then he or she should be able to do so and we should be able to comment on it.</td>
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<td>Steve, I agree that George Foreman would have knocked out Lennox Lewis, probably fairly early in the fight.</td>
<td>&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;George would be throwing too many punches early for Lewis' somewhat weak chin to stand up against. Now if Lewis survives say, into the six round, it could be a whole different ballgame and Lewis could either keep an increasingly tired Foreman at a distance for a late round stoppage or decision win for Lewis.</td>
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<td>I think that probably Big George ( I mean Foreman, not Godfrey ) would have knocked out Lewis but I am far from being sure. I have seen the 1968 Olympic Final between Foreman and Chepolis ( I'm sorry but I'm not sure this is the right way of spelling that name.)&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;I don't speak Russian very well, the only words I know are &quot; da &quot; and &quot; spassiba &quot; and, at 19 years of age, George was already a &quot;beast&quot;!&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;I think he would have killed and buried a 19 years old Cassius Clay. But I also think that when in shape, focused and in his prime, Lennox Lewis is one of the greatest heavyweights of all time. I mean, read his shoe size, watch his fights against Ruddock, Golota, Grant, Botha, Bowe ( Olympics ) Rahman 2, Tuа etc ! And then, if Gregorio Peralta gave Foreman so much trouble, maybe even Lewis would have had a good chance of doing the same. Who knows ?&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;I have just seen the first Shannon Briggs' s fight in Kl. He won in ( or on ) impressive fashion ! Bummmm, and the fight was over ! I don't think I could be a great champion in Kl. There are a few guys stronger than me in the world !&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;3 in New Jersey, 5 in Connecticut and 3 at Chattanooga Tennessee ! And even Bob Saap is a little stronger than me. More than 100 Kg heavier than me. Speaking of Briggs, I think that a Klitschko-Briggs fight would be interesting. I'd like to see Briggs-Tyson too ! I think it would be a slugfest !&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Speaking again of Ron Lyle I have to say that his career was really odd ! He began fighting professionally at 30 years of age to become one of the best heavyweights of the 70s. Just unbelievable ! Still, he came back in 1995, when he was 54 years of age to whip young asses !&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;PS:&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Evan B. you' re cool ! Please keep posting ! We have already lost true legends like Paul from Sydney and Roadscholarette from Chicago ! We are losing too much guys on this beautiful site !</td>
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| Massimo: Big shoe size or not, I think Lennox gets flattened very early against Foreman. Foreman simply had way too much firepower. In fact, I look at the Foreman vs. Lyle fight, and figure that either of those guys, at that point in their careers, if they brought the fight to Lewis early, would knock him out in short order. Lewis is a very good and competent Champion of his era, but I don't think he...
could stand in against the Super 70's guys---even the second tier (Shavers, Lyle). Lennox is a good boxer with good power and good defense. Good, good, good, but not great in any area. He's got a nice size advantage, but that's about it, and in my opinion, that's offset by a questionable chin. I'll go out on a limb and say that another of the 70's second tier guys, Jimmy Young, would outbox him and win a decision. It's interesting to note that among the top tier, I actually think Lewis would have a chance against Frazier and Norton. As they say, styles make fights and I think Lewis, with a fast start, could give problems to Frazier and Norton, not known for being strong starters. I think that if Frazier and Norton got out of the early rounds intact, they'd come back to beat Lewis. Ali, Foreman and Holmes take Lewis without too much difficulty. Oh, and let's put Jerry in my second tier (gee Evan, hope you're satisfied). Lewis could beat Quarry by cutting him and keeping him away with the long reach and big height and weight advantage. I think it would be very hard for Quarry to get inside (Evan, I'm sure you're loving this---wow, I admit that Jerry isn't the second coming of Jesus, or even the greatest boxer of his era...oh boy, how exciting). Now for the big letdown Evan, if Jerry could manage to force Lewis to fight instead of clutch and run, he'd KO him.

By the way, on earlier posts, I think I said that Duane Bobick beat Jody Ballard. I don't think that's the case---not sure if they ever fought. The fighter I was thinking of was Bunny Johnson. Maybe it's just me, but for some reason, I confuse Jody Ballard, Bunny Johnson and Young Sanford!

Tonight I saw some footage of Bob Foster's knockouts and his fight with Mike was one of them. Mike had just finished trading some good shots with Foster in the fourth round when almost out of nowhere, Foster exploded with his left hook. Mike was out cold and a very concerned Mr. Jimmy, who was working in Mike's corner, can be seen rushing into the ring to take out Mike's mouthpiece. I have a lot of respect for Roy Jones Junior as he has a lot of talent but I think he would have had his hands full with Foster. One thing that surprised me at watching Foster knockout Mike, Vincent Paul Rondon, and Dick Tiger, was how fast Foster was. I don't remember him being fast when I was watching him fight when I was a kid. Foster, although he had his problems when he tried to move up to heavyweight, in my book is one of the best five or six light heavyweights of all time. The others, in no particular order, Jones, Archie Moore, Billy Conn, Michael Spinks, and Ezzard Charles. Although Charles never won the light heavyweight title, his best years were spent as a light heavyweight.

Another Jones I respect very much is Doug Jones. He fought toe to toe with Cassio Marcello, did eat alive Bob Foster (kot 8 with Bob Foster down in the first round and hurt in round 7 and 8) and knocked out Zora Folley. Zora Folley outclassed Oscar Bonavena in their first fight, he was no bum! Doug Jones was the James Toney of the 60s. How do you guys see these fights? Are they on TV. Bonavena is a fighter that I would have liked to see more of. His career was parallel to Jerry's interesting they never fought. Probably wouldn't have been big money for Jerry. Was there ever any talk of a fight between the 2.
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Unfortunately I have never seen Folley-Bonavena 1 and Jones-Foster. I know that stuff because I'm pretty literate in heavyweight history )). This month in Italy on ESPN Classic they' ll show Bonavena-Mildenberger, Bonavena-Patterson and Foreman-Lyle ! Of course, I'm looking forward to watch these fights !

CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||||10|ANGELO: No Bobick and Jody Ballard never fought ironically Ballard holds a 10-round win over Rodney Bobick. Foreman said in his book Ballard admired him so much, that he hated to Ko him in a exhibition.Fran: yes Bonavena-Quarry were actually Signed twice, one Bonavena suffered a broken hand. And they other 1973 Bonavena needed more time to train, so it went Quarry-Shavers May 25 which Jerry pulled out for the flu. then the bout ended up June 18 MSG Ellis-Shavers. With Ernie getting the KO. Brenner worked hard to get a Foreman-Quarry in those days. Would have answered all the 30 years of questions! Take care|

CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||||10|Kent: I just read your old post on Ring Magazines top 50 Heavyweights of alltime, 1998 Mr. Jimmy had informed me of Jerry being #27, He was also #27 in BOXING WORLDS ALLTIME IN 1979. That list would have to change drastically today. Pinklon Thomas #49?? Might as well have Tommy Morrison! Ring Magazine is the best Ratings for boxers for alltime. But that 1998 list leaves a lot to be desired. 6 years can really make a difference I guess. One THING about Ring, they always saved the 8th 9th and 10th spots in the top ten for the European fighters, such as Evangelista and Urtain, Peralta, Blin, Bugner, Boddell, Cooper, London, Corletti, What top ten contender (at the time) did these guys ever beat? Not meaning to bring up old posts, and we'll never know, But I still THINK JERRY would have outclassed Bonavena, People say WELL how come Quarry lost to Chuvalo, Who was also similar to Oscar? well JQ Was on the verge of being only the second guy to stop George C. Whom would later be George Foreman|

CALIFORNIA||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Jimmy: I watch the Chuvalo-Quarry fight and can't believe the outcome. Let's face it, that was the cheapest KO ever. It borders on a disqualification if you ask me...more a lack of following rules (not beating the 10 count) than being hurt on Jerry's part.<br> I understand how people look at Jerry's record after retirement, see a couple of his losses, look at his relative light weight, and say we're all crazy for putting him in the elite category—even THINKING he had a chance against Foreman, who was so devastating in the early 70's. Well, for the skeptics out there, yes, let's take Jerry's losses first: During the meat of his career, he lost mostly to the best of the best. In those fights, he gave a good accounting of himself—was competitive, won some rounds, hurt the best in the business. On the downside, with short notice and not in fighting shape, he gave a very good fighter, Ken Norton, some trouble. Okay, now look at the wins. I know, I know, we've all covered it too often on the site. But for new visitors, Jerry beat some guys he wasn't supposed to. The boxing establishment started trying to make an "opponent" out of him against Mac Foster, Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers, etc. Lyle and Shavers went on to fight for the title and beat up on some of the best heavyweights ever. Seems as though Jerry's lighter weight didn't bother him against larger, muscle bound guys. <br>The most frustrating moment of his career, for me, is the fact that he hurt Jimmy Ellis and couldn't follow up to land a KO. It simply wasn't Jerry's night. He was outpointed, but to me, on most other nights of his career, after he landed that punch to stun Ellis, he would have closed the deal—-look what he did to
Shavers.<br> | 5/5/04 05:08:27 PM| Angelo| Washington, DC|| funktron@yahoo.com ||| | 10 |

Does anyone remember the "Night of the Heavyweights?" I think it was back around 1977. Norton fought against Lorenzo Zanon (and KOed him in the 5th Round). On the same card, Jimmy Young fought, Larry Holmes did too. I think there was one other contender who fought that night. I'd love it if a major network did the same thing today. |

5/5/04 05:42:13 PM| Evren| London||| | 10 |

Angelo - I have that card on tape: - It was Norton vs Zannon, Holmes vs Young Sandford, Ron Lyle vs Stan Ward and Jimmy Young vs Jody Ballard. Leroy Jones was on that card too..What four matches would you choose now? |

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Evren: What was the result of the Ward-Lyle fight? Wow, I don't know what four I'd pick now. The Klitscho's would figure in. I think Corrie Sanders vs. Tua would be on the card, maybe Byrd and Holyfield??? |

5/5/04 07:41:10 PM| Jimmy Dorsey| Ventura California|| ronnyrains@yahoo.com ||| | 10 |

Angelo: Ron Lyle beat Ward on a close decision. Thats another top ten contender LYLE beat.Ward was kinda lazy, and allowed Lyle to take the play away. Ward had tree trunks for legs! You never heard much from him after that, Lyle had a great career, especially for starting as a pro so late, That Foreman brawl was a stinger for Lyle, AS ONE TIME BIG George landed face first only to get up and win, was just amazing. Of the 7 guys who decked QUARRY, JERRY IS 7-3-1 WITH 5 KNOCKOUTS. Roy Crear, AL "MEMPHIS" Jones, Floyd Patterson, George Chuvalo, Rufus Brassell, Joe Frazier, and Joe Alexander. And Brassells din not count, for it was after the bell. |

5/6/04 06:11:17 AM| Fran| Philly|| plc7755@aol.com ||| | 10 |

Quarry was killing Chuvalo he was off Balance and Chuvalo caught him with a jab. Jerry goes down and jumps up and they motioned him to go back down on 1 knee he does and they count to 10 and waved the fight over. ..... |

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I saw Ward fight Jeff Merrit (decent heavyweight). Merrit looked crisp for a few minutes, thought that as the cagy veteran, he'd take Ward to school. Merrit, in my opinion, got overconfident and Ward (nicknamed the Avalanche) caught him flush and KOed him, I think in about the second or third round. Ward was a smart guy (Psychology major in college) with good boxing skills. I had high hopes for him as he seemed very focused and as a young guy, fought like he had more experience than he really had. I think after Stallone took over his management, it rejuvenated him in a way---but then he got taken out in one round by Gerrie Coetzee and that was that. I was also a fan of Leroy Jones. I don't think he gets the credit he deserves as a very quick (for his large size) good defensive boxer. I don't see a record of him ever fighting again after losing his title shot against Holmes--and I think it's been said here that Holmes thumb ended Jones' career. I don't know if that's really the case, but I'm surprised that Jones didn't rebound from that loss. He could take a punch, and could outpoint most of the 80's fighters. |

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i met a guy the other day who fought gold gloves and we talked about jerry. he said jerry was one of the strongest people he had ever met. also one of the nicest. i really enjoyed the conversation. |

5/6/04 02:15:02 PM| Jimmy Dorsey| Ventura California|| ronnyrains@yahoo.com ||| | 10 |

Steve (Shemp) email me your address Steve, if you would, I have some stuff on JQ that i've researched from microfilm for the last 5 years. |

5/7/04 02:22:23 PM| Forest Ward| New York||| | 10 |

Regarding the Quarry-Chuvalo. Quarry got a fast count from the referee Zack Clayton. Clayton was notorious for giving fast counts. Look at the Ali-Foreman count, Clayton was the referee. Granted Ali would have won anyway, but it was still a fast
Jerry was far ahead in his fight with Chuvalo, but Jerry was getting tired, and discouraged. With 3 rounds left in the fight he was no lock, even though Chuvalo eyes were closing, and the fight might have been stopped in the next round. I will always remember what Vince Lombardi said, "fatigue makes cowards out of all of us." One more note, I waited outside the MSG that night for Quarry to leave the MSG. Quarry and his entourage left together, they were not a happy group, and the father Jack Quarry was drunk. It was like they were coming from a funeral.

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Forest Ward: I can just imagine, how happy that group was! WOW, I'd wished I'd been to half those Garden bouts, you've witnessed Forest! it was actually better for JERRY in the long run, for had he stopped Chuvalo in the 8th, doubt he'd fought Foster and got that No. 1 contender, and the "BIG BUCKS" vs Ali. I'LL bet that first round QUARRY-CHUVALO had a few fans MSG on their feet. Just before the bell.

Who brought up Quarry verses Chuvalo again? According to our critic, we are not allowed to talk about the same subject twice. Well anyway, since it was brought up, I think Jerry forgot he had jumped right up after the knockdown before he kneeled back down to take the eight count and that Jerry somehow thought the count was only at eight instead of ten. I don't believe Jerry was hurt but was trying to do the smart thing by taking the eight count and it was a momentary lapse of concentration on his part and not because Chuvalo had hurt him that cost him the fight.

This fight along with the Ellis fight, both fights I thought Jerry should have won, plus the second Ali fight are the most frustrating for me as a Jerry Quarry fan. Ali # 2 because for a large part of that fight, Jerry just plodded after Ali throwing one punch and every once in a while, two punches at a time. I wish Jerry had torn into Ali and at least if he lost, he would have known he gave Ali a tough fight. In Ali # 2, Ali was having an easy time of it for most of the fight and this should never happen whenever Jerry was in a fight. I am not frustrated by Jerry's first fight with Ali because Jerry did fight hard in that fight but he got cut.

You're right about the second Ali fight, though Jerry impressed even Ali with the little rally he had. I heard Ali in an interview, recall that fight—he was surprised that Jerry hung in there and had the energy to fight back. The Ellis fight frustrated me to no end because 1) I thought Jerry was better and 2) I thought he could have scored a knockout with a good follow-up to the punch he landed late in the fight—I think the 13th. I think he showed too much respect for Ellis' power.

Ever go to the induction ceremonies at Boxing Hall Of Fame in Canastota N Y? Its coming up in June (every year) and for a week or so we (I live like 30 miles from it) have all kinds of famous fighters in town. Canastota is a very small town put on the boxing map back in the 50's by Carmen Basilo, who grew up on an onion farm there and by his nephew Billy Backus in the 70's. http://www.ibhof.com/04pressconf/04announce.htm
this event if I planned it as I do have enough money to attend if need be. So, you never know. It sounds like a great way to see a lot of big names and to mingle with them.

Forrest Ward, I'll have to dig out that Quarry vs Chuvalo fight again. My understanding was that Jerry immediately jumped to his feet after the knockdown. His corner yelled at him to take a knee! He also stumbled halfway across the ring before falling down. This suggests someone caught off balance. He should never have taken the knee!

Forest Ward, that quote "fatigue makes cowards out of everyone", must be the worst oxymorons ever uttered! Total, extreme fatigue occurs when your body will no longer obey your mind's commands! Your courage is no longer a factor. Written by a football coach who had been worshiped for too long.

Steve: I don't think Lombardi meant that literally. His point was that fatigue makes you lose the appearance of having courage, and the ability to react to situations in a courageous way. It's figurative—and believe me, say what you will about Lombardi, but his guys bought into all of it and that's why he was a champion many times over. FYI, "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." is often attributed to Vince Lombardi. His actual quote was "Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is." He made a big deal out of the will to win more than he did the talent to win. Sure, lots of Lombardi's motivational techniques are now old cliche, but back then, his guys would go into combat for him like no one else. I think about how it applies to Jerry Quarry—he didn't have the biggest talent, but he had the heart to give it his all every time.

JQ fan: Quarry-Chuvalo was the first fight I ever went to. Can you believe it was 1969 - Woodstock, Man Walks On The Moon, the Miracle Mets? A friend couldn't make it so we sold his ticket to a guy outside the Garden. We sat with us for about 5 rounds, then left to collect from his bookie—he had bet on Jerry and he was certain that a TKO was imminent. I remember Jerry ducking and countering Chuvalo all night long. Look at the photos of Chuvalo's face, they are evidence of the boxing lesson he was getting. While the film speaks for itself, it is by no means dispositive of what occurred that December night in Manhattan. It seems that Jerry caught a bit of a shot, stepped back a little, then he went down. It may have been a stumble, or a delayed reaction to the punch. But he got up immediately and took a knee, and then either barely missed the count, or just made it and got hosed by Clayton. It certainly appeared that he could have continued the whipping he was putting on tough George. Everyone must know that Chuvalo was not in Jerry's class; the result was an anomaly. But give him credit, he never quit, and he put Jerry Quarry down, however briefly, a feat accomplished by few. It has to be the highlight of George Chuvalo's career, and another example of "Hard Luck" for Jerry Quarry.
ref decided that fight and not the fighters. The fight's outcome does not represent this matchup at all. Chuvalo could beat Jerry on a given night, but Jerry was better as the early moments showed. Weird outcomes in boxing? Unthinkable. Jerry was better than Oscar Bonavena also, but the same thing could happen there as well... Massimo had a good comment on Lennox Lewis-JQ. Lewis had the so-so chin, but great size and real skills. Jerry would really bother him early and would have his real chances in this dreamfight, but Quarry had problems against tall boxers, as Ali, Norton, Ellis even Alongi showed. Lewis by decision... The younger Klitschko's loss to Brewster is being investigated, might be more than smoke there. This was a mismatch, Klitschko was well ahead, then the guy just collapses? I still don't believe it... Just wanted to add my name to those being really impressed with and saddened by the commitment and passing of pro footballer Patrick Tillman, what a waste... I haven't heard from the Golota detractors since his solid showing versus Byrd, are some of you rethinking the big guy from Poland? And, can Mike Tyson make the big comeback in the division as it currently sits? | 5/9/04 03:18:26 AM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|Jimmy D.as soon as I get my e-mail problem solved,I will contact you about researching old microfilm on Jerry.Does anyone remember the outcome of a fight,when officially disputed,ever being overturned? When a fighter takes an standing eight count, the ref.whipes of his gloves on his shirt, tells him to put his hand up,looks in his eyes, and asks him if he wants to continue.This whole process must give the fighter an additional five or six seconds to recover.I'm not saying it's wrong,I agree with it.I't just makes the idea of taking a knee ,and risking a short count,even more bewildering. | 5/9/04 03:37:53 AM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|I'd like to correct my last post.I didn't mean to say when a fighter take a standing eight count,I meant to say when he's been knocked down, and get right up, he still gets basically the same treatment by the ref., and hence the same few precious extra moments of recovery time. | 5/9/04 08:24:07 AM|fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com||||10|Graet Posts on The Chuvalo fight, for 35 years everytime that fight is mentioned as a loss it seems like an explanation of what happened is required. Jerry was killin him but I don't remember him being tired that is interesting, I haven't seen the fight in 35 years. As Far as Jerry beating Taller fighters what about Ron Lyle and Mac Foster. He was a giant Killer thats why all the talk of him being able to do the same magic on Foreman....... | 5/9/04 11:33:53 AM|Massimo|Roma||jamesfinlayson.com||||10|On Mac Foster<br><br>He was the only fighter with a 100 ko percentuale ( I don't know percentuale in English, maybe rate). I think he won 30 fights scoring 30 knockouts. How good was him? Was he one of the hardest punchers ever?<br>I know he beat Cleveland " Small Dog " Williams twice, but Cleveland was over the hill<br>at the time. Was Quarry-Mac Foster an exciting fight? Thanks. | 5/9/04 11:49:06 AM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10| Angelo,this is the great part about rehashing old discussions.No matter what the critics say.As I understood it,Jerry fought Ellis with a cracked or broken vertabrae in his back.I to was dissapointed with his performance.I was alot more dissapointed years later,when I learned on this site that he would risk a Title fight by climbing into the ring with a broken back.| 5/9/04 12:30:06 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|Massimo,Cleveland"large feline" Williams was the hardest puncher of the late fifties'except for Sonny Liston.His career may have been hampered by the fact that he received a severe gunshot wound to the abdomen in an altercation with a policeman.I think Mac Foster was 30 and 0, all ko's, when he met Quarry.He didn't seem that much bigger than Quarry.He was a standup,little upperbody boxer.He had tremendous power in all the conventional weapons he used.If he hadn't run into Quarry ,he might have gone 35 and 0.Unfortunatly for him ,Jerry was at his best that
Jerry took some heavy shots in the middle rounds, but when he finally got to Foster, I think it was one of his most sensational knockouts. Jerry was a great finisher.

As Ward said, about seeing Quarry's entourage, leaving after the MSG bout with Chuvalo, how would you like to see those guys in a dark alley? "PARDON ME GENTLEMEN, I WAS JUST GETTING THIS NEWSPAPER!" I have to agree about Lombardi, great coach, I think he was motivating his players in his concentration camp, Bart Starr QUATERBACKING 5 World Titles in 7 years will never be equaled, right Joe Montana? I've seen people have even more courage in battles, for they knew there gas tank was low, and had to make things go quick! Actually All the time in L.A.

Hey Jimmy D., where you in Nam? It sounds like you might be a fellow vet. I apologize if you think I desrespected Vince Lombardi. I still have to maintain my position, you can only get to a point of fatigue and dehydration, and your body will fail you! It has nothing to do with courage.

Not Nam, but closely there after, No Steve, I know you did not disrespect Lombardi, I AGREE being out of shape or winded does not necessarily mean anyone's a coward, I think Lombardi used it to motivate his training camp, they did win everything!

Speaking of an entourage coming in all pumped up full of positive energy and then leaving after a fight all deflated, I was at the Vernon Forrest verses Ricardo Mayorga welterweight title fight about a year and a half ago in which Forrest, a five to one favorite, was knocked out in the second round by Mayorga. Forrest had a couple of rap guys coming down the aisle with him doing their thing to a loud rap beat. I happened to be standing right next to the entourage when they left the dressing room area and just before they left to go to the ring, I said to one of the rappers, a big heavyset black man, who is probably someone well known in field, even if I don't know who he is, "are you ready?" He responded with a hard "high five" to me and a loud, "Yeah!" A whole different ball game after the fight when the group headed back to the dressing room area with their heads hanging low after their fighter, Forrest lost a fight almost everyone thought he would win. It was one of the saddest scenes I have seen in a long time.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL YOU MOMMA'S OUT THERE! WE LOVE & MISS YOU VERY MUCH DAD (MR. JIMMY) AND UNCLE JERRY! YOU'RE FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS.
Mac Foster was big at least 6'2 or 3 and The fight with Jerry was the most exciting fight I ever saw. Foster was winning going into the 6th when Jerry came out and stood still and the announcer was saying Jerry was very tricky then he slipped a jab and went under Foster and just punched him all over the ring they had to carry Foster out on a stretcher. He was a good fighter but was never the same after that Knock out.

Foster wasn't just tall and big, he was also muscular—the guy's build was scary. Great performance by Quarry—though the Shavers KO was more impressive and the Lyle victory was a bigger achievement.

Mac Foster was a stand up boxer who worked behind a long hard left jab, a very good one at that. His drawbacks were he didn't throw a lot of combinations and he wasn't overly fast but he could hit hard, his career mark of 30-6, 30 by KO is a testament to that.

Foster hit Jerry with a right hand in the third round that would have taken most fighters' heads off but even though Jerry wobbled momentarily, he shook off the punch. Foster won the first three rounds of the fight behind his fine jab and Jerry came on in the fourth, fifth, and sixth rounds. I saw the fight as being even at the time of the knockout in the sixth.

Foster was about 6'3" and he weighed in between 210 to 220 pounds most of his career. If a fight was won on looks alone, Foster was one scary looking guy. He was very strong looking physically and very strong in reality, as Jerry says in the post fight interview.

I'd love to get a copy of that fight. That was Jerry's most impressive fight. Foster could have been a top contender afterwards but he just fizzled out. It would have been interesting to see him fight Norton or Foreman. I think he could have beaten Norton.

I like the ascent of an undefeated guy as much as anyone else, but I also like when someone who's been around a while, with some ups and downs, suddenly starts to put an impressive string of fights together. Examples: Jimmy Young and Mike Weaver. Young had some bad losses and a few good wins, entering his fight for the title against Ali. Although he lost the decision, Young seemed to gain a lot of confidence in that fight, and his career started to take off. He beat Jody Ballard, Ron Lyle, George Foreman---it all ended with what I consider to be a good showing against Norton. It was close, but Norton won. I must say, after that, Young was certainly still a big part of the competitive heavyweight division, and in my opinion, would have undoubtedly gotten a title shot against Larry Holmes or Mike Weaver, except for two losses in a row to Ossie Ocasio. What a waste. Young wasn't in his best shape for these fights, especially the first one, and didn't fight his type of fight. I could see losing focus and getting upset the first time, but after that, by losing again, it pretty much ended Jimmy Young's hopes for ever being a factor again. He gave Cooney a few tough rounds too, but it was the end of the road for Young. On the other hand, Mike Weaver turned his career around by reeling off a few wins, and of course shocked a lot of people (not me) by icing John Tate. I picked Weaver to win that fight, but if anything, was surprised that he lost so many rounds to Tate before landing the KO punch.

... And poor Sonny Liston, who did bet all his purse of the Wepner fight on Mac Foster, lost his money! " If you want to lose your money, be a fool, bet on Sonny ", said Cassio Marcello. Forty years ago! But this is another story, and we'll talk about it another time...
heavyweight fight for the first time and is turned off on boxing because he saw first hand how brutal it is<<his words...... I notice a lot of posters here go to live fights a lot. My question is, is boxing much different seeing it in person? Does TV take away some of the ugliness? Just curious and something i never really thought about till now. | 5/12/04 02:41:25 AM|Ed |Cicero N Y||mooseygoop@aol.com||||10|Sorry previous post was shortened somehow..<br>Okay, i've been watching boxing for a long time on tv and have only gone to 1 pro fight (a fairly tame welterweight fight years ago). A friend of mine went to a heavyweight fight for the first time and is turned off on boxing now because he saw first hand how brutal it is (his words).....I notice a lot of posters here go to fights. My question is, is seeing fights live much different then seeing them on television? Does television sort of sanitize fights? Just curious and something i've never thought about till now. | 5/12/04 03:55:14 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||Kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Yes Ed, it is more brutal to see boxing in person as opposed to television. The blood and the pain are very real. <br>At times I have questioned why I like such a violent sport and I haven't quite answered that question in my own mind let alone am I able to verbalize it to someone else.<br>I do know I am against violence outside of sport except in cases of self defense and in general I oppose the use of military force except when we are attacked, "911" and Pearl Harbor are examples when military force is needed. So again, why do I like boxing and football, another violent sport, who knows?| 5/12/04 07:26:50 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Why indeed. Yes, the fights are different in person than they are on television. First hand looks and sounds of punches landing lend a reality that television can't. Why do we like it so much? I don't know. But I saw that 60 Minutes II. piece on the Klitschkos and I remember someone saying (I think it might have been their manager) that boxing is EVERYONE'S favorite sport. He said something that stuck with me. If you approach a four way intersection---on one corner, there's a basketball game, and on another corner two guys fighting, and other sports on the other two corners---almost everyone would stop to watch the fight. Can't explain why, but he's right. If people would prefer going to see basketball, tennis, etc., maybe that's because they're supressing their basic instincts. Because he's right---in a spontaneous setting, we'd all watch the fight on first impulse. | 5/12/04 08:59:06 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|Angelo,Kent,Ed,yes.tv definitely sanitizes and distorts the viewing of a sport. One thing I always noticed about viewing a live fight at the Blue Horizon,or the Eagles play live at the Vet.,or even the Phillies playing live,was how much faster the action and the athletes actually are in real life. The athletes seemed to move much faster and hit much harder perhaps because you can hear the grunts.Most of the time, however, except for the overall fun exsperience of going to a live sports event,your much better off watching it on tv.I mean that in terms of knowing exactly what's going on at all times.We all have violence and the fear of violence in us.These basic instincts are hard wired into us.I think sports are like a public opiate,or catharsis,a way of getting the violence or fear of it worked out of us by viewing it and experiencing it vicariously. | 5/13/04 11:49:19 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|I agree---the comfort of a living room chair and sensibility of instant replay make staying home my preference. I will say though, that viewing sports in person gives you the advantage of seeing action away from the ball/puck. On television, they focus on a large picture of a small part of the action (albeit the main action). In person, you see an overall view of the entire field of play. Baseball: You see the ball hit off the bat, traveling through the air, and you see the outfielder running to meet the ball. On television, you see someone standing there waiting for the ball to come down.<br>Football: In
person, on a long pass play, you see the ball travel to the area of the receiver and also see defensive backs running to meet the action. On television, it focuses on the quarterback dropback and than the catch. I also like to watch lineplay, which normally isn't shown up close on television.

Kent, Angelo, Steve,

Thanks for the excellent insights, my goal now is to check out a heavyweight fight (top contender one) in person!

P S Mass, u didn't comment? Are u a stay at home fight fan too??

Massimo " Wilt, who " Cini|Roma|massimo@comcast.net|10|Ed-

There aren't great boxing fights in Rome. Vincenzo Cantatore sometimes fights in the Eternal City but he isn't (it's slang) exactly Cassio Marcello or Giorgio Eduardo, even if he is a good puncher. Anyway, very honestly speaking, I'd have some moral problems to go to a boxing fight knowing that in that very night, a young man ( or maybe even two young men) potrebbe ( may, might, could I'm always uncertain how these three words work )die. Watching the fight at home, I feel better with myself, I feel innocent. I almost never go to a sport event. Going ( or to go) to a soccer game ( AS Roma or SS Lazio) is very exciting, you see a sea of flags ! But it's not free and there is unfortunately so much violence outside the court ( people fighting with the police etc.). I'd love watching a NBA game, mostly the Lakers, but Los Angeles is a little too far from my huge bed. I'd also love having my picture taken between Shaq and Yao, to make them look like midgets. But probably, this is not going to happen.

Some interesting comments on the comfort/interest on being a boxing spectator. I saw the '60 Minutes' that made the intersection comment, that was Max Kellerman, he makes a sobering observation. For me, the Mancini- Soo Kim match, one of the five or six best I ever saw on TV, changed the way I looked at boxing because Kim died. The racism to me also is a turn off, but I still watch as a fan and would not have trouble attending, I take it for what it is... I recently checked Boxing Rankings and was amazed by the inconsistencies. Champs for the top four belts are often not listed among the top fifteen contenders for the other belts? Why? The WBC has V.Klitscko as champ, Mesi is #3, Toney is #5, Tyson#8, Byrd/Ruiz not ranked. WBA- Ruiz is champ, W.Klitschko #3, Mesi #7, Holyfield #11, Oquendo#12, V.Klitschko not ranked. IBF- Byrd is champ, Tua is highest here, #3, Golota is #15. WBO- Brewster is champ, Toney #1, Mesi #5, W.Klitschko #6. Why is there such disparity in assessing these guys? I can't believe more consistency isn't possible in creating better fights, I can only guess that the guys doing the rankings are either stupid or corrupt, what do you guys think? Thanks.

hi Gerry, Yes I whole hardly agree about that,boxing ratings have always been shady,They only real one we've ever had, that showed the less biast (RING MAGAZINE). the W.b.a. ACTUALLY RANKED JQ a little better,But I still went by were ever Ring had him ranked. Ring Magazine did not even recognize Ali losing his title out of they Arena until 1970, When he announced an official Retirement.

Reportedly, he had "kill or be killed" written in Korean in his dressing room before the fight.

The thing about this fight was it was a very competitive match and Ray Mancini won by knockout in the fifteenth round. The knockout didn't seem out of the ordinary and it was only later we learned the extent of Kim's injuries. Kin was a real warrior and that is part of the attraction for boxing, I admire the bravery of its contestants. Beyond this, as I said, it is hard to explain my attraction for the sport.
even two young men) potrebbe ( may, might, could I'm always uncertain how these three words work ) die. That line u wrote brought back memories of a fighter that did die in the ring... Benny "kid" Paret, in the early 60's. Emile Griffith was his opponent. It was the first time someone was killed on national tv. Of course a year or so later Lee Harvey Oswald was shot to death on national tv, but boxing has the sad distinction of being the first. That line u wrote brought back memories of a fighter that did die in the ring... Benny "kid" Paret, in the early 60's. Emile Griffith was his opponent. It was the first time someone was killed on national tv. Of course a year or so later Lee Harvey Oswald was shot to death on national tv, but boxing has the sad distinction of being the first.

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| 5/15/04 05:22:01 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | | 10 | The Preem, Primo Canera was part of an unfortunate accident that caused the death of a fighter named Ernie Schaef (correct spelling?). After landing a seemingly normal left jab, Schaef suddenly went down for the count and lost the fight by knockout. I don't remember if he was carried from the ring or not but the fans booed him with beer cups and debris when he left the ring, yelling, "fix!" "fix!" thinking Schaef had taken a dive. What really happened to Schaef was he had some pre-condition that made him much more in danger of head damage than other fighters. A tremendous beating at the hands of Max Baer in a previous fight didn't help matters any. I wonder how the idiot fans who were booing Schaef and throwing things at him felt when they found out he had died?

| 5/15/04 06:20:07 AM | Massimo | Roma | calvin lane 2.27.com | | 10 | Kent, my friend, one thing I know for sure. Canera is not the correct spelling. The correct spelling is CARNERA. Regarding the right spelling of Schaef, I can't help you. That's an English name and English is something you know better than me (even if I dominate such difficult words like( or as) ain't, bum, ass, chump and sucker). What it's amazing in Shaef 's collapse in the ring (caused by the lightest left jab ever thrown in a boxing ring) was that after the Baer fight (in which he was knocked down with just a few seconds left in the fight) he fought three more fights before the fatal fight, and won by KO two of these fights.|

| 5/15/04 11:56:59 AM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | | 10 | Kent: Dennis Mulholland won the W.A.A. (World Athletic Association) Boxing world Welterweight title July 18, 1984 at BAKERSFIELD, And Strongbow (the DOME) which was later to be affiliated with the IBF. Happy birthday Jerry Quarry (59). |

| 5/15/04 01:22:10 PM | Sabrina Quarry-Porter | Florida | sabrinaquarryporter@aol.com | | 10 | HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNCLE JERRY..WE LOVE AND MISS YOU VERY MUCH...|

| 5/16/04 12:24:54 AM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | | 10 | HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JERRY. He's probably looking down at this site, and laughing his ass off, Mr. Jimmy too!! I watched the fourth round of Jerry vs Ellis, twice today. I thought Ellis was a goner. You could hear Jerry's corner yelling, "move in Jerry, finish him", why Jerry backed off for the rest of the round is a mystery to me. When Jerry had a guy hurt, he usually went all out. |

| 5/16/04 01:12:45 AM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | | 10 | Angelo, I don't agree with you on getting a better view of what's happening on the field in the stadium, by being there, or at a fight. You still have to contend with the noise, the crazies, people standing up in front of you. I once had box seats in the 200 level at a Phillies game. My wife, myself, and five kids, had to move up into the upperstands twice, because of rain. Not to mention a crazy guy with a long beard, who was naked, except for a pair of shorts, who spent the entire game shouting obscenities at Lance Parrish. |

| 5/16/04 02:24:37 AM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | | 10 | Kent, you admit you have delved into boxing enough to get punched in the face with a boxing glove. You admit you are a student of martial arts. Yet you say you don't understand why you love boxing and football? Admit it!! You are a savage! Just like everyone else on this site. We watch violent sports to soothe our inner demons. I don't mean to insult anyone on this site. Lets face it, though, the basic wiring is there. It's called fear or flight. |
Yeah, the truth (Williams) is that we are all monsters, very sick people! Hitler and Pol Pot were angels in comparison to (or with) us.

Wow, Steve, you're such a beast. Probably the scariest most savage beast that ever sat in a lounge chair drooling at everyone else doing the fighting. You luv the blood and guts so long as it's not yours. Go look in the mirror, bruiser, and knock ya self out because you ain't frightening nobody else. You got a black belt in Nocando, ya melon head. You couldn't knock an old lady off of a toilet seat, but if you want to make believe that you are tuff, I won't spoil your fantasy. Keep practising those scary faces and we'll all cower in mock horror when you shout 'boo' (or in your case 'boo hoo'). Who would have believed that all the guys on here are psychopaths? Scary.

Boy, here we go again. Last night I posted three times. I meant them all as reasonable opinions. Except for the last one, where I was trying to have a little fun with Kent. Kent knows I like to kid him and doesn't take it literally or personally. On my last post, I meant to say that basic instinct IN EVERY HUMAN BEING, FIGHT OR FLIGHT, IS WHY WE SURVIVED AS A SPECIES! I WAS NOT INFERRING THAT EVERYONE ON THIS SITE IS A PHYCO! Even though my posts are poorly typed, bad grammar, and lots of misspelled words, I still think most of them are reasonable. Yet the only responses I seem to get lately are from this same frustrated fifteen year old nutbag, who's pretending to be about four different people. Yes, party pooper, I admit it. I love to watch violent sports, and I don't think I'm a tough guy. I used to think I was, but I'm now 56 years old.

Take it easy Steve, you're cool! Take it difficult Party Pooper (I'm joking)!

Tuffest hombre on here is our man Steve. Gets off watching gore and has a diploma in insults. I've got four different names? Get a life. I'm the one and only Party Pooper, so get used to it. Aged 15? I wish. I'm younger. Maybe we should get a name for Steve. The Mauler? No, doesn't fit. Sexy beast? No, he's neither. Arm Chair Murderer? Yes, that's it. Steve is the Arm Chair Murderer. He uses the remote to watch everyone fight and lukes it.

Staying home makes for a better overall experience, but I was just saying that sometimes, television coverage can't catch certain aspects that an overall view of the field of play can. By the way, I grew up seeing the Phillies at the Vet---I always liked the 300 level "Terrace Box" seats because of the cover. If it was 88 degrees with strong sun, you were in shade. If it was raining, you were dry. Good view too. The Vet might not have had much personality, but I saw an Eagles playoff game back there in the early 80's and many Phillies games too. I miss the place.

Speaking of The Vet, Old Packers coach Lombardi, Sure ruled with an iron thumb. Veterans were worried about their jobs every July, or worse, living in constant fear of being traded to the Eagles!! That statement not being in shape makes cowards of us all, Sure did not apply to JQ VS Norton (who took that bout on 17 days notice). There is some great info on Oscar Bonavena on the internet "murder at the Mustang" And Oscar is sitting right next to Ross Brymer (his killer) when you punch in Ross Brymer who is also deceased, Tells a lot more to the story, and interesting stuff.
shape Quarry would have a style and intensity that would cause problems for Norton. At any point, Norton could have beaten Quarry on cuts, but aside from that, JQ would have the advantage. It's funny to me that Norton "always wanted to fight Jerry Quarry." Well, he ended up fighting a Quarry who was not only past his prime, but also untrained and let's face it, you can't take on a world class fighter with two weeks notice. I'd say Norton never fought the REAL Quarry. But with that said, there was a period of a few years that Norton really shined. In fact, I don't agree with this, but Muhammad Ali thinks that if Norton had known that the winner of Norton-Foreman would fight Ali in Africa---a Superfight for the Ages---Ali thinks Norton would have found a way to beat Foreman. I disagree. I think ten out of ten times, Foreman would KO Norton, mostly in the first or second rounds. I think Ali respected Norton because of the tough fights Norton gave him, and this clouds his view.

In the above scenario, we could substitute Joe Frazier for Norton as well. Notice neither Norton or Frazier really hit Foreman with their best shots as both were badly hurt early in the fights. Of course, for either Norton or Frazier to have a chance, they would have to survive the early Foreman onslaught, not an easy task at any time. Ron Lyle also showed that by hurting Foreman early, he had a real chance of victory. Foreman ended up winning in the end but it was hardly an easy walkover, to say the least!

I think Norton's jaw wasn't good enough for taking Foreman's bombs. Foreman hits harder than me.

You may be right. I've always given Norton no chance of beating Foreman (never gave Frazier a chance either) but Ali knows a little more about boxing than I do, and he thought both of them, especially Norton, could beat Foreman under the right circumstances. And I think the philosophy was like you said---Norton had to establish an attack early to take some of Foreman's confidence away. Norton performed so well against guys who didn't have one-punch KO ability, like Ali, Young and Holmes...but did so poorly against the big hitters. I think it was bizarre. The guy had the ability to take a punch and showed heart---but against Foreman and Shavers and too late against Cooney, he got a sort of stage fright, ironic because it's what happened to Bobick against him. Whenever people say Norton couldn't take a hard punch, I tell them to watch Norton-Holmes. Larry Holmes hit him with repeated shots that should have taken him out or at least knocked him down a few times. Conversely, Norton, later in the fight, did the same to Holmes. When Norton was in the thick of a fight, he stayed upright and pounded it out. When he got hurt very early, he seemed to deflate and not have any ability to defend himself or go on the offensive.

I am just wondering how or what all thing about the new TV show casting for boxers. The winner takes all and has a real big fight in LV. win a lot of money but you must have boxing in your past. Channel 4.

Yes I agree for the most part, If Lyle could hit Foreman with his great arsenal, and not come home the victor, I doubt very seriously if Norton would have either. That's one thing JQ Could have accomplished against Big George (get his respect early). And lean in with those hooks, of course George great ram-rod jab could come into play. Foreman would have been at least a 13-5 favorite and 8-5 a knockout! Angelo, Norton was
scheduled to fight non other then Oscar Bonavena, who again broke his hand, When Jerry was offered the bout, in Hawaii at the time, Jerry was contemplating a bout for 50 grand vs EITHER BOONE KIRKMAN IN SEATTLE, or a rematch with Lyle in Denver.

I wonder how Bonavena would have done against Norton? Brenda: Yes, I heard Stallone is involved with the reality boxing series. I guess the show will have the fighters and their families profiled. It will be an elimination of sorts---and the guy left standing will get some good boxing management and a big money fight. Sounds interesting.

I'll say one thing how about they old actor William Smith and not the one who played Ali, I'm talking the character actor who was on Rich Man Poor Man, and the anyway which way but loose series etc. playing Oscar Bonavena? what a natural!

By 1975, Jerry had very little left, in shape or not and Lyle would have beaten Jerry at that point and maybe even Kirkman too. There is no way Jerry should have fought after the second loss to Joe Frazier. In that fight, Jerry fought well for the first two rounds but after Frazier got warmed up, he gave Jerry a bad beating that should have retired Jerry for good. It is similar to when Evander Holyfield fought James Toney last year. Holyfield looked good for the first two rounds but after that, Toney gave him a beating. I can't believe Holyfield continues to insist he wants to fight again. He recently fired his entire staff because they didn't believe in his chances of coming back and he is looking for new people who believe in him as much as he believes in himself. I always thought Holyfield had some brains in his head and I have heard he has made some sound investments so money isn't the issue but I guess Holyfield is disillusional and hopefully no one will give him a license to fight. Anyone that does should be fed to the Lions. Holyfield is playing with fire!

Massimo, you know, back in the day, there were alot of great Italian fighters. Rocky Graziano, Vito Antufuermo, Marciano, My all time favorite middleweight from Philly, Joey Giardiello, who could have given boxing classes to any alltime great. These men where all small in stature. They where all reputed, whoever, to have unusually wide feet!

Kent, do you think there should be a mandatory age for retirement? Even more importantly, How about a certain amount of Pro fights a guy can fight? How about a certain number of fights in proportion to his losses. Say if a guy has lost 25 or 30 percent of his fights, or even a lesser percentage, shouldn't he have his license pulled? It would sure eliminate alot of trail horses, and guys like Holyfield.

Think about it. Most fighters could still get pretty seasoned in 20 to 25 fights. This without walking through all the stiffs they normally do to build up their records. By this time in their career, they either have it or they don't. A limited time in the Pros would seem to be a way to cut down on all this brain damage. I think the countless punches they absorb in sparring for fights, probably does as much long...
term damage as the actual fights do.|
[5/18/04 02:48:05 AM|Massimo|Roma||Ezzard Charles b Bob Satterfield KO 2 (1954)||||10|If Holyfield really thinks he can whip Vitali he is dumber than someone who believes in horoscopes. It should be verboten to fight after <br>you reach 40 years of age. It has no sense ( or meaning) in hell. Holyfield has some million of dollar more than me in bank. But even if you have economic problems after you have earned many millions of dollars it means that you deserve to have economic problems.<br>Steve<br>Being Italian ( better if from Pisa ), Danny De Vito's feet... That's the<br>secret of greatness in life !<br>PS: I think Ezzard Charles would be heavyweight champion in modern today with guys like Ruiz and Brewster. He beat a long list of good fighters in his career ( a young Archie Moore 3 times, Baksi, Layne, Satterfield, Joe Louis, Walcott). He would have probably his ass whipped ( not whupped) by Vitali,<br>anyway.<br>PS2:<br>Timoteo Duncan, take it easy, take it difficult, take it like you want ! Anyway, Shaq did junk right in your face and now rules. Wilt, who ?<br>And K.B. is M.J, babies ! |}
[5/18/04 04:15:54 AM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||||10|Massimo,why Pisa? Do<br>you think if their feet where too wide and not long enough,they might fall into the Arno River? |
[5/18/04 04:34:14 AM|Party Pooper|Truthful||(everywhere)||||6|Can you experts tell me whether someone sitting in a lounge chair becomes looney and stupid from watching too many fights on television. If so, then I have just diagnosed Angelo's problem. He has watched way too much boxing. Steve has too. I'm not sure about Massimo or Kent, though. They might be unstoppable truthtellers. Koo Koo Clock has disappeared. Is he too wired to log on ? If he stopped drinking he'd be destined for much bigger things. |}
[5/18/04 06:25:44 AM|Massimo|Roma||Pisa: Galilei, Fibonacci, Pacinotti.com|||10|Steve<br>Pisa because I was born in Pisa, very close to the pretty famous tower. Pisa is small, and of course can't be compared with Rome, but in its own weight division is one of the best. It's worth visiting once in life. As a Pisan I'm surprised and proud that you know the Arno river. Unfortunately ( my fault ) I know nothing about Old Jersey.|
[5/18/04 07:54:40 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||||10|Steve, no I don't favor mandatory retirement ages or limited number of fights however, an older fighter should have to prove he can perform at a set level of physical performance to get a license, as would any fighter of any age. Remember, Jerry was only twenty-nine when he fought Norton and he should not have been in the ring at that point.<br>Mr. Jimmy favored an annual MRI exam in order to get a license. Any sign of damage, then no license. This would have at least stopped Jerry's fights in 1983 and of course the ill fated match in 1992. In 1983 Jerry took an exam and it showed signs of brain damage. The California commission gave him a license to fight anyway on the basis of Jerry having no apparent symptoms and also because they didn't want to deprive a man of his livlihood. Could it have been possible that they didn't want to give up their sanctioning fees? <br>while I don't think the number of losses should be considered, the commissions should question whether someone who has say, ten losses in a row, belongs in the ring or not.|
[5/18/04 08:51:57 AM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||||10|Party Pooper: If I'm brain damaged, I doubt that it's from watching too much boxing---too many Seinfeld reruns maybe, but not too much boxing.<br>By the way, what does everyone here think of Tarver laying out Roy Jones Jr.? Nothing against Jones, but part of me LOVES the fact that someone dropped him like a ton of bricks. I read an interesting column in the Washington Times yesterday---the sports section---and the writer said that Roy Jones isn't nearly as great as everyone
thinks/thought. He said that Jones fought a whole bunch of nobodies---his claim
to fame by beating Ruiz is a farce because Ruiz sucks---and also, he
editorialized about Jones getting clobbered by Tarver. He brought up the Larry
Holmes-Earnie Shavers title bout. I'm paraphrasing, but he quoted Holmes as
saying "My legs felt like Jello but something in my head told me that this guy
is about to take your title---about to take YOUR title---and I managed to
survive." Basically, Holmes got clocked by maybe the hardest hitter ever---
probably didn't know where he was for a moment---but gutted it out and made it
through the round. The writer's take was that it showed that Jones isn't so
great. |

| 5/18/04 12:09:47 PM | charles anderson | ark. | cttjandfam@aol.com | | 10 | how come
jerry never fought boone kirkman? that should have been a good fight and a money
maker as well. |

| 5/18/04 01:42:32 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | | 10 | Kinda funny how, Duane Bobick, Gerry
Cooney, Joe Bugner, Boone Kirkman, Henry Cooper, Jose Ibar Urtain, Jose Luis
Garcia, Chuck Wepner, Alfredo Evangelista, Among others, Never beat a World Ranked
Top Ten Fighter? Jerry Quarry only beat 8!! |

| 5/18/04 04:19:06 PM | steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | | 10 | Massimo, if you ever
travel to the south end of your country, visit Calabria. My wife's family are all
Calabrese. DiMarco's and Lupinacci's. |

| 5/18/04 04:35:31 PM | Party Pooper | Truthville | (everywhere) | | 8 | Steve's a 'made
 guy' with the mafiosa so we'd better be careful how we talk to him. He'll make
us an offer we can't refuse, Sea Biscuit's head in your bed, etc. Angelo - get
up from the lounge chair and stop watching too much tv. You're too fat already
and you'll look better with your hairpiece on. If Massimo could give away the
booze, you can too. Give it a try before it's too late. And get your hand off of
it, Kent. You'll have Massimo doing it if you keep it up. |

| 5/18/04 04:38:11 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | | 10 | Jimmy Dorsey&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Henry Cooper
beat Zora Folley on points in 1958. Wasn't Zora Folley a top ten contender at
the time? |

| 5/18/04 05:25:14 PM | steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | | 10 | Kent, I agree with you
that fighters should have MRI's, or whatever medical tests exist today to monitor
any change of brain damage taking place. Yes, at least once a year. |

| 5/18/04 05:29:16 PM | Gerry Schultz | Cleveland USA | jgschultz11@aol.com | | 10 | Some good comments regarding the visible pain of live boxing and brain damage. Kent,
gotta disagree regarding age limits. Growing old gracefully and moving on when
you've had enough are lost concepts to this sport, I've never seen it benefit
anyone. If your a 38-year old former- whatever, and you're still out there,
you've failed life. Just because you might still be able to do it doesn't mean
you should. Even the best should be able to maturely realize when their day is
ending, and a good sport doesn't keep it's stars pathetically hanging on... I
agree again, Jerry came up too quickly, but he had the hype few could match, at
least he wasn't Pete Rademacher. Except for NFL running backs, I can't think of
any sport players that are as ground up young as boxers. The fact that guys like
Joe Frazier and Jerry Quarry had little to offer after age 30 points again,
LOUDLY, for the need for headgear. Even with as much as these guys and others
took, they could have stayed longer and suffered less. In a sport where the
central goal is to smash the other guy in the head, the absence of headgear to
protect against long term effects is a gigantic mistake. This site, more than
any other, needs to lead the cause against head trauma by insisting on both
headgear and a retirement age. What more evidence do you guys need?
[5/18/04 05:37:46 PM|Steve|NJ||dmmrsm@comcast.net||||10|Kent.my idea was that if
you could come up with some sort of formula ,say a fighter has had forty
fights, is thirty five years of age ,and has been knocked out or badly beaten in
a loss, let's say five times.wouldn't that be a prudent time for a sanctioning
body to deny him a license to fight?]
[5/18/04 08:10:17 PM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|And I guess there won't
be a Roy Jones vs. Mike Tyson fight anytime soon!]
[5/19/04 04:05:07 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|The bottom
line is if someone shows signs of brain damage even if it only shows up in a
test and not in symthoms and/or cannot show he is in good enough shape to fight,
then no one should grant them a license. This would keep fights such as
Norton/Quarry from happening because Jerry could not have shown he was in good
enough shape to fight. <br><br>It gets harder to get in such shape as we age so this
cuts off most of the people who are older. <br><br>But what about
exceptions to the rule such as George Foreman and Archie Moore? They should be
allowed to compete if they can show they are fit. Foreman was 17-3, 12 by KO
after the age of forty and he won the heavyweight title during that time. So he
showed he was able to compete.<br><br>Losing a number of fights later in a
career can be a sign that a fighter should hang it up. For example, Holyfield
has only won two of his last eight fights. Time for him to quit.<br><br>Jimmy
D. notice I said Kirkman maybe could have beaten Jerry in 1975, not that he in
fact could have. Lyle, at that time would have beaten Jerry soundly if they had
met instead of Jerry's fight with Norton.
[5/19/04 04:19:21 AM|max hord|fernandina bch,fla||rasluc@msn.com||||10|A fighter
boxing out of our gym in Fernandina lost his life last month after taking a lot
of shots in the 4th and last round of a match in Georgia. He was a picture of
health and strong as an ox. Who knows "when or "where". How much can YOU take?  |
[5/19/04 04:49:43 AM|Perry Mason|Supreme Court||(supreme court)||||8|When
approving or denying a boxing license, authorities must consider the
individual's right to freely trade his skills. However, the right to do so has
to be weighed against the potential for injury or impairment. In other words, if
it is more likely than not that the applicant, either through advancing age or
pre-existing medical ailments or whatever, will be injured, then duty of care
would obligate the authorities to deny the license. Also, even if a license is
issued, the promoters, referees, and trainers still have a duty of care to
ensure the safety and well being of that fighter as best they can and above all
else. The only persons without a duty of care are the fighters themselves and,
of course, the spectators. Had this obligation been strictly enforced, then many
of the great fights might never have happened. (Frazier, Leonard and Holmes all
fought with retina problems.) Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on your
point of view, fighters weren't litigious decades ago and guys got in the ring
who had no business being there. Great fights happened that should never have
happened. Promoters and trainers ignored their duty of care to make a fast buck,
the governing councils got their sanctioning fees, spectators satisfied their
blood lust, and great fighters got more and more damaged until they became
greeters at casinos or worse. Don King bereft of jewellery and riches would be a
good look, and should have happened, but it didn't. If courts enforced in boxing
the same rules applying to the rest of society (eg, workplace safety) then the
'sport' of boxing would cease to exist and then we'd have illicit 'fight clubs'
(ala prohibition). The ugly truth about boxing is that every time there is a
great winner in a great fight, there is usually also a greatly damaged fighter.
Still, we're all fans and our patronage saved the sport time and time again and
we all share blame. There's no shortage of aspiring fighters, either, usually
the poor and uneducated. Boxing can be the most thrilling experience without
peer on this planet, but it is often also the saddest and greediest. |
I don't disagree with you about the '75 Quarry having declined to the point where Lyle likely would have taken him and in fact, Norton did. But let's remember that even if Quarry wasn't the same fighter he once was, he didn't train properly for Norton with only two weeks notice. That performance wasn't the best he could have given. Ken Norton was a top five fighter---Quarry would have required at least three months to prepare, not two weeks. Years later, he did KO Lorenzo Zanon (though Zanon was well ahead on points when Quarry landed the KO punch). Quarry looked so good in '73 and on this forum, we often talk about him having a chance to fight Foreman in '74 for the title---and people here generally give him at least some small chance of actually winning---it's amazing to me that his skills deteriorated so drastically between '74 and '75. You brought up the Frazier fight earlier...I've got to believe that JQ entered this fight as a live fighter, still dangerous. Do you think this fight itself was the straw that broke the camel's back? I haven't seen the fight in a while, but it occurs to me that cuts were what ended it more than anything else. At one point, didn't Frazier and JQ stop the action on their own and just stand back because of the cut eye? Joe Louis was in way over his head---what a ridiculous idea it was for him to be overseeing this fight.

Quarry's cut wasn't why it was stopped. Frazier was beating Quarry like he was his daddy. Joe Louis was an incompetent ref and should have stopped the slaughter earlier.

Actually, I beleive it was a vicious body shot that injured Jerry in his second fight with Joe. JQ looked set to challenge Joe much better in that fight before he was actually dropped by that punch. Kent, you mention Holyfield's recent record and make the obvious point he should quit. Yet the same fighters who call for a pension and medical help are still trying to duke at 40. What does it say about a sport that lets former greats like Holyfield, Ali, Louis, Tyson or even Jerry get back in the ring so they can be pounded? This is my point.

Welcome back Max Hord. It is very sad to hear about the fighter from your gym, as it is always is when someone dies in the ring. I believe it is more likely for someone to die or be gravely injured the less fit and the more damaged a fighter is when entering the ring however, since boxing is a dangerous sport, it is something that can happen at any time, to any fighter. All we can do is try to make it safer by enforcing what rules are now on the books and also by making new regulations to further that end.

Another rule that Mr. Jimmy here at TJQF favored being implemented is a mandantory expanded three knockdown rule is which not only does three knockdowns in any round end a fight, three knockdowns in any entire fight would cause the fighter knocked down to be determined a loser by knockout.

As brutal as boxing is, even with all the proper regulations in the world, the sport would be much worse if it did go underground if it was outlawed. I for one, if boxing was ever banned, would not take part in watching or following underground, illegal boxing. At least with regulations it is less likely for fighters to die or become gravely injured.
Jerry took from Lyle and even a couple from Shavers as well contributed to Jerry's ability to not be able to compete at the top level by the following year. | 5/19/04 11:32:35 AM|JQ FAN FOREVER|Everywhere||anywhere@|||10|PARTY POOPER GO AWAY...GO FIND SOMEONE WHO CARES ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY!!!!!GO FIND YOU DADDY!!!!!!!| 5/19/04 01:13:42 PM|Party Pooper|Here||ifelta@thigh.com|||4|You aren't smart enough to even know what I'm saying. Drop the caps too, fool. No one does that anymore. Get a life too. Stop living off being a fan of an athlete. That's just plain pathetic. | 5/19/04 01:35:48 PM|Fran|Philly||pl7755@aol.com|||10|The second fight with Joe the talk was of Jerry fighting smart this time and not trying to slug with Frazier. I remember him moving and countering real good but he was using up to much energy. He was probably favored to win. I don't think he was in the greatest of condition. Just a guess or maybe Joe made him work to hard. That fight was it for Jerry. His career ended in that fight. He went down on one knee after being hit with a left hook to the body. Who was he sparring with for that fight where did he train? | 5/19/04 01:37:04 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Kent: i've said all along i'd like to know who or what party was responsible For Jerry's 1992 BOUT,and yes they should have gotten some hard time (maybe for wrongful - death)!They werent celebrities, so they could have been prosecuted! Lyle beating Jerry in 75? I THINK HE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEAT HIM EASY, Jerry was still quicker. Glad we did not find out! Jer had just too many wars, But was still a world class heavyweight in 1975, I agree Norton bout, should have definitly been his final. if not before! The People who say Jerry was not a great fighter, Than why did everyone he fight come in at the best shape of their careers? For crying out loud even,James J. Woody,Tony Doyle And "SCRAP IRON" Johnson!Fighters at that level don't train like that for a "tomato can!" Kent, do I have to tell you what Arena your in again!? KNUCK!KNUCK!KNUCK!| 5/19/04 04:46:46 PM|Steve|N.J.|dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Does any one have info. on Franky Crawford? Ithink he was a Calif. lightweight champ.I saw him being introduced at the beggining of a Jerry Quarry fight.I remembered him, but none of the details of his career. | 5/19/04 04:52:02 PM|G-Man|over there||overthere@aol.com|||6|Its clear that Angelo knows nothing about boxing, he is a fool. Party Pooper is right. You guys get some class and drop this poor fool Angelo. He thinks he is the font of all knowledge, he isnt. Lets get back to talking boxing. Jerry would have beaten Ali had Ali been wearing blue shorts instead of red. Jerry would have beaten Frazier if Frazier hadn't of got up. Jerry would have won the title if someone else didn't beat him to it. Come on Angelo add to this list. | 5/19/04 05:46:07 PM|Steve|N.J.|dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Jimmy D.,you seem to have a pretty good collection of Ring Magazine and Boxing Illustrated Magazine.I remember an article about a fighter named Luther MaCarthy.I think he was active during the 1920's.Anyway, he collapsed in the ring,during a fight,and was pronounced dead right there in the ring.The reason I remember it ,is because there is a haunting photograph with the article. I shows the guy laying on the canvass,with a ray of sunlight shining directly on his body through the roof of the stadium.I am asking you this question,because you seem to enjoy doing research,and I have long since lost all my old magazines.| 5/19/04 05:53:03 PM|Party Pooper|Here||ifelta@thigh.com|||4|Jerry Quarry would have destroyed Ali, Frazier, and Norton, if only he hadn't lost and been beaten so badly. End of discussion. | 5/19/04 07:41:59 PM|charles anderson|ark.|ctjjandfam@aol.com|||10|steve, i had the same magazine. mc cartey was a bright young prospect being groomed to fight jack johnson, many fight experts thought he had a real chance to beat.
johnson. sadly enough he never got the chance. later it was learned he had a
terrible fall from a horse and he actually died from a brain hemmorage resulting
from the fall.|
If you go through the archives, you might still find his number. He seemed to be legitamet. This is one of the reasons I enjoy this site so much. You can ask questions, and get answers from gentleman with some very good memories and serious boxing knowledge. You can express your opinions, and even if someone disagrees with you, as Kent usually does with me, it's done in a civil, respectful manner. I guess it's now Angelo's turn in the barrel. Jimmy D., who did Franky Crawford fight at welterweight? Was he ranked? Did he ever fight anyone from the East coast?

I think Frankie Crawford was a tall Jr. Lightweight and very tall. I heard he was a good amateur, Gil King was a welterweight I saw him on tv a few times. When did Frankie Crawford die?

Kent and Jimmy D., since you two knuckleheads are football fans, I'll make this comment, I'd I may stray off of boxing for a moment. This is the year the Eagles win the superbowl! Since you from Philly, did you ever see Gypsy Joe Harris fight? I loved this guys weird style. He got all the way up the contenders list to a fight with Emile Griffith. Only after that loss was it revealed he only had one eye!

Fran, you and the others should be happy that guys like me and Party Pooper visit. If it wasn't for us, there would only be five posters regularly visiting here. You guys are so insular you don't allow outsiders with new ideas to enter what you consider your private domain. This whole site has become dedicated to five posters max who behave like incestuous hillbillies what with all this 'lunkhead' nod nod wink wink crap. If you guys were really dedicated to the legacy of Jerry Quarry, you would be welcoming new ideas and posters. The only guy who tries to do that is Kent. Instead, you others recycle the same topics with each of you chumps falling over the other to agree and pat the other guy on the head, just like that guy Even wrote before. Dare to be different. Allow people to express alternative views. Only five or six guys regularly visit this site. Most of the time when someone new visits, you guys ignore them and address only the posts of the regulars. That's like talking over the top of someone and that's why others poke fun at you. As soon as an outsider expresses a view, a regular like Angelo jumps in and calls them illiterate. Imagine that. Angelo can hardly put two words together, coming over as a verbose ignoramus, and he's name-calling others. Anything to make an outsider feel unwelcome. I know he doesn't like me because I'm coloured. Someone should bitch slap Angelo back to reality. Who's funding this site anyway? Fran? Angelo? Grandpa Steve? I didn't think so. In reality you guys don't have any more pull than us. We have as much right to visit here as you. Get used to it. My greatest heavies in order - Louis, Ali, Johnson, Marciano, Holmes.

Angelo: See, you and I are finding common ground now and the world is becoming more peaceful. Your top five heavies are pretty close to mine. I'd put Ali above Louis, and maybe even rank Holmes higher than you did, but we're splitting hairs here. By the way, the fact that you're coloured just makes me like you more---I mean, you have Halle Berry and Jada Pinkett Smith on your team.

Not to mention George Clinton and the whole Parliament-Funkadelic thang.

G-man read your posts again and you will realize that 95% of what you write is negative hateful and trying to attack people, easy to see through. You blew it. Steve Never saw gypsy Joe he was before my time, saw all the great philly fighters at the Spectrum in the 70's.
it never is.<br><br>You have brought up our "stooges" club several times, saying how childish it is, or something of that order.<br><br>Let me tell you where that came from and maybe you will understand why it is special to us.<br><br>Almost three years ago or so, Mr. Jimmy (aka James Quarry) and I were trying to remember where a fight between Jerry and a fighter named Eduardo Corletti. We had both been at the event and Jimmy thought it was at the L.A. sports arena, while I thought it was at another venue. Jimmy Dorsey jumped in and said it was at the L.A. forum. I kept insisting it was not at the forum and I think Jimmy Q thought it could have been another venue other than the ones we mentioned. We were just going around in circles and one day, I called Jimmy D. a "lunkhead" (stooge terminology) and I think Jimmy D. called me a wiseguy in return, thus the reference to the stooges was born.<br><br>The reason it is special to us is Jimmy Quarry has since passed away and we dubbed him Moe because he is one of the founders of this site and foundation, along with Jerry, hence he was the leader of this place. He was our friend and he posted often and we keep the stooges thing going in his memory. <br><br>Oh by the way, Jimmy D. was right, the Quarry/Corletti fight was at the L.A. forum, the "wiseguy!"<br><br>Of course newcomers and different opinions are welcome. We just don't want this site to degenerate to the level of some of the other sites out there where everyone is calling each other names all of the time. | 5/20/04 06:44:21 PM|Jimmy Dorsey|Ventura California||ronnyrains@yahoo.com||||10|STEVE (AKA-SHEMP) YOU said the Eagles were going to win it last year!! Frankie Crawford lost on 2 occasions for the Featherweight title, both 15 round decisions IN JAPAN to Shozo Saijo. One I was informed was highway robbery, one of his last bouts was a decision loss to a guy named Bobby Chacon 3-20-73. He was only stopped 4 times, mostly due to cuts, and had 18 knockouts in 38 victories, there was a write-up about his untimely death on the internet, but now I can find nothing. I'll talk to Gil King. | 5/20/04 09:14:23 PM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Has anyone heard what Roy Jones Jr. future plans are? Rematch with Tarver? It's funny how five minutes of one night can change everyone's plans so drastically. One guy I talked to said it was a "lucky punch" like Rahman landed on Lewis. One punch certainly shattered the mystique of Jones. | 5/20/04 09:44:06 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|Hey, g-man, I haven't heard any self respecting A fro-American, black man refer to himself as a "coloured" since 1950. Who do you think your kidding?| 5/20/04 10:11:07 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|Hey Angelo, Ignoring this guy is one thing. It's a good strategy to a point. Responding when he insults you, and suggests you be bitch slapped into reality, HMM, I wonder what he thinks when you tell him that at last you guys have at least agreed about the top five heavyweights and now peace can prevail on this site. | 5/20/04 10:37:57 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Steve, the Eagles will not win the superbowl until they move to St. Louis! Then they won't be the Eagles anymore, just a pale imitation. <br><br>The Eagles remind me so much of my beloved and almost champion on several occasions, the Los Angeles Rams. The St Louis version is not my team and I know nothing about them as I don't follow them at all. I mind the Rams never won the superbowl as they ceased to exist when they left the Los Angeles area. | 5/20/04 10:55:39 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|Kent, it's very reassuring and stabilizing on this site to have you as the voice of reason. Ever wonder where koo koo clock has been during this last period of attacks on everyone else? I still think we're dealing with one adolescent nutbag. | 5/20/04 11:26:17 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|Kent, I can see where your feelings of betrayal by the Rams have disrupted your usually fair and unbiased look at Pro football. However, the Eagles are not leaving town, ever. My feelings are hurt that you would suggest that could happen here! If and when the Eagles reach the N.F.C.C championship game again, I will personally pay for and
send you and the other non-believer, Jimmy D., tickets for that game for all three of us, plus my five dumb Irish sons at the vet. Oh, I mean are brand new stadium! Oh, bye the way, Kent and Jimmy, when we win that NFC Title, and go on to the Superbowl. After I have treated you guys to Philly hoagies, in our brand new beautifyl stadium, I will expect formal apologies for your remarks on the Eagles.

| 5/21/04 12:16:02 AM | G-Man | (anywhere) | near you | Steve, why can’t you accept that more than one person outside your clique of lumpheads is capable of disagreeing with you. I am one person. Who are you? I think that you and Koo Koo are one of the same and always have been. When you are here, Koo Koo isn’t. I also think that you have alzheimers. Start being polite to other posters while you still can. You know nothing about boxing and you know nothing about me. You’re 56 and done nothing, been nowhere, and you are going nowhere fast. If you don’t want to be polite, then don’t post. Greatest pound-for-pound: Ray Robinson, Louis, Armstrong, Ali. I haven’t decided on the fifth place yet. |
| 5/21/04 01:07:27 AM | Steve | NJ | dmmsrm@comcast.net | Kent and Jimmy, is my rapier wit so dry, that no one knows when I am kidding? I’m serious about the Eagles tickets! I hope you guys understand I’m not trying to be hostile. Your wrong, g-man, every time you post, I know a little more about you. I know your not black. I know your a very young man. I know you underestimate other peoples intelligents. Accusing me of being KooKoo is a pretty feeble attempt at reverse phycology. I know your not from the states. |
| 5/21/04 03:21:13 AM | Massimo "Big all over" Cini | Roma | kevin garnett can play basketball | Joe Louis Barrow was a one-night champion! I mean, he showed how great he was only once: on 25 June 1935. However, Ezzard Charles-Joe Louis was a great fight! Charles deserved the decision, but Joe Louis fought like a lion, and was ahead after the first half of the fight. Then, he probably got tired. |
| 5/21/04 04:05:15 AM | G-Man | over there | over here | Believing that you know everything, Grandpa Steve, is an early to mid onset symptom of Alzheimers. Trying to convince others that you have a "rapier wit", instead of accepting what everyone else knows (ie that you don’t), is not. That is a personality flaw needing psychiatric correction. You are what we call a known known Steve. We all know what you are and we all know what you are incapable of. On the other hand, I am a known unknown. The only thing you know about me is that you really don’t know. Trust me, Steve, I am in the medical industry and I know that you know that I really do know what you really don’t know. I also know that you are too unknowingly set in your dumb ways to engage in meaningful debate about boxing or anything else. I tried to get you debating the all time greats, pound-for-pound and the heavies, and your failure to respond indicates that you don’t know. Once again you are a known known. Okay. Let’s talk about simpler things that you would know. How many beers does it take before the alcoholic husband begins beating up on his defenceless wife? I don’t know the answer, but I do know that you know, Steve. You are again a known known. Anyways, I still don’t know what my fifth pound-for-pound all time great will be. |
| 5/21/04 06:49:08 AM | G-Man | over here | no, other there | One more thing, Steve, what you really have to avoid is the unknown unknowns. They are the real dangers. When you don’t know what you don’t know then what you do know is that you are in for a terrible surprise. Unknown unknowns are a real bummer. I hope that clarifies it all for you. |
| 5/21/04 11:10:28 AM | CHARLES ANDERSON | ARK | ctjandfam@aol.com | Steve, I enjoy reading your posts, along with fran and kent’s. Have you talked to mr. breece lately? I think a book would be a best seller, Jerry was loved by millions. Movie would be great to do in the right manner. |
| 5/21/04 02:14:09 PM | Steve | NJ | dmmsrm@comcast.net | Okay G-Man, you win, I surrender! I want to argue with you about boxing, but nothing else. If you want to call me grandpa Steve, that’s fine with me. Since I am a grandfather several times
over. Your correct, you have as much right to post here as anyone else. Please forgive me Irish temper. Now, let's get ready to rumble. I don't think you should have listed only the top five heavy's. That leaves out too many great ones that could be argued to be interchangeable. What about Frazier, Foreman, Walcott, Tyson, Liston? What about your top five middleweights? I have Sugar Ray Robinson 2. Ray Leonard 3. Stanley Ketchell, 4. Carlos Monzon 5. Marvin Hagler 6. Billy Conn?

Charles Anderson, I spoke to Daryle Breece twice last year, I have since lost his phone number. He gave his number on this site, so I took that to mean he was pretty serious. I asked him why he didn't just e-mail guys like Kent and Jimmy D. They both have a lot of information on the Quarry family? He said he was in the process of getting interviews. That's the last I've heard of him. I know he left his number on this site. I started going through the archives, but am afraid some of them might have been lost last year due to a change in internet servers. I'm sorry I can't find the number, but I will keep looking. I agree with you, a movie or a book would be great.

Hey Steve how is it going? Over the years I have found you to be one of the most knowledgeable boxing historians on this site, and also one of the most tolerant. G-Man used post on this site under the name of Tubby Breslin (see posts from 9/03). He is a very angry, opinionated (normally wrong), would be elitist. Sadly he can't shake his humble background. And as a result, it is guys like him who give drunks a bad name.

Wow, can't we all just get along? Why the need to get personal? Just opinions here, everybody has them... Was impressed with Antonio Tarver's win over Jones, a big-time fight for that weightclass. Just out of curiosity, does anyone have a fighter in the current heavyweight division that they think JQ could NOT beat? Given that Jerry was best at about 200, someone like Kookoo must have something to say on this. Personally, I don't really see any.

Thanks for the wrap Forest. Just who is Tubby Breslin? It's not me, but what does it matter anyways. I can be Tubby if you want me to be. Tubby now becomes a known unknown. Anyways, you are pretty free with the insults, Forest. I am trying to guess your claim to fame. Let me see. Is it because you spend so much time in jail, and I'm guessing here that you are not the chief warden? You call others drunks, but my guess is that you hang around jails and gutters because you keep getting kicked out of the bars where the rest of us drink. I guess that makes you a swell guy in your own mind, some sort of victim full of hard luck stories. Well, Forest, we haven't got time to listen to 'em. Now Steve, off the top of my head, my top four middleweights in order are Robinson, Monzon, Leonard and Hagler. Not sure about the rest as I'm still shaken by Ward's vicious assault on my reputation.

Kent - I have just been to Anaheim in LA. When I looked on the map I couldn't believe it was so close to La Habra...isn't that where you're from?? While I was in Las Vegas I went to see the Ray Austin vs Gilbert Martinez bout - great KO!! I met Kevin Kelly and Eddie Mustafa Muhammad among others - everyone was happy to give me their time.

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Hey Fran, I know your from Philly. If you saw 70's fights at the Spectrum, then c'mon, tell me about them! Do you remember Eugene, [cyclone] Hart? Willie [the worm] Monroe? You and I
might have both been at some of those great Philly fight. If we were, it would be fun to hear each other's perspectives on the same live fight.

Hey Gerry Schultz, regarding your last post. I know one fight I'd like to have seen. Jerry Quarry at his prime vs James Toney as he was beating Hollyfield. I live about ten miles from Anaheim and I am there quite often, two or three times a week. In fact, I was just there Wednesday and will be there again Saturday night. I wish you would have told me you were in town as I would have liked to have met you in person. Next time you come to the area let me know in advance and I will come see you.

I was out of town last weekend but I would have made a point to come back at least one day if I would have known you were going to be here. Steve, even if I don't agree everytime, I still think you have a lot of knowledge of the boxing game and that goes for Jimmy D, even if he is a wiseguy sometimes, soitenly (certainly), knuck, knuck, knuck!

Steve, I think you have a brutal streak in your nature. You don't particularly like the guy (particularly all that political and religious stuff), but I wouldn't wish him or anyone else a brain injury. It intrigues me that on the one hand you enjoy boxing so much that you go to Hall of Fame annual events, yet at the same time you hate someone who did so much for boxing (whether or not you like Ali's principles, etc). Your attitude is a real conundrum, Mr Ward.

I have just seen the first fight (1907) of the great legendary Tommy Burns Bill Squires trylogy. Tommy was given 9-10 undercard as Bill was the Australian heavyweight champion but still won by KO 1 knocking the hell out of Bill. Anyway, if Tommy Burns was a heavyweight, then I'm a pivot! Even Warren Coolidge (6'8") was too short for being a pivot! I know, the Octopus was just like the fans at the VET!! I don't really even know how true the story was Kent, it was out of 1969 Ring Magazine where I was reading on the Mathis-Quarry bout. And how Nat Fleischer admitted how wrong he was about Quarry. I liked old Galento thou, and how much reach he had to give up, he was a natural as a bad guy in movies, and a pretty damn good actor, from what I've heard, maybe he was just being himself!
2003, you wrote about a guy "who got out of jail a few years ago after serving time for killing someone. Not that that makes him a bad person." I haven't bothered to check other posts by you and I suppose that I will now be the target of your hopes for a "slow and painful death." But I'd like to know what made you such a hateful and glib person. Someone has a different opinion to yours, and you despise them for it. Seems a bit silly to me, and I can't wait for the posts defending you by all your apologists on this site. Forest, instead of gloating about Ali's awful condition, I would have thought that a boxing fan like you would be instead rejoicing the golden era his presence brought to the sport, regardless of his politics and religion. I read where you recently chastised someone for mentioning basketball on this site, yet it is okay for you to go off on tangents about Fonda's politics and Ali's "draft dodging" (to use your term). Anyways, Steve, you must be so proud receiving that huge compliment from Ward. A wrap from him makes you a real swell guy, I'm sure. And you being such a great "historian", I assume you knew of the posts I mentioned above when you stated that your chest swelled with pride when praised "by someone as great as Ward" (or words to that effect). 

5/22/04 07:37:30 PM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: I think JQ at his peak could handle most of today's heavies. Lennox Lewis would be a possible exception. Lewis has the giant size to cause problems, plus good movement. At this point in his career (retirement I guess) he'd lose to Quarry. But a couple years ago, he might have enough to win. I can't think of anyone else off the top of my head who would handle JQ. I always say, any live heavy would have a chance to open cuts on JQ and win by TKO stoppage due to bleeding. |

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5/23/04 12:36:50 PM|Gerry Schultz|Cleveland USA||jgschultz11@aol.com|||10|Fran, Angelo, I agree regarding Lewis, JQ would give him a great fight and would have his rounds with Lennox's so-so chin, but Lewis was a very good boxer, not just a big guy, I didn't count him in my earlier post as he has retired, at least for the moment. Quarry-Toney or Quarry-Holyfield at 200 lbs. would both be great matches in my opinion. I was recently re-reading about Eddie Machen and saw his classic fight with Liston on ESPN, he was very good in my opinion. Word is Jerry loafed against him as he did many early in his career, but prime-prime this too would be a great match at 200...

5/23/04 01:37:50 PM|Massimo|Roma||27/18|||10|Steve/Kent, interesting that you both discuss moving NFL franchises, here in Cleveland we know of such things also. Why Rams, Colts, Browns were allowed to move is beyond me. If they can be moved, anyone can. Steve, you could find yourself following the New Jersey Eagles faster than you think. The Rams, incidentally, won the NFL title first as the Cleveland Rams, with UCLA's Bob Waterfield at QB, before the better Browns, also league champs, chased them out... Kudos again to Antonio Tarver for doing what he said he could, also glad to see De La Hoya out there again after being ripped off again in his last match. Massimo, Byron Stewart is 6'7''. But Jerry Lucas, Wes Unseld, Dave Cowens, Willis Reed and Elvin Hayes are all Hall of Fame centers at 6-9 or under who would still star today. Thanks again.|
This is devastating to me, I was sure that Coolidge was 6'8" !!!!!!! The Big Show is not 7'4" but is only about 6'8", The Giant Gonzales is not 7'7" but is only about 7', Hulk Hogan is not 6'8" but is only 6'3". Let alone Andre' who was affected by nanism... They say that Shaq is 7'1", I hope he is at least 6'9"...<br>I'm only 5'6", but at least it is true, for God's sake!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!<br>Ah, I forgot, for a good part of my life I was sure that Primo Carnera was 6'7" 1/2... How hard it has been to discover he was only 6'5 3/4 !<br>How tall are Muhammad Ali' and Joe Frazier ?

Did they show the whole Liston-Machen fight or only a synthesis ? I'm asking this because ( or as, or since) I have only a few rounds ( about 10, 15 minutes) of that fight. The fight was close, but pretty boring. Liston was always the aggressor while Machen fought on defense, counterpunching Liston in a few occasions. I'd like to know whether the fight was close or not ! And, of course, whether Liston deserved the decision or not. I too think <br>Eddie Machen was an excellent, almost great fighter. He was a top contender for many years and did beat a long list of good fighters: Nino Valdes, Joey Maxim, Willi Besmanoff... And his two draws against a prime Cleveland Williams and a prime Zora Folley were good accomplishments.<br>

Did you ever ask you uncle why he was a fan of Mussolini? <br>My relatives didn't back Mussolini in WW11 did they???

Thanks for the information on ( or about ) the Liston-Machen fight. One of my uncles was Benito Mussolini’s N.1 fan, just as ( or like) KooKoo is JQ's n.1 fan. I don't like any kind of tyranny.<br>I don't like both fascism and comunism. I like democracy, even if nothing is perfect, of course. Benito Mussolini spoke and wrote in a very good Italian tough. He was an excellent journalist.<br>

I met Jerry Sherk also, he was NFL Defensive Player of the Year once, wrestled in college so had great hands, Brown's were still annual contenders then coached by Forrest Gregg. I believe Ali was 6'3 1/2, taller on his toes with at least 80" of reach and so damn skilled. Frazier was 5-10, 5-11 at most, and like Jerry, crouched a little to fight Ali, who had height and reach on almost everyone he fought, among other things. Hulk Hogan is 6-6. The tallest athlete I ever saw was at Cleveland State one day when I was going to class. As it turned out, he was Manute Bol, who may have been conservatively listed at 7"8". I remember being pretty bewildered to be walking down a hall and seeing such a tall person standing there, actually scared me at first.
bet if any of your relatives were killed in the same way that your uncle would not have admired Mussolini.

Years ago, I stood next to Wilt (who) Chamberlain and a fellow Laker named Mel Counts, who was listed at 7'0" but looked to me as tall as Wilt was, listed at 7'1". A couple of years later, we had a guy who played here at La Habra High School who was 7'0". His name is Steve Manker but I don't know if he ever played anything more than for a small college somewhere. He was tall as a tree to me too but it wasn't as shocking as it would have been if I hadn't seen Wilt and Counts before.

I was about ten years old and my father had taken me to watch a public workout of the Lakers and I got Wilt's and Counts' autographs. Those guys looked to be as tall as tall trees to me and it was the first time in my life that I ever thought my father, at 5'7" was small.

I haven't had a chance of asking my uncle why he was Mussolini's No.1 fan, when I was an under 10 years old kid, he was an over 80 years old man. All I remember is that he knew perfectly all Benito's speeches and sang often " Giovinezza, giovinezza" ("Youth, youth") a typical fascist song. I know that there are many over 80 years old (I mean, maybe 1 percent) Italians who are nostalgic of Mussolini. Even my grandmother, who is now 87 years old and is an angel of a woman, shows some liking for Mussolini. The most amazing thing is that there are many fans of fascism even among the Italian teenagers, who have no idea of what fascism has been. I agree with you, Kent, Mussolini was a bastard, a criminal and a motherf......r. Soon after he went to power he killed or exiled all his political enemies (Matteotti, for instance). It was Vittorio Emanuele's (the Italian king at the time) fault if Mussolini conquered the power in Italy. Adolf Hitler was worse of him, tough.

I too only saw snipits of Machen vs Liston. I know he was one of only a few to go the distance with him in Liston's heyday. I did see Machen fight Joe Frazier, and believe me, he was hanging on for dear life through most of the fight. He said to Frazier during a clinch, "your smoking now, Joe". Frazier liked that so much, that he adopted the name, Smokin Joe Frazier.

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Sorry, I submitted before I was done my last post. I can see now that you two wiseguys, Kent and Jimmy D. need to clear your calendar for the week of the N.F.C. Title game here in Philly. Hey Jimmy D. If you think we made Billy Kilmer look good? Do you remember Roman Gabriel??
line allowed him to be sacked something like six or eight times in a row in
tier first game back.

Massimo, Yes, I saw the entire fight. I wouldn't say it was an easy fight for Frazier. As he was pretty young and inexperienced. I think Machen taught Joe a few tricks that night, as he was such a masterful survivor. However, Joe truly was a "truth machine" that night. He was relentless, and never gave Machen a second to breath.

Massimo, you never responded to my comments about Calabria. Have you ever been there. If so, I'd like to hear you describe it to me, as I have never been there. They say the Women there are all beautiful, as is my wife. However, they also say the men have unusually large feet. This has me worried.

Steve: Probably I have been in Calabria, but it was so many years ago, that I barely remember the trip. I had to be a child, under 7 feet tall at the time. It seems to me that there was a wonderful sea, the most limpid water I have ever seen in Italy. Again, it was a lot of time ago. Mussolini's corpse was still hot...

PS: Adolf Hitler was 5' 8" tall, while Benito Mussolini was a little shorter, my best guess is 5'6" 1/2. I have no information on their shoe sizes.

G-Man: I agree with you Party Pooper. Some people will pretend to tip Jerry to beat Lewis, but ask them to put their house on it and they'll soon change their mind. As gutsy and strong as Quarry was, it defies logic to tip him to beat Lewis. On his best night he wouldn't come close. Lewis was a lot better than many give him credit for. I also agree that Marciano was a great 'small' heavy, although Frazier wasn't. Great heavies don't get smashed twice like he did against Foreman. He also had terrible trouble getting over Bonavena, although he apparently flogged his girlfriend without raising a sweat. It's sad. At least Ali is ageing with his dignity intact, but Joe's out there giving drunks a bad name. I hope he finally stops drinking. By the way, the other great 'small' heavy was Tyson and it would have been great to have seen him fight Frazier. I think Tyson would have finished it in three. It would have been as wild as Hagler v Hearns.

G-Man: I admit to flip-flopping on Tyson vs. Frazier. Part of me thinks Tyson would come out fast, like he did against so many opponents (including M. Spinks and also including Joe's son Marvis). If Tyson broke out of the gates throwing and connecting with bombs, he could take Frazier out like Foreman took Frazier out: Very, very early, maybe even inside the three rounds you mentioned. But another part of me says that Frazier could gut it out against him and being the great champion he was, outlast Tyson. If Frazier could take him to the middle rounds and actually fight back (something no one did against a young Tyson---except Buster Douglas) then Tyson could be taken. If I had to bet the ranch on it, I'd pick Tyson I guess. As for Quarry vs. Lewis or Quarry vs. Klitscho: Don't sell Quarry short. Watch his fights against Foster, Lyle, Shavers---the guy could take a punch like almost on one else, and threw hard punches in combinations. Believe me, Lewis' size wouldn't be as big a factor as everyone seems to think. How big was Oliver McCall? Also, a guy like Earnie Shavers (or Ron Lyle for that matter) would ice Lennox Lewis inside five rounds. Being taller and heavier wouldn't make Lewis any better at surviving an Earnie Shavers onslaught, or at trading bombs with Ron Lyle. Jerry Quarry stood in against these guys and beat them. I'm not a cheerleader for JQ: As I've said before, there are guys I couldn't see him ever beating (Joe Louis, Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Larry Holmes, probably even Sonny Liston). But if he banged with Shavers, Lyle, Foster, I have not doubt that he could take the fight to Lewis and make a good showing. We'll never know if he would win, but I'm convinced he would have a chance.
If you ever saw the fights Live that Jerry had against Foster, Lyle, Shavers in which he won, or against Chuvalo who he was taking apart, or outpunching Frazier in the first fight or Getting under Ali's jab in the first fight then you knew that Jerry had the science down and could beat anyone. The ability and skills were there. As far as Lewis goes that would be a very tough fight for him but on his best night (Lyle, Shavers, Foster) I'd bet the house every time on Jerry. I always bet on him. Lewis was the best in his time but with no chin he would not have been in the top 10 back in the early to mid 70's. Those guys could bang and Lewis would have gotten a chincheck. To be great you have to have a chin. Holmes would have beaten Lewis. Holmes would get rocked but not put to sleep like Lewis. Sleeping on the job does not get you in with the all time greats.

As far as Klitchko and most of the Russians go they are amateurs still even though they are fighting at the level they are at in the pro's. They throw arm punches and still run out of gas. I feel sorry for them because when they meet up with a seasoned pro like Toney or the guy that just wore out Wladimir they are destroyed. Back in the Jerry's era amateurs never got to that level and if they did it was only for one fight. All you have to do to beat those guys is be there when they run out of gas. Read a newspaper between rounds and smoke a cigar.

Fran: I agree. And to take it a step further, the ability to get off the canvas after being dropped (see Holmes vs. Shavers II and Holmes vs. Snipes) is what made Holmes a great Champion, while Lewis (no go against McCall, no go against Rahman) was simply a good, steady Champion of his time, but not an all-time great. Like I posted a few days back, Roy Jones not showing the ability to continue against Tarver makes many doubt him. In the Washington Times, a columnist mentioned the Holmes-Shavers bout and Holmes recollection of it. A little voice told him that Shavers was about to take his title and that he had to fight Shavers off or lose his crown. When things are going well, a talented guy like Lennox Lewis, with his great size and skills, will look unbeatable. It's when the going gets tough that you separate the greats from the "very goods." And I'm not making the ability to take a punch and get up from it the end all/be all---a lot more goes into a good fighter. But I think it gets to the heart of an all-time great when they're rocked and can get up and continue. You know, on a smaller scale, you have to be impressed with the Jimmy Young-George Foreman bout. Young was clobbered in the 7th round. To this day, I don't know how he did it, but somehow he cleared the cobwebs and actually started hitting Foreman with crisp punches at the end of the round. Foreman was such an amazing finisher---the fact that Young survived was amazing. Does it make Jimmy Young an alltime great? No, because something else was missing in Young---and that was the dedication to training and showing up ready to fight every time---another element of a champion. Ossie Ocasio was the only thing between Jimmy Young and Larry Holmes (and a shot at Holmes' title) and Young let Ocasio eat his lunch! What a shame, because I think a Young-Holmes title bout would have been fascinating to watch.

I would have to say Lewis would beat Jerry, probably by decision, although that long jab might slice up and cut Jerry's tender skin. Realize most of the time Lewis at his best was good at avoiding the bombs that could test his somewhat weak chin. Remember, Lewis has often been put down for not getting in and mixing it up with fighters such as David Tua, who punches hard but Lewis pitched a shutout from long range. The style of caution first may have been boring to watch but it worked. The knockout losses to McCall and Rahman were almost lucky punches as Lewis beats those two guys nine times out of ten. I just can't see Jerry getting inside of Lewis' long jab. Of course Jerry was much stronger than the average 200 pounder and he did have enough
power to hurt Lewis if he did tag him with his best shots. So Jerry would always have that chance at winning.

Your analysis might be correct (especially the strong possibility that Jerry could be stopped on cuts by Lewis), but I don't buy into the theory that the Rahman and McCall KOs against Lewis were "lucky." In a heavyweight fight, there's a good chance that hard punches will be landed by both fighters. There are exceptions: Bobick didn't put leather on Norton. Spinks didn't touch Tyson. But look at another one round KO: Shavers DID hit Quarry (No matter what Jerry said in the post-fight interview, the tape doesn't lie and Shavers hit him hard.). My point is that Lennox got tagged like a lot of guys were hit by Rahman and McCall. The difference is that on those nights, he didn't have the chin or the will to absorb the shots and fight back. Yes, Lewis MIGHT pitch a shutout against Quarry. I don't fault Lewis for boring us against Tua or Holyfield. Tactical, defensive fighting might be boring, but it's smart and it wins. But with that said, if JQ got under the jab (as he showed he could do against other very good fighters) and tagged Lewis with the type of punches he landed against Shavers, whose to say how it would end? It would by no means be lucky---it would be a legitimate heavy hitting a guy who can't take the hardest punch. I don't think Mike Weaver got lucky against John Tate. I think he caught up with Tate, who didn't have the sturdiest chin, and legitimately KOed him (after Tate had his way with Weaver for most of the fight). Speaking of which, Weaver is another 70's/early 80's guy considered to be "average" back then, who in my mind could take Lewis.

Steve I was just going to ask what ever happened to Gabrial as an Eagel, for they were so high on him, I can remember When Billy finally had a bad game and got beat twice by the Eagels (1975) And Gabrial was in the locker bragging it took a lotta B---s TO WIN THIS GAME,and beat his old coach Allen, who incidentally did not make him a Ramskin! We had KILMER and later another Eagel "ASASSIN" JOHN RIGGINS!

You can't compare Tua and Holyfield with an early 70's Jerry Quarry. Jerry was very tricky and could fight Lewis many ways. Tua one dimensional and an overly muscle bound Holyfield had no dimensions left. An over the hill Mike Tyson looked good in the first round and was able to tag Lewis. Lewis with no chin wouldn't have made it that far back then. If Mediocre fighters could land a lucky punch then what would those guys have done to them. Lewis would be a cheese steak hoagie easy pay day for Ali Frazier Shavers  Quarry Lyle Norton.
guilty of showing him TOO MUCH respect. Do you honestly think he could hang
with an in-prime George Foreman? He might try to avoid the bombs and keep
Foreman away with the jab, but a 1973 Foreman would force him to fight---
something Holyfield couldn't do. And David Tua shouldn't even be in the same
sentence with George Foreman.<br>Foreman would pole-axe Lennox Lewis. If he
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won, and I think deep down, Lewis might have an inkling that Bowe would have won. All these years later, Lewis is a retired Champion, who beat most comers, won some impressively, defended for a lot of years. He retired with his belts, and his body and mind seemingly intact. Lewis would be nuts to come back—he's set financially, and has nothing more to prove to anyone. But Riddick Bowe has been rumbling about a comeback. I think that after the two fights with Golata, Bowe might have won the fights, but lost cognitive ability. Before those fights, he was articulate and humorous—a smart guy with a lot of confidence. After those bouts, he never seemed to be the same. I don't think he should be sanctioned to fight again if it's proven that he has brain damage from boxing. But if Bowe does return, it would be a natural to see him fight Lewis. Now, Lewis would probably win the fight—I don't imagine Bowe has much left. Bowe-Tyson would also be interesting. I don't know how that one would play out. | 5/25/04 05:07:52 PM|G-Man|over here||other there|||5|Kent, it was G-Man who suggested that we could have disagreements without putting curses on each other. I don't have a voodoo doll for anyone. You have been realistic in your assessment of Quarry and Lewis. In regard to some of the match-ups mentioned, Lewis would stop Frazier early. Joe was always vulnerable early, but you had to be a big puncher to stop him. Ali didn't have enough (as shown early in the second fight), Foreman did. Lewis punched hard enough to stop him and Lewis was so tall that Joe's left hook would be rendered ineffective. It would struggle to reach up there with the same power. Lewis v Foreman would be much different. We all know that Lewis was vulnerable to power and power was what Foreman was all about. George would take some hits early, before finishing Lewis in the middle rounds. I gotta say that I think we tend not to give Holyfield his due. The guy was not a natural heavyweight but fought absolute wars against some very good and very big fighters. He kept coming back for more too, and he gave as good as he got. In any era, Holyfield was a great warrior. He was almost unbeatable at cruiserweight and can you imagine how good a fight it would have been to watch Holyfield and Bob Foster. That would have been something, one of the best match-ups ever. I'd go for Foster though. Holyfield and Quarry would have been hectic, too. Two aggressive and gutsy fighters standing toe-to-toe until the other dropped. It wouldn't go the distance and Holyfield would be hurt before he went on to win. One thing about Quarry, no one ever got an easy night against him. | 5/25/04 05:25:25 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|G-Man: What about Bowe-Holyfield (who would win this one today, and who would have won prime vs. prime)? How about Tyson-Lewis, prime vs. prime?<br>Quarry would not KO Holyfield and Holyfield might stop JQ on cuts. I'd give the nod to Holyfield, but it wouldn't be a cakewalk. I agree—we sometimes forget how good Holyfield was because he hasn't been competitive in a long, long time and we're starting to get used to today's Holyfield instead of remembering his great wins.<br> | 5/25/04 05:28:14 PM|Massimo |Roma, Europa||coolidge was cool.com|||10|I wanna say that life has been unjust with Donovan Ruddock. I mean, this guy had great potentialities! I still haven't understood how it happened that he had the worst career in boxing history! Donovan Ruddock punched probably harder than Tyson. His knockout of Michael Dokes was really impressive! It is a shame that he never won a title, while chumps like Ruiz and Brewster have belts. The turning point in his career was his defeat against Lennox Lewis. But it's not a shame losing (or to lose) against Lewis. When he lost against Tommy Gun in 1995, he wasn't the same guy any more, he was overweight. I have rooted for Ruddock in the past because I thought he deserved a belt.<br>Oliver "Atomic Bull" McCall is underrated! His chin is really chivalian and he can punch hard as he showed knocking out Lewis, Maskaev and Akiwande and stopping the "almost" all time great Francesco Damiani. I remember well his second fight with Lewis. It was amazing that he got completely crazy and that <br>Lennox Lewis still looked afraid of him and couldn't knock him out in a convincing way! <br>PS:
Francesco Damiani taught a boxing lesson to a guy whose name I can't remember right now.... UHHHMMM...... Oh yeah, now I remember: TEOFILÓ STEVENSON

Now it's late here in Rome, and I have to go to my huge bed! Tomorrow, I will read with joy what you guys have to say.

Bowe v Holyfield in their primes is difficult to assess. While Bowe wasted his career and skills, Holyfield got every little squeeze out of his lemon. Bowe had an awkward style for Holyfield and I would have to go with Bowe by decision. Tyson v Lewis in their prime. I rate Tyson above Lewis, but Lewis had the style to beat him and is way taller. Without any confidence, I'd say Lewis. Holyfield is on the way to being another tragic figure in boxing. He stayed around way too long and didn't heed the lesson that Ali's career should have provided. Felix Trinidad seems to have listened to that message. Apart from Marciano, not many in history got out on time.

Among heavyweights, Marciano got out on time and in a weird way, Foreman and Holmes, even though they boxed way into their 40's, still seem to have it together—maybe it's just genetics in their case. It seems like Lennox Lewis, if he stays retired, is out on time too. He walks away as the Champion, with a full wallet and in good shape. What about middleweight Marvin Hagler? I don't think he ever fought again after losing the title to Leonard. Very surprising that he didn't come back because there would have been some nice paydays waiting for him. He didn't even care to win the title back and THEN retire. He just left it open-ended. I heard he went to Italy to live, to study acting.

Massimo: If you liked Ruddock so much, what about Frank Bruno?

Frank Bruno was an excellent fighter and can be proud of his career. He had good skills and could punch hard. If you look at his career, it is amazing how many fights he won inside 3 rounds (ask Gerry Cootzie, for instance...). He often gave good performances even in defeat. He was ahead against a young Lennox Lewis until the stoppage. He had just one very bad performance against Mike Tyson in their second fight, when he got abruptly cheeken and took a beating. His major flaw was the chin, that did prevent him from being a really great champion. He eventually won the title beating the tough guy Oliver McCall. Frank Bruno was a very good fighter and maybe deserve even the appellative of CHAMPION.

Fraziers hook wouldn't have to "reach" Lewis head because by the Time Joe was up to a full smoke his left hook would have been doubled up on Lewis body first. Lewis had a gas tank problem and Joe would have taken him out late. Too many hooks to the body. Lewis has never seen that before. Lewis beat Bowe for the Olympic gold and probably would have done it in the pro's at least that's what Bowe thought that's why he threw the belt in the can. I think Quarry could KO Holyfield don't know if he would. Jerry could feint and open you up for hard counter punches skills Holyfield may not have seen. Holyfield would be good in any era.

You're right on the mark with those comments about Frazier/Lewis. Look, all things being equal, I'll take a bigger/heavier guy against a smaller guy every time. But usually, all things aren't necessarily equal. A smaller guy with superior skills can equalize the bigger guy's size or weight. We've seen this over and over. Some of the jumbo heavyweights of the past were soundly beaten by smaller guys. Now, in the lighter weight classes, I think as little as five pounds can make a difference. I picked Aaron Pryor to defeat Alexis Arguello for one reason only: Pryor had a little more natural size. Both guys were warriors. I viewed them as being top notch fighters without much separating them. So I picked Pryor to win, just on his size (of course Leonard won a decision against a naturally heavier Hagler, but that's another story). But when you reach 200+ pounds, you have the
punching power to hurt anyone, even a 250 pounder. You also have the body mass
to absorb punishment from someone who is larger. A 6'3" 220 pound George
Foreman in 1973 is plenty large enough to take on someone who is 6'5" and 250.
To me, that's about even. Larry Holmes gave away two inches and at least 30-35
pounds to a good big man, Leroy Jones, and still dominated most of that fight.
Also, today's muscular guys weighing 240+ don't impress me anymore than
yesterday's power punchers. Earnie Shavers and George Foreman used leverage and
brute force to club opponents into being knocked out. If a chiseled body makes
for a better boxer, Norton would have won every fight he was in. Other factors
go into it—and if there's a such thing as a "punch-o-meter" that measures
punching power, Liston, Shavers and Foreman would score a lot higher than Lewis
or the Klitschos. And we know that being taller or weighing more doesn't give a
guy a better chin. Yes, a bigger guy could lean on an opponent, clench (like
Ali used to do) and tire him out over 8 rounds or more (Ali was very strong and
used this tactic against smaller guys). But my guess is that if Lennox Lewis or
another of today's big guys tried to use this strategy against Foreman, Shavers,
etc., they would be dispatched early.

Who said Quarry nearly beat Frazier? Get real. He stayed with him for a round or two, then wilted. He
was never in the second fight, a slaughter. Frazier showed pity and stepped
back, and Quarry was ready to quit too.

Some very good posts from Fran, Angelo, G-Man, has me thinking about these matchups.
Lewis would probably try to take Frazier early and would look very good as an
Ali-type tall boxer, but I still think his chin would get him in trouble. Ali,
JQ hit Joe alot, he was still there smokin'. To me, Lewis, Bowe and Tyson were
the best bunch since the 70's, and should have met mid 90s at the latest. Holmes
had little real competition thanks to the job Don King did on several very good
perspective heavies, among them Greg Page. Fans were flat-out robbed by King
where both groups are concerned. True, Holyfield does not quite get his due now,
though he had the huge hype for a while. He parallels Quarry in some ways, and
was a true warrior. But if the other three are set and clear-headed, they own
the 90s. It's too bad we got stuck with Ali-Leon Spinks when there were much
better matches to be had, Holmes also had some very average opponents, LJones,
Evangelista, Cobb among them. As a Clevelander, I can tell you we don't claim
Don King too loudly, he effected nearly every ranking and contender for three
decades, this should be figured into all that has come to pass regarding title
fights. Even JQ, who lost his shot at Foreman, has been affected by King. How
might the sport have gone without him?

Frazier was a top 10 all time heavy. Jerry falls about 25-30. Small difference seemingly,
but at the tip-top of the food chain small differences are alot. Jerry wouldn't
ever beat a pre Ali I Joe Frazier. However a prime Quarry against 1974 Frazier
would be a toss-up.

Let's continue to remember our soldiers. My son is in Bagdad. He is OK but has lost one
of his men. Thanks and have a safe Memorial Day weekend.

Kent, we must not forget about the people in the armed forces who are facing danger
every day and we also must not forget those that have fallen before them as that
is what Memorial Day is all about.

I know there are people out there who think it was a bad decision to go to war but to them I say, don't blame the
soldiers, honor them as they do not make policy and they have a duty to perform.
It is the same brave duty they would perform if a foreign army invaded our
homeland.

One of the biggest disgraces in the history of the United
States of America was the poor treatment of the soldiers as they returned from
Vietnam. A lot of Americans still owe those veterans a collective apology for
how shabby the vets were treated.<br><br>As far as the policy itself goes, I hear a lot of critics pointing out that President Bush made the wrong decisions but I don't hear these same critics giving any alternative solutions as we are already in Iraq. That decision has already been made. I don't want to hear any Monday morning quarterbacks saying what we should have done. I want to hear what we should do from this point on as we cannot take back the decision to go to war. Flat out pulling out of Iraq as fast as possible is not a viable solution even though that is what a lot of Bush's critics would have us do.|[5/26/04 07:05:43 PM]mark sargeant[uk]|mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|10|On their best day in their prime a good fighter could come close to any major top 10 star. Earnie Shavers had weaknesses and lost to several mediocre fighters but on his day his punching power could have meant victories over any heavy weight in history. If he caught Holmes (which he did), Foreman, Tyson or Lewis, who are all better fighters with that right hand perfectly he could have knocked them out.<br>With Jerry Quarry, he was a very good fighter in a wonderful era. His handling of Ron Lyle who really was as mean and good as you get without winning the title, was more impressive than how Ali, Foreman or Shavers handled him. But he did have his bad days as well. He was beaten by a past-prime Machen, Chuvalo and Ellis and when tossing up matches with fighters such as Holyfield or Tyson you have to remember these performances as well. Quite simply if he had fought these 2 or Lewis like he did in these disappointing matches he would have got beaten easily against good heavies.<br>Lewis at his worst was ko'ed by 2 average heavies but dominated the era for 10 years or so and placed a number of good fighters like Ruddock into early retirement. Simply at his best Lewis would have beaten Quarry. He had a great jab and size to control the fight and had greater punching power. I'm a fan of Quarry for many reasons and have no doubt that at his very best could have caused an upset, but unfortunately in a few fights that really mattered like Ellis and Frazier and Ali he came up significantly short and was well beaten. I'd take Lewis to win on points or by late stoppage for cuts. Holyfield fought magnificently in his fights with Bowe and Tyson but even in his prime had problems with lesser fighters like Moorer and was shown a thing or two by an ancient Holmes.|[5/26/04 10:14:01 PM]Fran|Philly|plc7755@aol.com|10|Came up short against Chuvalo, did you see the fight? Beaten badly by Ali? It was a cut Jerry was doing good the fight hadn't even started. Did you see those fights? |[5/27/04 04:20:09 AM]Kent|La Habra, Ca|kentallenent@aol.com|10|Mark, Jerry was not well beaten by Ellis. He lost by a split decision and such a verdict often means the fight could have gone either way. Jerry was also well ahead at the time of his freak knockout loss to Chuvalo. It is doubtful Chuvalo would have won if not for the unusual circumstances.<br>I also agree with whoever said Ali was not completely dominant in Jerry's first fight. Jerry was very much pressing the action in that fight and I gave Ali a slight lead at the time of the stoppage. <br>I agree with your assesment of Jerry verses Lennox Lewis as seen by my recent post about that subject.|[5/27/04 04:38:49 AM]Fran|Philly|plc7755@aol.com|10|I wouldn't want Jerry to fight Lewis. Definately a tough fight and the fact that boxers have evolved to be bigger and still keep the ability to move like Lewis. However had Lewis been coming up during the late 60's and early 70's and had he found himself in the ring with a young Jerry Quarry a guy who thrived on upsetting #1 contenders a guy who Beat Mathis Spencer Foster Lyle Shavers, you could never feel comfortable if you were Lewis manager. Add to the fact Lewis had no chin and a stamina problem (most big guys do) Then you have to agree that Jerry had a chance. Too00 many sensational upsets against #1 contenders too hard a puncher thats why Foremans people avoided him. Ali Frazier proved over time to have success over him I'll give you that one but Jerry beats most everyone else. |[5/27/04 08:52:03 AM]Angelo|Washington, DC|funktron@yahoo.com|10|Gerry:
I've said it before---King prevented Tim Witherspoon (and others) from having an opportunity during their primes to fight the best in the division. King did serve the purpose of generating crazy interest in title fights, and also staged the fights in locales (Zaire, Caracas, San Juan, etc.) that made them attractive to a world audience. I'm a little too young to remember much about pre-King heavyweight boxing. Did all the stars come out for Clay-Liston and other 60's title fights? Or did the King promotions bring Hollywood into the crowd? Going further back, when Joe Louis was champion, was it a Hollywood style audience watching him, or the pool room cigar smoker set?<br><br>Kent: Without trying to make this site a political forum, I agree with you. I've never served in the armed forces---because the volunteer military, made up mostly of brave and honorable young people, allow the rest of us to pursue other careers/other interests. We owe them a lot for defending our country and carrying out our leaders' policies whether we agree with the policies or not. And you know, I'm not the President's biggest supporter by a long shot, but all I hear from his opponents is the Monday morning quarterbacking you refer to. They seem to change positions as things unfold, but if you listen to previous statements from them, they held opposite viewpoints a few months or a few years back. I think the word for it is hypocrisy or at the very least, indecisiveness.

5/27/04 11:08:29 AM|Gerry Schultz|Cleveland, Ohio|||jgschultz11@aol.com|||10|Angelo, good points regarding King, he did add something to the division, not just take. But overall, I view his contribution as clearly negative... Pooper, we disagree on Frazier-Quarry, which is fine, but you might want to read what Smokin' Joe himself had to say about JQ and those fights, check out Frazier's bio when you get a chance, you may learn a few things... Also not wanting to get political, I did serve. I would not call it "Monday QBing", as everything that has happened, except the prisoner abuse, has been predictable in Iraq. If we had McCain, we'd clearly be better off, you may want to note which guy McCain himself favors.

5/27/04 01:38:28 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA|||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|JERRY would have had his hands full with any of the top fighter's today, not to say he would not have been very competitive, Holyfield-people have forgotten just how good he was, he's really hurting his legendary career by staying around too long. And what's worse he does not need the money (especially if he dosen't have to drive anywhere!!) Riddick Bowe, and Tim Witherspoon and Lennox Lewis would have been hell for Jerry. Anyone who were perpetual motion with a strong jab could beat Jerry, Mr. Jimmy was the first to admit this, however, Quarry was only beaten by the very best in his division, And you never quite knew about the outcome of his fights with his temperment, aside from Ali, and Frazier (2-all time greats) If Ali was not allowed to hold, hug, and push they other guys head down with his weight, without so much as a warning, His alltime ranking might not be so high! Especially against Frazier. Quarry was at his best against guys who came to him, This is why I think he would have beaten Bonavena, Kirkman, Tua and Ruiz handily, I also think he would have beaten Bugner easily (WHO NEVER THREW MUCH IN COMBINATION, AND GOT VERY LAZY, WITH NOT MUCH WALLOP) Holmes is another fighter who would beat Jerry, AND "iron MIKE needs to beat a top fighter, too tell!"

5/27/04 01:48:43 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Jimmy: Good post. And yes, Jerry would be competitive with anyone. It seems as though he brought out his best when he was the underdog. My biggest regret for his career was the Jimmy Ellis fight. If he had a bad back, he should have postponed the fight. If he DIDN'T have a bad back, he should have thrown caution to the wind and gone after Ellis with everything. As it is, I think the decision could have gone either way. He hurt Ellis more than Ellis hurt him, but Ellis did land more.\n\nGerry: Thanks for your service. You won't hear me second guess guys who sign up (Whether you go to war or not, you put yourself in a vulnerable position when you sign on for the armed forces and it takes a lot
of courage to do that.). I agree with you---McCain would have handled the war idea better, though I don't know if I'd go along with his taxes/economic policies as well.<br>

Hmmmm....I wonder if Bush and McCain boxed eachother, who would win?  McCain is like Frazier, coming forward and bobbing and weaving. Bush would be more like Ali, jabbing and running.<br>

Bush has done a great job of fighting these chumps on thier turf not ours. Instead of them killing our people here they are being picked off by the Marines over there. Our Marines are terrorizing the terrorists.  <br>The legendary Marine General Black Jack Pershing 100 years ago was sent to fight against the Muslim uprising in the Phillipines when he got there he told his men to go out and catch some of them. So the Marines bought back 11 of them alive, General Pershing told his men to make them dig thier own graves. When they were done they tied them to posts that were right behind the graves. Then they got a bunch of pigs and sliced them up and threw them in the graves. The order was given and 10 of the 11 were shot and buried with the pigs...... They let the 11th guy go...... 70 years went by without a problem. Strategy just like boxing its all strategy. <br>

Kerry is a Traitor phony and a Herman Munster look alike he will sell us out. A fight in the Garden between Bush and Kerry would be the biggest money maker of all time. Thats the only way the country can heal these 2 guys can't get along so they have to throw hands. Settle it like men. If Bush can't beat Kerry then we are in trouble. |
Palestine and Israel they look for new problems. All the dissension in the world leads back to this. The fact is that Israel have broken many UN 'Resolutions' but the US have never lifted a finger- they just supply weapons...to Israel!.

Why? Half the US Government is Jewish! Why do the Palestinian attack with suicide bombers? Well how could they possibly retaliate against such a 'loaded' army? What choice do they have?? You never hear the other side of the story but there I'm telling you. A lot of the world's countries are becoming anti-america because of there heavy handed not to mention underhanded tactics. I wish there were 'real' peacemakers in this world and less of the tyrants that we have witnessed over the last 100 years! All I am saying is ' who are we to preach when our countries morals are non-existent and our policies laced with deception? Think about it!

Ok I thought about it.... And I believe you drink Kool Aid. As G-Man said so well these punks just want to kill us and don't really know why. They threw the first punch. If you are walking down the street and some guy comes up to you and punches you in the face what do you do? Try and talk it out? I garuntee that gets you another punch in the face. Sometimes you have to fight and this is one of them. United this will be over quick these guys can't fight. But with everyone drinking Kool aid and worrying about the very weasels, that are hiding behind women and kids shooting at our guys, this is going bad. Sorry Peacemaker but these guys want to kill you too.
to keep George off him for the first five or six rounds. Lewis hit hard, much harder than Ali, Peralta and certainly Jimmy Young. I think George would run out of gas and be there for the taking. Now we are talking about the Big George of 74-75 vintage and a "prime" Lennox Lewis. Ok, maybe i've fallen off my Harley one time to many (I have been known to ride without a helmet), but I don't think this is too far fetched. 

I'll add that no, America isn't perfect, but never in the history of the world has any other country been as generous with their wealth and also as responsible with their military superiority as the U.S. has been. We're not God, we're not a saint, but by and large, we've been a pretty positive force. Sure, Peacemaker can come up with a list of things we've done around the globe that have been self-serving and haven't worked out---but for every one of those, I can come up with dozens of examples of where we've helped poorer countries in need and come to the assistance of nations under unfair attack. I can also come up with dozens of examples of how other powers have been very negative and irresponsible with their power. Most of the time, America tries to do the right thing. And a lot of the time, we get crapped on for it. We're at a point in history where technology is available to every whack-job nut case terrorist out there. We've been attacked and dragged into a conflict against our culture and way of life. It's clearly become a case where we kill or be killed. If the Islamic radicals (notice, I did not say ALL Islamic people, just the radicals) hide behind their women and children, then THEY are the ones who will be responsible for the deaths of the innocent. Many women (and maybe some children too) were among the 3000 casualties on 9-11. Talking isn't going to bring them back or stop it from happening again. We've got to stop fooling around and go in strong to eliminate the enemy. If the enemy are cowards, and hide among women, children and hide in places of worship, they all of that goes down with them. Countries who stand by and do nothing while these kooks set up training camps on their soil should be in our scope as well. They're not our friends if they're celebrating 9-11 and allowing terrorists in, and they should pay dearly for it. Peacemaker: I'm not Jewish. That's very interesting that you found that statistic that half of our government is Jewish. Where did you get that data? Gee, I had no idea. Israel has been our only steady friend in the middle east. I would say that it might be a good idea to make sure that democracy stays in place.

Great responses, G-Man gave us a history lesson to go along with putting everything in perspective. And Dubya does have balls. He is not perfect far from it but he can slip in the polls and keep slippin because come nov 2 when everyone walks in to vote the one thing that it will all boil down to is who has the balls. Dubbya KO in 3 over Herman Munster <br><br> I understand lewis vrs Jerry that Lewis should win would be a favorite to win, But Jerry had the Balls and a hell of a left hook. Thats why as always I'd bet on Jerry. 

I didn't want to make a politcal topic out of supporting our troops but I knew there were probably people out there who opposed the war before it started and continue to do so. That is fine, as I had my doubts about going into Iraq as well. But the very people who deserve all of our support, the people of the armed forces, often get lost in the shuffle during the debate about policy and this should never happen. When talking to war protesters, when I ask them, what is your solution to the situation in Iraq and all they do is shout, "U.S. out of Iraq!" They never offer any solutions to our present situation, just empty slogans, which they repeat over and over again. They also are often anti-American and they never give credit to the good America does in the world, which by far outweighs any of the bad America has done. The world would be a worse place if not for the free nations such as U.S., The U.K., present day Germany, Italy, and yes, among others, even France. At least
in these countries, policy can be freely debated, not so in a lot of the other
nations of the world. Whoever brought up the troops who are serving in
Afghanistan, I agree, they deserve our highest praise and we cannot forget about
them especially.

Its the Kool Aid |

Kent, you did open
the lid on this... As to what Kerry would do, or what Bush should have done, the
info is all around you, regarding Iraq or the economy, it's practically
reprinted by the hour. If it comes across as empty or slogans, the fault may lie
with you, not the info/message. To say he made obvious avoidable errors in policy
is a clear understatement... We do get a little carried away with JQ in these
fantasy matchups, Jimmy D makes some more great points, tall boxers were tough
for JQ, Holmes and Lewis both would likely win on cuts or by decision, as I
said, but JQ would likely take rounds from both. I did not consider a
Witherspoon matchup, he may have been most hurt by King, a real fighter. I do
like JQ over Byrd, Ruiz, Tua, Mc Cline, Mesi, which again, does not leave out
much of today's guys. Not bad for a 200 lbs. heavy with so-so defensive
skills... Fran, you can call Kerry names if you like, it just shows you don't
know enough politically to do better. In 2000, they called Bush Alfred E.
Neumann, they were childish morons too. Incidentally, those who favor the
smallish Bush in ring fights may want to reconsider. The much taller, stronger
Kerry, who did serve his country, would pummel Bush, as would Gore. Not that
this is how an intelligent nation should choose its leaders... Peacekeeper,
your Pershing story, and the fact you are impressed by it, is solid Section 8
stuff. You may find it ironic that what Pershing was practicing is called
terrorism. Americans can and should expect better. Thanks.|

I had the
pleasure to meet Jerry Quarry a few Times, Was and still am Honored to have Met
him and his Family.....I pray for them each and every night...if I had to do it
all over again--I would....I'm his Ex-Son-in-law...and at one time I was married
to one of the Most Beautiful Women in the World...Jerry's Daughter, Keri....We
had some good times and Some Bad...but I will always care for her....I pray for
her Happiness each and everyday....she can be a slugger herself but she has the
biggest heart around....there's alot of love in her....to me shes the strongest
one in the whole Quarry Family...lets not forget MaugerMom either....Love You
Keri and Mom...Always.....things do get better...Amen.... |

Charles Anderson, I
know the anxiety you must be feeling for your son!God bless him every night of
his tour. I'm sure he will come back safe and sound. He may need debriefing and
carefull counselling from P.T.S.D. PROFESSIONALS!, when he does return safely
home. Acknowledge this one fact in your mind. He will not be the same baby boy you
sent over there.

Gerry, I
wasn't really talking about John Kerry as much as I was talking about the
protesters that are out in the streets from time to time. I had a discussion
recently with some local protesters on a street corner and all they say is U.S.
out of Iraq and no war for oil, slogans that offer no solution to the situation.
On the other side of the street was some very pro Bush and pro war
people who tended to swallow Bush's policy lock, stock, and barrel. I questioned them as well and I was called unpatriotic for daring to question
what they were saying. I am proud to say I was called a war monger by
someone in the anti-war group for suggesting we can't just pull out as fast as
humanly possible. I am proud to say I was viewed as being on the opposing
side by both groups. It is a great honor to not fit in with either extreme
group. Once again, my main point is we can't forget the troops in the field, wherever they may be.
we were face to face you would not refer to me as a childish moron. I did not
want to go there with the ridiculous talk of our leaders fighting it out but we
all did so what the hell I added my 2 cents. That was my story about General
Pershing and it was nothing more than some good old Marine Corps History. Part
of our training at Parris Island was to know the history of the finest fighting
force the world has ever seen. I am very proud to be a former Marine. I care
only about our guys over there fighting for us. And if they are fighting for us
then lets Unite behind them we can argue about policy later. I was just sharing
it with the site since we were on the subject. Kerry is a Traitor and they will
do anything to get him in power even if it is inspiring our enemy's to fight
harder and kill more of Our Marines. <br>

As far as Jerry Quarry having
trouble with taller heavyweights how do you explain the Ron Lyle, Thad Spencer,
Mac Foster, Buster Mathis Fights.......? In the first Ali fight Jerry was getting
under Ali's Jab and moving on him pretty good. Jerry could move on his feet and
had great head movement he was far from a one dimensional fighter. <br>

Tonight, they'll show Bonavena-Mildenberger (1967) and Patterson-
Bonavena (1972) on ESPN Classic. That's what I call LEGEND ! This is a good
reason for you guys to come to Italy. But you have to take the first flight as
(or because) they'll show two fights at 20 o'clock ! You would be all
welcome !<br>LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE !<br>

The fact that the US
have helped other nations is without question. What has been worrying is that
the US now have a now total disregard to international law having taken part
in an illegal war. They have put themselves above UN Power and broken UN
resolutions in going into this battle. Kent:- it would have been nice to see the
worlds leaders trying to establish diplomatic decisions and results. Instead
lies were made up (WMD) and used as the incentive to go to war. Now don't get me
wrong the people that kill themselves and innocent people in the name of their
religion are scum. They are not religious but extremists! What really worries me
is the amount of people now dying - we now have a situation where the 'Iraqis'
will never give up their fight and Mr Bush will never step down. The real
problem, as I said, that needs to be addressed is the Israel and Palestine
problem. Without this resolve, terrorism, I fear, will never end. How can you
battle it? There are millions waiting to join the queue to give their lives to
their 'religion'. No! We need a diplomatic resolution. The US are seen as
International bullies after their disregard for International law. They are not
the worlds police officers and have made a big mistake in getting into this War.
A fair quarter has to be given to the Muslim people who are treated terribly by
the outside world - they really do not want interference from the West and do
not want to be influenced by 'Western Morals'. The forces that have been
torturing Iraqi POW's should be charged and ashamed of themselves as
representatives of their countries 'light and way forward'. 'Hearts and Minds'
Huh ! What a joke!!!!!!!!!!! To the person who mentioned about the oil. Well they
didn't count on such resilience. Why were so many oil and construction companies
given contracts before the war was out. How terrible and how unjust? See both
sides of the coin people. The US and Britain are extremists too - you just cant
see it on your side of the defence. I hope all the brave, good soldiers of the
coalition get home safe, I really do. They do an honest job and risks their
lives for a dead end cause. Peace.|
reason 911 happened in the first place. I join many veterans in supporting Kerry until a better man comes forward to defeat Bush and put America back on a better road... Peace to all of you.

5/28/04 11:11:22 AM|Fran|philly||plc7755@aol.com|||10|Give that guy another glass of Kool-Aid....He's on a roll.... Good point about why so many companies had contracts already before the country is even secure. We are fighting Syrians in Iraq as much as Iraqis. |

5/28/04 11:38:44 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Peacemaker: I think one thing we can all agree on this Memorial Day weekend is the hope that your wishes come true, and all of our men and women return home safely from the war. The sooner that's over, the better.<br>I do take exception though, to the concept that the U.S. must follow some sketchy U.N. protocol to defend ourselves. On 9-11-01, America was attacked. We identified the group(s) who committed the murders of 3000 of our civilian citizens, and made the correct decision to declare war on these groups and the nations who harbor them. As for Iraq, they disregarded the U.N. resolutions established when they were defeated after invading Kuwait in 1991. As the U.N. was unwilling to enforce their own resolutions (not followed by Iraq), the U.S. was within its rights, in my judgement, to go to war with Iraq. There were connections evident between the leadership there, and the terror groups responsible for killing around the world (funding and "reward" money from Saddam to the terrorists). Further, I know the Bush administration overestimated how many WMDs were in Iraq---but the real point is that Saddam would not allow the inspections that he agreed to when he surrendered in the early 90's. By not allowing inspections, he opened himself to the conjecture that he was hiding weapons. It was the correct decision to go to war against him and remove him from power. We should never allow the U.N. or other nations to dictate U.S. policy. They do not have our best interests in mind---and further, the U.N. has proven to be corrupt and not trustworthy (refer to their laughable yet disastrous weapons for food program, which diverted money for food for starving children into the wallets of U.N. officials.). Kofi Annan should not be directing America's foreign policy and right to defend itself. |

5/28/04 03:16:37 PM|CHARLES ANDERSON|ARK.||CTJJANDFAM@AOL.COM|||10|STEVE, THANKS FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. ANYONE THAT KO'D 5 STRAIGHT OPPONENTS IN THE NATIONAL GOLDEN GLOVES WAS NOT A ONE DIMENSIONAL FIGHTER. (TO WHOEVER THOUGHT JERRY WAS ONE)|

5/28/04 05:06:16 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Massimo, you are lucky to get those fights as ESPN classic is not showing those fights in the U.S. We are getting Ali verses Wepner and another program about Ali for the one millonth time! &gt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;Last week they gave us Ali verses Foreman and a program on welterweights of the 50s and I have seen both of those many times.&lt;&gt;&lt;&gt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;CHARLES, THANKS ALSO TO YOUR SON AND MY PRAYERS AND HOPES ARE WITH HIM WHILE HE DOES HIS DIFFICULT DUTY. I MEANT NO DISRESPECT WHEN I BROUGHT UP THE POLICY ISSUES.|

5/28/04 06:30:37 PM|Massimo|Roma||1)Warren2)Meneghin3)Shag|||10|Kent--&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;I have just seen both fights. Bonavena looked very strong against Mildenberger. He dominated the fight knocking Karl down several times. Mildenberger did hurt him once.&lt;br&gt;though ( I think in round 9). Very good performance by Oscar and great fight.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;In the Bonavena fight Patterson just showed how good he was. He outclassed and outboxed Oscar winning quite comfortably on points ( I have Floyd 3 points ahead at the end of the 10 rounds). This was really a great exhibition for a 37 years old fighter ! Floyd Patterson had really a huge talent, if he had had Chuvalo's chin he would have been probably the greatest fighter ever. John Gerard said once that Oscar had a damaged hand in this fight. This might be an explanation for Oscar's disappointing performance. Jerry Quarry fought so well against Patterson and this says alot about ( or on ) his technical ability and strength. Patterson-Bonavena was a very good fight, but
not as good as Bonavena-Mildenberger. <br>I already know that next month they won't show pieces of legend, unfortunately.<br>Anyway, they'll show the 1984 Roland Garros final Lendl-McEnroe. As the N.1 John McEnroe's fan (I really love his "genius") I haven't yet swallowed his defeat in that match. If he had won that match, now he'd be remembered as one of the greatest champions of all time. Above Lendl, of course.<br>Now it's very late here in Rome and I have to go to my king sized bed.<br><br>I never said I was tough. I simply said that you would not call me names to my face as you did on this site. To insult someone from a distance like that is the mark of a coward. The Marines over there are fighting for us and our safety and are winning. Whether you like it or not or think it is good. I hope they all come back asap. Kerry hyped a book written about American atrocities in Vietnam and that book was proven to be all lies. So he didn’t tell the truth. He was there for four months and all of his commanders and most of the men who served with him have all signed a petition saying he is unfit To be Commander and chief. And by your logic it was our fault 9/11 happened. I can understand and respect other opinions but not that one.<br><br>Bonavena fight once against Ali and just clips of him I'd like to see his fights. Does the digital cable give you access to those fights. Who won between him and Lyle? He fought around the same time as Jerry against the same guys. There are alot of interesting comparisons. Like Bonavena didn't get cut against Ali and gave him hell that's why I have always been convinced that if it weren't for the cut Jerry would have beat Ali in the first.<br><br>Regarding Ali'-Quarry, Ali' won in such a dominating way in their second fight, that I can't imagine how Jerry could( or might, or may) have beaten him. Stiles make fights and probably in Ali's style there was something Jerry couldn't handle. Jerry did a little better in their first fight, though.<br><br>I think the combination of Ali's size, speed and style neutralized JQ's best attributes. I think that even if JQ weren't cut, he'd have lost a decision. The amazing thing is that Ali was able to win this fight, against one of the best fighters in the world, without more tune-up coming out of exile. Ali should have fought a few more before challenging Frazier though.<br><br>Hello Massimo! Did you by chance video tape the Lyle, Patterson and Bonevena fights? Do you know anyone who tapes ESPN there? Thanks, --Carl|
I have a close friend who tapes ESPN, yes! That's me! I tape ESPN. Since yesterday, I have a tape of Patterson-Bonavena and of Bonavena-Mildenberger as well. They are like saint relics to me! Better, I couldn't care less about saint relics, while I care very much about these legendary tapes. I have also the following tapes: Ellis-Quarry/Quarry-Shavers/The Greatest-Godfrey/Marciano-Walcott 2/ Ali'-Lyle/ Ali'-Foreman (Kent, if you want, I can give you that one)/Ali'-Bonavena (almost the entire fight)/The Thrilla/Frazier-Ali'/ Charles-Louis/Frazier-Bonavena 1/Baer-Schmeling/Foreman-Chuvalo/Foreman-Norton/Foreman-Frazier 1,2/If you give me 1 million dollar and the Heavyweight Championship of the World, I'll give you these tapes, though! PS: The Greatest is Primo Carnera, of course, ain't that sucker Muhammad Ali'...
happens, I pray and hope for your fine sons safe return home as soon as possible! |

5/30/04 05:42:23 AM| Peacemaker| Space || spacer@spacer || || || 10 |

Thank you Rhys for your honest comments. It's not always the people but the power. Sorry for airing political views here. Best of safety to all the soldiers. |

5/30/04 05:42:04 PM| Fran| Philly || plc7755@aol.com || || 10 |

Gerry .... I did not call Kerry names from a distance I was commenting on him to you. I Did not call you names. And I am not a coward. I don't think you are either. Thats why I reminded you so You didn't look like a childish moron. <br>Steve you are definately a hell of a guy to have done all that I am very impressed. <br> I can see Jerry Quarry beating Ali in the first fight. Ali with 3 years of rust no legs no timing and just one training camp under his belt I think would have been hurt by Jerry. Ali may have been desperate to get the money he needed with a Frazier fight thats why he took it. He definately got better with every fight, then had the fights he needed after the Frazier fight to get himself back all the way. There was a monumental difference in Ali from Quarry 1 to Quarry 2. he was much better. I was listening to the fight on the radio from Atlanta and the drama as it unfolded via the announcers commentary was of Quarry commuting on and landing body shots to Ali and Ali breathing hard. Then a fluke cut. The Drama was cut short. Broke my heart. It wasn't his fault he got cut. He was there to win. I was 15 and he was my hero. I knew he was better than Ali that night. |

5/30/04 05:53:56 PM| Brandi Quarry| Indiana || brandiquarry3@msn.com || || 10 |

If my husband, (Mr Jimmy) was still alive, he would not like all the political comments on this site. He would wish and pray for all to return safe. Our site is for the love and memories of the old and new boxers, please lets just stick with these. there is so much, and so many to talk about. Thank you |

5/30/04 08:16:56 PM| Kent | La Habra, Ca || kentallenent@aol.com || || 10 |

I should have known the political comments would almost draw attention from remembering those who fell in battle and those who have served their country in the armed services but that wasn't my intention. <br> I meant to say, whatever people think about the war, don't forget the men and women in uniform. |

5/30/04 08:58:18 PM| G-Man| every where || I felt@high || || 10 |

Peacemaker - you talk about breaking international law, but how about all the U.N. resolutions Iraq broke since the 1991 Gulf War. You haven't got enough fingers and toes to count them. How about resolution 1441 Iraq broke leading to the recent war (this is the one that made America's intervention legal, by the way). You talk about abuse of prisoners. I haven't seen our guys slitting throats and beheading prisoners prime time like they do on Al Jazza television. I haven't seen our military deliberately targeting passenger jets, shopping centres, or bars. The most prolific killers of Muslims are Extremist Muslims. It wasn't America blowing up the Mosques in Turkey and elsewhere. And guess what ? The biggest saviour of Muslims are Americans. It wasn't the extremist Muslims who saved the Muslims from slaughter in Bosnia. It was American soldiers. We went over there and did the world's dirty work. Thanks for appreciating the lives we lost doing it. Tell me this: is the world a safer place with or without Saddam. (If you say the former then it is proof positive that you are a moron addicted to Kool Aid.) Think about something else. Every time we try and stay out of a war, someone shoots us in the back. You must remember Pearl Harbour, surely. And every time the Israeli's tried to swap war for peace, they got shot at, too. The Israeli leader (Rabbin) shook hands with the Palestinians and made huge concessions for peace in the early 1980s, and what did he get for his trouble ? An assassin's bullet in the back of his head, that's what. These extremists don't want peace. They want us dead or enslaved. They don't tolerate other religions, beautiful women, democracy, human rights, equal opportunity, or judicial fairness. They hate our way of life. They hate tolerance. They hate your mother more than they hate themselves. And they hate peace. How do you negotiate with that ? What part of your lifestyle and aspirations are you willing to sacrifice to appease these
murdering bastards? Extremists don't want a few concessions from us; they want
the whole lot and they are sworn to kill us until they get it. Jihads and
Fatwahs are more important to them than peace and freedom. Slaughtering us is
the Extremist Muslims' key to heaven. If the difference between life and death
for your loved ones is treating a few terrorists robustly to obtain life saving
intelligence, then you'd be handing our guys knuckledusters. The Genova
Convention and all that gentlemanly crap went out the window just like our
people did at 110 stories on 9/11. The world changed and Chamberlain groupies
like you will get us all killed. By the way, Peacemaker, Saddam did have proven
links to terrorism. He was the nice guy giving $25,000.00 US to the family of
each suicide bomber of Jewish school buses. He was the guy who used chemical
weapons to kill and maim tens of thousands of Kurds. And, lastly, when you're
assessing the well being of your wife and kids in November, then ask the
terrorists who they'd rather have as US President - Kerry or Bush. And then vote
for the guy they don't want. |
|5/31/04 12:10:22 AM|Gerry Schultz|same ||same|||8|With Memorial Day here, I
certainly feel the due paid by those who came before us, especially as a vet.
This year I'm also reminded that controversy has also followed previous U.S.
conflicts, Korea, Vietnam, even World War One had fragmented support and divided
politics, so the Bush campaigns are not unique. The key thing is, these
Americans have answered the call of our nation and made the ultimate sacrifice
for it. Politics aside, there's no question that the commitment of our troops to
fulfill their missions, as well as our freedoms, are part of the very greatness
that is America. That, and not our nation's current divisions, is what I will
choose to recognize this weekend. Best wishes for a safe Memorial Day to all of
you. |
|5/31/04 05:25:46 AM|Peacemaker|space||space@spacer|10|G-Man - you watch too
much US telly. You obviously never read my notes carefully. I said that I was
totally opposed to terrorism. You just hear what you want. So if every Muslim is
a terrorist/extremist are you against Muhammad Ali? Also you mention Iraq's use
of chemical weapons etc - ask yourself who they were supplied by. You are an
ignorant person I'm afraid. What it comes down to is that the Muslim nation
don't WANT YOUR WESTERN 'MORALS'. What it comes down to is that none of us are
perfect especially America and Britain who continually harangue nations about
their 'Human Rights' while exploiting others! American policies in some states
dictate execution - how humane G-man. You are quite totally a fool.<br>
|5/31/04 06:01:34 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|10|Well said
Gerry. G man and Peacemaker, why don't you guys exchange private E mails and
continue your debate on war policy there? &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;I would think that after Mrs.
Quarry asked us to cool it with the political talk that we could get back to
boxing.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;I am joining Gerry S. in honoring our troops, especially those
who have fallen, on this Memorial Day and I hope all of the rest of the regulars
can do so also.| 
|5/31/04 08:32:08 AM|Fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com|10|I hope all of our troops
come home as quickly and safely as possible. The attention on "political" topics
reflects all of our concerns for our Troops who are in harms way. We may
disagree on how we got here but we all want the same thing. This is Memorial day
the day we remember that the cost of our freedoms has been high there are
millions of Americans who never made it back to enjoy these freedoms. This day
is for them. |
|5/31/04 08:41:43 AM|Fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com|10|Very well said G-man.
Very clear. I enjoyed reading your post. Ditto 200% |
|5/31/04 09:25:04 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||Kentallenent@aol.com|10|Very true
Fran, this the fallen troops day and we all deep down want the same thing, for
our troops in the field to be safe and make it home safely as well. |
|5/31/04 10:31:43 AM|Evren|London||@|10|Kent - So sorry I never met up with
you in LA. Would have been really funny to meet up! We went to Knotts Berry farm
and that was real cool. I found everyone to be very polite and I was made to feel most welcome. I liked Anaheim but preferred LAS VEGAS! Wow! What a place. Has anyone seen any new Quarry material on video? Kent - I'm up for another competition - what do you say Pal? What numbers, what era's? Evren. I was thinking Marciano onwards - 64 boxers. Let me know.

| 5/31/04 10:56:58 AM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia90101@aol.com | |||10 | We love & miss you very much, Dad, and Uncle Jerry, Mom too. Let's pray for the safe return of the troops, I give them alot of credit for doing what they are doing for all of us. I hope everyone keeps coming to this site, and supporting it. |

| 5/31/04 12:29:47 PM | JQ Fan | Vegas | Anon | |||10 | Today is a fitting time to recognize an American hero, and one of boxing's good guys - Mac Foster. The son of a career Army Sgt. who named him after General Douglas MacArthur, Marine Sgt. MacArthur Foster did two tours in Vietnam, and was involved in 14 major operations. Mac was recommended for a Silver Star for knocking out a 50 caliber machine gun with a grenade at a place called Chu Lai. He was inspired to box when, while serving in Vietnam, he read a quote from Ali in Stars and Stripes that stated that it takes more guts to fight in the ring than in Vietnam. Mac said "I'd like to see him face the Viet Cong, then we'd see how much guts he's really got". (After suffering his first ring loss to Jerry, Mac later went the full 15 round distance with Ali.)<br>Mac was marching in Memorial Day parades back when it was unfashionable. The last thing I heard about him was that he had attended Jerry's funeral. I hope he is doing well. Mac, thank you for your service to our country and best wishes. |

| 5/31/04 04:11:08 PM | G-Man | over here | over there | |||10 | Peacemaker - if you read my post again, you will see that I mention Extremist Muslims and then Muslims. The Extreme Muslims are the terrorists. It's not a hard concept to understand, even for you. Perhaps it's time for you to show some courage. You criticize Americans and Britain, but where are you from? I picture it as being somewhere with legal drugs and gay marriages. Better still, you give us a solution to the world's problems. If it involves firing cruise missiles into sand dunes as a warning, then we did that and failed. If it involves singing 'All we are saying, is give peace a chance', then it failed, too. Peace marches haven't worked either, and you'd be the only one game enough to have a bed-in with Yoko Ono and Jane Fonda. Resolutions, sanctions and weapons inspections failed, too. Noam Chomsky has run out of ideas, but I'm sure a dirty haired Peacenik like you can dream up some more loony stuff. Try some more LSD bro, and those peace ideas will start flowing. |

| 5/31/04 04:26:57 PM | Peacemaker | space | space@spacer | |||10 | So your resolution is to let thousands and thousands of people die in the name of what? Your solution to problems is war and creating more instability in the world than ever. This all started long before 9/11. May I reiterate that the extremists and suicide bombers of the innocent are beyond evil. My prayer is that no more young soldiers die in fighting this war. I'll say no more on the matter here as someone stated it is not the place, quite correct. G-Man I'll say to you finally - I hope your heavy handed views and thoughts in support of war bring harmony to the worlds problems...we'll have to wait and see. Peace. |

| 5/31/04 04:46:49 PM | Massimo " at least 7'4" Cini | mafia, camorra e 'ndrangheta | calvin rules ! Andre', who ? | |||10 | Just a curiosity<br>Besides the Jerry Quarry Foundation, there is another foundation on the web: the Primo Carnera Foundation. It's dedicated to providing financial assistance and spiritual support to children in need. It's address is: www.carnera.org<br>Anyway, I have to admit that Primo Carnera wasn't the greatest heavyweight of all time !br><br>Big Ray Impelletiere was !br>|
resort and war has been the last resort in Iraq. If you don't like America and Britain and our values then show some principle - boycott our technology, inventions and products. You'll be living in a dark, damp cave eating roaches and feeling warm and fuzzy towards camels. You can have the last say if you want, but we'd better wrap this up. |

| 6/1/04 12:17:05 AM | Kent | not too far from Anaheim, Knottts||Kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Evren, wow you were almost at my door as Knottts Berry Farm is only about eight or so miles from where I live. I have been there many times over the years.<br><br>If I had known you were in town, I would have invited you to a local bar (that's pub in english)in Anaheim to hear me do the midnight set with an oldies band. You could have been one of the few who have heard me sing, live in person and not just karaoke, but the real thing, oh lucky you! I do this most Saturday nights.<br><br>I think 64 fighters takes too long but 32 from Marciano to now would be good for a tournament.<br><br>I don't think we ever finished the one we had going at the Frazier site as the posters there got too nasty and Joe must have had the plug pulled. Too bad, I liked that site. <br><br>Can you imagine what some of the posters over there would have done if they heard me sing? I probably wouldn't get one song done. Not that I am bad, some of them just didn't like me.|

| 6/1/04 01:12:29 AM | Steve | N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Peacemaker,I am a Vietnam combat veteran.I've been biting my tounge this past couple of days., but your posts have nothing to do with boxing!The last fucking thing I need to hear on Memorial Day is a lecture about "AMERICAN MORALITY" Know this one thing for sure,baby boy,I've been there,done that!All morality and humanity cease to exist in combat! That includes both sides!God turns a blind eye to combat,and leaves us to our folly and savagery.This,unfortunately, is a time for wage war.You guys do remember 9-11,don't you.On this day I salute all of my "absent companions'' |

| 6/1/04 01:32:31 AM | Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|I apologize to the Quarry family for my anger, but this subject really hits home.Now, Evren, welcome back! Let's get going with that tournament again!I nominate you to supervise it again.You did a great job last time.Plus now we have a lot of new posters with differing opinions.|

| 6/1/04 01:40:42 AM | Steve | N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Kent, what oldies do you perform? Can you do Elvis,Dion,The Skyliners?The Platters?|

| 6/1/04 01:47:20 AM | Steve | N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Steve, I salute you and all the other vets. You have every right to blow some steam, and no right thinking person blames you for it. |

| 6/1/04 03:40:03 AM | Evren|London||@||10|If we had but 32 contestants we may miss out on Jerry? Is there any rush Kent? I would have loved to hear you sing...would have been a great night - I am in a band too called 'Shaker' and I could have got on stage with my guitar and joined in!!! My lasting memory of LA - The Prom Night kids setting off all the fire extinguishers and having the Hyatt Regency Orange County evacuated at 4am!!! That was scary - being on the 9th floor with smoke (so we thought at the time) bellowing thru' the corridors. Those kids were just having fun but I can see why you guys are on edge over there in the States!! So 64 contestants guys or what??????? If too many we will carefully have to choose 32.|

| 6/1/04 09:30:53 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca||Kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Evren, of course Jerry would be in it. Because if Jerry was number 27 of all time in Ring magazine, then he would be at least in the best 32 from Rocky onward.<br><br>Steve, I call oldies anything that by today's standard is old. Most people label it as music from the 50s and 60s only but on Saturday nights, my friend has me sing with his band and I usually do about a half hour with them around midnight. I sing what he wants me to sing (what his band knows, that I know) and a typical quick set is Burning Love (Elvis), Daddy's Home (whoever did it), Johnny B Good (C. Berry), Make with You (Bread), Great Balls of Fire (J.L. Lewis), Dock of a Bay (Otis Redding), Lady (Kenny Rogers) Little Sister (Elvis).
You would not hear me doing those artist styles exactly though as I do my interpretation of the songs, not an imitation (I am not good at copying exactly). Evren, I am sure my friend would have let you come up for a couple of songs as Saturday nights are kind of laid back.

I am also the lead singer of a new tribute to the sixties band (nameless, so far) and we do songs throughout the sixties with a focus on the British Invasion period. I also do a variety of other songs from the 50s to about the 80s, just songs I like, not any particular artists. I will say though, I do a good version of New York, New York that doesn't sound like Frank Sinatra but usually goes over well.

To those who couldn't care less about talking about music here, understand the regulars here are like old friends so I hope you tolerate us.

Let me know if anyone wants to make changes:
1. Muhammad Ali
2. Joe Frazier
3. George Foreman
4. Larry Holmes
5. Rocky Marciano
6. Lennox Lewis
7. Evander Holyfield
8. Mike Tyson
9. Ezzard Charles
10. Riddick Bowe
11. Cleveland Williams
12. Ingemar Johansson
13. Michael Moorer
14. Jimmy Ellis
15. Jerry Quarry
16. Jimmy Young
17. Ken Norton
18. Ernie Terrell
19. Tim Witherspoon
20. Zora Folley
21. Pinklon Thomas
22. Ron Lyle
23. Earnie Shavers
24. Sonny Liston
25. Michael Dokes
26. Vitali Klitschko
27. Floyd Patterson
28. Eddie Machen
29. Tony Tucker
30. Mike Weaver
31. Bonecrusher Smith
32. Ray Mercer

Let me know of any omissions/changes:

Evren

Whoever will win this competition will be considered the second greatest heavyweight of all time. This greatest is Primo Carnera! No doubt in hell about that! He was just too strong and too fast! He did float like a butterfly and did sting like a bee. And his chin was better than Chuvalo's! I'd like to see Donovan Ruddock and Oscar Bonavena in the list. And what about Erminio Spalla?

I'll add Lorenzo Zanon to that list too...an all time great!

Hello Massimo: I'd like very much to trade with you for your copy of the Patterson-Bonavena video. I have many recent and vintage boxing videos and films to offer in exchange, including several 2nd generation
videos of Jerry Quarry. Please post the email where I can reach you directly.
Thanks --Carl|
|6/1/04 03:50:10 PM|Steve|N.J.|dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Gerry Schultz, your absolutely right about the First Amendment. However, there is a time and place for appropriate comments. I didn't feel that Memorial Day was the time for a lecture on American immorality in wartime. I apologize if I offended you. |
|6/1/04 04:10:49 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Carl-<br><br>My e-mail address is Cini_Massimo@libero.it|
|6/1/04 04:48:42 PM|G-Man|over here||over there|||5|Yes, Gerry, you are right, but as soon as a view alternative to that of the elitists is expressed, we suddenly become ignorant, racist, bigots. When they begin the name calling I know that I am on the right track. The answer to every problem nowadays seems to be to hate Bush and condemn America. We're allowed to express a view on that, aren't we Gerry? It's better than getting splinters from sitting on the fence, too scared to have a say. Anyway, before your wise crack, the subject was dead. You write as if you are looking down at the rest of us, casting judgment, dispensing unimpeachable wisdom, while the rest of us ignorants are 'just letting off steam.' Maybe we should get NASA to bring you back down to earth.| |
|6/1/04 05:05:30 PM|steve |NJ||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Evren and Ken, I'm all for doing 64 fighters. The amount of time it takes just makes for more opinions and more debate. Who knows, we just might come up with some different, more interesting fights., and maybe even a different winner this time. Oh, by the way Kent, did you ever hear of a singer from N.J. named Billy Horner? He had a monster hit called "Sally's saying Something" How about Frankie Ford, His hits, "Scenic Cruise", and "Time After Time" These guys played all the Atlantic City and Wildwood, N.J. nightclubs in the sixties and seventies. Man, they where fun times! |
|6/1/04 05:17:44 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|No Steve, those folks don't ring a bell, probably east coast folks as the coasts were further apart in a lot of ways back then.<br><br>Yes Gerry, been singing many years but at times have hit roadblocks being a non famous male singer who doesn't play an instrument well and who looks less like a front man than I used to.<br><br>When I met J.Q. years ago, he liked it that I knew he was a singer. I actually had the guts to say to him, "I may be a better singer than you but you would probably go further in music because of your boxing career." He knew I was kidding and after playfully flexing his fist at me and pretending to scowl at me, he said, "you may be right about that." It helped my cause when I said to him after he flexed his fist, "Jerry we already know you are a better fighter than me but that won't help you sing better." I somehow knew he wouldn't take offense as we seemed to hit it off.<br><br>In reality, I don't know if I am better than he was at singing as I am somewhat limited to what I do and the secret to my sound is careful selection of material and keys. As stated many times here, Jerry had an excellent singing voice, among his many other talents. |
|6/1/04 05:18:28 PM|Evren|London|||10|I'm up for 64!|
|6/1/04 05:18:28 PM|Evren|London|||10|I'm up for 64!|
|6/1/04 06:26:30 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||Kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Gerry, one more thing about my singing. My claim to limited fame these days is that at an ESPN 2 boxing card about a year and a half ago, I was serenading Amy Hayes, the beautiful ring announcer and another woman from the Goossen Tutor promotion office at the weigh in the day before the fight card. <br><br>The ESPN 2 guys came out of a room they were using to tape interviews with the fighters and they told me to shut up as they had to re-ask a question. In my defense, they had started their interviews fifteen minutes early and I didn't know they had started. <br><br>Amy is now a regular on Fox Sports Network and remembered me and the incident when I mentioned it when I saw her at a fight card about two months ago.<br><br>|6/1/04 06:44:49 PM|Fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com|||10| Billy Horner the Human
Perculator I thought everybody knew who he was. Hy Litts brother in law or something wasn't he Steve. This tournameant sounds good I am looking forward to it. 64 gets everyone that was decent in the last 50 years which will make for some good matchups. There are some very sharp and outstanding charachters on this site so this tournameant will be interesting.

| 6/1/04 07:23:04 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | If not 64, maybe 48? Would that work? I guess the problem is that you'd end up with 3 finalists instead of 4---we could always add someone back in as a wildcard. But I'd vote for 64 over 32, just for the fun of more matchups. |

64 gets everyone that was decent in the last 50 years which will make for some good matchups. There are some very sharp and outstanding charachters on this site so this tournameant will be interesting. And would keep the topic on boxing and not depressing and divisive topics I wish we'd never touched. 64 fighters would be great. Reading the thoughts of other posters on each fighter will certainly broaden knowledge of them. It'll also be fun researching information on each before posting an informed prediction. Are there any rules, for example are the fights over 15 or 12 rounds. With guys like Marciano, that would matter. My guess would be 15 rounds. Gerry - I was too harsh in my last post and I apologize. Your comment was a little ambiguous and perhaps I misinterpreted it. I thought you were giving Steve a kick and I didn't like it. I'll take ten deep breaths before responding in future. Once again, I apologize.

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| 6/1/04 10:45:08 PM | Gerry Schultz | Cleveland, the Rock Capital | jgschultz11@aol.com | G-Man, no prob. I've never been against anyone having their say, quite the opposite. I did get a chuckle out of the NASA comment, I do have a tall soapbox sometimes ... Kent your Fox gig still sounds like a pretty cool one even if you got shushed. I've been lucky enough to record some original music and open for some national acts here in Cleveland, huge fun that gave me a chance to meet some well-known folks and friends I've hung on to for years... 64 sounds very good, sounds like the focus might be post-1960 with the best 50's guys added, which is good. I have to admit I had to do some head scratchin' last time when Ken Norton, a relatable 70's star, was paired with legend Max Schmelling, very tough to compare some of those guys. This set might bring together matches between guys more easy to 'see' in a match. Peace. |

| 6/1/04 11:02:45 PM | Steve | NJ | dmmsrm@comcast.net | Evren, thanks for taking on the job again.0,kay,pardner,let's get to work.Give us the first two matches.Evren, was it you who had a kind of board game that computed a fighters strenghts and weakness,and then somehow predicted a winner? Kent,since you ignored my offer to supply you with backup singers such as Jimmy D.,and myself,how about Gerry Schultz and Massimo? |

| 6/2/04 04:03:17 AM | Massimo | Roma | shaquillerashauno'neal.com | Just a curiosity-Do you know guys Italian legendary singers like ( or such as ) Claudio Baglioni, Lucio Battisti, Georgia, Mina, Lucio Dalla, Adriano Celentano and Gianni Morandi? |

| 6/2/04 04:09:25 AM | Fran | Philly | plc7755@aol.com | I am an Eagles fan Steve and this should be the year for them I can't imagine any city following a team like we do the Eagles every year they are exciting. Every game the whole area stops. Dick Lee's was around a long time. I always liked Jersey. The human perculator A barber he probably does good bussiness. Is the draw random for the tournameant? |

| 6/2/04 04:54:06 AM | Evren | London | I'll work out another 32. Just to remind you guys. I keep 64 names in a 'hat' and then pick out two randomly. Then we give a designated amount of time for posters to give their results. Once we tote them up the one with more votes goes through and the other is out. |
Scheduled rounds is 12 until the quarter finals when it goes up to 15—this does pose a problem in respect of today's fighters not having that distance anymore but we'll have to get by. <br>

Gerry, who did you open for? That is something I always wanted to do. I have never quite got out of the bar band scene but still am amazingly plugging away somewhat. Part of the problem is I like to rock but I have a somewhat mellow voice and I should croon more. I have a good ballad sound and also can do country but I don't know many of those songs. Ironically, I write my own material and it tends to be country flavored as I come up with stories. I also do some good 70s and 80s R and B ballads like "Show and Tell" by Al Wilson, Let's Stay Together by Al Green, and Bobby Caldwell's "What you won't Do For Love."<br>

I have a good friend from Philly so I will have to mention Billy Horner to him. There was a regular here a while back who does a good Elvis act who wouldn't want me to mention who he is, at least when he was posting he didn't think it was a good idea. Just think, we could probably put on a heck of a show just from the people here. I have never quite got out of the bar band scene but still am amazingly plugging away somewhat. Part of the problem is I like to rock but I have a somewhat mellow voice and I should croon more. I have a good ballad sound and also can do country but I don't know many of those songs. Ironically, I write my own material and it tends to be country flavored as I come up with stories. I also do some good 70s and 80s R and B ballads like "Show and Tell" by Al Wilson, Let's Stay Together by Al Green, and Bobby Caldwell's "What you won't Do For Love."<br>

Massimo and Jimmy D. background vocals. You never know. I have to admit, Fran, Steve, and my buddy from Philly are very loyal Eagles fans. Me, I am more of an Eagles fan of the Hotel California and Take it Easy variety, ha! ha! You know, "I was standing on a corner in Winslow Arizona such a fine sight to see." Alas to say Massimo, I don't who the Italian performers are.<br>

Evren, if you are pairing randomly, does that mean that there won't be a seeding for the first eight or 16 guys? Please don't put Vonda Ward in there, the current women's 190 lbs. champ. She hasn't fought a guy yet, I wish she would... Kent, I don't go as classic as some of you, the groups I opened for were 70's hard rockers, still pretty cool for me. I definitely am an Eagles fan, the group more than the NFLers, but the football team is very good too. If they don't win their division, what will you do, Steve? Our Browns are looking at a tough year... Incidentally, I grudgingly have to give the Lakers their fair credit. I'll now soak my hands in Listerine for typing that...
the Golden Egg". The Funkadelic stuff is good too!

Tommy Morrison
Thad Spencer
Joe Bugner
Carl Williams
Gerrie Coetze
John Tate
Leotis Martin
Renaldo Snipes
Leon Spinks
Michael Spinks
Mac Foster
Hasim Rahman
Frank Bruno
Gerry Cooney
Oscar Bonavena
Greg Page
Henry Cooper
Doug Jones
Trevor Berbick
Tony Tubbs
Karl Mildenberger
Nino Valdes
George Chuvalo
Buster Mathis
Buster Douglas
Hurricane Jackson
David Tua
Oliver McCall
Wladimir Klitschko
John Ruiz
Chuck Wepner
Razor Ruddock
What do you guys think???

The list is pretty good! Maybe George Godfrey, Sam Mc Vey, Joe Jannette, Fred Fulton, Sam Langford, Peter Jackson, John Sullivan and Jake Kilrain would be noteworthy but they fought too much time ago, and not many people remember them. George Godfrey was a 6'3" ( 220/260 lbs ) mountain of muscles, as strong as Tyson or Liston. He survived four rounds against Primo Carnera... He was obstructed in his race to the title by racism, sadly.

Gerry Schultz
I admire you for giving Lakers credit. It shows how a nice guy you are. I remember a Kobe Bryant's quote two years ago: "...Have a nice time, enjoy your summer and remember, don't hate the Lakers... They can't be stopped! " He was right. Kobe, Shaq, Karl, Gary, Stanislav, Derek ( Bo ), Luke, Brian, Bryon, Jannero, Rick, Kareem, Jamal and Horace, as a Pisan I'm so proud of you. The legend goes on... Wilt, I'm sure ( almost sure ) that you too from the sky are rooting for the Lakers on your huge bed made of clouds!

Kobe Bryant lived for many years in Reggio Emilia, Italy. Kobe, sei grande quanto Michael Jordan! Almeno...

Evangelista, that must have been a tough cut, he was a hell of an athlete...

Leroy Caldwell isn't on the list. Geez, this thing must be fixed! Seriously, the field looks solid. The fun part will be the random draws to see who fights who--maybe luck of the draw will come up with some interesting matches we haven't even considered.

Chris Byrd belongs there more than Chuck Wepner. I would say James Toney belongs but he only has one fight at heavyweight so far.

What do you think of Ike Ibeabuchi? I think he was a nut, but very strong. He knocked out Chris Bird...
in five in 1999. He looked like Sonny Liston, but was bigger. This tournament is gonna be as cool as hell! I can't wait, I can't wait! |
| 6/3/04 08:41:30 AM|Fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com|10|What do you guys think of Oleg Maskaev getting in? He had some big wins and looked like a future champ until he lost his ability to take a punch. At his best before he lost it he could have beaten a lot of the guys on the list. |
| 6/3/04 08:46:18 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|10|Massimo, Ibeabuchi had a lot of potential that likely he won't ever be able to use as he is in prison. Yes he did beat Byrd but overall Byrd has had a better career and Byrd deserves to be in the tournament more than a criminal who threw away his chance at a better life. If Ibeabuchi replaces someone, it would have to be someone else besides Byrd. |
| 6/3/04 09:09:38 AM|Charles Anderson|ark.||ctjjandfam@aol.com|10|What do you guys think of Oleg Maskaev getting in? He had some big wins and looked like a future champ until he lost his ability to take a punch. At his best before he lost it he could have beaten a lot of the guys on the list. |
| 6/3/04 09:35:00 AM|Evren|Turkey||ctjjandfam@aol.com|10|I agree with Byrd over Wepner...not convinced my Maskaev...I think I'll change them two and do the first selection now. Evren |
| 6/3/04 09:49:16 AM|Jimmy Dorsey|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|10|Sonny Liston b Joe Bugner KO 6 |
| 6/3/04 10:33:34 AM|Evren|Turkey||ctjjandfam@aol.com|10|Hasim Rahman wins over Berbick by decision. His upset over Lewis and war with Corrie Sanders who he knocked out and fights against top guys in their prime. He already beat Berbick but Berbick was way over the hill by then. Hasim Rahman over Berbick by decision. |
| 6/3/04 12:31:52 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|Trevor Berbick b Hasim Rahman on points |
| 6/3/04 12:32:47 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|Trevor Berbick vs Hasim Rahman on points |
| 6/3/04 01:19:44 PM|Fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com|10|Hasim Rahman wins over Berbick by decision. His upset over Lewis and war with Corrie Sanders who he knocked out and fights against top guys in their prime. He already beat Berbick but Berbick was way over the hill by then. Hasim Rahman over Berbick by decision. |
| 6/3/04 01:49:22 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|10|Bugnar goes 9 grueling rounds with Liston, frustrates him a lot, even takes a couple rounds, but the Bear's big left jab brings this match to an ugly conclusion, too bad.
Bugnar got matched with a potential top 8 seed so early, Berbick, who might struggle with Bugnar, out works the bigger but slower Rahman. Rahman keeps trying to land the Bomb, the few times he does he cannot follow up. The guttier Berbick takes him the full 12, with Rahman tiring down the stretch. Liston and Berbick are my picks. Go Pistons!

Bugner did not have the punch to hurt Liston, and his only chance of a stoppage would be if his 'survive to arrive alive' tactics bored Sonny to death. Bugner lasted against Frazier and Ali, but Sonny's jolting jab was much harder and it would set up an early ending. Liston didn't have a long attention span (Attention Deficit Disorder ?) and he would press the attack until Bugner is on the ropes needing the ref to save him. Bugner's chin was dependable however, and for mine, it would be a tko (and not a ko) stoppage by 7 in Liston's favour. Berbick and Rahman is harder to predict. I think Rahman would eventually manage to land the big one, but only late in the fight when Berbick, despite a sizeable points lead, was tired, lazy, and punched-out. Rahman smashes home a roundhouse right late in round 11, KAPOW, and Berbick pirouettes twice on the way to the canvass. The gloved hand of the ref pulls out his mouthguard as the count reaches 10.

Evren, did I miss it, or isn't Jersey Joe Walcott's name on the list. Maybe instead of Hurricane Jackson. I know he's basically before Marciano, but he could give alot of these guys a helluva fight.

Evren, did you realise that you left Jack Johnson off the list? We can't leave him out.

Steve, not to worry the Eagles will be in the Superbowl this season as long as Brian Westbrook stays...
healthy. Last night on the news they were talking of a big race between Westbrook and Smarty Jones. Everyone agreed they would need to give Smarty a big lead. My vote again, Rahmin w over Berbick by decision. I think Sonny would destroy Joe Bugner in 1 or two rounds. Fran, hanging the Eagles hopes on one guy staying healthy, Westbrook, is not very much depth. A good team would find a way to win without him, not to say the Eagles are not a good team. So they could still have a shot even if the bad news for you Eagle's fans comes and he gets hurt. An example of this is years ago when the Dolphins' starting quarterback, Bob Griese, was hurt most of the season and they still won with their back up quarterback, I can't remember his name. I think it was even the undefeated season, which still hasn't been equaled.

I just can't see anyone beating the Patriots, in either conference though. I would have to bet on the horse, over Westbrook, in a race. I saw two novelty races on television once, one between a giraff verses a man and the other between a zebra, which is similar in speed to a horse, verses the man. The man, a sprinter who I didn't know who he was, actually beat the Giraff in a 100 meter race with the man getting a headstart. The zebra, on the other hand, beat the man at least ten years after the man got his headstart. In all respect to the giraff, I don't think the animal knew it was in a race as I can't see a man beating a giraff either.

Sonny Liston vs Aussie, Hungarian, English Joe Bugner - A tougher fight for Liston in my opinion than many expect. Bugner had good size, speed and was used to a high level of competition - he also had a solid chin. Liston of course would be a strong favourite. I see the fight being competitive for three rounds then Liston starting to get closer and land hard clubbing rights that would bring 'Oooohh's' from the crowd. After taking heavy punishment Bugner would be rescued by the referee cut, bruised and battered but valiant in defeat. Liston TKO 8.

The second fight is much closer - I would have to lean slightly in favour of Berbick who when he was 'right' was a real handful with underestimated skill - in a close battle I take Berbick to win on points.

Where did Bugner get all the speed from, next thing about Bugner-all the sudden he hit hard! Evren do not get me wrong he was an accomplished heavyweight for sure, But i've never seen the man put together a combination against great competition which he was against, one post said how much faster he was than JQ-not in my life time! Jerry would have got inside Bugner and ate him up. Liston by 4th round TKO. also people have to remember just because guys like Bugner and Bonavena could go the distance vs Ali and Frazier has no bearing on beating other world class fighter's. I think Bobick would have beaten Bugner, And maybe even Bunny Johnson, Who was never given the chance. I ADMIRE JOE BUGNER for anything else his longevity, But I also saw him fight many times. Take Care.
out the brackets. Then in each bracket, #1 meets #16, #2 meets #15, #3 meets #14... and so forth. It's a way tournaments keep great teams/players from meeting too early, and keeping the expected true contenders in a given tournament, though there is always a chance for an 'upset'... Massimo, you crack me up, yes they will burn in hell, lol. Pistons have a very good defensive team, the Lakers should expect a strong workout. But they have no 300-pound answers for Shaq when the ref's not looking. Lakers in six. By the way, that big blue thing next to L.A. is not a lake, it's the Pacific Ocean. Tell someone on your team who can read an atlas to rename your Lakers, please. It's almost as bad as the Utah Jazz. Louis Armstrong was a mormon? Thanks again.

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I don't know if ( UHMMM... Maybe weither )there are any lakes near Los Angeles, unfortunately I have never put my giant feet in the USA. But maybe you're right !<br>They should be the Los Angeles Oceaners !<br>

Larry Brown was supposed to have another shot at the Lakers in the championship with the 76ers game but... so he is back with another team. Its possible, he knows the mistakes he made in 2001. He is probably wishing he had the Awnser on this team though. |
Stars or the Coasters. Oddly named as they are, they still are the flagship of the NBA... You mention two of Cleveland's worst transactions with Paul Warfield and Jim Thome. The Browns, still contenders back then, traded Warfield, as good a WR as I've seen, for the rights to Mike Phipps, a fairly good QB but not even close in talent. Warfield made the very average Bob Griese look like a passer, opening further Miami's great ground game, led by Cleveland area natives Larry Czonka and coach Don Shula, a former Brown. Thome, the Indians all-time HR hitter, wanted a much longer contract than Cleveland's owner would pay. Though he is not young, he still crushes the ball. The Indians had a nice run in the 90s, now we watch the kids. I don't know Thome's shoe size, sorry.

| 6/5/04 02:57:01 PM| Angelo| Washington, DC| funktron@yahoo.com | 10|

Fran:<br>I've always been a Pirates fan---so by default, I've followed the Phillies too (they used to slug it out for the NL East crown when there were just two divisions). Anyway, I grew up listening to Harry Kalas and Richie Ashburn broadcast the games, and even though I loved the Pirates, the Phillies had the best announcers in baseball. I think the best Phillies teams never made it to the World Series. They were the Danny Ozark teams of the late 70's. Remember when they beat out the Pirates in '77 and '78, but lost to the Dodgers in the NL Championship? Bob Boone, Larry Bowa, Mike Schmidt, Greg Luzinski, Garry Maddox, Bake McBride, Steve Carlton, Tommy Christenson---what an awesome lineup of all-stars. At the time, as a kid, I hated the Phillies because they were the Pirates rivals. But looking back, they were a superb team and should have gotten to the series. I remember one year, an umpire's bad call pushed the Dodgers into the series and the Phillies should have been there instead.

| 6/5/04 04:50:22 PM| Bob Bumbera| NC| renfbera@aol.com | 10|

Two snoozers. Liston wins an easy decision over Bugner. A Liston hook drops Joe in the fifth and a jab, actually a cuff, cuts Joe in the ninth. Bugner offered little resistance except for a quick jab that kept Sonny occupied and some exceptional clinching. Rahman over Berbick in 12. Another dance contest, a Rahman right drops Trevor in the tenth. A pretty close fight up until then. Berbick landing the better body blows, Rahman's jab more active. Berbick did little after the knockdown.

| 6/5/04 07:38:00 PM| Steve| N.J.| dmmsrm@comcast.net | 10|

All NFL predictions are difficult at the beginning of the season. The major factor is always injuries. However, the top teams have always seemed to acquire depth to offset injuries. The Eagles reached the NFC title game last year without Westbrook, and their entire defensive line. Geez, Kent, I can't imagine any one butting heads with you over football! Even though your obviously a broken and bitter fan because of the Rams, I would still be interested in your top five power rankings in the NFL when you post them. Where do you post them at? I still cannot believe you don't know who Billy Horner and Franky Ford are. You know, you may still feel free to insult me on any subject we are discussing, as you always have in the past. Except my spelling.

| 6/5/04 11:11:20 PM| KOOKOO| NY| kookooclock00@yahoo.com | 10|

Hey Massimo, I see that the Italians are laying down in the streets in your country in protest of the war. Those losers have NO GUTS, America saved their ass' and this is that thanks they get. While you fools are talking basketball (SPORTS a Blackman's only chance in life) this country is under attack from within. That's what most Americans don't understand. We need to chase the Liberal scum out of this country, they're bringing us down along with God knows what plans Muslims have HINT: destroying us!! I'll tell you the KKK got's some good ideas as far as I'm concerned. I'm very close to joining.

| 6/5/04 11:30:35 PM| Kent|La Habra, Ca| Kentallenent@aol.com | 10|

Steve, but if for example next football season the Patriots are 2-1 after three weeks and all of the games are close and I don't rank them number one, my friend from Boston will complain to me that they should be number one because they are the best team. That is the way hard core fans of a particular team are.
say there was no way, for example, the Eagles, if they are 3-0 after three weeks should be ranked above the Patriots. But in my rankings what a team did last season has no bearing on my weekly rankings in a new season. |

| 6/6/04 12:14:58 AM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | ||| | 10 | Hey Kent, you do realize I'm just kidding around with you, don't you? I'm still interested in your top five picks, in three week interims, statistically and as far as a power ranking goes. Just post it here! Did you watch De La Hoya get a gift tonight? |

| 6/6/04 12:21:15 AM | kookoo | ny | kookooclock | ||| | 10 | THANKS FOR PROVING MY POINT, SOUND ASLEEP |

| 6/6/04 01:24:14 AM | G-Man | Over here | there | ||| | 10 | That obviously isn't Koo Koo posting those comments. Someone is pretending to be him trying to get something started.

| 6/6/04 02:54:43 AM | Steve | NJ | dmmsrm@comcast.net | ||| | 10 | Kent, this should tell you how slow I am on the uptake. I just reread your post where you use some lyrics from the song, "Hotel Calif.", by the Eagles musical group. Do you know what group sang these lyrics? "'I've been searching so long, to find an answer, now I know my life has meaning'"? Was it the Eagles or the Beach Boys? |

| 6/6/04 05:56:26 AM | Kent | La Habra, CA | kentallenent@aol.com | ||| | 10 | Steve those lyrics are from a song by the group Chicago. I don't remember the actual name of the song though. The Eagles' lyrics I quoted are from the song Take it Easy. My NFL rankings are weekly after the third week of play. My example of the hard core biased fan is if the Patriots are 2-1 after the third week and say the only loss was a close game and say a penalty cost them the loss, my buddy would probably say something like, "they called clipping on our guy but he didn't even touch him, so the refs cost us the game. The refs favored the other team". He would also say his team is still the best. How many times have you heard fans of a particular team say something just like that after a tough loss? My rational rankings get some flak from people just like him a lot of the time. I PROMISE TO RETURN TO BOXING TOPICS. JUST WAITING FOR THE NEXT BOUTS OF THE TOURNEY. |

| 6/6/04 06:44:04 AM | Evren | Turkey | at@city.com | ||| | 5 | Okay – Liston and Rahman go through – the next two bouts in the tournament are: – Michael Spinks vs Mike Weaver Wladimir Klitschko vs George Chuvalo |

| 6/6/04 12:35:00 PM | Anti KKK | Places | at@city.com | ||| | 5 | The KKK is perfect for KooKoo. A bunch of angry failures. |

| 6/6/04 02:22:04 PM | Kent | La Habra, CA | kentallenent@aol.com | ||| | 10 | Both of these new bouts feature come from behind victories. Michael Spinks boxes well for five rounds and is ahead on all of the cards when he runs into a tremendous right uppercut from Mike Weaver, which puts Spinks down and out for the count. The winner, Mike Weaver by sixth round knockout. George Chuvalo takes a tremendous beating for seven rounds and he is hit with every punch in the book by Wladimir Klitschko. Chuvalo is still standing but his eyes are swelling badly and he has cut a whole over his right eye, courtesy of the long left jab of Klitschko. The referee tells the Chuvalo corner that he is only going to give Chuvalo one more round to turn things around or he going to stop the fight. Chuvalo comes out desperately in the eighth round and he hurts K with a series of left/right body shots. Klitschko tries to hold on but he is met with a hard left hook that wobbles him badly. Chuvalo jumps on him and lands a hard right to the head that puts K down for an eight count. K rises but is met by a barrage of punches that has him staggering around the ring and the referee jumps in and awards the bout to Chuvalo by eighth round TKO. Unlike Chuvalo's win over our JQ, there is no doubt that Klitschko cannot continue as he is out on his feet at the time of the stoppage. |

| 6/6/04 04:28:40 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | ||| | 10 | I do think that this war is right! I like America very much and I always did. Those guys are not the ITALIANS, are a small part of the Italians. The problem is that they make a lot of noise. Michael Spinks b Mike Weaver
on points
| 04:34:58 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 |
Weaver over Spinks, late round TKO and Klitschko over Chuvalo by close but clear decision.
| 06:14:53 PM | Gerry Schultz | Cleveland | same | 9 |
Ignorance rears it's ugly head again, this time pointed at blacks and Italy, don't take it seriously ...
"Searching So Long" is the Chicago song, it's also on their first greatest hits, which I recommend.

| 08:49:46 PM | Gerry | Cleveland, remember Nate Thurmond? | same | 10 |
I agree with Angelo reading the late 70's Phils, what a group. I especially liked Schmidt, Boone, Maddox and McGraw. Along with the great Orioles teams of the late 60's, those Phils were my favorites... Micheal Spinks, a champion who might be a great pick in a 200 pound tournament along with Jerry and others, easily outboxes Mike Weaver who tries vainly to land the Big One. Spinks by decision, winning at least seven rounds. Chuvalo- Klitschko is a barnburner that keeps the crowd on it's feet throughout. Both men nearly win by KO in round 1, taking turns with big tags and knockdowns. Draw rounds are numerous, with Chuvalo pressing the Ukrainian giant, who turns to jabbing and using his height/reach. Both men bleed and get ugly, but the middle rounds have Klitschko, today's best heavy, gaining control with his jab. Chuvalo doesn't know the meaning of quit, but Klitschko drops Chuvalo for the third time in the 10th. Though Chuvalo can still go, the ref takes one look at his battered face and stops it, TKO 10 for Klitschko. The ref actually puts on a windbreaker in Round 5 to keep both fighters from bleeding on him. What a match! Sorry, I don't know Klitschko's shoe size. A tough draw for Chuvalo.

| 03:25:17 AM | Evren | Turkey | @ | 10 |
Gerry - you say that Wlad Klitschko is the best heavy out there today - do you think he is better than Vitali?|
| 08:57:23 AM | Fran | Philly | PLC7755@aol.com | 10 |
The Phils of 76 77 78 were a great team that started forming in the early 70's. After 3 seasons of getting knocked off in the playoffs they needed to get the great Pete Rose who taught them how to win everything. He was a big influence on the team. The 1980 team was most of the same guys they had during the 70's. I have to admit though the 1993 Phillies were the most exciting team I have ever seen even more exciting than the big Red machine of 76. So we have had 3 straight seassons of second best before and maybe the Eagles will take it with the Addition of Davis......
Klitscko can be beaten and still has the stamina of an amatuer but Chuvalo doesn't have any way of ducking or avoiding Klitscko's punches. Klitscko wins easy on a TKO in 5. Target practice.
Mike Spinks was a great fighter at lightevy and could probably beat some heavyweights but not the original Iron Mike Weaver. To strong for a Light heavy. Weaver rocks Spinks throughout the fight but Spinks hangs on to lose a decision.

| 09:03:20 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |
Gerry, Wladimir K the best heavy out there today - do you think he is better than Vitali? He has been knocked out twice in the last year. I think there may have been something medically wrong with him to tire as badly as he did only after five rounds against Lamon Brewster. But that doesn't make up for the fact that every time Brewster, and Corrie Sanders before him, hit him with hard shots, he folded up like a card table, the man cannot take a punch and that is a seperate issue from his stamina problem. The man has excellent offensive skills and he probably could win a lot of fights with his height alone if he boxed from the outside and didn't brawl, which he has a tendency to do, all offense and not enough defense.
Wladimir K. is the best heavy out there based on what? Sure he had a win over Chris Byrd but that was over three years ago and the times he has had to face adversity in the ring, against Ross Purirty earlier in his career, against Sanders last year, and recently against Brewster, he failed each time. You can't say Wladimir is the best because of his potential as he is no longer a young prospect. He is coming into what should be his prime and it is time to deliver on his potential,
which he hasn't done.<br><br>I would actually compare Wladimir to Duane Bobick. Remember Bobick did well beating up on fringe contenders such as Scott LeDoux and Chuck Wepner and often looking fantastic in doing so, sound familiar? But when Bobick tried to step up to the next level, he was exposed as having no defense and also having no chin by Ken Norton, John Tate, and others. People dismiss Bobick nowadays as being all hype and not enough skill but going into the Norton fight, he was 38-0 and this was after a great amateur career in which he beat Teofelio Stevenson and Larry Holmes. A lot of people were saying he was likely the next great heavyweight, again, sound familiar?<br><br>Gerry, you often make informed statements on boxing but you missed the boat on this one buddy!

| 6/7/04 10:01:31 AM | Massimo "skyscraper" Cini | Roma, remember Enrico Fermi? | lakers 0 pistons 1 SOB! | 10|34/11.MDE. Was Wilt a professional? |
| 6/7/04 11:14:36 AM | Gerry Schultz | Cleveland, not Roma | same | 10|Sorry, it would seem I was referring to the wrong Klitschko, I thought you meant Vitali. I would take Chuvalo by devastating KO over the other one and his glass chin. Sorry, my bad! I just have to keep my Klitschkos straight. |
| 6/7/04 01:52:57 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | Funktron@yahoo.com | 10|Fran: Good point on the Phillies---they were a very talented team that couldn't move to the next level until Rose got there and showed them how to do it. Schmidt had a great relationship with Rose and to a large extent, I think Rose helped Schmidt to relax and not worry about carrying the team on his back. Rose also demonstrated a desire that the team didn't have before he got there---and the team stepped it up a notch to win a championship. Yes, Rose was the catalyst for the success. It didn't hurt to have Dallas Greene as the skipper either---another guy who knew how to get the job done without stressing out. | Kent: Good points on Bobick. I still think he was a decent heavyweight who got in over his head against Norton. He never got in the rhythm of the fight because he was hanging on for his life in the first half minute. He didn't put a glove on Norton and in this case, Norton's offense was his best defense. If Norton had been less aggressive and the first round was a feeling out process, like so many of these fights are, Bobick could have banged with him a little. Instead, he got his head taken off. I thought it was a fluke for Bobick, until Tate did the same thing to him. Hey, Norton vs. Tate might have been a good one! |
| 6/7/04 03:24:24 PM | Fran | Philly | Plc7755@aol.com | 10|I saw Bobick in the amateurs and he was fast and had some bounce in his feet. He was good but I never saw that same movement or hand eye co-ordination after Stevenson in the Olympics. He seemed ordinary and just plodding making money off of his amateur career. No zip and of course Philly gym wars didn't help. |
| 6/7/04 03:55:53 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | Kentallenent@aol.com | 10|I was just comparing Bobick and his rise up the ratings ladder to W. Klitschko. Both showed good offensive skills that were offset by poor chins. Bobick had poorer defensive skills than W.K. but W.K. has worse defense than a lot of people thought he had. Kent and Gerry, thanks for the info on the group,"Chicago".I love that song, but somehow got it confused with the Eagles and Beach Boys. I am, after all, a grandpop. Mike Weaver at his peak was better than Holmes was when he fought Spinks. Weaver gets out boxed for about three rounds, then TKO'S Spinks in the fourth round. I don't remember Chuvalo standing up well to anyone with a good, stiff jab and alot of power. Remember his fights with Forman and Frazier. I think Klitschko's power was at least pretty close to those guys. C'mon, guys, Chuvalo caught every punch ever thrown at him. Fifth round stoppage on Chuvalo's cut or closed eyes. |
| 6/7/04 04:48:06 PM | steve | NJ | drmrsrm@comcast.net | 10|In all fairness to George Chuvalo, I have heard him speak on the radio. He has a rapid fire, very articulate speech pattern. Not even one slurred word! He kind of reminds me of
Bobby Chyze! I know that Bobby chyze has an I.Q. that is of the charts. Maybe Chavulo does too.

On Chuvalo—<br>I have seen a synthesis of his first fight with an in prime Muhammed Ali and he gave him a very tough fight. Ali' won clearly on points but Chuvalo's were maybe the hardest punches.<br>

He fought toe to toe with the likes of Bonavena, Terrell and Patterson and maybe got robbed in some of these fights. He beat somehow Jerry Quarry also. He knocked out Doug Jones. It's strange that a guy who fought so well against the best in the division had so many losses in his record. Asked who were the three hardest punchers he had ever fought in his career, he said: George Foreman, Mel Turnbow (a journeyman with a very dangerous punch) and Mike De John. He added: Mike De John was a real good banger.<br>

He didn't mention neither Ali' and Frazier.<br>

Klitschko over Chuvalo in 12. George knocks Vladdy down in the 8th round with a hook to the body and it looks like big "K" is through, but Klitschko comes back behind his jab in round 9 & 10. George continues to bang to the body but is missing wildly to the head. Klitschko hangs on with his jab to win a split decision. Both men are cut and look exhausted at the end. Spinks wins a decision over Weaver. Spinks at 203 out boxes Weaver at 208 to win 8 rounds to 4. neither man was in serious trouble during the bout, the plodding Weaver couldn't find a way to get past the Spinks jab to do any real damage.

Sorry, I will never admit Chuvalo beat Quarry, but I do still consider him one my favorite heavies. Chuvalo does have a website against drug use, which is worth a look. Against Ali, he notes he went dancing with his wife after the fight. Ali reportedly went to the hospital... Wilt was a professional athlete and businessman, is that the question? Kareem was 7'3" reportedly, Wilt said he was a shade shorter than Kareem, which most agree with. Shaq is listed at 7'1", but the truth about all three is anyone's guess. Three giant legends, anyway you measure them. The Lakers paid them all very handsomely for their time. You can add George Mikan to that list too.

I was only joking with the fact that Wilt looked an amateur in comparison with Shaq. Shaq has been really devastating in game 1, when he is motivated and focused, nobody can stop him. He can't win the games by himself, tough. He shook hands with Kareem before game 1 with the Pistons and didn't look shorter than him. I know people who would look short beside Jabbar.

I pick Klitschko to eek out a decision over Chuvalo after faltering..but hanging on in the last. I also pick Spinks over Weaver by 8-4 decision. Next two fights tomorrow.

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Is Oscar de la Hoya going to handle Bernard Hopkins, if they actually have the fight? I have my doubts. How many of you were glad to see Roy Jones, Jr. K.Oed? I don't like fighters who clown around, with the exception of Ali.

Where is schoolmarm or whatever her name is, the woman who liked Frazier as her all-time best?
those Russian heavyweights can fight his way out of a paper bag. You need to be
desperate to become a fighter. It's not something you can learn in a nice,
clean, well-lit gym.<br><br>Great site. Who remembers Amos ("Big Train") Lincoln and King Fletcher?<br><br>How's Little Red Lopez doing these days? Mando Ramos? Joey Orbillo? Great guys.<br><br>I have never seen Wilt and Bill play. Among<br>the pivots I have seen Shaq is second only<br>to Warren!<br><br>PS: it's not right that I have never seen Bill play. I have seen Bill play against Warren once.<br><br>Angelo, Bill Russell made a guest appearance on the television show the White Shadow. One of the scenes shows Russell playing one on one against the actor who played Coolidge. Bill got humiliated by Warren in a episode of the White Shadow. Warren complained with Ken Reeves he was too tall and then Ken did organize a meeting with Bill Russell, to show him that there were humans taller than him. Watching Bill and Warren play one against the other everyone have thought: "God, Warren should have played against Chamberlain, not Bill !! ". Wilt has been lucky that Warren was too young at the time.<br><br>Congratulations for your Italian ! You know Italian better than Giacomo Leopardi did. It's true: "massimo" means "greatest" in Italian !<br><br>Instead "primo" means "the first ". Sometimes, when my friends want to make fun of me, they call me "Minimo", that means <br>"the least". <br><br>Hagler was one of the top middleweights of the era but was beaten by 2 Philly middleweights Boogaloo and the Worm and they were not as good as Bad Bennie and Cyclone (before he fell on
his head in the Denny Moyer fight). Hagler vrs Jones would have been a good one. Jones did beat some great fighters but made it look too easy.

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Fran: What "great" fighters did Jones beat? I think he beat some good ones, but maybe not great ones.

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Sorry Massimo, but the way I remember the White Shadow program that Bill Russell appeared on, Russell was having an easy time with Warren Coolidge. Basketball fans, remember the all time fifty greatest NBA players list from about five or six years ago? Bill Walton was on that list but he doesn't deserve to be one of the top fifty because he spent most of his professional career injured. Sure he could have been one of the greatest centers to ever play in the NBA, as he was one of the greatest to play college basketball but in the NBA, he only had about three good seasons. He had brittle bones in his feet and this kept him on the injured list for much of his career. We can't go by potential in naming one of the all time greats and three good seasons is not enough.

If I remember correctly, Artis Gilmore, who played for San Antonio and Chicago as well as having some great seasons in the ABA before this, was not on the top fifty list and he should have been in Walton's place. Gilmore played about eighteen seasons as a professional and he was just a slight step below in the skills level to the very best all time centers such as Wilt, Shaq, Kareem, Akeem, Bill R, etc.

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Kent: Was Dave Cowens on the list? Walton did have a resurgence later in his career, being a good sixth man in Boston and winning another title. He was one of the few who could match up decently against Jabbar.

Also, was Walter Davis of the Phoenix Suns on that list? The Suns never won the Championship, but Davis was a great player. Remember Alvin Adams and Garfield Heard? The Suns had some very good teams back in the 70's.

Gerry Cleveland

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I disagree regarding boxers or anyone else from different eras, they can be compared. The key is not to hold them up head-to-head, the newer guy who benefits from the advancements almost always wins. All a star athlete can do is dominate his era, so compare that. Someday, someone will bag on Shaq, saying he was just a fat guy who banged people, that he had few real skills and beat few real centers. Like Larry Holmes, you can't completely hold his era against him, he deserves his fair credit. He's still top 10 on my list... Kent, gotta disagree on Walton. The guy was healthy for five minutes and was MVP while winning the NBA title, he also had great stats. A healthy Walton would probably have won three titles, being MVP each time. Also, consider the words of those who saw him or played against him. If Jabbar and Russell consider him a peer, that's good enough for me. Not only is he top 50, he's top five among centers, maybe top 12 among all players. Thanks.

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Fran, I think some of the all time great, strong, natural light heavies are being forgotten with all the praise for Roy Jones Jr. What's with all this pound-for-pound greatest crap. Is that to make up for the fact that there are 5 or 6 title holders in every weight division? I'd have liked to have seen Jones fight Hagler or Monzon as a middleweight. Matthew Saad Muhammed or Dwight [The Camden Buzzsaw] Braxton, as a lightheavy. Surely these guys from the past would have given him better fights than the thin talent he walked through most of his career. What about Bob Foster? Even though Bob Foster couldn't win at heavyweight, he did at least pick on Joe Frazeir, Ali, Ernie Terril, and Doug Jones. Not John Cruiz, whom I don't even consider a professional fighter! How do you think Roy would have done against Ali or Frazier?

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If you want to name the all time greatest in a weight div., at least going back a reasonable amount of
time. I mean, you know, while there at least viewable tape of them. I't Roberto Duran at lightweight.

| 6/9/04 03:18:15 PM | Evren | Turkey | []|10| So the results from the last round: -
| 6/9/04 04:57:30 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | []|10| Pinklon Thomas -

Wlad Klitschko goes through against Chuvalo - 5 votes to 3. The Spinks - Weaver match is a draw so they are back in the pot! Next two matches are -

Zora Folley vs Pinklon Thomas -

Rocky Marciano vs Tony Tubbs -

Marciano by decision in a rather uneventful fight. Folley would be physically overmatched.

Marciano by 7th round technical knockout over Tubbs. Marciano would be a human buzz saw, with a body attack that would cause Tubbs to lower his guard, exposing him to repeated blows to the head. Referee would stop it late in round 7.

| 6/9/04 05:51:33 PM | Abe McGruff | Pattaya Beach, Thailand | []|10| Cruising around the web and I read Ed being unkind to Roy Jones. Sports fans are hard to please, aren't we. We boo boring boxers, boo conservative boxers, boo boxers too cautious in selecting opponents, boo boxers who hide behind a jab, boo boxers who won't take chances, boo boxers who rape and do drugs, boo boxers who make excuses, boo, boo, boo, etc. Then along comes a guy with charisma, flamboyance, he isn't a rapist or drug taker, he entertains by clowning around, fights anyone, he's prepared to move up divisions to fight, and we boo boo boo him too. Why don't we just accept that Jones was probably the exceptional fighter of his time and stop booing him? He chased fights with big guys and small ones. Maybe he wouldn't have beat Foster or Monzon or Hagler or whoever. But no one can give a slam dunk case that he couldn't. Ed you're a swell guy, so give Roy his dues and respect him and don't boo him. Jones was a gracious loser, too. He didn't make excuses after he got knocked out. The 'tall poppy syndrome' is alive and kicking when we boo great fighters like Jones. Keep this great site going guys. Regards from Abe.

| 6/9/04 05:53:47 PM | Evren | Turkey | []|10| I agree - Jones was and is an amazing boxer who has it all. However..he did fail a steroids test once..so he is a drug taker of sorts.

| 6/9/04 06:52:23 PM | Abe McGruff | Pattaya Beach, Thailand | []|10| There you go, I learn something every day. Over here we don't get all the news, and I didn't know, or had forgotten, that Jones failed a steroid test. He's gone down a peg in my estimation. Calls into question lots about him. Was he juiced up in those other fights. I really hope not. Thanks for correcting me Evren. You seem to be the go to guy around here. Some of those names on Ed's list I know, some I don't. Can't recall anyone by the name of schoolmarm though, Ed, maybe he was a wrestler and that was his stage name. Marm sounds a bit girlie. Sounds like a wacko. Guessing from those other names, Ed, that you go back a long way. You've seen a bunch of fights and great fighters. Best wishes from Abe McGruff.

| 6/9/04 08:01:37 PM | Steve | N'J. | []|10| Fran, I remember the night Eugene cyclone Hart and Denny Moyer fell out of the ring together. What really happened was that Denny Moyer was a master boxer, mover. Hart always fought like a crazy man. He charged straight ahead, no side to side, no circling movements. He gave you no angles. Moyer could not get out of his way. He had amazing power, especially the hook. The night I moved into my house, this was Jan, 1977, we went up on the roof, and hooked up the antenna. We watched on a thirteen inch screen. We watched Vito Antufermo as he spun cyclone around, counterpunched him into a, I think it was a fifth round knockout.

| 6/9/04 08:05:49 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | []|10| Angelo, yes Dave Cowens was on the top fifty list. Angelo and Gerry, I will use the example of Vitali Klitschko in boxing and compare him to Walton's situation. Say that Vitali defends his title three times but is injured, a shoulder injury that forces him to retire after the third defense. He looks great in those
defenses. Does Vitali deserve to be among the greatest heavyweights of all time
based on those performances? I would say no he doesn't, even if those three
fights unify the heavyweight title. Walton doesn't either in his sport as three
good seasons just isn't enough. As I said before, he should have been if he
hadn't been injured, as he did have the skills of an all time great during the
times in between his many injuries. The fact is though, Walton was injured for
most of his career and he never fulfilled his potential. | 6/9/04 08:18:40 PM| Kent
| La Habra, Ca| | kentallenent@aol.com| || 10 | Quick comment on Roy Jones Jr. Jones got caught with a good punch, from Tarver. This can happen to any fighter. Remember, Jones won the first fight, a close but to me clear cut decision. Tarver won some rounds by big margins but the truth is he gave away too many rounds by not letting his hands go.  

The one loss to Tarver doesn't diminish his earlier acheivements and like Lennox Lewis among the heavyweights, who was knocked out twice in his career, Jones belongs somewhere in the top twenty of all time, minimum, among lt. heavys. | 6/9/04 08:57:25 PM| steve | NJ| | dmmsrm@comcast.net| || 10 | Hey Ed, no one is trying to demean Roy Jones. Fact is, on this site we try to look more at the historical point of view. A lot of guys on this site just don't think he really established himself by fighting any really great competition. I think the lady your referring to called herself Rhoadschollarate. I don't think her skin was thick enough to stick around here. She started drawing some pretty nasty attacks. | 6/9/04 09:22:53 PM| steve | NJ| | dmmsrm@comcast.net| || 10 | Kent, I don't understand your last post. Do you feel Jones's should be considered among the top twenty of lichteavy's, or heavyweights? Based on what previous accomplishments? Lennox Lewis got flattened, ko'd by two mediocre fighters. What other top twenty heavyweights has that happened to?| 6/9/04 10:06:26 PM| Gerry | Cleveland| | same| || 10 | Roy Jones get high marks in my book, roids or not. The guy has been a first-rate fighter. People have jumped him now that he is down, to me, it doesn't change what he has done or how good he has been. Monzon and Hagler are also among the best I've seen, but these all-time fights are good for discussion and not much more. At the end, it comes down to tastes... Kent you make some good points on Walton, but to me, there's not minimums, just what you can do. Walton led the NBA in rebounds, blocks and FG% all in the same season AND won a title. He beat Jabbar head-to-head in the playoffs. Who else has done that, even if they play 20 years? Very few, that's why he belongs. Ask John Wooden what he thinks. In his brief run, Walton showed me and others plenty... I agree with Angelo almost verbatim on Marciano and the Pink Man. No offense to Zora Folley, who was a top guy in the early 60's. Rocco would give Tubbs, a very good boxer, a gutcheck he'd never forget. Thanks. | 6/10/04 04:01:34 AM| Evren | Turkey| |@| || 10 | Marciano would be a good fight - Tubbs would hold his own for a while and do his best to win... however...the irrespressible Marciano would push and spit and snarl 'till Tubbs could take no more body shots and fall in round 10... the fight was close until then. Folley vs Thomas is one of the hardest fights that I could judge on - both were excellent boxers, both had a decent dig but I think the factor would come down to chin and Folley was lacking in that department (certainly less than Pink) Thomas by 8th round KO. | 6/10/04 04:29:49 AM| Kent| La Habra, Ca| | kentallenent@aol.com| || 10 | Steve, Jones would be on my top twenty list for Lt. heavyweights. It is not his fault that the division has been relatively weak in recent times. I rank him up there because he has excellent boxing skills and we can't take that away from him because he got caught with a good punch once. He has beaten everyone they put in front of him, including his first fight with Tarver. There was some talk that he was avoiding the German, Dariusz Michalchewski but I think this was politics among the promoters more than anything else why they never fought. Michalchewski has been a good fighter and in addition to holding the WBA and IBF belts, he defended the WBO belt many times. That said, Michalchewski would not
have been able to cope with Jones' speed if the two of them fought. Lewis did avenge both of his losses in return bouts and although he never fought in prime versions of Tyson, Bowe, and Holyfield, I don't think I could come up with more than twenty heavies of all time who could beat him at his best. In reference to Jones, I was comparing that a lot of people rank Lewis high among heavies and that Jones, who has never been knocked out only once, should occupy a similar position among Lt. heavies. It would be hard to come up with more than twenty Lt. heavies of any era who could beat Jones at his best. So both Lewis and Jones deserve to be at least number twenty in their respective divisions.

Zora Folley has many old school tricks, moves and in tip top condition as he beats Thomas by decision.

Rocky Marciano b Pinklon Thomas on points, even if Tony Tubbs KO 4, even if Tony was a good fighter. It's not true that Shaq has few basketball skills. He can pass the ball VERY WELL, has a great hook and where in hell have you seen a 340 guy that quick? The only thing he can't do is free throws (neither Wilt could ) and shooting. Shooting is not that important in basketball. Yao Ming maybe will be one day better than Shaq. This guy is really tall! Warren ain't nothing in comparison...

Thomas over Folley in 8. Marciano in 10 over Tubbs.

Folley out hustles Thomas by getting inside Pinky's long left jab with his speed to gain a decision win. Tubbs does well for a few rounds but Marciano's body attack wears him out, setting Tubbs up for a knockout-Rocky by KO-8.

Massimo, I give Shaq his due. He clearly is one of the best centers ever. He simply is such an imposing athlete that he has not considered skill development necessary to his game, and who can blame him? It has carried him a very long way. Wilt, Alcindor and Walton all had very good coaching and came from an era that demanded skill development regardless of athletic talent. Russell was just plain blessed with Red Auerbach. I agree, Shaq is a good passer, and has some very good moves near the basket, a lot like Olajuwon used to have. Given how well he dominates today's centers, and his ring collection, it's hard to ask this guy to up his game, why should he? He clearly is an all-time great and has been amazing at times to watch. Thanks... and Go Pistons.
The Detroit Pistons are kicking our asses! Gary Payton has forgot how to play, Shaq is tired, Malone is injured and Kobe is in trouble with the law... What a team the Lakers are! But the ring will be ours eventually!

What do you think guys of Karl Mildenberger? He showed some decent skills against Bonavena and gave Ali' a good fight!

The Lakers can come back as a lot of teams have come back from being down 2 games to 1. The championship series is far from over.

Of course, I meant to say the Lakers played poorly, not purely. Must have still been in La La La land, not to be confused with LA land, which I live close to, when I posted. Mildenburger was a good fighter and yes he was one of Ali's toughest defenses. Ali seemed to bring the best out of a lot of fighters because if they fought their career best fight, they might have a chance at an upset, a big boost to anyone's career.

Marciano goes thru easily. I will draw 3 fights today to speed up the process. Buster Mathis vs Mac Foster. Frank Bruno vs Tommy Morrison. Michael Spinks vs Doug Jones.

Tough Fights to pick....

Michael Spinks b Doug Jones on points

Doug Jones decisions M.Spinks. Buster Mathis out speeds Foster also by decision. Tommy Morrison by upset 10-count 3rd round knockout! over Bruno who had a vast ticker problem. Take Care.

The one fighter on here that has never gotten hid due respect is Buster Mathis. He was very quick and talented in his short peak. I don't know what happened in the Quarry fight, but Buster was a high quality fighter. The Frazier-Mathis fight is kind of a lost classic. Buster gave Joe all he could handle before finally being worn down. Mathis Dec Foster Bruno KO 6 Morrison Spinks Dec Jones quite easily.

Couldn't agree more about Mathis - a really good fighter who lost but 4 times to the best - Ali, Frazier, Quarry and Lyle. I pick him to win a close decision over Mac Foster. Bruno would stop Morrison in a tough battle and Spink vs Jones is close for me but Spinks wouldn't be fighting a bigger man here - Spinks by decision.

Just to add may two cents again, Karl Mildenberger is a guy who may have gotten lost in all the talent of
This era, a very good heavy in my opinion. Kent, you certainly put out some very good posts, I think you won me over on the retirement issue, but I'll stick with the pro-Walton camp for reasons given. His play versus Philly's stars was legendary. I consider him the top white center also, not that that was why he was good or was why he wasn't the best. He was very, very good for any center, as was Dave Cowens, though I do not consider him top Ten like Walton. Given Larry Bird's recent talk, I did have to clarify... Micheal Spinks by late KO over Doug Jones. Frank Bruno tries to get Tommy Morrison early, winning the early rounds, but Morrison, who beat better guys, takes the late end and pounds out a close decision. Thanks. |

|6/12/04 04:39:21 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same again||||10|Sorry, missed one. Mathis outboxes Mac Foster for eight rounds, then WHAM! Foster finds him and puts him down. Somehow, Mathis survives the round and Foster for a wobbly but clear decision. Thanks yet again.|

|6/12/04 07:59:26 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com||||10|Evren, I had to look back at your post to see what you were talking about, I think we were right on the money with our predictions! In the next three, Mathis wins an easy decision over Foster. Foster too hard for a KO, Big Buster avoids most of the hard leather with speedy counters. Spinks decisions Jones in a fight for pure boxing fans, even most of the way, the stronger Spinks pulls away in the scoring in the last two frames. Morrison wins a split decision over Bruno by virtue of a 11 round knockout, again another back and fourth battle that could have gone either way before the knockdown. |

|6/12/04 08:03:41 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com||||10|Hey guy's do the rules allow for split decissions or do we want to go for clear cut scores?|

|6/12/04 09:04:58 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Bob, in our last tourney we allowed split verdicts but if everyone wants to change it, I can change my vote to Mathis by close but unanimous decision. I feel split verdicts and draws for that matter, as sometimes we just can't decide who is better, are part of real boxing and should be part of our imaginary tournament as well. I will go by whatever the majority wants to do on this.|

|6/13/04 06:59:45 AM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|I catch a great show about Joe Louis on showtime. I'm showed his fight with Billy Conn. Suprisingly, Conn looked almost as big as Louis at the weigh in. Even in the ring, he looked almost as big. They only showed parts of few rounds, but Conn was beating Louis to the punch constantly, and actually staggered him at one point in the 12th round. He told his corner he thought he could knock Louis out! They begged him to just stay away and box, as they thought he was ahead on all cards. Instead, he went out and slammed toe to toe and suffered one of the most brutal knockouts I've ever seen. When asked after the fight why he changed strategy, He answered, "what's the sense of being Irish if you can't be stupid"? I thought that was one of the funniest lines I've ever heard from a fighter. Please don't anyone take offense. I'm only second generation Irish American myself. Spinks by decision in a pretty good fight where Jones knocks him down in the first and third round. I think Mac Foster would spear Mathis with that straight right and KO him with his best weapon, a left hook, in the tenth round. Mathis may have given Frazier a good fight, until he collapsed, but styles make fights. I have to admit I haven't seen Bruno in any fights, except for him getting clobbered by Tyson, so I'm picking Morrison by decision. |

|6/13/04 07:12:20 AM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|I agree that split decisions and draws are a very real part of real life boxing and should be included in the tournament. They could allways be brought back for a rematch. I leave it up to Evren to decide, since he's doing all the work.|
Kent, the question of twelve or fifteen rounds is a hard one to figure out. Since a lot of later era bouts might have gone differently with those three extra rounds. It really makes stamina much more of a factor in deciding matchups.

I do think that 15 rounds are too many in boxing! Twelve rounds are enough! Many tragedies in the ring would have been avoided simply by following this golden rule!

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Hey Massimo, my Italian wife wants to know who you think makes the best gravy, the calabrese or you guys up north. Be careful how you answer. My wife wears a size thirteen shoe.

What we decided on from the beginning was that we would move to 15 rounders from the quarter finals on. I am not sure what you guys mean by split decision — do you mean that if a fight is voted 4-4 then one of us decides who wins as a 'split decision' but based on what?

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I should weigh about 185. Ali has a big foot maybe 13 - 13 1/2? Jerry's shoe looked bigger than Frazier's, at least in photos. Don't know.

I'd take Morrison is that I think he could defend himself against Bruno's offensive, but I'm not sure Bruno could handle Morrison's best. I wouldn't see this going to a decision. For my money, both of these guys had more holes in their game than 200 pounds of swiss cheese, but if I had to pick one, I think Morrison would get it done.

Does Simpson hate Italian shoes? He is an asshole who almost certainly has killed his wife. If I met him, I'd kick his ass with my about 7 (40 in Italy) size feet! Life is strange. Tyson is still shorter than Andre' but wears 13 1/2! I remember that RS's shoe size is 6. She told me that once and these are unforgettable things!

I've just discovered that Muhammad Ali wears a size 13 shoe. That was my duty to inform all of you! Ian Thorpe wears 17, Tom Hanks 8 1/2, while Robin Williams wears 9.

I've done a little investigation Bruno-Morrison. I'm convinced Morrison beat better opposition. Although close. Tommy lands that big left hook, And Bruno won't have the stomach for it, like when he bailed out against "IRON MIKE"!

Hey Jimmy D, passed through Norco today on the way to my Mom's house. I had to stop to get gas for the car. The win had shifted and nearby Fontana, home to some cows, horses, etc, drifted its distinctive smell downwind to Norco. That part of Fontana, adjacent to the 15 freeway, might remind you somewhat of Oklahoma, be fore warned if you head out to that area.

So the results from the last match ups were: - Mathis goes through by unanimous decision - 7-2

Spinks over Jones by Unanimous decision - 8-1

Bruno wins by split verdict - 5-4

Okay the next two draws are: - Gerrie Coetzee vs Cleveland Williams

Riddick Bowe vs Eddie Machen

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In an action packed bout, Coetzee knocks out C. Williams in the eighth round. Bowe knocks out Machen in round number six. Massimo, I should not post without my glasses. When I do, I make more typing mistakes. I was just jokingly being a fair weather Laker fan because they face elimination from the playoffs. La Habra is in northern Orange County, California and is considered a slightly different area than Los Angeles. Anaheim is probably the largest city in Orange County. So I live closer to there than I do to L.A.

Cleveland Williams vs. Gerrie Coetzee is actually a very good match. Williams, a very good puncher and boxer would aggressively take the fight to the South African, but finds in Coetzee, who was briefly champ, a very good boxer also, a very accurate counterpuncher. Williams would clearly lead early, then the bigger Coetzee would get his opening. Coetzee by KO8. Bowe would struggle early with Machen, a very good courageous 200 pounder, before giving him the Sonny Liston treatment. Machen lasts long though, TKO 9 for the very talented Bowe.

"Dennis what the hell are you doing here?" Anyway I'll be in Las Vegas on June 29th, And be at one of their Libraries, looking up Microfilm of Jerry's 1965 and 1966 bouts. Hopefully this time I can get Even his pro debut, Should be able to get them all and then some. Its interesting to me. I should finally be able to get all the hard core stats score cards, time ko or tko, fighter's weights etc. I thought Morrison was going on in the tournament, Commission?? Like I said IF Tommy could get by Both Foreman, Ruddock. And show a lot of heart beating both Williams and Hipp. I thought Eddie Machen went the distance (12 rounds) with Liston. Basically Eddie fought a defensive fight but did get some good shots in. Liston won by points even though he got penalized for fouls. Yes, Machen went the distance (12 rounds) with Liston. Basically Eddie fought a defensive fight but did get some good shots in. Liston won by points even though he got penalized for fouls.
well be the Queen of England. Your story showed the side of JQ that we like so much—a regular guy you could sit down, have a drink with and talk to. |  
When people ask me, "what is the big deal about Jerry Quarry?" I tell them that even Jerry was a world class athelete, he was a regular guy you could talk to. He never acted like he was above us, ever. I would like to make a comparison to a boxing announcer I met, the beautiful Amy Hayes, who introduces fighters on Fox Sports Network boxing shows and sometimes ESPN 2 cards as well and compare her to another, more famous announcer in Michael Buffer of "let's Get Ready to rumble" lucky fame. Buffer, who drives a car so expensive it looks more like a spaceship than a car, doesn't even look in your eyes when you speak to him. He seems to have a very standoffish attitude. While Amy will laugh and joke with you and she remembered the incident and me when I mentioned that I was singing to her and the ESPN 2 guys told me to shut up. Amy also has a better attitude than a couple of ring card girls that I have seen at several shows and have spoken to. When I said hello to them a second time, they gave me phony, plastic smiles and they looked past me as if I wasn't worthy enough to speak to them. They probably think they are going to famous actresses when in reality they are probably going to be nothing more than T and A symbols, carrying the ring round cards and nothing more, ever. |  
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Can't wait to get to that farm in South Jersey, Steve (SHEMP) Machen went the 12 round distance in an elimination bout vs Liston, and from what I've heard gave a good account of himself. Yes Hipp was Indian, I can remember he came to the Morrison fight wearing an INDIAN vest and a Billy Jack hat.

I didn't meet Andre the Midget. I was at a wrestling show circa 1970 and I was seated next to where the wrestlers came out for the matches. Andre came out accompanied by Fred Blassie, a good guy in the L.A. area and Blassie looked very short next to Andre. There was a wrestling feud going on between Andre and Blassie and John "The Golden Greek" Tolos and whoever his partner was. Andre also towered over the other wrestlers too.

I also went to some of the television tapings of wrestling at the KCOP studio, channel 13. Some of the wrestlers who used to perform at those shows and at the Olympic also included, Rocky "Soul Man" Johnson (the Rock's father), Earl Mr. Universe Maynard, Victor Rivera, Black Gordman and the Great Goliath, among many others. I remember one time they had a match billed as "bite verses bite" between Goliath, who loved to chew on his opponents' foreheads and Blassie, also famous for taking a chunk with his teeth out of people in the ring, WHAT FUN!!

Did you ever meet Muhammad Ali or Coolidge, Kent? And Lennox Lewis? Is the Carver High School close to the La Habra area where you live?

I have never met Ali. I have spoken on the phone with Lennox Lewis, Kirk Johnson, both Klitschko brothers, and John Ruiz. I have met James Toney, Vassily Jirov and Chris Byrd. I have spoken one on one to all of them in person as well as I asked questions live during a press conference with Evander Holyfield. There are others as well who I can't think of at the moment. Of course, I have also spoken to all four Quarry brothers. Can't forget the Quarrys can we?

The only boxer I ever met was Mike Tyson, and seeing him in action (at a party) was something I'll never forget. No, he wasn't friendly, he didn't care who I was, but wasn't rude either. After he entered the main room at the party, he really came out of that subdued person, amazing. I have met more than few pro athletes here in Cleveland. If I could have met some boxers, JQ, Frazier, Norton and Lewis would probably top the list... I like Dominick Guinn, a solid up and coming contender not yet ready for a title fight. He proves again talent and hard work are better than lazy size.
Hey Jimmy D, I wasn't talking about just one farm in south Jersey. There are still huge areas in southern Jersey that are strictly farm land. You can drive for miles and miles and see nothing but farms. Dairy farms, pig farms, and thousands of acres of corn, wheat, and no street lights for miles at a stretch. When I got out of the Army, I bought a 1970 red Mercury Cougar, with a big 351 v-8. I put in an 8-track stereo with four speakers! My best two friends and myself would cruise and drink all over these back roads all night long, stereo blasting Steppinwolf and Jimi Hendrix, and never even see another car!

I worked with a few guys who lived in Mike Rossman's neighborhood when he was growing up. I was at a party once where he showed up. I was pretty drunk, and we left soon after he arrived. I heard the party got kind of rough later. I'm glad we left early. At that time, I fancied myself as somewhat of a badass. I would probably have gotten myself beaten to death by Rossman.

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So Coetzee and Bowe go through. Now, because I won't be near a computer for 9 days now I'll call three matches and then post again when I return. <br>Leotis Martin vs David Tua<br>Razor Ruddock vs Zora Folley<br>Lennox Lewis vs John Ruiz

Bowe has outshoed Machen, as predictable. Did anybody of you guys ever see Cleveland Williams when he was in his prime? I have only seen him in disappointing efforts against Sonny Liston (second time) and Ali'. Reading his record it doesn't seem to me he did beat rated fighters but Ernie Terrell and maybe Sonny Banks.

Lewis b Ruiz KO 1<br>Ruddock b Folley KO 5. Folley was ahead on points when he got caught by a devastating left hook. In the interview after the fight Zora says: "I didn't believe that a human could hit that hard! Donovan hit me harder than anyone else, including Oscar Bonavena."

David Tua-Leotis Martin would be a slugfest! David Tua is the winner by KO 3.

Lewis wins easily over Ruiz in our tournament---probably a decision but not a close one, and as usual with these guys, a bit of a borefest. Tua wears down Leotis Martin to get the win. And I like Ruddock over Folley, by TKO.

Lewis vs. Ruiz would be very awkward for several rounds, with all the holding and leaning Ruiz does, but Lewis would lead start to finish, finally catching his man, KO8. Martin would clearly outbox Tua, but only delay the inevitable, Tua by KO7. Likewise, Folley would box circles around Ruddock before being bashed, Ruddock by KO6. Thanks.

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Yes Angelo, Dominic Quinn is a good fighter and one loss is not going to ruin his career.

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6/18/04 04:28:41 PM| Bob Bumbera| NC || renfbera@aol.com | 10 | Tua KO's Martin in 6, Lewis decisions Ruiz 119 to 109 and Ruddock overpowers Folley in 10.

6/18/04 09:27:35 PM| Steve| N.J. || dmmssrm@comcast.net | 10 | Tua ko's Martin in four rounds. Ruddock hits hard, but Folley is a tough, skilled boxer. He's just not strong enough to mount any kind of attack. When he finally tries to trade punches, he gets knocked out. Lennox Lewis gets disqualified for constantly hitting Ruiz with hard left jabs before Ruiz can get close enough to grab him and wrestle around the ring, throwing rabbit punches for a full three min. every round. Ruiz complains to referee Zak Clayton, that he's being thumbed in both eyes with every jab. So Clayton, being the careful guy he is, disqualifies Lewis in the third round.

6/19/04 03:39:55 AM| Massimo| Roma, remember Scipione l' Africano? || shaq LDE (Less Dominant Ever).com | 10 | That's the only way Ruiz could beat Lewis.<br><br>I don't understand how it is possible that Has Been Rahman has lost to Ruiz! Primo Carnera, in his prime, would have beaten John Ruiz. In his fights against Sharkey (in particular the second), Loughran, Neusel, Godfrey, Shaaf, Campo (in particular the first) he showed good skills and even a decent chin! Erminio Spalla was better than him, though!

6/19/04 01:05:31 PM| Kent| La Habra, Ca || kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Angelo, yes losing to a tough guy like Monte Barret is nothing to be ashamed of and Guinn looks like he has learned from the experience. I would bet on Guinn in a rematch because although Barret knows all of the tricks in the trade, he is at his very best a lower level contender, top ten to twenty guy, around twelve or so. It is just that Guinn probably has better natural talent than Barret does but as shown in his fight with Barret, just having the talent is not enough, a fighter has to use it or he could lose.<br><br>David Tua is an example of someone with natural talent who doesn't always use it. A lot of the time he just throws one punch at a time and he comes in very overweight, thinking his power will bail him out every time. Not so, as witnessed in his inept title challenge against Lennox Lewis. I remember rooting for him again't Lewis, yelling at the television, come on, you stupid "pineapple head," throw punches! He had that crazy looking hair that made him look like a pineapple but it didn't help him as Lewis speared him with his long left jab from a distance all night long. I would still pick Tua to defeat Leotis Martin though.

6/19/04 11:07:29 AM| kookoo| ny || kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10 | I can't believe you people are still talking dream fights! BORING!!! Turn down that boom box funktron eat some them <br><br>Blackeyed peas get a life Kent, stop pandering to everyone, I've seen you on other websites, I never comment, you just make me laugh harder<br><br>Each time. J)))))

6/20/04 04:27:14 AM| Looney Bin| South Africa || nmandela@aol | 10 | Koo Koo's back. Thank God. We were all getting worried that something had happened and you'd gone to hell. Can I ask you some questions, Koo Koo? Have you ever thought about getting a job as a contractor in Iraq? It means you won't be able to accept the vacant CIA director's gig you've probably applied for. Have you ever gone out with a Muslim or black woman? Really? How was it? When are you going to take the hand and leg restraints off and free them from your cellar? Have you ever been out of the US? Out of your state? Out of your home town? When is your parole up? Have you ever met the Muffin Man? Oh, and one for Massimo. What size feet do you have?

6/20/04 10:46:30 AM| kookoo| ny || kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10 | yea, yea, right bootlip, riddle me this, what can't you give joe frazier: answer black eye & a fat lip. No, I don't date blacks they are not attractive to me, hell black guys don't even want them! Ever black guy I see at work is always eyeballing white women, I think that part of the problem is that black women have the most negative attitude in general I ever seen, Blacks are their own worst enemies. rap music, acting like animals, janet jackson superbowl. NO WONDER BIN LADEN WANTS
TO KILL US, LOOK HOW WE REPRESENT OURSELVES. BLUE BIRDS FLY W/ BLUE BIRDS, RED W/RED<br>MUHAMMAD ALI SAIS THAT THE SMARTEST THING HE EVER SAID!!
[6/20/04 11:04:24 AM]Observer|My computer||kookooisan@ss.com|||5|Koo Koo's drunk again, got fired for failure to grasp the complexities of his latest janitor job, and angry at everyone who's smarter and more successful than he is, and that's a long line. |
[6/20/04 11:58:58 AM]Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia90101@aol.com|||10|HAPPY FATHER'S DAY DAD! WE SURE DO LOVE & MISS YOU VERY MUCH, UNCLE JERRY TOO! ALSO, HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL YOU DAD'S OUT THERE, ENJOY WHAT YOU HAVE AND DON'T TAKE IT FOR GRANTED. KEEP CHECKING OUT THIS SITE, ITS AWESOME!!
[6/20/04 12:41:39 PM]Massimo (but nothing to do with Marone...)|Roma, not ugly at all !|4|||10|Looney-<br><br>I wear 40 in Italy. I think that I'd wear about 7 in the USA but I don't know exactly !<br>Maybe I should take the first flight for the United States and buy there a pair of shoes, just<br>to discover what's my shoe size and soon after come back to Rome. I'd have to spend some money<br>for the trip but learning my own shoe size would be<br>worthy losing some money. It's so sad that I know the shoe sizes of Shaq, Thorpe, Ali', Lewis, RS, Kent, Bob Bumbera, Paul, Angelo etc. etc. and don't know my own shoe size. What<br>the thing is that Primo Carnera did wear 52 in Italy, while Shaquille Rashaun O'Neal would wear 59. I'm not that big, Looney! Even<br>Andre' the Midget Rousimoff was bigger than me... |
[6/20/04 09:36:47 PM]Gerry|Cleveland USA||Lakers fold the tent.com|||9|Nothing like a little race idiocy on Father's Day, I guess... I caught an episode of I,MAX at a friend's house this weekend, I heard the WBC is apparently about to go bankrupt? If this is true, can someone please tell me how this is possible? They should be swimming in cash, right? Also, an interview with the glib James Toney, during which he made the same claims of total greatness as usual, but then stated he could easily defeat Klitschko, because European fighters are dumb, yes, he said that. Why does a guy who boasts a little and charms people have to go stupid and insult people? I'd love to see Toney-Klitschko, is he just trying to hype a fight? Opinions anyone? Massimo, I'd take Carnera over Ruiz also. I'd put Carnera nearly on par with JQ, but he also seemed to have some real distractions that kept him from being possibly a much greater champion, just my opinion. Thanks again. |
[6/20/04 10:31:52 PM]Looney Bin|South Africa||nmandela@aol|||10|You're one cool dude Kooky, but you hate rap. Figure you to be a Village People type of guy. Can picture you as the construction worker. Bet the cowboy wears his chappies on backwards when standing in front of you. Don't try and repress it. We already guessed. Not that there's anything wrong with it.|
[6/21/04 05:05:35 AM]Kent|La Habra, Ca||La Habra, Ca|||10|Loony Bin, you are one funny guy! The Klockman probably thinks you, and the Muffinman for that matter, are my alter-egos but we know this isn't true and Carl, the webmaster, knows this also. I am not anyone else but myself and while I would not go out of my way to upset the Koo Koo one, I do get a chuckle out of you doing it.<br><br>Gerry, I have spoken to Toney in person on at least a couple of occasions and it is my feeling that he is hyping a potential bout when he spouts off about this or that fighter. He seems to be a more relaxed individual when he is off of the interview stage.| 
[6/21/04 10:47:55 AM]kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|SPEAKING OF CARL HE NEEDS TO DO SOME MAJOR UPDATING ON THIS SITE MORE PICTURES OF JERRY, EXCEPT FOR SOME OF THE VIDEO POSTS, CARL HAS BEEN AS SLEEP AT THE WHEEL A LONG TIME, WHATS HE GET PAID FOR? |
[6/21/04 04:50:39 PM]Jai|Queer Eye for Koo Koo||forukookoo@hotmail|||10|Queer Eye would like to do a show on you, Koo Koo. The Fab 5 would come down to your trailer for a makeover. We'd replace that white hood and cloak you've been wearing for 25 years. We'd pull down the Boy George posters, treat those fungal
infections, and replace the torn fly screen. And then we'd delouse you so that you'll be nice and clean when your lover (cousin Jed) comes home from the Klan meeting. Boy oh boy, has cousin Jed got a surprise waiting for him!

6/21/04 05:42:25 PM|Fran|Philly|plc7755@aol.com|||10|Folley beats Ruddock<br>Lewis Beats Ruiz<br>Martin Takes Tua to school. Martin by Decision.| 6/21/04 06:44:29 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Hey funny guy(s), isn't the show called Queer Eye for the Straight Guy? I remember Koo Koo saying he was interested in Jerry's niece, Sonia but nothing came of it as Sonia is married. Koo Koo did try though so the Klockman and cousin Jed probably are not lovers. A makeover might be a good idea for some of us though. Can I get one?

6/22/04 01:10:21 AM|Jai|Queer Eye||4ukookoo@hotmail|||10|Koo Koo is just experimenting with cousin Jed. It's just a phase he's going through. Will you let us do a makeover on you, Koo Koo? We'll make you a sensitive new age guy. Don't ignore us.

6/22/04 09:12:44 AM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia90101@aol.com|||10|This site is way cool, you all keep coming back, and that's awesome. Dad & Uncle Jerry, would love that. Hey KooKoo what's up? Now be good all, and keep coming back and posting.

6/22/04 07:59:10 PM|Tom|Santa Clara||tedfish2@hotmail.com|||10|I was browsing the mag section of Long's drugs last night when I came across an article in Ring magazine written by Eddie Machen in 1962. Pictures of Eddie were in there too. I don't follow boxing much any more, but I knew Eddie personally. I was only 14 when Eddie moved into my neighborhood in the Berkeley hills back in the mid-sixties. He was easily the most friendly adult on my block. I remember him often standing in his front yard playing with his kids and chatting with neighbors that walked by. My sister was best friends with his daughter and I'd often go down (on my parent's instructions) to tell Nancy it was time to go home for dinner. His son was great too. I remember when I'd come over to the house his son would yell my name, then come running up to me and hug me. The Machens moved after a few years. The daughter who was my sister's best friend showed up at our door one day years later but Nancy wasn't home and the daughter didn't leave a phone# or address, so that was the last we saw of the Machen family. I've purposely left off Machen family names to protect their privacy.

6/22/04 09:14:37 PM|Mike|Philadelphia||yammagamma300@aol.com|||10|Greetings, I just came across this site and been doing a lot of reading. Looking forward to talking to you guys.

6/23/04 02:40:32 AM|Abe McGruff|Pattaya Beach, Thailand||sinnbarr@hotmail|||10|Welcome Mike. I don't post a lot as I'd much rather read and learn from the expertise of the other guys who come here. They are all long time students of boxing and there isn't too much they don't know, especially about Jerry Quarry. You've come to the right place if you want to learn. Who is your favorite fighter Mike? Mine is Khosai Galaxy (at least since I have been over here).

6/23/04 03:36:46 AM|Forest Ward|NYC||NYC.COM|||10|Hi folks, it was 35 years ago tonight that Frazier and Quarry fought in the Garden. I remember it like it was yesterday. <br>One more note, to all the Gerry Cooney fans who think he is doing a wonderful job helping ex-boxers. Well I read on the Max Boxing site that Cooneys "Charity" only contributes 20% of the donation it receives to helping down and out boxers. The other 80% goes to "expenses." Normally for a charity to be considered legitimate, only 35% of the donations should go to expenses. Also, anytime Cooney is asked to attend a charity event he will not go unless he is paid. And this money goes to Gerry Cooney, and not his "charity." Just thought you might like to know.

6/23/04 09:46:45 AM|Massimo|Roma, remember Alberto Sordi ?||lakers, who?|||10|I was re-watching the Quarry-Shavers fight, and I have noticed that Ernie hit Jerry hard a couple of times. Well, Jerry didn't even blink!
guy could take a good punch, that's for sure! That was Jerry's greatest accomplishment in the ring. You guys were talking about American music just a bit ago. What do you think about Bruno Martelli (Lee Curreri) as a composer? And what about Shorofsky as a teacher? Did you ever sing Bruno Martelli's songs, Kent?

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other than a time many years ago when I took a vocal class and one of the requirements was we had to sing a couple of songs in another language, so I did one in Italian and one in German. I don't remember after all of this time who the composers or what the songs were. No, so except for one time, I have never sang anything by Italian performers. I don't know anything about Cooney’s organization or how they help fighters. But I do know Alex Ramos and about his Retired Boxers' Foundation. Alex "The Bomber," a former middleweight contender, has done a lot of good for fighters in need. His group, along with TJQF, has also helped pass legislation for the improvement of boxing.

I was referring to another TV show whose title was "Saranno famosi" in Italy and, I guess, they will be famous in the USA. In the TV show there was an American actor (Lee Curreri) who played Bruno Martelli (a composer of songs) and Shorofsky was his teacher. His songs were in English, not in Italian. This American TV show is very popular in Italy and so I thought it was very popular in USA too just like "The White Shadow". Nothing serious. I was only joking around, I need to joke once in a while, just can't be serious all the time! And this is a sad moment for we Italians. Italy has had it ass whipped in the European Tournament.

My favorite fighter is Smokin Joe - but i've always been a Jerry Q. fan!

At the height of its popularity, I was studying music at what is called a community college here in the U.S. so I could relate to the pretend students studying on the TV show. At the time, I was watching it years ago and yes it was popular in the U.S. relative to what is called a community college here in the U.S. so I could relate to the pretend students studying on the TV show.

Instead of challenging me to a duel, which is a Medieval concept, why don't you challenge me to a boxing fight? But I have to warn you of something first. First of all I'm way wilter than you (5'6''). Then, Ali couldn't dance in comparison to me, Foreman couldn't punch, Chuvalo couldn't take a punch and Jerry Quarry wasn't brave! I'll bring your wife back to Calabria, where she should be. She loves Italy in her own heart, she couldn't care less about Old Jersey! Your wife will be mine, Steve! Your marriage is over! ())).

Steve—<br>Andrea Bocelli has a really great voice! He is a very good guy too. I'm very sorry for his blindness. Andrea Bocelli is the second best voice in the world. Kent Appel is the king, the best voice in the world. Joe Frazier is a savy choice as your favourite fighter. Joe's my third wife Linda's best as well. We were a little disappointed earlier this year when we read in the Bangkok Post that Joe had given his girlfriend a black eye and a fat lip, but, hey, we don't know the circumstances and he beat the wrap so he's innocent. She
probably walked into a door or something like that. Talking of singers, listening to music over here is slim pickings. There's no Willy Nelson or Johnny Cash or that wop guy Andre that Mossima is talking about, if you know what I mean. The best Thailand's got is Samart Payakarun. He used to be the world bantamweight champion about 15 years ago until that little guy from down under, Jeff Fenneck, beat the bejesus outta him. Hell, I can't understand a damn thing that Samart sings, but Linda loves his stuff. I read somewheres that Oscar is going to fight Forest. Oscar's slowing down but Vernon is getting too old. Should be a good fight though and I'd bet on Oscar.

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<td>Massimo, thanks for the compliment but I don't have anywhere close to the best voice in the world. There are a lot of people better than me. I am somewhat limited in my sound to certain styles and certain keys. Careful song selection is a big part of me sounding good. In case anyone is wondering, I met Jerry Quarry many years ago and he and I spoke mainly about music as he was a good singer. Jimmy D, you are right about Jerry having a great memory for people (of course before his illness took this from him) as I ran into Jerry about a year after I talked with him and he said to me, &quot;hey my singing buddy, how's it going?&quot; So after all of these years, I still like to think of myself as Jerry's singing buddy. That is why I speak about music here as I think Jerry would want it that way.</td>
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| Steve<<br>You call it Chaos when small differences in the initial conditions of a physical system provoke<br>Huge differences in the final system. The Chaos Theory is necessary when you have to handle such situations. The Chaos Theory is involved in many subjects such as turbulence in fluids, not linear electronic circuits, motion of objects in the solar system, weather forecasts. The problem is that in Physics there are just a few problems that (or which) are exactly solvable. The armonic oscillator is one. This doesn't mean that the physicists are dumb. The reality is that most of the classes of mathematical equations don't allow an exact analytical solution. That's the reason nobody ever will write the exact wave function of Kent Appel, because (or as, or since) Kent Appel is a very complex system. You have to make (or do) approximations. The smarter the approximations you do (or make) are, the better the results you obtain are,
where better means closer to reality. And that is what the job of the theoretical physicists is often all about. The fact that we all live in this modern world is a wonderful proof that this kind of approach works very well. I'm sorry but I don't know fractals. I had a friend who wrote a thesis that was about fractals but he doesn't live in my quarter anymore, and I have no idea were his feet are in this moment.

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All you pc gutless wonders can't debunk what I've said, all you can do is talk about uncle jed or some other stupid crap. The klan's image has been tainted by the ones who committed crimes against blacks which I do not agree with. Whites need get out of those robes and attend some of these board meetings. It's ok to be pro black, everybody jumps on that bandwagon, be pro white and you got problems, blacks use slavery argument like a sword to get their way and nobody says nothing. whites are a bunch chickens.

Steve, thanks for your comment! Yeah, seeing Eddie's pictures in Ring magazine brought back memories. Eddie was certainly an easy going guy at home. Great with his kids. He was always ready to talk and was a good listener too. Unfortunately I think by the time he moved onto our block he was at the tail end of his career. The article in the Ring said Eddie was 30 in 1962. That would make him about 35-37 when he moved to my neighborhood. Of course I knew he died sometime in the 70's apparently from a tragic fall.

That was not Koo Koo making those posts. Someone posted in Koo Koo's name trying to make him look bad. Leave him alone! I think Tom has several names.

Steve, that is something Jerry Quarry and Eddie Machen had in common, two warriors in the ring going toe to toe with each other but decent people outside of it. I hesitate to comment on the race stuff but I will say this, Koo Koo it is not P.C. to be against the Klan as they were and always will be a terrorist organization who deep down want to keep the black man and other minorities in their place (in the Klan's mind) as second class citizens. I am also against them because they consider me to be some type of mongrel and probably inferior in nature (in their minds) because I am of mixed race, white and Native American. KKK= POMPUCKHA POMYU PILEK MOMCAT! Translation: KKK= they are big fat bu**heads! It is a shame that the only white people who advocate for the white race are nuts like the klan. It is time more reasonable white people not let their rights be stepped on but do so without stepping on the rights of other races. I live by the code of Dr. M.L. King who dreamed of a future where "people are judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." This means people should not be automatically thought of as being bad or inferior just because they belong to a certain ethnic group, they should also be held accountable for their actions if those actions are bad in nature. It is time that people, when they commit crimes, not hide behind the race card by yelling racist every time someone is critical of their actions.

To whoever said discussing the KKK pertains to Jerry Quarry, nothing could be further from the truth as Jerry had many fans and friends from all races.

Hey Kent, out here in Jersey we have a channel on cable tv called VH1. You guys probably get something similar out there. For the past two years they've had a 100 best male and female vocalists countdown. It's based on the quality and range of the voice. Who do you think won for best male vocalist two years in a row? Hint, he's been dead for thirteen years. Oh, this is best rock vocalist, no Country, no Rapp. I sometimes like
to change the subject from boxing, since I usually don't get a response when I ask for information on a serious boxing question. It seems people are too busy responding to the nutbag posters. |

Kent, you must realize by now that we are dealing with a few, or maybe only one, punk-in-his-heart kid or an adult with the mentality of a slow twelve year old. He wants to get into the conversation with the adults, any way he can. Please don't take this as a racist remark, but the best American Indian rock group of all time is Redbone!

You had a great policy of ignoring that asshole for a long, long time. I know that was hard, as he threw some pretty serious insults at you.

Anyone with any intelligence only has to read the post alleged to be Koo Koo's to know that it was not him writing it. It is completely different in grammar and speech patterns. Someone is writing under several names trying to cause problems. Kent you're wrong if you think that was Koo Koo. I suspect that Peacemaker has made a comeback and is stirring again. Peacemaker = Mike = Tom = whoever. So leave Koo Koo alone.

every time they put a klansmen on tv, he's dumb and can't complete a sentence, kent i know your the red man, thats ok, but nobody will ever speak for whites, if you do you will be attacked by your OWN RACE MUCHLESS BLACKS, red pride, brown pride, yellow pride, but oh no not white pride, tell me who's the racist!

Jerry Quarry was certainly a good fighter. I remember him beating Ron Lyle. If I remember correctly that was Lyle's first loss. That's quite an accomplishment since Lyle's the only one who ever actually knocked Foreman down. (I don't count the Ali knock-down as a real knock-down; Foreman was just too exhausted to stand up, not to mention his frustration at not being able to put Ali away like Frazier and Norton.) I just looked at Jerry's record and I saw a whole slew of top ten fighters that he beat. Did he really beat Shavers in one round? I remember Shavers KO'ing Norton. Foreman was good at bludgeoning fighters but for one punch power Shavers might have actually been more powerful. Now and then I still follow boxing -- I'll show up at a friend's house for marquee fights (all I have to bring is a six-pack to watch it for free!) -- but I was more of an afficianado (is that spelled right?) in the early 70's. I guess boxing appeals to my base instinct or something. I wouldn't recommend it as an occupation for anyone though. I was never a very good fighter myself. I only got involved in street fights and I usually lost. I guess I was just no-good, or maybe it was that deep down I really didn't want to hurt anybody. I'm glad I grew out of that though. One fighter that stuck in my mind from the 70s was the middleweight Mike Nixon. I was surprised that he didn't go farther. I remember him being able to throw these flashy combinations that were so fast, his opponents just seemed completely outclassed. Well, I think I'm going to retire for a while as a boxing fan. Good luck to you all!

Massimo, have you read Frank Tippler's book, titled, "The Physics Of Immortality", he's the professor of physics at Tulane University, in Loisiana?

Who the hell wants to know how many times I been married? What's that got to do with anything. The only other person who ever asked that was my ex's lawyer trying to squeeze more out of me and I was in the witness box. The only good one I've had is Linda, although she's ugly and punches harder than a crapping mule.

No, I didn't read that book. The title sounds very strange, I mean, I can't figure its meaning! Nobody is immortal, not even Silvio Berlusconi. However he is a Professor, so he surely knows his stuff. I have met Prof. of Physics who couldn't teach well, but I have never meet a Prof. who didn't know the subject.
Can anyone verify when Mike Tyson is scheduled to fight again? How old is he now? Mike Gerald Tyson was born on 30 June 1966. His actual age is a direct consequence of that. I have read that he will probably fight on 20 July. I think this fight is a nonsense. I guess he has economic problem. And so what? He will have economic problems for the rest of his life. I have no doubt about it. It's just the way his brain works. I hope he is not planning of challenging (or to challenge) Vitali! My chances to beat or of beating) Gary Kasparov in a chess game would be better! Probably an in prime Tyson would have beaten Vitali, but not this version.

I have recently re-watched the Douglas-Tyson fight and I have to say that Tyson's loss wasn't a freak accident as many journalists (but I hope not my friend Kent Appel) described it. Tyson was in good shape (100 Kg), very young and had just destroyed Carl "The Lie" Williams. The problem for Mike that night was that Buster Douglas was in great shape too (probably in the best shape of his career). Mike Tyson didn't fight too badly that night. I think, not many fighters in the entire history of boxing would have beaten Douglas (on) that night: Carnera, Spalla and not many others...For only 1 night, Buster Douglas was in the same class with the all time greats: Spalla, Carnera, Damiani, Ali'.

Joe Louis, George Foreman etc.

Massimo, no I didn't think Douglas' win over Tyson was a fluke. I was in a bar the night of the fight and I went around to the whole bar before the fight started and I told everyone that Tyson was in for a tough fight (not that he would lose), one of the toughest of his career, as I had seen Douglas fight several times and if he gave his best effort, I figured Tyson would have some difficulty. Most of the guys at the bar laughed at me about Douglas and wanted to bet me. I wish I had bet now as the guys were not laughing at Douglas and me after the fight!

Massimo: I agree with you, it was no fluke the night Buster beat Mike. Douglas fought a nearly perfect tactical fight (save for one lapse where Tyson caught him good). Douglas was bigger, used his jab to perfection, boxed brilliantly and Tyson was NOT out of shape at all. That night, Douglas was the better man by a mile. If Douglas could only have had the same intensity for all his training and each fight, that he had for Tyson, he'd have been an all-time great.
throwing bombs, 99.9 percent of anyone would have quit just to keep there eye sight. And as WORLD FAMOUSLY tough as Canadian George Chuvalo was/is. He still turned away from Frazier under similiar circumstances. Yes I believe Jerry Quarry is an Hall Of Famer to say the least! take care.

In the case of Douglas beating Tyson, the better man did win as Douglas is most likely the better man morally. I have always hated the phrase that the better man is the one who won a fight, a physical confrontation. That one's manhood is measured by the ability to be physically stronger.

My example is what would happen if I fought Mike Tyson one hundred times? The better man would never win because even though I could never win a physical confrontation with Tyson, I am still a better man than he is. It is also safe to say that the men who visit this board, by and large, are better men than Tyson but none of us could ever beat Tyson. In the case of Tyson's career, most of the time the better man lost as Tyson's opponents are likely to be better men than Tyson, but not better fighters.

Massimo, Douglas fought very well against Tucker until he ran out of gas and he got knocked out in about the tenth round.

You can beat the crap out of Tyson whenever you want! And I'd bet that your Native Indian is better than his.

Okay - Lewis, Tua and Ruddock go through. I'll draw three matches again - Larry Holmes vs Floyd Patterson, Oscar Bonavena vs Greg Page, Renaldo Snipes vs Karl Mildenberger.

Larry Holmes vs Floyd Patterson KOT 6
Oscar Bonavena b Snipes KO 11
Karl Mildenberger b Page on points
Andre's fist was 16in. I do believe in this one.

Man, this site has gotten rough. What is with all the racial nonsense? Lighten up or post somewhere else, please ... Some good posts recently on JQ, I believe Shavers did KO Norton, Norton also was troubled by Jimmy Young. These and other reasons are why more than a few rate Quarry-Norton a very good match if it were fought earlier in Jerry's career...

On Douglas-Tyson, fight was not a fluke, Douglas decided to show up in shape, which for him was rare, Tyson was very distracted. Douglas was terrific, totally dominated a sub-par Tyson effort. BUT, the fight does not represent the two fighters at all, that's why it was such a huge upset. If Douglas had fought a focused Tyson, Mike KOs him, no question. I'm one of the few who has stood up for Mike a little, he is a victim in many senses of the word. But he is also responsible for his actions, which is where my defense for him ends. Douglas took a total dive for Holyfield, showing up fat for his only title defense. Douglas is hardly a saint either, and was a big underachiever before that match. Tyson has delivered far more terrific performances, I'll stick with him over Douglas even though Buster is from Ohio. Douglas was a flash, Tyson was the real thing. His loss to Douglas ultimately means little.
person is. Douglas seems quite content with his life today while Tyson lives in constant chaos. The Holmes-Patterson fight, Holmes KO's Floyd in 6 rounds. Greg Page out boxes Ringo to win in 12 and Snipes over Mildenberger, 9 th round TKO. Shavers KOed Norton in 58 seconds. |

[6/28/04 08:39:02 PM|Fran|philly||plc7755@aol.com||||10|Bonavena wears out Page for late round KO<br>Holmes beats Patterson<br>Snipes over Mildenberger]

[6/28/04 09:02:03 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Page, Holmes and Snipes move on. Holmes wins via 9th round TKO after delivering about 20 unanswered punches. Snipes wins a tough one, and Page eeks out a decision in a surprisingly tough fight. By the way, in response to Kent "the better man won" is only figurative, not a literal description. Just meaning that on a particular day/night, the better athlete wins----the guy who was better that particular moment. Also, yes, I have the video of Shavers over Norton. It was a weird thing to watch. Cosell comments that "whatever Norton is doing, it isn't working" as Norton is getting tagged with bombs. Then, Shavers steps it up even further, and blasts Norton out. I don't have the Young-Norton fight on video. My recollection is that I had Young winning narrowly---but I could see how the fight would be scored for Norton too. I thought that Young fought his fight and made Norton look awkward---Norton couldn't force Young to fight his fight. It was very similar to Young vs. Ali. Both times, the judges went for the better known name fighter and Young was ruled the loser. |

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[6/29/04 01:04:49 PM|Gerry|USA||jgschultz11@aol.com||||10|I agree with Bob B. where quality of life is concerned. Tyson wishes he had half the mellow Buster does... I guess I missed part of the tournament, but I have no real prob with the outcome of the last set of matches. Floyd could not reach Holmes, but would chase him anyway until he got KO'd, about round 7, Page would be bothered early with Oscar's Ruiz-type brawling tactics before pounding him in the late rounds on way to a lop-sided discision. Talk about wasted talent : Greg Page. Mildenberger may not have gotten enough credit from you guys. His fight with the inconsistent Snipes would likely be very close, he went a good full 15 with no less than Ali and always came ready. He would likely take rounds from Snipes before losing by late KO... I know it's not boxing, but I wanted to mention how impressed I am with baseball pitcher Randy Johnson right now, about as good a pitcher as I've ever seen. Thanks.]

[6/29/04 01:44:45 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Holmes over Patterson, KO 8<br>Page over Bonevena by decision<br>Snipes over Mildenberger by decision|

[6/29/04 02:17:08 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|Gerry--<br><br>Don't exaggerate ! Ali' did beat Mildenberger by<br>kot 12.|

[6/29/04 02:29:12 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com||||10|A couple of hours after I posted yesterday I realized why I was confused about Bigfoot vs. Douglas. Martin never fought Buster Douglas; Martin decked Michael Moorer in the first round and dropped a 10 round decision to Moorer. I guess I related Douglas with Moorer, one more guy whose inner demons overcame his incredible natural talent. Oh yeah, one of the announcers covering that fight said the nickname "Bigfoot" was given to Martin when he was a kid because he was always sticking his foot in his mouth during conversations. His actual shoe size was 9 1/2 to Moorer's 13.|

[6/30/04 07:34:56 AM|Evren|London||@||||10|Mildenberger would be too sharp and crafty for Snipes and win a decision. Patterson would be too quick against Holmes and capture a split decision in a shock. Greg Page cannot cope with Bonavena's bullish tactics and drops a decision or late round stoppage to the Argentine.<br>|

[6/30/04 01:24:07 PM|Gerry|Cleveland USA||jgschultz@aol.com||||10|Massimo, I stand corrected on Karl Mildenberger's fight with Ali. But my point was, he was a lot better than some give him credit for. Snipes nearly beat Holmes, then lost
to much less-talented guys. Mildenberger was very consistent by comparison, that was what I meant. Sorry, don't know Karl's shoe size.

| 6/30/04 04:48:56 PM | Massimo | Roma | ||||| 10 |

I have seen Mildenberger against Bonavena and that was a strange fight. Strange because there were several knockdowns (maybe five) all scored by Oscar but Mildenberger was counted I think only 2 times. In spite of all those knockdowns, I still have the fight close in my scorecards, I think Bonavena was ahead by (or of) 1 or 2 points at the end. Mildenberger showed good skills in that fight and even hurt Oscar Bonavena with a left hand once. I think he did much better against Muhammad Ali though. His boxing was based very much on the jab. He was a clever boxer, he fought with his brain. The best Bonavena I have ever seen was against Muhammad Ali. Boy, he hit Ali' many times for the entire (or the whole) fight and I am not sure that Ali was ahead when round 15 started!!!!!

Oscar Bonavena vs Vitali Klitschko would have been interesting.

| 7/1/04 07:01:54 AM | Evren | London | ||||| 10 |

I have a lot of footage of Mildenberger against Amos Lincoln, Billy Walker, Henry Cooper (remembering from an ailing memory) and he was impressive I thought. A precise boxer with a very disciplined style.

| 7/1/04 08:49:53 PM | Angelo | DC | || funktron@yahoo.com ||||| 10 |

Randy Johnson is indeed one of the best ever---you can make a case that he was the best of the 1990's into the 2000's. In my lifetime, I'd rate Bob Gibson as the best of the 60's (I was very young to remember this, but am basing it on footage and stats.). In my mind, Steve Carlton was the best of the 70's and Roger Clemens the best of the 80's---amazing since he's still mowing them down and it's 2004! Honorable mentions go to Tom Seaver, Nolan Ryan and maybe even put Tommy John in the group, for battling an injury that used to end most guys careers. Dwight Gooden could have been on the list and could have been first ballot hall of fame---but we all know about "could have beens."

| 7/1/04 10:46:36 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | || kentallenent@aol.com ||||| 10 |

Angelo, I remember Bob Gibson very well and he was indeed one of the best I have ever seen. Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale from his era, were also among the very best even if both of them ended their careers early due to arm injuries. Johnson, Clemons, Jack Morris, and Greg Maddox are the best of the recent crop of pitchers and they rank up there with the others I have mentioned. Of single seasons, Denny McClain's winning 31 games in the modern era is about the best I can remember but it was almost overshadowed by Gibson's incredible 1.12 ERA and Drysdale's 58 and 2/3 scoreless innings in a row that happened in the same season (broken by Orel Hershiser, another excellent recent pitcher). At his very best, I would go with Nolan Ryan as the one pitcher that at times was almost unhittable and he did it well into his forties, being measured at throwing almost 100 miles and hour even very late in his career, an amazing arm, but also the best and smoothest pitching mechanics I have ever seen. Johnson is a bigger man but Ryan knew how to put every once of his body into every pitch he ever threw. Pitchers before my time such as Bob Feller, Warren Spahn, Walter Johnson, and many others were I am sure also something special to see.

| 7/2/04 12:42:59 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | || kentallenent@aol.com ||||| 10 |

Angelo, how could I forget perhaps the greatest pitcher of them all, who even in his mid forties when he finally was allowed to pitch in the major leagues, was an effective relief pitcher, none other than Satchel Paige? It was a shame that he and many others were not seen by a large segment of the population due to the race barrier that didn't allow blacks in the mainstream leagues. But I have read about great pitching duels between Paige and pitchers such as Dizzy Dean, another great from before my time, during exhibition games that matched major leaguers verses Negro League players. I understand that Paige more than held his own.
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Hey Max, do you mean Tyson didn't train for his fight against Douglas and it is a damn shame he is still in the picture? Sorry, couldn't resist! You are very right though.

First of all I have just discovered on the web that I'd wear a 7 or 8 shoe size in Minneapolis. You Kent would wear 43-44 in Pisa. Tyson weighed in at 222 pounds for Douglas. He was slightly lighter than when he fought Trevor Berbick, so I guess he did train pretty hard for the Douglas fight. The problem for Mike was that James Buster did train too and was not afraid of him. Tyson is still fighting, I guess, because he needs money. I think this is not Kent's fault or Steve's fault or Oliver Norvel Hardy's fault! This is Michael Gerald Tyson's fault!

Larry Holmes, Greg Page and renaldo Snipes go through - next matchups are:

Muhammad Ali vs Oliver McCall
Ron Lyle vs Nino Valdes.

Muhammad Ali gives McCall a boxing lesson for eight rounds before McCall, very frustrated for not being able to catch Ali and hit him with many significant punches refuses to come out for round number nine. Poor Oliver just sits in his corner and cries his eyes out like a big giant baby and says no as he keeps pushing his cornermen away as they try to get him off of the stool to fight. Kind of mentally unstable McCall's answer to Roberto Duran's reaction to Sugar Ray Leonard. Ron Lyle wins by sixth round knockout over Nino. Lyle overpowers Valdez and gives him a fairly good beating while absorbing some hard shots by Valdez along the way.

Ali WD over Mcall
Lyle Ko Over Valdes

Sandy Koufax was the most dominant pitcher I have seen in my lifetime. There were other great ones but he was special. Carlton in the 70's.
(1) Gerry, you can be sure Mr. Paige's victories were real. By the time you saw him in the AL, he was in his 60s. Ask any major leaguer you know from '40 to '70. They'll know. (2) Everybody, will Oscar Bonavena be able to beat Bernard Hopkins? It's the first time in his career when Oscar is not the favorite. I think Bernard will stop him, maybe Rd 8 or 9. (3) You know, if it's valid to consider who's best "pound for pound", then it's valid to imagine all the fighters from all time in the same weight division and who would win. This game removes only the weight difference. Who do you think would win: Ali versus Sugar Ray Robinson, or Sugar Ray Leonard? Roberto Duran versus Rocky Marciano? Jerry Quarry versus Alexis Arguello? Nino Benvenuti versus Billy Conn? Hammerin' Henry Armstrong versus Tommy Hearns? Marvin Hagler versus Joe Frazier? Archie Moore versus Roy Jones, Jr? REMEMBER, THESE GUYS ARE ALL FIGHTING AT THE SAME WEIGHT. Would you pay to see any of these fights? (4) Sorry. I meant Oscar de la Hoya, not Oscar Bonavena. Welcome Ernie, interesting bouts in pound for pound match ups. They are very hard to pick winners. One thing for sure, Jerry Quarry fairs better than he did at heavyweight in that if I remember correctly, at least 47 or his 66 career pro fights, Jerry was outweighed by his opponents and even so, Jerry didn't do too badly. Jerry was also outweighed in seven out of his eight losses (not counting the loss at age 47 that should not have happened). It could be all of his losses but I don't know the weights of the Machen fight. Jimmy D, where are you? He knows this stuff. Ernie, you fall into the hype about Paige's age, he was probably around 45 when he started pitching for Cleveland and he lasted six years, which puts him at about 51 when he left. He did make one appearance for the Kansas City A's in his mid sixties and he went one inning and did not allow a run (just to qualify for a pension), so Paige must have been amazing in his younger days. Gerry, I was reading a book about Ted Williams discussing the twenty five best hitters of all time. Williams included Josh Gibson in this list based his talking to ex Negro league players who played with him and against him but also due to the fact that during a fifteen game exhibition tour against major league pitchers sometime during the 1930s, Gibson batted .415 with five home runs. Negro league statistics were at best unreliable and Gibson at times probably benefited from playing against lessor talent and Williams concedes this, but he also played against a lot of all time greats that were never recognized. Williams in his book felt although a lot of weight for picking the best hitters of all time was put on numbers, what kind of statistics a hitter put out, year in and year out, there was no way he could leave out Josh Gibson, considered the best hitter the Negro leagues ever had. I would include Paige in a list of pitchers for the same reasons Williams includes Gibson.
wrong, I got a lotta stuff on JQ but some of it I already had. You had to buy a $5 dollar card, had to have another card made! Sheesh! it was ridiculous to say the least. I did get his hard stuff like TONY DOYLE I (1965) and JAMES J. WOODY ETC. There are a lot of discrepancies on Jerry's record at least 8 of the dates were wrong, And I should know, because I got them all off MICROFILM! TAKE CARE.

| 7/3/04 04:27:24 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | SPOKANE WASHINGTON | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | 10 |

And Kent, Massimo for once is right, Machen 193 to Jerry's 187. What a great picture. and write up the Times and LVRJ had on that fight. And Massimo my stooge buddy from Italy. I do not know the shoe size! take care.

| 7/3/04 04:50:40 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 |

Jimmy-<br> You're a nice guy. What kind of fight was Machen-Quarry ? Close ? Exciting ? Jerry Quarry's fights were always or almost always exciting ! What were Jerry's weights for the two Ali' fights ? Thanks.

| 7/3/04 04:52:06 PM | Kent| La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |

Jimmy D, I didn't know the weights on Quarry/Machen, so I was neither right or wrong. It does now show that Jerry only lost to fighters heavier than himself. Hey, I thought you were going to Vegas on July 28 and moving to Washington state after that. Too bad, I was planning to go to Vegas that weekend.<br>Massimo, the pitcher is the player in baseball who throws the ball to the batters, who try to hit the ball. The pitcher tries to keep the batters from hitting the ball or at least to hitting it to one of the fielders who try to keep the batter from getting on the bases. After the ball is hit safely in fair territory, the batter becomes a runner who tries to advance around the bases back to home plate to score (the same place batters hit the ball from). It is a little more complicated than this but that is baseball for the most part.

| 7/3/04 05:35:46 PM | Massimo | Roma | maybe in baseball Italy would win.com | 10 |

Kent-<br>Just thanks ! It's the first time in my life that I understand something about baseball. That's a dream that come true ! I'm writing and crying at the same time !<br>

| 7/3/04 07:58:00 PM | Mike | Philadelphia | yammgammama300@aol.com | 10 |

fran- I think Carlton was the greatest pitcher.do you think pete rose should be in the hall of fame, i do.

| 7/3/04 08:43:07 PM | Angelo | DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 |

Josh Gibson was a superstar homerun hitter and would have been an alltime great in any era of the major leagues. Satch Paige was a brilliant pitcher and ditto for him---would be great yesterday, today or tomorrow. I'd have loved to see these guys play either in the Negro Leagues or better yet, in the majors. Yes, Pete Rose, baseballs all-time hits leader, should be in the Hall. The essence of baseball is the hit. This guy has the most...and he's not in the hall. Ridiculous. They don't have to let him manage again, but the rule should be changed so that players can still be voted in even if they're no longer affiliated with baseball. As for the fights: Ali hammers Oliver McCall and wins a lopsided decision or late round TKO and Ron Lyle pounds Valdez for a TKO in round 5.

| 7/3/04 09:46:55 PM | Greg Schasser | Canton, OH | comingsoon.com | 10 |

Hope this goes thru. I'm poking around the computer and was surprised to see such a good site for this fighter. Alot of guys I know don't like boxing but I do and Jerry Quarry was a guy I remember hearing about who contended in the 1970s. There sure were some very good guys back then! I didn't realize Quarry was so small for a heavyweight, I think he must have been very good to challenge Muhammed Ali and Joe Frazier. Now that I've seen this site, I'm going to have to read up on him a little. I did hear of his brother Mike too, that he was also very good, must be some family! How close did the Quarrys get to being champ? I guess I'll have to read up and find out. Thanks, nice site, I'll be back.

| 7/3/04 10:59:14 PM | Kent Appel | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |

Welcome
Greg, Jerry Quarry advanced to the number one contender spot three times in his career, getting two title shots. After making it to the finals in the WBA tournament to name a new champion after Muhammad Ali was forced to retire due to his legal difficulties at the time, Jerry lost a fifteen round split decision to Jimmy Ellis. Jerry also lost on cuts in seven rounds to Joe Frazier for the title in a brutal fight in which both fighters went toe to toe in a real war. The first round of that fight was called one of the twelve best rounds in boxing history by The Ring Magazine. Oh by the way, Jerry got the better of Joe in that great round.<br>
Jerry's biggest wins were over Floyd Patterson, Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers, and Buster Mathis. Jerry also defeated rising young contenders such as Mac Foster and Thad Spencer. Foster going into his fight with Quarry, had a record of 24-0, 24 by Knockout, while Spencer had just upset the WBA number one contender Ernie Terrell. In addition to these fighters, Jerry had wins over contenders such as Jack Bodell, Larry Middleton, Lorenzo Zanon, Brian London, among others.<br>
Jerry Quarry was called the best heavyweight to never win a title by former champion George Foreman.<br>

Mike Quarry was a fine light heavyweight who got one title shot against legendary champion Bob Foster but lost by a fourth round knockout.<br>
In a shameless plug, go to www.eastsideboxing.com and click on a link called "The Time Tunnel" for an article I wrote about Mike and his career entitled. "Mike Quarry, A Warrior in his Own Right." On the list of articles in the "Time Tunnel" section there is also an article I wrote about Jerry's fight with Ron Lyle and another about Jerry's career from another writer. I hope you check it out.<br>
Newcomers, feel free to vote on our hypothetical heavyweight tournament featuring 64 of the best heavyweights since Rocky Marciano was champion (the 1950's). All you have to do is vote for who you think would win a particular bout.<br>

Jerry's biggest win was against Lorenzo Zanon, by far. Nobody in the boxing world would remember Jerry Quarry without that win.
have given Lyle a competitive and interesting fight. I know Nino's record pretty well but I have never had the opportunity of watching him in the ring. What kind of fighter was? Did he punch hard? Could he take a good punch? Did he like spaghetti? Thanks.

| 7/5/04 01:56:49 AM | Greg Schasser | Canton, OH | stillcomingsoon.com | 10 |

Kent. I think it's cool you can chat here without registering like some other places. This site says Jerry Quarry won the National Golden Gloves, did he beat anyone who also was a contender? Sounds like he was a very good amateur, I don't think that is very common. In reading up, his fights with Patterson seem to have been very close. It doesn't sound like Quarry got much credit against him. Patterson was a former champ, how well did Quarry do against him? I've read Quarry was expected to beat Jimmy Ellis. I don't know much about Ellis. Quarry had title shots against Frazier and Ali and was very highly ranked, not too bad at all. I'll have to read up on his record. Thanks cool site.

| 7/5/04 10:31:56 AM | Fran | Philly | plc7755@aol.com | 10 |

Mike<br><br>Carlton was a great pitcher and probably the best of all time definitely in a class by himself. It's hard to put anyone else on the same list with him. The thing is I think the same of Koufax who was great in a way but different in that he was so good then disappeared from the majors. So the pick for me is Carlton or Koufax and its something to think about.<br><br>As far as Pete Rose in the Hall of Fame, it's a matter of them recognizing the greatest hitter that ever played the game or not. Its to their benefit to put him in because it makes the hall of Fame look stupid with out him. My opinion is they never should have kept him out. He should have been in as soon as he was eligible.

| 7/5/04 01:23:20 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |

Greg, Jerry fought Ellis with a chipped vertabrae so he essentially fought with a broken back. He had been complaining of pain but it wasn't discovered until after the fight. I think Jerry would have likely one a rematch. As far as I know, Jerry didn't beat anyone famous in the golden gloves.<br><br>I have never seen the first Patterson fight all of the way through but the in the second one, Jerry knocks down Patterson two times, once in the second round and once in the fourth round. The rest of the rounds were very competitive so I believe Jerry won the bout fairly. Patterson would have had to dominate Jerry in most of the rest of the rounds to gain a win and I just don't see it that way. A lot of the rounds could have gone either way so I guess a case could be made for Patterson if the judges had given most of the rest of the rounds to Patterson but they didn't.

| 7/5/04 07:23:45 PM | Mike | philly | yammagamma300@aol.com | 10 |

Fran<br><br>I agree with you about Pete Rose.<br><br>Now Jerry was a great fighter and being Irish myself you gotta love him. But being from philly i always liked smoking Joe, all ways down to earth a real great fighter from Philly.

| 7/5/04 07:27:00 PM | Greg Schasser | Canton, OH | soon | 10 |

I did read that Quarry had a broken bone in his back for Ellis, which was a match for a belt. I'm surprised it wasn't postponed. I've read Quarry was rated as very tough, his record seems to prove that. I do know who Earnie Shavers was, he was a very big name here along with Micheal Dokes, who held a belt in the early 80s. Earnie was a huge puncher, and I've heard Ron Lyle also was a real contender, both met Ali and didn't do too bad. So those are real big wins along with his win over Patterson. Sorry, I'm still learning about some of the other guys he beat, it sounds like some of them were also ranked. If Quarry did not get much credit for beating Patterson, he may have won some of the other matches that were draws also? He did have several draws. I think Quarry is more known for fighting well but losing to big name guys who were just too big for him, is that fair? Ali, Frazier, Norton, Chuvalo all had to outweigh him by a lot. Quarry and Patterson probably should have been cruiserweights, even Sonny Liston was a big heavyweight back then. I did see the statement George Foreman made about Quarry, quite a compliment, Foreman was such a huge puncher. Quarry lost twice to both...
Ali and Frazier. I have read where he did well the first time he met both guys, maybe not quite as well the second time. Still, fighting those guys and being rated so high is pretty damn good. I don't know that much about light heavyweights. But it sounds like Mike Quarry made it just about as far as his brother. That's pretty rare for one family to have two top guys like that, I know the Spinks and the Klitschkos also have had two top boxers. Well thanks again. I'll be back.

I believe one of the Golden Glove guys JQ beat was Clay Hodges. Hodges lost to Frazier in the 1964 Olympic trials, but beat George Foreman at least twice, I believe. Hodges was the man to go to the Olympics in 1968, Foreman was the alternate. Again, this probably needs to be double checked... I think Pete Rose should be in the baseball Hall of Fame. But, that's up to baseball, not the fans. Pete pissed them off... Steve Carlton is one of my faves also, on the RJ topic. All the top strikeout guys were great, in my opinion... Good to see another Ohio guy here, I think few know how close Jerry came to beating Frazier or how well he fought Ali before the cut or that he had just two weeks to face Norton but still took it straight at him. Chuvalo was a plain robbery, Quarry had him. Spencer and Foster are very big wins, those guys were never the same after JQ, Mathis either.

Racism, both pro and con, played a role in Jerry's rise and in his being overlooked in 1973. He is considered among the top 30 heavyweights of all-time, that tells it was more than hype. He should have had a belt for beating Ellis, that was his real chance in my opinion. He was better than Ellis, but couldn't prove it that night. I consider both Quarrys as former champs by today's definition of multiple belts and a cruiserweight division. They were real boxing stars and that is why this site is here.

Kent, a chipped vertebra is in no way comparable to a broken back, which is a significant interruption to the spinal column and usually causes paralysis. It is painful as hell, but he may not have felt much while fighting for all the adrenaline he had going.

Gerry and others, why all the excuses made for Jerry Quarry? He was a fine heavyweight, lost several times in championship bouts and that was that. It's ridiculous to say he "almost" won this or that fight. Besides, to Ali? No. To Frazier? Hell no. Joe beat him soundly, hurt him badly. Judging the effects of even one fight is not easy. Some guys get knocked out for a few seconds, even standing up, then their head clears and they're OK. Others show no noticeable change but are subtly changed forever. Judging by what eventually happened with Jerry, I think he was hurt much worse than anyone thought and much earlier than anyone thought. Ali, too.

Also, it seems to me there are about 500 fighters, most heavyweights, you guys talk about here. I'm rusty, but how many possible bouts is that? The sum of 500 times 499, divided by 2? Wouldn't that be in the ballpark of 25,000 fights? What are we gonna do after we get those settled? Last, sorry to change sports, but is there any way to find out (or anybody you can pay) the lifetime BA and record of one baseball hitter against one pitcher? My hometown of Fullerton, CA -- right near you, Kent? -- had 2 Hall of Famers -- Steve Busby of Fullerton High, pitcher, and Gary Carter of Sunny Hills High, catcher. How'd they do against each other? Massimo, paisan, I got you #3 on my all-time greatest heavyweight list, right between #1 Marciano, #2 Carnera, and #4 Evangelista. Addio, paisan!
anyone can find statistics on how a certain batter does against a certain pitcher. I know they keep these stats for use by major league teams for coaching purposes but I have never seen them released to the public.

Yes, I have found memories of our La Habra High School teams playing against both Fullerton High and Sunny Hills High. I remember playing baseball against Fullerton on a field at Fullerton College next door and getting a long double and stealing third base (I was out by a mile but the third baseman dropped the ball). Wouldn't it be funny if the pitcher was Busby? I don't think so though as we were probably not in the same age range and he was probably well known in the area, even in high school, and I would have known if it was him I got the double off of. It was probably some unknown high school pitcher who either beat us or we beat him. I don't even remember who won the game, just my double.

| 7/6/04 05:27:31 AM | Paul | Sydney || same as before || 5 | Roadscholarette took all you guys for a long, long ride. Do a google search on the name 'roadscholarette' and you will see hundreds of posts she has done on all sorts of sites, holding herself out to be the exemplar of all knowledge, the font of all wisdom, Smokin' Joe's number one girl, etc.....but she is a bloody know-it-all. That woman is the biggest pest in the universe. Sheesh. Try page 2 of the google search on 'roadscholarette' and you will see that she writes racially prejudiced nonsense about being "raped by a nigger" - her words. (Actually she goes much worse than that, but it is too vulgar to repeat here.) Everything she wrote on this site she plagiarised from somewhere else. I haven't been here for a while, but you guys stick together, which is good, writing mostly on the same old topics, which is a little boring, but where is the Koo Koo Clock? He added a lot of harmless levity to this site and you guys need his wit and humour. You guys didn't appreciate the hidden meanings, and the other funny stuff like telling someone to "stay gone". Silly, but funny. You took him too seriously, interpreted his words too literally. He had even stopped annoying Kent, last time I checked in. He is Jerry Quarry's number 1 fan and you guys chased him away. Koo Koo come back! They need you.

I see that Massimo is still visiting here and his English has improved. So has his slang. And where is Evren B, or whatever his name was (Bearcave)?. Wasn't he going to visit Steve for a fight? Did it happen? Looking at the recent posts, everything appears too tame and polite. Not enough robust debate on interesting boxing topics, personalities, controversies, etc. You need a feud between a couple of posters to pep things up. I'd like to see Gerry and Fran get it on. Only kidding. Even, I see that you are arranging another tournament. I hope your life is fun and that you are well. Anyway, I had better go as I have probably worn out my welcome (again).

| 7/6/04 06:01:39 AM | Massimo | spaghetti, pizza e lasagne || chimezie kudu.com || Ernie- <br> <br> As an heavyweight I would have been still smaller than Jerry Quarry. I'm about 134 lbs. Considering that Tommy Burns and Sam Langford were considered top heavyweights in their times, I guess I'd have been considered in the same way in Mozart's times! Of course they would call me Massimo "The Giant" Cini in the wrestling business! In wrestling all is possible, buried men win fights and midgets become giants! I see that Massimo is still visiting here and his English has improved. So has his slang. And where is Evren B, or whatever his name was (Bearcave)? Wasn't he going to visit Steve for a fight? Did it happen? Looking at the recent posts, everything appears too tame and polite. Not enough robust debate on interesting boxing topics, personalities, controversies, etc. You need a feud between a couple of posters to pep things up. I'd like to see Gerry and Fran get it on. Only kidding. Even, I see that you are arranging another tournament. I hope your life is fun and that you are well. Anyway, I had better go as I have probably worn out my welcome (again).

| 7/6/04 07:08:21 AM | Evren | London || @ || 10 | Lyle and Ali to go through! Paul I think you have mixed my name up with another poster: - <br> <br> My name is Evren and there was an Evan B - we are two different people. Nice to hear from you anyway. <br> <br> Ken Norton vs Ingemar Johansson <br> Pinklon Thomas vs Gerry Cooney <br> Good luck guys.. |

| 7/6/04 07:48:42 AM | Massimo | Roma || 4 || 10 | Hi Paul, welcome back! Thanks for the compliment! My Italian is way better than my English! But nowadays, English is somehow more important than even Italian! Roadscholarette ain't Pol Pot, Hitler, Saddam Hussein, or Jeffrey Dahmer! I think you two are both nice guys. It's time for peace among you two. There are already too many wars on this
Norton over Johansson by KO in the middle rounds. Norton escapes early onslaught (something he's had trouble with against other fighters) and recovers to rally like he did against Holmes. Norton picks up steam and finishes with a KO around the 9th round. Cooney over Thomas by KO. Thomas starts off like Holmes vs. Cooney, outboxing Cooney smartly. But unlike Holmes, Thomas tires in the middle of the fight. Cooney lands the one big punch that he couldn't get off against Holmes. Thomas rises, but is unsteady. Cooney goes in like he did against Norton, with a barrage of unanswered punches. The referee stops it in round seven or eight. Cooney over Thomas by KO.

Cooney by decision over Thomas and Norton by decision over Johansson. Cooney keeps Thomas at a distance all night long with his reach advantage but doesn't knock him out because Thomas takes a good shot. Norton survives a few tense moments when his legs are buckled by "Da Toonder" but wins on his speed advantage and long left jab. Paul, we haven't chased Koo Koo away. He pops in here sometimes but it isn't much fun for him if he doesn't have someone to pick on or maybe the Klock has become much too serious. He will be back here I am sure. Evren, Paul got you and Evan B backwards. I am sure he knows you are different people.

It would be funny though if all of us were one deranged person who wrote in with different names, sometimes arguing with himself.

Sorry, I don't see it as excuses or whatever. Quarry did lead Frazier after three rounds, he did have Norton covering on the ropes, he was apparently injured for Ellis, he was robbed against Chuvalo. To say he nearly beat these guys, to me, is not an exaggeration. JQ was more than a contender who lost to the best, he came alot closer to the very top than many realize. That's my story and I'm sticking to it ...

Cooney outboxes Thomas, both survive hard shots to last the distance, Cooney by decision. Ingo surprises Norton with toughness and punch before Just Ken takes command, Norton by KO7. Massimo, I have to agree, the best Italian heavy was Marciano, an American. Carnera is second, I did like Damiani also. Did you mention Antufermo and Benvenuti, both were great, in my opinion... Jimmy D., glad to hear you are researching weights for Jerry's matches, would love to see them all on this site. Thanks.

"To chase someone away", I have learned another English verb today, thanks Paul.

Johansson knocked out Eddie Machen in 1 round by using "The Hammer of Thor". Guys, I think he would have knocked out Norton too ! As he showed in the Tyson fight, Thomas could take a good punch ! Thomas b Cooney on points.

Ken Norton vs. Ingo, round one Ingo lands a hard right to the temple at the one-minute mark and has Norton reeling all around the ring. Johansson is throwing a lot of punches some landing; most are off the mark as Norton covers up along the ropes. Ingo tries to end it in the corner, blasting away at the 212 pound Norton. Kenny hangs on until the bell. In the second round Norton comes out a bit shaky and the 199 pound Johanson is completely crapped out huffing and wheezing like an old freight train, neither man wants to take a chance. By the end of the round Norton is getting the better of Ingo. In the third Ingo goes down from a left hook, but tags Norton with a right to the body that slows Kenny down. The forth round, Norton drops a cut and bleeding Ingo twice Johansson’s corner throws in the towel at 1:26. Cooney vs. Thomas, an un-spectacular fight Thomas, 217 pounds wins a decision over the 224 pound Cooney. Both men landed good shots and they were both hurt, Cooney was a little quicker and Thomas landed more
punches. Thomas came on in the last two rounds as Cooney slowed down. Thomas
hurt Cooney a couple of times in both rounds to leave a lasting impression on
the judges. Ernie Laxalt, I didn't see anyone answer your questions about the
P4P thing. here's mine. <br>Ali vs. Robinson, Robinson by KO.<br>S.R. Leonard
vs. Ali, Leonard by Decesion.<br>Duran vs. Marciano, Duran by
Decision.<br>Quarry vs. Arquello, Arquello by KO<br>Benvenuti vs. Conn, Conn by
KO<br>Armstrong vs. Hearns, Armstrong by KO<br>Hagler vs. Frazier, Hagler by
KO<br>Moore vs Jones Jr, Moore by Decesion.<br>For the sake of argument, I've
removed all the intangeables, height, weight, reach etc. In other words they are
all the same size say 6' 180lbs with a 75" reach. Kind of an "average guy
size">

| 7/6/04 03:15:43 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com|||10|I almost forgot, they
all wear size 12 shoes|
| 7/6/04 03:28:59 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|SPOKANE
WASHINGTON||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Kent you lunkhead, A double poke in they
eye, and a pie in the face for you, not only do I have to tell you what arena
your in, I specifically told you July 29th in LAS VEGAS. And I appreciate you
maybe making it up to Vegas. And next time for sure. I found out Pullman
(Couggers) have all L.A. Times Micro. And I'll give it another go. Gerry I would
like to get everything I've researched on his record. I have the score cards 28
Of 34 DECISIONS on his record. He was an UNDERDOG IN AT LEAST 13 matches. And that
goes for all 4 Draws. And Massimo YES THE QUARRY-MACHEN bout was a great match,
which would slow down, but then heat up as both combatants would try to knock
they other out, forgive me people if you ask a question and I do not respond
immediately, for my internet time is very limited for now. And Kent, Jerry only
lost 1 bout when he had the advantage in weight. Ron Cranmer, who no one even
acknowledges, except maybe Cranmer's mommy.]

| 7/6/04 03:43:09 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|They finale tally on the Weigh in's are OPPONETS 41 QUARRY 23 One even, and one
undeterrned. And that is if Leslie Borden was 196 as listed Ring Magazine. Or
186lbs Boxing Illustrated. They L.A. TIMES had Borden at 196 And thats heavy for
him. MASSIMO ALI-QUARRY I ALI 213 1/2 QUARRY 197 1/2. JERRY 5-2 UNDERDOG. ALI-
QUARRY II ALI 216 1/2 QUARRY 198 AND A 5-1 UNDERDOG.|
| 7/6/04 03:57:22 PM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Ernie: It's not about
excuses for Quarry, but about giving him his due. Uninformed boxing fans seem
dwell on the nature of the losses later in his career (especially Ali II,
Frazier II and Norton---how he was cut up in these fights). In fact, Howard
Cosell, who I respected for having some boxing knowledge, made some crass remark
about Earnie Shavers as being "one of the few who can claim a loss to Quarry"
which is patently ridiculous. For Cosell to say that, it amplified what less
informed people thought about JQ's career. I think the fans on this site just
want to set the record straight by recalling all the great fighters Quarry was
in against, and competed well against---and the very good ones who he defeated
impressively (Like Shavers and Lyle). Ali and possibly Frazier are all-time
top ten fighters in any weight class---Norton is likely a top twenty all-time
heavyweight. These guys represent five of Quarry's defeats. That's very
impressive, and I don't go along with your post, which seems to dismiss JQ as
merely "good." His record, his opponents, his big wins---the era he fought in--
--all add up to something far better than "good."<br>Like I said, it's not
excuses (Lord knows Quarry doesn't need any of us to make excuses about his
career.), but it's really paying tribute to him on his own site. |
| 7/6/04 05:20:04 PM|Paul|Sydney, Australia||same|||10|Kent, how are you? Hope
all is well. You are a good singer, huh. I am completely tone deaf. Can't sing,
can't dance. Going back reading a few posts makes me think your suspicion about
one writer with multiple names is correct.<br>Evren (from London), sorry I
inadvertently mixed your name up, but I was being sincere in wishing that life
is now fun for you because I remember you were going through a hard time last
The other guy - Even B - wrote interesting posts. I enjoyed them (even though some of it was to see whether he got a reaction, like he did with Steve). Even B's posts were challenging, fun to read, and intelligent.

Massimo, your English is very good. So is your knowledge of boxing. You mention seeing these ancient fights, etc. Where do you get the videos from? How do you find the time (what with you being the new Galileo at work).

Alex P. Keaton, I assume that to write "to chase someone away" is grammatically incorrect by creating a new English verb (as you wrote). Sorry, but how is it incorrect? I write English by 'ear' (whether it sounds right) rather than through formal education on it. I left school 30 years ago and have forgotten all the grammar rules. Cheers.

I don't think anyone needs to make excuses for Jerry Quarry. If you look at the era he fought in - Ali, Frazier, Ellis, Patterson, etc - it was probably the most competitive ever. In my view, just being a contender in that era was more meritorious than holding some of the modern day championship belts. If Quarry arrived on the scene any time over the last 15 years, how many titles would he have won (especially since there is cruiserweight for him as well)? How many of today's guys would have done better than Jerry if you put them back in his era? Not many. Only Holyfield, Tyson and Lewis, in my opinion. It can never be doubted that Quarry always tried his hardest, although his tactics (for example, once against Frazier) let him down. I can't recall him ever dodging or dogging a fight. He never took a dive. Never made excuses for a loss. Never blamed the referee. Never bashed motorists or grocers, either. I think his reputation can rest on its laurels.

By the way, did you hear about the terrorist who hijacked a plane load of lawyers. He threatened to release one every hour unless paid a million bucks.

ESPN in Italy shows some of these fights, once in a while. I didn't mean that "to chase someone away" is grammatically incorrect! I just meant that that was the first time I met the verb "to chase". I had to open my dictionary to understand what you were saying.

Jimmy-<br>Thanks for the informations.<br>

Bob-<br>Thanks for the informations.

This guy Undertaker is a nut *! He should be stopped as soon as possible! He just can't keep burying people alive! It ain't a polite behaviour! I hope he and his brother Kane are going to get along, how should be among (or between) brothers! Kane seems such a kind and reasonable guy! He is a nut is slang. It just means "he is crazy".

Mr. Jimmy is...
very missed. He was our friend and he added a lot to our goings on around here. I can't believe it can possibly be two years he has been gone. Time flies, whether we like it or not.

|7/7/04 05:21:41 PM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia90101@aol.com|||10|Well, its been 2 yrs since Dad, died, and nothing has been the same. We've all been lost just doing what we have to do to get through life. I know I am not the same, its been a rough 2 yrs. I or I should say we(his family) all love & miss him so very much, it hurts. I am glad he was my Father, things were not always easy, but we all loved each other and got through the rough times. I LOVE YOU DAD! MISS YOU SO VERY MUCH! |

|7/7/04 10:34:55 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||jgschultz11@aol.com|||10|One thing I've found so far, it is ten times easier to find a video on Jerry than a simple picture / image. I've tried hard and have just a dozen that are any good. THIS SITE NEEDS A PHOTO GALLERY. Any of you regular posters please advise me on this subject. Thanks. |

|7/8/04 12:25:18 PM|Massimo|Italia, the boot ( don't know its shoe size)|||10|Da Preem has won the " Italians in the world" Award ". Primo Carnera's daughter Giovanna Maria Carnera will pick up the award. Nino Benvenuti called Primo "the greatest Italian fighter " of the 90s. I think<br>that Nino was a little out of his mind when he said that, probably drunk. I mean, the Carnera who knocked out cold Sharkey ( who doesn't believe that that knock out was for real should just look at Sharkey's eyes soon after the punch landed ) and easily outpointed a masterful boxer like Tommy Loughran or creamed a rising prospect like Walter Neusel (<br>they called him the new Max Schmeling ) was a very <br>good heavyweight but... No way Carnera was the greatest Italian fighter ! No way in hell (slang).<br>Duilio Loi, Bruno Arcari, Nino Benvenuti himself<br>and probably even Erminio Spalla were better than him. On 18 July 2004 will be inaugurated in Seguals a Museum dedicated to the memory of the Italian midget. You are all invited in Seguals in Friuli Venezia Giulia, in North-East Italy.<br>Today, in the bus, a child of about 1 years old of age, wanted to shake hands with me. Boy, his little hand just disappeared in my own hand !<br>What a strange sensation ! What a strange emotion ! An emotion to share with you friends!|

|7/8/04 12:38:16 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: "Big Hands" Massimo! Well, you talk about shoe size, but what about hand size? Johnny Bench (famous hall of fame baseball catcher) has HUGE hands! I think he once held seven baseballs in his hand (no, not a balancing act---he just scooped them up and could hold them. I wonder if boxers' fist size (which is part of the tale of the tape) is an important factor? |

|7/8/04 12:43:03 PM|max hord|fernandina bch,fla||maxhord@adelphia.net|||10|Nino was a pretty good fighter in an era that was full of good middles.

|7/8/04 01:10:17 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|Pinklon would drop a decision to Cooney and Norton would stop Johansson in the 7th.Has anyone seen any footage on Curtis 'hatchetman' Sheppard?|

|7/8/04 04:49:11 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|SPOKANE WASHINGTON||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Kent I know we kid each other a lot, And even Mr. Jimmy himself, got a kick out of the Moe thing. He was one class act who will always be missed. The man always made time for you, whatever he was doing. Mike was that way, and Arwanda was also extremely pleasant, of Boxing Kent, They most worthless stat of JQ'S career is KO vs TKO. Its like 19-TKO TO 11-10 Count Ko for Quarry 2 undetermind. Zanon, Guerra, Borden, Manley, and they UNBEATEN NO.1 contender Mac Foster all would not have beaten the 10 count vs Jerry. And there was nothing technical about them. I think the statistic was made for Ali. Its also 66-7 Jerry's knockdown vs opponent so far. So at least Quarry averages scoring a knockdown in every bout he had. His decision scoring to me was interesting 10-point must, and 5 point must systems, one Engal...
referee's decision vs Middleton. The peculiar California system (which I favor). And the Madison Square Garden scoring by Round only.

7/8/04 06:20:20 PM | Massimo | Lo stivale (the boot) || || || || |||| | 10 | Angelo (but not Dundee, I guess)<br>I'd like to know exactly how big are Shaq's hands in inches. They keep saying that he ain't good in free throws because his hands are too big. Are they bigger than Carnera's? Bigger than Liston's? Bigger than Andre's? Bigger than Lane's? Bigger than Coolidge's?

7/8/04 08:56:22 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | || || || || || || || | 10 | Jimmy D, yes Mr. Jimmy AKA James Quarry to those who don't know, was a nice guy. I know I only got to know him because his brothers were professional fighters but I am glad I did as he would have been worth knowing even if his brothers were not boxers. <br>One thing you forgot to mention about Jerry and knockdowns is that Jerry was 4-2-1 in the fights in which he was knocked down. Jerry usually got up and fought back harder. In the fights he didn't win, one was the draw against Patterson in their first fight, one was the freak loss to Chuvalo, and one was in the second Frazier fight. Jerry just as easily could have been 6-1 in fights he was knocked down. I don't think he could have won the second Frazier fight as Joe was very good that night and Jerry just didn't have it.

| 7/9/04 04:19:14 AM | Massimo | Roma | || || || || || || || | 10 | Wilt Chamberlain did wear a size 14 shoe.

7/9/04 02:55:04 PM | Mike | yammagamma || yammagamma3000 || || || || || || || | 10 | Massimo, who cares!!!!

7/9/04 03:46:35 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 || || || || || || || | 10 | Mike,<br>Are you for real? You cannot be serious! Everybody cares about that in the bottom of the heart, but it needs courage to admit it!

7/9/04 04:04:25 PM | Bob Bumbera | NC | renfbera@aol.com || || || || || || || | 10 | Massimo, Massimo, it's kind of freakish when you consider Wilt at 7'1" had a size 14 and Tyson at 5'10" has a size 13.5 shoe. The great Jazz/Blues musician Jelly Roll Morton was over 200 pounds and had size a 15 shoe and his hand spread was enough to cover a quarter of the piano keys. Quite a ladies man I hear. I would think Shaq's hands are quite a bit bigger than Da' Preem's though...I don't know. I don't think a fighters hand size has anything to do with punching power, three of heavyweights hardest hitting champions had a smaller fist size, Dempsey and Louis had an 11.5 inch fist while Marciano's fist measured 10.5. Massimo, I guess it's not the size, it's how you use it. Although.....

7/9/04 04:51:02 PM | Evren | London | || || || || || || || | 10 | Cooney and Norton are through.<br>Next two matches: --<br>Leon Spinks vs Jimmy Ellis <br>Buster Douglas vs Joe Frazier<br>Great matches I think. <br>Ali wore a size 12 Massimo!

7/9/04 05:27:13 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 || || || || || || || | 10 | Evren,<br>What a disappointment! I thought Ali's shoe size was 13! Muhammad Ali's legend is over in my book! <br>Bob,<br>I wonder whether Andre's hand was big enough to cover Serena Grandi's or Pamela Anderson's breast!

7/9/04 06:16:10 PM | Jimmy Dorsey | Spokane | WASHINGTON | ronnyrains@yahoo.com || || || || || || || | 10 | Kent: Jerry was knocked down vs Roy Crear, Al "MEMPHIS" Jones (twice) Floyd Patterson, George Chuvalo, Joe Alexander and Joe Frazier. so he was 3-2-1 3-knockouts. His knockdown vs Rufus Brassell was after the bell and did not count. (no pun intended!). In the Jones fight alone Jerry suffered a broken jaw and lost 4 teeth!! And still came back for the KO. Some of that Microfilm stuff will drive you crazy, if your not already there.

7/9/04 08:27:04 PM | Angelo | dc | funktron@yahoo.com || || || || || || || | 10 | Frazier out hustles Buster Douglas. After a slow start, Frazier finds his rhythm around the 3rd or 4th round. He begins to smoke heavily around the middle rounds, ending the fight with a 10 count knockout with a vintage power hook---Frazier by knockout, round nine, over a very tired Douglas.<br>Jimmy Ellis wins a unanimous decision over Spinks. Spinks wins one or two early rounds, actually hurting Ellis in the second round. But Ellis settles in and picks Spinks apart, making him look very wild and amateurish at times. Ellis by decision, and it's not close.
In a wild affair in which there are no less than four knockdowns, Jimmy Ellis wins a split decision over Leon Spinks. Spinks puts Ellis down in the second and third rounds with wild overhand rights and Ellis returns the favor in rounds seven and nine with right hand leads that catch Spinks rushing in. Ellis outboxes Spinks in most of the other rounds but one judge votes for Spinks with the other two picking Ellis as the winner.

Douglas is ahead of Frazier after five rounds but Joe gets to smokin full steam ahead to pound out a close but unanimous decision over Douglas.

Massimo, I have never heard of Serena Grandi, what is her shoe size? I doubt whether Andre's hand would cover Pam Anderson's breast but maybe El Gigante's hand would or Shaq's? Ali wore a 13, same as Bill Clinton. Ellis avoids the Spinks Jinks to win an unanimous decision. Frazier pounds out an unanimous decesion over Douglas, who is in good shape for a change at 224. Joe knocks Buster down in the 10th round, Joe's right eye is closed by the Douglas jab.

Serena Grandi was a famous star in Italy back in the 80's and 90's. She has a huge breast ( much bigger than Pamela's ) and she gave me inspiration a couple of times ( if you understand what I mean...). She is about 5'7", but I don't know her shoe size.

You are asking me what would have happened between the Frazier who destroyed Jimmy Ellis on 16 February 1970 and the Douglas who gave Tyson a good whipping. Hell, hard to say! I go with Joe, by 11 round knockout, in one of the toughest fights of his career. Joe Frazier got way more guts than Mike Tyson and Buster Douglas ain't George Foreman after all!

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Ellis would beat Spinks in the middle rounds, Spinks would run out of gas.

I pick Ellis over Leon - better all round boxer. Frazier would outhustle Douglas but have some troubles along the way. Similar to Fraziers fight with Mathis I guess. Would be a great fight though...both of them.

Interesting pair of fights. Ellis vs. Spinks, which Leon shows up? Doesn't really matter. Spinks pressures early, using his angles. But Elliss jabs and controls the toothless wonder to a decision. Which Douglas shows up for Frazier? The one who was an underachiever much of his career, most likely. Douglas has jab and punch for Frazier early,
and leads after four rounds. Frazier takes over from there, going hard to the body, hooking and uppercutting to the head. Frazier by TKO 10.

7/13/04 02:52:15 AM|Ernie Laxalt|Reno, NV||elax66@aol.com|||10|My thanks to Kent and Killer Massimo and all the rest. I'm impressed with the way you fielded my criticism without anger and explained your positions. You are right, too, and I was wrong. Yes, JQ did fight as tough opponents as anyone in any division I know of, including several immortals. His record is outstanding and great. If there were any way to measure ring courage, he might be the greatest of all time. <br><br>Kent, as to Busby at FUHS, he graduated in '67. Was that your time? La Habra had rough, tough teams and when we went up for football games, there were always some fights, usually against Mexican-American guys. That's when it would have been handy to have the Quarry brothers with us. (Jeez, Jerry in a street fight -- OUCH!) <br><br>I'm a little surprised some of you rate Buster Douglas so highly. Anyone mind explaining your reasoning? <br><br>Just one note. The Lakers are now 1 average team. Even if Kobe returns, they'll be lucky to get to the playoffs. Owner Jerry Buss's original mistake was not keeping Jerry West happy enough to stay here. <br><br>Speaking of basketball and for that matter, other sports, who do you all think were some of the best fighters? Gordie Howe was one tough dude. In basketball, Tommy Hawkins was, too. One of the most heart-stopping punches I ever saw was when Rudy Tomjanovich ran up behind Kermit Washington who was fighting someone else, and impure instinct or reaction, Kermit wheeled around and smashed his face. Well, we all would have. I never saw Chamberlain, Olajuwon, Ewing, Shaq or any other 7-footer in a good fight. Did you? One time Kent Benson, as a rookie, elbowed Kareem Abdul Jabbar hard in the gut with a cheap shot. A few minutes later, Kareem ran up beside Benson and broke his own hand flattening him. Benson needed facial reconstruction surgery. One time in the 60s there was a mediocre heavyweight about 6'8" fighting at the Olympic in LA. When interviewed, he said, "Basketball is way rougher and more dangerous because you never know when people are swinging on you." Hell, that's how I ALWAYS felt when I fought!!!

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7/13/04 05:47:28 AM|Deacon Sharpe|Roma, remember Albertone ?||4|||10|Ernie-<br><br>I think that, when in good shape and motivated, Buster Douglas was an excellent heavyweight, brave, with a good reach, a decent punch and yeah, even a decent shoe size. In this tournament the fight are thought as, prime vs prime, so I think that Buster Douglas would have given Frazier a very hard time, before losing. <br><br>I think Jerry Quarry is about as great as Patterson, Charles and Walcott, a top 30 heavyweight ever, even better than Spalla.<br><br>I could have easily hit (or hiten ) Jabbar in the guts with my elbow, since (or as ) he is about half a meter taller than I am( or than me) ( 7'2, against 5'6). I have read somewhere that Paul Wight is 6'8 tall and wears a shoe size 19. 6'8 is a height of a midget in my book. I have read that Shaq will leave the Lakers. This is very sad. It ain't the same without O'Neal. Greetings.

7/13/04 06:19:09 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Ernie, I graduated high school in 1977 so Busby is just a wee bit older than me.<br><br>La Habra is a cool town, kind of boring to some but peaceful most of the time. The whites and Mexicans have always lived in relative harmony and I have counted many from each group as friends down through the years. Sports had a lot to do with this, in particular Little League baseball, which brought, in my time, a lot of kids together. There have been gang problems from time to time but you find A-holes everywhere.<br><br>As far as Jerry as a street fighter, we have discussed this before but anyway briefly, Mr. Jimmy, Jerry's brother, said he never remembered Jerry ever losing in a street fight. <br><br>Jimmy D, the poster here who lived in Bakersfield for a time, said that supposedly some character named Porkchop took Jerry down in a streetfight. I talk to Bob Quarry, the youngest Quarry brother at times but I keep forgetting to ask him about this. He may not know though as he is quite a bit younger than Jerry and
Mike. Maybe some of the other Quarry family members know something about this. Not that it is very important and that is probably why I don't make a point of asking Bob about this.

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<td>Hi folks, just a word about Al Gavin, the well known cut man who passed away last Thursday. I first met Al 37 years ago when he was a boxing coach for the Police Athlete League (PAL). About 10 years ago we became good friends. Al was a true boxing historian. He had a lot of class. He never said a bad word about anyone. He did not like many people, but he kept it to himself. Al was a good man. He will be missed.</td>
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<td>Kent if you remember right, that was supposed to be top secret info between us on porkchop and not be on the sight!! Well I do not see any harm in it now or whenever. Now that you mentioned it, it supposedly happened twice! And once in Oildale. I've heard a lot about Jerry's Street endeavors, And that they only one's I ever heard of him losing. Which by no means is no disgrace anyway. And that other party was &quot;One badd dude&quot; and big, which also does not mean a whole lot in Jerry's case. I guess I'd better watch what I say to people in the future. Unless I want it repeated, Nothing against Kent. For he has spent his time and money. For only good things here.</td>
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<td>Massimo, Serena Grandi!!!, very nice. Born in 1958, same year as me. A very good year indeed! Charles over Dokes. Both men had their moments, Charles at 188 was just more consistant than the 224 pound Dokes. Ezz gets the nod by one point on each judges scorecard. Bonecrusher Smith wins by 6 round KO over &quot;Bad Thad&quot;.</td>
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<td>Sorry Jimmy D, I guess I let it slip because I don't think it is a very important or relevant issue and I honestly don't remember you saying that particular piece of info was confidential. It is just something that might have happened many years ago that means absolutely nothing in the long term scheme of things. Funny how I could never remember the name Porkchop until now. Oh by the way, you can still trust me to keep things in confidence. In the future, I will just keep everything we discuss off of the record.</td>
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<td>Sorry have been out with a broken foot, Anglo no one takes your comments behind what you said. We miss our brothers too, and yes it was Jim who worked so hard to start this foundation and Jerry who gave his all during his live and career, that keeps it going. Jim's two years gone just past. This web keeps both in the for front and the problems with boxing on our minds. Thanks!</td>
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<td>Charles b Dokes on points. Ezzard Charles' career was one of the most interesting careers ever! He beat Archie Moore 3 times, when Archie was still under 90 years old. Last night they showed the highlights of Charles vs Walcott II. What a fight! Charles knocked down Walcott in round 9 with a left hook harder than any left hook I have ever thrown! Great fighter!</td>
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Thad Spencer KO 2

Smith showed to be a chump against Mike Tyson! He was scared at death and refused to fight! But the man can punch, guys... The man can punch! Ask Tim Witherspoon and Frank Bruno!

| 7/14/04 04:53:23 AM | Richie Cunningham | La Habra, CA by way of Milwaukee || Sunday, Monday, Happy Days.com || 10 |

Bonecrusher Smith KO 6 over Thad Spencer, Ezzard Charles by decision over Mike Dokes.

Some of these guys were just flashes in the pan and had no longevity. They are up against solid seasoned pro's from another era. 

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Smith overpowers Spencer and Charles outspeeds Dokes.

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Spencer over Smith

| 7/14/04 03:15:00 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | Spokane WA |

Charles over Dokes

| 7/14/04 03:40:04 PM | Max Hord | Fernandina Beach, FL || maxhord@adelphia.net || 10 |

A pretty good website to view boxers records is "boxing rec". Not completely accurate but close.

| 7/14/04 07:16:19 PM | Greg Schasser | Canton, OH || coming soon || 10 |

Gotta go with the local star, Michael Dokes over Charles. I think Charles would go about 190 pounds, Dokes would be too big for him. I'll take Bonecrusher in his match too, same reason. I did see that boxrec site to see Quarry's record, he beat a lot of guys with good records, even if some of those guys are not well known. Spencer and Foster were too very high ranked guys, nobody I know has ever heard of them, it's like they disappeared after Quarry beat them. Jerry had 15 or so more wins than Frazier had total fights when they met the first time, and Frazier started his career sooner! Maybe Quarry had too many before reaching the top? He was very close to being champ, but there were four big champions in his era it seems to me. Foreman's compliment of him is very good, but I think George would have been way too big and strong for him. Quarry did have his respect, which is not a small thing. Really interesting reading about Quarry's era. Thanks again.

| 7/14/04 07:46:01 PM | Gerry | Cleveland || jgschultz11@aol.com || 10 |

I rate Charles as clearly better than Dokes, and very tough. Charles was very, very close to beating Marciano, and was a great boxer. Dokes was vulnerable to accurate punchers like Coetzee, Charles would win a lopsided decision. Spencer-Smith is tough to call. Smith could punch, is a lot like today's guys in that he is a so-so boxer. Spencer could really box, he would really bother Smith, I think. Could go either way, I'll take Spencer by close decision, taking Smith's best punches. As far as Foreman-Quarry, not to beat an old horse, Foreman would have taken Quarry as a very serious opponent if they had met. Whatever their diff in size, that really says something more than the kind compliments. Thanks. |
Gerry, the thing about Dokes is he wasted his talent by using drugs. He admits to snorting Cocaine before the Coetzee fight. Coetzee was a bit of a plodder, with the upright, stiff European style of boxing, although he did have a good left jab to go with a hard right hand. Dokes was not at his best when they fought and maybe he could have outboxed Coetzee if he had been but who knows, Coetzee may have dropped the right hand bomb on him anyway. In any case, I tuned into the fight expecting a good fight only to see Coetzee dominate most of the rounds leading to a tenth round knockout. Dokes would have made the fight close, even if he lost if he had been at his best.

Jerry Quarry would have been clearly underdog against George Foreman, let's say 1-4 or 1-5. Jerry did beat Ron Lyle. Lyle was almost as wilt* as Foreman, could punch hard and, as far as skills go, ( eh, eh, I'm learning English) he was at least as good as Giorgio Eduardo. If Peralta could give George a pretty close fight, I think Jerry would have had a decent chance of doing the same. I think Peralta's chin was one of the sturdiest in boxing history, but Jerry's chin was very good too. And Jerry wouldn't have been intimidated by Foreman. Nobody could intimidate Jerry! Eeeeeeeeeeeeh gia', gia', gia', gia' !!!!!!!!!!!! Don't you agree Cunningham? I got it, I still got it! "wilt" it's slang! It means " tall ".

I see what you guys mean about Buster Douglas. Anyone who is his size with skills has to be respected. It interested me that he has diabetes. Any other outstanding fighters with diabetes?<br><br>All I can say is this Porkchop character must have had a baseball bat or brass knuckles to down JQ, or maybe caught him after too many beers or something. Of course, it couldn't have been a bat or knucks, as Jerry's brothers would have retaliated massively. A lucky kick that caught JQ? I can't imagine anyone stupid enough to take JQ on, unless maybe the stupid guy's twin brother was King Kong. One of my good La Habra buds was Xavier Campos, known as X, Kent. He's an LA fire captain now, somewhere in East LA, unless he retired. Real big dude, maybe 6'1", 240. Good football center. I wear a size 13 but was not a good fighter. As the old saying goes, I enjoyed it until the other guy hit back! Anyone know is Joey Orbillo is still an LA cop? An outstanding guy, and brave against old pal JQ even though very much outclassed. I wonder what shoe size Gene (Big Daddy) Lipscomb or Rosey Grier wore. (They were huge American footballers, Massimo. Buon giorno, paisan!) Didn't basketball center Bob Lanier wear a 22 or so? Are any of the young Quarrys boxing now?

Ernie, Xavier Campos does not ring a bell although I remember Leo and Rene Campos who lived around the corner from me. Maybe he was related to them. They would have graduated between 77 to 79. Both of them were average size guys, around 5'10" or so, maybe 160 to 180 pounds or so. Massimo, isn't American television great? or at least it was great. Sincerely Richard J. Cunningham.

Morris Thorpe, who ? I'd trade Kobe Bryant for Warren Coolidge, that's for sure! Warren rappresents the biggest waste of talent in basketball history! He was potentially way better than Wilt. But you just can't achieve greatness with a coach like Ken Reeves and a team like the Carver! Come on! Warren was the
only champion in that team !!!!! The other guys were only good players, nothing more !<br><br>Richard J.-<br><br>Yeah, the American TV is very funny and enjoable. I did enjoy very much TV shows like FAME, FAMILY TIES, THE WHITE SHADOW, HAPPY DAYS and I am a long time fan of the famous soap opera with Katherine Kelly Lang, Ronn Moss etc. I note an asymmetry in the USA-ITALY relationship. I mean, I know everything about USA, while you don't even know that Italy is in Europe. You don't know who Claudio Baglioni is, you don't know who Lucio Battisti is, you don't know who Erminio Spalla is, you don't know who Serena Grandi is, you don't know who Anna Falchi is, you don't know who Bruno Conti is. You don't know who Giuseppe Verdi is, you don't know who Giacomo Puccini is (che gelida manina, se la lasci riscaldar, cercar che giova ? Al buio non si trova ! Ma per fortuna e' una notte di luna e qui la luna l' abbiamo vicina ! Aspetti signorina, le diro' con due parole, chi son, chi son !!!!!!!! (dalla Boheme, one of the most beautiful operas ever written, GIACOMO PUCCINI). Greetings.<br><br>See you soon guys !
No we have no young quarry's boxing anymore, yes it was Dianna who was the singer. When we were young my dad had all of us entertain him and my mom. Nixon was married to my younger sister, thirty years ago. He did like getting into fights who knows why. Jerry never lost a street fight believe me it did not happen, so who ever porkchop is he is putting out pork barrel.me |

You know where Wednesday, Thursday, Happy Days.com Talk about sticking out like a sore thumb? A jewesh kid on a Los Angeles inner city team, not likely.|

Chucky Arcola Milwaukee, as always arnolds.com My cousin Fonzie is always right! He was part of the Falcons, he is a tough guy! I remember when Coolidge played with the Arnold Globetrotters in un provino (sorry, I forgot English, I don't know "provino" in English), just like Wilt. They didn't accept him in the team. What a fool bunch of idiots !!!!!!!Too bad for them! To refuse Coolidge in a basketball team is like to refuse Pele' or Diego Maradona in a soccer team !!!!!!!!Or Bobby Fisher in a chess team !|

I hope people can forgive our silliness with the TV names. We are just having a little fun and even if someone doesn't think it is funny, cut us some slack. There have been a lot worse things written here at times. Life is too short to be serious all of the time anyway.|

I am attending the Kirk Johnson comeback fight versus a fighter named Gilbert Martinez on Sunday. I will be at the weigh in today and it will be interesting to see what weight Johnson comes in at. He came in at 260 pounds in his last fight against Vitali Klitschko and he got creamed in less than two rounds. Let's see if he has trained at all for this fight. His opponent is 18-7-1, 7 by KO not a big threat but you never know.|

Jerry Quarry vs Doug Jones around 1967 would have been a great fight !|

A guy with a standing reach of about 7'1" Roma in Europa (Kent knows that ) Jerry Quarry vs Doug Jones around 1967 would have been a great fight !|
will have to work too hard to keep you balanced, and you'll be easier to knock
down. I've always been a big dude, and Mother Nature is usually just right: size
10 or up for a 6-footer, but I can't say for the lighter classes. I used to know
former middleweight #1 contender Mando Ramos, and he had what seemed to be small
hands and feet. Of course, it really is to your advantage to have big hands.
That's a matter of physics in more weight (actually mass) times force (like
speed) creating more power. But hands about the same size do not make any
difference, compared to other factors. It matters most in a mismatch where a
bigger man with big hands doesn't need to swing or connect as hard to land with
and hurt a smaller man with smaller hands. As all of you know, Sonny Liston had
huge hands. Primo Cernera probably did, too. I'm guessing Marciano had small
hands for a heavyweight and had to work much harder to generate his power.
<br>Damned if I don't sound just like Roadscharolarette giving you all a lecture
in Boxing 101. I apologize. I don't know any more than any other slob.
<br>Massimo, I'm very sorry to learn Laura Antonelli is ill. She is about 65
now, and I hope she recovers. <br>Jimmy, was Irish Frankie Crawford a street
brawler? He was great in the ring and looked like a kid who got into scuffles too. Oscar de la Hoya swears he never had a single street fight in his life.
Hard to imagine because he came up in East LA. |
[7/19/04 10:30:17 AM|Massimo|Roma ||4|||10|Ernie-><br><br>I think that
having big hands is way more important in a street brawl than in a boxing ring.
Fighters have gloves, after all ! Liston wore the biggest gloves in the boxing
business at the time, though. Carnera had huge hands, 14.75 in ! 15 in for
Liston, 11.5 Marciano. Shaq ? Lane ? Coolidge ? Wilt ?<br>Andre's hands were
16in. That was the only big thing the midget had.<br><br>
[7/19/04 12:13:08 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|SPOKANE
WASHINGTON||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|How about Jerry vs "TWO TON TONY
GALENTO, or Lou Nova, And the Baer brothers. Those would have been naturals, Jerry
used to use Ron Yary (Vikings HALL OF FAME lineman) for a punching bag in High
School. The two ended up best friends forever though. |
[7/19/04 12:30:44 PM|brenda|ca||meme|||10|i thought we were raising subjects
people wanted some answers to maybe not if people woun't believe what they are
told by the family.don't you think we would tell the truth? If Jerry got beat up
no shame, Jerry always had back up with him so others would know too not just the
one telling the story.if you do want to talk about this let me know i will e-
mail you. want some more stories i will ask Bob to get on and answer questions.
me|
[7/19/04 12:47:29 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|I think JQ would have beaten Tony
Galento handily. Galento was a very dangerous puncher, with an awkward ( spelling) and strange stile. JQ rarely had problems with sluggers, what he
suffered the most were the good jabbers. JQ would have probably won a fight with
Max Baer. Max Baer did punch like hell but couldn't box an egg ( slang, I
guess).<br>Buddy Baer was a very good fighter with an outstanding record 50-7
(45 kos) and great punching power. I would have<br>bet on Buddy Baer against
Jerry. Too much shoe size difference between the two men. But maybe I would have
been a fool and I would have lost my money.| 
[7/19/04 03:40:28 PM|Evren|London||8|||10|Smith and Charles go through... next
batch..sorry for delay : - <br><br>Vitali Klitschko vs Mike Tyson<br>Evander
Holyfield vs Carl Williams<br>Speak soon... | 
[7/19/04 09:22:09 PM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||roadscholarette@hotmail.com|||10|Sheesh, sounds
like you guys never get it right ! It's not the size of the hand on the fighter,
it's the size of the knuckle forming his fist. My favourites, Duran and Frazier,
weren't big men and didn't have big hands, but their knuckles were big and
calledous. Same with Clay.<br>Vito Antuofermo used to soak his knuckles in
brine to toughen them. Jack Dempsey even cultured the wart virus on his knuckles
to harden the surface and increase the 'whack' on impact. <br><br>Ernie. I'm not
trying to lecture anyone. It's just that I read a lot and all I'm doing is trying to pass my expertise to guys like you. Borrow some books and read up on the sport, Ernie, and you'll do better. 

Brenda and Jimmy D, I am sorry I blurted out the thing about Porkchop. I didn't think it was that big a deal. In fact, I forgot to ask about it every time I talked to Bob because it wasn't a big deal to me. Jimmy D, I should have just asked Bob about it and shared the answer between you and me. Anyway, Bob if you get on line, give me a call if you are working in my area or I will try to call over to the house, time permits, on a weekend.

As stated in my last post, I was at the Kirk Johnson fight and he ended up stopping Martinez by eighth round TKO due to a cut. Johnson looked better at 242 pounds, as compared to 260 when he got destroyed by Vitali Klitschko. One of the other reports on the internet said Johnson broke his hand in the fight but I am not sure the validity of this information so I will have to check on this. James Toney was at the card and he kind of messed with me a little bit by saying I stepped on his new shoes, which I didn't. I think he was testing me and I shouldn't have apologized, which I did when I thought I might have done it. My feet were at least two feet from his. Oh by the way, I would guess Toney's shoe size at no more than size 11.

Hi RS ! Welcome back ! I'm glad to see you on this site again ! I don't agree with you about Joe Frazier's hands ! His hands are same size as Mike Tyson ( 13 in ) and bigger than Ali's ( 12.5). They are very big !

Not "centers", I meant "pivots", Kent.

Tyson, at his best, chops down Vitali Klitschko for a fourth round knockout. Klitschko lands some bombs on Tyson early but Tyson weathered the storm and wins by his speed advantage. Klitschko just has no answer for Tyson's quick two handed combinations. Holyfield outhustles Williams to win by decision. Holyfield b " The lie" Williams KOT 8.

Yeah, a prime Tyson, 13" fist and size 13.5 shoe KO's Klitchko, 11.5" fist, size 12 shoe in 4 rounds. Like Kent said Vitali lands a few hard shots but Mikey is just too quick and powerful. Holyfield over Williams in 12. I can't see Evander knocking Williams out, but he does beat the hell out of him. Carl would have a few moments but nothing consistent. Holyfield wins 8 out of the 12 rounds.

Yes Bob B, but we are talking about Tyson at his very best, circa 1988, not the current or recent version who only loads up and throws one punch at a time. A combination throwing Tyson, using head movement and moving in behind the jab would be too much for Vitali. However, the other version of Tyson, the current one and the
one who has the bad habits of standing up too straight and loading up one punch at at time likely loses to Vitali. For the tournament, the Tyson at his best prevails.

7/21/04 04:07:38 AM I rate the ninth round of the Douglas-Tyson fight as the most amazing round in heavyweight history. Tyson went out for the killing, but got his ass whipped. Good Andre' everyone!

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7/21/04 04:53:00 PM When measuring your fist, should it be done as a man naturally makes a fist? The thumb tucked tightly against the index finger, then the tape wrapped all the way around from the extending thumb knuckle and back to it? I had my wife measure my fist that way with a cloth tailor's tape. It measured twelve and one half inches. Does that sound correct? I'm only five ft. ten inches. I don't believe fist mass has any bearing on mass times velocity punching power. It only means you can punch harder with confidence of not breaking your hands. After all, both fighters are wearing boxing gloves with wrapped hands.

7/21/04 08:37:21 PM You fist is exactly the same size as Muhammad Ali'. Do you realize what that means? You should be proud! Your wife has big feet, while you have big hands... That's a good marriage, you two complete each other! 5'10" is same height as Andre' Rousimoff, not bad at all.

7/21/04 09:27:09 PM Tyson KO's Vitali Klitchko

7/21/04 11:24:53 AM The Rocky movies had the worst fight scenes I've ever seen, first one hits they other with 12 haymakers, than they other returns the favor on Que, then one heaves they other like picking them up and throwing them in the corner for more haymakers, which is very illegal, "RICH
Boxing scenes were much better, and no one was bionic!! G.L.O.W. GIRLS in Vegas were more realistic, Sorry Stallone "MONEY FOR NOTHING, AND YOUR CHECKS FOR FREE" with the boxing people he was around Sly surprises me.

Hey Kent, I did pick Tyson to KO Vitali in 4 rounds, I guess the fist and shoe size thing threw you off. I believe Tyson, the "prime" Tyson could have KO'ed most of the past heavyweight champs without much of a problem. I'm not suggesting he was unbeatable of course but from 1985 to 1988, when he had good people around him and he was focused, he would have given any former champ a very hard night.

The fist size thing, if you look at "Tale of The Tape" measurements of past heavyweight champs, and you do have to take these with a grain of salt, Louis and Dempsey, two of the most savage punchers the division ever produced, had an 11.5 inch fist measurement. Liston had a 14 or 15 incher depending on the list, who hit harder Liston or Louis? I think the record speaks for it self, so I don't believe it matters how big your fist or knuckle size is as it relates to punching power. Hey, Vitali Klitschko is 6'7" with an 11.5 inch fist, he hits pretty hard. And as much as R.S. knows about Frazier I'm surprised she thinks his fist is small, I'm 5'11" and mine is a little over 11 inches Frazier is/was 5'11.5" and he has 13.5 inch ham hock... seems pretty big to me.

Rocky Balboa vs J.Q.? I don't know Kent, Balboa is a pretty tough cookie, the Clubber Lang rematch with Drago, he might be too much for Jerry, even in a street fight Ol' Rock is tough. Now Paulie, he might be a better matchup.

Even sillier question, the real Tommy Morrison verses Tommy "The Machine" Gunn. A great card? The battle of Philly, Joe Frazier verses Rocky Balboa, Supported by Jerry Quarry verses Union Kane, Big George Foreman verses Clubber Lang, and a special added attraction, Trevor Berbick verses Spider Rico. Rico gets both Mickey, Rocky's trainer, and Apollo Creed, to train him and be in his corner. Spider gets to prove he wasn't a bum to Mick because Mick called him and everybody else Rocky ever fought before Apollo a bum.

Jimmy D., you are quite the Quarryologist, thanks for the career breakdown. Between this and boxrec.com, a wealth of info on JQs matches. Between this and boxrec.com, a wealth of info on JQs matches.

Tommy "Machine" Gunn was unbeatable in the ring, but was a bum for the street fights. Even I would have beaten him in a dark alley! If Rocky had fought Mickey, Mickey would have easily outpointed him. He was a little over the hill (some kind of slang, why not over the mountain?) at the time of the Rocky fights, but stillistically was just perfect.

In Canastota, in the Boxing Hall of Fame, there are the fists of some of the great fighters from the past (not the real fists, of course, but just i calchi in gesso).
Andre'.

Do you imagine a street fight between Balboa and Andre'? Or Ali', Frazier, Foreman, Andre' all together against Calvin Lane? That would be like an earthquake !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Nobody can whip Calvin Lane! He is the baddest ass (slang) in the world!

WASHINGTON|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|10|Gerry: Yes I can remember Tom Brookshier, talking about how Ron Yary would visit Quarry in the off season in Cypress, Ca. When Yary was inducted in the HALL OF FAME, last year he looked like he could still play! Ironically another HALL OF FAMER, Deacon Jones and Quarry promoted bouts in L.A. Called "Salt and Pepper Enterprises" in the 1980's. I guess Jerry was friends with a lot of L.A. RAMS, I remember Mr. Jimmy telling me how Jerry told him he didn't think the Rams would ever win the SUPER BOWL after another playoff loss to Yary's Vikings! take care.

7/23/04 07:11:45 PM|Ernie Laxalt|Reno, NV|elax66@aol.com|10|Roadscholarette, you take the cake. Here you are with 20 or 30 guys who came up fighting and boxing in cities all over the world -- guys who have been close to the sport for 20, 30, 40, maybe 50 years, including good buddies of the Quarry family. And with what you read in books, you propose to tell us what's what. You're comical. Anyway, Lyle Alzado used to brag he was the toughest man in the world. He said if he and King Kong went into an alley together, he'd be the one to walk out. Granted he was a big, tough football player, and came up hard from mean streets. But Lyle is going to whip Larry Norton, Mike Tyson, Riddick Bowe, or George Foreman or Sonny Liston? Alex Karras really was a hard dude. I wonder if he could have taken Alzado. No, the key element of fighting ability is good elbows. Great elbows, great fighter. Look at Eddie Machen, the original elbow fighter. Nom, these kids in the ring today just don't have good enough elbows ..

7/23/04 07:29:44 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|SPOKANE WASHINGTON|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|10|HI Ernie, Jerry Quarry would have whipped Alzado, at any phase of knuckle dustin, and Roddy Piper did as an amateur boxer. Maybe it was Ron Stander too.

7/23/04 08:44:52 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca|kentallenent@aol.com|10|I heard talk at one time about a proposed Lyle versus Lyle fight, Denver versus Denver, between Ron Lyle and Lyle Alzado. Sorry Alzado, you were not even the toughest guy in Denver, Ronnie L. would have kicked your ass, big time! Alzado did not do too badly in an exhibition between him and an out of shape Muhammed Ali and even though he was clearly outclassed, he did show he had some basic boxing skills. My money still would have been on Ron L. though. Funny how much disrespect our Jerry used to get. Most of my friends thought Lyle Alzado would have kicked his ass, even in boxing. But we here all know different. Jerry would have given him the beating of his life inside a boxing ring and maybe outside of it as well.

7/24/04 04:58:23 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago|same|10|Come on Ernie, calm down. I didn't set out to upset you. One of my husband's cousins, living downtown, is a janitor and knowing his hours, I just assumed that you wouldn't get much time to be reading about boxing. My point was that I'd share some of what I've learned with you, trying to be friendly, and you took it the wrong way. Even people like me who read a lot get it wrong. Joe Frazier has a 13.5" inch fist, and I said his fists were small. So what do I know? How ya doing Massimo? I am the real one.

7/24/04 05:27:09 AM|Massimo|Do you know il Colosseo?|ciao ciao.com|10|RS-<br>Hi, I'm fine, but I don't think you are the real RS. The real RS told me that she didn't write the last post. The real RS would have never said Joe Frazier's hands are small, not even after an entire night spent drinking. I'm getting confused. RS is not RS, Shaq is gonna dunk right on Vlade's face, Kobe is gonna dunk right on Shaq's face, Andre' was a midget... This is a pretty strange world! <br>Who am I? What's Italy? Who is Erminio Spalla? What's my
shoe size ? | 7/24/04 05:41:42 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||same|||10|Ernie -<br><br>Another vital area of boxing success is owning the judges. Take Foreman and Ali. Apart from the ignorant, naive, and black belt stupid, who can really believe that Ali beat Foreman? It was a fix, pure and simple. <br>Likewise, the knowledgeable know that Frazier beat Ali all three fights. No question. It was a fix, big time. In that last fight, Ali was about to fall down and they had to hold him up. Joe was still ready to rumble. He would have cleaned Ali's clock had it continued. <br>I've watched that fight hundred of times, slow motion, frame by frame. Ali did not win. The Thrilla in Manilla was a bigger fix than the Rumble in the Jungle. <br>Same with Ali and Norton. Ali was never the greatest; but he was the greatest fraud. In the end he got what he deserved. Sad but true. I'll agree that Ali contributed to the golden era, but was he the main contributor? Come on. Take away the personality, and the pull with judges that Don King provided, and what was left? <br>Just a flick of a jab, a deficient uppercut, a limp lead right, and a missing left hook. Granted, he could take a punch. But my husband says that you get no reaction when you punch an imbecile in the head, so what does that tell us? <br>When Ali got through the draft dodging stage, the guy had a likeable personality. But he wasn't Mother Theresa and he left all his entourage crying poor. Didn't even provide for his own brother. <br>Ali was the most over-rated bum in the history of sport. Anyone who says otherwise doesn't know what they're talking about. And without Ali, no one would ever have heard of Angelo Dundee. <br>Go back to my posts months ago. Contact me at my e-mail address I always provided then, and you will see that it is really me. 100 percent genuine me. | 7/24/04 05:44:18 AM|Roadscholarette|Chicago||same|||10|Massimo -<br><br>Go back to my posts months ago. Contact me at my e-mail address I always provided then, and you will see that it is really me. 100 percent genuine me. | 7/24/04 12:43:56 PM|Leather Tuscadero|Three Aces Leather Bar||mansruin.org|||10|Yo R.S., I watched Ali-Frazier 3 many times too, and I also saw the ref, the three judges, Don King and Ferdinand Marcos hold Ali up during the 10th round, King had a lot of money tied up in Ali. What happen to Smokin Joe in the 12th, 13th and 14th rounds? King spiked his water bottle with Jack Daniels and loads Ali's glove with the very bolt that Dempsey used to ko Willard, it was down hill for Joe after that. Besides, Marcos wanted Ali to win because Joe was shorter than the statue he was presenting to the winner. I also talked to the very boxing experts you did about Ali's career and they all agree that he was a fraud, and would have been better off had he gone into pro rasslin'. In fact your floor moppin cousin said he could just see Ali with tag team partners Johnny Valentine and Black Jack Mulligan vs Andre the Giant and Roddy Piper in the greatest cage match ever held, I had to sneak out of his trailer before he could give me his prediction on who would win because his ex-wife pulled up with the Po-Lice to have him evicted. As I crawled through the back window 'cuz was mumbling something about Elvis as special the special ref. | 7/24/04 03:30:08 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|Tyson and Holyfield thru - next two fights : - <br>George Foreman vs Ray Mercer (Phew!!)<br>Tony Tucker vs Hurricane Jackson<br>If anyone has any material/footage/newsclips of Curtis 'Hatchetman' Sheppard I would be very greatful if you could contact.<br>JIMMY DORSEY - Did you know that the 1st fight between Jerry and Brian London exists on tape? | 7/24/04 04:23:37 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|SPOKANE WASHINGTON||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|EVREN hello, Yes i'd seen it advertised on boxing memorabilia. And I Think I remembered you had a copy, you also have Jack Bodell =vs QJ?? Where Bodell's no.8 world ranking sank faster then the titanic! There's no doubt in my mind Jerry'd thumped Alzado, his own teammates Stone Wall Jackson in DENVER. AND JERRY SHERK IN CLEVELAND(AT LEAST AS A PASS RUSHER)WOULD have my vote over ALZADO.and FORKCHOP AKA KING KONGS BROTHER.Although not to get that started again!! I REALLY DID HAVE IMMENSE RESPECT FOR LYLE ALZADO.BUT
SAYING YOUR THE BADDEST GUY ON THE PLANET AND DOING IT IS TWO DIFFERANT THINGS,RIGHT MIKE TYSON??

Ray Mercer had a great chin, but he never met a guy that powerful! Foreman could lift one man up with one punch !!!!!!!! When he hits the heavy bag etc. etc... Down goes Mercer! Down goes George Edward is the winner. <br>Tony Tucker (who was a bouncer in the same place as Ron Lyle) would have easily outshoed Jackson by KOT 6. He hold his own against an in prime Mike Tyson fighting with a broken hand for most of the fight! Tony Tucker has a 13 1/4 inches fist. <br>Go Vlade go! Don't go, Shaq, don't go!!

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Foreman and Tucker get wins. Foreman beats a surprisingly game Mercer with a barrage in the 9th round. Foreman is ahead on points, but not by much, and spends the last of his energy in the 9th, but luckily catches Mercer with serious leather and puts Mercer out. Tucker wins impressively. <br>RS doesn't seem to write like she used to. This could be an imposter.

Roadscholarette, you are one strange being. You tell me I was upset, that you were friendly, you imply I'm a janitor and impugn janitors. You call Muhammad Ali a fraud. <br>Seriously, are you schizophrenic? Are you drunk when you write your posts? No one ever agrees with your board assertions. Anyone who thinks Ali was a complete fraud who lost to Foreman, every fight to Frazier, his fights with Norton, etc, please sign in and be counted. Anyone who thinks any Ali fight besides Liston II was fixed, please identify yourselves. Honestly, Roadscholarette, please tell us why you hate Ali. Is it because he's black? You seem to like some other blacks. Is it because he's Muslim? Is it because he refused to be inducted? Is it because he cheated on his wives? Is it because he called Frazier ugly? These things happened years ago. What is really eating you, Roadscholarette? You come off as patronizing, smug, school-marmish, sarcastic, bitchy, mean-spirited, and most of all, as a Know-It-All. <br>My guess is that your family and everyone you know realizes all of this about you, and the JQ Foundation blog is the last refuge for you. <br>Guys, how many of you would be able to tolerate Roadscholarette's physical presence for an 8-count? Now Massimo, regarding Johnson -- boxing fans today tend to underrate and even dismiss older fighters, and do it more the older a fighter is. <br>Jerry Quarry versus Jack Dempsey would be a great match, because both were savage brawlers, good boxers, had killer instinct to spare, and gave 100% effort always. I would give Dempsey the edge. <br>Billy Conn versus Quarry would be another good one. Remember, Conn had Joe Louis beat for 11 rounds.

Facts shoot to smitereens your argument. Not only did Ali get away with things no one else did then or since, but his aura was such that everyone who fought him had to overcome a three round deficit when they fought him. <br>Refs and judges only 'saw' what they were told to see, not what was happening. Rounds went his way that wouldn't have with anyone else. <br>Sure, he was athletic, had wiles in the ring, and he had an imbecile's tough jaw, but he is not much of a person. Have you been to his home page? It's like accessing Allah's site.

Finished reading, Ernie? So now you can go back to belting your wife and getting drunk.

Not to further fuel an argument that has already gotten very personal, I also am/was not an Ali fan for reasons long ago given. He did get away with much more than most, and did not exhibit himself to be much of a person. Frazier and Norton have commented on him, they have Ali correct. But Ali was a truly great talent in the 60's and a very striking figure for America's history, let alone boxing's. I also have to admit he's the best I've ever seen... Foreman-Mercer, another great matchup. I think
Mercer would really surprise with his toughness and stick with George for 6-7 rounds before losing by TKO. I'm embarrassed to admit I know very little about Hurricane Jackson, but I always thought Tony Tucker was underrated, so I'll give Tucker the benefit of the doubt. My picks are Foreman and Tucker... Alzado, Rich Jackson, Jerry Sherk - all very tough guys. As for being the baddest or the greatest (Alzado, Ali), that kind of blather is in the eye of the beholder. | 7/25/04 01:27:09 AM|Ernie Laxalt|Reno, NV||elax66@aol.com||10|But your proof that his fights were fixed, Roadscho...
wannabe and maybe he/she/it will crawl back into the hole from which it came. Foreman vs Mercer. Very tough fight here, I think Mercer is the wrong style for Big George to look good against. Foreman starts out fast and lands hard to the body, Ray is avoiding most of the big bombs to the head and scoring with the jab. By the 6th both men have slowed down considerably, Mercer is the fresher of the two. George is almost knocked down by a Mercer one-two in the 10th but manages to hang on. Mercer has a cut over the right eye and lip, both of Foreman's eyes are puffy. The two men are exhausted. In the final two rounds Foreman presses the action as Mercer continues to slip and counter. George wins a majority decision, two judges giving the fight to George by 2 points the other calling it a draw. Tucker vs Jackson. Jackson tries hard to get inside Tucker's reach in the third, in the fourth a Tucker uppercut-hook combination puts Jackson on the floor for a second time. Tucker drops Jackson again with about 30 seconds left and the ref stops the fight. Tucker by TKO round 4. |7/25/04 07:23:30 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Both George Foreman and Tony TNT Tucker score six round KOs over Ray Mercer and Tommy Hurricane Jackson, respectively.|7/25/04 10:10:10 AM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|The original Rhodescholarette was opinionated, but intelligent. The new incarnation is a wannabee. It isn't the same author. People, we've got an imposter poster! How's that for wordplay, an "Imposter Poster." |7/25/04 12:13:13 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Ernie, there's nothing wrong with a good discussion until it becomes namecalling, then it becomes something juvenile and stupid, I think you know that. What Frazier and Norton have said about Ali is pretty well documented, even on this site. In a nutshell, they felt they had to fight Ali AND Ali's popularity at the same time. Neither men got their fair due when they fought Ali in rematches. If you can watch these bouts again, you'd see these men are correct. Nothing wrong with disagreeing, Ernie, until it becomes unconstructive insults. Let's act like adults when disagreeing, that's all I ask.|7/25/04 12:51:05 PM|School-marm|Chicago||same|||1|You guys have just proven yourselves to be dunces. All the recent rantings for RS were taken from posts she wrote six months ago. Yes, they were all her quotes and opinions, lifted verbatim. But you,dullards didn't notice and instead accuse it all of being some evil fabrication. Dumb and dumber. Ernie is right. There is a dislike for Ali on this site, whether it be racially or religiously based. A black woman inferred some time ago that you were all closet white supremists and that this is why there is the Jerry Quarry attraction for you. I'm not sure whether she is right, it is food for thought. Hands up all the black guys on this
site. Kent ? Angelo ? Steve ? Ernie ? Bob ? Gerry ? Not one. What does that tell us. <br><br>When RS launches her trademark vitriolic attacks on Ali, only one person (in this case Ernie) came to his defence, even though RS was laughing at Ali's medical condition and the symptoms thereof. I think any reasonable, prudent person assessing what has been written on this site, including the limp wristed crap posted by the sleep inducing Gerry, whoever he thinks he is, insults boxing itself. Wannabees like Angelo, whose ignorance is gobsmacking, portrays himself as some know-it-all tart and gets away with it, and look what you have done to Massimo's fastly diminishing logic. <br><br>Ad nauseum did RS launch vicious attacks on Ali, even ridiculing his medical symptoms, and where were you Gerry ? Angelo ? You let her get away with demeaningly personal attacks on a guy who has probably done more for boxing than anyone else. If not for Ali, boxing might not be alive today. Be ashamed, gentlemen. <br><br>And now we have the situation where you guys deny that the rehashed RS quotes are really her. You guys thought you were so smart that you can’t be fooled. Well you were, big time. Wise-up.|7/25/04 05:21:31 PM|School-marm|Chicago||same||5|Bob,<br><br>I just read your comment about the RS comments. You have risen in my esteem. You are wrong about the other guys, though. They never protested about ridiculing Ali's medical symptoms, either when those comments were recycled yesterday, or when RS wrote them six months ago.|7/25/04 08:21:53 PM|Kent |The Temecula Band of the Luiseno Mission Indians||kentallenent@aol.com|10|Schoolmarm, sometimes it is just best to ignore negative comments that someone like R.S. or by whoever else makes them. By answering them, we give them a certain credibility. Notice, I haven't commented on them.<br><br>Oh by the way, I am not a white man. Actually I am but I am not, depending on the definition. I am of mixed race, white and Native American. I don't know if that makes my perspective different than others here but I am a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe. My point is, you can't just assume everyone here is white.<br><br>As to your comment that we are a bunch of bigots and that is why we like Jerry Quarry, that comment is about as stupid as some of the stuff R.S. has been saying lately and there will be no further comment about this from me.|7/25/04 09:15:23 PM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com|10|Okay, since my name was brought into the discussion, let me clear a few things up: Yes, I'm white. Also, Muhammad Ali, not Jerry Quarry, is my all-time favorite fighter. This site is NOT a haven for white supremacists---I know that because I'm not one and I suspect most of the other regulars here aren't either. Some of us are huge Jerry Quarry fans, others (me included) might not categorize him as our favorite, but we just remember how many great and interesting bouts he was involved in, found our way to this forum and enjoyed it enough to keep coming back.<br><br>I was very young when Jerry was in his prime (Born in 1963, I was about 7 or 8 when I believe he was at his best.). In the 1990's, I read an article in the Washington Times about Jerry's neurological decline, did some research and found this site. I respected the late James Quarry a bunch for his efforts, ordered a couple videos, and began to post because the other people here are great and knowledgeable boxing fans who I have learned a lot from. That's it. No "white power" hang ups. Ali was more than my favorite fighter---he was a hero for me and an idol. Also, it's my opinion that Ali has been an even greater role model since he's been diagnosed with Parkinsons Syndrome. He's shown courage and grace by continuing to appear in public with this affliction. The reason I didn't respond to the imposter RS post (Ali comments) was because I suspected it was written by a fake and it was too outrageous, warped and idiotic to even dignify with a response. The original RS, a staunch Joe Frazier fan, did make reference to not feeling so bad about Ali's condition, and that was poor judgement, but the fake RS posts lifted her comments out of context and also exaggerated them. For the record, let me just say that all this talk of
Ali fight fixes is ridiculous. People, he beat Frazier and Norton twice each. Among those four wins, the only one that can possibly be questioned fairly is the Yankee Stadium Norton fight. Norton was more aggressive but he missed an awful lot. Look at the tape—I have. Ali was never hurt, though he did get tagged a few times. Ali managed to control the pace of a lot of the rounds, even though he never hurt Norton either. It was a pretty close fight and I could see how Norton fans or Ali haters could make a strong case that Norton won. Ali beat Frazier without too much sweat in their second fight and he beat Norton in their second (his best performance against Norton), though again, he had his hands full with Norton's awkward style. But I honestly can't see how anyone could say Norton was robbed in the second fight. As for Manilla, it's absolutely pathetic to hear Ali bashers argue that Frazier could have won this fight. People, he was unable to come out for the 15th. Had they let him answer the bell, Ali would have crucified him. Look at Frazier's face and head—a swollen mess. The guy couldn't see. Ali was battered and exhausted, but ready to fight and more importantly, able. Frazier was courageous and ready, but clearly not able. This could have been a tragic disaster had they let Frazier out for the 15th. And on the topic of judges loving Ali, while it's true that he was the most popular among many fans, he was also the most hated boxer of his era, maybe ever. So guys, it cuts both ways. People couldn't stand him. And how do all of you explain why Leon Spinks was able to get the judges to give him the win while Norton wasn't? Some questionable decisions maybe, but no fixes.

7/25/04 09:50:10 PM|School-marm|Chicago||same||||2|Angelo<br><br>You are wrong. The comments about Ali were verbatim lifts from prior RS comments. Go back and check. There was no exaggeration. <br><br>Comments re janitors etc were put in by School-marm to see what would get a reaction. Everyone here ignored the awful RS comments about Ali (except Ernie), while blockheads like you picked up on the stupid janitor jibes. It was an experiment to see what would get a reaction—and only the trivial nonsense about janitors, and not the awfully cruel jibes at Ali's condition, attracted the attention of Angelo.<br><br>As the experiment showed, people here don't ignore stupid comments. They just ignore the racist, cruel comments by RS, particularly when it relates to her despised Ali. RS intimidates most of you, obviously. Some creep on this site—I forget the fool's name—even had the hide to describe the prior posts of RS as intelligent. Say what? Belittling Ali by ridiculing his disease. Propagating smutty allegations about Emile Griffith's sexuality. alleging that fights were fixed without producing one shred of evidence. Intelligent? Come on.<br><br>Most of you guys said nothing about that. You only care when there is a stupid little jibe at you. And what about Massimo. He should be ashamed. Just because RS teaches him some meaningless slang, everything else she did was alright? Sheesh, Massimo, get some integrity. <br><br>I apologize for getting you going about Ali. You were the only person with enough integrity and courage to stick up for him when none of the others would.<br><br>I repeat: the comments regarding Ali in the last couple of Ali posts were direct lifts of what RS had previously written.
Angelo and other buddies: I confess I feel a little vindicated. Several things occur to me. When I was in high school, the coach yelled at me once and said, "Laxalt, how come you turn your brain off out here?" It was true -- I was a goof-off in PE. That's a little similar to what we do here, when we sit down in enjoyment, maybe with a beer or a drink, to chat about boxing. We relax. That's why I don't blame anyone for not charging RS with cruel stupidity for maligning Ali about his illness. We're here for fun, not to analyze. Second, I'm Basque! Yeah, that's a form of Caucasian. My great-great grandparents owned a lot of land in La Habra and Fullerton, Kent. Sure wish I did, but it was all divvied out by the time I came along. Even though Fullerton where I grew up in the 1950s was lilywhite, I've had black friends ever since I started boxing and throughout life. Now regarding favoritism toward Ali. Yes, of course. Sometimes it even tipped fights his way, I think -- like Norton II at the Forum in about '75. Norton won by a hair, it looked to me like, in the stands. You could call it the home field, advantage, though, because of Ali's incredible fame -- and notoriety, as one friend pointed out here. He carried boxing on his back for many years. Anyway, a strong, popular champion often gets that edge. People used to say you had to beat a champion decisively to win his title. I'm not that expert a fan, but I'd guess Sugar Ray Robinson, Julio Caesar Chavez, Roberto Duran, Tommy Hearns and many champions have gotten those big breaks. The reason I responded in anger to Roadscholarette was that I was MAD AS HELL. Most of us are strangers here, but we are a community of friends, and it looked like she was trying to put me down, make me look bad. I offer to shake hands now, Roadscholarette. I apologize if I hurt your feelings or made you look bad. Let's both go with the flow here and we can all get along. Schoolmarm, thanks for what you did, and for summarizing what's been going on so beautifully. By the way, I know a janitor who put 6 kids through college, including one medical doctor. Janitors are at least as good as I am! Probably better.
could be the reason you didn't anger up when RS laughed at Ali's condition. Similarly, bigotry might be in play for your failure to react when she started to call Griffith names. So no one call Gerry names. Ridicule Ali and Griffith, that's okay, but for chriisake leave Mister Gerry or he will order you out. Funny thing too, Mister Gerry, when RS was poking fun at the impaired and the faggots etc, I didn't hear you accuse her of not adding "substance" to this site. Yep, RS has Mister Gerry intimidated. <br>
[7/26/04 03:10:17 AM|School-marm|Chicago||same|||2|Massimo|<br>
I can be whoever you want me to be, but I don't hate your hero RS. Spend some time and go back through her past posts on Ali. She deliberately demeaned his medical condition and paid him no respect. <br>
It's too late to complain about her making the rigged fight allegations. You should have said something when she did it. You never asked RS why she hated Ali so much that she took delight in his impairment. <br>
You never asked her for proof about the corruption allegations. You never chided her for calling Griffith a faggot and spreading other smutty stories. So don't pretend that you have the right to criticize me. I've recently gone back and read those posts again. Only one or two of the guys here said something. The pity of it all is that someone was allowed to belittle Ali's medical condition on this site. After all, this site is supposedly dedicated to making boxing safer. Shameful. Massimo 'the mute' said nothing. So now I know who you really are Massimo, but you haven't a clue about me. |<br>
[7/26/04 09:10:20 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Schoolmarm.| I agree with Ernie, we come here to relax and sometimes we let things get by that we should challenge. But do you expect us to ignore things that challenge our integrity when they are directed our way? Oh we only care about white fighters you imply? Well then why did I sent money to help Greg Page who is black, and to another family for flowers after a fighter died in the ring, a fighter I have never heard of and I don't even know what race he was? <br>
You never even commented on my race. I told you I am not compeletly white and let me tell you, there have been times when I have experienced racism. As a kid, there were some kids in my neighborhood who used to get a kick out of calling me "beaner" or "spick," of part beaner or spick, racist terms for Mexicans, and the more I would say I am not Mexican, that I am Indian, the more they would call me the names. Like I said, don't assume, even if you saw me as I take after my German father quite a bit, that we are all lilly white here. | 7/26/04 09:21:37 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|One more thing, the reason I probably didn't respond to R.S's posts before and a reason I don't now, is they are rather long winded. I like it better when people get to the point and not post book loength posts. |<br>
[7/26/04 09:47:04 AM|Massimo|Roma||mc enroe b connors 6-1/6-1/6-2.com|||10|School-marm|<br>
RS never made fun of Ali's health problem. This ain't true, this is bulls--t. She even said once that both Ali' and Foreman are bright persons. RS doesn't have to be what you want her to be. She is free to be what she wants to be and to think what she wants to think. Thanks. |<br>
[7/26/04 11:27:35 AM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||9|Marm, you are a joke and a liar. Anyone can read previous postings here and see that I checked RS when she needed to be, if you haven't looked into those past postings, it proves again you don't know what you're talking about. Also, I don't recall RS ever rating this site a 2. You have, however. If the site is so bad, why are you still here? That's why I made the 'door' comment, and it still stands. When I'm some place I don't like, I leave. I suggest you do the same. |<br>
[7/26/04 01:26:34 AM|Fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com|||10|Confusing...I been working so much lately and haven't been on much......alot of talk about Rhoadscholarette. To be honest I thought she was a great writer and I enjoyed reading her posts. She should come back. I happen to agree with her that Ali was overrated but that's another story. As far as anyone knocking the people on this
site, that's a cheap shot and doesn't deserve any comments. Don't get distracted by attacks from these people. This is the only site I have ever been on with a group of people who are friends and it is a good thing. I am proud to say that Irish Jerry Quarry is my favorite fighter and athlete of all time.

Tonight ESPN has shown the following fights: Carnera-Godfrey, Carnera-Sharkey 2 and Carnera-Impelletiere. Whoever thinks that Carnera was a freak and a bum should watch these fights! What a fighter he was! POWERFUL, VERY POWERFUL! Every time Carnera did hit well Sharkey, Jack did skid (dictionary!). How big Ray Impelletiere was! He was 6'7" 1/2, wilter than Carnera, with a 84 1/2 reach. Ray wasn't a great fighter, he lost 3 times against Tommy Loughran who was a half than him during his career, but was BIG. He would have been a great bouncer. Well, Primo Carnera destroyed him. After watching Primo Carnera in a few of his fights I got the opinion he was a great fighter. A top 50 heavyweight ever. And probably the best Italian heavyweight of all time. Greetings.

Kids at school are picked on because they are fat or thin, red haired or blond, white or black skinned. Every kid gets picked on for something. Most get over it, others are looking for excuses. Giving money to Greg Page was very kind, but I don't see the relevance. Yeah, you're right. Let's get back to talking about important things. What's size feet you got Massimo? Gerry? Anyone know what sized feet Fran has? Gerry<A joke and a liar? That's very strong. Pity you didn't say that when RS ridiculed Ali's medical condition, called Griffith a faggot, and alleged legendary fights were rigged. And you didn't answer my question, Gerry. Are you in charge here? I rated the site a 10. Is that okay boss? Making unsubstantiated allegations is entertaining and intelligent, right Fran? Come on back, RS, we need some more smutty gossip for Fran's entertainment.

I wear a size 40 in Italy, 7 or 8 in USA. I'm a pituitary giant: 5'6" tall, about 132 lbs. It didn't matter where I was or how old I was; I was always the biggest guy around!

It's getting better, don't you feel the same...

"I read that Oscar (Bonavena) was shot in that whorehouse parking lot because of an affair with the owner's wife, but I read one other place on the Net, and I don't remember where now, that it was an affair with a guy himself. Gay Oscar?"

The Bonavena gay thing was no big deal, though it did bring out the intellectual riff-raff. The article I read may have been a misprint, who knows? If I had to guess, I'd say no, but you never know about anyone else. It is interesting how people respond to the issue though, whether, OB, Griffith, Lewis, whoever."

I think the one thing that everyone forgets here is that we are all from the same race (humans) we might be different nationalities, but so what. Jerry had a lot of friends in different nationalities, but they were all one race (humans) he always loved everyone. Mr. Jimmy did this site for all of us, (humans) to enjoy boxing talk, and to have fun. not for these little silly comments about race. This site is for memories, and yes there are a lot of Jerry Quarry fans here. I would hope so, since it was made in his and Mr. Jimmy's memory. So let's get back to the boxing, and some good true stories about boxing. Ok Thank you!

Any word yet of a book or movie?

Ok School Marm what's your problem with this site? This is a good site, yes it has it ups and downs, but nothing life threatening. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, it's some of what makes the world go round. Dad, and Uncle Jerry, we all sure do miss you. Hope you all keep...
checking out the site, let's keep it going.
[7/27/04 01:50:52 AM] Someone who cares|California||DoesItReallyMatter@aol.com|||10|This site is really cool. But ya know the regulars are cool, and hav gotten through some squabbles, but this school marm rating this site a 2, if pretty wrong, what are you a Moron, or what? If you don't like the site stay the hell of the site, and hey don't bother coming back. You are off your noggin|
[7/27/04 06:02:02 AM] School-marm|Chicago|same||1|Sonia<br><br>I visited this site because I admired Jerry Quarry and am a true fan of boxing and its participants. But I went back through this site and saw some disturbing posts. One particular person (RS) used this site to peddle smutty allegations against greats or near-greats like Emile Griffith, Lenox Lewis and Oscar Bonavena. To do that was very wrong. Put simply, they didn't deserve to be called faggots.<br>RS also levelled allegations of fixed fights, corrupt fighters, and shonky referees and judges. No evidence was forthcoming, but the allegations were left to fester for time immemorial on this site. <br>What was even worse was when I saw that two persons (RS and Forest Ward) used this site to demean the medical condition the great Muhammad Ali suffers. Given that Jerry sadly suffered a similar affliction (one of the truly saddest things I have ever seen), I thought it insensitive and repugnant - expecially since it was on his site.<br>That others did not find such talk sufficiently offensive to speak up says more about them than it does of the dissenter/s. <br>So, if the tenor of this site is to sit quietly while unfounded or repugnant allegations are freely uttered without sanction, then it is not surprising that from the entire boxing world you are regularly visited by six or seven fans.<br>That in itself is an indictment that resonates much farther than the harshest criticism from the most vocal dissenter. |
[7/27/04 09:45:44 AM] Massimo|Roma||4||10|Marm<br><br>It's not true that when RS said those things nobody criticised her. For instance, I remember that Paul, KooKoo and others did. I didn't like that posts about Bonavena too, but she brought so much to my life (great words such as ain't, bum etc.) that I just couldn't forget. On the other hand, who in this site never wrote a NOT PERFECT post ?<br>She wrote many clever and intelligent posts also.<br>I consider her a friend and I am sorry she is not on this site anymore. She is definately better than Pol Pot, in my opinion.<br>Also, I don't remember her saying that she recevied sexual enjoynement from Ali' to be (or from the fact that Ali is)ill. <br><br>| 7/27/04 01:48:13 PM| Forest Ward| New York City||NY NY|||10|Attention School-marm, I never used this site to demean the medical condition of Muhammad Ali. Either, learn how to read and think correctly, or print my posts in full and let the reader decide! |
[7/27/04 03:07:41 PM] KENT|LA HABRA, CA||KENTALLENENT@AOL.COM|||10|I think what Schoolmarm doesn't understand is that sometimes when the topics get a little offensive, someone from the Quarry family, in this case Brandi, Mr. Jimmy's widow will ask us to tone it down out of respect for the memory of Jerry and her late husband. So sometimes personally I will not challenge someone offensive as they often just go away if the subject does not continue and by ignoring someone's illogic, the subject can't continue. So no more responses are coming
from me to you and I encourage others to do the same even though you insult our integrity. BRANDI ASKED US TO KNOCK IT OFF BUT YOU JUST DON'T SEEM TO GET IT! Oh by the way, helping Greg Page, who is black, means I am not just sympathetic to white fighters like Jerry who get injured, it is relevant. I am concerned about all fighters who step into the ring. It is somewhat distasteful to me to toot my own horn about my charity activities but I did so to try and make a point.

[7/27/04 05:35:04 PM]Gerry|Cleveland||same||||9|I agree with Massimo, Road'ette was not worse than Pol Pot, not even close actually, and did have some very good posts. I don't see why her not-so-good posts are being presented again anyway... Jimmy D, the old AFL sure did have some tough guys, Tombstone Jackson and Lyle Alzado just two of them. The Raiders had Ike Lassiter and Ben Davidson, The Dolphins had Manny Fernandez, KC had Buck Buchanan and Willie Lanier, the Jets had Verlon Biggs and Gerry Philbin, and there certainly were others. The late 60's- early 70's was a huge era for all of sports, still my favorite... Congrats to Dennis Eckersley and Pat Molitor for making the Baseball Hall of Fame. Both played here in Cleveland for a while.

[7/27/04 09:14:42 PM]Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||||10|Hey you guys, lets talk about some relevant boxing history! How about Meldrick Taylor losing almost two pints of blood in his fight with Chavez, winning on all cards, and having the fight stopped with seconds to go by Richard Steele. He's got to be the most timid, lacking in commonsense ref. I've ever seen. This site is becoming the victim of crawlers. A crawler is someone who looks for chat site that he can disrupt. Kent, I'm not an endless source of money, you know. I would love to meet you and Jimmy D at the Eagle's N.F.C. championship game in whichever city it may occur. Like it won't be Philly, knuck, knuck. Sorry to to drag you guys away from more relevant questions like Ivan Drago or Rocky Balboa vs Jerry. I recently asked the correct way to measure a fist, but got no response. As we've all said before, there is no comparison to Professional sanctioned Boxing and stupid ass street fighting!! I'm not that hard to catch somebody off balance, throw them or trip them to the ground and then kick their head in. In the ring, there are rules that show a man's real courage. You can get up, and still come back and knock the other guys head off.

[7/28/04 03:49:32 AM]Jennie Piccalow|Roma, Italia, Europa, Terra, Via Lattea, Universo||Supermac.com||||10|Steve<br>Meldrick Taylor was not very happy at the end of his fight with Chavez, I guess.

[7/28/04 05:31:16 AM]Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Charles, I haven't heard anything new about a book or movie. Evren, let's get back to our tournament. Don't let recent comments derail our tourney.

[7/28/04 08:55:40 AM]Fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com||||10|Meldrick Tayor was never the same after that fight. Chavez was at his best. A great fighter. Taylor is not doing so good now its a shame he worked so hard to develop his talents only to end up broke. Saw Oleg Maskaev down the shore last Friday at one time he reminded me of Jerry powerful with some moves but not nearly as fast as Jerry. Undercard was Brian Minto in one of the best fights in a long time. Fran<br>|

[7/28/04 10:11:12 AM]Massimo|Roma||4||||10|Hey Evren, I love so much Henry Purcell's music! What a genius he was! God save the Queen! We need other fights in our tournament! All those chumps are lucky that we are considering only fighters who fought after Marciano. If not, Primo would kick their asses!

[7/28/04 12:18:28 PM]Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com||||10|Fran, that was a gutty performance by Minto. I think he needs to get his body in a little better shape as his legs looked very tired, at least on TV, during some of the middle rounds. If he could have put on a more sustained attack the fight would not have gone as long as it did. I'm looking forward to see how he progresses. Taylor-Chavez, Steele said he did not know how much time was left in the bout when he stopped it, his only concern was protecting Taylor from more punishment. Taylor was without doubt in serious trouble and pouring blood when the fight was
stopped. Had it not been stopped Taylor wins the title, if there had been 2 minutes left and not two or three seconds, Chavez would have probably finished him, Chavez was almost as good a finisher as Joe Louis. When he had a man hurt he was an absolute animal. Steele was always very protective of fighters when they were in serious trouble, and that’s a good thing, although in this case it would have helped had he been aware of the time left in the round.

| 7/28/04 01:40:00 PM | Fran | Philly | plc7755@aol.com | 10 |

Bob I agree on Brian Minto he was exhausted in the 8th round but showed alot of heart to come back like that. It seemed Vinnie was to strong for him and thats why he didn't set to punch with more power he was just punching and moving but he showed allot of talent. He is small though and should drop down to cruiserweight. He fought a great fight. <br> Chavez was a great fighter Taylor took too many hard shots in that fight Chavez was working the body the whole fight and just switched to the head at the right time........|

| 7/28/04 03:58:21 PM | Evren | London | @ | 10 |

Foreman and Tucker through. Next round : -  
Jerry Quarry vs Henry Cooper  
Michael Moorer vs Mike Weaver  
(Great Match)

Kent - I'm sticking to the tournament - at the end of the day people have different views  
' Different Strokes for Different Folks' as Sly Stone once wrote. Massimo who is Mr Purcell??

| 7/28/04 04:31:18 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 |

Mr. Henry Purcell is the greatest Britannic. composer ever. He wrote a lot of wonderful music. I have been listening to his music today for a couple of hours. His musical genius was really great. He was born in London in 1659 and died in the same town in 1695. A great guy. Unfortunately, nobody knows his shoe size.<br>

Jerry Quarry KO in 2 over Henry Cooper

| 7/28/04 06:10:27 PM | Fran | Philly | plc7755@aol.com | 10 |

Jerry Quarry KO in 2 over Henry Cooper

| 7/28/04 11:08:59 PM | Gerry | Cleveland | same | 10 |

JQ vs. Cooper, a very good fight, Battle of the Bleeders? Cooper was very strong as he showed against Ali, this fight would go several good rounds. It might resemble Quarry's fight vs, Chuvalo in some ways, with Quarry winning nearly every round, before stopping Cooper on cuts. Moorer - Weaver might be a less interesting match as Moorer would probably control the first several rounds with his slow pace and boxing skills, he would lead and frustrate Weaver. But I give Weaver the win by virtue of power. Weaver by KO, middle rounds.

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Jerry Quarry TKO 6 over Henry Cooper, Michael Moorer by decision over Mike Weaver.

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Jerry over Copper -TKO|

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Fran- Have you seen Smoking Joe, I heard he's not to healthy, plus his eyes are real bad.

| 7/29/04 11:59:07 AM | Evren | London | @ | 10 |

Did anyone see 'The Ring' magazine this month? There was a great article on Eddie Machen - it was an excerpt from an article first published in 1962. I haven't been able to buy the magazine yet but looked through in the store. What a good fighter he was - another era and with different management he could have gone all the way - a superb fighter who was very underrated. I have seen quite alot of footage on him and he has always impressed me (except Johansson fight where he claims he came into the ring cold but admitted that he was hit with a 'hammer'). I wish I could find out more about him.

| 7/29/04 01:03:45 PM | Joe Krause | Chicago | sadmspats@yahoo.com | 10 |

Evren, I actually have the original article I believe. It talks about his family life and getting back into the top of the division after taking a short break I believe. You have Machen vs Harold Johnson? I always wanted to see that fight. In Machen-Frazier, Frazier is dominating then in like the 8th round Machen
unleashes a huge left hook I believe and Frazier is stunned pretty good. I have Machen-Quarry footage, however not a lot can disemelanated from it other then they are both good fighters.

7/29/04 04:03:02 PM|Evren|London||@|||10|I dont have the Machen vs Johnson bout though I'm gonna work on getting it! <br>I have Machen against : - Brian London, Doug Jones, Johnny Summerlin, Nino Valdes 2, Ingemar Johansson, Jerry Quarry, Joe Frazier and Sonny Liston. What a fighter!

7/29/04 04:57:00 PM|Dr.J|Roma||4|||10|Eddie Machen vs Cleveland Williams would be another interesting fight to watch. It ended in a draw though I have read that Eddie would have probably deserved the decision. "Small Dog" was still in his prime when fought Machen. He wasn't the washed up version who fought Ali'. However even the Williams who fought Ali' could hit hard and was a dangerous fighter. Cheers.

7/29/04 05:01:48 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbena@aol.com|||10|Quarry stops Cooper in the 8th round TKO on, of course cuts. Although I always thought Moorer could have done more with his talent, I'll have to give him a decision over Mike Weaver. Moorer was never known for speed of foot, Weaver was even slower. Moorer did have the hand speed though and, at his best threw good, hard combinations. This would be too much for Weaver overcome. UD 10 for Moorer. 

7/29/04 07:36:24 PM|Keith White|Seattle, WA||QUARRYJKW74@AOL.COM|||10|Does anybody out there think that Jerry in his prime would have had a chance to beat Sonny Listen???? As we all know, Jerry was never knocked out cold (Chuvolo was a flook) in his career.

7/29/04 10:07:49 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|I Think the quality of referees in alot of important fights leaves alot to be desired.I watched a fight last weekend in which a fighter was penalized three points for holding the back of his opponents head.He wasn't pulling the other man's head down.He was fighting a southpaw, and simply had no other place to place his arm in a clinch. Why not penalize a man for holding an opponents elbos in a clinch?

7/30/04 02:33:50 AM|Massimo|Roma||Lendl b Mc Enroe 3-6/2-6/6-4/7-5/7-5SIGH.com|||10|Keith<br>A top contender like Jerry Quarry would have had a chance to beat anybody but I think he would have been underdog ( or overcat) against Sonny Liston. I think Sonny Liston's long and powerful left jab would have been too much for Jerry to handle. 

7/30/04 03:35:38 AM|Evren|London||@|||10|I personally think Quarry wouldn't have been able to cope with Liston or Foreman but I guess they said that with Shavers and Lyle!...you never know! But my money would be on Liston.

7/30/04 03:48:52 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Keith, prime verse prime, I would have to favor Liston over Jerry, however in a fight that could have happened, a circa 1969 Jerry verses a 1969 Liston, I would favor Jerry to out hustle Liston for a decision or maybe even a late round stoppage. This would have been a huge win for Jerry as Liston was always dangerous at any point in his career.

7/30/04 05:13:38 AM|Mike|Philly||Yammagamma300|||10|I would have to go with JQ over Liston, Jerry's left hook would take Liston out.

7/30/04 09:42:54 AM|Angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry's analysis is right on. Quarry and Weaver advance. On the topic of Liston vs. JQ, I believe Liston would win on cuts. Both of these guys had good chin and heart---it wouldn't end in a KO, but could end in TKO with Liston victorious. Although, you look at Quarry-Lyle and are able to visualize Jerry winning a decision as well.

7/30/04 01:05:31 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbena@aol.com|||10|I don't believe JQ could have beaten Liston. He would have given Sonny a few hard rounds though
before the Liston jab took over. Shavers was not in the same class as Liston. Liston was, for the most part fundamentally sound. He lacked some defensive skills but during his prime years much like Foreman, he really didn't need them! Shavers was a bomber pure and simple. At the time of the JQ fight Ernie had little or no defensive skill, and his chin and stamina were suspect. He did develop enough defensive polish to be competitive with Ali and Holmes two of the few men who could withstand his power and come back. Jerry was much too skilled for Shavers when they fought. The same would not be true vs. Liston. | 7/30/04 01:21:17 PM|Forest Ward|NYC||NYC.COM|||10|Liston would have stopped Jerry Quarry in the 3rd round. Quarry lacked the defensive skills to avoid Listons heavier punches, and Quarry was too stationary. It would be no contest. | 7/30/04 02:07:13 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|Liston would have TKO'd JQ inside of five rounds, prime vs. prime. Unlike lyle and Shavers Liston was a pretty good boxer with a hard and persistent left jab. And he could hit with both hands. And against a hitter like Cleve Williams, he proved he could take a punch (at least when he wanted to). Liston was much more skilled than Lyle or Shavers who were both very inexperienced when they fought JQ. | 7/30/04 03:19:32 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|I agree, and like I said, I see Liston beating JQ on cuts, probably around the sixth or seventh round. But the only reason I brought up the Lyle fight was that at his best, Quarry was a very focused counter puncher and good boxer. Don't sell Lyle short---he had plenty of real world fight experience when he stepped in against JQ, was the favorite, and Jerry gave him a boxing lesson. No, I don't think JQ could accomplish this against Liston, but I put it out there as at least a remote possibility. I have Liston-Wepner on tape (grainy and hard to watch, with no sound). Even at that advanced stage in his career, Liston could fight. In his prime, he was brutal. But believe me, Jerry wouldn't fold against Liston like Patterson did. JQ didn't seem intimidated by anyone---was courageous to a fault. I think this would rattle Liston for a while, before his ram-rod left opened the eye cuts that would end it. | 7/30/04 04:14:28 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Funny how every once in while someone pops in here and says the regulars here are biased in favor of Jerry, that we overrate him in the long term scheme of things. Not that anyone is doing it here but the next time someone accuses us of bias towards Jerry, I will point out that to a person, everyone who commented on a prime verses prime Sonny Liston verses Jerry Quarry fight, agreed that Jerry could not have beaten Liston. Some of us may think an in prime Jerry could have beaten an older version of Liston, late in Sonny's career, but that is not the same as the best Sonny verses the best Jerry. I think the Quarry fans can be quite objective in their assesment of Jerry's skills. | 7/30/04 04:33:43 PM|Mike|Philly||Yammagamma300|||10|I know i'm out numbered, But I still have to go with Jerry, Ali was not suppose to knock out liston, and I think Jerry would stop Liston.| 7/30/04 08:07:36 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10| Good points by all on Quarry-Liston. Jerry's lack of movement cost him against Frazier, you can't stay in front of sluggers like these, Ali knew that. But JQ would confuse Sonny for a few rounds or so with his unearthly toughness and counterpunching. It would go 5-6 high-action rounds ( not lazy Ali rounds ) and end bloody for Quarry, no KO. But JQ would win Sonny's respect... Any thoughts on the upcoming Olympic boxers? | 7/30/04 08:17:23 PM|Greg Schasser|Canton, OH||saving up for it|||10|Just got to say again, this is a cool site. I don't know much about Henry Cooper, just that he was a good Brit heavyweight who got mangled by Ali. I guess he had to be good to get there. Also, I don't realize Eddie Machen had been so good, I guess he had a belt for awhile? Jerry Quarry was all heart and high skill, but too small for Sonny Liston. I do think Quarry was better than Patterson, who Liston
smashed. Since Floyd was a champ, that's saying something. Thanks again, keep the site up. I've told some friends about it.

I am shocked to say the least that Danny Williams of England knocked out Mike Tyson in the fourth round. After hurting Williams in the first round, Tyson had an edge in each round until the fourth when he had virtually nothing left. Tyson seemed to be less and less effective as the fight went on that by the end he was back to his bad habit of loading up one punch at a time. At the same time, Williams got more effective as the fight went on. Williams stepped up the action in the fourth and hit Tyson, dazing him with a lot of unanswered punches causing Tyson to fall to the canvas and sit there with a dazed look on his face. Tyson then decided to try and get up but he didn't beat the count. Tyson was down for more than ten seconds but the referee held up the count because Williams didn't go to a neutral corner right away. Hopefully Iron Mike will call an end to his career. He really has nothing left.

Gerry, I'm cruising through some boxing sights and I've read your comments. I don't understand what you mean with your comments about Ali. You say something about being lazy and not standing in front of sluggers. Seems like you don't rate Ali and he makes all these mistakes. I now that you are some kind of expert so can you explain it to me please. Was Ali that bad that you criticize him twice in the space of a single comment?

I think we all can agree that Jerry Quarry had the skills and counter punching ability to confuse and hurt Liston. Liston did not have the work rate that Joe Frazier did. That's how Joe beat Jerry BOTH times. He took Jerry on a sprint and Jerry ran out of gas. In the first fight before Jerry got tired he was beatin the hell out Frazier. Jerry had the Power to knock Liston out look at Foster, Shavers etc. I agree that Liston would be the favorite in the fight but that would be to Jerry's advantage. Mentally Jerry was at his best in a fight like that. Liston like Tyson in his prime used to beat alot of guys before they got in the ring.....that would never happen with Jerry and that would be another advantage for Jerry. This would have been a great fight for him in the late 60's as Kent pointed out but I believe Jerry would have counterpunched him and stopped him late. Liston would have been runnin after an ass whuppin with Jerry letting him come to him and workin him body to the head....Quarry by K.O over Liston.

Dr. J, you mention the Machen-Cleveland Williams fight. The so-called washed-up Williams later was fighting with one kidney. He'd lost the other when shot by a policeman. Prior to that, he was a dangerous fighter, a Top Ten contender. Machen was the same, and a superior defensive fighter. If you ever saw the strange position of his elbows and forearms protecting his head, you won't forget it. Who taught him that, friends? Toward the end of his career, he'd base entire fights on strong defense and waiting for less experienced opponents to make mistakes, so he could counterpunch. I think Liston at his best would have beaten Jerry. But a big puncher like Jerry has a chance in every fight, even against a "Godzilla" Dorsey, who won two decisions against King Kong in Tokyo. By the end of the 60s, of course, Jerry would have knocked Liston out. At that time, one of the LA area TV sportscasters played a tape of Liston fighting a young heavyweight, and the guy said, "Here's the slow motion of the fight." Then he revealed it was NOT slow motion, but actually Sonny fighting his best at that time. A sad ending.

Eddie Machen never had a belt. He got one shot at the title against Ernie "What's my name guy" Terrell but lost on points. But he was one hell of a fighter! He fought among the others: Nino Valdes, Wayne Bethea, Mike "Hard punches" De John, Johnny Summerlin, Cleveland "Small Dog" Williams, Jerry
Quarry, Joe Frazier, Doug Jones, Ingemar Johannson (spelling) and Floyd Patterson. Niente male! But I rate Charles Sonny Liston as a top 10 heavyweight ever. He was quick, could punch like hell with both hands, could take one hell of a punch and his jab was one of the best ever. I'm not sure about his heart and stamina, though! It surprises me a little bit that he had so much trouble against Marty "Who" Marshall at the beginning of his career.

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| 7/31/04 09:21:59 AM | maxhord | maxhord@adelphia.net | 10 | there ain't no quit in danny williams either. |
| 7/31/04 12:53:10 PM | Gerry | Cleveland | same | 10 | Godd points on Cleveland Williams and Eddie Machen, two very, very good 1960's heavies. Quarry matches with both, prime-prime, would be very good matches... I agree with Massimo, Liston is a Top Tenner. Ali rated him a better boxer than Foreman in "When they were Kings". Comments on that?... I would definitely NOT call myself an expert, far from it, just a fan who knows a little. Some guys on this site know tons more than me about boxing. But my opinion on Ali is that he loafed in many of his fights. He could jab a little on the ropes, and when the other guy came in, he would grab and clinch. Going 10 rounds with Ali and going 10 rounds with Frazier or Quarry were often not nearly the same thing. Going 10 rounds with Foreman was almost a miracle. Ali, to his credit, paced himself and managed fights about as well as anyone ever. Given that I don't like him, I have to give him a good jab once in a while... Tyson lost that fight because of a twisted knee, not because of Williams, who he clearly had. He will fight again, count on it. But mentally, that is another story for Tyson. He continues to slip, tough to watch. |
| 7/31/04 01:24:36 PM | Ernie Laxalt | Reno, NV | elax66@aol.com | 10 | I am still slightly surprised that so many people dislike Ali, so many years after he last fought. No other boxer seems to get that much attention, except maybe Foreman or Tyson. It must be because of the way Ali shot his mouth off, and his defiant attitude. I think to many people he's like the New York Yankees -- just too much of the top dog, too much success, too much attention all the time. Massimo, there have been long periods when the Yankees dominated baseball for years on end. They were much more rich and powerful than any other team. We all love an underdog, and that's part of why we love Jerry Quarry. In his prime, he was usually the underdog, usually matched against bigger men. Rooting for Ali was like rooting for General Motors. |
| 7/31/04 01:28:42 PM | Ernie Laxalt | Reno, NV | elax66@aol.com | 10 | One more thing. You know, Ernie Terrell was never a great fighter, but he was good, and one of the best heavies for a few years. He was widely respected, too. But Ali humiliated him in the "What's my name?" fight. Carried him for many rounds just to make him look bad, and take a beating. Since then, it seems like people consider Terrell a bum, a guy who was always a bum. But he wasn't. |
| 7/31/04 02:17:01 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Cleveland " T Rex " Williams was a very good fighter with a big punch, but who the hell he ever beat in his career? The only top contender he ever beat was Ernie " Tall and Lanky " Terrell. |

| 7/31/04 06:15:49 PM | Fran | Philly | plc7755@aol.com | 10 | Mike... That was Jerry's thing he would suprise anyone who took him for anything less than what he was a great heavyweight that was part of the brilliance of Ali and Frazier they both knew who they were fighting when they fought Jerry and were prepared for a great fight. Gerry from Cleveland I have read alot of your posts and you know a hell of alot about Boxing you just don't know nothing about Dubya..... Just jokin lets not go there again. Thome is having a great year thanks again. |
| 7/31/04 06:40:27 PM | Bill | London | billharmon@aol.com | 10 | Gerry, I appreize
your frankness in admitting that you don't like Ali, but don't you think it would
be better if you were a bit more balanced when you give him a 'good jab once in
awhile'.

I think you are a lot older than me and I have to rely on books
to visualize Ali's career. But the criticisms you make of Ali surely could not be
relevant to his 'first' career between 1960 to 1967. Ali jabbed more
than a little in that period, didn't he? He had 29 fights before exile and won
them all. Only 6 of those fights went 10 rounds or more, so how is your comment
relevant that 'going 10 rounds with Ali and going 10 rounds with Frazier or
Quarry were often not really the same thing.'

Also you say that Ali 'paced himself and managed fights'. When exactly did he do this between 1960 and
1967. The record shows that he blew all his opponents out of the
ring. Therefore, although your bias probably prevents you from admitting
it, your criticisms of Ali must relate ONLY to his second career from 1970
onwards. To be fair, it must be noted that the second career began after
3 years of exile. No fights in that time. This seems to have escaped Gerrys
memory. By the time he came back, how old was he? Over 30 - the age when most
sportsmen retire.

I am going through his fight record. First fight back
he blew Quarry away in 3. No loafing there. He then stopped Bonavena in the 15
and wasn't that the guy who caused Frazier heaps of trouble. He then lost in 15
rounds to Frazier but there was no loafing there either. My point is
that prior to fight 32 Ali never did any of the things Gerry criticises him for.
32 fights is usually a full career for most boxers and Frazier only had 37
fights in his entire career.

And by fight 32 Ali had had wars against the very best....Liston, Patterson, Moore, Cooper, Quarry, and Frazier.

Your (biased) criticisms, Gerry, must therefore relate to after 1971. By
this time Ali was aged 31 and had had 32 career fights....which is usually the
career number for most fighters. So after fight 32, at age 31, he did have to
pace himself. Who else wouldn't have. Ali wasn't the black superman man after
all.

But even though he paced himself, at least he kept fighting
regularly. After Frazier 1, Ali had another 29 fights, while Frazier only had
another 10 fights. Ali fought the very, very best, one after the other and won
most of them. Frazier avoided some fighters, took easy exhibitions against stars
like Daniels and Stander, and only won 5 of his last 10 fights. And he was
younger than Ali.

From age 31 onwards, Ali could still rise to the
heights, like he did against Foreman, and like he did against Frazier in fights
2 and 3. Hell, he even whipped Quarry again. If Ali was like you say, Gerry,
then that reflects badly on your hero Quarry, doesn't it. Ali whipped his arse.
So whose ya mamma now Gerry.

To me, Alis record speaks for itself. Knockers like Gerry can have there little jabs at him because they dont like him
for whatever reason, but Alis history stands on its own. His record looks down
on knockers like Gerry and hautfully laughs at them.

Whilst Gerry sat around in bars searching for things to criticize Ali about, Ali was out there
being a champion many call the greatest of all time. Cheap shots from cheap
critics cant change the legend that Ive been reeding about.

So thanks for reminding us Gerry that we arent all equal. Ive printed your post and Ill
read it every time I need reminding.

Great in-depth comments about Jerry vs. Sonny Liston here guys! I agree that it would
be tough to pick Jerry in his prime over Sonny Liston in his prime; however I
would pick Jerry to beat Liston in a 1969 match. What an interesting fight that
would have been! I not sure Sonny was interested in taking on a hot, up-and-
coming talented fighter like Quarry in 1969....

Bill from London, you make some excellent points about Ali and how much he did in the
first part of his career but then you get into a little mudslinging by saying to
Gerry, "Ali whipped your hero Quarry again, who's your mamma Gerry?" Do you
realize that you are visiting a site that is dedicated to the memory of Jerry
Quarry and his run by family members who regularly visit here? Why the dig at Quarry? I happen to be a huge fan of Jerry's but I also have enormous respect for Ali and I don't agree with Gerry's asessment of Ali's career but my judgement of your post went from great, in your defense of Ali's skills, to low because of your cheap shot directed at Jerry Quarry on his own site! Gerry, yes Ali did a lot of holding in the latter stages of his career and coasting, but if you notice, he still had fast hands and would often score flurries in between him resting. Example, against Foreman, he spent a lot of time on the ropes avoiding Foreman's punches but he also would spring off the ropes and nail Foreman with good punches. In fact, I thought the fight was very close at the time of Ali's knockout win because Ali, in most of the rounds, was counterpunching brilliantly. Even in Ali's last fight, against Trevor Berbick, who was the first man to go the distance against Larry Holmes in a title defense and who later won a version of the heavyweight title, Ali still almost won the Berbick fight even though he had very little left and he was a shell of his former self. He still had enough left to almost beat a much younger legitimate contender. Ali was an incredible athlete, one we will never see again. |7/31/04 08:23:17 PM|Bill|billharmon@aol.com||London||||10|I did go overboard, Kent, in the criticism of Gerry, but in the context of what that man was saying it was sort of necessary. Just cause Gerry doesn't like someone, shouldn't mean that he can be unfair and get away with it. In reality he publishes to the world his views on a site like this, and an elder statesman like Gerry has responsibility to be fair when dealing with history, even when he dislikes someone and even if he feels the urge to give that person 'a good jab once in awhile.' On Alis behalf I was giving Gerry a little poke back. Given that Gerry distorted Alis career, by only mentioning habits Ali had after age 32 when he had already had up to 32 very, very good and hard fights, then it was more than a little dishonest on Gerrys part. Gerry tried to characterize Alis entire career on habits that only arose after fight 32. That Ali was able to fight at all after that time, having been through wars against the best in history, and to then go on and beat others of similar calibre at that advanced age, deserves recognition and not Gerrys cheap shots.<br>By all means criticize. By all means like and dislike. But when personal bias and dislike verging on hatred steers the debate, then commentators like Gerry should only talk about something they can be fair and balanced about (just like the O'Reilly Factor and Fox News does). All my knowledge of that era is from books and a few videos. I think I am getting a more accurate view of history from those educational tools, than any of us can hope to get from Gerrys blinkered memory. I answered cheap shot with cheap shot with Gerry and you are write when you say I shouldn't have Kent. You have been fair and I know that.<br>But for anyone to characterize Alis entire career as a 'loafer', someone who could only 'jab a little', someone who could only 'clinch on the ropes', a boxer who couldnt give others hard 10 rounds like Quarry and Frazier, well, you gotta ask the question: does that person know anything at all about boxing? |7/31/04 10:17:51 PM|Ernie Laxalt|Reno, NV|elax66@aol.com||9|God, Gerry, you are a rancorous old fart. How old are you, man? I'm 55. I saw all of Ali's fights. Very few of you guys are good historians. Sorry to say it. You forget too much, and exaggerate too much. Jerry Quarry was never in the same class as Ali, Frazier or Foreman, probably not Liston, either. Massimo, for shame, paisan! Even if I told you who Cleve Williams beat, you would not recognize one name. Hahahaha! But here you are whining and asking who he ever beat. I'll get a list of his opponents and put it up. Not sure if you ever saw the man fight at all, paisan. Che? Most of you write as if you think Jerry Quarry could have beaten any heavyweight who ever lived, and probably would have if a few circumstances were different. That's simply not true. It's kind of like saying George Brett was just as good as Ty Cobb, Rogers Hornsby, Babe Ruth, Joe
DiMaggio (there you go, Massimo!) or Ted Williams. Not true. Jerry was a great fighter, but not that great. Let's be realistic here. Moving on to Frazier, his best shot was not his left hook. It was his head, and his second best shot was either of his elbows. You complain about Ali pulling necks, coasting until the ends of rounds -- what do you think this sport is, Tea Time with Eleanor Roosevelt? Ali was the fastest and quickest heavyweight of all time, and not by a small margin. He had a great punch. He was a master tactician. He was the best in history at the mental game. He could cut a slab of pig iron with his jabs. Until he got old, he was hard to hit. He was probably the best athlete ever to pull on gloves. Some of you guys write as if his only fight was the Thrilla in Manilla, or his swan song against Larry Norton. WAKE UP!

This is a good site until one or another of you mugs hauls out your hobby horse and starts with one of these old delusions. Got it? Jeez, Gerry, you know more than the dumb stuff that comes out of your mouth some times.

Williams began his career in 1951 and won his first 27 fights, 23 by knockout. In 1954, he suffered a knockout loss to Bob Satterfield. Cleveland did not box in 1955 because he was in the Army. When he resumed his career he ran off 12 straight wins leading him to a match with the feared Sonny Liston. The two traders bombs until Sonny put over the sleeper in round two. Eleven months later they met again in another war with Sonny winning in round three. In Cleveland's next 22 fights he went 20-1-1 with 13 kayos. He lost a decision to Terrell and he drew with Machen. He scored victories over Terrell, Wayne Bethea, Alex Miteff, Billy Daniels, and Tod Herring. This led to a title bout with Muhammad Ali in November of 1966. In 1965, Williams was badly injured when he was shot by a patrolman during a traffic stop argument. The bullet entered his stomach doing severe damage. That he was even able to fight again, is a testimony to his will and courage. The Williams that entered the ring against Ali was just a shell of his former self. In what many feel was Ali's best career performance, the champion dominated his aging rival. The bout was mercifully stopped in the third round. Cleveland would never again be a major factor in the division. He lost to Bob Cleroux and and Mac Foster and served as an opponent for upcoming fighters looking for a name on their record.

I had the opportunity to see Williams box a decent heavy weight named Ted Gullick at the old Cleveland Arena. Gullick would meet George Foreman, Earnie Shavers, and Duane Bobick during his career, but he was no match for Williams this night. Using a ramrod jab and a solid body attack, Cleveland outboxed his upstart foe to win a ten rounder. The consummate professional at work. That is how I'll remember Cleveland Williams.

When you mention Ron Lyle or these other recent 3rd or 4th level guys, the top contenders of the 50s and early 60s were better. I'm talking about Eddie Machen, Zora Folley, Cleve Williams, Ernie Terrell and others. They had very good records against the usual gamut of weak, fair, good, strong and very strong opponents. No, they were not as good as Joe Frazier or George Foreman, or Mike Tyson, but don't drop them from your sights. They were damned good fighters and you owe it to yourself as a boxing fan to know something about them. In 100 years, it's doubtful if more than a few boxing fans will remember Jerry Quarry. That will be a mistake, because we all know he was a great fighter. People then will only remember Ali, Frazier, Foreman, probably Tyson. That's a shame, because Jerry, Jimmy Ellis, Floyd
Patterson, Ernie Terrell, Buster Mathis and other fighters deserve to be remembered, too. But that's what happens with history. Don't let it happen to you. Be more knowledgeable than that.

| 8/1/04 12:19:48 AM | Gerry| Cleveland|| same |||| 9 | WOW... give me a second to get back to my feet... Opinions are something I respect, some people don't really have one, so I appreciate yours. Let me clarify a few things while I put on some band-aids,... my comments on Ali's clinching were NOT meant to sum up this guy's entire career. Come on guys, read the posts. I have called Ali the best I ever saw numerous times. Man, you guys can fill up a screen! There has to be more to this than Ali, am I right? Bill, you must have forgotten what site you were on. Ernie, your comments go beyond boxing to personal way too easily. Did someone named Gerry hide your Exlax recently? I'm sorry to sound like an old fart - I'm far from it - and I do bathe regularly. Someone named RS used to complain, ad nauseum, that this site is filled with Ali worshippers, I never knew how right she was until this. If you guys want to hang Ali posters above your beds, go for it, ok? The man, to me, was a racist, was anti-christian, treated opponents terribly in the media, and got some very shady wins in the 70's, that's my take. As much as I don't like him, I will say AGAIN he is the best I ever saw, and, AGAIN, that he was not just a compelling figure for this sport, or all sports, but for America, a rare stature for any athlete to rise to. Given that I've said this many times, I deserve some credit for objectivity. I won't hold my breath for it ... Fran, you're grudgingly welcome for Thome, who I continue to watch. Actually, I've been a Phillies follower since the mid-70's, Mike Schmidt was my favorite player. I think I do know Dubya, but I'll let the Pennsylvania and Ohio voters do my talking in November ... I'm glad someone else stuck up for Cleveland Williams, I just wish he wasn't standing over me with a crowbar. Thanks again guys.

| 8/1/04 03:43:32 AM | Massimo| Roma|| Shaq, who ??? |||| 10 | Ernie-<br><br>I have seen Big Cat only in two of his fights: Ali' and Liston 2. Williams lost in a poor way in both fights. I wish I can see Big Cat in some of his best fights. Me and you are maybe the only two persons alive on earth who have seen Ted Gullick fight. I have a tape of his fight with George Foreman. Ted fought a decent first round, but in the second George kicked the hell out of him ( Oregon slang).<br>Billy Daniels was a good fighter. He was probably ahead on points against Cassio Marcello when the fight was stopped. Jerry Quarry destroyed him in 1. That was a good performance !<br>PS: I have to correct you on the Liston-Williams fights<br>In the first one, fought in 1959, Liston beat Williams in three, but Williams hit him with a very hard shot.<br>In the second one, fought in 1960, Liston destroyed Williams in 2. It was as easy as a walk in the park for Sonny.

| 8/1/04 03:57:19 AM | Bill| London|| billharmon@aol.com |||| 10 | Gerry, are you suggesting that there was no racism towards blacks in America in the 1960s ? 40 years on and you're still hating a black man barely out of his teens who reacted to an environment not very hospitable to him.<br>How long since Ali has uttered a racist or anti-christian word ? Four decades ? Truth be known, Gerry, you are more anti-christian than Ali. Christianity preaches forgiveness and you still keep on hating 40 years on.<br>How come you only focus on the negatives. When discussing Ali's 20 year career, you only mentioned traits that developed in his 30s after he had already fought 32 fights. Yet you stigmatize his career by ignoring the great period (1960 - 1967) to selectively pick on the traits that came as he aged.<br>You've done the same thing with him personally. You highlight the few bad things in his early 20s (did you ever sin, Gerry ?) when he reacted to the whirlwind of the times. But when have you ever mentioned the dignity he shows with his incredibly debilitating illness, the braveness of his not hiding away, the hope he gives to others with the same condition, and the joy he continues to give the world by getting out to meet and greet. (Not to mention the great joy that his long boxing career brought to tens
of millions of fans throughout the world.)

But no, Gerry, you'd rather go back four decades and look for something to hate him for.

And when someone brings you to account for your biased and selective memory, what did you do? You make the allegation that we're all Ali worshippers with posters of the man above our beds. Pardon us for having an opinion different to yours, Gerry.

Personally, I just don't think you have the guts to come out and admit that you hate Ali. I suspect that your own abject failures in life make you hate those who are admired by the large majority. Unfortunately, Gerry, this leaves you with no credibility.

Anyway, Gerry, let's debate the facts, not your biases. You allege that Ali was a loafer, that he only jabbed a little on the ropes, that he grabbed and clinched, and that going 10 rounds with him was softer than it was with Quarry and Frazier.

When exactly did Ali show these traits during the first 32 fights of his career? When did he do these things before he was aged 32?

We are all waiting for your reply. Tick tock tick tock.

- 8/1/04 07:18:39 AM| Fran|Philly|| plc7755@aol.com ||| 10 | Ali had 2 careers this is true and it is not the fault of the fan to remember both. Ali of the 60's was a heavyweight with a lightweights reflexes and timing, The Ali of the 70's was a shell of the 60's version but he pulled in big bucks and his show was a circus built on the hype. He pulled in big money. He got away with holding, bad decisions, and boring fights that they would have to invent new rules about like "you have to knock out the champ to take the title". They milked Ali for the money he pulled down at the risk of him taking to much punishment in fights he should not have been in. Thats how it was. The second career was all about cashing in on the first. Just the fact that he could span 2 eras like he did made him great but if you look at him against Jimmy Young or Chuck Wepner or Lyle or Leon do you see a great fighter????

- 8/1/04 07:39:16 AM| Fran|Philly|| plc7755@aol.com ||| 10 | Hey Bill from wherever. Where do you get off throwing words like racism around on this great site. That does not exist on this site. You brought it here like every now and again some idiot does. We talk Boxing here not Political Correctness. This site is about a great fighter who never got any publicity during his career compared to Ali. Well he gets it here. If that bothers you then I am sure ("you gonna hate this site")but don't try and twist it. So As far as Ali goes you are obviously one guy who didn't turn the sound down during the Ali fights......thats the first thing we did. We didn't need to hear Cossells hype we just watched to see boxing.

- 8/1/04 09:06:24 AM| Evren|London|| @ ||| 10 |Massimo! Did you say the Williams fight was a walk in the park for Liston?? I disagree buddy. Williams was awesome and pounded Liston in both fights early on and breaking Liston's nose before Sonny out slugged him. Both fights are among the best slugfests I have ever seen!!

- 8/1/04 09:24:42 AM| Evren|London|| @ ||| 10 |Regarding Ali. I am the biggest fan of Ali both in his early career and his later career. I tend to think that Ali brought in something in his later fights that he didnt have to in his early career (partially because he was so damn good in his first career he didnt have to!) He gained an awesome wisdom and knowledge to the ring that reminded me of guys like Archie Moore, Ezzard Charles, Lloyd Marshall in their pure knowledge of the game. It was tactics that won him some fights where this was supplemented against his deterioration of skill. The thing that always comes back to me is : - take away his last two fights and Ali beat every opponent that he ever faced. Including other 'Greatest Fighters' evre : - Liston, Foreman, Frazier etc.

- 8/1/04 09:24:42 AM| Evren|London|| @ ||| 10 |I have always enjoyed watching Ali in and out of the ring. He used bring much joy to my father and I as we watched the old fights and old interviews. He really did make us laugh. But as I get older and I think of the things he used to say about his opponents and his views on seperatism etc I do think less of him as some of his comments were without consideration for others. What I can be happy about though is that Ali's views...
have changed and he has matured as a human being and he values peace and
equality to all. He was a representative of 'his people' when, I guess in 60's
america there weren't too many people standing up for the African Americans. He
almost made himself a deliberate target I guess for the angry racists and in
that way promoted himself amongst his own 'people'. Ali did have a few off
nights or lazy nights but who didn't? Evren

|8/1/04 11:05:24 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Ernie, as I
noted in a recent post, the regulars here said, almost to a man that Jerry
Quarry would have not beaten Sonny Liston, prime verses prime. You say that we
think Jerry could beat any heavyweight who ever lived, given certain
circumstances. You find Jerry's biggest fans at this site and not one of us has
ever said that Jerry could ever hope to beat anyone who ever lived. Jerry was
ranked number 27 all time by a Ring Magazine article from 1998 and that is a
fair ranking. That means 26 heavyweights could have likely defeated Jerry and
that is about right that on the other hand, Jerry could have beaten the
countless thousands others who laced on gloves other than the 26 ahead of him on
the list. <br><br>I used the Liston example as showing we are not totally
biased towards are assement of Jerry's skills and this point is shown by only
one poster saying that Jerry could have beaten Liston, which I don't agree
with.\<br><\br>Regarding Ali, while it is true Ali was shown favortism in judging
later in his career, he still was a great fighter during this time as he went
head to head with the greatest crop of fighters the division has ever seen and
most of the time he legitimately came out on top. He was an amazing fighter
throughout his career.\<br><\br>It is interesting how one poster can come out and
say we are a bunch of Ali lovers, I think this statement is attributed to R.S.,
who pops in here every once in a while and stirs up trouble than disappears
again, while someone else says we are against Ali. We must be doing something
right if both extremes of opinion claim we are on the other side.|

|8/1/04 12:24:20 PM|Fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com|||10|Speak for yourself Kent
there are a few of us that think Jerry could have beaten Liston.|

|8/1/04 12:44:45 PM|Ernie Laxalt|Reno, NV||elax66@aol.com|||10|Let's look at
Fran's comments as examples of gross misunderstanding and not having certain
information. I'll comment in CAPS. Here we go: \<br><\br>"Ali had 2 careers this
is true and it is not the fault of the fan to remember both. SURE IT IS, FRAN, IF
YOU WANT TO TALK REASONABLY AND KNOWLEDGABLY ABOUT A MAN AS A FIGHTER. Ali of
the 60's was a heavyweight with a lightweights reflexes and timing, The Ali of
the 70's was a shell of the 60's version but he pulled in big bucks and his show
was a circus built on the hype. FRAN, THIS SHELL BEAT QUARRY TWICE AND FOUGHT
FRAZIER, NOT DOING TOO BADLY. He pulled in big money. He got away with holding,
bad decisions, and boring fights -- NOT EVERY TIME, SON. EVERYONE USES TRICKS
LIKE HOLDING, BUTTING, CUFFING OR WHAT HAVE YOU. WE EXPLAINED WHY CHAMPIONS GET
THE EDGE IN JUDGING. that they would have to invent new rules about like "you
have to knock out the champ to take the title". THAT'S NOT A NEW IDEA, AND NEVER
WAS A RULE. THAT'S BEEN AROUND SINCE BOXING BEGAN. They milked Ali for the money
he pulled down at the risk of him taking to much punishment in fights he should
not have been in. FRAN, THAT IS THE TRAGIC STORY OF ALL BOXING, MORE OR LESS.
LOOK AT JERRY. LOOK AT JOE LOUIS OR ARCHIE MOORE. LOOK AT ALEJANDRO LAVORANTE.
Thats how it was. The second career was all about cashing in on the first.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT? YOU DON'T LIKE CASHING IN? WE FOUGHT JERRY TWICE,
FRAZIER, FOREMAN, ETC. Just the fact that he could span 2 eras like he did made
him great but if you look at him against Jimmy Young or Chuck Wepner or Lyle or
Leon do you see a great fighter???? YES, A GREAT FIGHTER GETTING OLD. MIKE TYSON
WAS KNOCKED OUT THE OTHER NIGHT BUT HE'S STILL A GREAT FIGHTER. <br>|
theories about how Jerry could have beaten Liston, Foreman, Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, etc. Jerry doesn't need far-fetched theories. He did incredibly well.

I couldn't see Dennis "the real Truth" Williams vs Mike Tyson. This is the first Mike Tyson's fight I miss. This is very sad. But yesterday I have seen Gene Fullmer vs Bennie "Kid" Paret (rounds 1, 2, 7, 10 honestly speaking). What a fight! Awesome! It was another Frazier-Quarry 1, but lasted almost ten round. I think Gene Fullmer is underrated. He was a great, great, great... Great champion! Spinto da curiosita', I have read his record: AWESOME! He beat Carmen Basilio twice and it seems to me that he fought Salt Ray Robinson 5 times: 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. Who was better? Bennie "Kid" Paret was very good too, but not quite in Gene Fullmer's class.

I'm limping as fast as I can Bill, put the gun down... I think this says something that the people who post here are passionate fans of boxing, and of the era that Ali, Quarry et al performed in. That said, there is some responsibility here to read someone's post thoroughly before attempting to flog him with a 9-iron. I was talking to TWO GUYS when I made the 'poster' reference, not Kent or anyone else, and it's a joke anyway. "I, Gerry Schultz, being of sound mind and bruised body, do again state to the jury... ALI IS THE BEST (still with me?) I EVER SAW. Anyone lacking the eyesight to see that comment, please see a doctor immediately. What do I base that assessment on? AGAIN, IT IS HIS CAREER BEFORE BEING STRIPPED. I have shown more than a little respect for the man as a fighter. I don't appreciate Ali nearly as much as a man, who often used white media to confuse and insult BLACK opponents, who often held himself as Blacker Than Thou against very good black men. Is he responsible for his actions? Is anyone? I say yes, we are. Do I forgive him? For what? This is just my take on the man, my opinion causes him no injury, no matter how many share it. If you think My opinion of him is unfair, then You have just expressed your opinion. America still allows this for both of us, I swear. You two need to get a beer and a massage. I do hope this clarification does not again seriously injure or offend your delicate sensibilities.

Another thing: I have seen some video clips of Clay in Rome (1960) and he fought like a genius. He was really AWESOME. He was incredibly quick! I wonder if he ever fought in that way early in his professional fights.

... I meant early in his professional career.

We all have different views on JQ and Liston. I always bet on Jerry, but the one fight I was not sure on was Jerry and Shavers and look what happen. So since we will never know JQ vs Liston. I'm going with JQ.Ali was a great fighter, but he didn't have alot of people in his pocket the last few fights. He turned out to be a Elvis in the fight game just going thru the motions.

Fran, I wasn't speaking for everyone, just making a point that we are objective here. There is room for disagreement like I disagree that prime verses prime that Jerry could have survived not being cut by Liston's jab. I think most of the people who come here are in agreement with me on this but not everyone. What I like about this site is a lot of the time we can disagree about a topic but not make it personal.

Fran, are you saying that the racism was all a one way street and
that Ali never got any back. Ever stopped to think that Ali was only responding to the racism he got. Are you saying that there was no racism towards the blacks in the 1960s. Or was it just Ali being racist towards the whites. By the way, Fran, Ali in his second career, after 1970, was 30 years of age. Like any guy getting older, he held, threw less punches, and slowed down. But he still kept winning. He beat Frazier and Foreman and other great fighters. What more did you want him to do. Sounds to me like Ali angered you with all those antics he used to swell the crowd. You kept paying big money to see someone shut his big mouth and it cost you heaps of time and money. Most of the time you walked away very disappointed. You sound to me, Fran, like an Al Gore supporter at the last election. You went along to all the rallies hoping to see Gore kick Bush's butt, but it never happened. And thus you became a Bush hater (just like you hate Ali). Come November you'll be out handing out Kerry how to vote cards. (It's just an analogy, settle down Fran.) Anyway, Fran, you might also like to explain, if Ali was so far gone, he was still able to beat Jerry Quarry easily. (Don't expect Gerry to help you here; he never debates the issues.) The truth is, Fran, as much as your dislike of Ali never allows you to admit it, he was still a magnificent fighter in his 30s and much too good for the ones you bet to beat him, especially your favourite Jerry Quarry. If Jerry was as good as you say (and I think he was fantastic), then Ali must have been the greatest.

It is pretty well established that the young Cassius Clay lived a fairly uneventful middle class life in a relatively tranquil city, until people in his community helped him get started in boxing. Quite the opposite of Joe Frazier's lot growing up dirt poor on a farm in the deep South. Yet Frazier did not find it necessary to join what was essentially a cult which espoused vehemently racist and extremist views. Check out any mainstream Moslem website and you will probably find a renunciation of, or at least a distancing from, the Black Muslim sect. To suggest that adopting their beliefs was some reasonable response to the "racism" suffered by Clay is preposterous. But you'd have to learn what their beliefs are to have a valid opinion in this regard. You might want to start with C. Eric Lincion's seminal "The Black Muslims in America". If you did, you would (or should) be astounded at some of the views that Ali apparently embraced, starting with their version of the world's creation. Can someone point me to his public renunciation of same? If so, I would amend my own opinion of him. (P.S. this was not limited to 40 years ago - i.e. the 60's - he routinely praised Elijah Muhhamed after his victories throughout his career.) Those who might suggest that anyone who bears some animosity toward Ali is patently wrong and probably racist need to look a bit deeper at Ali's life. Plenty of people have yet to forgive Jane Fonda, and she apologized. Love him, hate him, or in between, we're all entitled to our opinions, particularly when they are based upon facts. In closing, the recent personal attacks which typically follow any statement which ruffle some feathers are unproductive and, frankly, un-American, no?
beliefs that are weird to persons of other nationalities or cultures. And last time I looked, Americans were free to hold those beliefs (at least after slavery was abolished, anyways). So please Forest, tell us all about Ali's weird religious beliefs. From a purely philosophical perspective, I am looking forward to reading what you write. Thanks.

| 8/1/04 11:54:02 PM | Gerry | Cleveland | same | 9 | Bill, I have answered all your questions, twice. Do your part and read them. I've done all I can for you, your whining is tiresome. I couldn't care less about your personal insults. I've read your posts and will chalk that up to the quality of the source. I've said all I can say on the Ali topic, let's move on to better discussion. |

| 8/1/04 11:59:12 PM | Observer | US | Irrelevant | 10 | Anyone interested in a valid discussion should first become informed regarding the subject matter. The suggestion that Judeo-Christian articles of faith are remotely analogous to the tenets of the Nation of Islam (Black Muslims) displays not a command, but rather a profound ignorance of the topic. While all major religions, including the one that Observer 2 mocks, do indeed require an acceptance of things not readily apparent to us (articles of faith), none dictate overt, abject hatred directed at other peoples based exclusively upon race. The Nation of Islam, which is not a major religion but rather a tiny sect renounced by mainstream Moslems, does. For starters, the Nation of Islam's members believe that "Original Man", the black man, is a race of gods. And that thousands of years ago, an evil scientist -"Yacub" (the name has various spellings) - betrayed "Original Man" by creating a mutant race, white men, who are devils bent on destroying "Original Man". A minimal amount of research will confirm the above report, and provide much, much more information for the inquisitive. The comparison, then, to Christianity, which espouses love, charity, and brotherhood, could hardly be less valid or offensive. In any event, this is a boxing site, and my first post was simply an invited response to others which oversimplified Ali as either a saint or alternatively a cartoonish loudmouth, then wondered aloud how anyone can possibly dislike him (usually including an implication that those who do must be racists). I don't intend to offend anyone, just offer some easily corroborated facts. Moreover, I have no intention of beating this to death. If anyone cares, do the research yourself (it only takes typing "Nation of Islam" in Google and reading), confirm for yourself what sort of people Ali threw in with, and decide for yourself whether it bears upon your opinion of him. Case closed. Best wishes to all. |

| 8/2/04 01:59:42 AM | Ernie Laxalt | Reno, NV | elax66@aol.com | 10 | We really ought to sign our names to our posts. Even more than that, our posts ought to have something to do with boxing, however tangential. Observer2, I don't need you to inform me about Black Muslims. What is your shoe size, anyway? Do you have a jab that sticks, or do you drop it when you get tired? What's the boxing scene like in London now? Do you have a lot of Jamaican fighters? I'm glad Cleveland ("Big Cat") Williams got his due here. He had a big enough punch -- like JQ -- that he might have won a championship with it. Zora Folley was another excellent heavyweight of the late 50s and 60s, but most of the top boxers -- including Ali -- ducked him, until late in Folley's career. Kent, what did you think of Amos (Big Train) Lincoln? He was one of the first in a new breed of really big heavyweights, at about 6'4" or 6'5", about 230, 235, and he could really slam. He was a Liston sparring partner for a while. He won quite a few fights, then a lesser-known West Coast heavy named King Fletcher KOed him decisively. Fletcher later died of ring injuries from another fight. Observer2, why do Black Muslims wear bow ties? |

| 8/2/04 05:09:16 AM | Observer 2 | Hell | same | 10 | Good question, Ernie. Why do Black Muslims wear black bow ties? Mmmm. Maybe its because non-Black Muslims don't wear black bow ties and they want to be different. Perhaps Malcolm X's father owned a bow tie factory, and his sister a black dieing business. |
It's possible that they were worried that long ties gave mean guys like Gerry and Observer (read Forest Ward) something to strangle them with. Maybe they didn't want to dress like Al Jolson, or the guys on Laugh In, or Glenn Campbell, or Richard Nixon, or those who attended tea parties with Eleanor Roosevelt. I haven't seen any bad guys in Iraq wearing black bow ties, so we know that they aren't Black Muslims. No black bow ties there, although it would improve on the towel look. I don't think OJ was wearing a black bow tie on the night in question, and I don't know what Marion Jones's druggist wears. When I was a stupid kid, I wasn't wearing a black bow tie every time I was naughty. Actually, that is a really good question. What IS the relevance of the Black Muslims wearing black bow ties (and short sleeved shirts) ?

Another question. Why do guys like Gerry and Observer (Forest) not wear black bow ties ? And that brings me to an important point. Forest - apart from having ideological and religious differences from you, what real harm did the Black Muslims do ? Were they terrorists, rapists, bank robbers ? Or were they just misguided guys who thought Fred Flinstone and Barney Rubble created mankind. But I'm sure you have comprehensive notes on all Black Muslim atrocities, including those by the baby burning arch devil Muhammad Ali, so please fill us in on them. Thanks.

| 8/2/04 09:30:24 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | ||| 10 |
| You mean Fred Flitstone and Barney Rubble didn't create mankind? Now what am I going to tell my kids if I ever have any? Ernie, Amos Lincoln was a good fighter who maybe stayed around too long. He had a good record but he ended up losing a lot of fights in a row to fighters like Sonny Liston, Karl Mildenberger, and Thad Spencer. He was just one of those guys who seemed to have a lot of talent who was mishandled by management. He never really fulfilled his potential. Early in his career he was already fighting eight rounders against more experienced fighters after less than ten fights. That can ruin a fighter later on, burn him out. I would really have to double check his record but I am pretty sure it was at least less than fifteen fights that he was in with some very tough guys.

I don't know anything about his management, either they didn't know what they were doing or they didn't care.

| 8/2/04 11:11:48 AM | Massimo | Roma | ciao yao, yao ciao.com | ||| 10 |
| Hey guys, let me teach you something: Fred and Burnie together couldn't create anything. Fred and Vilma did create mankind. And Burnie and Bettie also. At least, in Italy works in this way. Maybe in USA the things are different, I don't know. Ernie - Amos 'Small car' Lincoln wasn't 6'4 or 6'5 ! Boxing record archive says he is a 6'2 midget. And, truth for truth, Andre' wasn't 7'4, he was around 6'7. Lincoln wasn't even close to be 230 lbs. I don't know why they called him 'Big Train'. Maybe only because he did use a big train to go to the fights.

| 8/2/04 11:22:39 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | ||| 10 |
| What does everyone think of the Tyson fight? I must say, I was very surprised by this one. I guess I shouldn't be shocked because Tyson hasn't shown much for about 15 years, but still, I expected a walkover and Danny Williams (wasn't that Danno's name on Hawaii Five-O?) booked Tyson! Really, for everyone who puts Tyson (even in his prime) as an alltime great, this just deteriorates his legacy even more. He was an intimidating young knockout artist and beat up on a lot of tomato cans (and a couple decent fighters including the shell of Larry Holmes, who in his prime would have horsewhipped Tyson), then reached the pinnacle by flattening cruiserweight Michael Spinks because Spinks was afraid to mix it up. Guys, Tyson was a great and fast power puncher, but let's not talk about him in the same sentence (same paragraph maybe, but not same sentence) with Ali, Foreman, Marciano, Liston, Holmes, etc. He never ever showed the heart of a truly great champion. He never rallied when he was behind, or got up off the
canvas to win a fight. He was a good heavyweight champ, but not a great one. He didn't dedicate himself the way a great champion does. And by the way, this isn't a matter of saying Tyson couldn't, for example, beat Joe Frazier. But it is saying that in context, Frazier was a great of his time and Tyson wasn't. Just because styles make fights, maybe Tyson could win a match with Frazier. But Frazier showed more over a longer period and in my opinion, won or was competitive in more great fights. Tyson might have just enough left to get another couple paydays, but wow, Danny Williams!

Whenever, I make a post on this site I always leave my name, Forest Ward. I don't have the need to write something under a different name.

Tyson was a great front-runner. The quality of his opposition was downright mediocre and it never allowed us to see if Tyson was more than just an offensive machine. The best fighter that Tyson ever faced when considering prime years etc? Tony Tucker. Tucker gave Tyson some problems, but Tyson was too ferocious at that time. Holmes wasn't even close to being prepared or in his prime, Spinks was already retired in his own mind before the Tyson fight and was just getting one more pay day. Look at the rest of the names. The first "real" test for Tyson was his 18th fight against Jesse Ferguson. A nice fighter, hardly a world-beater. A couple fights later he beats a past-prime James Tillis. Destroys a fragile Marvis Frazier a couple fights later. Title fights- Berbick, Smith, Pinklon Thomas. All credible guys, no great fighters. Then Tucker and Biggs, Holmes, Tubbs, Spinks. It isn't Tyson's fault that at his peak the fighters that were around were just fair. However it will never allow us to know exactly what his legacy was. At least Holmes had Norton, hell Cooney was even better than all of Tyson's foes save Tucker. Then Bruno and Carl The Truth. He NEVER fought a great fighter in his prime. He was always 2 clicks better than everyone he was fighting. Mike Tyson doesn't beat Joe Frazier, Mike Tyson doesn't beat George Foreman. Why? Because if the talents were close to equal Tyson would never be my pick. At that top crust of heavyweight history it takes a special thing to win fights against other great fighters. Tyson never showed that skill, and anyone who thinks he has is dealing in just pure conjecture.

Tyson was one hell of a fighter in his prime...his fights were always great to watch, over quick...but since he bit Holyfield he doesn't deserve a boxing license...fighters aren't supposed to bite people. I remember Uncle Jerry used to tell me he could whip Tyson with no problem....Tyson is a LOSER!!!!!

Let's give Mike Tyson what he deserves! He did beat a long list of decent fighters: Jesse Ferguson was good, James Tillis was good, Mitch "Blood" Green was good, Berbick, Smith, Tucker, Tubbs... Frank Bruno was a mountain of muscles and an excellent fighter with a devastating punch. Spinks destroyed Cooney,"The Lie" Williams was good. Alex Stewart was good, ask Holyfield and Foreman. When Mike fought Holmes, Holmes was still a very good heavyweight. After the Tyson fight, he went the distance with Holyfield and Mc Call and did beat Ray Mercer. He was only 38 when he fought Tyson. Pretty young for modern standards. Donovan "Razor" Ruddock was very good! The Danny Williams fight means nothing, Tyson was overweight and had fought only 49 rounds against Clifford in the last twenty years! It is not only a matter of who Tyson did beat but HOW he did beat these guys. Berbick was humiliated, Stewart was humiliated etc.<br>In his prime he was probably a top ten, even if surely below Ali', Foreman, Frazier, Louis, Spalla and Liston. I used to think Tyson was alltime top ten, but I don't anymore. And by the way, let's stop with the violins about Tyson not having great fighters in his era to show his stuff. If he wasn't convicted of rape (and I'm not saying he was guilty in
my opinion---but even if he didn't commit rape, he was carousing, manhandling women and putting himself in a vulnerable position legally)---anyway, if he wasn't convicted of rape, he could have tried his hand with Riddick Bowe and Lennox Lewis, who along with Holyfield were very, very talented heavyweights who overlapped with a close to in-prime Tyson. The fact remains that the greats get up---like Foreman did against Lyle and like Holmes did against Shavers---and they fight on. And even in losing to Frazier, Muhammad Ali got up from a vicious late fight knockdown and managed to fight back. In a weird way, I always wanted to see Tyson lose when he was the heavy favorite, and celebrated the fact that Buster Douglas beat him. But after his time in jail and losses, I was really pulling for him to make a comeback, turn his life around and live happy. I still would like to see him get a chance to make some money to pay his debt and recapture some glory---but that doesn't seem likely anymore. No excuses, but tearing up his knee in the first round spelled doom. If he couldn't end it right away, there was no way he could fight comfortably and get the leverage he needed.<br>Kent, do you think he can get on track for a couple more wins and some sort of important fight again? |<br><br>Another important thing about Mike Tyson's career: Frank Bruno wears a size 14 shoe, same size as Chamberlain and Iron Mike did beat him twice. That's say how great Tyson was better than 1 thousand words :-)|<br><br>Yeah, we know that Forest, oops I mean Observer. We all know its you. The comments about Jane Fonda gave you away. Did Jane go to jail, Forest ?|<br><br>You say that Jerry Quarry "is not in the same class" of fighter such as George Foreman, but I disagree. You should remember that big George Foreman promised a title shot to the winner of the Shavers-Quarry fight in MSG. Foreman backed out of a fight with Jerry after he disposed of Shavers in 1 round, and has said publicly that he dodged Jerry on more than one occasion.... Jerry Quarry was most likely the only fighter that Foreman has ever ducked in his entire career. As we know, Jerry NEVER ducked anybody in his career! |<br><br>Ernie Laxalt..... You say that Jerry Quarry "is not in the same class" of fighter such as George Foreman, but I disagree. You should remember that big George Foreman promised a title shot to the winner of the Shavers-Quarry fight in MSG. Foreman backed out of a fight with Jerry after he disposed of Shavers in 1 round, and has said publicly that he dodged Jerry on more than one occasion.... Jerry Quarry was most likely the only fighter that Foreman has ever ducked in his entire career. As we know, Jerry NEVER ducked anybody in his career! |<br><br>Angelo and Joe hit the nail on the head regarding Tyson. His career defining moment, Buster Douglas, when he needed to call on some inner strength and heart. There was none to be had. It happend over and over again. To be a truly great fighter, to get off the floor when all hope is lost and turn sure defeat in to victory, Tyson had/has none of what it takes. I've never seen him get up and win after being knocked down. That's not to say I don't believe he would give any past champ a run for his money. He had real heavyweight KO power and was very quick with his feet and hands, and I don't agree he had a record built up of just "fair" opponents. He did fight two wars with Razor Ruddock that were very impressive, the best fights of his career, in my opinion. Frazier had trouble with Manny Ramos, Bob Foster and Ron Stander clocked Joe several times. Buster Mathis,Dave Zygiewicz and Terry Daniels were they any better than Tony Tubbs, Pinklon Thomas or Tyrell Biggs, I don't think so. Sure Joe had Bonavena, Ellis?,Jerry Quarry and of course Ali. Fighters that were or thought to be near Frazier's equal at least for a time. Joe had what it took to beat these guys. Tyson dosen't. Foreman was also mentioned, Greg Peralta, Boone Kirkman, Ted Gullick, Stanford Harris and let's not forget the great Joe "King" Roman. But when Ron Lyle came to call Big George dug way deep and found a way to win. Tyson never could. The fighters that Tyson beat were no worse and in most cases better than alot of former champs can claim on their records. Do I think he could have beaten Ali...Dempsey...Louis...Foreman...Holmes...Marciano,not a chance. I would give slightly less than even money against Bowe and Lewis prime vs prime and we all know what happened against Holyfield, I can't think of a scenario where that would change. Tyson didn't have an equal challange in the
ring? Sure he did and he lost almost every time. | 8/2/04 08:05:15 PM|Angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Bob: Good points. And add to it---Tyson never came back all the way from the Douglas fight. Why? Because he was never as good as we all thought. Once his cover was blown (i.e. the intimidation factor was eroded because he was exposed by Douglas as someone who could be handled), the gig was over. Let me put it this way: You know those wars with Razor Ruddock---well if Tyson had taken Douglas out in short order, Ruddock would have never stood up to Tyson and given him a go the way he did. He saw Tyson scrambling around on the canvas after being dropped by Douglas, looking for his mouthpiece and getting counted out, and thought to himself, "If Douglas can do it, why not me?" Of course, Tyson did prevail, but the point is that the good fighters now knew he was no unbeatable force anymore and probably just as important (if not more important), Tyson knew he wasn't an unbeatable force anymore either. Tyson was a great knockout artist in a class with Earnie Shavers, accomplished a huge amount at a very young age (like Floyd Patterson), defended his title like Superman against Spinks (like Foreman did against Norton). All true---but at the end of the day, Tyson came crashing back to earth, and now the Danny Williams of the world might start to clean his clock on a regular basis if people pay to see it. | 8/2/04 08:56:41 PM|Yacub|Nation of Islam||evilscientist@aol.com|||10|Thanks, Observer, for your introduction of me to those on this site. To repeat, I am Yacub, evil scientist from the Nation of Islam, and you are all descendants from the mutant race of white people I created thousands of years ago. <br>By now you have guessed that I am black, just like Mike Tyson and Muhammad Ali. Jane Fonda was supposed to be black, too, but I ran out of dark paint after already making trillions of very bad black people.<br>Observer ridicules his version of the purported beliefs of the Nation of Islam. Maybe he's right and we should be digging all that proven Christian stuff, like the resurrection, miracles, 30 loaves of bread, the virgin mother, etc. All that stuff is more believable than what other religions preach, right ?<br>Obviously black people are very bad. Jesus was white, and all 12 disciples were white. All the saints are white and there's never been a black pope (maybe the christian god doesn't promote coloureds).<br>All the feel good stories have white characters. Santa, Alice in Wonderland, Seven Dwarfs, Superman, George Jetson, Barney Rubble, Wilma and Betty, the gorgeous Barbie doll...... not one nigger in the wood pile ! Oh shucks.<br>Observer says that the Nation of Islam believes that the "black man is the race of gods." Wow. <br>The white establishment obviously believes the exact opposite, so the black guys are plainly wrong. Sorry masser.<br>Until the Nation of Islam can get some bearded brother who can rise from the dead, feed thousands with a few crusts before sacrificing himself on a cross, us blacks ain't got no hope of having a believable creed. <br>Thanks for educating us, Observer. You get five gold stars on your bleached white hood. | 8/3/04 01:49:56 AM|Buddha|Nirvana||fatguy@aol.com|||10|Yacub is the Nation of Islam devil yet the Observer ridicules the notion Yacub exists and views true believers as stupid. <br>Yet the Christians have their own Yacub......the devil - Satan, waiting at the gates of hell (for all those Christians having pre-marital sex, a cardinal sin !) <br>Why is it more believable that there is a Christian devil but not a Nation of Islam one ? <br>Is it because whitey is telling the story ? Please explain, Observer, because some of us cannot see the Forest for the trees. Thanks.<br>| 8/3/04 04:06:58 AM|Ernie Laxalt|Reno, NV||elax66@aol.com|||10|Observer2, you ask, "But I'm sure you have comprehensive notes on all Black Muslim atrocities, including those by the baby burning arch devil Muhammad Ali, so please fill us in on them. Thanks."<br>That's too easy. The Black Muslims were a hate group. They intimidated and threatened. They denounced, libeled and slandered people. They promulgated violence and taught it to children. Of course, they are
not alone in American groups in doing that. The Black Muslims also fed tens of thousands of hungry people, often poor people, and taught them self-respect, discipline and pride. They taught them skills and put them to work. They patrolled their neighborhoods and drove out pimps, whores, loan sharks, dope pushers, robbers, thieves and other trash. <br><br>BUT LET'S GET BACK TO BOXING, DAMN IT!<br><br>Mr. White, if you choose to think Jerry Quarry is in the same class as George Foreman, I do not stand in your way. <br><br>One thing you have to say about this site is that we do not leave any topic undigested. <br><br>Massimo, don't believe everything you read. Take it from me: Big Train was 6'4" or 6'5". Don't be a kvetch, paisan. <br><br>No one here really stands up for Jack Johnson. I bet Jimmy Jacobs would. <br><br>Hey, where is Jimmy (Mighty Joe Young) Dorsey, the man who punished Godzilla for 6 rounds before the ref mercifully stopped it?<br><br>What does it mean kvetch? What's the paisano for that? If it means that I am great, well, that's how I am! I'm gonna walk in the street and I'm gonna ask anybody I meet "What's a kvetch?". People will respond "Ti fico un braccio in gola e ti rivolto come un calzino!" :-) <br><br>Well, Big Train was 6'4 or 6'5. That's the first time that somebody's height is underrated.... Andre'. ....<br><br>The issue was never which "religion" was more believable. As I said, all religions require faith in something we can't see. The point is that the Nation of Islam never was a religion in the first place, and is not considered one by mainstream Islam today. It is a cult which espouses hate. Do some reading. <br><br>Christianity, and all other religions, have good and bad members, but Christ never taught hate, nor does his church. Quite the contrary. You ask what bad things the Nation has done? As another poster observed, the Nation has done plenty. Ask the surviving family of their other shining star, Malcolm X (he is unavailable for comment - I am sure you know why), then go to the NYPD for their history with the Nation, or maybe get an update on their philosophy from "Minister" Louis Farrakhan (just be careful if you happen to be Jewish). Or, if you prefer to put your head in the sand re: Ali's membership in this organization, that is your perogative. However, I doubt Observer 2 would be quite as tolerant with respect to a prominent white athlete who was a Klansmen or a member of the Aryan Nation. Am I correct?<br><br>Back to boxing, and Jerry Quarry, indeed. Don't even get me started on muslims, the the scum of the earth, which Ali is a part of. What do people mean Jerry's not in Foreman's class? What do they mean he didn't have a chance against Liston, did everybody forget the Ron Lyle fight, Lyle is a carbon copy of Liston, only a little bigger. Jerry took his best punches. Jerry's no cake walk for anybody. Provided Jerry was in the condition of the Lyle fight, he's got a good chance. KENT WHAT A TRAITER YOU ARE!!!!
Islam is an organization with racist views not unlike the KKK but minus, for the most part, the violence of the Klan has shown in the past. But funny thing, as long as groups like these two remain non violent and the KKK seems to be going that route these days, they have a right to exist in this great country. Koo Koo, traitor to what? Because I said Jerry would lose to Liston or Ali was a great fighter for most of his career. That is an opinion about boxing, nothing else. I am a traitor to no one as I am only true to myself and it is an honor to be called a traitor by you, an extremist who admires the KKK. Now back to the Nation of Islam, not to be confused with more moderate Muslims who do not share the view that white people are evil. NOI, I believe, had a hand in killing Malcolm X when he came back from the middle east after praying with people of all colors, including whites, and he said that all men are his brothers and that white people are not inherently evil. NOI back then tried to silence the truth but it is true, all men are brothers and we will all be better off when we come to recognize this. SORRY BRANDI, I WILL DO MY PART TO LIMIT THIS TALK OF RACE AND GET BACK TO BOXING. THERE WAS JUST SOME THINGS I FELT I HAD TO SAY.

Your are a minority loving sellout Kent. I will admit the KKK ruined their image long ago, we need to get out of those sheets and have a pro white group that does not seek violence and works in a positive way for whites, oh I forgot, that makes you Racist if your pro white!! This country is in big trouble , seal those borders, kick out the mexicans and the terrorists that are sneaking in. THE WHITE MALE THE MOST HATED PERSON IN THE WORLD, WHO'S REALLY THE RACIST KENT!!

I forgot to add moderate muslim, that means those muslims that don't believe in killing us, but hate us just the same. GET WHITE KENT!!!

I think JQ and Al "Blue" Lewis would have been a good match up. Lewis fought Bonavena in Argentina and knocked him down twice before the Argentine ref "disqualified" him to save Bonavena.

All the religions have one thing in common: THEY ARE FALSE. End of the story. Just my opinion. I mean no offence to the believers.

Hey, did anyone see the Mike Tyson fight? I read that Tyson hurt his knee in the first round, and that he just had surgery to repair it. If that's true, then he was pretty brave to keep fighting till he got knocked out. One idiot sports writer said Tyson hurt his knee by throwing a punch. That's ridiculous! He must have gotten his knee entangled in Williams' legs or the rope or something. The only person I know of that could break his leg by throwing a punch would be Homer Simpson. When you're 38 and haven't been active it doesn't take much to hurt yourself. Tyson pivots alot when he throws hooks. That was a pretty intense first round and thats when it happened. He did show alot of heart by sticking it out until he was too tired to go on. Gotta give the other guy credit for not laying down in the first round after getting hit with Tyson's best. Good fight!!

Last three bouts of round 1 : -

Jimmy Young vs John Tate

Tim
Witherspoon vs Chris Byrd<br>Ernie Terrell vs Earnie Shavers<br>Danny 'The Muslim' Williams vs Mike 'the Muslim' Tyson was a great fight. I have known Danny since he was an amateur and have attended many of his fights including the fight he had against Mark Potter where he dislocated his shoulder only to come back and score a one punch (one armed) knockout when the fight was on the verge of being stopped. An incredible fight! <br>

This used to be a boxing site.

Ernie you spent alot of effort trying to erase the fact that if you saw the Ali fights you saw a guy holding and getting the benefits of bad decisions. No amount of your bullshit can change that. If we were face to face you would not refer to me as "son" without having to look for your teeth afterwards. Bill not much to say about you .........that was pretty funny I am a beeeeg Dubya fan | Observer. So anything ludicrously unbelievable in the Christian religion like Noah's Ark is credible and merely requires faith, while anything to do with Nation of Islam has no credibility and sucks morally. As I said to you before, Satan is no more credible a proposition than Yacub. It is all nonsense, depending on what colour and perspective you place on it. Despite your bigotry, not all members of the Nation of Islam are bad people. We don't accuse all Christians of being murderers just because the Christian Molosevic killed tens of thousands of Muslims. Don't let the darkness of bigotry close your eyes forever Observer. Try and realise that all people are equal, and that your ideas are not necessarily superior just because they're yours. Peace to you, too. |

Top 10 fights from 1965-1980 heavyweight scene. For the boxing fans we still have. Based on significance and quality put together. Of course this is only based on the fights I have seen. Which is pretty much every important fight from the era.

10. Muhammad Ali vs Cleveland Williams– The absolute pinnacle for the best heavyweight ever. Really it was a no-contest against an unfortunate Williams who was shot the year before. The majesty of Ali in his prime comes shining through in this masterpiece.

9. Muhammad Ali Vs Ken Norton II– The best fight of their trilogy. The most confused and dominated Muhammad Ali was ever close to his prime was the middle rounds of this fight. Norton at his peak as well in this fight while still being trained by Eddie Futch. A wonderful battle.

8. Joe Frazier-Jerry Quarry I– Prime vs Prime slugfest between two great action fighters for the title. Watch Frazier's head snap back in the first round as Quarry whistles his own left hook. Quarry takes some terrible punishment before being stopped by a cut.

7. Ron Lyle vs Earnie Shavers– Must see TV. Two bombers letting it all go the whole way. This was the Shavers that still had hair and thought defense was for someone else to worry about. The amount of punishment dished out was monumental. If it was a title fight it would be higher on my list.

6. Muhammad Ali vs George Foreman– In reality the crowning achievement of Ali's career was using everything to win this fight. He didn't fight with his body, he fought with his mind. Obviously not as much action as some of the other fights, but the sweetest of sweet sciences on display.

5. Ken Norton vs Larry Holmes– An absolute classic. Perfect stylistic showcase for Larry Holmes to show himself as a great fighter against the most determined Ken Norton of his career. The 15th round leaves you breathless as two all time greats let it all go. Show a kid this fight and create a boxing fan for life.

4. George Foreman vs Ron Lyle– Absolutely one of the best high level action fights of all-time. Not for a title which places it lower than it's actual replay value. There are certain point of this fight that still make cringe even after seeing it 40 times. Love Ken Norton's commentary- "Lyle's getting sleepy."

3. Muhammad Ali vs Joe Frazier III– There are many that will wonder what the hell are numbers one and
two if this three. I love the fight and the sheer wills of a battle that had
raged for years in both of these fighters. The ebb and flow is what makes this
such a great fight. Even though both of their skills had eroded, the
determination is what makes this one special.

George Foreman Vs Joe Frazier I- This is Joe Frazier, he beat Muhammad Ali. He's undefeated,
unstoppable, unbelievable. "Down Goes Frazier, Down Goes Frazier!" A force of
nature Frazier was that night. It was short but as dominant a performance as
was ever seen against a top 10 heavyweight of all-time. This was Joe Frazier,
he didn't lose, he did that night. Joe Frazier vs Muhammad Ali I- THE
BEST FIGHT EVER. The best fight ever. It showed two of the best heavyweights
of all-time. Frazier was at his absolute pinnacle while Ali was very close.

Watch those first 3 rounds and you would wonder how Frazier could possibly win.
Then the force of nature that Joe was emerged. Madison Square Garden deserved
the best event in the history of sport, this was and will always be The
Fight. For the real boxing fans that still come here, remember you
Jerry.}

[8/3/04 06:28:56 PM Massimo Roma | 4 | 10] Jimmy Old b John Tate on
points

Witherspoon b Byrd by KO b Shavers b Terrell by KO without asking
him b "WHAT'S MY NAME, SUCKER? WHAT'S MY NAME?". |

[8/3/04 06:53:55 PM Bob Bumbera NC | renfbera@aol.com | 10] Young over Tate 8 to
4 decesion. Byrd over Witherspoon 8 to 4 decesion and Shavers KO's Terrell in
5. Other wise...no comment. |

[8/3/04 08:51:57 PM Fran Philly | plc7755@aol.com | 10] Young Over
Tate b Witherspoon b Byrd b Shavers wins by kayo Williams
Those are
great fights and I saw them all Live but none of those fights had the Drama of
the Quarry vrs...Mac Foster, Earnie Shavers and Ron Lyle. Being at the Garden
for the first time and seeing Jerry in a street fight with Shavers and Knockin
him out was the most exciting. |

[8/3/04 10:22:41 PM Kent La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10] Young runs and
hits and he piles up enough points to eck out a close but unanimous decision
over Tate. Witherspoon breaks down Byrd and comes from behind to stop Byrd in
the tenth round. Shavers kayos Terrell in the fifth round. |

[8/4/04 03:21:30 AM Massimo Roma | 4 | 10] Italia b Usa 95-78 in Colonia. We are
the real DREAM TEAM, you are the NIGHTMARE team. :-)

We Italians can't play soccer, but can play basketball! Cheers. |

would have to agree with all of those maybe a few changes in positions. Ali
Foreman I would rate higher but otherwise excellent. Ali vs Shavers was another
good fight though had quite a lull in the middle. Shavers vs Mercado and Cobb
were great fights also but I would stick with your top ten. Well done.

[8/4/04 08:26:50 AM Angelo Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10] Fran's
tournament picks are right on. Jimmy Young would confuse Tate and manage to win
a close decision. Witherspoon would win a unanimous decision over Byrd. Shavers
would get hit a lot, but manage to land leather that would take Terrel out in
the middle rounds. If Terrel could somehow survive to the later rounds, he
could turn the tables, but my guess is that he'd be taken out in 5 or 6. |

[8/4/04 08:57:46 AM Kent La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10] Fran, you are
correct that Ali benefitted from his fame on the scorecards in fights but
consider this, even in the second phase of his career, he was an amazing fighter
because he was fighting a very good crop of fighters, the division had never
seen this wealth of talent ever and he was still very competitive. Say he
should have lost to Jimmy Young, Ken Norton in at least the third bout, or to
Earnie Shavers, or maybe even to Joe Frazier in their second fight, but in each
of these fights the fights were close where the switch of one or two rounds
often could spell a different outcome, so the decisions were not total robbery
in each of the fights in question, a legitimate case could be made for Ali
victories. The third Norton fight in particular, I have watched this fight several times recently and it was much closer than I remembered. I had thought Norton was completely dominate but now I see it as Norton should have won a close decision, about 8-6-1. Yes Ali is holding and talking a lot of the time but he is still landing a lot of punches in between, probably more total than Norton landed. The harder punches, more effective punches were landed by Norton so it is a case of what the judges liked more, Ali's quantity or Norton's quality and this is a subjective opinion./br>

Ali was an amazing fighter in his entire career because how many fighter could still dominate 99 percent of the fighters out there for so long? The only ones that come to mind are Joe Louis and maybe Larry Holmes. Ali could have been even better if he hadn't missed over three years of his prime and he likely would have maintained the excellence Bill from London pointed out even longer, remember in the first phase of his career, he wasn't using the tricks he used later on. 

When ever you fight the champ of a weight class you must beat or knock-out tha champion, you can not have a close fight or even a draw you must beat them to take his or her title. 

Kent you said it very well when you said it depended what the judges liked. I say the judges liked getting paid and voted so they would keep getting paid the big Ali dollars. Of all of the great fighters from that era Ali who was the oldest hung on way past, the others, way past his prime, for the money and the fans and judges all bought into the hype. In the end it robbed us of having him around for the past 25 years. Going to training camp all of those fights and taking the shots after he was worn out didn't do him any good. If those close fights were called the right way he would have been penalized for holding and would have had about 8 more losses maybe he would have quit sooner. The hype and the mindless idiots who bought into it made him stay tooo long and take away his best years after boxing. After Frazier 3 that should have been it. 

As an Ali fan, I often wonder at what point he could have walked away and not developed the severe Parkinsons that has taken such a toll on him. If he retired after Manilla, 1975, would he have been spared? Probably the hardest punches after that were landed by Shavers, Spinks and Holmes. Did these three fights put him over? Was it the Manilla fight itself that started the downfall? I wonder if he could have stopped sometime in the mid-70's, or if the damage had already been done. And what about for Jerry? If he quit (for good) after the second Frazier loss, he would have avoided the Norton punches and the damage inflicted by that tomato can he fought when he was 47. Of course, a couple of Jerry's best fights led up to the 1974 Frazier fight----so he didn't have any intention of quitting at that point. 

I think Jerry fighting in 1993 caused problems for him. I don't know why he fought Norton I never saw that one and never will watch it. As for Ali he may have been ok after Frazier 3 but all those fights and the training camps to prepare for it had to have hurt him. 

Biggest stinker fights 1965-1980. These fights involved contenders, but truly stunk.<br>Holmes vs Shavers I- Fell asleep twice watching it.<br>Ali vs Lyle- Ali had his most boring. Well maybe not most boring.<br>Ali vs Folley- Like Steel Magnolia's.<br>Ali vs Patterson II- Paint drying has nothing on this.<br>Terrell vs Chuvalo- Jab, Clutch, Jab, Clutch.<br>Ali vs Bugner II- A stinker, THROW A PUNCH JOE!!<br>Ali vs Young- A strategic fight. If watching televised scrabble excites you, get this one.<br>For the boxing fans. 

Yes, but the eight round of Ali'-Lyle was very good. I really don't know what Ali' was thinking during that fight. He
fought like a nut (good slang or not?!)

| 8/4/04 05:29:47 PM | Frank | Ireland | irrelevant | 10 | Judges vote for who they want and the fighter can't control that. The old boxing maxim applied...if you want to beat the champion, then you have to knock him out. For time immemorial, challengers rarely won titles on points, but people only complain when this maxim advantaged Ali.<br>

| 8/4/04 05:29:47 PM | Frank | Ireland | irrelevant | 10 | People don't give Ali credit for being so busy in the ring. After Frazier 1, Ali didn't hide. He kept fighting the best, one after the other. And if that guy gave him trouble, like Norton, then he wasn't scared to come back and fight him again and again. Ali avoided no one.<br>

| 8/4/04 05:29:47 PM | Frank | Ireland | irrelevant | 10 | Ali knew that fans love controversy and he gave it to them in spades, whether it be his outrageous behaviour, his predictions, mocking opponents, or his self-aggrandizement. This attracted fans, non-fans, and enemies. Many paid their money to see him lose, but Ali usually finished on top. Ali made fools of his enemies and many are yet to forgive him, not having the good sense to realize that it was all a well rehearsed game to swell the gate.<br>

| 8/4/04 05:29:47 PM | Frank | Ireland | irrelevant | 10 | A lot of you on this site are into comparisons, yet while the careers of Ali and Frazier were so intertwined, none of you appear to have compared Ali to Frazier AFTER fight one.<br>

| 8/4/04 05:29:47 PM | Frank | Ireland | irrelevant | 10 | While Ali kept fighting regularly, Frazier went missing. He didn't fight for a year, then fought two exhibitions against nobodies, avoided fighting Norton, and then got his ass whooped by the emerging George Foreman.<br>

| 8/4/04 05:29:47 PM | Frank | Ireland | irrelevant | 10 | Even though Frazier was two years younger than Ali - and far younger in boxing years given he had had fewer fights - he really had nothing left. Sure, he could bring himself up for the biggest occasions (v Ali 2 and 3), but apart from adrenaline and hatred, he had never else to fight on.<br>

| 8/4/04 05:29:47 PM | Frank | Ireland | irrelevant | 10 | The pity of Frazier was that instead of fighting the next best and then the next best as Ali did time and time again, Frazier recycled his opponents. He fought the ones he had already beaten, like Bonavena and Ellis, rather than try to climb new mountains in Shavers and Lyle. Frazier wasn't a risk taker and the only reason he fought Foreman the first time was because he was convinced he'd win easily.<br>

| 8/4/04 05:29:47 PM | Frank | Ireland | irrelevant | 10 | I look at Frazier's career before Ali 1 and there is something missing. He didn't fight Henry Cooper. There's no Sonny Liston on his resume. And there's no Patterson, Terrell or Folley (although I am sure his fans will find excuses). And I wonder how he would have gone in the first fight against Ali had the older Ali not had the three years inactivity.<br>

| 8/4/04 05:29:47 PM | Frank | Ireland | irrelevant | 10 | Many in boxing have been all too eager to overlook these deficiencies in Frazier's career. Those who dislike Ali more than just a little, needed someone to take up their fight against the braggart, and Frazier was it. If not for Ali's unpopularity, Frazier's surly manner and unattractive personality would have left him bereft of fans.<br>

| 8/4/04 05:29:47 PM | Frank | Ireland | irrelevant | 10 | The more unpopular Ali became, the more popular Frazier became. It was a perfect counterweight. Nowadays, well into his disease, Ali still retains his fans. The non-fans from his fighting days now have an affection for Ali, attracted to the dignity and courage he has shown in the twilight of his life. But the sworn enemies remain. Ali could find the cure for cancer and bring peace to the Middle East, but his enemies - the ones who paid good money but didn't get to see the braggart's big mouth shut - will hate him forever and then some.<br>

| 8/4/04 05:29:47 PM | Frank | Ireland | irrelevant | 10 | I know that I am repeating the words of many others who usually don't find their way to this site, but to me Frazier's legend is underpinned only by his fights against Ali. Take Ali out of that equation and there would have been no Frazier legend (or at least a very diminished one). Take the three years inactivity out of Ali's resume, and it is probable that Frazier would not have won the first fight. In that case, he would never have had a victory over Ali and history would have consigned him to the same waste basket as Jimmy Ellis.<br>

| 8/4/04 05:29:47 PM | Frank | Ireland | irrelevant | 10 | On the other hand, Ali's career stood alone; having Frazier around was good for him but, ultimately, his legend was there anyway, right from the moment he beat Liston.<br>

| 8/4/04 05:29:47 PM | Frank | Ireland | irrelevant | 10 | And that brings me to this: Joe Krause - the Ali v Liston first fight should have made your list, in my opinion. Also, given the moment of the Holmes v Spinks (first fight - when Holmes was fighting to
equal Rocky's 49 nil record) thought should be given to including that one as well.

With regards to Mike Tyson, some of the recent criticisms here have a familiar ring to them. There are those who think Tyson didn't beat anyone during his reign or that Douglas was his defining fight or that he failed to seriously contend after. Very unfair and inaccurate, guys. Tyson's first few years were epic, but he couldn't fight everyone. He went to jail for a crime he did not commit, he lost valuable years. His fights with Holyfield, a virtual "good vs. evil" were rigged, even allowing Holyfield headbutting. He was stripped of his license for a while, remember? He is the most used, exploited athlete I've ever heard of. You know, this site is dedicated to a guy who had some of the same criticisms. After he beat them, how good were Thad Spencer, Buster Mathis, Ron Lyle and Earnie Shavers? Suddenly, not very. By your estimation, JQs "defining" moments were his first two losses to Ali and Frazier, also not a fair statement. People want to pile on Tyson when he's down. He twisted his knee, guys. He was clearly winning before it happened. Let's drain off some of the venom and call it a little more fairly for Tyson and others. If I can, you can too.

Also, Joe Krause, a very good "best of" list for fights, tough to improve upon, thanks. I feel good looking at that list and knowing I've seen most of those matches, all worth seeing again. I very much also like Quarry-Lyle, Quarry-Patterson 2, as both are clinics, Bonavena-Frazier 1 also. I'll try to think of some more... Frank, very insightful piece on Ali, very thought provoking. I find no fault with Ali the boxer and the renegade. I'm not a sworn enemy, that is too much work, just a guy with an opinion on this very famous man. Still, you make some great points, very good read... I'll take Young, Witherspoon, and Shavers in the matchups, thanks.

I agree with Gerry on Tyson he was a victim of the hype like Ali benefited from it. Regarding the most exciting fights the only way I can see how you could leave off Quarry Foster or Quarry Shavers is that you didn't see it. Those were the 2 most exciting fights to see live during that whole era. As far as the boring fights look how many were of the Ali clinch n hold era.

Remember - Curtis Hatchetman Sheppard! What a fighter - what a story. He once kayoed Joey Maxim - steel chin in one round, Beat Gus Dorazio, beat Charley 'Doc' Williams in 1 round. Read his story!

Gerry, how were Tyson's fights with Holyfield "rigged"? Do you know someone who was involved? Were they the same people who rigged the Ali-Foreman fight? I've had the same opinion of Tyson for a long time now. After he lost to Douglas, I just passed it off and figured he would regain the title. He went to jail instead, and he did lose his peak years. However he never had "it" after that, whatever the excuse might be he was not as focused in the ring as he was before prison, and
when there came time for a gut check he bailed. To me he has always been a serious contender and as long as he continues to fight he will be. There are very few heavyweights who have the kind of power and speed he has. There are very few past champions who prime vs. prime could stand up to him. There is no doubt in my mind when Tyson returns; in a re-match with Danny Williams he will KO him. And you are right about the knee. You can fight with one hand but not one leg. If he can get the right situation he can be champion again. But when he faces someone who gets him in trouble...watch what happens. Thats my point. Joe, again excellent fights. I remember the Lyle-Shavers fight, and I don't know how Lyle survived. Another great Shavers fight was the second bout against Larry Holmes. How did Larry get up, and survive that? Maybe he has something Tyson doesn’t.<br><br>Tyson bashing? There is a lot of Ali bashing going on as well. Ali was the greatest heavyweight champion of all time (so far). Look at his record vs. any past champion. There is no comparison. No one fought and beat the caliber of fighters Ali did for as long as he did. Between the first and second Frazier fights he was undefeated, in what, 9 bouts all against top or near top contenders, Frazier fought three times and lost once. Some of Ali’s later bouts, as Kent pointed out were controversial. Young, I’ve said before that Young came in to survive against Ali not beat him. That’s why he lost the fight, he deserved to lose. Frazier 2 I think Ali won that one, maybe not as one sided as the judges had it but he won. The Norton fights, a case could be made for Norton 2 & 3. I’ll go along with the judging in the second fight but Norton won the third, pretty much the way Kent said 8-6-1 or 8-7. Kind of like the Leonard-Hagler fight, it’s all what the judges want to see. Of Ali’s holding, cuffing, thumbing someone even mentioned head butting, I never saw Ali try to head butt anyone. Every fighter has his bag of tricks and dirty tricks. Holyfield is a notorious head-butter, Marciano and Tyson have their elbows and forearms and heads. Frazier had his low hooks to the side and shoulders. Liston and Lewis held and hit. The list goes on and on. Ali held behind the head his whole career, it’s just something he did. It’s nothing new in boxing. |8/5/04 03:54:27 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Bob---good points. And Larry Holmes (all time top 5 Heavyweight Champ) reportedly had the worlds strongest thumbs. I asked why Leroy Jones never fought after losing to Holmes (Jones entered the fight undefeated) and someone said Holmes’ thumb did a number on Jones’ vision. I agree with the assessment of Ali as the best ever, in terms of who he fought and how long he was on top. Let’s not forget—he was inactive during a time when he should have been at his athletic peak—his three best years as a fighter. God only knows what he could have accomplished without the layoff. I believe he would have taken Frazier without the layoff—a unanimous and not so close decision. But who really knows? Frazier was certainly driven. Also, to respond to a previous post, I thought Shavers-Holmes I. was a decent fight—Larry Holmes boxed beautifully and gave a clinic on how to neutralize the most dangerous power puncher at that time, Shavers. Shavers finally caught up with him in that second fight, but yes, Holmes did climb up off the canvas to defend his title, something Iron Mike couldn't accomplish. |8/5/04 06:07:32 PM|Mike|Philly||yammagamma300|||10|Fran - I agree with you on Ali, he had so many people in his pocket getting paid, if that was any other fighter his career would have been over alot sooner. He was a great fighter but should have retired after JF 3rd fight|8/5/04 06:54:33 PM|Joe Krause|Chicago||same|||10|Other great fights. Some are a little less known, but still offer great action. Patterson vs Chuvalo-Barn Burner Shavers vs Roy Williams- Most incredible round I have ever seen is round 10 of this fight!! Frazier vs Bonavena I- Great spirited match. Wish their second fight was available in full. Quarry vs Patterson I and II- Both very interesting fights. I like I
**Norton vs Jose Luis Garcia II** - Great action match as Norton avenges previous loss.

**Frazier vs Chuvalo** - This fight is a classic for as long as it lasted, almost made my top 10.

**Frazier vs Mathis** - Mathis holds his own quite well here.

**Ali vs Shavers** - Shavers lands some BOMBS.

**Frazier vs Ellis I** - Frazier sizzles.

**Ali vs Norton I and III** - Both good tactical matches.

**Foreman vs Frazier II** - Very good action.

**Foreman vs Norton** - Foreman at his best.

**Shavers vs Norton** - Destructive Shavers.

More later.

8/5/04 08:30:15 PM|Fran|Philly||PLC7755@aol.com|||10|Out of Curiosity how many of you saw the Quarry Foster fight live? Or the Quarry Lyle fight live? How about the Quarry Shavers fight live. I am starting to think that noone on this site saw these fights live.

8/5/04 08:38:38 PM|Kent|LH Ca||kentallenetc||||10|My all time ranking of Mike Tyson has changed as he never has won a battle of attrition, where the going gets tough.

Yes the twisted knee contributed to him not moving as good as he could have but it still wasn't immobile. Once Williams survived being badly hurt in round one and he began fighting back hard, Tyson fell into his bad habits of not moving in behind the jab and throwing combinations with both hands. Tyson began loading up with one punch at a time, expecting his power to bail him out and it didn't.

I would say Tyson is similar after all to Shavers in that he often has used limited skills, in Tyson's case it is because of his bad habits of not using the skills he has, combined with one of the hardest punches of all time.

I used to think there was no way Jerry Quarry could beat an in prime Tyson, as Tyson's accurate punching would slice up Jerry's tender skin but now I think that Jerry may very well have been able to survive the early Tyson onslaught and then come back to knock Tyson out. Tyson has almost never beaten someone who stood up to him who is not afraid and Jerry would not have been afraid of him. James Quick Tillis was the exception, who lost by decision to Tyson before Tyson won the title and if Tillis could almost beat Tyson, then Jerry would have a good chance of beating Tyson.

8/5/04 09:36:40 PM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: All good points. Tyson won by intimidation, and the tactic wouldn't have worked against Quarry. Look, this isn't about liking Quarry or disliking Tyson---Tyson's gig is over. It ended the night Douglas whipped him. Tyson was a great young heavyweight with speed and power. He accomplished amazing feats by age 20. But that doesn't make a career. He showed flaws, even in some of his big wins (I'm thinking about the Holmes fight.). After Buster beat him, Tyson unraveled. He's now been exposed several times as someone who has to win early against a good fighter, or he'll lose. I'm with you---I would have never considered JQ having a chance against an in-prime Tyson, but suddenly, I'm wondering if an in-prime Tyson was ever really tested. Quarry fought well against the great fighters and fought brilliantly against some very good ones.

8/5/04 10:16:30 PM|Ernie Laxalt|Reno, NV||elax66@aol.com|||10|Massimo, the verb kvetch means per gemere, protestare, gemere, comportarsi come un bambino crying. Veda che cosa significo? It's Yiddish. Someone who keeps saying Cleve Williams might have been champ, as I did, is a kvetch.

8/5/04 10:16:30 PM|Ernie Laxalt|Reno, NV||elax66@aol.com|||10|Kent, your comments are always well-reasoned and well-out. Keep up the good work.

Fran, you are one hell of a gal. I'm sorry I called you son and yes, you probably could beat on me now.

Listen is somewhat underrated on this site, probably because we all see his losses to Ali and not too many of his earlier fights. But he had the same mystique and legend of being a Monster Bad Boy that Tyson or Foreman did. He had a gimmick in training of skipping rope and working the speed bag to the song "Night Train" (is that the right one, Kent?) that scared sportswriters and opponents alike. He had good size for his era (1955-1965), devastating power in both hands, good fundamentals and reasonable speed. He used to hurt opponents good and bad something fierce. After all, he destroyed Floyd Patterson, who despite what you younger writers think, was a
good champion. He fought often with a bad back, just as Cleve Williams had a kidney missing, Ali had chronically sore and brittle fingers/knuckles, and Liston eventually had a heroin addiction. There is a legend that Sonny sat in a Vegas casino once, and a white hick came up behind him and put a ‘45 to the back of Sonny's skull or ear. "You're gonna die, nigger," he said, or something very close to that. Sonny had to sweat it out for a minute, then the guy laughed and got away. After that, Sonny's will to live and win began to deteriorate. (Yes, I know, Jerry would have taken the gun from the guy and made him eat it.) From the beginning of his career, Sonny was owned many times over by the St. Louis rackets.

It seems to me there are 10 or so basic patterns (or arcs) a good heavyweight's career can take, based on recent history. #1 is the sensational slugger who finally meets his match: Liston, Foreman, Tyson. #2 is the fantastic underdog who wins fight after fight but never make it to the top: Jerry Quarry, Zora Folley, Eddie Machen, and others. #3 would be the consummate champion who rarely if ever fights a top foe: Larry Holmes, Rocky Marciano, etc. #4 is the indestructable opponent, like George Chuvalo, Earnie Shavers, etc. #5 is of course the Great White Hope who's a sensation for maybe 15 or fewer fights before getting creamed: Tommy Morrison, Gerry Cooney, presently these Russian brothers, Alfredo Evangelista, others. #6 is the not-quite-good-enough journeyman, like maybe Cleveland Williams, Ernie Terrell, Jerry's old buddy, Joey Orbillo; maybe David Tua and guys like that. #7 is draws who really can't fight much with contenders, like Tex Cobb. It's almost as if you could draw a graph of their fights, Time on the Y axis and Success on the X axis, and recognize some without seeing their names. Maybe a Bill James (baseball super-expert) of boxing has already done this. Another would be #8, heavyweights who were just a little too small, like Jerry, Billy Conn, Bob Foster when he fought as a hvyweight, Patterson, and more. We could actually say, "He had a Tyson career", or "He had a George Chuvalo graph." What's the Irish heavyweight scene like these days, Evren? Any good kids coming up?

Pattern #9 would be a colossal fighter like Jimmy (Mighty Joe Young) Dorsey able to kick King Kong's or Superman's ass and have enough left to knock Godzilla cold, too -- on one night. Jimmy's uppercuts could lift an opponent so far off the ground that his final opponents in the early '70s are still believed to be orbiting Earth. Holyfield-Tyson was rigged first in the media before the fight. Holyfield, glowing christian good guy ( later a much different story emerged ), Tyson, stupid, vicious bad guy. Tyson was bi-polar and on medication. When on his pills, he could be lucid, even almost passive. Off the dope, he was reckless, erratic, vicious, especially if he drank. This is how he was so widely exploited. To train him, they would take away his pills. Pretty sick, huh? Mike Tyson is the most manipulated athlete ever, in my opinion. Then in the fight, the steriod-aided Holyfield was allowed to clinch and headbutt without penalty. Tyson waited for the ref to intervene for him. When he saw there was no one to defend him , he enraged and bit the guy. I don't condone that, but I understand why he did it... I don't believe Ali-Foreman was rigged. Foreman simply allowed Ali to seize control of the event. Foreman was off his center before he got off the plane. Ali seized the public in Kinshasa, was treated like the champ, and beat a confused fighter. He used similar tactics against Liston, who I rate highly. I do not rate Larry Holmes top Ten. Thanks.
and 50% a slip. I think that Holyfield did beat Tyson fair and square in the first fight. He gave him a good whipping. I don't know who would have won a Tyson-Holyfield in 1991. The Mac Foster knockdown was similar to the Shavers knockdown. JQ could hit guys with wonderful flurries of punches. Maybe he wasn't a one punch knockout artist, but his killer instinct was awesome.

I think that now Laila Ali' vs Mike Tyson would be a good matchup. Tyson's career is over. He should have retired after the first fight with Holyfield. He doesn't need money. If even Bill Gates gave him all his property, after a week Mike Tyson would already be full of debits. He would buy 51 tigers, 43 Ferrari etc. I am afraid about his health. He should quit his ring career. I don't want him to become an invalid.

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Fran - What's your point?

Seeing boxing live is not better than watching it on television. It is just different. But I prefer live as there is no way a television can convey the atmosphere surrounding a fight card. This is an experience that all fight fans should experience.

Massimo, I've wondered about "the in's and out's" (that is, the whole subject, including nuances) of scoring, too. When we were kids in California in the 50s and 60s, they always announced they were using the California Simplified Scoring System. I don't know if it was designed this way, but in practice, it always meant 10 for a winner of a round, 9 for the loser. If you got your man in real trouble or knocked him down, you'd win 10-8. I suppose if you really messed him up, knocked him down a couple of times, maybe until the bell saved him, then you might get an 10-7 round. At the end, the 2 judges and the referee counted the totals.

As to HOW you scored, I always did it in a mostly intuitive way, looking for who dominated the round, who landed more effected punches, whose plan seemed to
be working better -- including who pressed the action. I know this is vague, but my scores were usually the same as the judges. I've always believed the MOST PUNCHES THROWN system is weak and almost meaningless. Obviously, some punches that land are devastating -- like a JQ left hook -- and at the other extreme, some are pawing or stroking the air. The absolute bitch to score is an even fight between two mediocre guys -- and when you begin to get bored. People, what are some different systems? I also agree with all that Kent said. Massimo, do you have an expression meaning "to feel out" or "feeling out"? In boxing it means testing an opponent, seeing what he's got -- usually in the first 1, 2 or 3 rounds. "Norton is feeling Big George out." Evren, very sorry to hear Irish boxing is in the pits. Don't want to start a controversy here, but maybe that's for the best. Those people have often problems as it is without kids boxing and risking injury. By the way, somebody asked how early Ali or JQ might have started getting brain damage from fighting. Not all of you agree, but I'd say maybe from their very first amateur fight, or definitely from their pro starts. The damage occurs little by little and adds up. The connections between brain cells and brain structures begin to die and be gone from blows, directly and indirectly. Pretty soon, areas of connection are gone. For example, a boxer may realize he remembers almost nothing about the 6 years he was in the army, or the friends he made when he lived in Italy. Eventually, he may forget all names. When I studied neurology in about 1977-1978, scientists believed there were 14 billion brain cells in a human being. Now they believe there are many times that. The problem is that brain cells do not and cannot be regenered or regrown. They are lost forever, almost all scientists agree. Maybe with technology derived from stem cell research, we will learn ways to reverse that. So please forgive me, everybody, but I think when you weigh the greatness of boxing versus the damage it inflicts on boxers (and there families), it would be better to stop the sport -- as much as we'd all miss it. One more thing: when I said indirect damage from a blow, I meant the way a brain can be shaken or momentarily pushed against the skull. Direct damage is simply being hit straight on. Both kinds of damage are serious. Most boxing deaths occur from guys knocked down and their heads hitting hard against the turnbuckle or ropes. They have cerebral hematomas (building collections of blood under the skull, putting serious pressure on the brain itself) and can't survive. Sometimes a fighter -- like Alejandro Lavorante in the early 60s -- gets his brain badly hurt in one fight (against Cassius Clay) and then weeks or months later, dies in a second fight from the old damage with new damage added. Johnny Logan was the last man Lavorante fought, I think. Again, I apologize for bumming you out. My opinion only.

I'm not a fan of the 10-point system, it should be five at most. As has been said, very few 10-7s are ever given. Like Jimmy D, I prefer the California system much maligned by Howard Cosell. 0-0 for a tie round, 1-0 for a slight edge, 2-0 if one guy really gets it. Five points is the hypothetical ceiling, though, again, a 5-0 round id as unimaginable as a 10-5. I do like the idea of separating jabs and power punches for scoring. Pursuit should be given credit for also, in my opinion. I'd like to see more penalties to discourage some of the grabbing, shoving and other nonsense. But boxing is nowhere near unified enough to enforce any kind of uniform standards for judging a fight... Laila vs. Tyson? Massimo, I think you should fight him, since he seems to now be so easy. What a joke. Me against Mike Tyson? It would be a good matchup, I would not be intimidated by him. He is faster, but I punch harder. Ernie Alejandro Lavorante began his professional career in impressive fashion, scoring many knockouts. His best win was a 7 round KO over Zora Folley. Lavorante lost the last 3 fights of his career in 1962: a 10 round KO against Archie Moore, a 5 round KO against Cassius Clay and then the
tragedy against Johnny Riggins. I agree with you, boxing is my favourite sport, but I'd abolish it for moral reasons. Anyway there are tons of fights already fought to watch. Many thousands, maybe millions of fights. Regarding your question, we use to say "i due pugili si stanno studiando ". That's the paisan way to say "feel out". | 8/7/04 05:10:41 AM| Kent| La Habra, Ca| kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Massimo, judging is subjective at best, prone to human error and that is why there are three judges.<br><br>Judging is based on who lands the most effective punches and while who lands the most punches carries a lot of weight in the scoring, if the punches are not effective and the opponent lands harder punches that hurt the opposition, he can win a round even if he lands less punches.<br><br>Vague terms like effective aggressiveness and ring-generalship also are taken into account. An example of the first term is if a fighter is pursuing his opponent aggressively and doesn't land a lot of clean punches but is forcing the opponent to run and also not land good punches, the aggressive fighter will win a round. Ring generalship, being in control of the ring and the opponent, also carries a lot of weight in scoring. This second term, while hard to define, I have never really heard a good definition for this, can be seen as sticking to one's plan and not fighting the other fighters fight, therefore not falling into the trap of letting the other fighter effectively use his strengths.<br><br>I do like the ten point must system where the winner gets ten points and loser gets nine or less points in a round. a knockdown will usually give a fighter a ten to eight round and a second knockdown can make it ten to seven but to me, only if the fighter knocked down is badly hurt. I would not give Bonevena any more than a ten to eight advantage in round number two of his first fight with Joe Frazier as Frazier was not badly hurt.<br><br>While not meaning to start some people picking on Ali again, in about the fifth round of his fight with Chuck Wepner, Ali does nothing for the entire round but run around and clown and while Wepner does little more, the fact that he is chasing Ali and he does land a few body punches would make me score the round for Wepner, one of the very few he deserved to win in the fight. I was shocked to hear the announcer say, "I would have to score that round as being even as Ali did nothing in the round." How could this be when Wepner was aggressively pursuing Ali and Wepner did land at least some body shots? While not much, it was more than Ali did in the round. | 8/7/04 05:34:27 AM| Kent| same as yesterday | same@ | 10 | While on the subject of judging, it is easier to show examples of what ring-generalship, being in control of the ring, is. The two Ray Leonard verses Roberto Duran are good examples. In their first fight, for whatever reason, Leonard fought Duran's fight and even though Leonard fought well, Duran landed the harder and more effective punches because Leonard stood right in front of Duran and plunged it out with him. Duran won a decision and a lot of had to do with him being in control of the ring. <br><br>In their second fight, the opposite occurred because Leonard fought his fight by boxing from the outside and making Duran pay by hitting him with punches and making Duran miss when Duran rushed in and tried to make the fight more of a brawl. Leonard was in such control of the ring in that second fight that a lot of people think Duran quit in frustration even though to this day he claims he had bad stomach cramps, only he knows for sure what the truth is.| 8/7/04 10:07:11 AM| Joe Krause| Chicago | sadmbspats@yahoo.com | 10 | Analysis of Frazier-Boanvena I has just went up on my website. I didn't do the scoring, but a regular contributor did. classicboxing.tk is the website. Fight recaps, career recaps, ring rankings for 1960-1980 and much more. Take a look we just went over 20,000 visitors.| 8/7/04 11:01:26 AM| max hord| fernandina bch, fla | maxhord@adelphia.net | 10 | Ernie you're pretty much right on the causes of brain damage in fighters. One thing you have to consider as a contributor is the amount of sparring done in the gym. Day in/day out with 16 to 18 oz gloves
is where a lot of it occurs. Football players, if you know any, show signs of the same trauma. That helmet just like headgear does not protect the brain. In fact you tend to get more careless when you have head protection. The punches don't feel the same and it's easy to just take shots instead of slipping etc... You are right about the time involved. It comes on you gradually and gets worse as you get older.

Bob Bumbera (NC) renfbera@aol.com
No offense intended Gerry, I just get kind of short when I hear people mention Fixed or Rigged fights or any athletic event for that matter. And I do know about Tyson's bi-polar depression issues and the fact he is sometimes on medication and sometimes off it. And your right about the biting incident, he shouldn't have done it. He should have hit Holyfield low or jammed a thumb his eye, gave him a knee or some other "Duran-esque" tactic to keep Holyfield honest. However in the state of mind Tyson was in, without the medication he just went off. And don't forget Tyson was giving Evander the elbow, Ali held Frazier behind the head-Frazier hit Ali on the hips. Tit-for-tat, Holyfield showed Tyson he would not be bullied in the first fight and Tyson, couldn't deal with it. Same for Bout #2. I mentioned the Foreman fight as several people who have posted here in the past said it was fixed. Nonsense. I do disagree with you about Holmes though.

I agree that power punches should count more than jabs---it's part of the whole scoring package, including the aforementioned ring generalship. One reason I hate Olympic boxing scoring is this nonsense about a jab counting as much as a knockdown. As long as you make contact with the white part of the glove, you get points and if you land a jab it counts the same as if you tag someone good and drop them. Ridiculous. It's often easier to land a lighter punch, so why should that count for as much as a heavy punch? By the way, to the people who think that Teo Stevenson would have been a great pro, I can guarantee you that winning all those three round fights against amateurs does not indicate that he belonged in a ring with Ali, Foreman, Frazier, Holmes, etc. In fact, based on style, someone like Mike Tyson would cut him down like a tree. Teo was a guy who dominated the amateur ranks because he stuck around long enough to gain the experience to take inexperienced men with some ease. But you put a 1972 or 1976 Stevenson in with Foreman from the same era, and it would have been ugly. I would think Foreman could cut him in under two minutes, much less two rounds.

For any one who thinks the Ali/Foreman fight was fixed, consider this, Ali showed Foreman early in the fight that he was in for a real fight by landing some hard right hand leads that got George's respect. This was a key mental strategy to let George know he wasn't in for a walk over, that he would have to pay if George got too reckless in his pursuit of Ali. Ron Lyle also showed that George could not just punch him with impunity and although George ended up winning in the end against Lyle, anyone who has seen this fight knows it was hardly easy, and this is an understatement! In order to have a chance of defeating Foreman in the first phase of his career, a fighter would have to hit George hard, early or somehow survive George's early onslaught in order to mount an offense later on in the fight and this is something neither Joe Frazier, in their first fight, or Ken Norton did and they got knocked out early, never having a chance to mount an offense. Frazier did land one token left hook but it was hardly the kind of hook that destroyed Jimmy Ellis or knocked down Ali. Would Frazier had won? Who knows? But it likely would not have been so one sided, maybe it would have a been a brawl like Foreman/Lyle, where both fighters went down, if Frazier had landed his best shots. My point is, if Ali could hurt Foreman and he clearly did in their fight, than Frazier or Norton, who hit harder than Ali could surely could hurt him.

Another point is Ali somehow knew that George could
not stand up to the heat well, that he would have stamina problems as the fight wore on and the temp is very hot in Zaire at that time of the year. That George could wilt if fighting in a hot environment is shown later on in his loss to Jimmy Young in which George collapsed more from the heat in Puerto Rico than he did from Young's punches. To this day, I have never heard anyone claim that the Foreman/Young fight was not fixed because everyone knows Young won fair and square. There, I have layed out some evidence as to why the Ali/Foreman fight was not fixed and now I welcome anyone to challenge my opinion with some cold hard facts to counterdict what I have said.

There's no reason in hell to think (or of thinking, or to thinking) that Ali'-Foreman was fixed. The fight was hardly fought and pretty close until the knockout. Just look at George's face soon after the fight! He took a good whipping, that's for sure. Gregorio Peralta gave Foreman a good fight in 1970 (even if Foreman clearly won) after all! George Foreman was a great champion, but not unbeatable. Spalla would have lasted at least 4 minutes against him! The legendary Cuban heavyweight Nino Valdes (a former bouncer) once said: "Put me and Stevenson in the same ring and I will beat him, he is only an amateur". I don't think this was bragging.  

Who can forget the 2 legendary fights between Luis Angel Firpo and Erminio Spalla fought in Buenos Aires, Argentina? The first one was fought in 1924 and Firpo won by KOT 14. The second was fought in 1926 and Firpo won on points in 10 rounds. They should show these fights on TV at least once a week!!!!  

On Foreman-Ali being fixed: I am a firm believer in the "amazing claims require amazing evidence" school of thought. If anyone has any evidence to prove the fight was indeed fixed let them present it. So far in more than two decades no takers. 

Again, I don't believe Foreman-Ali was rigged either. "When They Were Kings" shows clearly just how much Ali overshadowed Foreman, who was the champ, even before the fight. I've read George's bio, he claims he was drugged, I don't buy it. It was a masterful win for Ali, got to give him credit... I'm no defender of Mike Tyson. The guy has done a lot and has to be responsible for it. But in a properly refereed fight, Holyfield would not have gotten away with so much of what he did. A lot of people did not want Tyson to be champ, soon he wasn't. Some people thought he should be in jail, soon he was. Douglas fought a great fight, not to take anything away there. I still consider Tyson an all-time Top Ten heavyweight, probably always will, he was a great puncher in his prime, I'm probably one of the few who will remember him that way... I agree on Stevenson, Castro's favorite Cuban citizen during his Olympic days. While he was not as good as some thought, I still give him credit for his training to beat Bobick, who was very cocky before their rematch. Thanks again.

If anybody has seen a "fixed" fight then you should know well that ALI/FOREMAN wasn't one of them. Nobody in their right mind could stand there for eight rounds and take shots like either one of them did and have a predetermined ending. Marlon Brando couldn't even act that well.

My point exactly John, if there is concrete evidence to show Ali/Foreman was fixed, then it would have been presented by now.  

All we get is people implying that the fix was in but they never show proof. Some shadowy figure saying, "If you only knew the truth about what went on, then you would know the real facts." But they never show those so called facts. My conclusion, the fix was not on.
the March 79' issue of "Big Book of Boxing", titled "Suppose there was never a Muhammad Ali". It starts with Liston's second defense of the title 2/25/64 in Miami Beach vs. Doug Jones, of course Liston KO's Jones in the sixth round. Liston then defends the title against Folly, Cooper, Machen, Corletti a tough decision over Chuvalo and another tough 14 round KO of Buster Mathis before getting chopped down and quitting on his stool vs. Joe Frazier in March of 68'. It also mentioned some guy from Bellflower Ca. winning a 10 rounder vs. Oscar Bonavena. Frazier defends against the usual suspects including Mac Foster KO 4 and Urtain no less, then gets blasted by Foreman in 73'. Foreman goes on war path beating "The King" Jose Roman, Lubbers, KO's Jerry in 6, annihilates Norton, Lyle, Shavers and in 79' stops Holmes. I didn't know I had these things. Funny what you find when the wife tells you to get that crap out of the house! 

| 8/10/04 06:03:38 PM| Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Once again, we are just about down the line in agreement that the fix wasn't in on Ali/Foreman.<br><br>To those who claim that the majority at this site have it in for Ali and are against him, than why aren't most of us for the fix theory? Being for the fix theory would make Ali look bad, right?<br><br>I am just making an observation that we can be objective.<br><br>I am just sick of hearing how biased we are about Jerry. That we don't recognize any other fighters except him. I have been hearing that for over four years now.<br><br>I've found it almost impossible to explain. During Jerry's career, I never thought he'd become champion. He was an excellent fighter, even a great fighter, but I gave him only the chance any great fighter gets. Never thought he would defeat Ali, Frazier, or Norton. That is not an insult at all. They were great fighters, too. Maybe a comparison would be Don Drysdale. True, he was a great pitcher, but I never thought he was as good as Sandy Koufax, Bob Gibson, Whitey Ford or Camilo Pascual. Does that make any sense, Kent? Having said that, when I read someone talking about Jerry in a way I find extravagant or grandiose, I disagree. Maybe I'm wrong, but that's how I see it. 

| 8/10/04 10:49:08 PM| Ernie Laxalt|Reno, NV||elax66@aol.com||10|Kent, you write, "I am just sick of hearing how biased we are about Jerry. That we don't recognize any other fighters except him. I have been hearing that for over four years now." I am guilty of some of those arguments. I think there is a general and slight bias here, because this is his site drawing so many people who liked him or even knew him. Blind loyalty against evidence, though? No. None of that.<br><br>I've found it almost impossible to explain. During Jerry's career, I never thought he'd become champion. He was an excellent fighter, even a great fighter, but I gave him only the chance any great fighter gets. I never thought he would defeat Ali, Frazier, or Norton. That is not an insult at all. They were great fighters, too. Maybe a comparison would be Don Drysdale. True, he was a great pitcher, but I never thought he was as good as Sandy Koufax, Bob Gibson, Whitey Ford or Camilo Pascual. Does that make any sense, Kent? Having said that, when I read someone talking about Jerry in a way I find extravagant or grandiose, I disagree. Maybe I'm wrong, but that's how I see it. | 

| 8/10/04 10:54:00 PM| Ernie Laxalt|Reno, NV||elax66@aol.com||10|Regarding fixed or tanked fights: maybe it would help us if some modern examples of fixed fights were identified. We know about Jack Johnson-Jess Willard fight, and maybe some Jake LaMotta fixes. But how about since 1980, say? <br><br>Tommy Hearns? Roberto Duran? Marvin Hagler? Hector Camacho? Julio Caesar Chavez? Ray Leonard? Any fixed fights?

| 8/10/04 11:21:38 PM| JohnnyQ|New York||johnq@yahoo.com||10|Lamotta publicly confessed to throwing one fight early in his career. Jack Sharkey is widely believed to have thrown the title fight against Carnera. He had beaten the great Primo in 1931. However, the Willard-Johnson knockout was not fixed, as the films, rediscovered in the 1960s proved once and for all. |

| 8/11/04 01:41:09 AM| Kent|L.H. Ca||kentallenetc.@||10|Ernie, I will give you that Jerry likely could not have beaten Ali, Foreman, or Frazier, prime versus prime. However, I would give him a good chance to beat Ken Norton, prime versus prime. As it was, a Jerry Quarry who had nothing left compared to his best days in the ring and who trained less than three weeks for the fight, gave a close to in prime Norton a very tough fight for a few rounds only to suffer a huge cut and run out of steam by the fifth round. The third round of Norton/Quarry is a must see round as the two fighters stood toe to toe and pounded each other for almost three straight minutes, a round by the way, Jerry won on the scorecards<br><br>The analogy of comparing Jerry to Drysdale is a good one but
Drysdale not being better than Pascual? Maybe Big D wasn't better than say, Warren Spahn, but Camilio has nothing on him.

I think that many of Carnera's first round knockouts, at the beginning of his remarkable career, were fixed. Maybe even his legendary win against George Godfrey (a very strong guy) was fixed; the fight looked regular, but at the beginning of the fifth round, abruptly and without a reason, Godfrey hit Carnera under the belt and was disqualified. I think George Godfrey was slightly ahead on points at the time of the stoppage but Primo was holding his own. And, believe me, George Godfrey was every bit as strong as Mike Tyson and even stronger than Laila Ali'. He was included by RING among the 100 hardest punchers in boxing history. He would be the heavyweight champion nowadays.

But many (if not most) of Carnera's fights were not fixed, in my opinion. After his defeat with Larry Gaines, in 1932, he sent away his manager Leon See (a fight fixer) and "bought" other managers, who were, I think, honest guys. I have seen Carnera-Sharkey 2 and I don't think it was fixed. Primo just overpowered Sharkey. That uppercut in the sixth round was terrible, look at Sharkey's glance soon after the uppercut landed! He looks like someone who says "what the hell did hit me?". Yes, Sharkey beat Carnera in 1931, but, just a few hours before the fight, Primo had had a serious car accident, in which he did faint. During his career Primo did beat some decent fighter: Paulino Uzcudun twice (former European champion and beat Max Baer), Tommy Loughran (beat Max Baer and many other top contenders), Pierre Charles (former European champion), King Levinsky, Jack Sharkey, Earnie Schiff (unfortunately) and Walter Neusel. Yes, he never was as good as the best Muhammad Ali', but was no freak either (I have learnt "either" eh, eh).

My mom Anna wears a size 5 shoe (35 in Italy).

I know the jeremy Williams vs Brian Neilson fight was fixed. It has been rumoured for a while and I had it confirmed to me.

The place where people drive in the WORST way in the world is Neaples. Nobody cares about the rules in Neaples. They drive like nuts. Everytime you decide to cross the street in Neaples your life is on the line! What did Ali use to say? "If you want to fight me,...". Well, the situation is the same. By the way, is Shaq 7'1" with shoes off or not? I'd like to know whether he is taller than Wilt.

Do you still remember who Shaquille Rashaun O'Neal is? Now he lives in Miami, a beautiful town in Florida where Bud Spencer and Terence Hill played some movies.

I am NOT saying that either one of these fights were fixed (since Tyson lost both of them) BUT the referees in his fights against Lewis and Williams certainly looked like they wanted Tyson to win. Emmanuual Stewart said it best when he said "Lennox was fighting two men that night, Tyson and the ref".

Quarry would have beaten Norton in Prime vrs Prime, Lyle would have probably beaten him to. It would have been a tough fight for Jerry but he did beat better fighters than Norton.

In April, 2004, boxing promoter Robert Mittleman pled guilty in federal court to felony
bribery charges for arranging for Thomas "Top Dog" Williams to take dives against Brian Nielsen in Denmark and Richie Melito in Vegas. Both fixed fights were held in 2000.

Sure, that scary talent, Tom Williams, was indicted for throwing a fight—and though he's such a high profile, respected and well known fighter, I've got to believe in my heart of hearts that maybe, just maybe, George Foreman would be a little harder to get to. Somehow, I just think that as a young, undefeated champion, Foreman was too busy trying to take Ali's head off to worry about taking a dive for a few bucks. No disrespect to the Mr. "Top Dog" Williams, but I think it might be a little easier to fix a fight with him participating. | 8/11/04 04:02:52 PM| Angelo| Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10

I agree with you that Quarry and Lyle could take Norton, prime vs. prime, but I think Jerry would have more trouble with Norton than you would think at first glance. Norton seemed to perform extremely well against guys he could trade punches with. If you couldn't blow him out in one or two rounds, he would get courage and use his crab style to score points and keep good fighters off balance. I used to think Norton made a career out of upsetting Ali once and giving him trouble two more times, in losses. But the more I view Norton and look back, the more credit I give him for being a tough contender. His loss to Holmes made me a believer that he had guts and talent to be a top thirty all time heavy, and that's pretty good. I do think a younger Quarry would have a good chance against Norton, provided he didn't get butted or cut early. He did beat better fighters than Norton. As for Lyle, he had too much power for Norton to handle, and was too willing to trade bombs. He would have beaten Norton in five rounds or less, by KO. Styles make fights—Quarry could, and did beat Lyle by giving him a boxing clinic. Lyle, in my opinion, would take out Norton. But I still think Quarry and Norton would be super competitive.

How is the Eagles camp shaping up? My brother and niece (she's a big teen Eagles fan) went to see them practice at Lehigh last Saturday. So far, I understand T. Owens is looking sharp.

Angelo, someone asked what the source of a report of a fixed fight was, someone else questioned if any fights had really been fixed since LaMotta or Jack Johnson's day. The answer is yes. I thought I'd offer something novel—some facts. Less than an indictment (an accusation) the promoter who arranged the fix has admitted it under oath, pleading guilty to several felonies. The facts go beyond an indictment (an accusation) the promoter who arranged the fix has admitted it under oath, pleading guilty to several felonies.

I would agree that this has little bearing on whether Foreman or anyone else would take a dive.

As Angelo said so well, there was no dive (a new word for me) in Ali'-Foreman. Guys, you have to realize that, against Muhammad Ali'George Foreman had the Chance to be called THE GREATEST HEAVYWEIGHT of all time. Imagine if, after having destroyed Frazier and Norton in that way he avesse distrutto even Muhammad Ali'...Imagine DOWN GOES ALI'! DOWN GOES ALI'!!

How would you call Foreman after 2 (DOWN GOES ALI')s? You would call him the greatest fighter of all time. George is not an idiot, he knew that and, for no amount of money he would have lost that honour! | 8/11/04 05:22:41 PM| Fran| philly | plc7755@aol.com | 10

I agree that Norton was a tough fight for anyone if they didn't have the power to take him out. Jerry did have the power to take him out and the counter punching skills to beat Norton. I have no doubts Quarry could have won. The Eagles are going to be very competitive.
This year with Owens and Westbrook back. But you never know. They couldn't have gotten Foreman to throw the Ali fight but ....... did you ever see the ropes that loose in a fight so Ali could lean way back in the 3rd row ans safely watch Foreman shoot his bolt as Ali covered up what little of him was still in the ring. They gave Foreman a magic grapefruit before the fight and he said he was groggy during the fight. Dick Sadler and Foreman never worked together after that fight. Who knows. After Norton beat him in the first fight Ali was protected after that. He was a great fighter but not that great. Did Sadler give Foreman a grapefruit? And why? For money? Anyway, the ropes were loose, that's for sure! Who is to blame for that? Kent? Bill Walton?

One thing about who beats who is when they fight, because a lot of guys are not that far apart. The matchup/style also has a lot to do with it. If Jerry doesn't get cut versus Ali the first time, maybe he goes 8-9 rounds, but no way does he ever beat him. Ever, and that's no insult. After all I've heard, there's no way he beats Foreman either, though he probably does last much longer than Frazier or Norton. He never beats Foreman, again no insult. After that, though, it gets a lot closer. Jerry had a lot more fights than Frazier when they met. He still outboxes and out punches Joe early, but is not mobile enough to dodge Joe after the first few rounds. Still, on a given night, Quarry could beat Frazier. If he fights Norton in 71 or 72, he probably has enough in the tank to beat Norton. Quarry was a shot fighter going to his own execution when he met Norton on short notice in 1974. All this would make Quarry more than just a top contender like Bonavena or Young. He was better than Jimmy Ellis, he should have held a belt then. He was better than Floyd Patterson, a former champ. Sorry, Jerry was more than just a contender. He was a real threat for the title. That's not bias, it's fact ...

Ron Lyle was a real contender also, we will never know what he lost in prison. But I believe Norton was better than Lyle in the mid-70's. I also had Norton beating Holmes, but few wanted Norton champ. Ali and Holmes were holy champs, it was nearly impossible to get a decision against them, no matter how much someone outpunched them. That's showbiz I guess, which again explains Holyfield and Tyson. Tell me again why Lewis never met either of those guys in the early 90's?

Yes, but Holmes had a damaged right hand in his fight with Kenny. What about a Norton-Patterson or a Norton-Whatsmyname?

I believe Norton would have easily handled Patterson and Terrell. 

Gerry are you implying that Lennox Lewis ducked Tyson and Holyfield in the early 90's? That is simply not true - Lennox never ducked anyone...he is a great role model and was a great champion..just because he wasn't from America people make excuses for him not being good! That really annoys me! In his 15th fight he took on Gary Mason who was 35-0 at the time and stopped him in 7. This was for the European and British Title. As a contender he beat Mike Weaver, tyrrell Biggs and Derek Williams. He then anihilated Razor Ruddock in 2! Tyson couldn't manage this! He then went on
to defeat Tony Tucker - easy on points (good fight) and stop Frank Bruno in 8. After being stopped by McCall which I agree damaged his reputation he came back to stop Tommy Morrison in 8, outpost Ray Mercer and then gain revenge on McCall. He then took out Golota in 1 round where Bowe failed miserably twice, kayoed Shannon Briggs - beat Holyfield twice (only received one decision) then kayoed the much feared Michael Grant, outpost easy the menacing David Tua. After getting blasted he came back to Kayo Rahman with one of the hardest punches I ever saw, kayoed Tyson and smashed up Vitali Klitschko. What a champion and what a fighter! Now Danny Williams a man I have know for so long is taking over - todays Amewrican Heavies are very poor. |

| 8/12/04 11:11:09 AM| Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | | 10 |
| 8/12/04 12:05:07 PM| Gerry | Cleveland | jgschultz11@aol.com | | 10 |

Evren---You are correct in your appraisal of Lewis' career. You are also correct that a lot of people (me included) might sometimes shortchange Lewis, because he was a GOOD champion. I don't think Lewis ducked Bowie or Tyson (early 90's) but it's a shame these fights weren't made. To me, the fact that Bowie and Lewis never met in that era diminishes BOTH guys careers. Also, it's a microcosm and commentary on what's wrong with the sport. That fight was a natural and it should have been made. It would be like Ali and Frazier never fighting eachother. With that said, my only real criticism of Lewis is that he was KOed dramatically and early TWICE, by two questionable talents. Rahman marches on, and if he comes back to be a champion, it's sort of a wash for me---because in my mind, a GREAT champion doesn't lose to Oliver McCall. Not that way. Lewis did meet most challengers head on and he kept the belt for a long time. Also, outside the ring, he represented the sport very well. I think even most of us American fight fans have to admit that Lewis brought class to the Championship at a time when it was badly needed. Tyson ended up being a smear on the sport, first for being a loser outside the ring, and now for being an embarassment inside the ring. Holyfield showed a lot of promise as an ambassador for boxing, but then had personal issues and has hung around so long, he's becoming a bit of a laughing stock. Bowie had all this personal drama and got hammered by Golata (not in that order) and as you pointed out, Lewis manhandled Golata. So yes, Lewis was a very good, top notch fighter of his era and stablished the heavyweight division for a good number of years---a dignified guy who contrary to what you might think, has a lot of American fans who cheered him on when he pummeled Iron Mike. |

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| 8/12/04 12:36:48 PM | Massimo | Roma || 4 || 10 | O. Mc Call is underrated. His chin is one of the best of the last 20 years in the heavyweight division. It's just chuvalian. Nobody knocked this guy down, let alone out. He can punch hard and mostly he is the only man who clearly beat Francesco Damiani (Ray Mercer was very lucky in 1991). He destroyed Oleg Maskaev in just 1 round. |

| 8/12/04 06:50:27 PM | Angelo | DC || funktron@yahoo.com || 10 | Massimo: I don't know if I agree that Oliver McCall is that underrated. I mean, this guy was never the second coming of Sonny Liston. What exactly did he accomplish to distinguish himself so much in your eyes? He could take a punch, but so could Butterbean! He'll be remembered for two things: The upset of Lewis and having a nervous breakdown in the ring. So much for a memorable career. |

| 8/13/04 01:04:23 AM | Massimo | Roma || 4 || 10 | Angelo<br>I agree that Mc Call lacks the skill of Sugar Ray Leonard but he is a very tough guy, a dangerous opponent for anyone. He showed against Lewis, Damiani, Akinwande and Maskaev that he can punch. When he had (or suffered) that breakdown against Lewis, Lewis was still afraid of him and wasn't able to even knock him down. I see him as a bigger version of Bonavena. He would have lasted the distance against Ali', Frazier and maybe even George Foreman. |

| 8/13/04 03:47:09 AM | Ernie Laxalt | Reno, NV || elax66@aol.com || 10 | Just a reminder, guys: COULDA, SHOULDA, WOULDA don't mean jack. A champion finds a way to win. When you say JQ coulda beat Foreman, JQ coulda beat Ali, JQ coulda beat Frazier, you are unraveling the strings of reality. He did not, and that's no insult or slight to him or his fans. If you insist that he COULDA, SHOULDA, WOULDA, then everything begins turning into mush: Foreman coulda beaten Ali, Norton coulda beaten Liston, Liston coulda beaten Frazier, Liston coulda beaten Foreman, or vice versa, JQ coulda beaten anybody, Ron Lyle coulda beaten anybody, Frazier coulda beaten anybody, on a given night, a Chuvalo in his prime coulda beat anyone on their way out, if Foreman han't surprised him, Frazier coulda beat him, ad nauseam. That's boxing as seen by 11 year-old boys. Cut it out. |

| 8/13/04 05:00:28 AM | Timana | Auckland || kiwi@hotmail.com || 10 | The greatest fix of all time was Spinks decisioning Holmes in 1985. That stank! Holmes annoyed the establishment with his silly 'jock strap' comment about Marciano and he paid the price by being cheated from equalling the Rock's 49 blot record. &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;The Ali v Foreman fight wasn't fixed. Foreman made excuses about being drugged, but more recently he admits that didn't happen. Foreman also had some sort of apparition seeing Angels and Gods and all kind of whacko things during his fight with Young, so it's more convincing to say that Foreman was substance abusing rather than taking dives. &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Truth is, Ali manipulated the conditions to suit himself (like all smart guys do), but that don't make it a fix. Foreman was only ever used to fighting a couple of rounds and knocking the guy out. But he was like a sprinter being asked to run a marathon in the fight against Ali, and his managers were stupid for taking the fight under the conditions Ali's promoters set. Foreman should have fought Ali state side. To go to Zaire was dumb. &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Think about it. Ali made the venue in oven weather and Foreman was never gonna last the distance. Combine that with Ali's superior boxing skills, his better 'ring smarts', the loose ropes, Ali's 'knockout proof chin', the partisan crowd, Foreman's lack of stamina, etc, and, in hindsight, Ali was always gonna win. We're all dumb for being so shocked at such a predictable outcome. &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;I don't accept that Tyson and Holyfield fights were rigged either. History shows that Tyson struggled when opponents weren't intimidated. Think
about it. When Douglas fought him, Douglas was coming off the worst period in his life. His mother died etc, and he went in there fearing nothing. A 'who gives a stuff' attitude with a very, very good jab, an ability to throw some fluent combinations without having to stop and load up to summon power, and Tyson had a fight on his hands. The other determining fact was that Douglas was much taller and heavier, and he was not afraid of death on that particular night.

However, when Douglas did give a stuff in his next fight, unable to find motivation from personal turmoil, had a dollar in his pocket that had fed his huge appetite, lard all around his gut, and it's hardly surprising that he didn't put up much of a fight against Holyfield.

I always thought Holyfield won the fight at the weigh in against Tyson. He looked at Tyson and said, 'You don't bother me one bit'. Tyson didn't like that. Most bullies don't.

Someone said something about La Motto throwing fights. May be that was just the period. Fact is you didn't get title fights in that era unless you were a bit compliant. Remember this: there was only one world title in each weight division then. I am relying on memory here, but I think there was only seven weight divisions. Even to get a title fight, without winning, was a huge honour then. There was only seven world titles then; now there's 45 plus. Lots more promoters too. Not just Don King arranging things. Getting a title fight wasn't easy.

I'm talking too much, but I think Tyson will come back and beat that Williams guy. Tyson did have a knee injury. He needed an operation. That type of injury would have hindered him terribly. Old and worn as he is, a Tyson with two working legs would beat Williams, no worries. The story of Mike Tyson isn't over yet. He has the greatest motivation known to mankind to keep fighting....he's flat broke. So what else is he gonna do. Host a radio talk show ? Get a job at NASA ? Thanks for listening guys.

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Timana: Not a bad post, very good reading. Except, Holmes "jock strap" statement had nothing to do with the outcome of the first fight. Now, my history is a little sketchy here---but was 1985 (the year you refer to) their first fight or the rematch? If it was the first fight (I think it was,) the comment had nothing to do with the outcome, because Holmes made the statement at the POST FIGHT press conference. In other words, Spinks already got the decision, THEN Holmes made the comment, in anger, because Peter Marciano was at the press conference, had made no secret of the fact that he was pulling for Holmes to lose, and was gleeful that Spinks won the decision. As for the rematch, I doubt that the comment alone had anything to do with Holmes losing another decision. I have a couple more things to say on the matter: One, I watched both of those fights, and Spinks didn't impress me much either time. Yes, I am one of those fans who believe that to wrest the title from a Champion, you must take the fight to the champion, assert dominance and TAKE the belt---not have it handed to them. Spinks didn't do enough to take the belt from a guy who had it seven years. And interestingly, in the rematch, I think Larry Holmes clearly did enough to win his title back. He outpunched Spinks---landed the harder punches and more power punches. The other thing I want to say is that Holmes almost immediately regretted that comment. He was very frustrated, and Marciano's brother was smirking proudly because the Rock's legacy was protected. It would be like Babe Ruth's relatives attending the Atlanta Braves games when Hank Aaron was chasing his record, and cheering if Aaron got injured and couldn't break the record. Annoying. Holmes overreacted---and admitted this---and always had a large portrait of Marciano (Rocky, not Peter!) at his training camps for inspiration. It was an unfortunate and dumb thing for Holmes to say, but I don't think it was in his heart---it was to get a reaction.
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is the greatest fighter ever, but we've pointed out that sometimes, circumstances got in the way of JQ performing at his best. These aren't excuses, they're just observations. James Quarry wrote on this forum that Ali had too much for Jerry---a little too big and a little too fast. But there's nothing wrong with us speculating on how the outcome of the fights might have been different if Quarry didn't get a gash near his eye. Why does this bug people so much? Look, I'll go along with the people who think Tyson would have prevailed against Danny Williams if he didn't injure his knee. Does this take anything away from Williams? No, he won the fight fairly and impressively. Is it making excuses for Tyson? No, it's simply saying that the outcome might have been different if Tyson's knee didn't tear up in the first round. |8/13/04 03:12:17 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com||10|TO ANGELO: No, Holmes likes money too much and would have fought on and on even after breaking Rocky's record. He just can't turn down a paycheck.|8/13/04 03:14:58 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Both Larry Holmes verses Michael Spinks fights were close. I thought Spinks had a slight edge in the first fight based on him landing more punches but again it all boils down to what the judges liked and in this case they agree with me that Spinks output was better than Holmes' harder punches. <br>However, the reverse was the case in the second fight, that Holmes did enough to win back his crown. But it was still close enough so that a vote for Spinks' case could be made. I had Holmes winning by two points, which means a switch of two rounds on any of the close rounds would at least be a draw.<br>Again, people saying the fix was in is pure speculation with no concrete facts to back it up. <br>The jockstrap comment was made by Holmes right after the fight, in the heat of anger and frustration because he thought he won the fight. He later apologized to Maricano's family and fans but nobody ever brings that up. I don't believe the comment had anything to do with the decision in the second fight. Of course it had nothing to do with the outcome of the first fight as the comment happened after the fight!|8/13/04 04:11:40 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|Michele Spinks once said:" I have never seen myself as the winner of those two fights ". I have read that somewhere.<br>I have never seen those fights, but what a honest person Michele is !!!!|8/13/04 04:54:41 PM|Timana|Auckland||kiwi@hotmail.com||10|My memory has a defect and thanks to Angelo and Kent for pointing it out. For all these years I thought Holmes made the 'jockstrap' comment before the fight, but he didn't, and that puts a different complexion on it. I still thought Holmes did enough to win that first fight and that Spinks as challenger didn't do enough to take the title. <br>I agree with Gerry that even if Holmes had won and been 49 blot, he would have continued on. He still wants to fight today.<br>I've only heard of one other person called Kent before. I think his name was Kent Clarke. Unusual. Any connection ?<br>|8/13/04 08:03:46 PM|Joe Krause|Chicago||sadmspats@yahoo.com||10|Jerry Quarry and Ken Norton flip a coin.|8/13/04 09:09:16 PM|angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com||10|Holmes, had he gone 50-0, would have good reason to retire unblemished. Once he lost to Spinks, and the record was not to be, he probably figured why not come back and make as much money as possible? He gave an in-prime Tyson a couple tough rounds and was winding up an uppercut to ambush Tyson---the last moments of the fight---Holmes uppercut punch was thrown with his back to the ropes, his arm got tangled on the ropes, and Tyson clocked him. It was Holmes trying to end the fight like he did against Mike Weaver, with an uppercut practically thrown from his ankles, out of nowhere. But the older Holmes, without a lot of time to train for the fight, was rusty and miscalculated. To this day, I feel that Holmes would have really given Tyson fits if he trained harder/longer and had something to really fight for other than a payday. Holmes, a few years later, gave Holyfield a good fight
after beating Mercer, who was favored. I thought Holmes "senior" career was almost as impressive as Foreman's. |

As the Athens Games open today, an old question reoccurred to me. Was Jerry approached, after winning the National Golden Gloves in '65, about remaining an amateur for the '67 Pan American Games or the '68 Mexico City Olympics? Jerry would only have been 23 for Mexico City, and better than 18-year old George Foreman then. I doubt it did or that Jerry would have, just wondering... Ernie, you're a jackass. Who made Ernie the guardian of opinion on this site? People have the right to their opinions as long as they are presented respectfully. Read the archives, Ernie. People have taken these fights and matchups apart for years now, and it clearly makes for good conversation. What kind of guy wants to censor Quarry comments on THE Quarry site? Get a clue, Ernie ... Timana makes some very good points regarding Ali-Foreman and Tyson-Holyfield. Buster Douglas, who boarded the plane practically alone from Columbus, Ohio for Japan, was clearly motivated by the memory of his mother. Tyson, though, had not yet had a chance to recover from the death of his mother and his manager Cus D'Amato. The two men were in different stages of mourning, one recovering, the other still very affected, big difference. For that and other reasons, that great fight is not a real representation of either man or their matchup... Thanks for the clip, Massimo. Are you rooting for Italy in the Olympic boxing, track and basketball competitions? |

I never held Larry Holmes's "jockstrap" comment against him. He was caught up in more than a little racism in the late 70's, and did not react well to it. To me, he came across as very likable, down to earth, a good blue collar guy. He had Rocky Balboa and Rocky Marciano, as well as Joe Frazier and Muhammed Ali, hanging over him the whole time. I give him some slack for that and other comments. |

Yes, I think I'm gonna root for Italy in the Olympics. It's my favourite country. In the European Tournament, it's true, we played like s**t but they didn't want us to win. 2-2 ?!? Sheeesh ( it's slang ) ! Where is loyalty ? Where the hell is loyalty ? I don't know, maybe they don't like spaghetti, caffe' and pizza !

Damiani won a silver medal in Los Angeles in 1984. He was beaten in final by Tyrell Biggs. But Francesco soundly beat Biggs in five rounds a few years later. There was a time in which he was going to fight Holyfield. Probably he would have lost, but I think he would have given Evander a competitive fight. Giorgio Brambini won a bronze medal in 1968. During the tournament he was beaten by George "Who" Foreman. After getting hit a couple of times by Foreman he refused to fight any longer ! Franco De Piccoli won a gold medal in 1960 ( superheavyweights). He could punch like hell, but his chin wasn't mccallian, and got knocked out by Wayne Bethea and Joe Bygraves as a professional. Nino Benvenuti won a gold medal in the middleweight division only to become one of the best middleweights of his generation. Memories.

Wilt has been rated THE BEST CENTER IN NBA history by BBC. Shaq N.3 , Jabbar N.4,Olajuwon N.5. |

Gerry, not nice to call people jackasses. I criticize endless, repetitive speculation because it's not intelligent, not informative, leads nowhere, and wastes time. Most of it here is focused on Quarry. What if we shifted it to Ali? We could make excuses and hypothesize about ever fight he had, including his losses. If he'd paced himself differently against Frazier, he would have won when he lost. If he'd jabbed more, kept Joe away. If he'd moved to the left a little more, or thrown more left feints and fouled Joe more to the top of his head and throat. Or if he'd fought Norton earlier. Or if he'd insisted on fighting Frazier in Yankee Stadium in Harlem, or in Detroit. If he'd fought the Spinks fight two months earlier and hooked more in the first and second rounds. Getting tired yet, Gerry? This is exactly what some of you do. How about Foreman? What if he'd
refused the Ali fight in Zaire, or postponed it much longer until his cut healed. Or brought in different judges and made sure the ropes were tighter. What if Joe Frazier had shaved his head so the growing bristles would scrape the face, shoulders, chest and arms of opponents more? What if Joe had learned to take it easy for short periods and conserve more energy? What if he’d run from Foreman in Kingston and taken the fight into the middle rounds? Gerry, this is nonsense. This is kid stuff. <br>Angelo, you wrote: "Also, there's nothing wrong with the speculation of "ifs and buts". I just explained what's wrong with it. I assumed you came onto this site because you wanted to learn and compare ideas and opinions. But sometimes all you seem to want to do is explore an alternate universe where it's still 1969 or so and Jerry is still fighting. Some of you write things like, "Jerry takes the second round with left hooks and hurts a prime Tyson. Tyson charges back in the third round and decks Jerry with a right uppercut. Jerry is up at the count of 5 and they flurry " That is Fantasyland. <br>Look, if Kent, Evren, Massimo or anyone else who writes sensible comments objects to what I write, I'm gone. In the meantime, I suggest you bring a little reason and discipline into what you write. Otherwise, you're like a drunk at the end of the bar mumbling. | 

| 8/14/04 03:55:12 AM | Ernie Laxalt | Reno, NV | elax66@aol.com ||||10 | Let me put it this way, Gerry and Angelo. Suppose we're talking about 20th Century history. Suppose someone says, "I see the Germans repulsing the invasion at Normandy and following up with an invasion of England. A year later, they're ready to mount an attack on US soil at three entry points, from Boston south to Miami. Casualties are very heavy. FDR is probably assassinated by commandoes." Then Angelo writes, "No, they would drive deep into the Appalachian range with tanks so as to tie up the industrial corridor of the eastern Midwest, approaching by the south." Then someone says, "Now if the Russian army of 1937 were able to occupy Ohio, they could flank the approaching Panzer divisions at Wheeling, West Virginia." Then maybe Massimo writes, "What if Hannibal lead a phalanx of elephants through occupied Baltimore to disrupt Gestapo operations?" This is exactly the same as speculating about what did not happen, never could, never will, with regard to fighters of the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and with reference to the 1950s, including what they did or did not do in training, with attention to their emotional readiness for fights and the ability of their cutmen and whisper men and whether they responded well to Endswell or felt comfortable fighting in the sunlight. You guys are masturbating here. Talk about history. Disclose what you actually know and can verify. Tell us about bouts or sparring sessions you actually saw, or what boxers you knew told you. Stay earthbound and do not fly into the stratosphere of meaninglessness. I shouldn't have to tell you this. | 

| 8/14/04 04:04:14 AM | Ernesto Laxalt | Il Reno | elax66@aol.com ||||10 | Massimo, Kareem Abdul Jabbar era molto, molto più di un vincitore che Jabbar, ma non e quella è la conclusione della storia. Potenziale è il merde del cane, non è quello il fratello allineare e piccolo? Nei olympics, le ragazze italiane sembrano essere quasi graziose quanto le ragazze spagnole. Dovremo attendere per vedere loro alcune nei loro vestiti bagnantesi bagnati per essere sicure. Sradicherò per gli italiani ed i jamaicans, come I possiedono una sede sull'isola. Amo guardare gli sprinters americani femminili neri. Che coscie, il mio amico! Intraprendendo una di loro sarebbe come esaurendo come andare 12 tondi con Joe Frazier, ma molto soddisfacendo. Siete conforme? I combattenti migliori nel mondo sono mexicans che vengano alla California vivere. Sono campionato-livello dall'età 19. Avete tutti i combattenti nella vostra famiglia. Fratelli? Zii? Cugini? Va nella pace e mantiene il vostro jab in su, il mio fratello. <br>
don't hold Holmes's 'jock strap' comment against him either. It was something said in the heat of the moment and I think he regretted it. Looking at his career, Holmes was a credit to boxing with no atrocities in or out of the ring. A few words shouldn't condemn him. You sound like you'd be a fun guy to have a drink with, but my 'gut' tells me that you've had a head start on the rest of us. I might go open the fridge and gulp down a few 'Jacks and ice doubles' and when I catch up I might know what the hell you are going on about. Jeepers, we've gone from Jerry Quarry to wars and invasions and military training and then masturbation to gibbering in Latin in just a few sentences and I'm scratching my head. Although I'm dizzy, I enjoyed trying to understand what you meant.

Ernie

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Ernie

I'd have to agree somewhat with Fran. Quarry was not one of the all time greats in terms of pure ability, but his bravery and will-to-win was as strong as anyone in history and that is what made him dangerous to all — including Ali.
The irony is that it is Ali who taught us that even the greats are beatable on any given night, and I'll try and explain it this way. Tell me this: who would have won out of Henry Cooper and Jerry Quarry? Be fair now. Jerry would have been too strong and too busy (although both he and Cooper would have cut up badly in a frantic fight). Now go back in time and remember the Clay v Cooper fight. Cooper put Clay down almost for the count. The difference between a loss and a win for Clay was probably Angelo Dundee's probing thumb and a glove tear. So I ask you this: if Cooper all but beat Clay, then why is it so unbelievable that Jerry could have done the same thing? Lightning does strike, you know. Ask Joe Louis. I'd like to add something else. Many people accuse Ali of getting favouritism from judges etc, in his second career. Perhaps that was the case, as there were questionable decisions (even though close title fights traditionally go to champs). But people forget that Ali in his first career - as Clay - was hated by the establishment, including the judges, and the influential media. It is a credit to Clay that he never allowed his fights to be dictated by shonky judges. He took the result out of their hands by winning easily. And it wasn't like he was fighting bums. Whether critics like or admire Ali or not, the undeniable truth is that he had probably the most remarkable career in boxing history. It had everything. Controversy in and out of the ring. Politics and defiance of authorities. Charges and court hearings. Show downs in exotic places all round the world. His fights became world events. Boxing today still has wind in its sails from the Ali era.

Hahaha, you guys crack me up, and I mean that in a nice way. No, I gave up drinking back in '82. Jimmy, yes, any really good heavyweight boxer -- and JQ was a great one, no doubt about it -- could conceivably beat any other on a given night. The proof of that is that every once in a while there's a huge upset, like Buster Douglas beating Tyson or Leon Spinks beating Ali. But that's only one one hundredth of one percent of the time. 98% of the time, there is a pretty consistent order to things in boxing, and we can usually tell what fights will be close, which ones someone is pretty sure to win, etc. Now Jerry had how many title fights? 4? 5? He didn't win. That means something serious, friends. We cannot truly call him a champion. In some ways he was great, like a champ -- in his heart, his punch, his killer instinct, his will to win, his left hook. But I argue that's really all we can say. Now there are certain matchups where Jerry was probably closer to winning, even against guys he did not beat. Norton and Holmes were good opportunities for him -- these were guys he could knock out. I don't think so about Liston, Ali, Frazier and Foreman. Yes, it's possible, but not very likely. Now my real point is that by indulging all our speculations as far as we want, with no discipline, we are not learning anything, we are not exchanging real information, we are not exploring facts or real hypotheses or theories. All we're doing is pushing peas around on the plate, as they say down South. I compared it to masturbation. As far as my World War Two analogy, I wanted to give you an example that was absurd and similar. It's not history to investigate what would have happened if the Germans had repelled the Allied invasion of Normandy, and it's not history to investigate whether Quarry would have beaten Ali if Quarry did not get cut. I don't man to be rude, but it seems like a waste of time, and doubly so, because it's been said here so many times. There are so many other things about heavyweight boxing from the days of Jim Jeffreys on that we could talk about. I suggest we move onto new ground. For example, I'd be interested in what happened to guys Jerry beat. Specifically, I'd like to figure out if the experience of being KOed or soundly beaten by Jerry got many guys out of boxing, either right away or after just a few more fights. It seems to me that it would, but I don't know. Does anyone? My brothers were all brawlers, Massimo, and I was the fast one, the one with footwork. They are all fat couch potatoes now. (Meaning: mostly what they do is sit around drinking beer and...
watching pro football on TV.) God bless 'em. |

8/14/04 09:59:58 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||1|Massimo, glad to hear Italy is your favorite country. Damiani and, of course, Benvenuti were fighters I like very much. Italy did beat the U.S. in hoops recently, should be a wide open tournament. Cleveland has at least two boxers at the Olympics... Ernie, if we don't take apart history and challenge it, how do we learn from it? Thanks for proving my point. Incidentally, JQ had just two title shots, something seriously wrong with that, Ellis and Frazier. His first fight against Ali may have seemed like one, it wasn't. Circumstances in two of those fights are open to conjecture, his performance against Frazier made a second fight necessary, and that ended weird. No, Ernie, I'm not tired. Take Jimmy D's view of it if you don't like mine... Massimo, I rate Wilt and Kareem #1 and #2, the BBC is pretty close. Their playoff matchup in '72 is a must-see if you can find it. Jerry West and Oscar Robertson also matched up, great series. Thanks again. |

8/14/04 11:49:05 PM|Ernie Laxalt|Reno, NV||elax66@aol.com|||10|Gerry says: "Ernie, if we don't take apart history and challenge it, how do we learn from it? Thanks for proving my point." There is no speculation of "what if" in analyzing history, Gerry. There is investigation, interview, further study, examination of sources, new hypotheses, discussion but not speculation. History is a view, or probably many views, and you challenge one view or another. For example:<br>1. Someone could study a proposed list of the 30 greatest heavyweight boxers between 1960 and 2000. Identify all the judges and referees in all their fights, and compare judging and referee performance and ruling. From this analysis, attempt to suggest conclusions. Most obviously, which judges seemed contrarian? Which judges seemed to favor sluggers most, or boxers most, or champions most? With home computers, database programs and the Net, this would be a great project for someone to undertake. I'd love to read the conclusions and discuss them. I know that in earlier times -- say the 1950s -- the East Coast was the heavyweight boxing capital and the same pool of referees there was drawn from time and again. I wonder how that influenced decisions and careers. <br>2. Study the careers of 10 top boxers from this era. Figure out ways to compare processes in their careers: first fight, second fight, third fight; or fights at age 20, age 21, age 22, etc; or other "looks". Then you could construct models of their momentum, and possibly who peaked too early, too late, and so on. From what you find out, describe an ideal way to bring a heavyweight along. <br>3. Take a specific claim, and investigate it. A popular claim here seems to be, "Jerry Quarry, when compared to heavyweight boxing peers, had unusual circumstances in his career that prevented him from winning a championship." How would you study that? You'd begin by naming these possible circumstances and investigating each one, including analysis of what other boxers also underwent them. One circumstance is heavy bleeding. All right, others with that problem are Henry Cooper, Chuck Wepner, etc. Maybe a hypotheses is that this problem handicaps white boxers. But counterevidence suggests Jack Dempsey, Rocky Marciano and others did not have that problem. <br>These are formal examples, Gerry, for the really serious boxing fan to pursue. But I propose we try to move in this direction: posing questions that can be responded to with reference to known facts and information, avoiding speculation and other undeterminable propositions. See what I mean?<br>What did it mean that Jerry was a West Coast boxer? Was it a disadvantage or an advantage? Would judging and scoring have been significantly different in his fights if he'd been from Boston, New York or Chicago?|

8/15/04 05:13:44 AM|Timana|Auckland||kiwi@hotmail.com|||10|I am happy I visited this site because it seems you can have different points of view without resorting to insults. <br><br>Ernie<br><br>You're correct in saying that there is no 'what ifs' in analyzing history, but this is only so when taken from a purely historian's perspective. However, when looking back in time, trying to predict the present or the future, 'what ifs' are the most effective tools in a
scientist's arsenal. Historians are boring; scientists are invigorating and exciting. Scientists change the future; an historian's only obligation is to the past.

An historian would say that we can't shrink Muhammad Ali so why bother imagining how he'd go against Sugar Ray Robinson. A scientist would say 'what if' we could shrink him, what would be the most likely outcome. Why should it be any different for a scientist of boxing? Asking 'what if' stimulates our knowledge of the sport and makes it more enjoyable when debating imaginary fights.

So, if we shrank Ali, how would he go against Ray Robinson? I'd pick Robinson. Welterweight champion between 1946 to 1951 and the middleweight champ from 1951 to 1960. In that era, against a whirlwind of great opposition, it's hard to imagine just how good Ray Robinson really was.

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So, Ernie, is it so wrong for us to fanatize about such a fight?

Supposition is part of appreciating and understanding events. I approach history journalistically, who, what where, why, how. Then I add "so what?" and tinker with the components of the event, the "what if". Doing this allows us to better understand history, and it is very common. You cannot watch a documentary without someone rearranging events to suggest that, with a few changes, things could have been much different. This is how history become a valuable learning tool. That's my opinion, anyway. Thanks |

You're welcome, Steve. Gerry, I disagree completely. Science is studying the known facts, dreaming up ideas, creating a hypothesis, designing an experiment to test it, performing the experiment, analyzing the results, and explaining how they combine (or do not) with known facts. In leaving you, I'll observe that some of you are unusually touchy and hostile. Good luck and Massimo, addio, paisan! |
Wilton Norman is unusual as a name. I have never met a Wilton Normain in my entire life. Shaquille Rashaun is unusual too. On the other hand, Massimo is very common.

Massimo, found my reading glasses. I can see without them to walk around or drive my car, but I can't read very well without them.

Evren, how about the next fights in the tournament?

Here are some facts for Laxalt. Jerry Destroyed a very dangerous Ernie Shavers. Shavers destroyed Norton. Norton beat Ali 3 times only got 1 decision. Jerry completely outboxed Lyle and Lyle fights Foreman in one of the most exciting fights of all time. Knocking Foreman down a few times. Foreman Destroys Norton and Frazier.

No shouldla woulda couldla. No Fiction just facts. You may not like to hear it but he beat the best who beat the best. With his brilliant career there is no need to wouldla couldla shouldla, he did it I saw him do it and the drama that went with it. I liked all the fighters of that era including Ali they were all great atheletes. Some of them got the publicity and some did not. Jerry did not and he was in my humble opinion the most exciting fighter of the ERA. I didn't say he was the best of the ERA no one did. Smokin Joe probably was.

FRAN: Foreman easily pulverized Frazier twice, how can you say Frazier was the best of that era? I always believed that if A beats B, than A is the better guy. Especially if it happens twice.

I thought Fran was doing okay until he said that Frazier was probably the best of that era. There are so many unanswered questions with Frazier that Fran's statement is absurd.

Frazier avoided fighting many of the best of that era. Rather than fight some of the best, he fought others he had already beaten convincingly.

And, of course, after the first Ali fight (in which he fought brilliantly), he hardly fought at all.

Frankly, I thought Frazier found his level in history in the two fights with Foreman. He was so badly beaten that he has to be below Foreman. Of course, Foreman has to be below Ali.

To me, Frazier should merely be a footnote in history. Sure, he was able to lift against a ring rusty Ali, but there are too many holes in his resume, too many exhibitions, too many recycled fights, and then there was that embarrassing thrashing against Foreman - TWICE.

I threw that out there because even though its true I can't argue with what you are saying about Foreman beating Joe 2x like he did, but from 68 til the after first Ali fight in 71 Joe was unbeatable. After the first Ali fight he ate good and took off to long and lost the sharpness to slip n slide like he did during the years before George. Foreman had his number, styles make fights and Foreman had all the tools to beat Joe. But Before George, Joe was the man.

Sorry, but I don't agree with you. Yes, it's true, Joe Frazier didn't fight a lot of guys, but how many of these fighters would have really had a decent chance at winning against him? Maybe only Lyle and Shavers. On the other hand, Frazier beat a long list of excellent fighters: Machen-Jones-Chuvalo-Bonavena-Mathis-Quarry-Ellis-Ali'-Foster. The first and the third fight with Ali' would already be enough to show Joe Frazier's greatness.

How many times a fighter has to show how good he is? Ali''s career was just exaggerated! Almost every fight was against a top contender... Too much! I rate Ali' above Frazier because( or as, or since) he beat Foreman while Frazier almost died against Small George, but Joe Frazier was a real champion! 
you will about the Ali-Norton trilogy. Norton won the first one, and you could make a case that he should have gotten the nod in the third (I don't agree with that—thought Ali did enough to defend his title, but would entertain an argument.) but Ali won the second fight and I don't understand why that point is really up for debate. He outboxed Norton and seemed to score more points—controlled the tempo and Norton never hurt him in the second fight—didn't come close. Of all the close decisions Ali won in his career, why to people debate Norton #2? Just because Norton fought well in the other two fights? On the topic of Jerry, he did indeed beat Shavers, who took out Norton in one and who gave Ali all he could handle. He beat Lyle, who KOed Shavers and also fought well against Ali and Foreman (and was ducked by Frazier and Norton). JQ was in the thick of the title picture for a good many years and should have gotten a shot against Foreman. He earned it. Earnie: Will you at least agree that Quarry's impressive win over Shavers in 1973 should have put him in line for a title shot? The reason we're even talking about what MIGHT have happened in a Foreman-Quarry fight is that the fight, unjustly never took place.<br>As for Frazier, he was impressive in taking out Jerry twice and fighting Ali closely three times, winning one. He beat a string of good fighters in the 60's. But no one here should dispute the fact that Foreman made Frazier look ridiculous in the first fight and soundly beat him in the second (though Joe actually won a round). Also, Frazier was lucky to avoid Shavers and Lyle and never fought his friend Norton. That's three top contenders of the 1970's—very natural face-offs for Frazier that curiously, never happened. It seems to me that if anything, it's possible that Norton avoided Frazier, but seems clear that Frazier had little to gain and a lot to lose by facing power punchers like Shavers and Lyle, especially after Foreman clubbed him and made it look easy.<br>8/16/04 11:37:00 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|I guess I'm in the pro-Frazier group here. In the space between Ali's suspension and the emergence of Foreman, he was the best guy out there. He didn't fight alot, but beat some great fighters as has been listed. Was he better than Ali or Foreman? No. I still give the guy his due, very courageous man, very successful fighter for being so one-sided. Would Rocky Marciano have been so successful if he had to fight an Ali? Frazier may have proved that answer, not likely. | 8/16/04 11:37:00 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|I guess I'm in the pro-Frazier group here. In the space between Ali's suspension and the emergence of Foreman, he was the best guy out there. He didn't fight alot, but beat some great fighters as has been listed. Was he better than Ali or Foreman? No. I still give the guy his due, very courageous man, very successful fighter for being so one-sided. Would Rocky Marciano have been so successful if he had to fight an Ali? Frazier may have proved that answer, not likely. | 8/16/04 11:37:00 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|In his book, Frazier didn't cite friendship with Norton for not fighting him. Frazier said that the fight never happened because the big money was not there for it. I find that hard to accept. If lack of money was the problem, why did he fight Daniels and Stander? Wouldn't have been much loot in that. And then he fought Joe Bugner....is anyone telling me that there was more money in fighting Bugner than Norton? Come on. Frazier then fought two guys he had already beaten - Quarry and Ellis - rather than seeking a risky fight with Norton. Once again, logic would say that there was more money in the Norton fight. He was ducking Norton, just like he ducked Lyle and Shavers. Joe was very damaged property after that first Ali fight. Truth is, he came out of it worse than Ali and spent more time in hospital and recovering. Personally, I don't think he ever recovered and that is why he started ducking guys. Remember too, Frazier thought Foreman would be easy. That was the only reason he took that fight. The second Foreman fight he had to take if he was ever gonna have credibility again. After the first Ali fight, Joe fought 10 more times. He lost four of those, being stopped in three. Even before the Ali fight, Frazier was choosy. He didn't fight Liston, Patterson, Cooper, or even Ernie Terrell who went 15 rounds with Clay in 1967. Was he buddies with all these guys too? Ali fought plenty of friends. Ellis was in his stable and Dundee was in Ellis's corner the night they fought. In my opinion, Frazier has been dragged along on the shirt tails of Ali's legend. Question: If you take Ali out of Frazier's resume, who is the next best
that he beat? Ellis? Quarry? Both are very good heavyweights, but neither are realistically up there as all time greats. <br>Nup. For mine, Frazier ducked fighting too many fighters of his era to be considered a truly great legend. If you guys want to put Frazier right up there, then how good does that make Foreman? And then how good does that make Ali? I believe that Frazier benefitted from the hatred towards Ali. There were so many boxing fans that wanted Ali's butt kicked, that Frazier became idolised because he was seen as the most likely to do it. <br>But be fair......why does Joe's resume have so many holes in it?  

| 8/17/04 06:24:51 AM| Eugene|Roma, but born in Pisa|| Ray Impelletiere is the greatest.com |||||10|Yes, I have to admit there is something true in what you are saying. But Frazier was part of 3 of the best heavyweight fights I have ever seen (8 March, Manilla, Quarry 1) and to me it is already enough to rate him among the champions. Whatever namesucker-Frazier would have been an interesting fight. Terrell's shoe size against Frazier's stubborn aggression and punching power.<br>I think that Joe Frazier's chin was very good, not quite in the same class (or even league) with McCall, Chuvalo, Peralta and Ali', but very good.  

| 8/17/04 06:59:49 AM| Fran| philly|| plc7755@ao1.com |||||10|After the first Ali fight Joe's career changed he had climbed the mountain and he was done. He did choose his opponents. His size and style didn't make for a long career. Ali's did. No matter how you look back on it if you were watching back then you remember he was the man during the time of Ali's exile. Why he fought Foreman I'll never know. He didn't need Foreman he was champ. He could have let Ali or Quarry fight him and take the winner just like he did with Mac Foster who was the #1 contender in 70 he let Jerry fight him. Frazier was from 68 to 71 the best out there. So you guys make good points, my only point is that time and the longevity factor and fighting Foreman have diminished Fraziers place in history. He was great with that head movement and Philadelphia left hook and always in top shape. |  

| 8/17/04 07:27:25 AM| John Gerard| NYC|| rock289z@yahoo.com |||||10|I think Ali and Foreman were head and shoulders above the rest of their period. Frazier was very, very good, but Foreman revealed him. Plus he ducked Liston early in his career, and Lyle, Norton, and Shavers later on. He was in terrible shape against Foreman, Stanader, and Daniels. Mike Tyson does not have 10% of Joe's gameness or will to win. Frazier was also one of the greatest (if not the greatest) in-fighters of all time. I respect him very much.  

| 8/17/04 11:36:20 AM| Massimo| Roma |||4|||10|Maybe Jimmy Old is the greatest heavyweight of all time ! Who knows ? He even gave Norton one hell of a fight ! I have never seen Jimmy in the ring.  

| 8/17/04 11:45:20 AM| Angelo| Washington, DC|| funktron@yahoo.com |||||10|Timana makes very good points about Frazier---I've always put Joe in the company of the alltime greats, Ali and Foreman, but I'm the first to admit that I don't have a reasonable response to debate what Timana has stated. This isn't the first time that someone on this board has challenged Frazier's legacy---and made some very valid points. The theme is that Frazier's opponents after 1970 weren't the top of the division, except for Ali and Foreman, and his combined record against those guys is 1-4 (including a decision win and three KO losses). And yes, the truth of the matter is that fighting Ellis and Quarry, who he already defeated, seemed to be the path of least resistance considering that Lyle, Norton and Shavers were on the scene, fighting Foreman, Ali and eachother.
Where was Joe? The world wasn't clamouring for rematches with Quarry and Ellis. Norton and Frazier fought well against Ali, but both of them had real trouble with other talented heavies. Frazier's stature, in my mind, has been diminished at least a little by his lack of going after and/or beating the strongest competition after 1970. Where was the challenge in taking on Quarry and especially Ellis a second time? Quarry was at least coming off an impressive KO of Shavers (and should have avoided Frazier and targeted Foreman instead). But Frazier-Ellis II. offered nothing to fans---no intrigue at all. Bugner? Stander? What about Shavers, Lyle and Norton? Again, where was Joe? | 8/17/04 12:43:40 PM|Forest Ward|NYC||NYC.com|||10|Strange enough, I remember Joe Frazier's career a little differently from the way it has been described on this board recently.<br><br>Regarding Lyle and Shavers, they were both highly rated when they were beaten convincingly by Jerry Quarry. Quarry was then elevated to number 2 ranking, just behind Ali. At one point Quarry and Gil Clancy claimed that Foreman and Ali were afraid to fight Quarry. When Joe fought Quarry the 2nd time, Quarry was favored in that fight. Joe beat him easier the 2nd time than he did the first time. So much for Joe ducking Shavers and Lyle<br><br>There were two fighter Jim Wicks would not allow Henry Cooper to fight: Sonny Liston, and Joe Frazier. Patterson was repeatedly offered fights with Frazier in the late 60's and early 70's but he turned them down. Ernie Terrell could not draw flies at the box office. Who would pay to see Terrell fight Frazier, no one. Besides, Terrell retired for a few years after he was defeated by Manuel Ramos. Who Frazier then knocked out in 2 rounds. As far as ducking Liston in the late 60's, Frazier had a lot of company. Liston was clamoring for a fight with any top contender, no one would fight him, until his old sparring partner Leotis Martin took him on and knocked him out.<br><br>Regarding the fights with Stander and Daniels, it is an unwritten rule in boxing that after a hard defense a champ is allowed a few easy ones. Look at the guys Ali defended against: Coopman, London,Blin...| 8/17/04 01:55:15 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|But Lyle and Shavers both recovered after the losses to JQ and put together very decent careers.<br><br>Lyle beat Shavers, looked good in losing to Ali and had the epic slugfest with Foreman. Shavers won a lot more than he lost, was always considered a dangerous KO artist, got his title shot against Ali, had two battles with Holmes and took out Norton in a round. Norton had the bouts with Ali, the KO win over Bobick, the decision over Young, the defense against Holmes---an active boxer through the 70's. Again, I ask, with Shavers, Lyle and Norton this active, and Frazier fighting steadily through 1976, and still on record (albeit against Jumbo Cummings) in 1981, why didn't he face any of the divisions best talent? I understand the Quarry rematch, but why an Ellis rematch? Why Terry Daniels?<br><br>Where was Joe? | 8/17/04 02:06:02 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|FOREST: Jim Wick would also never let Henry Cooper fight George Chuvalo. Chuvalo was the number one contender for the British Commonwealth title for more than a decade. Chuvalo even offered to fight Cooper in London. But no go.| 8/17/04 04:05:37 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Both Ron Lyle and Earnie Shavers were still working their way up the ladder to top contender status before 1975, which was Joe Frazier's last year as a serious contender. They both likely could have fought Frazier if they had beaten Quarry, which they didn't. Frazier didn't duck them, he was already almost finished with his career by the time they were emerging as top contenders and he never should have taken the second fight with Foreman let alone the fight with Cummings about five years later.<br><br>Frazier took the second Quarry fight to earn another title shot and he took the second Ellis fight as a tune up for his third fight with Ali because of Ellis' similar style to Ali. Remember once again that at the time of Frazier/Quarry 2 both Lyle and Shavers had not earned the right to fight in a title elimination bout, which is what Frazier/Quarry 2 was.|
Add on to my last post: I realize Ron Lyle had a high ranking when Jerry beat him but he fell back in the rankings and he had to work his way back up, which he did when Frazier was just about gone from the scene. Joe Frazier realized he only had so many fights left in him and once Ali had won the title again, Frazier's goal was to get a shot at Ali and to do that he would have to beat the highest ranked available contender, which was Jerry. I also agree with Frazier's and Norton's contention that they wouldn't fight because of their friendship, so Frazier didn't duck Norton either.

Ring Magazine whom are usually regarded as they only real rankings for fighter's mainly because there so unbiased, and do not accept kickbacks etc. like when the WBA kicked Joe Frazier to the back of the bus, due to him not accepting an invitation into there tournament. Ranked these heavyweights before JQ fought them. 6/9/67 Floyd Patterson #3. 10/28/67 Floyd Patterson #5. 2/3/68 Thad Spencer #2. 4/27/68 Jimmy Ellis #3. 3/24/69 Buster Mathis #6. 6/23/69 Joe Frazier #1. 6/17/70 MacArthur Foster #1. 11/16/71 Jack Bodell #8. 5/9/72 Larry Middleton #7. 6/27/72 Muhammad Ali #1. 2/9/73 Ron Lyle #3. 12/14/73 Earnie Shavers #6. 6/17/74 Joe Frazier #2. and 3/24/75 Ken Norton #4. Jerry's 8-5-1 with 4 knockouts vs these guy's. Ali (exiled and no top ten rating) and I believe George Chuvalo DEC.69 should also have been included in this group. take care!

Frazier doesn't contend that it was friendship that stopped him fighting Norton. In his book he says that there was no money to make that fight. I can quote it in full if you want. Just seems to me that there is a myriad of excuses for the plethora of contenders that Frazier missed in his era. Friendships, no money, fighting him won't get me a title fight, and the list goes on and on. Imagine if Ali had the same attitude. How come Ali fought them all, but Frazier didn't? You either want to fight guys or you don't. I never heard of Ali ducking anyone because he might be a dangerous fight, etc. Another thing. If Ali was not in forced exile for the three years, what would have happened if Ali and Frazier fought? Ali, in my view, would have taken him easily, and Frazier would then have been just another heavyweight. The (false) legend of Frazier would never have begun and Ken Norton probably would be remembered as Ali's arch rival as Frazier is today. All the excuses in the world can't avoid the big holes in Frazier's resume. All never bothered fooling the public and having meaningless fights like Frazier did against Daniels and Stander. Before then, Frazier had exhibitions against Williams and Helwig. Just seems to me that Joe didn't have too much confidence in himself to beat the next best and then the next best like Ali did.

What do the following men have in common: Jimmy Young, Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers, Ken Norton? All of them were heavyweight contenders in the early to mid-1970s and Frazier didn't fight any of them. These guys were active to 1976 and beyond, and maybe you're right Kent---Frazier knew he didn't have a lot of fights left in him, so as I said, he took the path of least resistance. It's also likely that after getting trounced by the power punching Foreman, he avoided the similar sized Lyle and more powerful Shavers and focused on Ellis, essentially a washed up version of the newer model Young.

While I said that the information regarding Frazier not fighting Norton was in Frazier's book, it was actually in a publication called 'Boxers' published by Warrender Grant Publications in London. It reads: "Yet although Norton was an exact contemporary of Frazier's he never fought him. Many said it was because they were on too good terms with each other to fight. Frazier confirms the friendship but denies this was the reason. 'Nobody put up good money,' he says. 'So why
fight Kenny? You fight for money, right?" Wrong! Money was not the motivating factor for legitimate legends like Ali, Louis, Marciano, et al. They fought to test themselves against the very best. They were prepared to take risks to etch their names among the immortals. Money was secondary; challenge was the motivator. By the way, thanks for all those who reply to my posts. It's fun to debate issues like this, with sensible opinions flying back and forth, courteously.

Joe Frazier ruled from 68 to 71 and peaked by beating Ali in what still is the fight of the century. After Ali he was not the same. He proved everything and could have retired. In 71 Ron Lyle had just been out of jail about a year. Shavers was unheard of still, Norton and Young were Joe's sparring partners. Joe had some big paydays left with Ali so he hung around but he was done his climb. So when Joe was coming up Norton, Young, Lyle, Shavers were not around. As far as Norton and Frazier goes I saw them go to war before Frazier fought Foreman and it was all out war they were rockin each other. So for 3 years Joe was the absolute best. No holes in Frazier's resume. He was still around in the early to mid 70's only for Ali because no one could generate the money that those 2 did. Could it have been that Shavers, Lyle, and Young had not earned a chance to fight Frazier to determine who would fight Ali? I think this is the case. Again, none of these guys had established themselves as top contenders. Path of least resistance? Frazier fought Jerry Quarry for his title shot, a man who we have pointed out many times, handily beat both Ron Lyle and Earnie Shavers. Again, if either of them had beaten Quarry, it would have been one of them instead of Quarry fighting for the right to challenge for the title and even though a lot of people thought Jerry had earned his shot by beating Lyle and Shavers, he lost the right by losing to Frazier. How come people think Lyle, Shavers, and Young were contenders in the early seventies? Yes by about 1975 or 1976, depending on who we are talking about, they had started to emerge as such but in the early 70s they were not considered proven commodities. Yes by 1975 Jimmy Ellis was on the down side but at the risk of repeating myself again, Frazier earned his right to go to the Thrilla in Manila by beating Quarry and he didn't have to take the Ellis fight, it was to keep his skills sharp in preparation for Ali. I would have to find his book, I have it but I am not sure where it is at right now, but I believe it was Norton who said he would not fight Frazier because of their friendship.

When Frazier fought in the gym or in a fight it was war, he took no prisoners, he dodged no one. After his peak (Ali one) he picked his fights and made some money, After Marciano's peak he retired, after Louis and Ali peaked they hung around way too long. Joe has been sharp looks good even now and looks like he could still give today's contenders a run.

But Kent, how could you say that these guys were merely "starting to emerge" as contenders by 75 or 76? Lyle fought Ali for the title in 1975, I think Young did in 1976 and Shavers did in 1977. They weren't just "starting to emerge" but in fact had done enough by 1973/74 to be considered as legitimate heavyweights worthy of a chance to prove themselves against a FORMER champion like Frazier. In fact, what exactly did Ken Norton do to "deserve" a fight against former Champion Ali in 1973? Who did he beat? What did Ron Lyle, Jimmy Young or Earnie Shavers do to deserve title shots against Ali? Who did they beat? It seems to me that the pattern here is that Ali took all comers, including the same guys Frazier did (Quarry, Ellis, Bugner, etc.) as well as the guys Frazier wouldn't fight—the aforementioned Norton, Young, Shavers, Lyle and others. For common opponents, Ali KOed Foreman, while Foreman decimated Frazier twice. Norton of course, wasn't a common opponent because Frazier didn't fight him (or Norton didn't fight Frazier as the
case may be). Fact is, after "Superfight 1" Ali remained extremely busy, even after winning the title, and fought the tough guys like Norton and Frazier and also took on everyone else I mentioned, along with the Evangelistas and Richard Dunns of the world—the Chuck Wepner and Pierre-Coopmans too. Meanwhile, Frazier seemingly avoided confrontations with the guys Ali was giving title shots to. And as for Ken Norton, he didn't fight Frazier, he was pummeled by Foreman, didn't fight Lyle, managed a decision against Young and was taken out in two minutes by Shavers later on. But it's curious to me that Norton didn't ever fight Lyle and fought Young and Shavers AFTER he had the chance against Ali in 1976. Also, Norton was pitted against Lorenzo Zanon before the Jimmy Young fight. Not Lyle or Shavers, but Lorenzo Zanon. Frazier and Norton discovered that they had the chin and stamina to avoid being KOed by Ali, and the styles to push Ali to the limit, so they apparently were very cautious with regard to mixing it up with up and coming heavyweights, instead deciding to bide their time waiting for rematches with Ali (and in the ultimate cooperation, wouldn't even fight eachother). Well, Norton did take on undefeated Duane Bobick and at that point, no one knew how good or bad Bobick was, so Norton was gambling a little there. But Frazier? One more time, in the mid-70's while Ali was taking on everyone, including Antonio Inoki, where was Joe?

8/17/04 11:33:27 PM | Timana | Auckland | kiwi@hotmail.com | | | | | | Fran, you're kidding about Frazier looking "sharp", right? The guy is in very poor health. He is an alcoholic and a diabetic. Last photograph I saw he looked terrible. Last time I heard him speak he was hard to understand. Sad, and I truly wish it weren't so, but it is. <br> <br>You seem to be agreeing that Frazier picked his fights after the first Ali bout in 1971. <br> <br>In 1971, when he fought Ali, Frazier was only 27. Apart from two exhibitions in 1971, he didn't fight again that year. Yet Ali had three more fights in 1971 (Ellis, Mathis, and Blin).<br><br>And look at 1972, Frazier only fought Daniels and Stander. Talk about taking the soft options, because that same year Ali fought Foster, Chuvalo, Quarry, Lewis, Patterson, and Foster. No rest for the brave.<br><br>In 1973 Frazier fought Foreman and Bugner. Ali fought Bugner, Norton, Norton, and Lubbers.<br><br>Ali was two years older than Frazier, had spent three years out of the ring, but he ducked no one. Yet Frazier hardly fought at all.<br><br>Great fighters don't pick and chose. They back their ability and fight the best and then the next best. Just like Ali did. <br> <br>Fran, you say that Frazier was the best 1968 to 1971. That was only because Ali was in exile. Do you really think that Frazier in that period would have beaten Ali? In your heart of hearts? <br><br>Frazier was very particular about who he fought. During Ali's absence, the WBA came up with an eliminator to decide Ali's successor. There were eight fighters on the list - Frazier, Patterson, Thad Spencer, Ellis, Bonavena, Ernie Terrell, Mildenberger, and Quarry.<br><br>But this wasn't good enough for Joe. He wouldn't go in it. He wouldn't fight eliminators. Everyone else was game to do it, but not Joe. As it was, Frazier eventually (after the tournament was over) only fought 3 of the 7 fighters on that list. Ali came back in 1971. Of the 8 people on the list, Ali fought 7 of them. The only one he missed was Thad Spencer. No picking and choosing for him.<br><br>Frazier's record does not substantiate what many of you guys are saying about him. Sue he was great in his fights against Ali, but take those out and there's not much else there. <br><br>No one ever saw Ali or Marciano manhandled in a fight the way Joe was against Foreman. Louis was never humiliated in his prime like Foreman did to Frazier. The Foreman thrashings put Frazier's historical ranking in perspective, while his failure to fight the best of his era only serves to raise questions about him generally.
because they didn't. Again, Joe was not ducking them, because he would have gone through one of them to get to Ali again. Angelo, wouldn't you agree Lyle and Shavers can be considered fighters of the mid to late 70's while Frazier and Quarry were fighters of the late 60's to early 70's? The eras crossed over but not exactly. Ali did take on all comers but that is one of the things that makes him a cut above the rest.

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I wonder, if Frazier was ducking people (around), why did he fight Foreman a second time? After Manilla, another fight with Ali for the title was not likely. I think he fought Small George again to revenge his "close" loss in 1973. He knew how strong Giorgio Eduardo was, he knew Giorgio Eduardo could lift one man up with one punch and make holes as big as melons in the heavybags. I think if you have guts enough to fight Giorgio Eduardo, you have guts enough to fight anyone else... Including Primo Carnera.

My own personal opinion is, that after the Foreman thrashings, Frazier wisely avoided heavy hitters like Shavers and Lyle. And I think he was smart in doing so. Joe was never the same after the first Foreman fight. Ron Stander staggered him in round one of their bout in Omaha. So Joe picked and chose one of his opponents. In boxing like any business you reduce risk and maximize income. Joe was a real game warrior, a near great. Very near.

Kent, yes I do agree with you that Lyle, Shavers and Young were really fighters of the middle and later 70's, not the late 60's and early 70's. I'll grant you that. But my point is that promising fighters don't become contenders without testing themselves against the elite---or even the former elite who are still hanging around. And to take it a step further, the truly elite test themselves against everybody within reason. Some of these promising fighters who were dispatched one at a time by Jerry Quarry (I'm thinking of Shavers and Lyle) picked themselves up, dusted themselves off and got back on track. They found Ali standing there with a title belt, waiting for them, but Frazier was nowhere in sight. And I understand your point that Quarry beat these guys and was matched against Frazier---but that's exactly what my problem with the scenario is: Instead of being part of the "elimination" process, Frazier seemingly stayed out of it until the only one standing was a guy who he had already beaten (Quarry). As pointed out in a recent post, he did this in the series to find a successor to the exiled Ali, and in a smaller sense, he did it again in the early 70's after he lost the title to Foreman and conveniently, a guy he had beaten in 1971 took the belt from Foreman. So now he waited for a chance at Ali, in 1975. I'd have to check the record, but aside from Quarry (who again, Frazier had already beaten) and Ali II. (another guy he had already beaten) who were the dangerous guys he fought between 1972 and 1975 to earn the third shot at Ali? Avoiding landmines for 2-3 years while waiting for everyone else to knock each other off doesn't make him courageous. Yes, it does make him smart, because I feel that if he had mixed it up with some of these guys (especially the power punchers), he would have lost and never caught up with Ali in Manilla. So being careful was smart, but in my book, it cost him some credibility and the right to be called one of the best ever. Yes, if you go back through the last 2 years of posts, you'll see that my opinion has changed on this, because a lot of people have made some very good, eye opening arguments to change my mind. Joe Frazier was still a great champion and a warrior---but aside from having the style to push Ali, he falls short of being an all-time great. Massimo---that's a good question about why Frazier took on Foreman in their second fight. I don't know what he had to gain. Based on his history, you would think he'd be looking for Wepner or a rematch with Terry Daniels.

How did it happen that Joe Frazier was allowed to not fight in the elimination tournament for the WBA title? I'm
curious. Have Joe Frazier already beaten Buster Mathis (1968) when the tournament started? Anyway, I think he would have very likely won the tournament since he was better than the other guys. He was better than Quarry (sorry, but the truth is the truth), Spencer, Whatchsmyname, Mildenberger, Bonavena, Leotis Martin and Jimmy Ellis.

Some further thoughts on Joe Frazier. I saw a recent picture of Joe Frazier, sadly, I thought he looked in poor health. I was aware he had diabetes. I did not know he is an alcoholic. Although, I am curious about the medical qualifications of the person that labeled Joe an alcoholic. Was Joe interviewed, was he examined? Or is this just an armchair diagnosis.

Regarding Joe's speech patterns, I would have to agree that in recent years it has declined somewhat. Although, on Joe's worst days he never sounded as bad as Muhammad Ali has for the last 15 years. Sadly, Ali can barely talk. Also, Joe's motor skills, and his cognitive skills are certainly far superior to those of Jerry Quarry in the last years of his life. A boxer normally has 2 goals when starting his career, become a champion, and become wealthy. Sadly, in most cases these goals are not met. A young fighter does not worry about his health, physically or mentally. He thinks he will be young forever. The fighters manager is supposed to look after his health needs and his financial needs. Well, in Joe Frazier's case I think his handlers did a good job. He became a champion, and became wealthy. In the late 60's he defeated everyone in his path and made good purses. He culminates his career beating Ali in 1971, for a record purse 2.5 million dollars. Joe, probably lost some of the hunger in his belly after he beat Ali in 1971. He beats a few chumps for pocket money, and then loses to Foreman. His handlers skillfully maneuver him to big money purses and another shot at the title. His handlers did not throw him to the wolves as so many handlers in boxing do to their fighters.

Let's take a look at some of Joes contemporaries from that period:

Jerry Quarry, died prematurely as result of taking to many punches to the head. Obvious and severe brain damage. Handlers would put him in the ring against anyone at anytime. Life after boxing, drug and alcohol problems, spent time in jail, needed supervision and care constantly. No savings or wealth.

Muhammad Ali, obviously brain damaged as a result of boxing. Handlers would let him fight anyone anytime. Cheated out of most of the money he earned as a fighter. Cannot speak, sometimes uses a wheelchair. Wife must cut his food for him.

I could go on and on. The point is Joe Frazier did what he had to do to become champion. And, as an exchampion trying to regain the championship, he was skillfully handled. Looking at the the quality of the post boxing life of Frazier, Quarry, Ali. There is no question because Frazier was handle so well as a fighter, he did not end up tragically like Ali and Quarry. It seems to me that everyone is blaming brain damage on the boxers life style and not the boxing both jerry and ali had a lot of fights even as young men this and all the sparring and then the big fight had a 90% effect on these fighters studies show that the sparring is the worse because there is more of it than the fights them self, studies now show a gene could predispose a fighter to brain damage. The booze and drugs are also a part of the cause after the fact. Look around you at all the people who drink and do drugs that are still around with out brain damage yes physical damage and later on brain damage but these fighters took to many blows to the head and had to many fights. For people to blame others for the careers these fights choose seems we do not hold them accountable for their own choses in life.
don't do. Frazier in fighting Quarry a second time, the last one standing after the elimination process, Frazier was following tradition.

Also, most fighters don't pick their opponents, their management picks them. Joe could have been saying he wanted to fight this or that guy but his management didn't want him to, for whatever reason. No, Frazier defeated Mathis after the eight man WBA tournament was over. As far as Frazier staying out of the tournament, his management likely thought that since he was already the number one contender, that he had earned a title shot. I still don't know how the WBA can rationalize dropping Frazier to the number nine contender after not losing a fight just for staying out of the tournament.

Perhaps you are correct about the 'alcoholic' comment concerning Frazier. I was not trying to be unfair. I do know that he had a battle with the bottle. With the recent problem about (allegedly) bashing a girlfriend, I think I must have read between the lines to draw a ('armchair') conclusion that he was back on the bottle. If I'm wrong, I'm sorry. However, I still believe that Joe has had a problem with alcohol, although it might not be current. However, our debate seems to have reached a majority conclusion: that Frazier was choosy about the fights he took. It seems that some of us agree that he avoided some fights. In my opinion, this is not a trait that gives anyone eligibility to be considered 'one of the all time greats'. Joe was not a risk taker. Ali had been out of action for 3 years and 5 months leading up to his first fight against Frazier. So Frazier was entitled to be confident. And Frazier only took the Foreman fight because he was very confident - as were the pundits - that he would win easily. Comparatively, Frazier had few fights. Frazier fought 37 times, Ali 66 times, Holmes 72, Marciano 49, Foreman 81, Louis 66, Liston 54, Norton 50, Patterson 64, Douglas 44, Dempsey 64, Johnson 105, and the list goes on.

There were so many fights he could have had but he never took. Putting aside the elimination tournament he refused to go in (and he was the only contender to refuse to participate), men of his era who he never faced included London, Patterson, Cooper, Mildenburger and Norton. We can speculate about Shavers and Lyle, but we can't get away from the fact that he recycled opponents rather than take on new challengers. It seems to me that he was the type of fighter who needed an extraordinary amount of recovery time to then save up all his energies (and hate) for the next big occasion.

You comment that Frazier was following the tradition of taking an easy fight after winning the title. His records showes that he milked that tradition for all its worth. For two years after the first Ali fight, this is who he fought: exhibition exhibitions James Helwig Terry Daniels Ron Stander He'd just beaten Ali and was considered the best in the world and he's fighting exhibitions and taking on nobodies like Daniels and Stander for the next two years! Frazier says he didn't fight Norton because there was not enough money for it. Was there more money in fighting comparative stiffs like Stander and Daniels?

Where were Joe's competitive juices? Norton was out there ready to fight. Norton found time to fight Ali twice in 1973. But Frazier never fought Norton. It wasn't a big money fight? They were buddies, and buddies don't fight? Yeah, sure, gimme a break, goddammit.
didn't have anyone comment on Joe's management picking his opponents. Fighters seldom have the last word in this manner.

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Joe Frazier was feared........ no one really wanted to fight him until after the the dust settled after the first Ali fight. Every fight Joe was in was a war. Fighters with that style do not fight long careers. Its not his fault that he didn't last longer. Talking Boxing is one thing watching it another. Watch some of Fraziers fights and see how great he was. He was an all time great. During that time he was the best. Ali in Exile or not, Joe would have still beaten him in the fight of the century when it counted. Joe Frazier was the most dominating heavyweight of the late 60's and very early 70's.

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I appreciate your comments, but cannot agree with you. Frazier's fights were wars because the level of his ability allowed them to be. There were so many he didn't fight that the conclusion must be that he ducked them. Ultimately, a fighter is in charge of his agenda and he makes the decisions as to who he fights. Ali fought all takers, one after the other. Frazier didn't. In fact, in comparison with others of that era, Frazier hardly fought at all. The conclusion must be that he was either fragile from the beginning, or he became fragile after the first Ali fight (or a little bit of both).

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I'm still scratching my head here. I was thinking maybe I was wrong when I said that Frazier ducked Lyle, Shavers and perhaps even Young, so I looked up there records. Lyle was born in 1942 and was a pro fighter 1971 onwards. He fought Mathis in 1972, Quarry in 1973, Bonavena and Ellis in 1974, and Ali and Young and Shavers in 1975. Yet Frazier never fought him. Let's look at Shavers. Born 1945 and turned pro in 1969. He fought Young, Ellis and Quarry in 1974, Young in 1974, Lyle in 1975, Ali in 1977, and Holmes in 1978. If Frazier I wanted, I bet Shavers would even had fought him, too. Young was born in 1949 His best years were 1974 to 1977. He was top 10 between 1975 and 1977. He fought Ali in 1976, Norton in 1977 and also Foreman. It should have been an easy fight for Frazier, but he never took it.

Massimo [Roma] [Henry Purcell.com]

I think we can debate whether Frazier was a top tenner or not, but he was without a doubt a great champion. He was involved in some of the best fights of all time and this makes him a boxing immortal. I think even in 2119 boxing fans will be watching (or will watch) on tapes Frazier-Ali 1-3 and Frazier-Quarry 1 ( what a fight !). Even Muhammad Ali' has a good opinion of Joe Frazier as a fighter. Even an in prime Ali' couldn't stop Chuvalo, while Frazier beat him in four rounds !

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I agree that Ali was possibly the best heavyweight all time. However, even though we've dispensed with
the what ifs, now that were using empericle scientific methods, I still think Frazier kicked his ass in thier first fight. I also think Norton kicked his ass in their first fight. Does anyone believe the fighters Frazier ducked, Lyle, Shavers, could have taken Ali to the extremes of punishment of the "Thrilla In Manalli"?

| 8/19/04 10:08:27 AM | Forest Ward | New York City | NYC.com | 10 |
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This is getting ridiculous regarding Joe Frazier. When he was champ, he fought the best contenders available. Such as Bonevona, Quarry, Ellis, Ali. Granted he did not fight Liston. Liston did not have a license in New York City, and if I was handling Frazier, a promoter is going to have to pay me a lot of money to fight Liston. So now you have to find a promoter who is willing to take a huge financial risk backing Liston. I doubt you could find one. Does anyone believe for a second that Joe Frazier ducked Jimmy Young, Frazier's former sparring partner? Jimmy Young who was beaten by Randy Neuman, and Ossie Ocasio among other. Does anyone believe Frazier ducked Earnie Shavers who was knocked out by Ron Stander, Jerry Quarry, and beaten by Bob Stallings. Does anyone really believe Frazier ducked Ron Lyle, who was beaten by Quarry, and twice by Jimmy Young. Does anyone really believe Frazier ducked Ernie Terrell (I can't believe I have to ask this question). Terrell was poison at the box office. The obvious reason why Frazier did not fight any of the above is because it served no purpose for him. He was a challenger interested in fighting for the title again. His goals were to regain the championship and make as much money as possible in the meantime. As a challenger it was not Frazier's duty to fight every challenger, that was the championship's responsibility. It is a credit to Frazier's management that they matched him carefully throughout his career, other wise he may have ended up like Jerry Quarry, and Muhammad Ali. These 2 poor souls fought everyone put in front of them and look how they fared in their life after boxing. They both became poster children for the abolishment of boxing crusaders.

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HI FOREST: I agree with every single thing you wrote, except one aspect: I do think Joe ducked Lyle. And I think he or his management was smart to do so. It was not a good match up for Joe regarding size, style or power. Joe didn't have to fight Lyle to get another title shot -- so he wisely didn't. No shame in that.

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Forrest, sometimes I think people just don't take the time to look up fighters' records. If they did, then they would see that Lyle, Shavers, and Young were not considered high status contenders until from about 1975 to 1977 and by that point, Frazier, besides his epic battle with Ali in Manila, one last grasp at greatness, was finished as a serious contender. Now if during this period Frazier was still an active viable contender for the title, and he had avoided, fighting the above named fighters, then we can say he was ducking them.

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John why should Joe have fought Lyle. In 73 Joe got blown out by Foreman and needed to re-group in 74 he fought Ali for the big money then Jerry in the summer. In 75 he fights Ali again
Joe fought for money. Jerry knocked off all of those guys for him and he fought Jerry instead. None of those guys were ever mentioned to fight Frazier. | 8/19/04 04:24:19 PM | Timana | Auckland | kiwi@hotmail.com | 10 |

What have Louis, Armstrong, Ali, Monzon, Leonard, Hagler, Duran, and all the other all time greats got in common? The answer is that there was not even a hint that they ducked anyone in their careers.<br>First of all some of you guys said Joe didn't fight Norton because of friendship. Then we find out that it was money. Now some of you are conceding that, "yeah, well, he didn't fight Liston or Lyle, but he woulda kicked their butts anyway." Or some will make the excuse that Joe was just being "carefully matched." (I agree, Forest, some of this is getting ridiculous.)<br>The reasons managers "carefully match" a fighter are because he is vulnerable and beatable against the guy they are trying to avoid. Look, Joe fought some great fights and will always be highly regarded by the true boxing fan. But that doesn't put him up there with the very, very best. He was not truly a great on one or two performances against Ali. Those performances are forever shadowed by the thrashings Foreman gave him and the fighters he ducked.<br>It's one thing to be a fan of someone; it's quite another to ignore the reality of their shortcomings.<br>And Kent, you said that Lyle and Shavers were mid to late 1970s fighters. By 1975 Lyle was 33 and Shavers was 30 and Frazier was only 31. There was only three years difference in age. <br>Thanks, any way, because I have enjoyed the debate.<br>Well then, it seems as though Joe was just very fortunate because everything timed out perfectly for him. He never had to face the power punchers (who might have lifted him off the floor like Foreman did) on his way to the Manila title shot.<br>Lucky Joe. Lucky too because he's being lauded as an alltime great and he had just 37 professional fights. As well, when you start to look at his opponents' records (I did), you realize that they might just have the worst winning percentage of any group of opponents that heavyweight champions have faced, both on the way to the title and while defending it. Guys, he fought infrequently and he fought more than a few stiffs. Go to any search engine and look up "heavyweight boxer terry daniels." Look at his won-loss record. This is who Frazier and/or his management settled on for a title defense? Give me a break. If you're going to put this all on his management, he could have fired them. Frankly, if everyone here feels Frazier's management did the right thing by avoiding real challenges and instead hand picking tomato cans and recycled opponents for Frazier to pound on and look good against---then let's never write another negative word about how Bobick or Cooney were "protected" as they climbed the ladder to title shots. Maybe the only thing worse than a less than world class fighter avoiding live opponents on their way to the title shot is a seemingly world class champion avoiding live opponents and instead facing off against Ron Stander. I will never accuse Frazier of being a coward---he fought Ali with a courageous streak and got up off the canvas countless times against Foreman, but his management acted cowardly in shielding him from live fighters. The upside is that he won the title and defended it a couple times---and got another shot at it. The downside, or I should say "consequences" of this tactic is that we must not put him in the company of Ali, Louis, Liston, Holmes or other champions who took all comers.<br>Some of your comments, Forest, beggar belief, and I'm worrying about the sanity of these guys who think you nailed it one hundred percent. You rhetorically ask whether "anyone believes for a second that Frazier ducked Young" and you then added that Young was beaten by Neuman and Ocasio. The inference, of course, is that Frazier would have been the surest of sure things, given that Young was beaten by comparative bums. But Forest, Young beat Foreman and Foreman thrashed Frazier......TWICE ! Your own logic defeats your own argument.
the same rhetorical questions about Frazier facing Lyle and Terrell. How can you assume anything in boxing Forest? Lyle could knock anyone out. There are no sure things. <br>Just ask Tyson about Douglas and Williams. Ask Foreman about Young. Ask Ali about Spinks. And if Frazier was a risk taker we might well have been asking him about Young, Norton, Lyle, Shavers, Patterson, Liston, and the rest of the guys of his era he didn't fight.<br>If Frazier was such a sure thing against all those guys, then why didn't he fight them? It would have been easy money, right? A no sweat pay day. Money in the bank.<br>Fran asks why would Frazier waste time fighting Lyle. Why did EVERYONE else waste their time fighting Lyle, Fran? Crank yourself up a notch, Fran, and get with the programme. <br>The truth is that after Ali 1 Frazier, at the ripe old age of 27, was a shot fighter. There is no other interpretation possible when you look at his career record.<br><br>|8/19/04 05:27:42 PM|Joe Krause|Chicago||sadmspats@yahoo.com||10|Angelo, I couldn't disagree with you more. Frazier's list of fighters that he fought is like a who's who of late 60's contenders. Save Stander and Terry Daniels who were obvious soft touches after the first Ali fight let's look at the fighters Joe fought. In his 12th fight he was fighting Oscar Bonavena. Look at Jerry's record and check who he fought in his 12th fight. Then he fought Doug Jones and Eddie Machen in the next 2 bouts, both still contenders on the fringe of the top ten. Eddie was NOT finished, I have the tape of the fight and he was still willing and able. A couple fights later he beat top contender George Chuvalo. This was in his first 20 fights! A couple fights later he beats the very respectable Buster Mathis. Then Bonavena again and then he beat our Jerry. Then he beats #1 rated Jimmy Ellis and light-heavy king Bob Foster. Then he beats Ali. Loses to Foreman Beats Quarry again, Ellis again and top 10 Joe Bugner. Joe Frazier was protected? From whom? Who did he not fight that was a viable option from 1967-1974? Shavers and Lyle were just emerging at Joe was winding down. Shavers management wanted no part of Joe, that I can tell you. So Joe fought Bonavena 2X, Ellis 2X, Ali 3X, Foreman 2X, Quarry 2X, Machen, Jones, Mathis, Bugner, Chuvalo- That's 16 fights against top 10 or nearly top 10 contenders out of 37 fights. Joe was one of the LEAST protected fighters of all-time.|<br>|8/19/04 05:30:44 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||10|By the way, Holmes was a former Ali sparring partner and defeated the aging Ali. As for Jimmy Young being a former Frazier sparring partner---by 1976, he would have boxed circles around Frazier. Frazier would have been counter punched like never before, probably for 10 or 12 rounds. Frazier would be moving forward, bobbing and weaving, while eating leather and having his head snapped back repeatedly. By the mid-70's, Young had developed into cagy and tricky boxer with defense and intelligence. Frazier had nothing left for anyone except Ali (and also for a couple good fighters who he had beaten already in the 60's) after Foreman dumped him in '72. I honestly could see Young winning a 10 round fight by about 98-92 (on a 10 point must), in other words, a very clean and easy win against Frazier.|<br>|8/19/04 05:34:04 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||10|Joe---how could you "save for" Daniels and Stander? These were his title defenses for crying out loud. And he took on Foreman thinking that it would be relatively easy---a hulking and awkward power puncher who was seen as being amateurish by some insiders. No Norton.|<br>|8/19/04 05:40:53 PM|Joe Krause|Chicago||sadmspats@yahoo.com||10|Ali fought Brian London and a 100 year old Cleveland Williams for the title. Frazier was allowed a couple easy fights after the Ali fight. Holmes fought Scott Frank and Lucien Rodriguez, get my drift. Frazier NEVER thought Foreman would be easy. Yank Durham begged Joe not to fight Foreman, but Frazier thought he had to because he hadn't fought anyone real since Ali and Foreman was #1 contender. Norton wanted nothing to do with Joe for obvious reasons. He knew it would be a
terrible match-up. Norton was the protected fighter, not Frazier. Norton always said they wouldn't fight because they were friends, that was his thing, not Joe's.

To say that after 8 March 1971 Frazier was a shot fighter is exaggerated in my opinion. A shot fighter doesn't fight a Thrilla and doesn't beat Jerry Quarry in the way Joe did. He just did need time to recover. Put Mike Tyson in Manilla and after 6 rounds he would be already crying "Mummy, mummy, sigh!". But I agree that Joe Frazier's chin was not as good as Ali's and powerful guys like Lyle, Shavers and Mac Foster might have given him some trouble. On the other hand, Jimmy Old and Whatsmayname were just not powerful enough to stop Frazier's stubborn aggression and pressure and would have lost. Frazier fought good punchers in the names of Chuvalo, Quarry, Bonavena and even Ali! but the only 1 punch knockout artist he ever fought (Giorgio) kicked his ass. And Bonavena knocked him down one and a half times.

I agree that Norton probably ducked Joe Frazier more than Frazier dodged Norton. Still, it irks me that we never got to see either one of these guys stand in with Shavers and Lyle. As I said before, it seems as though both of them, especially Norton, built their careers squarely around Ali. Did Norton ever fight Mike Weaver? That seems like a natural matchup in the middle to late 70's.

Angelo, of course Jimmy Young would have boxed circles around Frazier in 1976. Joe was already gone from the scene by that time, only fighting his rematch with Foreman, a fight he never should have taken. There is no way Young would have boxed circles around Frazier in 1973 or 1974. Joe would have destroyed him.

Timana, you are speaking of chronological age and Frazier was much older in age ringwise, due to the wars he had been in, and used up compared to Lyle and Shavers. Lyle especially as he got a late start in the boxing game because he was in jail through much of his twenties. Perhaps funny how nobody ever says Jerry ducked Lyle and Shavers for rematches. The reason no one can say he ducked them is he was already a used up fighter by 1974 or 1975 and he was not the same fighter he was in 1973, just one year before his ill fated second fight with Frazier. The reason Jerry didn't duck Lyle or Shavers is he shouldn't have been fighting after the beating he took from Frazier and the Norton fight hurt him even that much further.
was a non-entity in the division between the years 1974-1975. He wasn't ranked and was figured to be a one hit wonder. It wasn't until 1976 that he became a contender again. By this time Joe was on his way out. Joe Frazier didn't duck ANYBODY his whole career. |

If Joe Frazier retires after beating Muhammad Ali he is ranked #1 heavyweight of all-time right now by many experts. Yank knew that and tried to get Joe to quit to protect him and his legacy. |

Joe Frazier number 1 of all time if he retired after his first fight with Ali ? Are you serious ?

Bonavena knocked him down twice and almost a third time, if my memory serves me correctly. It was the three knock down rule and Frazier was almost gone. Some all time great. Plus, Joe, what you are saying conflicts with Fran and Forest Ward and all the other Frazier apologists. They've already admitted he ducked people. Some are saying that he wouldn't fight his buddies. Others are saying he wouldn't waste his time fighting guys like Lyle. Others are saying that his managers picked who he wouldn't fight. Someone else said it was the money. And someone else is saying avoiding all those guys was smart matchmaking.

That was Frazier's problem. Too many excuses. Guys like Ali and Louis and Duran and Monzon fought the next best and the next best. They had confidence in their own ability to fight anyone, anywhere. Frazier had to save himself up for fights. He didn't fight regularly. He'd have to save up all his hate and motivation.

Joe is saying that after the first Ali fight Frazier was number 1. Nonsense. I say that if Joe had never fought Ali then only pure boxing fans would ever have heard of him. Without Ali, Joe's greatest victory would have been Jimmy Ellis. Wow. With no Ali around, he would have fought a few stiffs and then got thrashed twice by Foreman. Joe would have been a footprint on the canvass of boxing history.

His only two 'great' fights were against Ali....number 1 and number 3. What else is he remembered for ?

Those humiliating losses to Foreman, that's what. Picture Frazier in your mind getting knocked down again and again and again by Foreman. Foreman went into that fight at long odds. All the pundits picked Frazier. And then Frazier ends up looking like a drunken sailor.

The two embarrassing losses to Foreman showed exactly where Frazier should be in rankings. Below Foreman. And Ali's win over Foreman shows us where he ranks. And that's way above Frazier.

Joe was not even the greatest of all time, so where does that leave Smokin' Joe ? Frazier has every right to be proud of his career. His fans have every right to admire him. But one of the all time greats, etc, etc, baloney. Not even close.

How did it happen that Ron Lyle was knocked out in 2 in 1979 by a journeyman named Lynn Ball ? I'm upset ! Did anybody see that fight ? Thanks.

TIMANA: out of fairness to Frazier, let's remember that no other all time great candidate such as Louis, Marciano, Dempsey, or whomever, ever had to cope with a a hitter of Foreman's power. Frankly, with the possible exception of Louis, I don't see anyone of those guys ending up any different than Joe did against Frazier. Joe did look bad against Foreman, but George's punching power has not been seen before or since and getting kayoed by him probably would have happened to the vast majority of men who held the world championship had they fought the Foreman that Frazier faced in Jamaica. I personally cannot think of any man alive who would or could have gotten up six times after taking a pounding like that.

That's where we differ John. In my opinion, Frazier fans try to make themselves feel better about the Foreman humiliation by pretending that Foreman was somehow superhuman on that night, and that no one in history could have done better than Joe did against
him. The 'superhuman' theory is hard to accept when we remember that Foreman did it twice to him. Lightning didn't strike twice; it was just a vastly superior fighter exerting his dominance. You put Foreman in with Louis 10 times and Louis would win 8 or 9 times. Put Frazier in with Foreman 10 times and Foreman wins 10. Frazier was in his prime when he fought Foreman. He was only 29 or 30. Frazier only ever fought two of the legitimate greats – Foreman and Ali. He lost twice against Foreman and two out of three against Ali. We can't pick and choose and say, "oh well that really wasn't our Joe on that particular night, and Foreman was a superhuman freak for that night only." It doesn't work like that. Foreman fought Frazier twice, and he humiliated him twice. Enough said. And hence Joe's management ducked big hitters and even a few guys who weren't big hitters. Think about Joe's greatest performances. They were all against Ali. He needed the hate he had for Ali to really perform. I have to say that Joe lacked smarts too. Ali could adapt to different fighters and environments. But Joe only knew one way, and that made him vulnerable to monsters like Foreman. I can't help but think that a lot of Frazier's popularity is because of Ali's unpopularity with the exact same people. I've never met a Frazier fan yet who likes Ali. It's like it's mutually exclusive. But most Ali fans are ambivalent towards Frazier, or at least are in my experience. Winners are grinners I suppose, although for heart and courage Joe was right up there with the greats. I only question his ability.

Frazier retired 27-0 beats a long list of quality fighters and retires undefeated after
beating Ali. A lot of people would rank him the best heavyweight ever. Some people say Marciano was the best, Joe's resume at 27-0 was much stronger than Rock's 49-0. Ali was a better fighter than Frazier, however to say Frazier isn't an all-time great is absurd. I already ran down a list of the guys he beat. A more impressive resume than Holmes, Tyson, Bowe, Holyfield, Marciano, Patterson, Dempsey. We agree to disagree, at least we are talking about boxing again.

If Foreman fights Louis 10 times then he would have knocked him out 10 times. Ali beat him by outsmarting him as only Ali could do. The arguments being bought up against Frazier make very good logical sense and if you look back on the records it's easy to say that when all is said and done Joe's legacy took a hit because he stuck around and cashed in on his hard work to the top. But if you saw him do his thing when he had the reflexes to Bob n weave under punches and double that left hook from the body to the head like choppin down a tree, and if you saw the rythmm and determination that he fought with then you to would remember him as an all time great. He could have avoided Foreman but he didn't. The debates will never end because the 3 greatest heavyweights crossed paths with each other. Along with these 3 were Jerry Quarry who made a career knocking off #1 contenders. So if you read the records then you have the opinions that are expressed against Joe being as high as some of us hold him but if you were there and saw him or if you watch the films then you will know why we hold him as one of the top 2 or 33 of all time.

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Frazier's performance against Foreman the second time was dignified. I think that the second and the fourth round were even. George won the first and the third round and destroyed him in the fifth. Foreman is without a doubt a top 5 ever, probably a top 2... And he might be even the greatest.

Personally, I think Foreman would have knocked Louis out. I am not sure if I would have bet on Louis over Liston either. Liston was at his peak in about 1958. But he had to wait more than two years as #1 challenger to get a title shot and by the time he fought Ali, he was six years past his prime. This is not to say he would have beaten Ali even if he was in his prime.

I would say that Clay's wins over Liston - even though Liston was past prime - were sufficiently dominant that Clay had his measure pretty much all the time. Same as Foreman with Frazier. Joe might have had a couple of good rounds, but fact is he got knocked out. The margin for Foreman was so overwhelming (ie. knock out, knock out) that they'd put you in a looney bin if you bet your house on Joe. After all, Foreman turned him from Smokin Joe to Snoozin Joe. I can't take Foreman to beat Louis most times. Louis would box him for the first part of the fight, Foreman would tire. With lots more power than Ali, Louis won't have any trouble finishing Foreman. So safely assume Louis does much worse to Joe. He might end up Coma Joe.

No getting away from the fact that Joe caught our imaginations, especially in those who wanted Ali's big mouth shut for good. However, no sense in letting that interfere with perceptions of him. Some of you thought of him as Hero Joe but against Ali he was mostly Slow Joe. Only joking. You got to see Joe fight in person? You are a very lucky man. That sure would have been something sitting there watching history take its place. I bet you didn't realise that at the time. Down here we watch nobodies fight nobodies. Never get to see a real live contender least of all a champion in the flesh.
with his fingers and saying it will never happen to him. I remember Ali ridiculing Joe Louis, and saying he will never end up like Joe Louis.<br> <br>Ali was probably the most articulate heavyweight champion who ever lived, and one of the most "prettiest". And now Ali can't talk, he has trouble walking (sometimes he is pushed in a wheelchair), and his wife has to cut his food for him. And his handsome face is frozen like a mask. It saddens me at times.<br>I remember Ali calling Joe Frazier a gorilla, and saying Frazier was too ugly to be champion. Well, apparently Frazier remembers it to. Because Frazier is known to do imitations of Ali, where Joe is violently shaking like Ali and not able to speak like Ali, and pretends his face is frozen like Ali's, and then Joe Frazier asks, "now you tell me who won those fights." <br>Well, if Frazier is really doing impersonations of the Parkinson's stricken Ali specifically, I feel sorry for him. After all these years, and considering the fact that Ali made Frazier far wealthier and more noted than he would have been if not for Ali, it's sad if he can't let the hatred go already. Ali called Liston The Bear, Shavers the Acorn, Spinks the Duck---someone else (Holmes?) he called the Beaver. Ali disrespected the legend Archie Moore, claiming "Moore will fall in 4" then knocking him out in the 4th round. We all know the story of "what's my name?" And after knocking down Richard Dunn a few times, an aging Ali started mocking Dunn in the neutral corner by circling his arm doing the bolo punch while Dunn was down. The list goes on and on and on. He was a showman in the ring (acting like he wasn't phased after Earnie Shavers nearly cold-cocked him). And prior to fights, he was a bold, loud mouthed promoter. It did go over the line with Frazier, but that was 33 years ago and as stated, Frazier got rich from the Ali fights and it's probably the most notable reason why we even talk about Frazier. Time for Joe to let it go already. And as far as the comment "Who really won those fights?" I have this to say to Frazier: The only fight he won, 1971, basically retired him. He was in the hospital while Ali was back home. And after that fight, he wasn't man enough to defend against anyone ranked higher than Daniels or Stander, until he stupidly took on Foreman and nearly had his head taken off. Ali got the better of him two more times, especially in Manilla, where Frazier's head seemed to be a different shape at the end of the fight than at the beginning---and finally, a year later, Foreman manhandled him again. So Joe, I'd say to answer that question, Ali won two of three---and while you got the decision in 1971, Ali managed to have a whole career after that, while your only real wins were against Quarry and Ellis. Oh, and let's not forget the final fight against one of the alltime greats, Jumbo Cummings.
because he showed heart in overcoming them. And Corrie is twice bigger than Joe Frazier.

The story you tell is very sick. It's seems that you are congratulating Frazier for rejoicing in Ali's woes.

I don't agree with any of the antics you say that Ali pulled regarding punch drunk fighters. That was definitely wrong. But two wrongs don't make a right. Since he stopped fighting, Ali has repeatedly offered the olive branch to Frazier. However, Frazier wants to keep hating.

What Frazier is doing now is cruel and actually a bit sick. If you posted that story as some sort of good story for Frazier then that says something about you.

I know that you are a Frazier supporter, and good on you for that. But poking faces at people with disabilities? You think that's good? I did not like Ali's politics or his religion or some of the things he did or said. I thought he was one of the top 5 fighters of all time, but not the best. I was ambivalent about him personally.

However, my regard for Ali has grown enormously because of the strength and dignity he shows in dealing with his disease.

It seems to me that some people are sitting back sniggering and getting off on his misery. How sad.

I hope Joe Frazier never gets really sick and people poke fun at him.

You said that Frazier mimicks Ali's face frozen in the depths of the terrible Parkinsons disease and then says, "Who won the fight now?"

Well, Forest, Ali not only won 2 out of 3 against Frazier, but he also won the fight outside the ring with Frazier carrying on like that. While Ali shows dignity, Frazier is apparently carrying on like an idiot (if we are to believe the story you are telling).

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I've never said that Joe Frazier is not rated an all time great fighter. Joe Frazier was a top ten heavyweight in all weight divisions. He was a great fighter period. Did he duck top rated fighters...I don't see any one he ducked. Shavers was mentioned. He wasn't a top contender from 1970 through 1975. When it was time to step up Shavers failed every time. He didn't start fighting full time fighters until '72, was clocked by Quarry, beaten soundly by journeyman Bob Stallings and had a draw with Jimmy Young. Although Lyle started fighting real fighters from the beginning he was not a contender fot the title until late '74 three years into his career. He was however a feared man. At 6'4" 220 he was as big Foreman and seamed, at the time, to have better skills than George. Frazier never fought Norton...ask Norton why. Frazier would have killed him, Norton's people were protecting their investment. Jimmy Young the same as above, not ready to fight Frazier. Young was not even a full time fighter until 1974 and had he fought Frazier from '73-75, he would have spent more time ducking through the ropes than scoring points. I don't know why I'm going on, Kent and Forrest have already gone over all this. Was Frazier beatable, of course, every fighter is beatable in one way or another. Was Frazier a great heavyweight, from '67 through '71 no heavyweight was better than Joe.
or #3, I saw one on the web rating him as the best, this is pure nonsense. I think people rate him high based on how they think he would do not on what he actually did. However he did win the title at age 45 he has to receive some extra points for that!

How many fighters in boxing history would beat a 1973 George Foreman more than 2 out of 10 times without going down, going down?

Maybe a 1921 Jack Dempsey, a 1940 Joe Louis, a 1928 Gene Tunney, a 1934 Primo Carnera? Who knows, what I'm saying is he does not deserve to be rated among the top 5 or 6 all time heavyweight champions based on his record as champion. Now in fantasy land a prime George may well have beaten them all. However, he crushed Frazier to win the title, beat down "The King" then destroyed Kenny Norton. That's it. Then he lost to Ali - of course losing to Ali is no shame. Had he beaten Ali, fought the amazing battle with Lyle then destroyed Frazier again with a couple of other contenders thrown in the mix, as champion, you could argue Foremans place at the top. I don't think I could rate a guy who held the title for a year and half and defended the title twice at or near the top of an all time list, I don't care how awesome he appears.

Sense some people are being critical of Frazier's all time standing, then why not check out some of Foreman's flaws as well. Like a lot of big bangers, in the first phase of his career he had a tendency to punch himself out early by throwing too many punches early in the fight expecting to score an early knockout and when this didn't happen, he was exhausted by the sixth round (amazing that in the second phase of his career, at older age and a higher weight, he knew how to pace himself better and had good stamina). George was also very hittable if an opponent survived the early onslaught at the start of a fight. George also couldn't stand the heat, no pun intended about his courage as what I mean is in hot climates he would almost be falling from exhaustion (Zaire and Puerto Rico).

The psychological aspects of hitting George early, as in the case of the Ali and Lyle fights, was a key to having a chance at beating Foreman, some knee bulkeling right hands by Lyle in the first round are examples of this and they made Foreman realize he wasn't in for an easy time so although he still pursued his opponents aggressively, he didn't charge in with wild abandon as Foreman knew there would be payback if he didn't show some caution. By not charging in as much, Foreman was extended to the later rounds where his lack of stamina could be used against him, which he still didn't have because he didn't box patiently behind his jab like he did in his comeback at an older age. My point is that although the young Foreman was an incredible fighting machine, he wasn't unbeatable and this along with Bob B pointing out Foreman didn't hold the title for very long, shows that his all time ranking deserves to be in the top ten, as not many people could beat him at his best, he does not deserve to be at the top of the list. I would put him at six or seven or so, always ahead of Frazier as he did beat him in the ring, twice, who I would put at about number nine.

Now if we could somehow combine the young Foreman with his physical strength with the wiser, more patient fighter at an older age into one fighter, what an amazing fighter that would be! Remember, Foreman had good boxing skills and he always poccessed a fine jab, due to his extensive amateur background, but he didn't always use these skills in the first phase of his career as he preferred to rely on his power to get the job done early most of the time.

Foreman was awesome even in the Chuvalo fight! George ( but not Edward ) was a very tough fight and George Edward humiliated him. As an amateur he won a gold medal as easily as ( or with the same ease ) I eat spaghetti. Italia b Cina 89-52 !!!!! Yao Ming, who ? Giacomo Galanda is the Italian Wilt !
Forest was just being sneaky. Rather than have the courage of making the point of his little story himself, he has it coming from the lips of Frazier. Forest was giving endorsement to the message conveyed in that cruel story. Had he disagreed with it, he would have said so by criticising Frazier for saying it. He could have told that same story about Jerry Quarry, given his injuries. Imagine the uproar. The truth is, Forest is a gutless moron. A couple of days ago he attempted to argue logic about Frazier's career and that was fine. His logic was flawed, however, and I pointed that out to him. For instance, Forest said that can anyone imagine for a second that Young would beat Frazier. I pointed out that I could imagine this as Young beat Foreman and Foreman twice stopped Frazier. My point was that nothing can be taken for granted. But Forest doesn't come back with sensible debate. He couldn't admit he was wrong and he couldn't persist with such a ridiculous argument. So he instead comes back with a childish and cruel anecdote about how Frazier demeans a parkinson disease sufferer by imitating symptoms and facial expression. The heart warming pitch of the story was that Frazier was delightedly taking responsibility for turning Ali into the ill shell of a person he sadly is today. Imagine the hilarity, Masimmo. Frazier shaking his hands and fingers imitating the tremor that the sufferer can't control. Frazier's face contorts into an expressionless blob doing his best to look like Ali when the disease has him fully in its clutches. Hilarious, don't you all think? So, if Forest thought this was wrong, he wouldn't have told the story or at the least he would have told it and then criticised Frazier for doing it. But that's not Forest's style. He sneakily puts it in there so that the ridicule comes from someone else and not him. Masimmo, you don't have to clap and cheer something to give it your support. Just tell the story and don't criticise it.

Forest never quite came to terms with the fact that Ali is admired by much of the world, both professionally and personally. But if he wants to understand why Frazier never reached those same heights, he need only keep repeating the cruel story of Frazier poking fun at a parkinson disease sufferer. It was wrong of Ali when he was a young man to imitate punch drunk fighters. I won't argue otherwise. But it is quite a different thing for a 60 years old man like Frazier to be doing the same thing today. The hatred Frazier demonstrably has for Ali can only mean one thing: he knows that Ali really gave him a whupping and he'll never forgive him for it. Frazier apologists like Forest have the same motivation.

Rather than criticize Forrest, who is a solid contributor to the board, I'd rather stick to saying that if his report is true, Frazier is a sad person, and it's Frazier who is the moron. I'm sure Frazier and his remaining hangers on (all two of them) get a good laugh from impersonating the suffering Ali, except for the fact that 30 years after their fights, Ali is still very relavant—lighting Olympic torches, being featured in multi-million dollar corporate commercials during the Super Bowl, having stars in Hollywood make movies about his life, and the list goes on. Meanwhile, Frazier makes news by being accused of battering a woman. Well folks, that about sums it all up. I guess the bitch wasn't listening.

Also, on the topic of Foreman's career being a waste of talent---I don't agree. Foreman, in his first incarnation, was a hulking power puncher, and he used this ability to its maximum, working his way to the title shot, then humiliating Frazier. He defended against Norton, who was considered a strong challenger because he had beaten Ali, and of course he defended against Ali, who beat him. But Foreman continued to stay busy and tried to get back to a title shot. He tested himself by taking on Ron Lyle, the big hitter, and overcame knockdowns to win. Then, he takes on a guy, Jimmy Young, who clearly had a style that could give Foreman trouble. In fact, I picked Young to win that fight. Though the win over
Foreman was an upset, Young's win over Ron Lyle (leading up to the Foreman fight) impressed me enough to see that Young's boxing skills could cause fits for Foreman. Foreman's 90's comeback was exciting and valid. His overall career record and important wins put him right up there with other greats. He didn't have a draw against Jumbo Cummings during his comeback, either.

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If the story of Frazier enjoying from Ali's medical condition is true, Joe Frazier is a very cruel person and I'm not going to shake hands with him.

How good do you think will be Ali's health conditions in, say, 2014? I don't know that much about Parkinson disease. I imagine they are going to get worse, but my question is, how much worse and how quickly? I wish he will be as fine as possible. Ali is, and has ever been, after all, a decent person. Apart from the 2 wives stuff in Zaire, he doesn't sound like a cruel person; even if, I have to admit, I have never met him. I know who Muhammad Ali is, but he doesn't know who Massimo Cini is. He is a little more popular than me. Good luck, Muhammad Ali!

I have a relative with a similar disease to Parkinson's and it is a degenerative illness that only gets worse and never improves.

There is no cure. They shake with uncontrollable tremors, and just sit in a chair and twitch. Smooth control of movement is lost because brain cells controlling it have degenerated. Eventually the sufferer becomes a total invalid.

In the early stages, intelligence and mental powers are unaffected. This causes a lot of frustration, especially because their speech is usually impaired.

They become depressed, anxious, and emotionally disturbed (especially when people mock and ridicule them).

The disease progresses over years, rarely causing death, but rendering the sufferer eventually totally dependent on others for every day tasks. Drugs today can control the symptoms early on.

It is different to alzheimers which President Reagen had. With alzheimers they lose their memory and in the end can't even recognize family.

People can get Parkinsons naturally. It doesn't have to be through getting punched to the head, although in Ali's case it most certainly was caused that way, if we believe what we've all read in papers and elsewhere.

It's not a funny disease, either to the sufferer and especially to the family.

I mean to imply in my post that Foreman wasted his talent, I don't believe that at all. However, if you put both of his careers together, he still doesn't rate a top 5 or 6.

His second career was one of the most amazing athletic feats in history. If fact I think it far exceeds the first incarnation of "Big George". I'm 45 years old and I can barely walk up two flights of stairs, in my twenties I ran 5 miles a day and could squat over 450 pounds. He did an incredible thing. Other former champs fought exhibitions in their 40's and some later in life but they didn't make a career out of it, let alone challenge a man in his mid 20's for the heavyweight championship of the world. As far as Frazier being cruel and mocking Ali's condition, I'm not a "boxing insider" but I did have friends who boxed, both amateur and pro, and they all mocked guy's who took one too many. Cruel yes, Ali did it many times himself. He took great pleasure in humiliating sparring partners in front of crowds and reporters in training camp. He often rambled on and on about how sparring partners were the "lowest form of life". You have to have a serious mean streak in you to be able to climb in to a ring and punch a hole in another human being. Both Frazier and Ali had it in spades.

Yes, boxers do
mimick others who become punch drunk (although if you read Forest you'd think it was only Clay doing that). However, boxers do it as competitors when they are young and motivated above all else to win. They are a bit reckless and say and do things they regret - just like most other young people. They have competitive reasons for it. The case with Frazier is much different because he is no longer a boxer. We have a 60 years old fully grown man ridiculing another for being sick and impaired. Frazier has no competitive reason for doing it. His motivation is cruelty. What we have in Frazier is a 60 years old man boasting that he made another human being ill and impaired. He wants to take credit for the suffering. Views about Frazier as a boxer vary on this site from being a very good heavyweight to a legend. But after hearing Forest's story about what Frazier is like today and the way he gets his kicks, we all now know in our heart of hearts that he is a 2 grade human being; a cruel, bitter, twisted type that sits around being a bad sport against someone who beat him. In hindsight, we should all be grateful to Forest Ward for relating the anecdote that revealed Frazier's true colours.

It's true---if Frazier at 60 is mimicking Ali and "taking credit" for Ali's Parkinson's suffering, I suspect that Frazier might be senile, or in the early stages. It's such a bizarre and twisted action on his part, I'm concerned that his mental state is in fact much worse than Ali's, which is more of a physical ailment (Ali still has cognitive ability, but severe physical ailments.). Meanwhile, it seems to me as though Frazier's psychological or emotional well being are sadly impaired, both due to the story from Forest and also reports that Frazier is slapping women around. It's sad if it's true. Yes, Foreman's second career gives hope to all over 40 that they can still turn back the clock if they put their mind to it. I was with some older people (married couples) who watched the night that he challenged Holyfield. Even though Foreman lost, all the party goers suddenly felt like they could do anything they wanted, because Foreman just gave Holyfield a hell of a fight.

I do not doubt that both Ali and Frazier, in private moments, have made fun of each other, even recently. The diff is Ali did it publicly, a clear lack of class he should be held accountable for. Ali is bulletproof here for some, so I'll leave it at that... As far as Foreman, to clarify, I do believe he clearly wasted huge potential, and has been said, should be judged on what he did,not what he had. He should get points for Cooney and Moorer, though he was hardly THE champ at 45. He still rates as a legend based on his performances. I don't consider him top Ten but many do, a good case can be made for George and his awesome power. Thanks again.
go by the old "Could Foreman beat such and such fighter on a given night?" and use that as the basis for where he's ranked, he'd be top five. But I think you're evaluating his career, and as you said, what he actually accomplished, not what could have been. In that context, I still think he deserves to be top ten. He had a good won-loss record and beat a number of good fighters both in his first and second careers. When you combine the two, you get a very nice won-loss record and some good opponents as well. I'm a big Ali fan, but I'll be the first to admit that Ali lucked out when Jimmy Young took Foreman out. That did away with any notion of an Ali-Foreman rematch and I have to say, by '77, after a lot of fights, including the Manilla match with Frazier, I don't think Ali had enough left to defend against the younger Foreman. Ali was able to hold off Norton and Shavers, but I think a focused Foreman, in top condition, would have had too much for Ali. If Foreman had gotten past Young, or not taken the fight, history would have been very different. I think he, not Norton, would have been in line for Ali. Interestingly, in an interview with Bob Costas a few years ago, Foreman said he's not so sure he would have won a rematch back then. He said he was stubborn and stupid and would have made the same mistakes he did in Zaire, trying to kill Ali and punching himself out. Somehow, I think he was being too hard on himself. I think he would have sat back, watched Ali do the rope-a-dope, and motioned for Ali to come to the center of the ring and fight.

You wrote that you "have no doubt" that Ali mocks Frazier in "private moments." How can you possibly be privy to such information? What evidence do you have that Ali is mocking Frazier in private? Answer: you have none; you are guessing. The fact is that since 1975 when they last fought, all Ali's public comments about Frazier have been dignified and graceful. If my memory serves me right, he even praised Joe to Frazier's son Marvin immediately after fight 3. Ali has not said one bad comment about Frazier since 1975. The problem is that Frazier apologists like you don't have the guts to admit that Frazier acts without grace or dignity. Instead of criticising Frazier for his disgraceful actions, you instead turn it around and say that Ali is doing the same thing. Ali's not my favourite fighter, but since 1975 he has always praised Frazier. There's more bs from you and Forest than there is in a convey of cattle trucks. So tell us, Gerry, what has Ali been saying about Frazier in private? Visitors to this site must wonder what type of creeps are regulars here. They read about Gerry and Forest defending the 60 years old Frazier childishly and cruelly ridiculing a person with brain disease. How do you guys get your kicks? Going down to the local spastic centre and throwing rocks at the patients? Frazier's and his apologists are just poor losers. Get over it guys; it's over 30 years since Ali stopped him in Manilla! Show some class.

What are the sources of Joe making fun of Ali's condition? How do people here know what Joe says in private moments with his friends? Was there any press coverage of this or are some of you just going by someone told someone, who told someone, who then told someone? If the source is, I know someone who knows someone who knows Joe, then I discount that information as not being very reliable. Has Joe said anything in public interviews that he is glad Ali is damaged? I don't remember any such statement. Come on folks, show some proof. Too many times people make statements without any kind of proof behind the statement. Forest quoted Frazier poking fun at Ali's medical condition a day or so ago. Sounds like something Frazier would do, given his well documented hatred of Ali. I'll give you a few quotes from Frazier's book soon, too. Gerry says that he has "no doubt" that Ali mocks Frazier behind closed doors. Seems a bit strange because Gerry doesn't sound like he is some fly on the wall. For 20 years Ali's
not had a bad word to say about Frazier, so what Gerry says is bs.<br><br>At page 197 of his book, Frazier mocks Ali's condition: "Well, all that talk of his don't amount to much anymore. He's a ghost, and I'm still here. Now let's talk about who really won those three fights...."

At page 196, "And that sleepy scamboogah Clay - well, everybody knows the troubles he's seen."

At page 197, "Gettin' hit in the head. Now look at Clay. He can hardly talk and he's still out there trying to make noise."<br><br>Yeah, guys, Frazier a real good person. He's so bitter about losing to Ali that he revels in the pain and suffering that Ali and his family are now going through.<br><br>And now for a quote from Frazier's own book that gives the lie to what Gerry said. At page 166 in his book, Frazier comments on his son Marvin speaking to Ali immediately after the third fight in Manilla,"When Clay saw Marvis, he struggled to sit up and shake his hand. Then he said, "Tell your father all the stuff I said about him - I didn't meant it. Your father's a helluva man. I couldn't have taken the punches he took tonight."<br><br>Ali was all class and graciousness in victory. Pity some of it didn't rub off onto Frazier, beaten by Ali in and out of the ring.
Not being a saint myself, nor do I have much hope of becoming one, I ask this question: if Frazier does hate Ali (and I am not sure if he does or not), can anyone really blame him? If I were in his shoes and took the years of abuse he did, I probably would too.

Actually, Forest, I was very patient with you. Go back through the posts and you will see that we were debating the facts. Your logic was flawed and I pointed that out to you. And then, rather than correct your logic or move onto sensible argument, you came up with that disgusting and cruel little anecdote about Frazier. So I called you a gutless moron which, under the circumstances of your cruel jibe, was entirely appropriate. I say it again; you are a gutless moron.

Gutless because rather than have yourself saying such a cruel thing about Ali you put the jibe in the mouth of Frazier. And a moron because anyone who thought that anecdote was clever (as you obviously did) is plainly a very big MORON. Since then, Kent has asked you to source your anecdote about Frazier. You haven't done so. It is becoming clear to someone like me, who only just began visiting here, that you are the king of gibberish. Every site has one. Usually they are not as ridiculous as you, though.

So, John, hatred is good. Ali said some things 30 years ago, obviously to promote the fight and put bums on seats in arenas, and we should hate him for it three decades on. Hate him so much that we poke fun at a medical condition that makes him shake uncontrollably, etc. That is SERIOUS hatred. Has to be much more to it that calling Joe an Uncle Tom. Seems to me that poor sportsmanship is more likely the case. Joe and his apologists never forgave Ali for winning. Never forgave Ali for the way he won, either. Stopped Joe in their last fight. Ouch! And since then the world has loved Ali and Frazier has got no recognition.

The result: the Frazier apologists blame Ali and hate him for it.

No, hatred is NOT good. And I NEVER SAID IT WAS. It is however, a human emotion, in some cases an understandable one. In my opinion Frazier is one of those cases. My experience with that emotion has taught me that it usually does more damage to the person doing the hating rather than the recipient of it.

Timana, since you ducked the question, I will ask you again. When someone disagrees with you, you attack them personally. Who gave you the right to call me names? Also you read into things that exist only in your head. John Gerard, never said or inferred that, "hatred is good." You are not a polite or reasonable person. Believe me that is not inferred from your posts, but rather very apparent.

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I am still hoping to find the articles that stated Joe and Ali had made up but I just have time to pop in during the next couple of days. 

There was a short, special series of shows on greatest fights. I think it was called 'When Kings where Kings'. One of these was on the Ali, Frazier trilogy. Bert Sugar was the background commentator. Now, I actually heard Frazier apologize to the Ali family for any hurtful remarks he made regarding Ali's present condition, and any other mean and spiteful remarks he may have made over the years. He said, and these are his words, "To bury the hatchet". I'm sitting here telling you I heard Joe Frazier say this on tv. It's easy enough to check. Call HBO! If this doesn't let Joe Frazier off the hook for his anger, then maybe you guys should find another reason to hate him. I can't but find a sad irony in Joe's apology. I wonder if Ali feels the same way, after all the destruction they wreaked on each other?

Ali has made public comments regarding the feud between them—-and I admit that the comments I've heard from him are less of an apology to Frazier and more a rationalization that he was just hyping the fights and Frazier should have understood that. It's Ali's way of coming clean on what happened all those years ago. And if Steve's account of the HBO show is accurate, and Frazier apologized, that's as much as we should expect. The hurt was deep I guess—within the black community, at the time, Ali was playing on Frazier's "dark" skin and also the fact that he was a favorite of white fans. As an Ali fan, I admit that painting Frazier as an "Uncle Tom" to sell tickets was way over the line. As an Ali fan, I admit that painting Frazier as an "Uncle Tom" to sell tickets was way over the line. But calling him a gorilla (and hitting a hand-held rubber gorilla in the head over and over) was Ali playing around and having fun, like when he called Shavers and acorn and rubbed Shaver's head for luck as the referee was giving instructions. It was vintage Ali promoting the fight and getting attention, and Frazier should chill out about that stuff. I've got to say, just thinking about those fights, and recalling Foreman-Lyle, Young-Foreman, Holmes-Norton—-it makes me sad thinking that not only is the heavyweight division lacking in talent now, but also in charisma and drama. Love him or hate him, Ali gave us the greatest show on Earth for a few years. Holmes did an admirable job of filling Ali's big shoes, and stabilizing the title picture for 6-7 years (We knew he was the real champion.). Now, it's more alphabet soup than ever before, not so much quality and not nearly enough rivalry and conflict in the heavyweight division.

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these two men did has impressed so many. Ali and Frazier are both human beings. The klieglights of the media can take acts into so many directions. Why was there such a feud? Frazier was deeply offended by Ali to such a degree that his dignity as a man, a black man, was under attack. It is easy to say "Joe, I know what he did to you was classless and beyond cruel, but it's time to move on". We all have hurts we still reconsider. Frazier has the right to regard what Ali did as he sees fit. It wasn't a private insult, it was a campaign to confuse his opponent, sell tickets, and to advance Ali's racial/political agenda. I'm glad it backfired and that Ali still lives under the shadow of what he did... Angelo, you make good points on Foreman. Certainly a case could be made that Foreman is top Ten or better all-time. I just don't happen to agree with them for reasons given. He certainly was a rarely gifted heavyweight who could have ruled the 70's. He fell far short of that, though. But there are several former heavyweight champions in history who did truly dominate their eras. I put them ahead of Foreman, and that's no insult.

Two things I'd like to add, about Ali-Frazier I and about Larry Holmes. I think the correct score was 8-7 for Frazier but apparently a significant minority of people at ringside scored the fight for Ali. I learnt of this from an old boxing mag of my Dad's that was distributed when he attended the closed circuit showing of the Thrilla in Manilla. In an article by Lou Erskin, a judge who would later referee the Ali-Lewis fight in Dublin, he claimed that he had scored the fight 8-7 for Ali as had many of his colleagues. He then obtained the three score cards and came to some interesting results. The scores were 9-6, 8-6-1, 11-4. Had Ali won the last round, he would have got a draw on the referee's scorecard. Though Ali won no more than six rounds on any card, he won ten DIFFERENT rounds on all the cards when looked at together. Hope that makes sense. It doesn't shock me that some judges should have thought that Ali won more rounds, though the overall impression is definitely that Frazier won THE FIGHT. On Joe Krause's old website, he scored the fight even in rounds: 7-7-1. As for Holmes, he was an excellent fighter and would have given any heavyweight boxer a hard time. However, the knock against him is that he doesn't appear to have pushed to unify the WBA and WBC titles. The implication of that is that he never fought Tubbs, Thomas, Page, Dokes, Coetzee and a few other able fighters. In the 70s, Ali fought everyone, often twice. I think that maybe Holmes ranks a bit lower than Ali because of that.

Peace.

I found my thrill on Blueberry Hills...

I apologize if the comments offended you. I wasn't questioning your honesty, just whether the account was accurate (meaning you saw this recently and it was pretty clear what Frazier was saying). I have misinterpreted stuff like this myself and if I saw a documentary a long time ago, might have things out of context. I take you at your word and believe that Frazier tried to put the feud to rest. On a new topic, what does everyone here think would have happened with a Jerry Quarry vs. Gerrie Coetzee fight? I'd have to go with JQ in this one. I'm not sure if he'd win a decision or end it with a KO though.

I would have to vote for Jerry over Coetzee, likely by decision. I believe Jerry's hand speed and counterpunching ability would be the difference in this one. Coetzee had a very good hard right hand and a good left jab but he was not very mobile and even though he too had fairly fast hands, he couldn't match Jerry in that regard. Good fight though, about 8 to 4 in favor of Jerry in a twelve rounder. Coetzee would land some hard shots but if Jerry could take punches from Frazier, Lyle, Shavers, and M. Foster and not go down (except for a knockdown from a body shot in Frazier 2), Jerry could take all Coetzee could offer too. Like I said, Coetzee did have a good accurate left jab and you never know when the cut
I suppose being an inmate and a retired police officer are not mutually exclusive, but it is kind of odd. Then again I suppose you can try and be anyone you want to be.

Unfortunately, what you can't be is someone capable of sensible and logical debate. You've already proved that. You've also proved that you have more bs than a convoy of cattle trucks. That cruel anecdote you told about Frazier and Ali is unsourced by you. You don't say where you heard it or prove that it is true.

Even Kent was asking whether it was true. But you ducked the question. Typical.

Do you think Coetzee was underrated? I think his biggest weakness was fragile bones in his hands, and apparently, he broke his hands many times during fights. I was stunned when he KOed Stan Ward, who I thought was a heavyweight who could really go places in the late 70's. Of course, that didn't happen. I do think Quarry would take Coetzee by out-thinking him. It might be a better fight than many people think. Hey, I wonder when we will resume the tournament?

Quarry vs. Coetzee, interesting matchup. Coetzee was very fundamentally sound, not blistering or gifted but very effective, a thinking puncher. He was very accurate and smart in the ring, his wins against Ward and Dokes did not surprise me. The talent of Greg Page brought him back to earth. He was also tough enough to stick around and get some of those wins, he would probably bother JQ alot. The quicker, tougher Quarry probably does win a decision because Coetzee would not recklessly pursue Quarry, a good way to get a wicked counterpunch in your head. Quarry might be more inclined to be the pursuer, but would find a smart boxer in the bigger Coetzee. Very good match... The personal attacks here are weird and difficult to understand. Also, it is frustrating to be drawn into it. We need to be bigger than this. Timana seems now to be the latest guy to want a piece of everyone. Hopefully, he will settle down after having his fill or will soon make a bitter exit. Either is fine with me... Have we scared off Evren? Massimo, Shannon Briggs was a big guy with cool hair. Micheal Grant with a personality. Never a serious contender. Thanks again.

Coetzee was a good fighter who was on the bad end of at least a couple of decisions. One, a horrible decision loss to Renaldo Snipes, a fight which saw Coetzee knock down Snipes twice in the fight and win a majority of the other rounds only to have the judges give the fight to Snipes. Another one was a draw with Pinklon Thomas. Coetzee built an early lead, I thought he was well ahead after six rounds, only to have Thomas make a late charge to pull even on the scorecards. I felt that Thomas' effort was too little, too late, that Coetzee deserved to win.

Another poor decision was his knockout loss to Page in which the 8th round lasted about four minutes, the KO occurred after the bell to end the round should have sounded. The officials reasoned that both fighters continued fighting, so KO counted.

Besides having good boxing skills, Coetzee also took a good punch as he was only really blown out by Frank Bruno, late in his career.

Was he underrated? I don't know as he looked good in the early going against both Tate and Weaver only to tire and fold in the later rounds to both. He looked very good in his biggest win over Michael Dokes but Dokes was not anywhere near his best for reasons already discussed here.

Coetzee also looked very good in his first round dismantling of Leon Spinks in Spinks' first outing after losing the title back to Ali. Neon Leon came charging hard out of the shoot only to be met by some jarring right hands that put Leon on the deck no less than three times in the opening round.

When you see people like Shannon Briggs or Michael Grant it seems they can whip the wordl at first, but it ain't so. Jerry's career was 100 times better than Briggs' or Grant's. Put these two guys against Mac Foster, Shavers or Lyle and they would be carried out on a stretcher! Boxing is
not only a shoe size question! I would prefer Briggs and Grant rather than (or to) Jerry as bouncers though.

Well, Gerry, it doesn't seem to take long for visitors to have their fill of this site. There's only a handful of people who are welcome here. Let's see. There's Kent, Masimmo, Jerry, John, Forest, Angelo, Fran, Steve and a couple of others. So, in the entire boxing world, about ten regulars are here. You all share the same views, almost entirely from the same country, probably from similar backgrounds, and I am guessing that none of you are black (hence your mutual antipathy towards Ali and probably also Johnson).

It's a pity that although this is such a well designed site with the very best of intentions, you guys treat it like a closed club making newcomers feel unwelcome. As soon as one of you disagrees with a newcomer, the remainder run to his aid, either covering over his mistake, or trying to put him in the best possible light. And then Gerry comes in and more or less says 'get lost'. It is therefore little wonder that you guys have such closed minds.

That guy Eric (or was it Ernie?) Laxult commented as he left that you guys are unusually touchy. I'd have to agree. Guys like Gerry don't have many social skills. Also, I'd make the observation that this is more of a fan site for Frazier than it is for Jerry Quarry. You guys hardly ever mention Quarry and instead spend most of your time lauding Joe Frazier or apologising for his mess ups. Further, the only area of boxing you ever discuss is heavyweight. There's a lot of other divisions and boxers out there. Yet, away from Frazier and co., greats like Robinson, Ross, et al never get a mention.

Remembering Jerry Quarry is way down the list. You talk more about the size of feet and baseball, etc, than you ever do about him. Still, if that's how you get your kicks......

Masimmo ? What's my name ? What's my name ?

My name is Massimo ! Or better, Massimo Giulio Leonardo Cini. It's an Italian name.

I was very sorry when Ernie Laxalt went out of the site, as well as when RS and Paul did the same. I'd like to have PEACE on this site but there are too many verbal brawls. This site is worthy of 10, but without the brawls it would be worthy of 15.

Didn't Coetzie have the same operation in his right hand that Arquello had of fusing a bone together with metal. I remember at the time they said he had the bionic right hand. It didn't help him with Tate and Weaver though. He was a good fighter and if I remember right missed the 76 Olympic games due to South Africa not being allowed to participate due to apartheid. He was a good amateur and a solid pro. I thought Holmes avoided him and Coetzie (can't spell his name) was only able to compete for the WBA titles. Thanks Timana for including me in with this great group of sports fans. You are welcome also but you have to leave the nasty attacks I have heard you give on those of us whom you disagree with home. Its easy to badmouth some one from virtual land its harder to make a good point that you base on knowledge........Take care

TIMANA: READ MY POSTS BEFORE YOU MISQUOTE ME!!! Just last week I wrote that I think Ali is the greatest of all time, followed closely by Foreman. So HOW, I ask you HOW am I not giving black fighters credit??? I have for years written that I think JQ was a very good fighter but not a great one. I have give no one credit they don't deserve, nor have I taken anything away from anyone because of their race. I even wrote that I think Liston would have easily handled JQ (and Forest agreed). You put words in people's mouths then build a case against them built on your whacko imagery quotes. You are the classic internet "pen warrior" -|

Jerry Quarry was a great fighter and a very exciting fighter. A fight with Liston would have been a war and who really knows the outcome. That may not be popular with the Ali crowd but its an honest opinion that I have for one of the
most exciting athletes I have ever seen.

FRAN: I can understand your point of view. JQ could really pull surprises out, ala Mac Foster and Lyle. But the Sonny Liston of 1959 was not the same man Ali and later Leotis Martin beat. I just think he would have cut JQ up with that awesome jab and reach. Maybe yes, maybe no. I agree 100% that JQ was a very exciting fighter. He is one of my all time favorites.

ANGELO: I was born in 1963, so my exposure to Liston is old tapes—and let's face it, the Liston fights most often seen are the two losses to Ali/Clay. But a 1959 Liston must have been a very formidable fighter. I say this because I have the last Liston fight on tape, versus Wepner. Liston still looked good, and this was 1969 or 1970. He had decent conditioning and could still get the jab moving better than guys much younger. I'm too young to remember, but what happened to Liston after his losses to Ali? Why wouldn't he still be a force for a few years after that? It seems as though you don't hear much about his career from 1965-1970, but he was active, wasn't he? I got to say, I think he would have given Frazier trouble around '68.

ANGELO: Like I said, Liston reached his peak BEFORE he became champion. He was the number 1 contender for more than two years before Patterson was finally humiliated by the press into giving him a title shot. Look at his early record. For example in 1960 alone, he beat Eddie Machen, Zora Folley, Roy Harris, and Cleveland Williams (for the second time). For a very brief period he really was the baddest man on the planet. Unlike Lyle and Shavers, Liston had good technical skills and was a combination puncher with a great left jab. He was the prototype for today's large yet talented heavyweight. Prior to him the division was made up of smaller men, under 200 lbs like Patterson, Johanson, etc.

Massimo: I haven't seen much of Liston too and this is a disgrace as it has to be worth watching. I have seen Liston vs Harris (1960) and Charles Sonny looked awesome and destroyed Roy in less than 1 round. I have seen Liston-Williams 2 and Sonny was great, the 2 Patterson fights, of course the two Ali fights, a synthesis of the Wepner fight and another synthesis of the Machen fight. Anybody of you has seen Liston-Valdes, Liston-De John, Liston-Besmanoff or some other fight? I have read somewhere that Liston gave Mike De John the worst beating of his career. And Mike was a dangerous contender, one of the hardest punchers of the time (Chuvalo said this).

Massimo: Between 1966 and 1970 Sonny fought about 13 fighters. These guys were good and expert fighters such as Big Train Lincoln or raising stars such as Henry Clark but weren't championship stuff. But close to the end of his career, just before the Martin fight, Liston was back in the top ten.

Joe Krause: Sonny Liston circa 1958-1960 was an absolute beast. Sonny Liston vs Muhammad Ali was not the real Sonny Liston. All the respect in the world for Muhammad Ali he was the greatest, but that wasn't Sonny Liston in either fight. It was the Sonny that sold out to the almighty dollar. I don't say these things lightly and I am not prone to hyperbole, but the fix was in.

No way any fix was in on Clay-Liston I. Liston took a beating, plain and simple. He was outclassed and battered by a younger, faster, more determined boxer. Liston's face told the story—you don't take a beating like that to throw a fight. I'll admit that the "phantom punch" in the second fight was more than a little suspicious though. You can offer an opinion that a 1958-60 Liston would have done better against Clay—but without any shred of evidence I think it's crazy to say that their first fight was fixed in any way, shape or form.
Angelo, that is a fair assessment from you. Most people don't think the first fight was fixed. If you do enough research however it becomes more and more clear about how exactly Sonny decided to give up his title. There might be other people on here that know what I am talking about. I should have never posted it in the first place, I don't mean to ruffle any feathers.

Joe hit da nail on da head. Liston took a dive in both fights because da mob told him to. Most of Clay's fights were rigged. Clay never had a victory under his own steam. He was a bum. Joe, to get it so right, you must be a made guy. Krause is sicialan, yeah ? Tell the guys what you're research showed about Liston taking da dive.

I don't think that Clay-Liston 1 was fixed. If it was fixed, why Liston did try to blind Clay ? And why did try to kill Clay in the fifth round ? The second fight was PROBABLY fixed. Even if I am Italian, I have nothing to do with fixed fights ! I don't fix fights.

Joe you have always been one of the more rational posters here and we go back for a few years now, but saying you have evidense that really can't be presented here and saying others know this also(this unknown evidense) does nothing to convince me the fix was in. I also have my doubts about the second fight being fixed also. Ali did hit Liston with a short punch that Liston didn't see while lunging in and while I think Liston could have gotten up before the count of ten and that he wasn't hurt very badly, Ali would not go to the neutral corner and referee Walcott didn't have control of the situation and Liston stayed down because of this. If Walcott had control and Ali had went to the corner like he was supposed to, Liston would have beaten the count. The only evidense I can go by is what I have and I can't go by some shadowy underground characters saying with a wink, "if you only knew what I know!" Since I don't know what they supposedly know, then I have no information to change my opinion. The only credible evidense for a fix being in in either fight is if Liston in 1964 and 1965 was really this unbeatable monster and Ali in the very first round of the first fight showed Liston was hardly that. Heck, Eddie Machen, about three years earlier, showed that a fighter with good skills could at least stay close to Liston, who I might add, was very near his prime. The only fighter among the upper elite of the division Liston was unbeatable to was Floyd Patterson, who didn't match up well with Liston and who would have been beaten most of the time the two of them fought, if not every time.

That a fighter can be hurt badly by a short punch that didn't look like much can be seen in the Foreman/Moorer fight. The punch didn't look very devastating to me but the look in Moorer's eyes as he layed on the canvas and tried to lift his head to attempt to get up, showed that Moorer's lights were out, that he had no control over the muscles that respond to make him get up before the count. I think Liston in the second fight with Ali was stunned in this same way but not as bad as Moorer was against Foreman and Liston could have, as I said in my last post, beaten the count if he had tried. Another tragic example of an incident not looking bad but being much worse than it seemed, in this case fatal, was the crash of race car driver Dale Earnhardt. I was watching that race on T.V. when the crash happened and I had no idea until later that Earnhardt had died, let
alone was badly injured. I have seen through the years a lot of race car crashes that looked a lot worse than Earnhardt's fatal crash and often times the driver gets out of the car and walks away, relatively unharmed. The analogy holds true to boxing too as punches may not look that strong but we, the audience are not the people being hit with the punches.

The fact that Walcott totally lost control of the second Ali-Liston fight made it that much worse. Liston was on his feet when the fight was stopped because that idiot Nat Fleischer was yelling at Walcott to stop it because Liston was down for 10 seconds. Fleischer had no authority whatsoever to do that and was there in a reporting capacity only. Walcott never should have listen to him. This is the same Fleischer who said that Max Schemeling would have beaten Ali and Frazier and that either Corbet or Fitzgibbons (I forgot which one) was the second greatest heavy of all time.

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It seems pretty hard to make an argument that Liston wasn't mob controlled. Still, even if he wasn't, he was an old, dissipated fighter by the time he fought Ali. I base my description of his condition on two facts. He didn't even know how old he was, he could easily have been forty!!! Second, if he was using Herion at any time in his career, then he was dissipated beyond any hope of being a great fighter. One more comment, and I'll give you guys an eye break. I think this group we have here was exceedingly lucky and privileged to have lived through the Ali vs Frazier-1, and the "THRILLA-IN- MANILLA!!"

Agreed, poor officiating by the referee. It reminds me of Quarry-Frazier II. when Joe Louis was in way over his head and seemed to have no idea what he was doing. Kent, your analogy of short punches compared to Earnhardt's crash makes sense to me. I remember seeing the wreck (which looked more like a bump) while watching the race at a friend's house. It was at the end of the race, so we changed the channel. Driving home, I heard the report on the radio that Earnhardt was dead and I couldn't believe what I was hearing---it was like a dream sequence. As for Foreman-Moorer, that was a short punch but when you watch the replay, it's very clear that the punch lands flush and crisply, right on the button. Watch Moorer's legs when the punch makes impact---they start to collapse as his head jerks. It's a perfect short punch thrown by one of the best hitters in boxing history. As a big Muhammad Ali fan, even I have to admit that Clay-Liston II isn't nearly as convincing to me. I don't see power at the point of impact, and the punch looks more glancing than flush. Angelo Dundee says that where the punch landed is what's important---again, right on the button to put Liston out. My guess is that technically, the fight wasn't fixed, but maybe Liston didn't feel like getting stung over and over for the entire night and took it as an opportunity to take a pay day the easy way. I honestly don't know. I hate to accuse Liston of taking a dive in this manner and I'm not big on conspiracy theories that the fight was fixed by the mob or by radical Islamic groups, as has been hypothesized. It's a mystery to me why the fight
ended that way, when both fighters were fresh and a quick "phantom" punch managed to KO a guy who had taken what appears to be far worse during his career. What about Leonard-Duran II? Duran wasn't getting bombed when he quit, he was just getting peppered real good and probably embarassed by a much quicker and better prepared fighter. Why did he quit?

No one really knew how old Liston was -- including Sonny. His mother was no help either. First she said he was born on a "freezing cold morning" then she said he was born on one of the hottest days of the year -- and she was not exactly certain what that year was. Ironically, no one knows the exact date of his death either. Liston was dead for at least ten days when his wife found the body. She claimed she was visiting her mother. When asked by Vegas police why she did not worry when she had not heard from Sonny or tried to call him for ten days she said that no, in her mind that was nothing unusual. Go figure.

On the Liston Ali 2 fight the most logical explanation I remember over the years was that Sonny was panicked about the death threats that were made on Ali and thought if they took a shot at Ali during the fight and missed they might get him so he hit the deck ASAP. It made sense because there was no need to fix the fight Ali was too quick for him and those were the days he could punch on the move something the world hadn't seen in a heavyweight up to that time. Ali would have beaten him easy again.

I have read three different hyphotesis (what's the plural form for hiphotesis, hiphotesies? Does it exist? Boh!) on (or about) Liston's real age. The first one, the most famous, says that he was born on 8 May 1932. The second one, says he was born around 1927, let's say 1926, 1927 or 1928. The third one (I have read this on Internet) says that he was born in 1917 and that he was already fighting in the 30s !!!!!!! I think that this third hyphotesis is hard to believe and probably b=====s??t. Does anyone believe that Carlo Liston was already 47 when he lost the title to Cassio Marcello ?

Regarding the Liston-Clay fights I never thought either one of them were fixed. Which, does not prevent me from thinking that Liston did not give a 100% in the first fight, and maybe not in the second fight too. There is no question about it, the Sonny Liston of the late 50's and up until 63 was a great fighter almost unbeatable. Even the Liston who was fighting in the late 60's was still dangerous. In the first fight Liston was not in shape and overconfident. I forget which round it was. Either the 4th or the 5th when Clay was blinded and could not see. Liston tried his hardest to knock Clay out. He failed and shortly thereafter he quit in his corner. It is very possible Liston's mob managers knew he was not in shape, and that Clay could take him. And as a result made a calculated bet on him with those unbelievable odds of 7to 1. There is no question Liston was controlled and owned by the mob.

The second Liston-Ali fight I felt was legitimate. I always felt there was great similarity with the punches Ali dropped Liston with, and the punches Ali dropped Zoro Folley with. View the tapes of both fights and one can see the similarity, overhand rights. Also, when Liston was dropped he fell face first just like Folley later did. Usually, if a guy is taking a dive he will fall ass first. Also when Liston got up he resumed mixing it up Ali, while Walcott was talking with Fleischer. A guy taking a dive does not get up and start fighting again.

The Liston of the late 50's up until 1963 was a great fighter, almost unbeatable. The Liston who was well past his prime in the late 60's was still dangerous and formidable.

I totally agree that walcott and louis were wayin over their heads in referreeing two
bouts of such magnitude.(pitiful)

Personally I think Liston was near 40 when he fought Ali. Wepner said when he first saw Liston in the ring when they fought, he thought to himself "Wow, this guy really looks old"

I find that both the knockdowns in the Ali'-Folley fight were a little mysterious and strange, I can't see them clearly. But from the way Zora reacted to the punches and fell down there's no doubt that they landed and landed hard. Sometimes, when the young Ali' fought a blinking could be enough to miss his punches. He was so fast！

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Tony- No way Ali fights were rigged, He was a great fighter, his early years he was great, as he got older than yea his fights maybe were rigged. It sounds like you need an English class.

Tony - nothing personal just busting your stones. I was reading some of the comments, And i think JQ could have easily beat Liston, getting cut is always a issue. But i think if there's anybody out there who could beat Liston it would be JQ & Ali. Smoking Joe it would be another war, the outcome ???

Read an interesting article on Tommy Morrison as he is today. He admits that during his prime he used to shoot up on Steroids because all his contemporaries were (this isn't verified). He said that he had to to keep up! I find this most upsetting indeed. He said boxers knew exactly when to take drugs as to not get caught during comission tests! I know that Roy Jones failed a drug test once (nothing was done). What a sad state of affairs. Anyone keeping up with the Olympics - the Americans have only one finalist which is at Light-Heavy. Very disappointing. Cubans have seven finalists. Massimo - watching your Super Heavy representative I was watching the reincarnation of 'Da Preem'. He got a well deserved bronze.

Fran, my heartbreakers for Jerry Quarry are, the Ellis fight, in which during the 13th round Jerry had Ellis hurt from a great left hook and a couple of follow ups and he could have finished him if he had just jumped on Ellis like he did to M. Foster, Spencer, and later to Shavers. It is a heartbreaker because Jerry would have been a world champion even if only briefly.

The second one is the Chuvalo fight in which Jerry is knocked down but not badly hurt. He should have beaten the count and lasted the round and he likely would have stopped Chuvalo in the next two rounds as Chuvalo had taken a lot of punishment. There is no way Chuvalo should have won that fight.

The third heartbreaker is the second Ali fight in which for much of the fight, Jerry plods after Ali throwing one punch at a time meanwhile absorbing Ali's arsenal. This is a tactic that could never hope to work against Ali and at least in the first Ali fight, Jerry was agressive and pressing the action and it is a shame that he got cut. Still, I don't feel the frustration as a Quarry fan that Jerry hadn't done his best that I feel in the second Ali fight. I know a lot of people say Jerry wasn't mentally in the fight because of his concern for his brother Mike, who was brutally knocked out by Bob Foster in the CO feature bout, but this just gives fuel to Jerry's critics who say Jerry's fans are just making excuses for
Jerry losing to Ali. Even if it is true that Jerry didn't seem like the real Jerry until Ali stepped up the action in round six in an effort to get Jerry out of there and Jerry, fighting on instinct, fought back hard and tagged Ali with several hard shots only to be stopped while out on his feet at the beginning of the next round. I mean if Jurgin Blin, in a fight that ESPN Classic seems to show over and over again, fought hard against Ali, then Jerry, even if he lost the second fight, could have let Ali know he was in a real fight. The frustration I feel as a Quarry fan about the second Ali fight, I believe the worse fight of Jerry's career, is amplified by ESPN only showing this fight and a lot of the fans who are not very knowledgable about Jerry as a fighter judge him by this performance.

8/27/04 07:37:10 PM|watcher|la||there|2|steve<br>reading you're last couple of posts reminds people just only only handful of people come here. 'cause of fools like steve, thats why. steve loiters around crawling to others like forrest. getta job steve and quit annoying decent folk/|

8/27/04 08:47:51 PM|Angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com||10|"Watcher" I don't agree with everyone's opinions either, but on the other hand, as long as people sign real names and e-mail addresses, they have more credibility than those who don't.|

8/27/04 11:19:24 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||oh, argentina.com||10|Was Wilt a bum? Big Tony will have to pay you a visit ... Sonny Liston is a pretty bleak yet remarkable story. I rate him top Ten all-time. Ali called him a better boxer than Foreman. He ranks with Tyson on the all-time Most Used list. I don't blame Patterson for dodging him or Ali for using his Frazier-style psych tactics on him. He was that dangerous ... Quarry heartbreakers have been very well-noted: Ellis of course, Chuvalo, those are the big two. I'd also include Ali 1, Quarry could have gone 8-9 good rounds with Ali, made a very good showing, and ESPN would not have a second fight to show. Frazier 2 also, it too should have gone longer. I'd also include the Norton fight. Frazier 2 and Norton were both funny choices for a guy coming off a huge 1973. Quarry could have slipped around those two and positioned for a title shot ... Team USA was a poorly selected team, their three losses were very predictable. What happened to USA baseball also? The world has caught up, that's what. The USA cannot swagger into Olympic medals anymore. Thanks. |

8/27/04 05:06:02 AM|Massimo|Italia||4|From what I understand, many of us never had the opportunity of watching some of Sonny Liston's most important fights ( Zora, Nino etc.). This is too bad because Carlo Figliolo was, in his prime, one of the greatest heavyweight the wordl has ever seen. I rate him above Primo Carnera ! He had a great amateur career also. He won the Golden Gloves title in the heavyweight division in 1953. It would be cool watching (or to watch) some of his amateur fights, for instance his fight against Ed Sanders.| 8/28/04 08:43:47 AM|Fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com||10|Kent,<br> I never saw the Ellis fight I hope one day I will. I was 12 when he fought him and although I had heard of Jerry was not bit by the boxing bug yet. I wasn't even aware that they fought when they did. The Chuvalo fight may have been the first fight I saw live of Jerry and to me anyone who saw the fight knows he was robbed. The first Ali fight however was Jerry's to win it was his fight and by this time I was a fanatical Jerry Quarry fan. So for me this was the biggest heartbreaker. The second Ali fight I always threw out the window as a bad move for the Quarry Bros. to fight the "Soul Bros" as it was advertised. Me my bros and father went to the Philly Spectrum that night to see it on Closed Circuit TV and it was a bad night for Quarry fans, Jerry was not on but Mike looked real good until he got hit then the night was over for both Quarry bros they were close and probably didn't anticipate the effect of Mike getting hurt on Jerry. I know when Mike was on the canvas and all of the Ali/Foster fans jumping around the night was over for me too. I can understand Jerry not being focused. <br> 8/28/04 02:49:21 PM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com||10|I won't use Mike
Quarry's devastating loss to Foster as an excuse for why Jerry lost Ali II., but I will say that type of thing can have a positive or negative impact on a fight. Does anyone remember the night Leon Spinks beat Ali? On the card, Michael Spinks was fighting in a preliminary. Leon Spinks watched Michael live, hooping and hollering for Michael, using energy like any rabid fan would—and commentators said that Leon shouldn't be watching because he was getting emotional and spending energy. Michael won, and Leon was energized by the atmosphere. He of course went on to decision Ali in the fight of his life.

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It wasn't the fact that Jerry lost to Ali in the second fight that frustrates me, it is the fact that for much of the fight he wasn't doing anything, the fire in his belly just wasn't there. Maybe it was because Mike took such a devastating loss but for whatever reason, he just wasn't our Jerry that night, he seemed to be just going through the motions.

I do think that Jerry likely would have lost to Ali anyway, as he didn't match up well as far as styles go with Ali, but at least he would have let Ali know he was in a real fight. I just hate to hear those British announcers on the tape saying, "it is just like Ali is in with a junior sparring partner," or it looks like Ali is toying with a small boy," or "Quarry is nothing more than a punch bag now." I was quite young also when Jerry fought Ellis but I had a friend who was a little older than me who was a huge Quarry fan and I found out about Jerry because of him and my dad also who took me to the fights. In fact, my dad and I were at the Quarry/Corletti fight in which Jerry knocked out Corletti in the first round.

I have the tape of the Ellis-Quarry fight and Jerry wasn't brillant. Apart from that great left hook in round 13 he didn't manage to do that much. Jerry wasn't aggressive in that fight. I think that Ellis's win was well deserved. Fran, you as a top 3 JQ's fan, wouldn't enjoy that performance. Fran, you as a top 3 JQ's fan, wouldn't enjoy that performance. Yes, in a street fight, I'd go with Duran against just about anyone of his size and weight. But as they say, boxing is the sweet science and that night, Leonard was making Duran look ridiculous in a boxing ring. Both of Jerry Quarry's Ali fights and both Frazier fights were strictly a matter of JQ being in against stronger fighters---I could live with being 0-4 against two of the best heavies of their era (Ali, maybe the best ever). But the loss to Ellis and the loss to Norton, for different reasons, bother me a lot. Jerry should have been able to take Ellis in my opinion. He didn't have it that day and sure, Ellis won fair and square (Though by no means did Ellis dominate the fight---in fact, Jerry was more aggressive and tried to force the action. Ellis landed lighter punches, but more of them and managed to force Jerry to fight his style instead of getting into a slugfest with JQ.). If JQ had a bad back, he should have postponed an important title fight. As for Norton, I think earlier in his career, even two years earlier, Quarry would have done to Norton the same thing he did to Foster, Lyle, Shavers---notch a win. At times, Norton "didn't have the stomach to take a lot of hard punches to the face and head", and that's exactly what he'd have been met with
by a 1971-73 Quarry. Instead, we have a clearly used up and out of shape Quarry
taking the fight on a couple weeks notice. What annoyed me more than anything
is the fact that Norton crowed about the win "I always wanted to fight Jerry
Quarry." Norton, you didn't fight Jerry Quarry the fighter. You fought the
name, but not the fighter. This would be the same as Holmes saying he always
wanted to fight Ali after beating the old Ali. Of course, Holmes never said
anything like this. Likewise, if Marciano had the audacity to say he always
wanted to fight Joe Louis after beating an old Louis. Norton was so proud of
that win. And of course, before his fight with Earnie Shavers, Norton said that
he would beat Shavers, who "quit against Quarry." We all know that Norton got
taken out in about two minutes in that one!

The first time I saw Ellis-Quarry I got the impression that Jimmy Ellis did dominate the fight. But
after having rewatched it a couple of times, now I realize that Jerry held his
own pretty well. I think that Ellis won by ( or with )a margin of 3 or maybe 4
points. Jerry Quarry hit him with many body shots which are not that impressive,
but are shots after all. But that wasn't the true Jerry. The best Jerry would
have beaten Ellis IMO*<br><br>IMO means "in my opinion".<br><br>I just got through
reading a fantastic boxing novel, "Every time I talk to Liston" by Brian DeVeido
a former West Virginia Golden Gloves heavyweight champion. It's a great read!|
| 8/30/04 06:04:37 PM|Bob Cousy|Roma||4||||10|24/3/1969 (3 BME)<br><br>Jerry
Quarry              vs    Buster Mathis<br><br>h: 1.80
h: 1.90
w: 88.9                         w: 106.4<br><br>THE WINNER: "Irish Jerry Quarry"
THE SCORES: 9-2-1/10-1-1/0-1-1<br>Buster Mathis knocked down in the second round.<br>This is a fight
I'd like to watch. Too bad it<br>doesn't exist anymore !<br>Good night, I
have to go to my huge bed. <br><br>I do think he would not have been as damaged if he had taken an
easier route.| 9/1/04 07:40:17 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Taking an easier route wouldn't have prepared him for Lyle, Foster, Shavers,
etc. But you're right, it would have spared him from some of the severe
physical damage. Also, fans tend to look at a won-loss record more than quality
of competition. Often, title fights are made by popular demand. If you're 50-
1, the perception is that you are entitled to a title shot, even if the loss is
against the only top ten fighter you've faced. I like Sean O'Grady a lot, but
didn't he build an enormous winning record fighting stiffs?| 9/1/04 11:29:42 AM|Fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com||||10|I'll add
that much of Jerry's physical damage probably occurred later in his career.| I was
rewatching the Primo Carnera-Ray Impelletiere fight and I did notice that Primo
threw many incorrect punches in that fight. Maybe he should have been
disqualified. Jack Dempsey was the referee and he not even gave him a warning !
Why former champs are not good in refereing fights ? Walcott did a disaster in
the second Ali'-Liston fight ! Ex champions should not be allowed to referee a
fight ! Ray Impelletiere was the greatest.| 9/1/04 10:16:30 AM|Charles Anderson|ark.|ctjjandfam@aol.com||||10|kent, in the
second frazier fight joe threw more right hands than he did in his whole career
andconnected most of them. don't you think this baffled jerry?|
was managed by his father who was a promoter and I think he had Sean turn pro at 15 or 16 I forget but instead of amateur experience he had him fight some stiffs to learn the trade. He moved him along all the while padding his record but Sean was learning and working hard by the time he fought a very seasoned champ in Hilmer Kenty he was ready and had gained what he needed as a pro he fought a great fight and peaked during that fight. Later he proved to lose his ability to take a punch but he was legit 100%....but you are right he had an unbelievable record built up by his father's careful handling of him.....He lost to Danny Lopez by K.O. when they stepped him up before he was ready. <br><br>Frazier was up for the 2nd Quarry fight he had everything to gain and nothing to lose. For Jerry it was the opposite. Frazier was from a gym where the trainers are scientists when it comes to boxing strategy. | 9/1/04 03:16:53 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|10|Yes Charles, I too think Jerry was surprised by Frazier's increased use of the right hand in their second fight. Frazier's trainer, Eddie Futch, even said it was their plan as Quarry would be looking to avoid the left hook, Frazier's trademark punch, thus setting him up for the right hand. On top of this, when Jerry was trying to figure out how to avoid the right, Frazier would then hit him with left hooks. <br><br>Ironic in than even though Jerry probably won the first two rounds, I know he won the first but I have never seen the scoring of the fight, Jerry's margin of a lead in those rounds was not very much as even though Joe wasn't landing as much as he did in those rounds as he did in the rest of the fight, I could see the flow of the fight shifting to Frazier as if I could sense that Frazier was going to land punches more often and that Jerry would be less likely to hold Frazier off as the fight went on.<br><br>The same pattern happened in the first Frazier/Ellis fight too as Ellis looked good for two rounds but by the third, Frazier was in command of the fight on way to a fifth round stoppage.<br><br>This also happened in the first Frazier/Quarry fight but the change was less dramatic as the shift took a few more rounds to take place but even in that first fight, the scorecards may have been close after five rounds, but Frazier was in complete control by that time.<br><br>Jerry fought his heart out in both Frazier fights but he just didn't have an answer for Frazier's constant pressure. | 9/1/04 03:41:32 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||same as last time|10|I have met Sean O'Grady and I have spoken to him a couple of times as he is at some of the fight cards I attend.<br><br>He still appears to be in excellent shape and well spoken so maybe his early padded record saved him from suffering the damage that he may have suffered if he had taken the rougher route. Taking tougher opponents earlier may have made him an even better fighter than he was, but he would not enjoy his post fight life like he does now. | 9/1/04 05:30:29 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|10|Kent: I enjoy hearing Sean O'Grady commentary during fights and I liked watching him back in the day. I think it's a very positive thing that he still has good physical and mental ability. What about Ray Mancini? I haven't seen him lately. How is he doing? I read that Aaron Pryor isn't in good condition. Of course, with Pryor, drug use might have been a bigger factor than head trauma in his downfall. I've also read that Jimmy Young isn't doing well and again, it's also been alleged that he abused drugs. That's really a shame. Young was a guy who after retirement, could have easily become like Archie Moore---a wise boxing elder statesman capable of training up and coming fighters or appearing at fight cards, signing autographs, speaking, etc. <br><br>Young always struck me as an intelligent guy with a lot to offer. | 9/1/04 05:39:02 PM|Joe Krause|Chicago||sadmspats@yahoo.com|10|I interviewed James Quarry about 5 years ago for this article. It is an oldie, but a goodie. Miss you James.......Mac Foster Vs Jerry Quarry- June 17th 1970<br><br>by Joe Krause, interviewing the Man in the Corner, James Quarry<br><br>"I worked Jerry's corner that night by being in the right place in the right time. I was
driving a truck and had been in Montreal, Canada. We deadheaded to New York to see if we could just get there to see the fight. It turned out I got my license and worked out that I was able to get in free and work the corner. I was the water person and make sure his mouthpiece was rinsed." James Quarry, Jerry's brother who worked in Jerry's corner that night.<br><br>As Mac Foster walked to the ring that night there was a hush in the Madison Square Garden. This would be the first New York appearance for Mac, and his reputation preceded him. Twenty-four fights, twenty-four knockouts. He had beaten everyone in his path with a swiftness that could only be called shocking. He had knocked out Cleveland Williams twice in a home-and-home series in Fresno and Houston. Williams was past his prime, but he was still a big notch on the belt for Foster. Foster had also beaten Thad Spencer and Jack O'Halloran in one-round demolitions. While none of the names on his resume were top five contenders, the swiftness with which they were dispatched was very impressive. It had taken even George Foreman five rounds to dispatch of O'Halloran, where it took Foster less than three minutes. His opponent this night would be Jerry Quarry. Quarry was younger than Foster by two years, but experience-wise there was no contest. Quarry had been in with Ali and Frazier and had already fought for some version of the heavyweight title two times. Quarry was said to be nearly washed up at the ripe age of 25. He had lost to George Chuvalo by knockout just three fights ago, and most people didn't like his chances after defeating George (Scrapiron) Johnson by decision. Foster was a 6-1 favorite, and Sonny Liston was so sure that Mac was going to win that he bet his whole purse of his victory over Chuck Wepner. Foster was a wrecking ball, and nobody said Quarry didn't get hit. Sure, Quarry had a good chin, but there was no way he would last with a destroyer like Foster - that was the common thought by those in the know.<br><br>James Quarry, had this to say regarding Jerry's feelings on Mac before the fight and the fight itself. "Jerry had a lot of respect for Mac Foster. Anyone who can get to 24 wins with no losses with 24 knockouts, deserves respect. What we did know about Mac Foster was he was a mechanical fighter. Technically he was perfect. All combinations came off the left jab. His hands were always up to protect his head. Mac Foster never intimidated Jerry. Jerry knew he had more experience than Mac."<br><br>This was my first time in Madison Square Garden. I was very excited. After the fighters were introduced and the bell rang, I knew Jerry was in trouble. He had just got tagged with a right hand that rocked him real good. Foster's punches were short, straight and to the point, Jerry's chin. His reach was tremendous. Jerry could not seem to open up in the first three rounds. He tried everything. I remember Jerry walking back to his corner after the bell rang; he had a puzzled look on his face. I asked 'What's wrong?' He said, 'I just can't get to this guy.' This made me mad. I jumped all over Jerry. I said, 'Jerry, remember what we talked about before the fight, about Foster being very mechanical?' Jerry said yes. I said, 'If you don't keep you f---in hands up and start punching to the body, I'm going to kick your F---in ass.' I screamed this in his ear as loud as I could. Jerry turned the fight around going into the fourth round. By the end of the fourth and especially the fifth Jerry was landing that big left hook to the body along with some strong right had shots. Foster's guard began to drop. He had never felt a body attack like that. The rest is history. As it turned out Jerry was the most dangerous of the heavies for Foster that night. Reason being, Jerry was rated number five in the world at that time. Jerry was considered to be on the way out. He had lost to Frazier and Chuvalo. Foster was number one and was favored. This only inspired Jerry more. He wanted to prove they were all wrong, that he was not washed up. Jerry was for the most part at his best when no one thought he had a chance. Just look back on his career. That is what made him so great with the fans-his heart. 'There ain't no Quit in a Quarry,' he would always say after Jerry retired from boxing and the dementia was setting in."<br><br>We founded "The Jerry Quarry Foundation" for Dementia Pugilistica. Please visit Jerry's web page on the web,
www.jerryquarry.com you can view some of Jerry's fights and see what TJQF is all about. Tell us what you think on the letter page. We are making contact sports safer!!! Simply by making the world more aware!!! There was no quit in Quarry that night or any night. Some of the punches Foster landed would have had almost any man looking up from the canvas. This was clearly the best Foster was in his career. The fighter that faced Ali was not the same one who began this fight. With Gil Clancy in his corner that night, he started the fight a world beater, but after throwing his best shots and seeing the other man still standing, Mac Foster became confused and was never the same fighter again. A truly memorable night, a truly memorable fight.

| 9/1/04 06:23:48 PM | max hord | fernandina bch, fla | maxhord@adelphia.net | 10 | Fran, Sean is a friend of mine. So is Tony Gardner who I fought 2 or 3 times. Sure Sean was protected as was Gardner. If you knew anything about boxing you wouldn't think anything about it. That's the way it is. Always has been and always will be. |
| 9/2/04 05:24:37 AM | Fran | philly | plc7755@aol.com | 10 | Max, Someone made a comment about Sean's record and I was trying to explain how he learned his trade in the pro's and that's why he had a lot of fights. I understand that and have always had nothing but respect for Sean O'Grady he was at the time the best lightweight out there. The guys I fought in my first 2 fights my sister could have beaten. I understand how it works sorry if it didn't sound right. |
| 9/2/04 11:29:44 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | I too have nothing but respect for Sean O'Grady. He was a fine fighter, a legitimate world champion who earned the title of "The Champ" that he is introduced as in the Fox Sports broadcasts and he seems like a decent fellow outside of the ring as well. But who knows if Sean's early record actually did save him from being injured in the ring as he may not be inclined by his family heredity to suffering long term damage. |
| 9/2/04 02:42:50 PM | charles anderson | ark. | ctjjandfam@aol.com | 10 | was jerry ranked, when he fought norton? I thought he fought on pure guts, because he looked like he was really out of shape. |
| 9/2/04 02:45:54 PM | J. Krause | chicago | sa... | 10 | Jerry was #5, Norton was #4 |
| 9/2/04 07:27:08 PM | Gerry | Cleveland | jgschultz11@aol.com | 10 | I also have a lot of respect for Sean O'Grady. He does a fine job with the TV fights, I think. I remember him as very, very game as a fighter. There was one match, against someone named Rodriguez I think. O'Grady won at least five of the seven or so rounds it went before it was stopped. The other guy was winded and had clearly taken some shots. O'Grady, a real bleeder, was just gushing blood around his eyes. Some fans thought from the scene that the wrong guy got stopped. But O'Grady really had him that fight... |
| 9/2/04 02:53:04 AM | Massimo | Roma | $$$Alex P. Keaton $$$Richard Nixon n.1 |
Mac Arthur Foster reportedly flattened Sonny Liston in a sparring session in the late 60's. This is probably one of the reasons for which Liston bet on Mac Foster in the Quarry fight. I would have bet on Mac Foster too. He looked much bigger and stronger. But I would have been a fool, and I would have lost my money!

I would have been a fool too, betting on Foster, probably Spencer and definitely Lyle and Shavers against JQ, and I would have ended up with no money! Quarry came up big in a lot of these fights he wasn't expected to win. That's one reason I'd give him at least an outside chance against a 1974 Foreman. Foreman was devastating as his walkover of Norton showed---but JQ might have had a few surprises for him, including hanging around into the later rounds when GF might have punched himself out like he did against Ali. Wow, imagine that---if JQ got the title shot he deserved against Foreman, circa 1974 (and pulled off the upset), maybe he'd have been DEFENDING a title against Ali in late '74 or early '75! Frazier II. was a mistake for JQ! Couldn't he have taken on Bugner or something?

Leotis Martin also flattened "THE BIG UGLY BEAR" ending his aspiration to fight either Jerry or Joe, both of whom he felt he could beat. Frazier had a way of wearing down his opponent with his relentless method of attack. Jerry's first fight with him was actually a good fight for Jerry and it's unfortunate that the fight was stopped on a cut. I think that a Quarry/Liston meeting would have been an interesting one, with Jerry on the way up and Sonny on the way down. I don't, however, feel that Jerry would have done very well against "THE MUMMY" as he probably would have stood toe to toe with him and been taken out early in the fight.

Hi Charles, Ring Magazine had Jerry ranked #3 and "smokin Joe" #2. Jerry was also a 6-5 favorite. There were reports that he was actually ranked second at the time, but all the major listings had Champ Foreman 1-Ali 2- Frazier 3-Quarry. WBA and Ring magazine etc. I have all Jerry's monthly top ten rankings from Ring Magazine. To where from Sep 67 to May 75. Jerry was never ranked under #8 (#1 to #8 respectively). And they only time he was out of top ten was after his second Ali bout. where he actually called a press conference to announce his retirement( 6-months) and thus eliminated himself from the rankings, he could have pulled an Oscar Bonavena and stayed inactive, and his name would have still been in that top ten. Take care?

It is really funny how styles make a fight. Jerry handled Foster, lyle, shavers with relative
ease while Ali had trouble with all three. But Ali had very little trouble with Jerry. I think Foreman/Quarry would have been a war as long as it would have lasted. Sorry it never happened. Happy Labor Day and continue to remember my son and other soldiers in Iraq.

Charles: Let's not only remember your son and the other men and women fighting for us, but let's honor them and pay tribute - let's say thank you to them. They've answered the call and are bravely putting it on the line for all of us back home. You have a lot to be proud of.

Charles, my heart and prayers are with your son in Iraq and also with all of the others who are serving in our armed forces. May they come home safely with Godspeed as soon as possible. Special thanks to those who are serving or have served as they are doing something I have never done and they are greatly appreciated!

Gerry, do you really believe that this was the appropriate moment to interject with your own personal slant on the Iraq war? The best wishes of everyone was offered free of political agendas and biases, but you had to go and breach that goodwill. For your information, our soldiers believe that they are in Iraq for an honorable cause. They have removed a tyrant who slaughtered, raped and tortured hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians. He wiped out entire Kurdish villages with chemical weapons, slaughtered the Marsh Arabs and ruined the surrounding environment, fired chemical weapons on neighbours Iran, and invaded Kuwait. Saddam plotted to kill President George Bush, he paid $25,000.00 to the families of suicide bombers slaughtering innocent Jews, and he was happy that 9/11 happened. So, Gerry, pay our gallant soldiers the respect of keeping your political beliefs out of the sincere best wishes that everyone is wishing them. You could have just wished them the best, but, no, you had to come in with your political agenda. Isn't it enough that unemployed social welfare lunatics with the same beliefs as you protest every other day throwing marbles under the hoofs of police horses and disrupting workers going to and from work. Come on Gerry, you are undoubtedly the most ignorant person visiting this site. Go hug a tree or something.

I agree with Jerry. Our soldiers shouldn't be over there. Saddam wasn't a danger to us whether or not he was killing and torturing his own people and neighbours. The hell do we care. Let's look after our own and stuff everybody else. It was only about oil anyway. Don't let 'em silence you Jerry. God bless our soldiers but stuff the politicians who sent 'em there. Come on John Kerry, win, win, win! One, two, three, four, stop the bloody Iraq War.
Alex P. Keaton is right, Richard Nixon was the greatest!! Vote Republican! On the other hand, Steven and Elise Keaton were wrong :-)!

What a shock. I thought this was a boxing site but Gerry has us talking politics and Kent says that it okay. Yes Massimo, Richard Nixon was a republican. And JFK wasn't. JFK was the guy who got us into the Vietnam War. He was also the guy responsible for the Bay of Pigs fiasco. He had more stuff-ups than Nixon. But he made good speeches, pretended to be kind to the blacks, and in Gerry's world that makes him okay. Instead of actually doing something, like George W. is doing to save the masses in Iraq, we should just utter kind words like JFK, Clinton, and now Kerry. And most importantly be against anything the other side wants to do. George W. says white, so Herman Munster says black. That's good policy, democrat style. Fire cruise missiles into sand dunes like Clinton did. Good policy. But save the masses, and try and do something, like in Iraq, and Gerry gets so shook up that his rug lopsides on his dumb looking head. Way to go Gerry.

Richard, we sometimes get off on a tangent and that is OK. Remember I am not saying I agree or disagree with what Gerry said, just that he has a right to say it as you have a right to say what you said. We have always had freedom of expression hear and I don't want to see that stop. Of course there are times when we try to steer the conversation back to boxing if it is getting too personal or lasting too long but this topic hasn't reached that point yet.

I guess some opinions are ok and some are not, even though they are all opinions. What kind of thinking is that again? Not American thinking. I didn't even mention the coming election. I didn't even mention the candidates. What I did mention is the FACT that this country is very divided on the purpose of this war. There are some who cannot deal maturely with that reality. There are some that cannot even discuss the current state of politics without reducing themselves to playground children hurling baseless accusations and insults. Richard and Angelo show again their 7th grade view of America, and prove me right. Again. I have the right to rebut those who submit comments on our American fighting men currently abroad, and I've done that. If you want to stick to boxing, the original purpose here, I'll do that too. And, unlike some, I can do it without resorting to childish insults that would bring more insult to me than my intended target. Best Wishes for a happy Democratic Labor Day to all of you.

I have checked in here a few times recently, and am surprised to see some of the bashing personal stuff being put in here. The internet is a drag that way I guess. I like the Quarrys and have learned some cool things about their time, the men they boxed against. Opinions are good, but insults are stupid, guys. I'll check back again. But if this is what you guys want to do here, make stupid insults against people you don't really know, then I can read about Jerry Quarry and his opponents somewhere else. I hope that doesn't sound mean, thanks.

Gerry, it seems that I must explain to you why you upset some of us. People expressed non-partisan sentiments wishing our soldiers their heartfelt thanks and prayers. And then you wrote, "What those soldiers are doing over there is a matter of opinion. As a vet, my heart goes out to them. There have been 843 dead since "Mission Accomplished." I'll tell you how people interpret what you wrote, Gerry. You imply that there are no good reasons why our soldiers are in Iraq and that
they are not fighting for a good and legitimate cause. Gerry, but why express it to a man whose son is fighting over there? You were telling that man that his son is risking his life for a nothing cause. As a vet, Gerry, you must realise how insulting that is. It is the same sentiment that had such a detrimental effect on our vets from Vietnam. It is an ignorant and totally insensitive thing to write to a soldier's father, whether or not you believe it. Further, you said that "there have been 843 dead since "Mission Accomplished." Once again, what an insensitive thing to say. Someone whose son or daughter are one of those 843 read you making political mileage out of their deaths to have a whack at President Bush.

People were sympathizing with Charles and offering their support. They weren't trying to engage him in a political debate. It is not an issue of whether or not you are entitled to have an opinion, Gerry. It is an issue as to it being an inappropriate and insensitive moment to express it to a man worried silly about the safety of his soldier son. Also, some Italian named Massimo entered the debate criticizing Richard Nixon. Yes, Massimo, you are right in (sarcastically) noting that President Nixon was a republican. But Benito Mussolini wasn't a republican and I think we can safely say that President Nixon was much better for humanity than Italy's fascist dictator who invaded Ethiopia, Spain, and Albania before fighting with Hitler in WW2. Trust me Massimo, Nixon was a much better guy than Mussolini!

Personally, I don't know why Nixon is so widely demonised. Sure, he told lies and there was Watergate. But fibbing wasn't patented by the republicans. After all, Clinton the democrat was a proven liar, wasn't he? You anti-war guys like Gerry should remember something else. JFK got us into the Vietnam War. But it was Nixon who started getting us out of the mess JFK created. It seems to me that guys like Gerry don't understand who the real enemies are. The enemy, Gerry, are the guys trying to kill you and that isn't the republicans.

I'll tell you something else Gerry. We tried to stay out of WW2 and got criticized for it before we got bombed in Pearl Harbour. We tried to stay out of a war on terrorism too, while Clinton and others appeased those who repeatedly attacked us. The result of that weakness and appeasement was 9/11. And when someone like President George W. finally has the guts to say enough is enough, guys like Gerry criticize him. Attacked if you do and attacked if you don't.

| 9/6/04 03:59:11 AM| Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Angelo, I agree. Richard is way off base comparing Kerry to Herman Munster. Kerry is much more like Lurch. YOU RANG? URRRRRRRRRR! Kevin "McFrankenstein" McCale is much more like Herman M. Any Boston Celtic fans out there?|
| 9/6/04 04:50:58 AM| Noam|Miami||noamc@aol.com||||10|Wow! Can I score this site a 20? Here I am preparing an assignment for college on the evolution of commercialism in sport after the second world war, checking up on the histories of Ali and his opponents etc, and I chance upon this full-blown debate republican v democrat. Can I add my dime's worth? It's always struck me that democrats portray themselves as educated achievers whilst lambasting republicans as dumb ass warmongerers. I checked history post WW2 to test whether this is true...<br>JFK (democrat). Born rich. Best known for his links to the mob and his affair with Marilyn Monroe and anyone else with nice hooters. Responsible for the Bay of Pigs disaster. Wonderful speechmaker who promised plenty but delivered little. His assassination, more than anything else, made him a legend.<br>Johnson (democrat) The master brain who escalated American involvement in the Vietnam War after the Tonkin Gulf incident.<br>Nixon (republican) Responsible for withdrawal of US troops from Vietnam. Forged new links with China. Got caught doing what every politician did since Christ wore shorts......telling lies and covering-up.<br>Ford (republican) Gave amnesty to those who resisted draft in Vietnam War.<br>Carter (democrat) Weakness and indecisiveness led to Iranian seizure of US Embassy and the taking of
hostages in Iran. Ordered failed rescue attempt. Underachiever of gobsmacking proportions. Reagan (republican) Released US Embassy hostages in Iran. Brought to an end the Cold War by defeating communism freeing millions in Eastern Europe. Forged enduring alliance with Russia's Gorbachov. Bush (republican) Deposed the murderous tyrant General Noriega in Panama. Masterminded allied success in the first Gulf War. Clinton (democrat) Indecisiveness and weak responses on terrorism exposed US to repeated attacks. Vanguard of his presidency involved fights against impeachment and perjury charges instead of concentrating on terrorism. Molested interns more than he did Usama. Most enduring legacy is a seminal stain on a dress. George W. Bush (republican) Restored dignity and discipline to White House after Clinton sexual debacle. Defeated oppression in Afghanistan. Ousted one of histories most violent mass murderers in Saddam Insane. Directed terrorism away from US mainland by fighting it in Iraq. Has taken affirmative action to spread freedom throughout the world. By the way, it was Lincoln (republican) who ended slavery and Truman (democrat) who dropped the Big Ones on Japan. Democrats escalated wars, used weapons of mass destruction, forged links with the mob, and spent more time fighting impeachment and molestation charges than they ever did against the world's baddies. Democrats like to pretend that they are peacemakers, but the facts show otherwise. And it was Theodore Roosevelt (our youngest president) who got the Nobel Peace Price for ending the Russo-Japanese War. It was republicans who ended the Vietnam War and gave amnesty to draft dodgers. Republicans ended the Cold War and defeated Communism freeing millions in Eastern Europe. Republicans freed the Iran hostages. Republicans freed Kuwait and then the Afghans under the Taliban. Republicans freed the Kurds and Iraq from Saddam. If we score it as a fight, gentlemen, it is the republicans by knockout round 2. Yet guys like Gerry vote democrat. Go figure. For what it's worth, maybe Gerry prefers Kerry because he is for homosexual marriages.

Democrats escalated wars, used weapons of mass destruction, forged links with the mob, and spent more time fighting impeachment and molestation charges than they ever did against the world's baddies. Democrats like to pretend that they are peacemakers, but the facts show otherwise. Also, if Clinton did not go after Osama Bin Laden as much as he could have, historically, 911 had not happened, which changed everything. Before this, our government did not have a policy of dealing with non state sponsored terrorists. If you don't believe me, do some research and you will find that Ronald Reagan, the so called tough guy who everyone thinks knew how to deal with terrorists, did nothing when non state sponsored terrorists sent in a suicide bomber into the marines barracks at the Beruit, Lebanon airport, killing about 240 U.S. marines as they slept. Reagan, who dealt correctly later on when terrorists linked to Libya, blew up a nightclub in Germany, killing Americans among others, by staging bombing raids against the Libyan capital, did nothing, I REPEAT DID ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!! to deal with the groups Hamas or Hezzbollah or whoever claimed responsibility for the act, which was about the third such attack in Lebanon against American targets or targets of our allies around that time 1983. No one not even Reagan's biggest supporters can answer the question that Reagan let terrorism get away with murdering our servicemen and his response was to pull the troops out of Lebanon, in effect Reagan turned tail and ran! If Carter or Clinton had done this, they would have been roasted alive by the very conservatives who say nothing about Reagan's biggest foreign policy failure, the marines' deaths in Lebanon. Most people seem to remember
Reagan as a very effective president when it comes to foreign policy and there are other examples where this is true but not in the Lebanon case. I would also say that both republicans and democrats share in the blame for the bombings that happened on Sept 11, 2001 as even though a lot of the policies in place were carry overs from the Clinton years, it happened under W. Bush's watch. But in fairness to both parties, I doubt anyone ever thought that hijackers would use planes as weapons of mass destruction. This is something that had no historical background to foresee it happening. By the way folks, I am a lifelong democrat who has not voted for my party's nominee since 1992 and I am not voting for Kerry this year for reasons I don't want to go into. I will likely vote third party as I did in both 1996 and 2000.

Have been sleeping off and on tonight, a little restless but I am up again for a little while. I would like to add one more example of a failure that the republicans don't like to talk about when it comes to Reagan. My point in doing so is you can't just point out democratic failures while ignoring republican failures as if republicans are always the knights in shining armor while the democrats are always screwing things up as this is not true as both groups can at times screw things up. Again if Carter had done this, the conservatives would have never let anyone forget it but they are largely silent about Reagan doing it. Under Reagan's watch, nine people were held hostage in the middle east for over three years, longer than the sixty or so that were held in Iran under Carter. Reagan's response to get some of them out was to funnel weapons sales to Iran through Israel with some of the funds illegally going to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. Carter's arms exchange with a country hostile to the United States was a deal that was in fact an arms for hostages exchange with a country hostile to the United States. True as I said in my last post, Reagan can take credit for foreign policy successes but not everything he did worked. Things like telling Gorbachev to tear down the Berlin wall, which actually happened a few years later under H.W. Bush. Reagan can also take credit for outspending the Soviet Union in an out of control arms race, a questionable tactic that ran up huge budget shortfalls but was effective in contributing to the fall of the Soviet empire because the Soviets couldn't keep up and it ended up destroying the Soviet economy but very well could have destroyed ours as well.

In closing, I would like to remind people again that while the failed mission to rescue the Iranian hostages ordered by President Jimmy Carter killed nine U.S. servicemen was a fiasco that everyone remembers, about 240 servicemen died in Reagan's failed mission in Lebanon from a suicide bomber. A mission I might add was under the direction of the U.N and was for the purpose of escorting the PLO out of Lebanon after repeated skirmishes with Israel, something a lot of republicans complain about, following the orders of the U.N., yet Reagan did exactly that and no one seems to remember it happened. But everyone remembers Carter's failed rescue attempt just like it was yesterday. Last I heard, 240 troops being killed was more than 9 being killed.
anything but since 9-11. Going back to what we DO need: A strong leader who understands that we were the victims when the twin towers fell, and regardless of the political climate leading up to the terrorist act, 3000 people (INNOCENT AMERICANS) died at the hands of people who now must pay the price. You can't reason with groups/nations who cooperated for that terrorism and continue to associate for more of these acts. There's no negotiating or reasoning with any of them---it's time to exterminate the people responsible and destroy the places they train and the nations who harbour them. It's now about survival. Domestically, I think President Bush inherited a recession and has taken steps to slowly get us out of that. Also, he was met with 9-11 and in my view, acted appropriately to try to disrupt the terrorists' plans for more attacks. There were compelling reasons to remove Saddam from power and I think it was justified, though I agree that the post victory occupation has been more difficult than the administration thought it would be---however, Kerry seems to be the quintessential Monday morning QB on every damn issue he talks about. He reminds me of the Brett Favre commercial when (AFTER THE FACT) he talks about how he would have done things differently. Now of course, BEFORE the fact, you didn't hear from him and in fact he voted with the President---but afterwards, he's identified where things could have gone better and NOW claims how he would have done it differently. Not only is this annoying, but it's also dangerous in a leader. You need someone who is clear about where he stands, his plans and his vision. Someone who is stable and sincere. For the most part, I think we have that in Bush, and clearly we would NOT have that with his main opponent. But to get back to what started this all, and turned JQ's site into a political show, the men and women serving deserve our deepest gratitude, and by all means, they have mine. Yes, we can all be patriotic and disagree on whether to go to war or not---but to the man on this board who has a son over there now, I say that he IS fighting for something important. Your son is part of an effort that if it goes well, will change the balance in the Middle-East---will give democracy to millions of people who have suffered---will end up, in the very long run, giving us a better world. None of this could ever be accomplished without your son and his units laying it on the line. With our prayers, please let him return safely. Know that he IS there for a noble reason. These people are the best our country has, and he's one of them. | 9/6/04 11:03:54 AM| Kent| same as last || same as last@ || || 10 <br>Angelo, I agree that Bush and Cheney show better leadership qualities than either Kerry or Edwards but although I will not be voting democratic this time, I will not vote republican either for reasons I have that I don't want to clutter up this page too much with. <br>Kerry and Edwards show poor leadership qualities by voting yes to give authority for Bush to go to war with Iraq when it appeared it was the popular thing to do but then saying they would not have voted that way when the public is getting a little uneasy with how the war effort is going. It is as if they are playing politics with national security and it is too important an issue for anyone to do so. I agree with Senator Miller, who spoke at the republican convention that our party's leadership has lost touch with what is important. <br>I am still going to remain a democrat but I am still waiting for a strong democrat like Truman or F. Roosevelt, or even JFK but Kerry and Edwards aint it. <br>One thing we agree on is we want our troops to get home safely and while initially I was against our going into Iraq once the decision was made to do so, the debate was over and we needed to and still need to get behind our troops and our president regardless of what party he is from. <br> GOD BLESS OUR MILITARY PEOPLE WHEREVER THEY MAY BE SERVING! | 9/6/04 11:55:02 AM| Massimo| Roma, Italia| fratelli d' Italia.com | || || 10 | Richard 1- <br>When the hell did I criticize Nixon ? I was only joking around on the fact that I liked very much a TV series named "family ties" in which there was Michael J. Fox who played a Republican named <br>Alex P. Keaton. I don't know very well what Nixon did. I'm Italian and I was really very young when Nixon was
around (I was born in 1972). I agree that Benito Mussolini was a piece of crap and that we Italians acted like shit in WW2, but Italy is still a great country. We are a small country but we have produced a good part of the civilization. Galilei was Italian, Fermi was Italian, Michelangelo Buonarroti was Italian, Cristoforo Colombo was Italian, Leonardo Da Vinci was Italian, Dante Alighieri was Italian, Giacomo Leopardi was Italian, Erminio Spallia was Italian, Giuseppe Verdi was Italian, Primo Carnera was Italian, Giacomo Puccini was Italian ... How much time I have (or got)? VIVA L'ITALIA, for God's sake!

Another thing: Antonio Meucci was the real inventor of the telephon, Graham Bell was only a bum who stole the invention. Antonio Meucci was Italian. Anyway, USA is a great country that I sincerely love.

Reagan's time was marked by far more globally important issues such as ending the Cold War, defeating communism, forging a great alliance with Gorbachov. The failures you mention are relevant and terrible, but in the context of the times, not quite as significant. With guys like Carter we have to speak of their failures because they didn't have more relevant successes. It is the losses that stand out, not the wins. Democrats have lost their way. They are reactive, not proactive. They look for ways to appease voters with gimmicks and stunts that will do no good, rather than showing the courage to suggest unpopular policies capable of solving the problem. Look at Clinton. He had the perfect opportunity to achieve and solve. The Cold War was over. Communism was defeated. There was no arms race. But like JFK he couldn't keep Charlie in his pants and his whole presidency is characterized by scandals and seminal stains. Clinton took his eye off the ball and rubbish like Usama and radical Islam flourished enough to eventually challenge us.

George W. has had to play catch-up during his first term, fixing the problems others left him, yet we are in a pretty good position. We have lost nearly 900 brave soldiers in Iraq and it is terrible and they can never be replaced. But it is wrong to say that we have another Vietnam where we lost 56,000. George W. has shown leadership. He is prepared to make electorally unpopular decisions because he thinks it is the right thing to do. He has had the courage to take the fight to our enemies in their homelands. And he has not been frightened to confront our traditional allies to compel them to pull their weight in helping us after decades of not doing so. He also exposed the United Nations for the elitist club that it really is. Our country more than any other supports the UN but, until recent years, no one had the guts to challenge it to do its job (as George W. now has done). To the weak like France and Spain, we now know that they cannot be relied on. George W. has made the world much more truthful because we all know where everyone stands on foreign policy and terrorism.

Kerry stands for flip flopping. One minute he was for the Iraq War, the next minute against it. Last year he said there were weapons of mass destruction, but this year he accuses George W of telling lies for also saying that there was. Kerry agreed with the Vietnam War, and then he was protesting with Jane Fonda against it. It makes me dizzy. Of course, dunces like Kerry attract other dunces and November will be a litmus test as to our nation's intelligence. We will know how many stupid people we have by counting the Kerry votes.
more famous hostages under Carter. Even if there were less of them under Reagan.

Also, if Clinton wasn't aggressive enough in pursuit of non-state sponsored terrorists, those such as Al Qaida, who could not be linked completely with one country or another, he was following the tradition set by Reagan in not pursuing the terrorists who killed our marines in Lebanon.

As you can see, I am not a big Reagan fan and the main reason is I have never forgotten those marines and by blood boils when people start talking about how tough Reagan was on issues like terrorism.

Come on Reagan fans, give me a reason to think that when he said, "we don't negotiate with terrorists," he was really saying, "no, we run from them instead!

I do hope we can get back to boxing though as I don't want us to scare off the newcomers with all of this political talk.

By the way, where is Evren? I hope he returns so we can resume our tournament.

Every fighter has a best performance of their career. A fight where they beat the odds, or fight at a real high level. The following is what I would think is the best performance of the fighters career. Based on opponent and quality of level.

Muhammad Ali-George Foreman
Joe Frazier-Muhammad Ali I
George Foreman-Joe Frazier I
Ken Norton-Muhammad Ali II
( I know he lost)A little reasoning on this one. Norton peaked for this fight. Ali gave no credit to Norton for the first fight, and was in tip-top prime shape for this one. He was still close to his peak and Norton was at his best this night.

Jerry Quarry- Ron Lyle
Earnie Shavers- Muhammad Ali
Larry Holmes- Ken Norton
Ron Lyle-Earnie Shavers
Jimmy Ellis-Oscar Bonavena
Jimmy Young-George Foreman
George Chuvalo-Jerry Quarry
Oscar Bonavena-Joe Frazier II
Floyd Patterson-Ingo II


Which ones aren't Italian, Massimo?

I admit that we Italians have some little flaws such as Mafia, Camorra, 'Ndrangheta etc, but we are among the best on Earth (not the best) for culture, beauty and food. Visit Venice and you will understand what I mean. I'm sorry, but when you are so great it's hard to be humble! I don't know some of the guys you mentioned: Fratiano, who? Gallegos, who?

Who is Tony Dago? A sculptor? Even Alfred Delvecchio was from Italy, at least in "Happy Days". Eeeeh gia', gia', gia', gia'!

George Chuvalo-Jerry Quarry
As much as I admire "THE WASHERWOMAN", I believe Jerry's problem was well underway at that time. It was a great fight for George, as he had not taken out any top contenders, with the possible exception of Manuel Ramos. (A lot of fans felt that he defeated Ernie Terrel, but I guess the fix was in on that one.)

Ali/Foreman was a great moment and would have been that much greater if Ali had permanently retired after that fight.

Say what you want about Rock Marciano, but the Brockton Block Buster, was the only one smart enough to know when to quit. (I might include Lewis if he STAYS retired.)

What's the latest story on Joe Mesi?

Richard, I didn't say anything to Charles except I hope his kid makes it back and that I root for all the soldiers over there to do the same. If you could read, you'd know that. I did address the next guy who said what he thought they were over there fighting for, and that clearly is a matter of opinion. If you don't want that discussed, don't post it. Your ridiculous rant after that, and your thin grip on history, show you lack the reason for intelligent political discussion. JFK and his brother were shot...
trying to end the Cold War which Vietnam was a part of. Did they start Vietnam, yes. Were they also trying to end it, yes again. Nixon, on the other hand, escalated Vietnam and had more Americans killed on his watch than any other Vietnam president by far. If he was trying to end Vietnam, why did it take six years for him to do it? Because, as the Pentagon Papers clearly showed, he wasn't trying to end it. But don't let those facts stop your infantile insults. While facts here are few and far between, except for boxing in some cases, the lot of you do seem to have a lock on bigotry. What's next, Rich, blacks? Will the next black guy who disagrees with you get the Klan card? You guys stain the spirit of this site a great deal. Must be a conservative California thing. I'll wait for recess to end, then maybe we'll get back to boxing. Go ahead, call Kerry, a decorated vet and a 20 year U.S. Senator some more stupid names, since that is a smart as you guys can get. After all, with all your collective successes, you certainly have the right to disparage and lie about a lowly Senator. Morons.

9/7/04 04:37:44 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Gerry,<br>
Bigots and racists and morons? Just for disagreeing with you. Oh pleeeasse.<br>
What makes you think that you and your opinions are above others here, Gerry? I have read the posts and you were then one who introduced political comment on others offering non-partisan best wishes to a man whose brave son is fighting overseas.<br>You tree hugging democrats are so full of hate and self-righteousness that you can't even let that moment go without expressing your political biases. Your grasp on history I must add, is as twisted as your political thoughts and beliefs.<br>You know as much about history as those dirty, smelly protesters throwing marbles under the hooves of police horses and pouring urine over police officers. Those protesters have more in common with the political beliefs of guys like you Gerry, than they ever have had with republicans.<br>Others here are laughing out loud at you for your attempts at portraying others as infantile name callers. After all, you are the one using the words bigot and moron, just for people expressing an opinion after you expressed yours. But that's a mortal sin because, when it's all said and done, only democrats have the right to think. I also worry about your sense of humour. Kerry does look like Herman Munster. Fact. It's funny, Gerry, have a laugh, and may be you'll feel better about yourself. With self-esteem you might even become employable.

9/7/04 05:40:44 PM|Michael Moore|Reiters||idiot@reiters|||10|i agree with gerry, it is childish to say that kerry looks like herman munster. only democrats are allowed to poke fun at the neo cons, not the other way around. he might look like herman but you are not allowed to say it, however it is ok for us to parody neo cons as idiots with eyes rolling round the back of their stupid heads.

9/7/04 05:49:00 PM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|Just one comment on sensitive political issues. Although no way inclined towards Bush and Kerry, I find it extraordinary that the republicans could gain benefit from the vietnam issue. Although veterans will be angry at Kerry's late changes in opinion of the war, the fact remains that he served his term in war when he could easily have skipped it and fought very bravely where as Bush took the easy option of staying at home and didn't even bother completing his term of service. When America needed them Kerry stood up and Bush hid. I am no lefty liberal and am centre right and I realise that the election will be fought on several fronts. Anyway, the slow heavyweight race stumbles even more. Quite why Brewster was fighting, and luckily beating a guy called Kail Meehan is a mystery. The Australasian heavyweight had been knocked out by Tyson's conqueror Danny Williams in 1 round 18 months before and almost scrapped a win. No one of note is fighting regularly which makes Klitishko's criticisms of Lewis for doing the same a bit thin. Hoping for Toney, Tua and all three champions to fight before Xmas but there's appears to be little chance.
I will say this to everyone here, I am ready for the war to end and all of our soldiers to come home to their loved ones safely. I do not agree with every thing that has happened in Iraq since the war has started, but one thing has clearly stuck in my feeble brain from my son: the president is my commander-chief, I will try my best to fulfill the task that is at hand. So guys no matter what we think we need to let these soldiers (young and old) that we care for them very much. Vote your convictions and God bless America!

Yes, we are just joking when we call Kerry Herman Munster but if you read my post, I said he looked more like Lurch from the Addams family and it is funny. Just like it is funny to say George W. Bush looks like Howdy Doody, if only he had red hair! What does that make Dick Cheney, Clairibel the Clown?

I actually agree with some of what Gerry says but in times of war, most of the time and this is in the majority of times, we should stand behind our president and be less critical than normal of his military policies until the war is over and then in hindsight, we can be more critical. Of course, we should always stand behind our troops.

What a collection of idiots you guys are. Who gives a cat's ass about Bush and his little scheme to dominate the middle east. Obviously the crew of you know next to nothing about boxing, which is unfortunate for Jerry and his fans. I'm going to visit the "PEANUT". At least he'll talk boxing. You goofs are punch drunk.

Come on Pete, show us how much you know about boxing by posting about boxing. We may surprise you by showing that we do know something about it after all. By putting us down for our little side topic, you don't show your own knowledge about the sport.

Hey Pete, was it Kerry's proposal to legalize gay marriages that made you (join his) camp? You and Gerry have to get together some time soon, as it's likely that there'd be more than just a meeting of minds! Gerry needs someone to settle him down. Keep laughing.

My understanding is that Bush joined the National Guard and Kerry joined the Naval RESERVE (not active Navy) and his unit was (unexpectedly) called up. I don't know if this is true, but it was reported on a somewhat neutral radio show I was listening to (not a right biased show). Basically, the assertion was that both of them thought they could avoid action in the war by not enlisting active military, but Kerry's reserve unit got called up and he had to go. By the way, I'm planning to vote for Bush, but regardless of Kerry's record in Vietnam, the fact is, he served and that's good enough for me. But that brings me to point # 2: Kerry's camp is responsible for all the Vietnam/Veteran talk. Bush's campaign didn't make this issue so big—-Kerry is the one who travels with the "band of brothers" and his supporters are the ones who lampooned Bush for being in the Guard (By the way, what's wrong with the Guard?) and pointed to Kerry's "heroic" Vietnam service. So they put it out there, then when some aspects have been challenged, they accuse Republicans of "making it an issue." Sorry guys, most people are smart enough to figure this out (I hope).

I think Manilla might be Ali's crowning moment because the fight was toe-to-toe slugging and action, and he managed to end it without going to a decision, against his old nemesis. Norton's moment was probably Ali III and Holmes, both losses. But in both cases, Norton stepped up to the plate and showed he belonged in the class with all-time greats.
against Giorgio Eduardo Foreman! It was a masterpiece, he fought toe to toe
with one of the greatest heavyweights of all time and knocked him out
eventually. Foreman could lift one man off the floor with one punch. I have seen
many fighters in the ring who could stun you or knock you out but George was the
first one I have ever seen who could kill you. One thing I was thinking right
now: in his greatest fight Foreman was 1.93/98.7 Kg. This says a lot about how
overweight the modern fighters are! For instance: Jameel "the Bouncer" Mc Cline
1.98/124, Mike Tyson 1.51/101<br>Botha 1.88/107, Lewis 1.94/112, Rahman
1.89/111.<br>Let alone the wrestlers, for instance Andre' was<br>1.73/245
!!!!!!<br>

I agree in terms of 'big heavies'.
A lot of them are overweight I feel. The division is quite boring at the moment
because the fighters are just too big and slow and lumbering. A lot of fighters,
like Rahman are two stone overweight. I think the most exciting era's are when
the guys were around the 15st-16stone mark - where size was equalled by skill.
The balance now has gone in the favour of size. Best fighters in the last 30
years : - <br>larry Holmes - 210lbs<br>Muhammad Ali - 210-225lbs<br>Ken
Norton - 210-220lbs<br>George Foreman - 217-235 (prime)<br>Joe Frazier -
210lbs<br>Mike Tyson - 215-222lbs (prime)<br>Evander Holyfield - 205-
220lbs<br>The exceptions - <br>Lennox Lewis - 227lbs - 256lbs (last
fight)<br>Riddick Bowe - 235lbs - 252lbs (last but one fight)<br>Most of
the heavy fights now have very little punching and plenty of mauling - very tedious
- the recent Klitschko-Sanders bout reminded me of the Jess Willard - Jack
Johnson bout in terms of skill - it was poor, very poor - exciting but
poor.<br>

I think that Ali's greatest fight
was against Giorgio Eduardo Foreman! It was a masterpiece, he fought toe to toe
with one of the greatest heavyweights of all time and knocked him out
eventually."<br>I agree; that translates to "THE MUMMY" in Italian, right?
One of Ali's greatest assets was his ability to take a punch. He didn't slip
everything that FOREMAN threw at him and he did do a magnificent job. It's just
unfortunate that he didn't retire then and there.<br>Many fighters are
bigger today than they were back in the 60's/70's. A lot of fighters weight
train today, which adds considerable bulk, whereas back then it wasn't that
common for a fighter to weight train. They are also growing taller, but not
necessarily tougher. <br>NOAM it's always hairdressers like yourself who run
around making insinuations etc. Get a life you little PUSSY and join the
MARINES.<br>

Interesting
that Wladimir Klitschko's comeback fight is going to be against DaVarryl
Williamson, a small heavyweight in the 210 pound range but one who can punch.
We could be saying "timber" all over again if Wlad gets tagged but then again,
Williamson is also known for not taking a good punch. Got to give W.K. credit
for this one though as he selected a dangerous opponent who could hurt him,
which shows he is trying to head off his problem by not taking the easy way out
by taking on a softy.<br>By the way, Williamson holds a knockout win over
300 pound Correy Sanders (American, not South African). A fight in which he was
badly hurt or knocked down, I don't remember which, but he came back to score a
KO in about round six over Sanders.<br>I don't know what to think about W.K.
He can look like the best in the world one minute then the next he can be
stumbling around like a bum after he gets hit hard.<br>I know that for
whatever reason, he has stamina problems but even if has solved those problems,
he still gets rubbery legged every time he is hit hard and I don't think the
ability to take a punch can be taught. A fighter either has this ability or he
doesn't have it.<br>

How could Chuvalo vrs
Quarry be a great fight for Chuvalo, he got his ass kicked. I guess it looks
good on paper but believe me Chuvallo got his ass kicked........

I don't know much about boxing, although it seems to me that Ali's best performance was probably that loss against Norton when he fought the entire fight with a broken jaw. Was that the first or the second fight? Imagine the pain fighting one of the toughest men in history with an injury like that. If Ali wasn't the greatest, then he was certainly the toughest. Pete, even if we were both hairdressers, poor old Gerry still wouldn't have a chance. When he gets shook up, as he has been lately, his rug gets lopsided making him look like Mel Brooks. He hasn't got Mel's sense of humour though. Maybe you can answer me something, Pete. When Michael Moore demonises and ridicules George W. and the republicans, there is shrill laughter from guys like Gerry. But if someone dares to say that Kerry looks like Herman Munster (and he does), guys like Gerry start throwing handbags and tantrums. Go figure.

Quarry was Chuvalo's best night. He was losing the fight and was getting his butt kicked. However he turned it around with a left hook to knock out Jerry Quarry. I have watched the fight 10 times and have 25 or so of George's fights on tape. The only other fights that could come close are his KO of ranked Doug Jones or Beating Bob Cleroux for the Canadian Title. Manuel Ramos was already on the slippery slope when they fought.

What about the 2 Ali-Chuvalo fights? I have seen a synthesis of the first fight and it was pretty close, George held his own very well. Thank you.

I actually know the perfect way that George Foreman could have beaten Ali the night he lost. This is of course after seeing every Ali fight numerous times and seeing the holes in his defense. I'll share that sometime.

Joe, I only saw the Quarry Chuvalo fight once that was on TV when it happened and my memory was of Jerry in total control and that left hook was a straight jab that caught Jerry off balance...one day I'll see it again. I don't know how you guys get to see these great fights.

Joe, I think Foreman could have beaten Ali that night if he had tried to slow down the pace and had not fallen into the trap set by Ali of Ali fighting off of the ropes if Foreman had adopted the strategy that Ron Lyle tried. By backing off and using his very underrated jab and not moving in as aggressively, Foreman could have saved his energy for a hard charge in the later rounds. Foreman would try to keep the fight in the middle of the ring, just the opposite of what a big slugger is supposed to do. Lyle tried this and was quite successful, leading on the judges cards after ten rounds only to be stopped while out on his feet in round eleven. It led to a not very exciting fight but it was a brilliant strategy that not many people would have thought of. Lyle's trainers deserve a lot of credit for the plan. The strategy for Foreman, surprisingly, would be to win on points. By not falling into Ali's trap by rushing in, Foreman throws and lands enough punches to keep him slightly ahead through the early and middle rounds and then he could have thrown caution to the wind in the later rounds and tried for the knockout then, but still settled for a decision. But like Frazier charging straight ahead against Foreman in the fight when Foreman won the title, Frazier's strategy had worked against everyone
else, so why would Frazier try anything different? Foreman or his trainers also would not have had a reason to try something different as their methods had also worked against everyone else, including two fighters who had beaten Ali, Frazier and Ken Norton.

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| 9/9/04 07:01:24 PM | Nick (The Bum) Bonatelli | Keatonville, USA |

The fight with Zanon was one of Jerry's best fights. Lorenzo, that (or who) almost everyone called Renzo (from I Promessi Sposi by Alessandro Manzoni) was very strong, as he showed against Norton and Holmes. I told you all that I am the greatest of all time! Don't make me the underdog until I'm fifty years old. Muhammad Ali!, 30 Ottobre 1974, Zaire, Africa.
have won against Ali that day under almost any circumstances. It was fate for Ali to regain the title and pull the upset. Foreman was a co-star in the movie, but Ali was the star. If there had been a rematch, I think Foreman MIGHT have taken Ali. He could have gone to the body more to take Ali's legs away. He could have punched more selectively to avoid fatigue. But you know, Ali withstood Shavers best and it makes me wonder if Foreman could have KOed Ali, even if he connected. It would be tough for Foreman to go the then 15 round distance. "Ali's Alley" was rounds 10-15 and who's to say that Foreman would have enough gas in the tank that late in the fight? Foreman made his name by taking guys out in 2 or 3 rounds, not outboxing them over 15. It's why I respect the new Foreman so much---he learned to pace himself and stay competitive over the whole fight. |
Standards and beliefs in Muslim countries? You wish. The people there are told what to believe at the point of a knife. They have standards beaten into them. They don't have a choice. That's why, when given the choice, Muslims prefer to live in the west where they are allowed to have their own standards and beliefs. Yet they criticize and whine and generally show no appreciation. They always criticize, rather than praise. At least with what George W. has done, Iraq now has a chance at freedom. It may not work, but what was the choice under Saddam? It's easy to criticize the west, but at least our standards and beliefs allow its citizens to chose their own standards and beliefs. Go try that in the Muslim world and if you're lucky they'll only cut your right hand off. | 9/10/04 06:02:08 PM|Angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com||10

Noam: This might be my shortest post ever---I have nothing to add to what you said other than "here, here." | 9/10/04 06:06:44 PM|A.P.K.|Roma||I bet will be together for a million years.| 9/10/04 07:00:25 PM|Evren|London||10

Noam I do not disagree with you. But do you think what you write shows that America and the UK shouldnt have got involved as they are in a 'no-win' situation? Damned if they do damned if they dont. |

9/11/04 03:12:59 AM|Massimo|Roma||10|The Italians and the allied nations are doing a good job in Iraq ! |

9/11/04 06:05:09 AM|Brandi Quarry|Indiana||brandiquarry3@msn.com||10|Would you please tell me what's going on here, this is a boxing site, and I for one am really getting tired of all the politics, let's get back to boxing, if you want to talk about all this other stuff, write your Sen. let them know how you feel, I really don't care here about it, God Bless our families that are there for us. |


9/11/04 02:03:57 PM|VIDEO POST #11|The Jerry Quarry Foundation||TJQF||10|The Chuvalo discussion was a little while back, but I wanted to mention the excellent documentary on the first Ali Chuvalo fight. On DVD, it's called The Last Round - Chuvalo vs Ali. I can't recommend it enough. If you think you know Chuvalo now, you don't until you see this film. It profiles him from childhood until the first Ali fight. Chuvalo comes across as intelligent, proud, funny and respectful of Ali. I came away with great appreciation for him. Check out this preview clip. | 9/11/04 02:57:50 PM|Massimo|Roma||10|Great VIDEO POST thanks ! The fight was like I remembered it: pretty close ! Chuvalo held his own pretty well. What did Chuvalo say? If I got it right he said that Ali' was the quickest guy he ever met. Am I right? Ali was not fooling around, Angelo Dundee ! I have read somewhere that after the fight Ali' said he was not in top shape and Dundee said the same. You can't step into the ring in bad shape against a guy like Chuvalo! Chuvalo did beat Dante Calc' once or maybe even twice ( I don't remember well ), so he was very strong ! |

9/11/04 04:54:51 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|I for one am going to knock it off regarding the political talk per our host Brandi's wishes. I hope everyone else does the same. | 9/11/04 05:05:45 PM|Silvio Berlusconi|Roma from Arcore|| I remember Richard Nixon, the n. 1 |||
talk about political stuff. Let's talk about the Chuck Wepner- Andre' Rousimoff fight in 1976. That was boxing, at least at 50 % !

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<td>I wonder if Bowe has passed an MRI scan as he had apparent damage from before. In fact, a judge reduced his sentence when he kidnapped his wife and kids because his behavior was attributed to ring damage. I have a bad feeling about this one as if something terrible is about to happen. Allowing Bowe to fight does no one good, Bowe or boxing in general.</td>
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| To clarify-
Cooney could have beaten Bugner. 

If Morrison had Jerry's chin he could have whipped all of them. With the right people handling him of course. If Jerry had not cut easily Jerry would have been even greater because he would not have to fight out of desperation (Ali, Norton, Frazier). 

Bugner being stronger and quicker than Jerry. 

Bobick never recovered from 72 Olympic loss to Stevenson. I wonder what ever happened to him? 

Jerry did not last more rounds against Ali and Frazier as Bugner, for he was trying to win, Bugner was unaggressive in an aggressive sport, he even lost to Larry Middleton if we are talking common opponents, no I think Quarry would have got inside Bugner and do a number on him, and Bugner being stronger and quicker than Jerry. 

I've seen them both dozens of times. To me its exactly they opposite, Bugner's big height and reach helped him, not his laziness in big bouts. 

Iron Mike Tyson should never again be mentioned in that category. 

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Bugner never beat anyone as good as Quarry though, so I doubt he wins here. 

Tommy Morrison had a problem taking a punch and had some devastating KO losses in his time he was blown out by his peers. He wasn't in the same class as Jerry Quarry he never came close. Too Musclebound to Holywood. He was stronger than Cooney or Bobick but I think Cooney could stop him and Bobick was ordinary after Stevenson. 

Holyfield is seeking to fight the British and Commonwealth champion Matt Skelton (37 years old). 

Did I ever tell you of Rosa Coletti? 

I have heard Rosa Coletti was a tiny girl. Is that true Alfredo? 

I too was sad to hear about Morrison's steroid use, but let's be honest, do you think he is the only one who used (or is using them)? Once the genie is out the bottle as it is with steroids, it becomes a dislikable but accepted fact. What are we supposed to do, close the record books or stop all comparisons now that boxers use steroids? I don't have the answer, would welcome opinions. 

It would be useful to have an idea of which is the percentage of the boxers who (or that) make use of steroids. Severity is the only solution to this problem. If I discover you, you are not going to fight anymore and you have to pay a big amount of money for robbery, for fooling people around, and for infangare l' immagine of your sport.
I have no idea how widespread steroid use is in boxing. Morrison said it was common, but he may be justifying his own usage—or he may be telling the truth. I guess only strict testing will weed it out.

Morrison said that 'all the top heavyweights' were using it. He said that they knew exactly when to use it to avoid being caught. What a sad state of affairs. Boxers have to cheat to be better?(stronger, bigger) boxers. I recall quite a few olympic boxers who were around 205lbs then you saw them a few years later as pro's at 250lb's and huge with huge jaws! What do they do go to bed with their feet in a grow bag????!!!!!?

One fight of Morrison's that stands out in my mind is his bout with Joe Hipp. Hipp, a chubby looking southpaw who was considered a class below Morrison's level and who was supposed to be a tune up for Morrison gave Tommy one of the fights of his life, breaking Morrison's jaw in the process. Morrison ended up pulling it out with a late round knockout.<br>I remember the announcer saying, "just on the basis of superior stanima, Hipp has a real chance of winning this fight." But then Morrison did his late round dramas, I believe it was the ninth, to pull out a knockout win.<br>What did Morrison's steroid use do, if he was using them at the time, other than give him a more sculpted look? Morrison always had the knockout punch that could bail him out of trouble and he would have had that regardless of steroids. In fact, as the announcer pointed out, it was the unadonis looking Hipp who was the better conditioned fighter. So the drug use did nothing to help Morrison in that regard.

Perhaps steroid use helped Morrison pull it out of the bag, Kent! I remember when Tommy was coming up on ESPN every couple of weeks along with Ray Mercer and Bowe..he was like a 206lbs kinda unmuscled looking guy - but boy could he bang!! By the time of his fight with Ruddock he was built like a giant Vinny Paz!!

Tommy Morrison was a good but never a great heavyweight; Michael "Who" Bennt knocked him out in the first round and Lennox Lewis completely dominated him. His best wins were against Pinklon Thomas, Donovan Ruddock and his second round knockout of Union Kane but all these guys were over the mountain at the time of their fight with the "Machine". He was a disaster in the street, also !

Yeah, I saw video of Sly Stallone taking on Morrison in the streets of Philadelphia and Stallone kicked his ass. Kept calling him "Tommy Gunn".

I'm no expert, but logic probably dictates that steroids might not be all that useful in boxing. I don't think Tyson could have been any more 'muscled up' than he was in his hey day. Any extra bulk would have slowed him down. Same with Foreman. Neither would have been any better (presuming Iron Mike wasn't already on the stuff !)

Ali didn't rely on muscle or strength, so steroids wouldn't have helped him. You could have given Morrison and his ilk plane loads of steroids, but Ali, Frazier, Louis and the rest still would have brained 'em. Would Foster - the svelte fighter who replied on speed, sheer ability, and agility to win fights - have been any more dominant in the light heavies than he already was had he been on steroids ? The emphatic answer is 'no'. Foster on steroids would not have been a light heavy. He would have been a good heavyweight - but certainly not a great one.

We all remember the little kid with boxing ability in the school playground outclassing the muscled bully with strength but no boxing nose. I think a good boxer without steroids would ALWAYS beat a bad boxer whacked out on plane loads of steroids.

Down through the ages of boxing the only thing that really improved skills was better knowledge, better training, better attitude, and better diet. And then every so often the next
A genetic model of human came along. Someone like Louis or Clay or Tyson.<br>Steroids do not make you more intelligent, more skillful, or more courageous. And steroids probably make athletes lazier. The steroid user took the biggest shortcut there is — pushing a needle in their arms rather than pushing more weights in training — so they say to themselves, "What the heck, I'll eat that jam doughnut instead of that raw carrot." Steroid cheaters take more and more shortcuts and train less and less and in the end the steroids are only making up for the shortfall in training that ultimately develops (if you get my drift).<br>More than anything else, steroids are a psychological downfall. The steroided athlete in his heart-of-hearts knows that he is a cheat. He has problems looking the other guy in the eye. Heck, he can't even be truthful with himself because he's out telling so many lies covering up.<br>So when the going gets really tough, the steroid cheater won't go that extra inch of exertion needed to win. He'll give up.<br>In my mind, steroids are over stated. Taking steroids is an admission that you aren't as good as the others and that you need to cheat to catch up to them.<br>Breathing in the atmosphere of a big fight crowd was the only 'steroid' that the greats wanted!<br>By the way, if we want to beat steroid use, then we have to pick on the guys who arrange and supply the stuff. What's the penalty for supplying a steroid to an athlete? I don't think there is a penalty.<br>By the way, if we want to beat steroid use, then we have to pick on the guys who arrange and supply the stuff. What's the penalty for supplying a steroid to an athlete? I don't think there is a penalty.<br> |
| 9/16/04 06:08:52 PM | Bob Bumbera| NC || renfbera@aol.com | ||||10|| Noam, steroids are a controlled substance and if you are caught using or distributing them you will be fined heavily or if your an unknown gym rat you may even spend time in jail. As for helping athletic performance, more records in track and field, weight lifting and many other sports have been set while athletes were on steroids. Not all, but a high percentage of NFL players use drugs to enhance their productivity on the field. It has spread to other sports as well. Of course athletes in most major sports are training year round with much better nutrition than just 20 years ago, so you would expect their bodies to look better, more chiseled, less smooth than in the past. I am quite there are a number of prizefighters that are using performance enhancing drugs, Roy Jones Jr. failed a drug test once, and I believe Shane Mosley is another. I do agree that in boxing, steroids may help a few fighters but for the most part, not the majority. Boxing is not a true strength sport and you don't need to run the 100 meters in 9.45 seconds, although it might help if Mike Tyson was after you. You can't make some punch harder than they can, if you can't punch no drug in the world will increase your power. You'll be looking good in your trunks though. Hey Massimo...quit talking to yourself already! |
| 9/17/04 08:41:47 AM | Evren| London | ||@ || |||10|| This is a very interesting debate. If the steroids do not help then why are these top athletes/boxers taking them? I know that they help increase size and muscle. Increasing your size could be argued as a cheating advantage, bigger muscles usually mean more strength. If they didn't make a difference why would knowledgeable fighters take them — why would they run the risk if it wasn't helping. Could it be that the steroids help speed up injury repair? From Jerry's era I remember Jack O'Halloran as one of the guys who took them...agreed..it didnt help him! He lost both of his legs if I remember correctly. |
| 9/17/04 12:03:29 PM | Massimo| Roma | ||4 || |||10|| What kind of correlation there is between muscular size and punching power is not that obvious. I mean, A.Schwartznegger's biceps are twice bigger than M. Tyson's, but I'd bet that Tyson can punch at least twice harder than Schwartzy. Primo Carnera had probably the biggest biceps of all the heavyweight champions in history and his power was good, but Louis, Foreman, Tyson, Marciano, Godfrey, Baer and many others could punch harder. There is surely a positive correlation, I am unmuscled and I can't break an egg (slang), but I think that even the quality of the muscular cells plays an important roll (ruolo). |
Thomas Hearns was tall and skinny like Jimmie Walker (Massimo, that's Kid Dyn-o-mite!). But damned, Hearns punches slammed home like a sledgehammer.

Yeah, Jimmy Wilde weighted not more than an Idrogen atom and was shorter than Andre' but could punch like hell. His professional record was 131-3-2 ! Could Andre' punch? Who knows? Could Alex P.Keaton punch? Could Ralph Malph punch? Could Alfred Del Vecchio punch? Could Fonzie punch? I just wonder...

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Kent, even Ralph Malph fought a bout against a guy that (or who, i haven't understood well yet) was twice his size! Ralph showed a big heart but was beaten unfortunately. Well, Fonzie knocked out that big guy with one punch! If Potsie had fought George Chuvalo, he would have likely lost, but Fonzie would have knocked George Chuvalo out with one punch! |

I take your point, but even though steroids are a controlled substance, the punishment is light. Has anyone ever gone to jail for it? My view is taking steroids helps some sports and not others. I say again that a good boxer without steroids will always beat a bad boxer with steroids. But that is not the case in other sports. Sprinters seem to get a lot of benefit from steroids, as in Ben Johnson's case. Steroids seem to give explosive off-the-mark power that benefits sprinters a lot. Maybe the benefit of steroids is more in the legs than the arms. Obviously the power sports like weightlifting and throwing the steel ball (shotput?) would benefit greatly from steroids, too.

Bob

You could make a fighters punches faster with the right training and drugs. You can do it with sprinters right? A guy like Chris Byrd who was a middleweight then three years later 210 pounds, a pretty good size 210 pounds too. Did he benefit from...
drug use to get bigger? Evander Holyfield, who has always been accused of some kind of drug use, could barely keep 190 on his body then he’s fighting at 212 looking like Kenny Norton. You can name several others also. The muscle recovery thing Evren mentioned maybe the biggest reason for drug use by fighters. A big money fight coming up, you pull or tear a muscle in training, the right steroid will heal the injury faster and get you back in training. I’m not saying Chris Byrd or Evander Holyfield have used drugs either. When I was in my early twenties I went from 185 to a rock solid 215 just from weight training and good nutrition, so I can understand how an elite athlete can get bigger and stronger without drug use. Also, there is so much money in boxing these days, I think some fighters will resort to drug use to try and get an edge on the competition. I think the odd part is, in boxing it rarely works. | 9/18/04 04:04:07 AM|Evren|London||8||10|I would thing that it would also give fighters more energy for training also. I remember when I used to go to my local gym there would be guys in the tolets injecting themselves. A while later they would be working out like some beast - really sad. These guys were so agressive. <br> | 9/18/04 11:29:50 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|But the one thing steroids couldn't do is help the mental aspect of the game. The drug would put the fighter into an aggresive rage and this is the sort of thing that would play into the hands of a thinking fighter like Muhammed Ali.<br><br>One of the reasons Ali would make fun of opponents, make up silly names for them, and to make round predictions for the knockout, was to get the fighters angry so that he would have better control of them in the ring! | 9/18/04 05:55:16 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|I honestly think that Ali' would have had some problem against Wilt. Why ? Because he couldn't have jabbed Wilt and he couldn't have punched Wilt directly to the face. He should have gone to the body first but Ali' wasn't a body puncher ! I'm not saying that Ali' would have lost, I think he would have found a way to win, I'm just saying that it wouldn't have been an easy fight. On the other hand, since styles make fights, i think that Giorgio Eduardo would have beaten Wilt very quickly because he was a great body puncher. Too bad that Ali' and Wilt didn't fight ! That one would have been really a cool, unforgettable fight ! A fight for the ages !<br><br>PS; probably Wilt couldn't take a punch.| 9/19/04 02:59:42 AM|a|b||c||10|Wilt v Ali ? TIIIIIMMMBEEEEEEEER !!!!!!!<br> | 9/19/04 07:06:31 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|Why did De la Hoya go to the canvas in the ninth round of his fight with Hopkins? That wasn't an hard punch, it was only a body punch that (or which) I would have taken without blinking. Hopkins was clearly ahead at<br>the time of the knockout.| 9/19/04 09:57:10 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|10|Massimo, body punches can be very devastating if they are in the right spot. It was a punch to the liver and apparently at the right angle.<br><br>J. Quarry was knocked down by a left hook to the body by Frazier in their second fight and it is one of the only times he didn't get up and win the fight. He beat the count but he was stopped on his feet in the next round. Believe me, if Jerry was around today, I am sure he would tell you it was a legitimate knockdown.<br><br>Soon after being knocked out by Hopkins, Oscar said a word of 4 letters. I swear !| 9/19/04 02:50:23 PM|Margo Dydek|Roma||4||10|If you think that the Frazier II knockdown was not an anomaly, and featured anything close to Jerry in his prime, go ask those who know better. In '69 he would have laughed that off body shot. Maybe a valid general point about body punching - but a really bad, and (considering the site where you have tried to make your bones) a wholly inappropriate example in support thereof.<br><br> | 9/20/04 12:42:17 AM|Kent Appel|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|10|Fan, I was not attempting to judge how much Jerry had left at the time of Frazier 2 as compared to his skills in his prime. I was just using it as an example of a
good, well placed body shot, which it was and I am sure Jerry would have noted this also. There was no bad intentions towards Jerry Quarry because if you knew me, you would know nothing could be further from the truth. I am a friend of the Quarries and they know I have always been a strong supporter of Jerry and one of his biggest fans and the regulars here, who are his biggest fans, know the same. I carry their opinions much higher than some newcomer who won't sign his real name and who knows nothing about me. I am also a part time boxing journalist and if you want to know my take on the Quarries, I suggest you go to www.eastsideboxing.com and look up the following articles, "Mike Quarry, a Warrior in his Own Right," "Quarry defeats Streaking Lyle," about the 1973 Jerry Quarry vs. Ron Lyle fight, and "An Interview with James Quarry, President of the Jerry Quarry Foundation." If you put those titles in a Google search, they should come up on the list of items about the Quarries. The Lyle article comes up on some other websites also. James (Mr. Jimmy) was a personal friend of mine as is Bob Quarry and I have also had several long talks with Mike Quarry as well. In fact, I sat next to Bob and sister Brenda at the Quarry table during Mike's induction into the California Boxing Hall of Fame banquet and ceremony. In fact the article, "A Warrior in his Own Right" is about Mike getting named to the California Hall of Fame. I am also very proud that Bob gave a copy of my article to his mother, Arwanda Quarry, and she read it and enjoyed it. I don't usually like to toot my own horn about getting to know some of the Quarry family but this "so called Fan" ticked me off, one of Jerry's biggest fans, and I saw no other way to get my point across.

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9/20/04 01:05:40 AM|toot, toot, toot, toot, toot, and TOOOOOOOOOOT!!
9/20/04 08:44:46 AM|He can toot his own horn any time as what he says is probably true.
9/20/04 09:15:48 AM|Kent: I agree with you---and whether or not JQ was in his prime is besides the point. Honestly, we'll never know if a 1969 Quarry would have gone down from the Frazier body shot, but I seriously doubt he'd "laugh" it off. And while knockdowns from body blows aren't common, I've seen them enough to know that it happens. Also, sometimes a fierce body punch is followed by a head shot and results in a knockdown---and the body shot is responsible for half the damage.
9/20/04 10:58:53 AM|Charles: Agreed---and I also think it's a shame that JQ took the second Frazier fight. After 1973, he had earned the right to fight for the title without taking on any more top contenders. If Foreman couldn't, or wouldn't, give Quarry an immediate title fight, Quarry should have been allowed to take a tune-up against a trial
horse, then get a title shot later. As it turns out, the title shot would have been at Ali, not Foreman. | Kent 'the Tooter' Appel |
The thing is this person who won't identify himself who suggests I am taking a cheap shot at Jerry has a lot of nerve and you and I go a ways back now, about four years worth, and you of all people know I would not do such a thing. If anything, I have been accused of being biased towards the Quarrys, which I don't think is true either but at least that would make some sense as I am a strong supporter of them. On the other hand, saying I am putting down Jerry when all I said was the body shot in Frazier 2 was a good one makes no sense.

Oh by the way, the title of my 2002 Quarry vs. Lyle article is actually, "Quarry upsets Streaking Lyle." If anyone is interested, they can put this title and the other titles I mentioned in a Google search and the article link(s) will come up.

As another astute poster said, Jerry should not even have taken Frazier II. Look at the videos of Quarry-Frazier I vs. Quarry-Frazier II. Jerry looks like a physically smaller person in the latter. He didn't just run out of gas in that fight, he had almost nothing left at that point in his career. Before the fight, the press felt that Joe was the one who was shot, and favored Quarry to retire him, but it was Jerry who was further along than they realized. I was there (and, BTW, at Lyle as well, and several others). As a Quarry fan, it was a terrible night. We all thought, boy, Jerry's really on his way to the title this time. What a blow.

(P.S. I was at the Hopkins fight, which prompted our present discussion, the other night. I am sure that our resident journalist was also in attendance, presumably in the VIP section.)

Over the years, I also had conversations with James, and Mike, and Jerry for that matter, and I have been a longtime fan (blah blah blah - want my entire resume?) The point is, the image of Jerry on his knee while poor Joe Louis founders - particularly as Frazier mercifully implores him to stop the fight - is one that I as a Quarry fan would rather forget. Kind of like the Norton or Zanon debacles (two guys Jerry would have taken apart, with ease, in his prime).

That's why the reference to that body shot seemed tantamount (to me) to an Ali fan using the Larry Holmes fight as a paradigm of some sort.

On the other hand, we're all fans, so why don't we try to become a bit less pedantic and just enjoy the site.

Fan, again I didn't say anything about the state of Jerry's skills in Frazier 2 just that the body shot was a very good punch. I am just surprised that you took such offense to it because no malice was intended. I don't think anyone else took it as such and while I agree, it was something a Quarry fan didn't like to see, all I said was it was a good example of a hard body shot.

It is like when talking to Mike if someone mentioned the left hook by Foster that knocked him out, Mike would agree that it was one helluva a punch and he wouldn't be offended by the comment because it was one helluva a punch!

No, I wasn't at Hopkins/De La Hoya as I am house sitting for a relative who is out of town, planned well in advance and even if I had gone, I likely would have been in the back of press row, about six rows back, hardly the VIP section. As I said, I am part time in my journalism efforts, hardly well known enough to get many perks. I will be at James Toney's comeback fight against a guy named Rydell Booker this week. It should be fun as Toney events are usually entertaining.

If you wonder why I was taken aback by your comments, please understand I had no intention of putting Jerry Quarry down, a fine brave fighter who I admired a lot and continue to admire. I was surprised you responded the way you did. I hope you can see now that as I said, no malice was intended.

I have read
a recent interview in which Toney said that all the other fighters are bums and that it will be LIGHTS OUT for them. Cassius Clay from Liousville, Kentucky was humble in comparison! But he is really a great champion, and I think the only real threat to Vitali's title. I think he would take Vitali best shots and would likely beat him on points. It would be a great fight. As far as I am concerned (good English), Kent Appel is easily top five in the list of the Quarry fans, a fine gentleman, a guy with good sense of humour and a very good singer! And he stood next to Wilt Chamberlain and saw Andre' in person...

I wonder what weight Toney will come in at? I saw him about a little over a month ago and he appeared a little too heavy. Not surprising as he has had a long layoff.

I am going to try and ask him how his weight is before he weighs in and knowing Toney, he will likely snap at me as I am overweight. But I am not the one going into the ring.

Funny how about a year ago, I had asked him before the Holyfield fight how his weight was coming and he didn't take offense and he agreed with me that as a smaller heavyweight he should weigh in around 210 to 215 pounds, he was 217 for Holyfield, close to the ideal range for him at heavyweight. I think he may say something to me about questioning his weight as I am guessing he will likely weigh over 220, maybe 225 for Booker. I don't think Toney will be any stronger at 220 to 225 than he would be at 210 to 215 but he would lose that important speed ingredient, something that he likely will be able to get away with against inexperienced Booker, although undefeated, he hasn't fought anybody near the level of Toney.

I think Jimmy Young illustrates your point. Late in his career, when he came in heavy and tried to be more of a power puncher, he was mostly ineffective, losing to Ocasio twice. When he was lean, his reflexes and speed easily overcame a weight disadvantage.

My point exactly and other examples are a lot of the crusierweights who try and step up to heavyweight. For instance, Vassiliy Jirov weighed in at 211 pounds for his fight with Joe Mesi. I thought he was about ten pounds too heavy as he looked quite sluggish at times and this was what lost him the fight. I don't think he was any stronger at 211 than he would have been at 205 or even 200 but the speed element was missing. As it was, he almost pulled it out by knocking down the 235 pound Mesi no less than three times in the last two rounds only to come up barely short on the scorecards after being out hustled by Mesi during most of the early rounds. Jirov still would have had the power at the lower weight, maybe he wouldn't have as much power if he had to make weight down to 190 but at about 200 to 205 the power would have been there plus the speed and he likely could have knocked down and hurt Mesi earlier in the fight or at least one more rounds to get the decision. A lot of the argument about today's bigger heavyweights being better than their smaller counterparts from the past is the inability of most crusierweights today to be successful in the heavyweight division. But I don't think the crusierweights give themselves their best chance because most of them are fighting in the 220+ pound range.
They couldn't be in their best shape if they suddenly go from 190 pounds or so to 220 even with today's improved weight training and nutrition. The only exception to the rule in recent history was Evander Holyfield who was somewhere between 205 to 215 in his prime and he was very successful. Holyfield did not start weighing at 220+ until later in his career and he has a lot of losses to show for it. Much of blame for the losses have to do with him sticking around too long and Father Time catching up to him but the extra weight didn't help him. Can you imagine John Ruiz at any stage of his career keeping up with the "Real" in prime Real Deal at say 209 pounds? No way! James Toney has the next chance of being the next lighter fighter to be a real threat to the heavyweight title if he keeps his weight down. Of course Roy Jones Jr. did defeat Ruiz to win a heavyweight title belt, WBA, but that was likely just a one shot deal. But still Jones did show that a good 190 pound fighter can beat a 225+ heavyweight by the lighter fighter using his speed advantage.

In the best fight of his career against Schmeling Joe Louis weighted in at 89.9 Kg. He would have killed Mc Cline, Hoffman, Whitaker, Corey Sanders etc. When he beat the great Carnera he wighted in at 194 lbs. These boxers-bouncers of today are too heavy! When he beat the great Carnera he wighted in at 194 lbs. These boxers-bouncers of today are too heavy!

Even at the press conference about a little over a month ago to announce the fight he was touchy. A reporter I know asked Toney about his leg injury, a legitimate question about how it had healed, and Toney told him, "bend over and you will find out!" When the reporter gave him a puzzled look, Toney added, "I'll give you a kick in your ass and you will know how much it has healed!"
commented, "this will only last fifteen seconds before something breaks out," as the fighters were doing the posed stare down for the cameras and he was right. But good thing both fighters teams kept them seperated as some innocent people could have gotten hurt if a brawl had happened.<br>Toney, in my opinion is too heavy but he looked sculpted and in good shape, he is carrying the weight well but will it help him in the ring?<br><br>You say that security was light at the press conference but I think it's not the number but the quality of the bouncers that is important... I mean, with Calvin Lane nothing would have happened. Don't you think so ?<br><br>There was plenty of security on hand for the fight. In fact Rydell Booker could have used their help in fighting off Toney!!<br><br>Put an ass kicking on Booker... I guess it's American slang and I guess it means that Giacomo beat the s**t out of Booker ( someone who writes books). Ah Kent, parla Romano, aooooh :-) ! Giacomo is a great fighter! Now, I want Vitale Klitschko vs Giacomo Toney !!!!!!! The other guys outta there are chumps !<br><br>I still think he needs to lose about ten more pounds before he fights someone of note. Someone said he was about 250 before he started training so he is headed in the right direction.<br><br>I finally received some L.A. Times microfilm from Pullman Washington, mostly Quarry's bout with Machen, and I must say the L.A. sportswriters were down right viscious to Jerry. when is the last time they had a young undefeated heavyweight like Quarry? or ever! the way they talked you'd have thought the poor guy was 0-20. Said Machen had better watch it or bumbling clumsy Jerry might knock him into retirement. Said after Machen decisioned him, "See, told you Quarry cannot fight and never could." He was only 21!!! I guess he could not fight in the Nationals either.(record 5 kayoes 5 bouts) I lived that entire mess, growing up I was appalled then as a kid the way they treated Jerry Quarry, and I'd really forgotten how bad it really was.Referred to his family as the "Beverly Hillbillies" I GUESS THAT WOULD MAKE JERRY JETHRO!No wonder Jerry wanted to move to New York OR London or anywhere! They said teaching Jerry footwork was like teaching a Polar Bear to play the piano, you don't have much to work with to start with-Jim Murray.Those L.A. Writers had no class, Including JIM Murray. They were not watching the same fighter I did for 60 some odd bouts! And of course they made the big bucks, Las Vegas paper said Machen-Quarry was up for the California fight of the year, and Jerry himself was nothing but classy saying.he just was beat by a better fighter, and had went ten rounds with a punctured ear drum, courtesy of a Machen right hand, bellies the Jetro tag! I've
researched Jerry's whole career from every town he'd ever fought in, and believe it, Miami, Kansas City, Seattle, Las Vegas, St. Paul, San Antonio, Phoenix, San Francisco, New York, Atlanta, and all the rest, would not even dream of writing and belittling Quarry like that L.A. bunch! They should have been happy to make a living off of him, and wrote something "positive".

| 9/26/04 03:42:06 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA |
| 9/26/04 03:44:40 PM | Noam | same |

Don't know about the best pound-for-pound, but inch-for-inch Roy Jones Jnr has spent more time on his back this year than a Vegas show girl!

| 9/26/04 05:08:31 PM | Kent | La Habra, CA |

You are right, Jimmy D, the writers here were terrible to Jerry and a lot of them were a bunch of elitist snob *heads who wouldn't know a boxing ring from a circus round or their a*s from a hole in the ground! I would never trash a fighter, any fighter who puts his safety on the line every time he enters the ring as it takes a certain amount of guts to fight anyway. Win, lose, or draw, they all deserve respect.

| 9/26/04 07:16:27 PM | Angelo | DC |

Roy Jones Jr. certainly
has nothing to be ashamed of—he was indeed a fine fighter for many years, but
I don't think he was ever as great as the press made him out to be, or as he
made himself out to be. He was in the right place at the right time, won a lot
of fights, did so impressively, but never won a fight where he was tested and
pushed hard. It's similar to Pipino Cuevas—everyone talked about how great he
was pound for pound, how he was the next Duran, etc., until Thomas Hearns
destroyed him fast. |

I haven't seen Rodolfo Jones in the
ring that much but the few times I did he looked great! He did float like a
butterfly and did sting like a bee, just like Erminio Spalla! He gave Giacomo
Toney a boxing lesson!|

Roy Jones's chin deteriorated that
quickly I'm left wondering whether it had anything to do with the rapid weight
gain he had when he jumped up for the Ruiz fight. Did he take steroids
to put the weight on? Is that somehow the cause of the rapid deterioration in
his skills and the stubborness of his jaw?

Pipino Cuevas and Jones are two different type of fighters. Jones, at his best
was a brilliant counter puncher who used his great defensive skills to make
fighters miss and he would make them pay with fast punches of his
own. The comarison does make sense if you consider that apparently both
fighters have the same problem, a weak chin.

Cuevas was a slugger with
otherwise limited skills and if someone found a way to avoid his power, he was
very beatable. In Hearns' case he stayed on the outside and he used his long
reach to hurt Cuevas before Cuevas could get close enough to do damage of his
own. I think Cuevas' people avoided Sugar Ray Leonard because Leonard
would have boxed circles around Cuevas from the outside and would have either
won a lopsided decision or stopped Cuevas in the mid rounds. Cuevas was
very effective when he could get inside of a fighter and brawl but even then his
chin would sometimes let him down. I remember a brawl with Duran in which
Cuevas lost by about a fifth or sixth round knockout.

Was the Machen-Quarry fight one-sided
or did Jerry hold his own?

Kent: True

enough, all comments. But while Jones and Cuevas are different fighters, and
Jones accomplished a lot more holding the title, I do believe his mystique has
tarnished horribly. He was a top notch fighter and as I said, accomplished a
lot, but his last few fights have relugated him to "very, very good" instead of
all-time great, in my opinion. And I guess one of my issues is that in my mind,
I feel he really started to believe his own hype, which was soundly thrashed.

Glen Johnson surprised everyone by defending his title---it just goes to show that on
a given night, anything can happen. I think Johnson figured that he'd force the
action and make Jones go on the defensive from the beginning. Johnson probably
thought "Who is this guy to take my belt and mess with my family's future!!"
I'm impressed that Jones hung in and fought back, but at this point, Jones
should consider hanging it up. He's done all he could do and has a lot of
money. Time to move on. The type of one punch KO's he's endured are scary---
he's a fine champion who dominated the sport for a couple years---there's no
reason to get hurt. Ditto for Riddick Big Daddy Bowe. He won his first
comeback fight, but he's been smart with his money (supposedly has many
millions) so why come back? He says he misses the lights, attention and
glory.
32-5 WITH 20 KNOCKOUTS IS AMAZING, IF HE IS THE "GREATEST" this is a good argument, his whole career was top ten fighters and 24-0 17 knockouts vs the rest. One other thing Kent, that microfilm makes JQ'S bouts seem "live" i was mad at those writers all day yesterday! HA!!

9/27/04 05:20:42 PM|Ralph Sampson (not Malph)|Roma, remember Nerone ?|||there was a kangaroo in my living room.|I guess that Machen dominated the fight, but Jerry was still a great fighter!|<br><br>Evandro " Fauls deal " Holyfield will return to the ring against that wimp Larry Donald on 13 November. Maybe he will stop fighting only when he'll be seriously injured with a record of 37-38-1 !

9/27/04 11:44:56 PM|kookoo|ny|||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||I see that DKS is still here, always was a detractor. I heard once that he was real smart, college and all, going to be a counseler, YEA RIGHT, I'M SURE :)))

9/28/04 12:58:45 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca|||kentallenent@aol.com|||Koo Koo, looks like you were right about James Toney. That guy, Rydell Booker insulted him at the weigh in so he punished the guy for twelve rounds. He didn't put him away as Toney appears to have a real mean streak. I think Toney could have knocked the guy out at some point but he didn't. Was it on purpose? Quite possible.

9/28/04 01:05:52 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||Ah KooKoo, te infilo un braccio in gola e te rivorto come un carzino ! Te pio pe l'orecchie e te scarto come 'na caramella ! Che cazzo vuol di' DKS ? Anvedi questo ! (Roman slang).|

9/28/04 08:10:40 AM|Charles Anderson|ark.||ctjjandfam@aol.com|||roy jones,jr. is a shot fighter. age has nothing to do with it.(hopkins). tommy morrison never recovered his being ko'd by mercer, prime example. bowe is through too. but he will hang around too long too, if thse commisions continue to grant him a liscence.

9/28/04 09:46:54 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC|||funktron@yahoo.com|||Charles: I agree, but I have to admit, I didn't see it coming. At what point should I (and a lot of others) have clued in that Jones was shot? I mean, he really doesn't seem to have anything left. He went from the top to being an also-ran faster than I could ever imagine. What signs did we miss on this? He beats Ruiz and people are talking about Tyson and other nonsense, now he gets KOed twice by two punches---and Glen Johnson????.

9/28/04 05:28:06 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||ESPN showed Leonard-Hearns tonight! What a fight! Hearns fought very well the first 5 rounds but Salt Ray had him in trouble in round 6 and 7. Tommaso came back well in rounds 9-10 and 12 just to have his ass whipped in the followings two rounds. Both fighters moved very well but Salt Ray could take a punch better than Tommaso. The quality of the fight was excellent, even better than Carnera-Impelletiere. It is incredible that Hearns weighted only about 65 Kg, wilt and muscular as he was. There were Cassio Marcello, Larry (sorry, but Larry is hard to translate) and the legendary Giovanni Patrizio Mc Enroe at ringside.<br><br>PS: this ain't Roman slang.

9/29/04 11:37:14 AM|Koo koo|ny|||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||your right kent, toney is a symptom of todays screwed up youth, which he should be smarter because he's getting on the old side for boxing.<br><br>he'll get his, they all do, they just have to keep boxing.

9/29/04 01:29:17 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca|||kentallenent@aol.com|||Koo Koo, it isn't that Toney isn't smart as he is an intelligent man, he may not be educated but he is smart. I can tell he is smart by the way he uses strategies in the ring. I can also tell he is smart from talking to him.
is mean, punishing Booker more than was needed shows this. Someone can be mean and smart at the same time. |
| 9/29/04 03:45:31 PM | Sister ELT[a]|b|||10|Where have you been Ko Koo ? On an overseas holiday ? In the slammer ? Straight jacket ? Fighting fatwahs ? Working for the Kerry campaign ? I'M GLAD YOU'RE BAAAAAAAAACCCCCKK!! | |
| 9/30/04 03:52:35 AM | Giant Baba|Roma||4|||10|Cassius Clay soon after beating Sonny Liston:<br><br>I'M THE CHAMPION OF THE WORDL, I'M THE KING OF THE WORDL !!!!! EAT YOUR WORDS ! EAT YOUR WORDS ! I DON'T HAVE A MARK ON MY FACE AND I HAVE UPSET SONNY LISTON...I MUST BE THE GREATEST !! I PRAY GOD EVERY DAY !! I'M THE KING ! I'M PRETTY ! I SHOOK UP THE WORDL !! I SHOOK UP THE WORDL !! I'M THE REAL GOD !!!!!!!!!!!!!<br><br>If this is not legend, what is legend all about ?| |
| 9/30/04 09:44:31 AM | Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Yes, Ali was the greatest but he was no God, just a man like anybody else with human frailties that he is living with now.<br><br>I am not starting a religious debate but no man is equal to or above God, not even the great Muhammad Ali.| |
| 9/30/04 09:46:15 AM | Kent|same||arootytoottooty@|||10|I can't find my glasses damn typos!| |
| 9/30/04 10:59:24 AM | Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Kent, my friend, I don't agree with you this time. I feel I am not below God by any means.<br><br>At least I am real and I can write here. The only place where God exists is in the minds of people.| |
| 9/30/04 12:53:02 PM | Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Massimo, we can agree to disagree on this one and I will not go out of my way to push my beliefs on people so no more talk about religion here as it is a touchy subject, even worse than politics so sorry folks, no more responses from me and sorry for mentioning it.| |
| 9/30/04 02:17:10 PM | Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Didn't Kirk and Spock go looking for God in Star Trek V., and didn't they not find God, but determine that God lives in all of us? That's good enough for me---Kirk and Spock were very bright. I will say this Massimo, man can build a robot or vehicle that can outperform man, but by no means are these creations greater than we are. Likewise, God might have created us and just because we don't see him/her in our presence, it doesn't mean we're greater. | |
| 9/30/04 02:32:55 PM | Massimo|Roma||4|||10|I imagine God with Silvio Berlusconi's face that smiles to you with 40 teeth and says:" Mi consenta, I want to ask you some question. During your mortal life did you root for Milan ? If not, you are a pirla ( milanese slang for bum somehow, hard to translate) and you have to go to hell ! Or I can imagine a God with Steven Keaton's face ! Sorry for talking about religion. What's religion ?| |
| 9/30/04 06:08:51 PM | Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Actually Angelo, Kirk and Spock and the crew of the Enterprise were hijacked by Spock's long lost brother and his followers who thought God was at the center of the galaxy.<br><br>Kirk and Spock also committed sacrilege when they tried to get into the oracle on the asteroid spaceship and they were zapped by electricity by the oracle, which turned out to be a computer.<br><br>They also destroyed computers that controlled whole populations of people on the planets such as the one where people walked around in a hypnotic computer induced bliss and on the planet where the people had to feed explosive rocks inside a large lizard like head to a computer that controlled them but gave them virtual immortality and an Eden like paradise to live. | |
| 10/1/04 11:14:06 AM | Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: Piccard might have been a more realistic Captain, but I still say Kirk was more exciting! Really, Shatner and Nimoy ought to do one more movie for old time's sake! I'm not a big sci-fi fan, but how could you not like the Enterprise?| |
| 10/1/04 12:44:55 PM | charles anderson|ark.||ctjjandfam@aol.com|||10|did jerry
always cut easily in his fights or was the Frazier fight really the beginning?

| 10/1/04 12:50:30 PM | Brandon Walsh | Roma | 4 ||| 10 | How wilt is Kerry? If he is going to be president it would be important to know it! <br>I'm not very wilt but it doesn't matter because I don't think I'll never be president of the United States of America. I think it's not very likely. Maybe I might be elected president of Little Italy. |

| 10/1/04 02:10:35 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 4 ||| 10 | Charles: I'm 41 years old---so I was about 7 or 8 when I started following boxing. By that time (1970) I remember that Jerry already had a reputation for being a bleeder. I don't know if it was deserved or not, but I remember other fans and also commentators saying that cuts were his big problem. |

| 10/2/04 10:44:21 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | John Kerry is about 6'3" tall. It is just a guess but he is about four inches taller than George W. Bush. George H.W. Bush, the president's father is about 6'3" also. |

| 10/3/04 01:19:56 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 ||| 10 | Kent: <br>Thanks! This means that he can be a good president! The president of USA, the most powerful man in the world, has to be wilt! The only problem with Kerry is that he ain't Republican and so Alex P. Keaton would never vote him! Shaq, for president! |

| 10/3/04 06:40:02 AM | Bob Bumbera | NC | renfbera@aol.com | 10 | Does anyone know if ESPN has taken Friday Night Fights off the air for good? I know this was going to happen eventually because the money wasn't there...I didn't remember them announcing it was the last show during the 9/3 broadcast. As for the Kerry-Bush fight, I am still undecided, even though Kerry is indeed more "Wilt" than King George. Kerry seems to have a little more flash and might steal some rounds by working the last 20 or 30 seconds, ala Ali and SR Leonard, but Bush seems to have a gut pounding body attack, and I've always liked body punchers, that may leave Kerry a wasted heap in the end... |

| 10/3/04 02:15:09 PM | Angelo | DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Actually, I read that no U.S. President has been under six feet tall. Bush must be at least an even six feet. |

| 10/3/04 02:41:03 PM | Adriana Balboa | Roma | 4 ||| 10 | Diavolo: <br>You disappoint me! I have read somewhere about a president that (or who) was about 5'4". <br>I'm not sure about his name, maybe Madigan. <br>I don't know what he did as a president, but I bet he was a bum. <br>PS: 5'4" is exactly as wilt as Alex. P. Keaton while Steven Keaton is 6'4" and could have been a good democratic president! |

| 10/3/04 03:51:46 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | James Monroe was 5'4" tall, not very Wilt, but he did give us the Monroe Doctrine which states any interference from foreign powers in the Western Hemisphere will be met with force by the United States. So if France came over and was trying to take over say, Argentina, than the U.S. would come to the aid of Argentina. Funny how in 1982 when Britain went to war with Argentina, technically they were in violation of the Monroe Doctrine, which has never been repealed but the U.S. did nothing to help Argentina and in fact, gave their allies, the British logistical support. I know it was a different world situation when this war happened but the Monroe Doctrine was still on the books. |

| 10/3/04 04:02:05 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 ||| 10 | Yeah, Byron Stewart would be the greatest president of all time! |

| 10/3/04 07:40:21 PM | Gerry | Cleveland | same | 6 | The 5'4 president was James Madison, the fourth US President overall. He was such a bum he wrote the Constitution of the United States almost single-handedly and presided over the War of 1812, which forced other nations to take America seriously. Illness as a child made him short, but his brain was large indeed... The Monroe Doctrine was actually written by Monroe's Secretary of State, John Quincy Adams, another very intelligent man who would follow Monroe to become the #6 U.S. President. The Monroe Doctrine was never taken very seriously by Europe but was also never seriously challenged... Kerry is said to be about 6'3, Bush is about 5'10. The
United States has had several presidents under six feet tall. Eisenhower, Truman and Carter were all under six feet tall. Lyndon Johnson and George Bush Sr. are the two tallest U.S. Presidents ever, both about 6'5. As Madison proved, it's the size of your ability that matters most, a fact not lost on the star of this site. Thanks.

You are right, Gerry, it was Madison, not Monroe who was short. I always get the two of them mixed up.

It was to honour president Madison that was builded the Madison Square Garden, I guess.

Saw an interview recently with Larry Holmes and he was asked 'What is the hardest punch you have ever been hit with?'. Earnie Shavers was the answer! He said that Earnie made a mistake and him too hard! If he hadn't hit him so hard he wouldn't have bounced on the canvas and woke himself up! He also thinks very little about todays heavies and little of Lennox Lewis (who I think Larry would have beaten). The fight I would have most like to have seen would be Larry vs a prime Joe Frazier. I once heard that Joe broke Larry's rib in sparring.

Evren--

Lennox Lewis was a fine champion in my opinion! With 15.5 second only to Carrera for shoe size among the heavyweight champs, 'wilt, andre', powerful, his reach was almost as long as Ray Impelletiere's, great jab, skillfull, great hand speed. His two flaws were a not quite chivalian chin and the fact that he was sometimes a little too shy in the ring. When he lost against Has Been Rahman he was out of shape and not focused. His only real loss was against Oliver Mc Call. He is the best heavyweight Great Britain has ever had, better than Bruno, Cooper and London. God save the Queen! I once read an interview with Larry Holmes and he was asked 'What is the hardest punch you have ever been hit with?'. Earnie Shavers was the answer! He said that Earnie made a mistake and him too hard! If he hadn't hit him so hard he wouldn't have bounced on the canvas and woke himself up! He also thinks very little about todays heavies and little of Lennox Lewis (who I think Larry would have beaten). The fight I would have most like to have seen would be Larry vs a prime Joe Frazier. I once heard that Joe broke Larry's rib in sparring. I

But you make my point in your post---Ali underestimated Norton, had his jaw broken (many say in the first round) but still gave Norton a great fight. He didn't get cold-cocked like Lewis did on two occasions. Most of the time, the greats don't come into a fight unprepared. When they do, they usually still win or give it a
great effort like Ali did in Norton I., even though he lost. For that matter, Ali-Spinks I. was similar---Ali was out of shape and unprepared, but slugged it out for 15 rounds against a guy almost young enough to be his son. Lewis might have the capability of hitting harder than Holmes, but he never put combinations together like Holmes. He never set up his KO punches like Frazier. He won a lot of fights by being big and plodding and using his height and reach to avoid getting into an exchange he wouldn't survive. Again, that was a good strategy for a guy who was knocked out cold by Oliver McCall and Hasim Rahman.

By the way, I've said it before---Lewis was still a very good Champion who proved himself by holding the title for so long. Also, outside the ring, he brought class to the sport by being articulate and apparently he was a good guy. I just think he barely misses the "great" category.

Leon Spinks completely dominated the first Ali' fight! He outpunched Ali' 10-1. Apart 2 or 3 rounds (for instance, round 15 was one of the greatest rounds I ever saw, and a hard one to score) Ali slept for almost all the fight. He did almost nothing. I suspect that the first Lewis-Mc Call fight was stopped too soon. Lennox was up on his big feet and I am not sure he was gone.

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And as a person Lewis is very Albert, one of the most intelligent heavyweight champs ever.

Ulysses Grant was also "spud" (as in Spud Webb, that's Atlanta for short) president, around 5'4" or so, Lincoln at 6'4" towered over him. Massimo I think your right about Lewis' KO loss to Mc Call and also Rahman, he did get up and beat the count both times. In the 70's and early 80's he would have been allowed to continue and who knows what would have happened. If the second Holmes-Shavers fight had been held this past Saturday, Shavers would be champion today.

Lewis got caught and KO'd twice but he avenged both of these losses. By KO over Rahman and also by TKO over McCall in the infamous "Crybaby" fight in which an unstable McCall quits and cries in the ring, refusing to fight. I am not sure why people are critical of Lewis for fighting from the outside as he was very hard to beat doing that. What is wrong with doing what wins fights? Ali did the same thing in the first part of his career and he was hardly touched. Roy Jones was also brilliant from the outside but he has probably lost that ability to not be hit and he has been knocked out twice recently.

Rahman was in top condition when he lost with (or to) Lennox, while Lewis was in bad shape when he lost with (or to) Hasim.

Bob B, although Grant was "spud" I don't think he was as short as Madison was. Of course Lincoln made Grant look short as he towered over just about everyone from his era. I am not a figment of the human imagination. If you keep speaking about me like that, you will never get to meet me. Change your ways or you'll need some fireproof clothing. John Kerry might be 6'3" tall, but those who know him call him 'teeny weeny' for other reasons. He's got a small heart. I tipped Ali to beat Foreman. I got together with Alah before the fight and it was us who slackened the ropes. Alah akbah.

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in hell. Gerry didn't pray hard enough!

I never hurt anybody and I never stole a cent in my entire (or whole) life. The baddest action I did in my life was at age 5 (or so) when I kicked my grandmother's ass because she didn't want to play with me. I think I deserve at least the Purgatory and I don't think this is bragging. I'm a good guy. If God needs that someone believes in him (or if God needs someone to believe in him) to send him in Paradise, He (or She, or It, or Gay, or Lesbo) is not worthy of respect.

You're gonna have to suck up better than that if you hope to get through the pearly gates.

As you'd expect, there's lots of Italians with big fat guts up here, because we've got the best spaghetti you can get. But atheists aren't welcome. You are probably the only Italian atheist in Italy, if not the entire universe.

Have you met my good friend, the Pope? He doesn't look too healthy and I might replace him soon, if you know what I mean.

No, I never met the Pope and I never saw him in person. I respect him and I hope his health is gonna improve (or get better) but I can live without meeting him.

I am considering replacing the Pope with George Foreman. George and I often have chats and he recently told me that he wants to fight again. George's tired of giving people heart disease with his grillers! His next fight won't be the Rumble In The Jungle. Who will George fight? We talked about Dean Martin, and, yes, we know he's dead, but that doesn't matter in modern boxing. Coming up with a gimmicky name for the fight isn't a problem. It won't be Rumble In The Jungle. Maybe Stumbling In The Nursing Home. Anyway, after he wins that fight (I already know the result, and I'm not even Don King), I'm gonna make him Pope.......Pope George.

I just heard that Jimmy Ellis is suffering from Dementia Puglistica, of course the same affliction that took our own Jerry Quarry. What a shame and although I have never met Ellis, he seems like a fine gentleman. My heart and prayers go out to him and his family, a fine fighter and like I said, a fine gentleman. We must never forget our fallen and afflicted warriors.

I'm very sorry to hear that, Kent! When did the disease start?

According to a report I read, Jimmy started showing signs two years ago. Jimmy, like JQ, had a lot of tough fights early in his career and he probably stayed around too long too as without looking up his record, I remember him having a string of losses at the end of his career. But who knows? I don't think anybody really knows yet when damage such as this occurs.

I remember meeting him when I was 13 years old in 1967, he was getting Ali ready for the Folley fight in MSG. It's ironic, at the Trinidad fight last week, I bumped into Don Brophy from the Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota. I asked him about Mando Ramos, Carmen Basilio, and Jimmy Ellis. Don told me that Carmen was slowing down. Which is understandable he is in his seventies. And in fairness to Carmen the last time I saw him 10 years ago he was in good shape. Don told me that Mando Ramos had to search for words when speaking. And finally, that the spark was no longer in Jimmy Ellis. The description about Ellis surprised me at the time. But you are right he had a lot of fights against tough fighters. I understand that by the time he retired he was blind in one eye.
Anybody remember trainer Al Silvanni (cut man for Rocky I, AND CLUBBER LANG'S Manager Rocky III). He was the guy who lifted Jerry Q. up after he ko'd Foster and worked his corner, also worked Machen's corner vs Jerry in 1966, the April 10, 1972 at the Fabulous Forum film they showed on this website. Foreman vs Gullick, where they introduced JERRY, HIM and Silvanni looked like they were really reminacing good times and cutting up, Ironically they were advertising next weeks war with Quarry-Corletti. Where I had to tell Kent which arena he was in! Boy did that Quarry look stocky in street clothes, he also did not shake hands with Foreman, for they might be having an upcoming bout. Jimmy Ellis was one of my favorite fighter's. and more importantly one of my favorite people, he actually has been suffering for a time now, and even showing a little decline at the end of his great career, all the best JIMBO!!

Funny, at a fight card last week I met Lou Filipo, the ref in all of the Rocky movies. We were standing in front of some slot machines at the Trump 29 casion in Coachella, Ca that had the likeness of Rocky B on them. I started doing my imitation of Rock and Mickey. Mick: "you fight last night?" Rock: "Yeah." Mick: "did ya win?" Rock: "I won by second round knockout!" Mick: "Who'd ya fight?" Rock: "Spider Rico" Mick: "he's a bum!" Rock: "you say everyone I fight is a bum!" Mick: "well, aint they?" I had recognized Filipo before as being an official but I didn't realize who he was by name until he introduced himself after my little interlude. Filipo said at first he thought Rocky I was going to be a bad movie—while it was being filmed, but he agreed with me that it turned out great.

I'm also sorry to hear about Jimmy Ellis, who proved to be a top guy and briefly a beltholder during the Golden Age, 1966-1975. Ellis proves again the screaming need for reform in the sport of boxing just as so many others have before him. Best wishes to Ellis and so many others in the same boat.

Lou Filipo is the worst referee in boxing history. All the Rocky's fights should have been stopped earlier (or sooner, or before), especially the fourth. He is nuts! You say that you were in Coachella, Ca last week. Does legendary California exist for real or is it a figment (God taught me this word) of the MEDIA? I note that Rocky Balboa spoke in standard English, while Micky spoke in SUPERSLANG with all those ya etc. That's amazing! I would have expected the contrary was true. Kent, do you think that Spider Rico was a bum? I miss Steve "Big Hands" the Calabrese from New Jersey. Where is he? Is he visiting Calabria?

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in California. Beverly Hills is in California. Hollywood is in California also. You have lost a couple of points since Shaq has gone away but you are still at the top of the list. Everyone who really counts something in this world has at least an apartment there. :-) We have Caianiello but Caianiello ain't Los Angeles by any means in my book.<br><br>GREAT FIGHT. LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!<br><br>Paolo Vidoz vs Nicolai Valuev<br><br>h: 1.90 m  h: 2.11 m<br>w: about 107 Kg  w: about 147 Kg<br>shoe size: ?  shoe size: ?<br>Nicolai Valuev is much wilter and andrer, but I still think Paolo is gonna win ! We'll see !<br><br>EVREN: How are you? I'VE recently moved where they actually have a few city libraries, although its like living in an insane asylum!!! New York of the NORTHWEST for real!! Anyway, I've really upped my research on Jerry and a few other fighter's. ive found out so much about Jerr's career, i'd like to be the official bearer of Jerry's record, its amazing,ive even typed out where he was in the rankings for every fight, and his opponents, I have a lot on the London bout, and if you will pay postage would be glad to send copies your way. Its great reading, but the dadgumed L.A. press where viscious to Quarry, I spent a day in Vegas and microfilmed for 12 hours on Quarry's career, there are also discrepancies, on Quarry's internet record, Such as dates and weights etc. Example: Ring mag. had Charley Reno's weight at 221, when actually the Seattle paper had Reno at more accurate 251, and for that bout they had Jerry at 212, which would have been his heaviest weight ever, when actually he was 201 1/4 his heavy was 209 3/4 vs "SCRAP IRON" IN 1975, AND HIS LOWEST WAS 183 LBS, In his pro debut, take care!!<br><br>Nicolay Valuev is the new WBA International middleweight....No, heavyweight champion !<br><br>He beat Paolo Vidoz by KOT 9. His legend started living. Now Vitali has got a fight in his hands again. This guy who is wilter and andrer than even him. Anybody saw the Vidoz-Valuev fight ? I didn't. |<br><br>I fought in the very night in which Firpo threw Dempsey out of the ring !<br><br>If I remember correctly, Dempsey landed on your head. That explains everything. Moron. |<br><br>God shouldn't use words like MORON !<br><br>God deserves to go to hell ! Go hell God, <br><br>I have a confession to make. You are right. Please forgive me. I'll say ten Hail Mary's. <br><br>What happened was this. I read your message and saw the number (4). I wrongly believed that you were rating this site a 4. I was insulted. So I called you a moron. I should have turned the other cheek. I am a hypocrite. I apologise. Hail Mary full of grace, ........., etc, etc, 10 times. <br><br>I've since seen that you rated that site a 10 and that the number (4) was after your name. It was then I realized that I was wrong. <br><br>Take it easy God, no problem. It's all right ! I grew up in the streets of Philadelphia and I have seen much worse things than the word MORON. Then I met Rocky and he gave me another chance. Making him the world champion became my goal and he made my dream come true by knocking out Apollo Creed in that unforgettable last round. I agree with you, this is a great site and it deserves a 10. Rocky enjoys this site very much too. PS: I think that Rocky Balboa style is very similar to Oscar Bonavena's. Balboa and Bonavena were both great fighters who likely would be undoubted heavyweight champions today. |
i just wanted the Jerry Quarry fan's to know that my mother Brenda Quarry, Jerry and Jimmy's sister, passed away sometime yesterday. for those of you who knew her thanks for your support.

I am very sorry to hear that bad news. Very upsetting. I wish you all the best at this terrible time. I wrote to Brenda a few times I remember and she was really nice. God Bless.

She was always nice to me, even went out of her way to make a library trip for me and some old boxing illustrated magazines, she sure conducted herself with class on PHIL DONAHUE, on the site, and everywhere else, the LADY will be very much missed, but not in our hearts.

JIMMY DORSEY

BRENDA AND JAMES WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART, For their class and dignity, Evren's right. Its so hard to come up with the right words, I can remember how telling her a high school story, where you got $20 for an "A" $10 FOR a "B" Come grade time, I told Brenda after my senior year. I ACTUALLY OWED MONEY!! She really laughed and got a kick out of that.

Sheri, I am saddened to her that your mother Brenda has passed away. I met her a couple of times but I could tell by talking to her, however briefly, and by her posts here that she was a fine person and the world is less without her.

Brenda took up some of the slack when the "natives" got out of line here after Jimmy passed away and her wisdom will be greatly missed.

Evren: someone on the internet has at least highlights of QUARRY-LONDON I do not know whom, but I have seen it advertised. If not the whole battle, Jerry won every round, But the L.A. press would never forgive Quarry for his amazing counterpunching style, and hit and not get hit, (which I thought was boxing). Muhammad Ali could get away with it, Dodge duck run and hold, But not our Jerry, what bugs me is Jerry was still ever the gentleman to those birds, and especially as a young man after the Machen bout, THEY EVEN ASKED HIM IF HE WAS GOING TO RETIRE!! with a 17-1 record! I'd have told those mugs to SCRAM and don't let the door hit you on the way out!

QUARRY-DOYLE 1973 was on closed circuit, undercard at the Fabulous forum. For Ali-Norton II. Jerry reportedly got in Foreman's face for a bout, out in the crowd. I seen Quarry dismantle James J. WOODY 10 days earlier in Vegas. and 12 days earlier he married Charlie (ARELENE CHARLES). Woody 207 1/2 and Doyle a svelte 202 1/2 both trained hard to pull an upset on Quarry, which is the name of the game. The way people end up. Many times I'd wished boxing and never been in invented. Very definitly should have been more controlled, when a fighter's had his day. Not to mention any names lightweight Johnny Copeland gets ko'd by a top ten fighter then a week later in another state gets knocked out by another top ten fighter, something is definitly WRONG!!

Sorry to
hear about brenda. i never got to see the donahue show. who all was on the program and what was it about? i also read somewhere where a movie on jerry is being done and it will be titled 'hard luck' anything to this?

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10/17/04 11:31:36 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|sseeing if I could get on the board here yet.

10/18/04 01:36:05 PM|charles anderson|ark.||ctjjandfam@aol.com|||10|what happened

10/19/04 12:22:04 PM|Carl Weingarten|The Jerry Quarry Foundation|||10|Hello,

The Letters page went offline due to a memory limitation in the software. Sorry for the inconvenience. We made the fix, but at some point soon we're going to pull this data and start over, or delete the letters going back more than two years. Thanks, --Carl

10/19/04 02:57:24 PM|Primo Carnera|Roma||4|||10|I'm happy the site is back. Adriano wears a size 45.5 shoe ( about 11.5 in Oregon ) and is the best soccer player in the wordl. But back to boxing and have fun !

10/20/04 03:25:36 AM|Evren|London||8|||10|jimmy dorsey - I have the complete first fight that went points - 10 rounds but it is the second fight that I have seen on a TV station archive!

10/20/04 07:43:05 AM|Evren|London||8|||10|Dear Joe,<br> I Haven't seen it but know where it is and don't think I can get it. Can you e-mail me on air.crayford@firstchoiceretail.co.uk and we can discuss further.

10/20/04 01:42:04 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Evren: how was that bout? I never seen it, but it had to be better than the L.A. experts wrote in the Times. Carl is there anyway you can keep a record of the old letters some where for prosperity? You know like especially Mr.JIMMY'S POSTS. like on a disk or something, please email me Carl I have something I want to send to you.

10/20/04 07:43:05 AM|Evren|London||8|||10|Dear Joe,<br> I Haven't seen it but know where it is and don't think I can get it. Can you e-mail me on air.crayford@firstchoiceretail.co.uk and we can discuss further.<br>

10/22/04 03:29:19 AM|Noam|same||same|||10|Not being an expert, I don't know
what Jerry's height and weight were. Having seen extracts from some of his
fights, he appeared to me to be around average height and of chunky build, but
certainly much smaller than heavy-heavyweights like Lewis, Foreman, et
al.<br> If Jerry had more inches in height, and more poundage in weight, it
seems to me that he would have been a more effective fighter and probably a
champion. More height and weight would have changed the way he approached
many of the fights he had. Extra dimensions might have been enough to change
results, such as the Frazier fight. Alternatively, could Jerry have lost
weight to become a light-heavy? Imagine him in that division. His style would
have made for great fights and there would not have been too many able to beat
him. Looking back on the light-heavyweights, Jerry might have been pushing it
against the taller and wonderfully skilled Foster. But there are not many other
light-heavyweight champions I would bet on against Jerry, even though I'm no
expert. Maybe Jerry never winning the title means that he was an unlucky
man between sizes. Too small but too big, if you get my drift. In stature and
dimensions, I mean, not in heart and courage.<br>
Jerry Quarry was about
as wilt as Kent Appel and weighted around 195 lbs.<br>
Jerry was listed at 6'0 1/2" tall and in his prime he weighed between 195 to 202
pounds. He was outweighed in about 66% of his professional fights, so yes he
was at that in between size as it is doubtful he could have made the light
heavyweight limit of 175 pounds. Now if there had been a crusierweight division
during his career of a weight limit of 190 or 195, that weight would have been
very reachable and Jerry likely would have been a great crusierweight.<br>
There wasn't so many titles on offer either when Jerry fought. There was probably only the WBA and WBC, but none of the other pretenders. So
even qualifying to fight for the title was probably a greater achievement than
winning the modern version, given that there are so many of them.<br>
Iran Barkley wants to come back at 44 years of age and officially blind in one eye. He should not be allowed to
fight again. I was watching a synthesis of the Holyfield-Holmes fight fought in 1992 and Holmes held his own pretty well. It's almost unbelievable
that 4 years later Holyfield stopped Mike Tyson in 11. A younger Holyfield
couldn't stop a 43 years old Holmes but could stop a 30 years old Tyson!

Iran Barkley fighting with only one eye!!!<br>
Imagine two one armed guys fighting. That would answer the age old question once and for all whether a good jab would beat a
great right cross. It would be entertaining, for certain.
have divisions and rules. It would be unfair to have a two armed guy with only one leg fighting a one armed guy with two legs. It would have to be identical disability versus identical disability. Problem is that say someone like John Kerry wants to fight, you'd have to find someone with a quarter brain or less to oppose him. We'd have to go trawling the whacko houses to find him a suitable opponent. Perhaps Kerry already found his equal opponent. I see in the news today that he's been out hunting and shot himself a goose. I'd say that's an equal contest.

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CALIFORNIA| |RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM| | |10|Thanks Gerry for the kind words, i'll send you an update everytime I do one, what I wanted and did achieve was how Jerry was ranked going into the bout, and if his opponent was ranked (Ring magazine) the weights, dates, scores of decisions, Tko vs K0 (which did not mean much with Jerry for about a dozen of his TKO'S WERE kayo's. Foster, Zanon, Borden etc. In other words I wanted to make it where you just did not look at a record like just wins and losses. but rather READ his record with the hard core stats, I wished I could make it a full time job on the internet, with as many fighter's as I could do, Also I would have my money on Jerry vs Bob Foster, was like 0-8 vs the heavys and 1-1 vs Bob Hazleton, whom by the way lost his legs due to steroid use and not Jack "the Giant" O'HALLORAN THAT SOME ONE HAD MENTIONED.

Jerry was around 6'0" as I met him and I seemed to be about as tall as him and I am about 5'11", so I was in the ballpark. Mike Quarry seems slightly taller than me as does Bob Quarry, who along with Mr. Jimmy is about 6'1." One thing about the Quarry brothers is they seem to with the exception of Jerry, stand straight up all of the time, they have good posture. Mike is probably the same height as me but he stands straight and I don't. Jerry likely could have been the one who was slightly taller than me but like me, he didn't stand up straight, or so it seemed to me.

Jerry was not like Joe Frazier or Mike Tyson who while listed at 5'11 1/2" are actually shorter. Jerry was close to what he was listed at, like I said, about 6'0"

I have good memory and I remembered that you met JQ several times and all the rest, I was only joking around. JQ was slightly wilter than Joe Frazier so I think somewhere between 5'11" and 6'. I have seen yesterday on ESPN Classic a special about (or on) Shaq's life and Shaq has to dip to get through a door. The guy is no bluff, the guy is really wilt. Shaquille " The Big Dipper" O'Neal.

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From reading recent postings to this Website, it would appear that even the "regulars" are unaware that Jerry Quarry's beautiful sister Brenda died of a sudden and unexpected heart attack about one week ago. She was a beautiful person in every way--always very proud of and supportive of her fighting brothers. I do believe that expressions of condolence to the Quarry family should be the "order of the day" on this Website at this most stressful time.

Brenda's passing is a loss that cannot be replaced. The Quarry family, her friends, this site, and the world itself is less without her.

Bill is right, hopefully everyone who visits this place will recognize how many tragedies the Quarry family has experienced in such rapid succession.
keep on keepin on. | 10/25/04 07:51:13 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|I've only been visiting this site for a short time, but when my comments went a bit far Brenda pulled me up politely about it and, of course, she was right. That was only a few weeks ago. <br><br>My sincere condolences to the Quarry family. We all know what a decent and tough family the Quarrys are, but it seems that fate is intent on making them prove it over and over again. Let's pray that the run of bad luck they've had is now at an end, and that life now begins treating them better. | 10/25/04 08:19:57 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Just watched again the first Ali/Liston fight on ESPN Classic. <br><br>The fight was much closer than I had previously thought. In fact I scored it again and I had the fight even at the time of the stoppage. <br><br>Round one saw Ali control the what little action there was by making Liston miss and at the same time Ali was effective with his left jab. These reasons and a hard two handed combiantion at round's end were the difference. <br><br>Round two and three showed that although Ali was making Liston miss a lot of punches, Ali spent a lot of time just dancing and not throwing a lot of punches, mostly jabs that were not as accurate as in round one. Liston landed some hard body shots and some left hooks to the head while he contiuoulsy pressed the action during the entire rounds. <br><br>Ali was more accurate in round four so I gave him the round on this basis as he outlanded Liston. Round five saw Ali run the entire round to clear his eyes that were stinging from some substance and while Liston was missing a lot, he still landed some hard body shots and left hooks to the head. <br><br>Round six saw Ali accurate again with the left jab and also with hard combintions to Liston's head. Even so, Liston did land some body shots and a couple of hard hooks. <br><br>Hence, my score of 57-57. That being said, I could tell the momentum in round six was going Ali's way. This trend could even be felt in round five as Liston could not badly hurt a half blinded Ali. <br><br>It was still a very close fight, which I could see by turning off the favorable commentary towards Ali by announcer Don Dunphy. <br><br>Ali very well could have dominated the second half of the fight but we will never know this as Liston quit after six rounds claiming a torn shoulder. <br><br>I think that the third round was the best of the fight. Cassius stunned Liston with good punches early in the round, gonfiando Liston's face, but Sonny came back at the end of the round and hurt Clay with an uppercut. I think that the round was even or slightly for Clay, as Liston took a worse beating than Clay did. The first round was for Clay, the second was probably for Liston and the fourth was even. But Liston purposely blinded Clay. The simple fact that Clay survived the fifth round, it's almost a miracle and shows that he was a great fighter. After the fifth round Liston wasn't in the fight anymore and Cassio easily won the sixth round. After 6 rounds the fight was even or maybe Clay was 1 point ahead, but anyway the fight was very close. I think that Liston was a top tenner in the heavyweight history. He didn't train for the first Clay fight and was over the hill. Who knows who would have won an immaginary Liston-Clay with both fighters at their best? The second fight was likely a farse. Ali' hit Liston with a decent punch, but although (spelling) that punch was good enough to knock down a guy like me, it wasn't good enough to knock down a guy like Sonny Liston. The first loss for Liston was again against Marty "Who" Marshall at a time when he had very few professonal fights and when he lost against Lectis Martin he was old. Sonny Liston was a champion. <br><br>Tonight on ESPN Classic Primo Carnera steps into the ring and I can't wait! Go Primo go, go Italian midget! | 10/25/04 12:19:26 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Massimo, yes Ali did land some good hard punches in round three of the first Liston fight but he didn't throw a lot of punches for the entire round and Liston did throw a lot of punches. Liston came on strong in the second half of the round. Like I said,
there were times in the round when Ali danced and made Liston miss but Ali wasn't throwing punches during some of that time and Liston was. I judge a round by how much someone does for the whole round, not just part of it.

Of course there are times when a fighter can be winning a round by outlanding his opponent for most of the round and his opponent can land some hard punches near the end of the round that hurt the fighter that was winning the rest of the round significantly. So even if the second fighter landed less punches, if he was close to scoring a knockdown, he would win that round on my scorecard.

Momentum has a lot to do with how a fight is going so even if I switched a round for Ali from Liston, though the score would be four rounds to two for Ali after six, not that big of a margin, Ali was clearly the stronger fighter after six rounds even if Liston doesn't quit.

What impressed me the most about the first Ali-Liston fight was the fact that Liston was NOT slow as often reported. He moved well against the fastest heavy of all time.

Giorgio Eduardo Foreman is in Milan (Milano) to promote his GIORGIO EDUARDO's GRILLS. I have just read an interview in which he spoke about his ring career and his life in general. He said that Ali' was the strongest guy he ever fought but that his toughest fight was against Ron Howard, no sorry, was against Ron Lyle. Nobody ever hit me as hard as Ron Lyle did ". He also said that he might come back in the ring the very day of his 56th birthday. But he wants to lose weight before as his weight in this moment is about the same of Shaq, who got a big advantage in willtess though ( Giorgio Eduardo ain't a big dipper). He doesn't put himself among the greatest heavyweights of all time because "all I could do was punching (or to punch) hard". I think he is too humble and too severe to himself. He is definetely one of the greatest.

Yes John, Liston was moving well and throwing fast punches. But I think a lot of people were shocked that Ali wasn't anniallated in one or two rounds and this took away from their perception of Liston's performance. After watching the first fight again, Liston did much better than I had thought before. Liston threw a lot of punches in this fight and he was missing a lot of them so maybe he did injure his shoulder like he said he did. Again, any question about a fix being in for this particular fight can be answered simply by pointing out that no fighter would work as hard as Liston did if he was throwing a fight.

On the subject of judging, I count hard body shots as much as good head punches so even if Liston was missing a lot to the head, he did land to the body of Ali and in some of the rounds, particularly in rounds two and three, Ali wasn't throwing punches at times when he was dancing away. A fighter can't score points if he is not showing offense even if his opponent is missing, but throwing a lot of punches.

To this day, Ron Lyle, who lost two decisions to Jimmy Young, believes he won both fights. It has been a long time since I have seen those fights but Lyle may not have a bad argument as what should count more? Three hard body shots and one hard punch to the head by Lyle or five or six light head punches from Young? As I remember them, in both fights, Lyle was pursuing Young and landing hard body shots throughout both fights along with some punches to the head. Young did land more punches but they were light flurries compared to Lyle's harder shots. It all depends on what the judges are impressed by. Quantity of punches or quality of punches and in the case of the Lyle/Young fights, the judges thought Young's punch output was enough to win both fights. Both Lyle/Young fights reminded me of Ali/Liston 1 as Lyle was missing a lot of punches he was throwing at Young's head, but like Liston, some of them did land. By the way, after one of the Lyle/Young fights, Young left the ring with huge red welts on his sides from Lyle's body attack.
he ever won a fight with the help of the mob. It doesn't seem likely to me but the doubt is legitimate.

By saying Liston fought better than I had thought in his first fight with Ali takes nothing away from Ali's performance. The fact that Liston still had a lot of skills makes Ali's performance remarkable as most people at that time thought Ali would fall early in the fight like Floyd Patterson did, who was knocked out in the first round twice by Liston prior to Ali's fight with Liston.

I saw the clay/liston 1 and i thought liston was very lethargic. no snap to his punches. pattronn would have beat him that night.

Liston could beat Patterson tomorrow afternoon.

I think that Patterson was litterally terrified by Liston, the most intimidating fighter of all time. Sometimes it is hard to understand how a fighter's mind works. Against Liston, Patterson did seem like a chump, but he was no chump when he fought and beat tough and hard punching fighters such as Bonavena and Cooper. Henry Cooper's left hook was like dynamite....BIIIIIIIIIII....BAAAAAAAAM ! It achieved what Liston's left hook couldn't achieve...It did put Cassio Marcello on the canvas. But Patterson had no fear when he fought Henry Cooper. In modern times everyone was terrified by Mike Tyson. Micheal Spinks was almost crying before his fight with Tyson but was happy and calm before his fight with Cooney. Was Cooney's left hook a caress ? I don't think so. All the top heavyweights can punch like hell, Bruno, Maskaev, Ruddock, Mc Call, Lewis, not only Mike Tyson ! Why the only guy everyone feared in the 80's was Mike Tyson ?

you are 100% right!

Patterson totally fought the wrong fights against Liston. He bobbed and weaved and tried to get inside of Liston when he should have been sticking and moving, giving angles to Liston. Then at least he would have given himself a better chance. Liston likely would have caught up to him and knocked him out anyway but not in the first round.

Remember that Patterson had been brutally knocked out by Ingemar Johannson and he came back to knock out Johansson twice. The key to Johannson's win in the first fight was he used his left jab a lot and even though he was not known as having a good jab, he kept putting it out there and it upset Patterson's timing and this set up Ingo's big right hand. Patterson pressed the action in their second and third fights and he got inside of Ingo's reach and it worked. Maybe Patterson thought he could do the same to Liston the second time out but obviously it didn't work.

Patterson was completly psyched by Liston. Floyd was told by everyone,D'Amato the press even President Kennedy that he shouldn't fight Liston. He would be killed by him. Patterson had such a self-doubting and fragile personality I think he really believed what he read and heard. I don't think he had such fear against Johannson or Cooper. Ingo and Cooper were not as physical as Liston, Sonny would grab, hit and hold, push and shove etc. Besides, Liston knew he had Patterson from the beginning, like Kent said maybe Floyd could have lasted a few rounds with Sonny as he did have the speed and footwork to do it, though maybe not the chin, but Liston would have KO'ed him. Cooper's left hook was a potent weapon as was Ingo's right hand but Liston was a more complete fighter than either Ingo or Cooper. To Floyd's credit he did get up and tried to fight on, and did earn Sonny's respect, however he was simply a beaten man before he entered the ring.

I would compare patterson/liston to norton/foreman, they were both scared stiff, and as we all
know patterson and norton were great fighters. jerry was not scared of anyone. | 
|10/29/04 12:47:47 PM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Charles---don't forget to include in your comparison the ultimate intimidation victory: Mike Tyson had Michael Spinks petrified during the instructions. Spinks literally lost that fight before the bell sounded to start the fight. <br>I've never seen a legitimate professional boxer that afraid. Don't misunderstand: M. Spinks was a very, very good fighter who amazed me by moving up in weight to win the Heavyweight title. But against Tyson, he was terrified to the point of not even trying to fight. <br>Also, regarding Clay-Liston I.: Kent, maybe it was closer than I recall, but look at the fighters after the fight---look at their faces and their mobility. Liston is slumped on a stool, his face swollen and eyes closed, with a welt the size of Montana near his eye. Clay is unmarked, and jumping around the ring like a mad-man. The fact that Clay had so much energy and didn't look like he had been in a fight makes me think this thing wasn't as close as you saw it. |
|10/29/04 12:51:10 PM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Charles: Ditto---I never saw JQ intimidated by anyone. He was beaten by some of the best, but was never afraid to stand and trade. It's why I'd give him a chance against some of the big hitters like Tyson and Foreman. They would walk over guys like M. Spinks and Norton, who were so afraid of them. But you take a guy like Quarry, who could take a wallop and stand there and hit you back---and suddenly, the big hitters lose a huge part of their edge. This is how Buster Douglas penetrated Tyson and it's how Ali upset Foreman.|
|10/29/04 03:48:13 PM|An European citizen|Roma||4||||10|Angelo is right, Clay-Liston 1 was very close ( Clay was probably 1 point ahead ) but Liston's face was very puffy ( or puffed up, or swollen, I mean gonfia) and in worse conditions than Cassius'. But when, at the end of the fight Cassius said: " I DON'T HAVE A MARK ON MY FACE, I AM ONLY 22 AND I HAVE JUST UPSET SONNY LISTON" this wasn't totally true. If you look at his face after the fight there was 1 mark. <br>I just watched on ESPN Classic Ali'-Norton 2 and Ali'-Frazier 2. Very honestly I have to say that I think Norton won that fight. I have seen the fight only once but I had Norton 2 points ahead at the end . Norton had Ali' in big trouble in round 7 and 8 ( mostly in round 7). The judge that scored it 7-5 for Ali' obviously saw another fight. The first half of the fight was only decent, but the second was fantastic. Ali' dance throughout the entire fight. I have Ali'-Frazier a draw or maybe Ali' won narrowly ( 1 point ), but Ali' held Frazier throughout the entire fight. Frazier was hurt for a fraction of second in the second round but soon recovered and was fine when the referee separated the two fighters. Unfortunately I couldn't register (or record) these 2 fights as my <br>register (or recorder) is momentarily out of order ( SNORT ).|
went into that fight... Three alleged title fights coming up, John Ruiz vs. Andrew Golota, Chris Byrd vs. Jameel McCline, and Vitali Klitschko vs. Danny Williams. Any thoughts? |

Massimo | Roma | 10/30/04 01:36:48 AM | Gerry-Lou Savarese was terrified against Mike Tyson but was whistling against George Foreman. I think that's unreasonable! Wasn't George Foreman dangerous? Chris Byrd is a very good and alert fighter and I think he is gonna beat "The bouncer". I have never seen Danny fight but I bet that Vitali is gonna whip him. I think Golota is too strong for Ruiz. |

Evren | London | 10/30/04 04:13:55 AM | Gerry - I am coming over to New York to see those fights. The Byrd vs McCLine would be the most interesting I think. I pick McLine. Golota vs Ruiz will either be the dirtiest fight of all time or the most boring - more likely the latter as Ruiz is involved! I so hope Williams wins against Klitscko - nothing against Vitali at all he is a decent role model. I know Danny - have been going to his fights since he turned pro - he is a real gentleman and modest. When required he can really perform - when demotivated he can be not so great! I think Danny can do it. |

Bob Bumbera | NC | 10/30/04 06:46:41 AM | I'll pick Byrd over McCline by decesion. Byrd may find himself in trouble at times but is slick enough to get out. McCline will have to work very hard to find Byrd. Everytime I pick Golota I lose. I think he has as much, if not more, talent as any heavyweight out there but in big fights he shrivels up and dies. A low blow here a punch after the bell there and Ruiz wins another one by DQ. Klitscko-Williams, two real big guys who can hit, what more can you ask for. I think Klitscko has a champions mind set now that Lewis is gone. Williams has had some so-so performances in the past where Klitscko, for the most part, has been dominant. He also has an excellent jab. I'll take Klitscko by a late stoppage. |

Charles | Ark. | 10/30/04 10:49:31 PM | Jerry didn't tell Lyle that he was so ugly that he should knock him out now at a news conference before their bout? that tells you Jerry wasn't afraid of anyone. |

Fight fan | US | 10/31/04 12:09:21 AM | Just watched a "Classic" Sports Network/ESPN show featuring a lame pair of nerdly hosts mercilessly mocking Joe Frazier via a rebroadcast of the 1973 Superstars show. The network owes Joe, and all fans of boxing, an apology. The two imbecils in question have, given their apparent (in)abilities, no doubt (somehow...nepotism...bribery...extortion?) exceeded all "journalistic" ambitions - if they ever had any - while the great Smokin' Joe long ago achieved immortality. True fistic fans should stand up and protest this cheap brand of alleged satire, rendered at the expense of champions like Frazier, who happens to be a decent person and deserving of much better. |

King Kong | LA Zoo | 10/31/04 07:21:31 PM | Yep, frazier is innocent until proven guilty for allegedly assaulting his girlfriend. She told police Frazier punched her and she had marks on her face consistent with the allegation and investigating police believed her. The girlfriend later withdrew the complaint, apparently after Joe assured her he'd behave and wouldn't slap her around again, etc. Yep, Joe's completely innocent (just like OJ), and
the girlfriend really punched herself. kent, please pass me some more of your home brewed 100 percent proof cool aid, or have you already guzzled the lot?

[11/1/04 04:07:58 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||9|I know I'm going to regret this... Kong, give us a break. Frazier compared to OJ? It's a much, much smaller thing. Whatever did happen, it's a done deal. Frazier and girlfriend are cool, you should be too. Joe's a good guy and deserves a pass. Lighten up.]

[11/2/04 02:08:53 AM|King Kong|LA Zoo||=|||10|thanks, gerry. I don't hold grudges against women bashers like joe either. amongst apes, it's common behaviour. sounds like you'd also make a good chump. by your standards, tyson must also be a good guy. had the rape victim withdrawn her complaint, i guess that would've made it okay, too. anytime i need to learn some more about morality, i'll rush back here to ask you gerry. you seem to know everything.]

[11/2/04 04:31:35 AM|Noam|same||noamc@aol.com|||10|<br>Frazier's innocence is a presumption, whereas OJ had his innocence determined and gazetted by a lawful jury trial of his peers. Therefore, comparing Frazier to OJ, as a matter of law, is unfair and defamatory of the latter, not the former. [br]<br>I guess that was the point Gerry was making. Go figure.]

[11/2/04 10:44:08 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Wow, if Rhodescholarette were checking in, I'm sure she'd be jumping to Smokin' Joe's defense. Of course, if she were the one on the receiving end of his left hook, she might not be so quick to defend him. I wonder if the complaint was true in the first place? If he did in fact hit her, then she withdrew the complaint when things settled down, it still makes him a coward in my book. If he didn't hit her and the story was blown out of proportion---I feel bad for him.]

[11/2/04 11:29:13 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|I think that beating a woman is a horrible action, raping her is one of the most cruel and disgusting actions an human being can do, but killing a woman is still much worse in my book.

<br>Angelo--<br> I remember that my former English teacher RS once said that "if Frazier really beat his girlfriend he is not such a good guy, huh " (huh is Oklahoma slang) or something di simile. RS doesn't like violent people! I see that she is still in the legend of this site, like Paul from Australia etc. The legend is forever like when Wilt scored 100 points or when Warren Coolidge played against Bill Russell and scored 110 points!]

[11/2/04 12:02:31 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Ironic in that I know nothing about the O.J. case and I have no opinion if he killed his wife or not as I paid no attention to the trial when it happened and I have read nothing about it since then. <br>There is something sick in itself for the media to get high ratings for all of their overcoverage and for advertisers to make a lot of money almost at the expense of someone dying, in this case Mrs. Simpson and I take no part in the media circus involving such cases.<br>I wasn't there when the alleged incident involving Joe Frazier and his girlfriend took place so if I didn't see anything happen, and he wasn't convicted of a crime, then I don't know if a crime occurred or not.]

[11/2/04 12:52:57 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: I agree that we shouldn't jump to conclusions. At the same time, I don't have to be beat over the head with evidence to surmise that something is true. If a crime is reported, investigated and authorities press charges---then the victim decides to withdraw the charge---that doesn't mean nothing ever happened. I will admit though, that without a conviction, you can't assume the person is guilty either. I think you take it case-by-case to develop your opinion. I agree with you also, that the media frenzy on these high profile cases is annoying. We should be hearing real news that matters and affects our lives and instead, we're fed hour after hour of every single detail of how Scott Peterson or O.J. might have killed their spouses. I don't know if the media piles it on
because that's what everyone wants---or if it's what everyone wants because the media piles it on! This could be a case of the public wanting what they get instead of getting what they want. |

People are rarely caught the first time they do something wrong. For example, if a guy is a thief he might have stolen 15 times before the cops finally catch up with him. And then they probably get off at court 40% of the times they are charged, so, in the end, one conviction for stealing probably occurs every 30 to 40 times the thief has stolen something. Same for using or selling narcotics, rapes, drunk driving, frauds, ....... and hitting your girlfriend. I think the only way of being sure at 100% would be that God Himself tell us "HE IS GUILTY, I KNOW IT AS I KNOW EVERYTHING", but I think this is not very likely to happen. |
was ridiculous and so is Michael Moore's vendetta against Bush & Co. That movie of his was vexatious crap. I was brought up to respect the views of others and basically to keep my own political ideas to myself. But when you see and hear the divisive and confrontational rubbish that the lefties are using as propaganda, it's hard to keep quiet. I'll be glad when it's all over and both sides of politics can stop having cheap snipes at each other. By the way, I am reading General Tommy Franks's book at the moment and it is a very good read. When you realize the selfless discipline and sacrifices that these guys and their families make for the rest of us, it brings tears to my eyes with respect, admiration, and appreciation for them.

| 11/3/04 02:25:50 AM | Scrutineer | DC | reelected | || | 10 |
Oh say can you see.....FOUR MORE YEARS, FOUR MORE YEARS. Suck eggs, Usama. Times up. |
| 11/3/04 03:24:24 AM | Gore More years | Tennessee | Gore.com | || | 10 |
The election hasn't been decided yet as all of the votes in Ohio have not been counted and may not be counted for days yet. Sound familiar? |
| 11/3/04 04:31:25 AM | Evren | London | || | 10 |
Angelo - What you say is right. Every country and I mean every country has it's problems one way or another! No one is perfect - and when you hear or read about other countries you only generally hear about their best or worst never the 'average joe'. |
George Bush is still the President of the United States of America ( also known as USA). Kerry telephoned him and did admit the defeat. The less wilt guy won. Alex P. Keaton is happy, while Steven and Elyse Keaton are sad. |
| 11/3/04 02:36:26 PM | Scrutineer | || | 10 |
Gore More Years - what say you now ? FOUR MORE YEARS. FOUR MORE YEARS (not Gore, Moore, Rears - loser). |
| 11/3/04 04:10:14 PM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | || | 10 |
Hey Noam, I agree with every word of your post on Election Day, 11-2-04. God Bless America ! There are some interesting heavyweight fights coming in Nov. |
| 11/3/04 05:08:48 PM | Massimo | Roma | || | 10 |
Yoo Steve-<br><br>Welcome back, we really missed you !<br>My best greetings to your Calabrese " big feeted"<br>wife ! Can she cook good spaghetti alla carbonara ? I like spaghetti alla carbonara very much ! They are very easy to prepare but very good to eat ! |
| 11/3/04 06:30:52 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | | kentallenent@aol.com | || | 10 |
When I was voting, people had left their voting instructions in the voting booth and when those papers started to fall to the ground, a young man came over to pick them up. The results of my votes were on the screen, we had electronic voting machines, and when I covered up my choices with my hand, he said, "it doesn't matter." I told him right away, "yes it does matter that I have privacy in the voting booth." People have died to preserve our right to vote and I am in my own way fighting for freedom every time I step into the voting booth to vote. |
| 11/3/04 07:49:51 PM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | | Sonia90101@aol.com | || | 10 |
Hi All, its been awhile since I've been able to be on computer was down. Now I am back, I'm sure I've missed alot. Hope all are doing ok. We sure love & miss you Dad, Uncle Jerry, and Aunt Brenda. |
| 11/4/04 12:25:14 AM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | || | 10 |
I'd like to offer my heart,felt sympathy to the Quarry family on the sudden and tragic death of yet another family member. I myself have recently lost two loved ones in a fatal car accident.Our faith in A God is what will keep us going on. Hey Massimo,you Italian womenizing devil,I would never allow you to get withen ten feet of my Calibreesian wife.You are too wilt and probably have huge feet!! You will never know the joys of a true Italian-American gravy.Unless you come to visit me. |
| 11/4/04 12:33:47 AM | Steve | N.J. | dmmsrm@comcast.net | || | 10 |
Hey Kent,Yes, you are doing your part and Civic duty every time you vote.Don't you guys in Cal.have a privacy curtain across your voting booth??Sounds to Me like your right to privacy was invaded!! That should at least warrent a official complaint from you.I'm not kidding!!
GERRY SCHULTZ: I just got the Bakersfield bout with Jerry Quarry and James Williams, very interesting, the scores were 97-96 Gwen Farrell (female judge) 96-95 and referee Larry Rosadilla 96-96, Gwen had to re-add her score card, or it would have been a draw. They say Williams was robbed, they had a faulty scale, and Jerry actually had to lose 6 pounds the day of the bout, Quarry also had at least 60 stitches over his eyes and had both eyes closed, Jerry had a big 6th round and that was about it, I've now have all of Jerry's bouts from microfilm, including the golden gloves, they only big bout of his great career I do not have is 1965 L.A. GOLDEN GLOVES WITH Clay Hodges, were Jerry hit the deck twice but rallied to win. My condolences to Brenda AND THE QUARRY FAMILY, she actually helped me research, bless her heart.

Jimmy D, I didn't know Jerry took such a beating against Williams. I guess with his several draws and fights like this, this is why more than a few doubted Jerry's talent early on. His early career is certainly very interesting stuff, thanks again Jim... I certainly did mean to favorably compare Joe Frazier to O.J. Simpson, trial or not. Joe's offense, if any, is obviously much less severe. I would not call Mike Tyson a nice guy either. Mike has some serious issues, which have been used against him, he has my sympathy as previously stated. Comparing Frazier to these two is pretty thin thinking, in my opinion. Not even in the same league. Let's move on. Thanks. |
pleasant debates about sports and everyone laughed and poked good natured fun at each other. All the recent debate is about politics and wars and religion, and there is nothing good natured about it and we don't poke fun anymore, we poke ridicule. Every time I read or watched the news there was some idiot - usually the whining left wingers in my case (or the red necked neocons in Gerry's world) - annoying the crap out of me (and Gerry). I couldn't read a paper or watch tv without getting annoyed. I just want to go back to reading the sports pages first and then having good natured fun and enjoyable debates. Surely by now we're all out of insults. Now for more important things. If Evander Holyfield gets badly hurt in fights ahead, the governing body that lets him keep fighting should be charged with reckless endangerment. I love Evander, but enough is enough. It's time for him to retire and enjoy his wealth in relative good health (and with the parts of his ears that he still has left).
results. Looks like my new number one will have to be the New England Patriots. Funny, my friend in Boston, who is in hog heaven because the Red Sox broke the curse of the Bambino by winning the baseball world series, didn't like it that I didn't have the Patriots number one all season but I couldn't because until their loss to Pitt. I thought the Eagles were playing better and I had the Pats. number two behind them until this week. See, what I tried to explain to my Boston friend, winning the super bowl last year means nothing to my ranking system this year as that was last year.

| 11/8/04 06:25:43 AM | El pibe de oro | Roma, outside California || yao wilter than wilt.com | ||| | 10 | Kent from California (. . . Mieli coglioni, California . . . ) ||| | <br> | A friend in Boston . . . I don't have any friend in Boston, all the friends I have live in Roma. How is people in Boston. Do they have two arms and two legs like the mortal ones in Caianiello? :-)|

| 11/8/04 02:46:21 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | ||| | 10 | My friend in Boston is more Wilt than I am. He is 6'9" tall and yes he has two arms and two legs. <br> He has a size 13 shoe size. <br> Steve, I forgot that New England's only loss was to Pittsburg. So they are my new number one for this week after handing the Eagles their only loss also. <br> I didn't do my rankings last week otherwise Pitt. would have been at least number two last week. |

| 11/8/04 03:45:46 PM | Ted "The million dollar man" Di Biase | Roma, remember P.R. Falcao, its eight king? I do! ||| | 10 | Kent from California | <br> | <br> | Shoe size 13 is a little disappointing for a guy that wilt; I wonder what's Warren Coolidge's shoe size! All the great guys live in USA! We have the 5'7" Silvio Berlusconi in Italy, surely a smart guy, but not very wilt. Did you ever meet Kelly Taylor, Dylan McKay, Brandon Walsh, Donna Martin etc.? <br> I have just seen Valuev-Vidoz and I was stunned how easily the 6'11" Russian beat Paolo Vidoz (silver medal, beaten by Audley Harrison). Nicolay is really strong and I think we are going to hear his name in the future. Vitali-Nicolay would be a good fight. |

| 11/9/04 12:29:29 AM | Sheri | Paso Robles | lizrdluver@yahoo.com | ||| | 10 | i would like to know if anyone would do something in the memory of my mom, brenda quarry. when shopping this holiday season pick a name off one of those trees for needy children. my mom and i did this every year. she would always pick a teenager or older child because she said they got over looked. if you do this put in the memory of brenda quarry. i know she would just love that you opened your hearts to a child in need. then try to make it a triditional thing in your own lives every day or if not at least at the holidays. thank you sheri |

| 11/9/04 03:35:55 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | ||| | 10 | Sheri, i would be happy to make a donation in memory of your mother. Is there a specific charity that does this that you and her donate to every year? Please post the information. |

| 11/9/04 04:56:27 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | ||| | 10 | SPORTSBOOK: That newspaper microfilm is something else, having sent and researched microfilm for 17 cities on Jerry, Quarry fought in 17 states and 30 arena's including England as a pro, but what I got last night kind of captivated me, Jerry was favored 53 times in 66 bouts, and he won 53 times in 66 bouts, Funny thou, it seemed whom ever was favored in JERRY'S big bouts usually lost, case in point, LYLE, MATHIS, SPENCER, FOSTER, PATTERSON, And all 4 of his draws were favored to beat Quarry, And Jerry was favored in the MACHEN, ELLIS, CHUVALO, And a slight 6-5 favorite vs "SMOKIN JOE" FRAZIER in 1974-go figure. And a slight underdog vs Norton in 1975, odds of me never meeting Quarry were great, since we were in the same vicenctty all the time, and I knew Mike and MR. JIMMY. Mike would have introduced me sometime if I'd had pushed the issue in 1980. Hindesight you know, And a 20 year old thinks totally dfferant opposed to a 44 year old. Brenda loved my parents peculiar scoring system for my last high school years were as, i was to receive $20 for every A and $10 for every B. And wound up oweing money after my senior year!||
Jimmy Ellis's lightest weight in his pro career was only 155 1/4, James Toney's 157, Sammy Langford's 155, but all these guys became top rated fighters in the heavyweight division. Billy Conn almost whipped Joe Louis's a-s and Joe Louis is ranked as one of the greatest champions of all times! It is a little disappointing to me that a blown up heavyweight can whip a natural one. I think this debunks (thanks dictionary!) a little the heavyweight division. It makes me think that if I went in the gym for a month I'd can whip Vitali. Could Marvin Hagler or Bennie Briscoe with a little train whip George Foreman, Joe Frazier, Oscar Bonavena, George Chuvalo, Ray Impelletiere and Mike Tyson, all natural heavyweights? Opinions from California or other states?

PS: Ray Impelletiere, before becoming a boxer, fought as a wrestler.

PS2: just before the Frazier-Ellis fight, in 1970, which fighter was rated (as) the N.1 heavyweight in the world? I know that Joe held the WBC belt, while Jimmy held the WBA one. Who was the favourite to win? Thanks.

Roberto Duran moved up lots of divisions and fought with distinction. He wasn't afraid to explore the horizon. How come you remember Benny Briscoe? You ARE a serious student of boxing. Briscoe, if my memory serves me correctly, was a middleweight, bald head, from Philli, and in the same era as Carlos Monzon, Jean Claude Boutier, Tony Mundine, et al. Benny was a real tough guy. No one ever had an easy victory over him.

Do you remember Monzon, Massimo? He was something. Definitely an elite boxer and in the best pound-for-pound of all time.

Did you see Kostya Tzsyu win against Sharmba Mitchell? He walked straight through him. Tzsyu was returning from a two year lay-off and it was an awesome display. I think it moves him up to the top two or three pound-for-pound, even at 35 years of age.

He is apparently considering moving up a division to fight Corey Spinks, who has three title belts. Kostya would destroy Spinks. If my understanding is correct that Spinks is a south paw, Kostya does very well against lefties and would easily take those belts.

I think the heavyweight division is overrated. If you think about it, the average sized man is about middleweight size. That means there are a lot more guys competing in that division.

Fewer men are heavyweights so, statistically, the competition is not there. This weekend there are four heavyweight fights, among them being Evander Holyfield. He is becoming sad.

Thad Spencer, Jimmy Ellis, Manuel Ramos, Jerry Quarry.
The weights in yesterday:

Evander "The real nuts" Holyfield 215 1/2
Rahman 232<br>Byrd 214<br>Ruiz 231<br>Golota 238<br>"The Bouncer" 270<br>Meehan 237<br>Donald 226 1/2<br>Don King weighted in at 278 1/2. How andre' he is !!!!!!!!!!!!

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Massimo, King is a little bit Wilt in that he is about 6'3" For those who don't know, the bouncer Massimo referred to who weighed in at 270 pounds is Jameel McCline. Should be a good card. I like all heavyweights' cards.

Kent from California-<br><br>Yeah man, he is andre' and wilt at the same time ! I have seen Jameel only once against Boswell and he didn't impress me at all. He is in all a good fighter, but I think him to be (or that he is) better as a bouncer than as a boxer.

That's what I call a real heavyweight weigh in.<br>It's also a sorry bunch of boxers compared to yesteryear--a group of has beens, never weres and also in-betweens like Ruiz. But I have to admit---I like the idea of putting them all together and finding the best of the lot. |

Now that Our Dear Leader Michael Moore has decreed the mourning period officially over, I thought you'd be interested in a special deal being offered on a new site called HELP THEM LEAVE.<br>Send an email to reservations@helpthemleave.com and you can reserve space on special charter flights leaving daily. You can choose a country carefully matched to your political leanings, i.e.,<br><br>Leftists: France, Germany, Spain<br>Socialists: Canada, Norway<br>Communists: Cuba, North Korea<br>Anarchists: Antarctica<br>The deal is this - in return for your irrevocable renunciation of your United States citizenship, and a sworn statement that you will never return, HELP THEM LEAVE will provide free one-way transportation to a country politically matched to your leanings on a jet chartered to provide that service. This relocation assistance for 'disenfranchised' citizens is privately funded.<br>The alternative is.....FOUR MORE YEARS ! Can it some serious thought.

Evandro is gonna fight a guy who is wilter, andrer and younger than him. Larry Donald is gonna beat the hell out of his face ! Larry is a very humble guy also, as his nickname is " The legend ". Who is humbler between Evandro Camposanto (Holyfield in Italian) and Larry Donald ?|
Hasim Rahman looked very good in dismantling a game but over matched Kali Meehan in four rounds. Meehan's corner didn't allow their fighter out of the corner at the time of the stoppage to save him from further harm.<br>Evander Holyfield got his ass kicked again in losing every round to Larry Donald. He reasoned in logic only he can understand that since he had done better than he had against James Toney, he took a worse beating from Toney as Donald is not a big puncher, that he should continue his career because of this. COME ON EVANDER IT IS OVER!! WAKE UP AND REALIZE THIS OR GET SEVERLY HURT!!

Do you think Byrd's win over "The Bouncer" was deserved or not ? I was a little bit surprised as I thought it would have been an easier fight for Byrd than it has been in reality. I have seen Byrd against Tua and Chris is a very albert and quick fighter, while "The Bouncer" is pretty slow.

McCline was very determined and he came in and tried to take Byrd's belt and his weight advantage, 270 pounds to 214 for Byrd, made a difference when he did land his punches as they were harder than Byrd's punches. There were times in the fight that if he could have just landed a few more punches, McCline could have knocked Byrd out. But Byrd, as always, found a way to avoid further punishment from McCline, particularly in the latter rounds, by making McCline miss and countering with while not devastating punches, flurries of punches hard enough to slow McCline's forward movement and to score points to pull out the win.<br>Again, as far as Holyfield goes, I would rather have seen the Davarryl Williamson verses Oliver McCall fight, won by decision by Williamson that was not on the broadcast, I was not at the fights, as from what little footage they showed, it looked like a good fight, certainly better than Donald/Holyfield and even better than the supposed headliner, "The Stinker at the Garden." Ruiz verses Golota.

Is John Ruiz the most plodding, boring fighter in history?

Andrew Golota was robbed. Crybaby Ruiz got lucky and Golota will beat him if Ruiz has the guts to fight him again. Andrew Golota represents a waste of talent! I compare him to Antonio Cassano, for his lack of mental stability.

While John Ruiz is a step below Joe Louis Barrow,

I need to take a book in my bookcase right now, but I am having a little trouble in reaching it. I was thinking that Wilt, with his 9'6" standing reach would have taken it with no need of ladders or chairs. But I am having some trouble, since ( or as, or because) my standing reach is only about 7'. I wonder how Andre' would have
taken that book !

Dating back to his fights with Big Daddy Bowe, Golata has shown flashes of ability. He's also shown erratic performances (i.e. the blowout loss to Lewis) and the inability to hold his composure, even while winning. If he could stay cool, stay focused and motivated---he'd be a possibility to take any of today's horrible heavies.

The heavyweight division is about as thrilling as a hog calling contest in Alaska.

As boring as they are and as poorly as they perform compared to the class of the 70's, I'll still watch a top ten heavyweight bout over any similar bout of a lighter weight class, especially anything below middleweights. I like the big guys who wind up and throw bombs. When a 220 pound guy hits someone, or something, flush, the impact is the essence of "KNOCKOUT." Conversely, when two talented bantamweights are going at it, it seems like bunches of pitter-pat, lots of dancing and not a lot of knockout power. I know that the heavies tend to hold and wrestle, which is also clumsy. And if you can't sleep, put in the "Best of John Ruiz" video and snore away. But by and large, I still like the heavier weight action.

Do you think the 217 Giacomo Toney who beat Holyfield could hit harder than the 157 Giacomo Toney who beat Michele Nunn in 1991? Or was he only more slow and more wealthy? Could Muhammed Ali hit harder than Tommaso Hearns, Marvin Hagler, Zucchero Ray Robinson or Roberto Duran? Does the n.100 heavyweight in the world hit harder than the n.1 middleweight?

I am donating some money to Children's Hospital Los Angeles in memory of your mother Brenda. I figure helping sick children get well is a good holiday gift. Was she also from Paso Robles, Ca?

Sheri, I agree with you. We likely never see the likes of Quarry, Frazier, Ali, Norton, Shavers, Lyle, Foreman, etc. again in the division as a group.

The latest issue of Boxing Digest Magazine has a big article on Jerry Quarry and his family. It goes into a lot of things we talked about here.

After
watching Frazier-Ellis four times, I have to say that I have a lot of respect for Jimmy Ellis' skills as a fighter. He was one of the most skillful fighters of his generation, quick moves, good left jab and sneaky right hand. The fight was really excellent, one of the best I have seen in the last 10 years. And this was merito of BOTH fighters! Joe Frazier was just as unstoppable as Shaq, not including Giorgio Eduardo, of course.

Chris Byrd is a very good late round fighter. He proves that skill and conditioning defeat size and raw power. His wins are not close to dominating, but he does win. Golota probably got ripped again. Ruiz is not a champion, I don't care what his belt says. Holyfield is baffling. I guess the roar of the crowd means a lot. It did to Ali and others also, even JQ... Jimmy Ellis was a top guy definitely, up there with Quarry and Bonavena in the late 60's, even after that. He got to Frazier early very well, almost as well as JQ did... the middleweights have long been the top division, especially with lower guys who move up later in their careers. Some more hardcore boxing fans laugh at the heavies, and have for years, except for Tyson and Lewis during their reigns. Maybe Klitschko will elevate the division some, the division needs one guy with all or most of the belts, I think he's the guy for that... it's funny, I think I remember Max K saying JQ should be remembered as a top cruiserweight. As our society gets a little heavier, maybe some of the attention will begin to drift toward the 175 and cruiserweight divisions. Their should be more well-conditioned, skilled guys in these divisions. It's there for the taking. Again, if JQ were around now at cruiserweight, you'd have to open the vault. He'd probably be the biggest star out there... Good to hear an article on the Quarry family was done again. They were and are a remarkable bunch. I remain very much a fan of them. Thanks.

Carnera-Baer was a very interesting fight. Primo had a terrible start and was floored two and a half times in the first round. But then he recovered very well and won many rounds. It is not true that Baer knocked him down 11 times! He knocked him down only 7 or 8 times throughout the fight (and in the second round both fighters went down 3 times, like in a wrestling match). Primo got injured (caviglia slogata, SNORT) raising himself from the stool between the first and the second round. The last knockdowns in rounds 10 and 11 were caused by the injury. Maybe, without the injury, Primo would have won on points. I'm not sure that Max Baer was better than Carnera; he was more powerful than Primo, but couldn't box an egg.

The legendary Joe Kilrick, (who doesn't remember him, who?), a former Wilt's teammate in the Philadelfia 76's said that Wilton Norman Chamberlain stood exactly 7'1" 1/8 (without that 1/8, he would have been a wimp).
Players went into the stands and fought with fans.<br>

| 11/23/04 01:36:44 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | I have seen only about 1 second of that brawl and this means only one punch which landed very hard right on a fan's chin. This guy obviously couldn't take a punch as well as Chuvalo and went down. I think that I would have had a little trouble at dividing the brawlers, with my about 5'4" wingspan. It would have needed at least Warren Coolidge. I wonder how it has to be having a brawl with Shaquille Rashaun O'Neal (who, obviously, wasn't involved... ). |

| 11/23/04 02:12:18 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | Well, I told my wife that if I were sitting in the stands, I wouldn't throw anything at the players. But, if Ron Artest came after me and my family because he made a mistake and THOUGHT I was the one who threw the cup---and it wasn't me---I would take several hard punches to the head from Artest, but I would also throw my 190 pounds, rolled up in a ball, as hard as I could, right at his knee. Hopefully that act would end his career while my black eye and broken nose would heal in a few weeks. Of course, my wife corrected me and said rather than end his career, she'd want me to end my own career by taking his punch without retaliating, then suing him for a couple million dollars. |

| 11/23/04 04:18:26 PM | Massimo Cini | Italia | Tim Duncan is a midget.com | I have read on the Internet that Ron Artest is as wilt as Warren Coolidge, at 6'7" and that weights 246 lbs. I guess that the fan who took his punch was less wilt and less andre' than him. |

| 11/23/04 05:48:10 PM | Massimo Cini da Pisa | Roma | Coolidge was the best American president ever.com | And, of course, Ron Artest is only 2 inches less wilt than Kent's friend in Boston (Kent has a friend in Boston). |

| 11/24/04 03:10:30 PM | Howard C. | cossellinheaven@aol.com | same | Personally, I think a bit of audience participation is a good thing. Pretty soon we'll have spectators on big money being managed by Don King. Spectators baiting the players will be part of the sport, and what's wrong with that, especially if you have guys like Iron Mike and Mitch Green in the crowd.<br> <br> I'd take it a step further. How about each side be given dispensation for, say, five elbows to the head each game and maybe a couple of knees and punches, too. If they don't use 'em all in one game, then they can transfer them to the next game. <br> <br> Crowds love that stuff and it would take the violence off of the streets and back into the stadiums where it should be. Every event would be a super bowl. Every contest an Ali v Frazier 'fight-to-the-death' spectacle. <br> <br> We have to make our sports more gladiatorial and encourage spectator involvement. It would certainly liven boring sports like tennis. Players should be permitted to hit more than just the ball with their rackets. If they get sledged by someone in the crowd, players should be encouraged to react with uncontrollable violence. Imagine how good tennis could have been if McEnroe was sanctioned to attack people. Let him loose on the referees and the ratings would have gone through the roof. <br> <br> In case you didn't already know it - Ali was the greatest ! |

| 11/24/04 03:38:36 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | The brawl at the basketball game is the fault of the players and the fans and both should be penalized, especially whoever started it. The fan should be charged with inciting to riot. Criminal charges should also be filed against the players who attacked fans. |

| 11/24/04 04:25:06 PM | Alfredo Delvecchio | Roma | chachi, chachi, chachi, chachi, chachi.com | What I really don't understand is: why the players care so much about what the fans are saying? They gain millions of dollars a year, the fans don't. In the after brawl interview Ron Artest initially apologized for his behaviour and two minutes later he spoke about his new CD. What an idiot he is! He has less brain than a crawfish (dictionary)! I hope that Wilt never got himself involved in brawls during a basketball game! Was Andre' ever involved in brawls? |
What are you guys on about? The brawl was fantastic. It warms the coldest of hearts. Lighten up and get your kids ready for the next game and enjoy it while it lasts because the sourpuss whimpish officials will overreact and wipe it out. Why wipe out the best thing that ever happened in sport? Fans are queueing up for more.

Ah, the now-famous NBA brawl, which, not surprisingly, involved Detroit. The fan behavior was just moronic, when it's all done maybe two dozen of them should be in jail. Buying a ticket does not entitle you to be an asshole, this is now, amazingly, a very important message for today's sports fans. I blame Ron Artest and the other players who went into the stands, but only to a point. We know where these guys come from and what they are about. Only a total moron would try to assault one of these guys, just as in the case of JQs bar fights. Ben Wallace should have received a much larger fine and suspension, his reaction to the foul was way out of order. It's actually good strategy to foul him rather than let him shoot, and Artest had to be sure he would not make the shot after the foul. Artest was flat out lynched over this, his suspension time is a joke. The NBA needs to take responsibility for the ghetto atmosphere it has deliberately created for its players and fans, it is the reason that league has fallen so far in the last 10-12 years...

Howard C., I agree with your 'elbow rule', but only as long as it's your head that is elbowed in each event. Entertainment as a whole is at an all-time low, with this brawl, the Super Bowl nonsense, reality television, and a long list of other pathetic events, which certainly has included boxing. Jokes aside, it's tough to watch all this and see where it is continuing to go. What can I take my kids to see anymore in sports or other entertainment? As a long time fan of sports in particular, it's very difficult to continually observe.

Also, Massimo, Wilt Chamberlain was usually listed as 7'2 because he was clearly over seven feet tall, as to his exact height, no one knows for sure. 7'1 1/8 was used when he was in college. As he said himself, it's pointless to pin down anyway, his height was only part of the reason he was so great an athlete and player, like Shaq today... Wilt was involved in a slew of fights in college and in his early pro career. Slugging him was the only way to slow him down, and there was a lot of racism then, just as there is today, only today it is a different brand of racism. Still, with so many forces against him, Wilt never fouled out. Going after Wilt in the late 60s and after was considered near-suicide because of all the weightlifting he did, so few even considered it. Thanks.

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Hi All! Just wanted to wish you all a very "Happy Thanksgiving" We sure miss you Dad, Uncle Jerry, Mom, Aunt Brenda.
After the predictable shambles of last weekend's heavyweight fights, perhaps with the exception of Byrd and McCline, I am glad that John Ruiz of all people has had the sense to speak up for what would be best in the division and that is each champion facing off with one another before finding one undisputed winner. It would give some credibility to the division I suppose. The Klitiscko-Williams fight should go the way of the Ukrainian but the latter did absorb a hell of a lot of punches to finally get through to Tyson. Williams was always regarded as very talented but mentally fragile which explained a couple of his losses but if his mind is there then there could be an upset which would probably undermine the division further. If you go by records than at the age of 33 Klitishko's record is worse than Byrd's. He's only beaten Larry Donald, Herbie Hide and a game but limited Corrie Sanders, as well as Kirk Johnson. I know he took Lewis close but the latter was at the end of his career and that cut was pretty horrific. The fight had to be stopped. It will take him another 6-8 fights to create some sort of legacy.

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Why didn't Mike Tyson fight Frank Bruno in Wembley back in 1989? They offered him a lot of money to fight the British slugger in England! Why did they fight in Las Vegas? Anyone knows? I think today Frank Bruno would hold his own pretty well against the modern heavyweights, likely even better than he did in the 80's. And it is a real shame that John "Boredom" Ruiz holds a title belt, while Donovan Razor Ruddock never held one. Cheers and thanks.

Just found something interesting on Microfilm, When Floyd Patterson decisioned Eddie Machen to win W.B.A.'s "FIGHTER OF THE MONTH" for July 1964. Tony Alongi was ranked as the World Boxing Association's Number #10 Contender effective August 4th 1964, I always thought Alongi made at least one of the governing bodies elite World top ten lists, although probably not Ring Magazine (the best!). So this puts an interesting swing on Quarry's career, for he is now 15-8-4 10-knockouts against past-present-future World top ten heavyweights, and 38-1 22 knockouts vs everyone else, actually undefeated (who counts Cranmer?!). I finally found something to back me on Alongi who had a great record not withstanding. It also had a very interesting article on how Billy Daniels upset No. 1 CONTENDER DOUG JONES on 24 hours notice substituting for none other than Tony Alongi who had to pull out for bone chips in his right elbow.

It is interesting that Mel Counts checked in here. I met him in person and he looked to me, a ten year old boy, as Wilt as Wilt was. I am guessing that Big Mel, who was listed at 7'0" tall, was close to Wilt in height. Mel could have been a half inch taller than seven feet if Wilt was 1 and 1/8 inches above seven feet.<br>

Mel played for both the Boston Celtics for about four years and for the L.A. Lakers for about four or five years and he backed up both Russell and Chamberlain at center.<br>

It isn't a big deal now but back in the sixties, Counts would come in and play forward alongside Wilt and it was a big deal to have two seven footers on the court at the same time. It might have been the first time it had ever happened.

I have a secret to share with all of you: there is a picture available somewhere on the Internet with Wilt and Andre' together. Hell, I would renounce to 10 spaghetti to watch that picture just to know how much Wilt was wilter than the Midget. There is another picture in a book that (or which) I don't have (me tapino) with Jabbar, Shaq, Wilt and Russell (who is clearly wilter than Coolidge... My God, than Coolidge !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!) in the same room !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! And Jabbar looked clearly wilter than Wilt
Stuff to faint for........ And there is a picture with Calvin Lane and Shaq on the Internet and Lane is much wilter and andre'er than Shaq !!!!!!!! They should sell a book with all these legends pictured together !

I remember Mel Counts as a Laker and with Phoenix. A very servicable backup center, may have been 7'1. I think Kent is right about the two seven-footers thing. Andre was about as tall as Jabbar, 7'3. These are a lot of photos of Wilt, Jabbar and Russell, three of the very best ever. Another guy seen with them a few times was Bill Walton, who was probably 7'1 also, but like Counts, did not advertise it. Shaq is probably as tall as both Counts and Walton ... On a much more serious note, Riddick Bowe was to fight again recently. It's said he has showed signs of brain damage, which is predictable from his lifestyle as well as his career. He got ok'd to fight in Kentucky, the same state Greg Page got plastered in a few years ago at age 42. Holyfield and Tyson seem headed down the same path also. On this, of all sites, this is a serious issue. When will boxing be taken seriously enough for legislation be set up to stop this? In Republican America, money comes first and people come second, so someone will always wave some greenbacks to set up these stupid events. Holyfield's suspension is a sign of encouragement. But we need more: a mandatory retirement age, and HEADGEAR. Football and hockey have it, boxing should too. The sport will not improve it's public image until it does make these necessary changes... Thanks, Happy Holidays.

Notice how Gerry keeps getting his petty little political jibes in. Gerry wrote, "In Republican America, money comes first....." Gerry blames George W. and the Republicans for everything. Holyfield has brain damage ? Blame George W. Riddick Bowe given a license to box. Dubbya's fault. Greg Page ? Yeah, blame Dubbya for that, too.<br><br>Gerry wants this site to be a political debate forum. Is that appropriate ?

Comrade Gerry is correct that in Republican America the filthy capitalist pigs led by the arch criminal George W. Bush make money come first and people come second. Under Comrade John Kerry things would have been different. Comrade Kerry would have spent the billions of dollars of his wife Heinz to the last bean to make boxing safer. Comrade Clinton did a lot in his eight years as president to make boxing safer too. So did Comrades Carter and Johnson and Kennedy. I just can't remember what it was that they actually did. Enlighten us Gerry, what did these Democrat presidents do to make boxing safer that the filthy capitalist pigs trailer trash greedy stupid Republican presidents haven't done ? How was Comrade Kerry going to save Holyfield and Tyson, and what did Clinton do to save Page ? (Does anyone else think that Gerry is an incurable, insufferable, communist moron, or am I the only one here thinking rationally ?)

Andre' was about as wilt as Jabbar at 5 years of age. Andre' was actually about as wilt as me :-)<br>There are all versions available from 5'7" to 8'... We'll never know, not even Andre' knew how wilt he was. :-)<br>He used to wear special lifts in his ( big ?) shoes to look wilter.
here in the U.S. if a fighter has been suspended for medical reasons but I don't think Bowe has been suspended (though he should be). He could still go to another country if he wanted to and fight even if so. Maybe some day everyone will honor suspensions.

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11/29/04 06:04:16 PM|Sheri|Paso Robles||lizrdluver@yahoo.com|||10|Kent, sorry it has taken me so long to answer your question. yes my mom was from Paso Robles also. also what every your heart tells you to do this christmas is great. thank you all for you support. sheri

11/29/04 09:02:45 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||8|Noam, you hypocrite. You rant for paragraphs like a closet Nazi and then object to something I use in half a sentence. How typically two-faced ... you call Kerry comrade, but he was the only candidate to actually fight communists. Again, typically two-faced or just plain inaccurate. I blame businessmen who lack ethics for promoting these stupid fights. Strange that Republicans do continually defend this kind of business attitude, thanks for proving my point... Post Election trauma, yes. 60 million Americans have it. You outspent Kerry 3-1 and won by 75,000 Ohio votes, some mandate... At least Kent was able to see beyond something I wrote in half a sentence. Do any of you tards care about boxing? ... Howard C., the all-time king of insufferable morons, dares to complain about someone else? That's beyond two-faced. Go back to fawning over Ali, you blowhard. It's a wonder you two didn't date. Say, you don't think ... |

11/30/04 03:38:46 AM|Noam|same||same|||10|Thanks for proving my point Gerry. You really have lost it. Name calling. Cheap political shots. Throwing your handbag hysterically around. Inferring that others are fags. All this hate and throwing tantrums because you didn't get the result you wanted in the election. <br><br>Get over it. Put it behind you. Try and get a life. Stop blaming President Bush and the Republicans for all your problems. Dry the tears running down your face. Grow up. <br><br>It's not the end of the earth, Gerry, just because you didn't get your own way. The silent majority prevailed over the noisy minority. You lost. <br><br>Democracy worked. Hundreds of thousands of brave Americans have lost their lives fighting to maintain democracy, so learn to respect it. <br><br>If you refuse to respect democracy, try Canada or Somalia or Syria or somewhere else where they wanted Kerry before President Bush. In the meantime, do everyone a favour and SHUT UP. Besides, you're making me too happy throwing tantrums like your last post. Hugs and kisses.<br><br>My enduring memory of John Kerry and the Vietnam War is of him sitting beside Hanoi Jane Fonda at demonstrations, giving solace to the communist enemy, whilst insulting and distressing our soldiers.<br><br>Flip flopping is the one constant throughout Kerry's life. He flip flopped on Vietnam, and he also flip flopped on the most recent war. That is why he lost the election.<br><br>Muhammad Ali, on the other hand, rightly or wrongly, was always consistent in his opposition to the Vietnam War. You might not like his complexion, Gerry, but at least respect him for not being a flip flopper.<br><br>There are reports that Kerry fought bravely in the Vietnam War. There are also contradictory reports that he didn't. Those reports came from soldiers who were there. I am undecided on the issue.<br><br>Gerry you call some of us 'tards' and I assume you meant retard. My dictionary defines retard as someone unfortunate enough through no fault of their own to be "backward in mental or physical development". <br><br>By all means Gerry disagree with the silent majority who voted for President Bush to have four more years, but please refrain from demeaning those with disabilities, no matter how deep your anger is at losing.<br><br>Finally, you continually accuse republicans of hurting boxing and boxers. Please name them or we will be forced to the conclusion that this is just a continuation of your 'jihad' against republicans. Thanks for your time.

11/30/04 08:00:43 AM|Publio Virgilio Marone|Roma|.com|||10|Just to learn something about American history, was Coolidge a Repubblican or a Democratic President ? God bless America, mostly California
Not to get too political here, but where did this data come from that Bush outspent Kerry 3-1? I don't believe it and I think it's a hollow excuse for a somewhat embarassing loss. There were hundreds of rich Hollywood elite and wealthy eccentrics who gave millions of dollars to Kerry and other Democratic candidates---and websites like "Move On" collecting millions more from younger and some older radical voters to unseat Bush. Movies made about how terrible Bush is and how dumb he is----comics embracing Kerry and dumping on Bush. In the end, don't try to tell me that Bush spent more money and that's why he won. The truth is, people looked at the candidates and evaluated their stands on the issues and their credibility. Voters all across the country felt that Bush was the better man to lead. Don't try to tell me a handful in Ohio decided the election. Look at the map---you'll find that concentrated clusters in urban areas on the coasts voted for Kerry and pretty much the rest of America voted for Bush. That's not the "rich elite" deciding, that's most of America. Finally, I'm not even a big fan of Bush but what I saw in Kerry was a B.S. artist and the quintessential Monday morning quarterback who thinks he knows what's best for everyone. When the Democrats settle on a middle of the road, moderate, measured, rational nominee, they'll win a national election. When they turn the party back over to guys like Scoop Jackson, Morris Udall and Sam Nunn, they'll get Democratic and Republican votes. Until then, they'll continue to lose every time.

One thing Bush will not be able to do is pass the buck if things don't improve. His party controls both the house and the senate and they control the White House and the "Buck" stops at his desk. What is Bush going to do when he can't blame Clinton for everything? The big spending Republicans, they have controlled the House, who allocates the money, for the last four years, as well as the presidency. Yet even after they took office with a budget surplus in 2001, they have spent us into record breaking debt. Some of the blame for all of the spending is because of 9/11 and because we went to war but it is possible to fight a war, in this case Vietnam, and still spend within our limits, the last time the U.S. government had a budget surplus before 2001 was in 1969 when Democrat Lyndon Johnson left the presidency. I am not making a comment about either war being good or bad as I am just talking about government spending as even though the democrats are labeled as being big spenders of our tax dollars, the republicans are often the ones who do the spending. The facts bare it out, look them up. By the way, I am a democrat but I didn't vote for Kerry.

President Bush had 9/11, and then the Afghan war, and then the Iraq war. Given that the war on terror only began six months into his presidency, it is surprising that the deficit is not far worse. Gerry accuses republicans he does not identify of being responsible for safety breaches in boxing. Who are these dreadful men and did they do it because they are republicans ? What has the alleged complexion of their politics got to do with boxing ? Charles Manson is a democrat, and so are all those guys on Queer Eye (Gerry's favourite show) but has that got anything to do with Kerry or the democrats ? Same thing with Don King. So what that he is smart and voted for Bush because he knew he was better. That's got nothing to do with boxing. Kent - you say that the buck stops with Bush. Correct. However, it seems that you are pre-empting failure trying to appease Comrade Gerry, rather than sticking to events thus far. Judge him on the past, not a predicted dreadful future that types like Gerry hopes for simply to justify his political stance and say "I told you so". Also, is big business only with Bush ? Kerry is filthy rich as well, given his marriage to Mrs Baked Beans. And what about Edwards ? He made squillions chasing ambulances
as a personal injury lawyer. I guess that only discredits the politician when he is a republican.<br><br>12/1/04 01:28:37 AM Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10 Noam, I am not assuming everything is going to be bad in the next four years but if it is bad, who is Bush going to blame? Blaming Clinton for everything is tiresome and not more than a few people think they had it better when "Big Bubba" Clinton was in office.<br><br>12/1/04 01:28:37 AM Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10 As far as big spending government goes, Johnson left office with a surplus and Nixon and Ford put the country in the red. Jimmy Carter also was in the red but Ronald Reagan tripled the debt when he was president. H.W. Bush continued this trend and Clinton left office with a surplus. I am not making these numbers up. I have done the research. The point is, republicans always point to the democrats as the big spenders but the real answer is both major parties can be blamed for this but sometimes republicans more than democrats. Pretty surprising, isn't it?<br><br>12/1/04 01:28:37 AM Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10 Ironically, Lyndon Johnson presided over most of the Vietnam War, had programs like Medicare and Medicaid and he increased welfare spending while also presiding over most of the Space Race to the moon (a very expensive program). Yet he still balanced the budget. Yes the Vietnam War was a thorn in his side but Johnson had his good points.<br><br>12/1/04 01:28:37 AM Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10 Remember again, I didn't vote for Kerry but I am still a democrat. I also have not voted for my party's presidential nominee since 1992. So nobody can use the simplistic us verses them fallacies that hardcore party advocates of either party often use. Example, that drug fiend Rush Limbaugh needs to keep his fat "yap" shut! Actually both major parties are not being tough enough on controlling our national borders. It is too easy to get into this country and this is where the danger is. I know that most people who come here illegally are just looking for work to support their families but if they can get in, then so can terrorists. So we need to enforce our immigration laws more strongly and if less workers get here, so be it as our safety is too important.<br><br>12/1/04 01:28:37 AM Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10 Kent, perhaps you should go back and read the posts because I have never mentioned anything about spending by either side. It has never been an issue with me, so all you are doing is debating yourself on it.<br><br>12/1/04 01:28:37 AM Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10 'Hanoi' Gerry inferred that the only reason the Republicans were re-elected was because they outspent the Democrats by 3/1. As Angelo pointed out, that's nonsense.<br><br>12/1/04 01:28:37 AM Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10 The truth is all these tree hugging liberals shot every round in the breach and they still missed the mark. Walk around any bookshop and look at all the Bush-hating books that came out just before the election. We had movie stars (who don't have a brain between them) holding fundraisers, dopes like Alec Baldwin threatening to move overseas (hurry up and go for christ's sake), that idiot Springstein doing a real poor impersonation of Bob Dylan, and that fat ugly propagandist Michael Moore writing books and making movies telling lies. And with all of this propaganda and baloney from the selfish elites and greedy intelligentsia, they still couldn't beat the silent majority. They are as bitter as hell and hate life simply because democracy worked.<br><br>12/1/04 01:28:37 AM Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10 As far as blaming Clinton goes, that man was a disgrace. He made a world-wide mockery of the presidency. That business with Lewinsky, cheating on his family, and telling lies on oath, leaves the man with no credibility. He's charming and likeable but nothing else and while he was predisposed with all that bs and impeachment, the environment was put in place for 9/11 to happen. Yet liberals hold him up as some sort of poster boy and that tells you a lot about morals and principles and integrity. That's why they've run our of credibility. Thanks for directing the topic back to politics, 'Hanoi'.<br><br>12/1/04 01:28:37 AM Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10 Before you start the bandwagon to re-elect Jimmy Carter, go back and do more homework. I'm not sure about the deficit, but if you say he had a surplus, I'll believe you. He
probably accomplished this by slashing military spending to nothing, which is why a few radical students in Iran were able to humiliate us, a country of 200 million people, with an impotent military thanks to President Carter's neglect. Also, he left office with double digit inflation, double digit interest rates and extremely high unemployment---double the rate President Bush is often criticized for. He was a nice man, but in way over his head. Republican Reagan got us into a huge deficit by rebuilding our military into the strongest and best in world history, which ended the cold war and restored our stature. By cutting taxes, he also rebuilt our economy into a model for the rest of the world to strive for. Bill Clinton was a very likable man and still is. His personal baggage, disloyalty to his marriage and lies under oath tarnish his legacy. Also, he too neglected and seemed to hate the military---the men and women who risk their lives to protect us. But to his credit, he did get the budget under control and presided over a huge economic expansion. Granted, guys like Bill Gates did more than the President to stimulate and grow the economy, but Clinton's policies didn't hurt. He had his good and bad points. Right now, after the joke campaigns by Gore and especially Kerry, and the lopsided losses by guys like Mondale and Dukakis, the Democrats can use a centerist candidate again. Face it---as popular as Clinton was and with his high approval rating, even though he had scandal, his VP, Gore, should have easily defeated Bush in 2000. Instead, he barely won the popular vote and lost the electoral vote, because he's basically a germ.

| 12/1/04 10:34:35 AM | Kent | L.H. Ca | kentallenetc.com | | | | | 10 | Yes, things were relatively good under Reagan but personally, it was a hard time for me, so everyone didn't prosper at that time.<br><br>Actually, the military budgets started to increase in the last two years of Carter's term as we had emergencies in both Iran and a potential conflict with the Soviets, who had invaded Afghanistan and it was Carter who brought back draft registration of our young men after Ford had cancelled the process after the end of Vietnam. Carter had economic problems, such as high inflation as well as the hostage crisis that led to his defeat for re-election.<br><br>Carter had allowed the Shah of Iran to come to the U.S. for cancer treatment, a humanitarian effort to help a long time U.S. friend and this is what triggered the hostage takeover and although he was ineffective in getting their release, under Reagan, we had hostages also taken by forces friendly to Iran but only nine of them instead of sixty or so under Carter and these nine were held for a longer period than those under Carter. Reagan got their release by selling military arms to Iran, an enemy of the U.S, with some of the money being funneled to the Contra rebels of Nicaragua, who had their funding cutoff by congress. Remember Iran-Contra? If Carter had done this, he would have been run out of Washington D.C. on a rail.<br><br>Reagan seemed like a pleasant likeable person and he, like Clinton, could get away with certain things because of this. Face it, most of the time the people will not be too concerned about scandal if the economy seems to be going well.

| 12/1/04 10:35:46 AM | Massimo da Pisa | Roma | | | | | | 10 | You guys are just missing the point! Bill Clinton is as wilt as Muhammad Ali'... What else to say? Who cares about everything else?

| 12/1/04 10:38:56 AM | Massimo da Pisa | Roma | | | | | | 10 | I meant who cares about anything else, not everything else!

| 12/1/04 10:43:30 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | | | | | 10 | Any thoughts on Jirov versus Moorer? They are two former world champions. Jirov, a champ at cruiserweight, virtually retired hot prospect Joe Mesi and gave James Toney the fight of his life in one of the best fights of 2003. Jirov is a tough southpaw who always comes to fight. Moorer, who got kayoed in one round by David Tua and I think, without looking up his record, also has another recent loss, once beat a near in prime Evander Holyfield for the heavyweight title, not the Holyfield who lost again recently to Larry Donald. Moorer is trying to make a comeback. |
Hugs and kisses, Noam? Maybe I should call you Naomi. Not that there's anything wrong with that ... All of this started because of a couple of words. I use a couple of words to make a point, and three guys start dumping paragraphs. Who's casting aspersions? You call me 'comrade', 'Hanoi', at least you spell them correctly. I'm a veteran of the U.S. Army, are any of you tough talkers also vets? I doubt it. Bush has flip-flopped on several issues. But your double-standard, typically, doesn't hold him accountable for it... I got guys on this site telling me to move to another country and then you jump me for a couple words. Again, how typically two-faced... I never even mentioned the election in my original post. I did mention a lot on boxing. I guess the Hitler Youth missed that... If some guy is going to hide behind a fake name and call himself Howard Cosell, then I'm going to treat him like Howard Cosell. The Ali-Cosell thing was a joke, which, typically again, some have to lie about while trying to dump juvenile insults on me. I guess only Noam and his klan are allowed to go political on this site. Well, too bad. I'm going to have my say here also when the topic comes up. The Republicans did buy this election like a pizza. All you have to do is compare budgets, the info for which is all over the internet. Bush nearly doubled the previous presidential budget record. I'll let the stupid war topic go by for now ... Jirov-Moorer could be a mismatch, with Jirov collecting a name for his record sheet by KO. Moorer could make it interesting for 5-7 rounds. Jirov is very tough, very savvy, about as good a cruiserweight as I've seen recently, has clearly shown the talent to move up. Joe Mesi may not be the same again. Thanks, whoever, for bringing up boxing again. Angelo and Kent also had some very good political posts. Thanks. | 

Hi Gerry, you've got into the habit of making an accusation, failing to substantiate it, and then moving onto another unsubstantiated allegation when challenged. As I said before, you're too funny and you've given us a big laugh. The hissy fits you're throwing because you didn't get your own way in the election makes it all the more worthwhile. The thing is, Gerry, no one was talking politics until you entered with your cheap political shots. One or two words here and there designed to stir the pot. I bet you sit around 24/7 hating Bush and his re-election. And the product of all that brooding is the silly crap you've posted here recently. Is that the best you got? I see that you still haven't addressed your silly allegation that republicans have ruined boxing, or something to that effect. Gerry, the election is in the past and you've got four more years to get over it. Ha, ha, ha..........(Alternatively, go to www.helpthemleave.com). | 

Lghten up Gerry. (I always thought 'Jerry' was the masculine version of the name, and 'Gerry' the feminine one. You sound a bit feminine anyways, what with all your whining and crying, like Gerry from the Spice Girls.) You come across as a know it all, someone who doesn't have fun and relax, who wouldn't laugh at the funniest joke, thinking you are better than everyone else, never wrong and never admitting you're wrong, can't have a difference of opinion without hating someone, born with a silver spoon in your mouth......yep, a real live stuck up snobby holier than thou signed up for life democrat. Now Gerry, what is it about Ali you hate (hard bitten Democrats like Gerry always hate, never merely dislike)? | 

Kent: Your grasp on recent history is very good, as you recall key foreign policy decisions and actions. I will say, the Congressional ban on funding the Contras was questionable, given the fact that Daniel Ortega and the Sandonistas offered nothing better for their people and were far worse for the U.S. interests. I always go back to recalling eras by thinking back to boxing at the time. Was this a period when Carlos Palimino was active and successful?
Palamino best years were a little before 1979, when the Sandinistas took power. Yes, the Sandinistas were for the most part nothing better than a collection of thugs themselves, which is what the Contras were and the Sandinistas were not above taking money from the Soviet Union, making them a thorn in the U.S. policy at the time. The problem with the cold war was the Soviets had their thugs and the U.S. had our thugs all accross the world and that era is still haunting us today. Consider that Osama Bin Laden was on the U.S. side in Afghanistan's war with the Soviets and he and his group of thugs got aid from the U.S. in their fight. Saddam Hueissen also received aid from the U.S. in the war against Iran during the 1980s. Ironic in that U.S. aid went to both sides in that war as well as, it would not surprise me in the least, Soviet aid. Iraq had Soviet weapons systems but I don't know if Iran got anything from the Soviets. The problem we are facing today is thugs often turn on their benefactors and this is huge contributer to 911 happening. Both major parties have plenty of shared blame for the death of our people in 2001 not just Clinton.

12/1/04 10:06:14 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same||8|Howard C., Gerry is short for Gerald, Jerry is short for Jerome, not that you are educated enough to know that. More seventh-grade rantings from Republican supporters, typical ... Kent is on the money regarding Iran, likely the next pointless death toll Bush will drag us into. Republicans backed the Shah of Iran and his thugs for years. The third world played both the U.S. and the Soviets against each other in many cases, and ended up with weapons and money from both. Of course, we played them too, and that's why 911 happened, it was inevitable and very predictable. That point is still lost on many.

12/2/04 12:37:04 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||mooseygoop@aol.com||10|Kent<br>I kind of favor Jirov in fight. Moorer is a lefty though so u never know how it will effect fight. Moorer also has edge in power too but Jirov has more skills and a never quit attitude.<br>I think ur right about Moorer maybe losing a comeback fight or at least getting hurt. I remember a fighter hooking behind his gloves when he had his guard up and Moorer couldn't seem to adjust to it. It seemed kinda of weird for a pro to get tagged like that and not adjust.

12/2/04 12:56:33 AM|Massimo|it doesn't matter, not California||4||10|His name should not be Osama Bin Laden. His name should be Osodia Bin Laden. I hope him to go to "Allah" as soon as possible. Michele Moorer got the heart of a lion and a devastating punch. He is a very good even if not great fighter. I would have loved to see Moorer-Tyson a few years ago ( it would have been a slugfest) but they prefered to show us Tyson-Clifford. Tonight ESPN Classic ( the greatest Channel of all times) will show the 1992 fight between Giorgio Eduardo Foreman and Alessandro Stewart. Gotta see it ( sorry for the slang). Stay with us ! This is Jerry Quarry Foundation !!

12/2/04 01:04:32 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Ed, Jirov has not lost his power in his move up to heavyweight. Even if it went into the record books as a loss, Jirov knocked down three times and ruined Mesi late in the fight. He gave away too many early rounds to Mesi but who really won in the end? Most would say Jirov as Mesi likely suffered permanent damage.<br>I am thinking Moorer could likely be a big name stepping stone for Jirov but you never know, Jerry Q was supposed to be a big name stepping stone for Ron Lyle and we all know that Jerry boxed circles around Lyle.<br>Gerry, although I am a democrat, it was both republicans and democrats alike who backed up dictators such as the Shah of Iran for years. Simply because if they didn't, he may have gone to the Soviets for support. Carter payed for it by trying to help him one last time, by letting him get treatment for his cancer in the U.S. any president would have done the same thing rather than turn him over to some blood thirsty mob. As far as 911 goes, yes Clinton could have done more to go after Bin Laden after Bin Laden was implicated in attacks on U.S. interests but W. Bush cannot deny the fact that it happened under his watch and in hindsight
there was more he could have done also. Like I said, there is plenty of room to go around on both sides of the political isle and the more we all realize this and start to truly work together, despite our differences, the better off we will all be.

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1970s would have never let Stewart back into the fight. He would have destroyed Stewart early without a second thought. |

As I recall Mercer-Morrison, I remember it was Morrison who had Mercer covering up, until Mercer came off the ropes and turned the tables on him. He caught Morrison coming in and hit him about twenty times before Morrison fell, I don't think it was one punch. Both Mercer and Morrison were underrated, in my opinion. Ellis-Bonavena in the 1967 tourney went a similar way. How about Marciano - Walcott, Foreman-Norton or Tyson-Berbick? Thanks Kent and Angelo, for bringing it back to boxing.|

Kent-<br><br>I have Foreman at least 1 point ahead at the end of the fight. The two knockdowns were in the second round. Foreman had a great 8 round in which he hit Alessandro with two devastating uppercuts in a row. Giorgio won the second round by 3 points, the eighth and probably even the first, the third and the seventh round. But it's true that Foreman looked in worse shape than Alessandro at the end of the fight, all swollen up and bleeding from the nose. The fact that Alessandro fought so well against Giorgio, while fought like a bum against Michele Geraldo in 1990, is a good example of the importance of intimidation in boxing.|
Morrison had a very good pro record with some very good wins. He gave Lennox Lewis a better fight than a lot of guys. But I agree, he never got back on the horse the same way after that loss. He was in Mercer's class, it was a very good match and a key win for Mercer. Yes, without AIDS, Morrison might still be a factor in today's division ... I think about the troops abroad almost everyday. My birthday is November 11th, so it hits me close to home each year. I know several guys over there now from when I served myself. Best Wishes to all the troops for a safe mission served and a swift return home. Thanks.

Tommy Morrison verses Razor Ruddock was an exciting brawl which was won by Morrison. Both fighters went down in this one and it ranks up there with the great brawls of the division.

Tommy Morrison, a 24 year old up and coming heavyweight from Nigeria, knocked out veteran heavyweight fringe contender Jeremy Williams with one left hook. Williams was on the canvas, out cold from the punch, for at least a minute but he was able to leave the ring on his own power. Peter mostly followed Williams around the ring, taking some good punches from Williams before unloading the knockout punch, which Williams never saw coming. Peter's record is 21-0 18 by KO and he is someone to watch as a likely contender in the near future.

One more thing, I forgot to point out that Peter's knockout of Williams came in the second round, which Peter had predicted before the fight began. Sound familiar?

Samuele Pietro is the new Cassio Marcello. Who is gonna be the new Carlo Liston?

Physics is doing very well, but a lot of work still needs to be done. There is a microscope (its name is STM SCANNING TUNNEL MICROSCOPE) which allows you to see (or of seeing) the single atom! THE SINGLE ATOM! IT SEEMS STAR TREK, BUT IT'S JUST REALITY. The guys who invented it won the Nobel Prize some years ago (a WELL DESERVED one). It is based on the TUNNEL EFFECT (a QUANTUM effect). I have used it a few years ago while I was still a student. Today Physics is full of Star Trek stuff like that.
punching power has always been one of Williams strong points.<br><br>Pity, I had a chance to interview Peter this week for the other site I write for but I turned down the assignment as I have been ill for the last few days, cold bug has me down. I didn't have the energy to call the guy's management on the phone to set up an interview time or to do the research as I had never heard of the guy until now. Too bad as I had first crack at talking to the guy.<br><br>He was on the undercard of Castillo verses Casamayor, for the lightweight title that was on Showtime.<br><br>Sorry to hear that Kent! I hope your health is gonna be all right as soon as possible.<br><br>The problem with President Clinton is that he was incapable of trust. He cheated on his wife, lied to his family, lied under oath, and obstructed justice. He has no credibility.<br><br>I still say he created the environment for 9/11. Only a month after he became president, a truck bomb exploded in the garage of the World Trade Centre killing six and wounding hundreds. There was no military response. Iraq tried to assassinate former President George Bush and Clinton's only reply was a solitary cruise missile attack on Iraq's intelligence headquarters.<br><br>In October 1993 we had 18 brave soldiers killed in Somalia and 50 were wounded. So Clinton recalled all the troops from there by March 1994. The military greatly resented him for it and still do. They thought it was the easy way out.<br><br>In 1998 US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania were blown up by car bombs, killing several hundred. Clinton's response? A couple of cruise missiles into Afghanistan and Sudan. And it just went on and on. Instead of taking robust action, he fired missiles into sand dunes. The terrorists weren't worried and they thought that they could continue to do it because of the weak responses. Little wonder Clinton had plenty of money to balance the budget because he certainly didn't spend much of the green stuff on the military or much warranted military responses.<br><br>By the way, the military really did resent Clinton because of his failure to strongly respond to threats. They saw it as an extension of President Carter being weak in foreign affairs. You spoke of republicans being big spenders. At least they spent on important things, such as President Reagan strengthening the military after the neglects of President Carter. You might also like to reflect that under Carter the Consumer Price Index jumped to over 13 percent in 1979, the highest jump in inflation since 1946. Oil prices went up 14 percent. He made President Reagan's economic job almost impossible. Gerri - most decent people believe that attacking someone's education is low class. You just proved it. Most people also criticize 'cradle to grave' democrats as being elitists and snobs. You proved that, too. But keep your funny posts coming because they reassure republicans that we are right and that you have no idea what you are talking about.<br><br>You never mention 242 brave marines dying in Lebanon as a result of a terrorist suicide bombing in 1983 under Ronald Reagan? Reagan pulled the troops out and never vigorously pursued those who were responsible. I could literally substitute the name Clinton for Reagan, as you have conviently done for me to show that there is blame on both sides of the political isle for what led up to the attacks against us on 9/11/01. You sound a lot like that "fathead" Rush Limbaugh, who is nothing more than a propagandist for the far right of the republican party. But you can't play that partisan game with me as I take aim at my own party, the democrats, when they screw up. All that is left is the truth and we can't blame all of the countries failings on Clinton or even Carter.
According to the emeritus professor of history (Gerry the know-it-all), only the republicans supported the Shah and his thugs. The reality is that the US occupied Iran during WW11 under President Truman (a democrat). In 1953, again under democrat Truman, the elected Iran prime minister Dr Mossades, was deposed by the Shah in a US-backed coup. After being installed in power through President Truman's connivance, the Shah remained in charge of Iran from 1953 to 1979. Democrat Presidents Kennedy and Johnson dealt with him respectively from 1961 to 1969, propping up his regime. President Carter (democrat) dealt with the Shah from 1977 until 1979 when he fled Iran. For 10 of the Shah's 26 years in power, democrats helped him survive. In fact, democrats put him in power and were desperately trying to prop up his regime when he fled Iran in 1979. Shortly afterwards, the militant Iranian students took 70 Americans captive from the Tehran embassy (on the democrat watch of Carter) and they were not released until the day of President Reagan's (republican) inauguration.

So Gerry's accusation that (only) the "republicans backed the Shah of Iran and his thugs for years" is historically wrong, unfair, and untrue. The Shah of Iran was a creation of the democrats. I'm not trying to be unkind, but Gerry gets so many things wrong, it's impossible to take him seriously.

Comparing President Reagan to President Clinton? Kent you gotta get a brain. Clinton was the guy who said that he smoked marijuana, but never inhaled it. He was the guy who denied the allegations of Paula Jones, but then gave her $850,000.00 to keep quiet about it. He was held in contempt of court for falsely testifying during that lawsuit deposition. Clinton also denied the Lewinsky affair, but later confessed to lying people about it. He also denied that he had sex with her by ridiculously claiming that he didn't consider oral sex was really sex, etc.

Clinton is a self-admitted serial liar and he has nothing in common with President Reagan. Kent is a "fathead" and a leftie stooge for suggesting
otherwise. I bet Kent even looks like Michael Moore.<br>Kent will now put some more propaganda out telling us all how he gives to charity, and what a good guy he is, and he's a famous reporter, and name dropping, etc. We can't wait (yawn).<br>

| 12/6/04 09:41:01 AM | Kent | same | same | same | 10 |

Here we go back into politics again, but anyway. Howard C. yes congress did threaten to use the war powers act, threatened only, to have Reagan be forced to pull the troops out, a mistake on their part. He could have forced their hand and made them invoke it, then he would have done more to see the marines did not die in vain. The fact is that he as Commander in Chief did pull them out and he shares the blame with the congress of the time. My point entirely, that both parties have had their failures as far as terrorism goes.<br><br>Did we at that time do enough with our intelligence network once the marines were home to track down and find and punish those responsible? Reagan could have bombed their camps or wherever they held out but I never heard of anything being done about it.<br>Noam, I was not comparing Reagan to Clinton. I was comparing his failure in the situation involving the marines in Lebanon with the failures you mentioned about Clinton involving terrorism, which I agree with.<br>Oh by the way, Limbaugh is a drug addict fathead, while I am a drug free fathead and Michael Moore is just a fathead period. I don't know why you imply I support a propagandist like Moore because I don't.<br>

| 12/6/04 10:33:43 AM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |

Add on to my last post. While I am a democrat, I will repeat here that I haven't voted for my party's nominee for president since 1992 because we haven't had a candidate I have liked (although I did vote for Clinton in 92), so the arguing solely along party lines will not work with me.<br>I also agree that all of those lunkhead actors and other liberals who say they want to leave the country can leave if they want and don't let the door hit them on the way out.<br>That being said, I will continue to be critical of either party when and where it is needed.<br>I will also say, Reagan had his success against terrorism when he ordered the bombing of Libya after an attack in Germany against U.S. interests and Clinton had his success in dealing with the situation in the Yugoslavian region, of course not terrorism proper but a military success nonetheless.<br>I am hoping that W. Bush is succesful in dealing with terrorism but I still think the answer lies in protecting our own borders more, no guest worker program or very limited numbers allowed in. So I am hoping the intelligence bill isn't too watered down.<br>Of course Naom will ignore the fact that I gave Reagan credit for anything and I anticipated him linking me to the actors and liberals who I don't agree with most of the time.<br>Yeah, when I am wearing my reading glasses and my baseball hat, I kind of do look like Moore but that doesn't mean I support him, again Noam will ignore this fact.<br>

| 12/6/04 12:00:10 PM | Noam | --- | --- | --- | 10 |

You began the name calling by calling me a "fathead", so perhaps you shouldn't try to pre-empt what I might call you in return. <br>To boxing fan - Gerri keeps throwing political cheap shots in his boxing posts and he wrote recently where he plans to continue to do...
Political comment here is what arises after Gerri fires off his cheap shots. Given the inaccuracy and untruthfulness of his views, others here have the right to hold him to account. My guess is that it will continue until Gerri finally comes to terms with the fact that democracy worked and President Bush was elected by the silent majority. The noisy, elitist, intelligentsia, such as Gerri, think that their opinions are worth more than the rest of us.

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Noam, sorry about the fathead comment but I didn't directly say you are a fathead, I said you sound like that fathead Rush Limbaugh. I actually have respect for what you say while I have no respect for that paid propagandist Limbaugh. Remember, I called myself a fathead also. After all, I am 300 pounds and when I look in the mirror, I see that my head is fatter than it should be. Boxing fan, please post about boxing and we will respond accordingly. Can't wait until this Thursday, the Jirov verses Moorer fight. I haven't paid for live boxing in over three years due to very my limited fame of being a journalist. I decided to forego the press pass and maybe drink a couple of beers and cheer for the fighters, something we are not supposed to do at press row and to laugh at those reporters that I know that they are working and I am not. I am sitting right behind them, so they will know I am there. My buddy James Toney will likely be there. I wonder if he is still mad at me? He wasn't too happy with me the last time I saw him as I asked a question he didn't like. I had to get in the name drop, don't want to disappoint Noam. But in reality, Toney doesn't know my name, at least I don't think he does, he does recognize my face though and some people were amazed I still had one after Toney yelled at me. | Noam, I'd rather not be posting on politics, but I don't think that Gerri should be given free reign with the nonsense he spruiks (ie alleging that greedy Republicans have made boxing unsafe, etc). I'm still waiting for Gerri to name names on that. Anyways, after all the pages written on it, I think the new poster, Koo Klock, summed it up best of all in the briefest possible way. Thanks to him/her.

Koo Koo has been gone too long if people think he is new. So you think the Koo Koo Klock is a new poster. He is hardly new. Koo Koo has been gone too long if people think he is new.

Bob, I am picking Jirov. Moorer likely doesn't have it anymore. You never know, Moorer may have one more good fight in him so it could be an interesting fight. Jirov by 9th round knockout.

Do you think Moorer is just looking at it as a payday, or do you think he feels he will win? I think back to Young-Cooney and Norton-Cooney and the veterans, whose best days were behind them, took payday fights. Young fought an inspired fight, but I don't think he went into it expecting to rejuvenate his career. Norton took the cash, plain and simple.

Moorer never seemed to have that much enthusiasm anyway so yes Angelo, the idea of a payday makes sense. We really won't know until the fight happens and if Moorer just plods around the ring, looking just to survive, losing every round, this will be our answer that the payday is what he wants. But if he comes in and really fights Jirov, tooth and nail, then Moorer has some life left in his career. Jirov is just 30 years old or maybe 31, without looking up his age. He still has some years left but he is the kind of fighter who will age
fast when he does start to age as he has had some tough fights, versus Toney and verses Mesi, to name a couple. Jirov won't be aging in this one though.

An ace in Moorer's cap is Jirov does tend to cut. I am not sure if it is because he is a white fighter, but he does seem to bust up. Do white fighters tend to have softer skin, I don't know but I think this is Moorer's best chance at winning. Jirov normally throws a lot of punches per round and he takes a hell of a shot, so I don't see Mirror winning by decision or even by knockout. | 12/8/04 12:38:15 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Guys around the gym, white and black, seem to think the white fighters cuts are worse. They might cut more easily, but the gym rats seem to think it's not so much that the initial cut opens faster, but instead, that once a cut is started, it gets worse a lot faster on some of the white fighters. Who knows, my comments are by no means based on anything scientific. I've seen horrendous cuts on black, white Asian and Hispanic fighters. Maybe the blood just shows up better against white skin! |

White people probably have softer skin. We sun burn more easily etc, so it probably makes sense that we whities cut more easily as well. Remember the middleweight Vito Antuofermo ? From memory, he used to soak his skin in brine to toughen it up. Also, someone once told me that black guys have more rounded features, like Ali, Foreman, et al, that is less likely to cut because punches slide off of them. I'm wondering whether whites have more protruding cheeks and eye brow bones that makes us more cutable. We get black eyes more easily, too. On the other hand, and I'm not trying to be funny, I think blacks cut more around the mouth, especially the bottom lip. | 12/8/04 01:44:59 AM|Noam|same|same||10|Moorer probably thought that Foreman was just fighting him for a pay check too, but he soon found out otherwise. But Moorer hasn't got Big George's pride, so I suspect he is in it for the money and I pick the other guy. White people probably have softer skin. We sun burn more easily etc, so it probably makes sense that we whites cut more easily as well. Remember the middleweight Vito Antuofermo ? From memory, he used to soak his skin in brine to toughen it up. Also, someone once told me that black guys have more rounded features, like Ali, Foreman, et al, that is less likely to cut because punches slide off of them. I'm wondering whether whites have more protruding cheeks and eye brow bones that makes us more cutable. We get black eyes more easily, too. On the other hand, and I'm not trying to be funny, I think blacks cut more around the mouth, especially the bottom lip. | 12/8/04 02:26:54 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, I think you are right in that it seems cuts are worse on white fighters because red blood is more noticed on lighter skin. Once a fighter is cut, it has always seemed to me that cuts are just as bad regardless of the skin color. Jerry Q sure had trouble with cuts and Joe Frazier didn't. Interesting what if, if Jerry would have been hit with the same shots he hit Smoking Joe with in their first fight, would Jerry had been cut? Jerry hit Joe with some tremendous shots. We can't therefore say that if the answer is yes, then it applies to an entire race of fighters as we are just comparing two fighters here. But I do think Jerry likely would have been cut by the shots he hit Joe with. Vassiliy Jirov does get cut in a lot of his fights but he never has been stopped on cuts and he has stopped black fighters on cuts himself. I was just giving my opinion on Michael Moorer's best chance of winning. Because even if Jirov hasn't lost by cuts before, this is something that doesn't get better with time and it could at some point start effecting his career. I have never noticed one race of figthers having more of or worse cuts to their lips. I think this is just a perception of the poster's, not something factual. | 12/8/04 03:34:25 AM|Massimo Cini da Pisa|Roma||andre' the midget.com|||10|I'm going to go to a Moorer fight Thursday night. This fight won't be fought in the USA, it will be fought in my home, in Roma. ESPN Classic is gonna ( gonna and not pantaloni) show FOREMAN-MOORER and I'm looking forward to it. My prediction ? I see Michele winning the early rounds, but I think Giorgio's big punch will decide the fight in the later ones. I think the Moorer-Jirov fight is a nonsense. Does Moorer still need a payday with all the money he got ? He is not going to whip Vitali. He could win one of the 43 belts around, maybe the WMS belt but how much glory there is in this ? Lamon Brewster and and John " Not too exciting" Ruiz have belts but this doesn't make them better than Jerry Quarry by any means. Michele's career is already over. He should dedicate his life to
something else and enjoy his money and his health. It sounds like the more people is wealthy the more they chase (for) money. This is so stupid !

Massimo makes a strong point---with all the titles going around, guys who now call themselves champions can't hold a candle to the likes of Jerry Quarry, Earnie Shavers, Ron Lyle, Jimmy Young or even the block of decent 80's fighters who didn't get a belt. It's a crock that John Ruiz is in the boxing record books as a Champion, while Jerry Quarry is "that contender who never won the title." Guess what? It's because it was pretty much "THE title" rather than "one of the belts." I'd even go along with WBA/WBC having two champions at the same time, with the possibility of a collision course that would unify the title. Even though I think the title should only change hands in the ring, it was interesting to me when Ali was stripped for giving Spinks a rematch instead of fighting #1 contender Norton. That made two Champions for the first time in a long time---and what was the eventual outcome? Did Larry Holmes beat Mike Weaver to unify the title? I'm getting old and forgetful maybe???? Anyway, like I said, two can be interesting, but more than that becomes ridiculous and diluted.

Yes, calling John Ruiz a champion is hard to do but the guy still seems to find a way to win no matter how ugly those wins are. But if I didn't know it was a title fight, I would have wondered what all of the fuss was over the fight with Golota. Both fighters stunk up the joint and it seemed ludicrous that their fans were brawling in the stands. For what? To claim one of those guys? Ruiz just stunk slightly less than Golota, who had looked good in a close fight with Chris Byrd a few months ago. I guess Golota figured he had to go back to what he knows best, fighting dirty. Jerry Quarry would have boxed circles around those two fatheads. Hey Noam, is it all right to call those guys fatheads?

Andrea Golota would have all the tools to be a champion but he just has the heart of a bum. How can anyone be afraid of Giovanni Ruiz? Andrea is witter, andreer and more powerful than him, he should have eaten him alive. JQ was not afraid of Ron Lyle, Mac Foster, Ernesto Shaver and Joe Frazier, really very dangerous people, while Andrea Golota is scared of Giovanni Ruiz! There was a time (a golden time) when there were 8 weight divisions and 8 champions. And there were many fights that (or which) were not title fights but were still GREAT FIGHTS among (or between, too tired to pick the best of the two) GREAT FIGHTERS. Now, we have a title fight a week (taking in account all the weight divisions) but most of the fights are boring.

I realize that my American Slang is not perfect yet but, if fathead is such an offence, I guess that thinhead is a big compliment! You guys are all thinheads!
know who's behind that. Mr. Hugs and Kisses just won't let it go. Move on with your life, asshole. Spare us your next sixteen-paragraph diatribe. | | 12/9/04 01:58:48 PM|Noam|same|same|same|10|Gerri the spice girl has come out of hiding! Name calling and nastiness. <br>The winners wanted four more years of Bush, but the icing on the cake is the satisfaction we'll get listening to cry baby lefty losers like Gerri whining and squirming because democracy beat them. Democracy worked and Gerri hates it. <br>Get over it Gerri. There's only 1,460 more days of George W. to go. Alternatively, go to www.helpthemleave.com. Ha ha ha! And get a sense of humour! :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :)

| 12/9/04 03:27:01 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|Moorer was fighting really a good fight against Foreman. Then he got hit. Michele was really unlucky in that fight. Giorgio Eduardo could punch, no heavy beg lasted too much against him. | 12/9/04 04:10:01 PM|Howard C. |*&^%()||*(&^%)||10|Gerry reminds me of the 2 - 45 journeyman who thinks too much punishment is never enough. The type who looks like he's been chasing parked cars because catching incoming jabs and hooks on the nose is his idea of good defense. It never occurred to Gerry to slip a punch or take a standing eight. <br>We ought to be thankful for Gerry. Whackos like him are society's alarm bell that there are dozens more Jonestowns looming unless we immediately regulate the sale of Coolaid. <br>Gerri blames rotten republicans for trying to wreak ruin on boxing, but ask him to name names and you get a conspiratorial nod and a wink with a "you all know who they are" whispered out the corner of his mouth behind cupped hand. <br>Yeah, Gerri, we know. They're the same guys who faked the moon landing. The same full mooners who planted that Martian fig tree growing out of your left ear. <br>Broken records are Gerry's speciality with "rotten republicans" the recurring theme. Gerry blames republicans for his never landing a job. If the republicans hadn't been intercepting his mail, Gerry thinks his job application to replace Monica as President Clinton's intern would have been successful. <br>(Oh well, look on the bright side of it, Gerry. Think of all the loot you saved on dry cleaning.) <br>We all love Gerry because he makes us feel better. When Gerry posts, we all thank our lucky stars that "it could have been me". <br>Yeah, Gerri, we know. They're the same guys who faked the moon landing. The same full mooners who planted that Martian fig tree growing out of your left ear. <br>Broken records are Gerry's speciality with "rotten republicans" the recurring theme. Gerry blames republicans for his never landing a job. If the republicans hadn't been intercepting his mail, Gerry thinks his job application to replace Monica as President Clinton's intern would have been successful. <br>(Oh well, look on the bright side of it, Gerry. Think of all the loot you saved on dry cleaning.) <br>Gerri likes to dish it out, but can't take it. He's even called for the referee (Carl) to intervene. We'll take that as a TKO, you big sissy. <br>Look, Gerri, you were the one who kept making bitchy political cheap shots. The rest of us only replied. If you can't take it - and obviously you can't - go find some nancy boys as soft as you to play with. <br>In the meantime, get back in your corner, dunce (or I'll give you a whupping with both hands tied behind my back). | 12/9/04 11:18:45 PM|Gerry|Cleveland|jgschultz11@aol.com|10|Look Bitches, enough's enough. I don't care if you disagree with my opinion, which is only shared by millions of Americans. You hide behind your monitors and keep dredging this crap up over and over, or hide behind fag fake names while you slander someone you don't agree with. Well, let's end it. You tell me where to meet you. I'll spend the gas and make the trip. Then, we'll see how tough you are away from the keyboard. That's my email to the upper left. Put your money where your mouth is, girls. <br>Either that, or grow and learn some damn manners. <br>Carl, help me out with this. We don't need this kind of garbage stinking a sight for the Quarrrys. | 12/9/04 11:33:41 PM|Howard C. |&*(^&||)(*$#||10|Oh, dear. Poor Gerry. Looks like I hit the mark. Got his knickers in a knot. Throwing his handbag and hissy fits. <br>Gerry likes to dish it out, but can't take it. He's even called for the referee (Carl) to intervene. We'll take that as a TKO, you big sissy. <br>Look, Gerri, you were the one who kept making bitchy political cheap shots. The rest of us only replied. If you can't take it - and obviously you can't - go find some nancy boys as soft as you to play with. <br>In the meantime, get back in your corner, dunce (or I'll give you a whupping with both hands tied behind my back). | 12/10/04 02:52:40 AM|Massimo|Italia||.com|10|These are the results from the
Vitale-Daniele weight-in:

So Daniele is the andreer of the two. The combined weight of the two men is 520, exactly the weight of Andre' the Midget at his peak (or, at least, what they said it was). This exceeds the former record held by the Lewis-Klitschko fight, where the combined weight was 504.5. We may call the Vitale-Daniele fight "THE ANDRE' FIGHT". Kent, my friend from California, what happened in the Jirov-Moorer fight? In the Foreman-Moorer fight I saw yesterday night, Moorer was probably winning every round, but eventually "Grosso Giorgio" knocked him out with a big punch. Greetings.

What's gotten into you Gerri? I'm guessing you've had a bad day. Watching Moore's Fahrenheit movie again might cheer you up. That was below the belt saying I've got a fag name. My grandfather was Noam also and so was his grandfather and his grandfather. I was given it out of respect for them. Now I'll have to change it after what you said.

Gerri isn't a real macho name either but I get the feeling it wasn't meant to be, what with you being a mummy's boy and all.

Anyway, get back in the corner. Howard C. hasn't said that you can come out yet.

Gerri, I just noticed that your last name is Shultz? That's German isn't it? Weren't you that sergeant on Hogan's Heroes who says "I see nuthink"?

Shocked, Jirov was well ahead on points when he ran into a left hand from Moorer and, Timber! down and out he went in the ninth round! The opposite of what happened when Moorer had fought Foreman.

Jirov was cut again, from accidental headbutts but he was not in danger of losing by cuts.

In your prediction a few days ago, you got the right round but the wrong man!

When Don Re proposed around 1990 Tyson to fight Foreman, Mike said: "I ain't fighting that fuckin' animal". The truth is that Tyson was scared shitless of Giorgio. Sorry for my French.

Lighten up on Gerry a bit. Cut him some slack. Okay Gerry. You can come back out from standing in the corner. Out you come. As long as you don't go annoying the crap outta everyone here with that "evil criminal republican" rubbish, you won't have to go back to the corner again. Behave.

So let's go back to what we were talking about before Gerry injected politics into the debate.....boxing.

Vitali Klitschko versus Danny Williams. I think Klitschko will destroy him. Williams's win over Tyson was not so much a showcase of how good Williams is, it was more an exhibition of how much Tyson has slipped. In that fight Williams beat a carcass. He won't beat a guy with a 15cm height advantage. Who do you pick, Gerry?

I was shocked too Kent, I didn't see the fight but I read Jirov was in complete control when he got KO'ed. Maybe now Moorer can sign to fight Ruiz and win a boring slice of someone's title. Klitchko will destroy Williams inside 6 rounds.

Bob, Jirov was not in complete control but he had a big early lead and while Moorer started to trim the lead somewhere around round six or seven, it was a twelve round fight for some NABF title or something like that, and all Jirov likely would have had to do was win one of the last three rounds to get a decision from the judges. I don't know what their scorecards were, but that is how I saw it. I have it on tape and I have looked at the tape but I don't remember them giving the judges scores out. I am sure it is on the Net somewhere.

I am not sure what Jirov's corner told him but maybe because he was cut, even if it was by accidental head butts, that they told him he had to knock Moorer out when in reality, if he had stayed away and boxed behind his jab the rest of the way, he would have won the fight.

I've give credit to Moorer, he got a big win that
puts him back in reach of some big fights. He was a bit sluggish early but he seemed to get his bearings more as the fight went on. Like I said, he surprised the hell out of me. We can't say, "stick a fork in him, he's done" yet.

Daniele Williams is so heavy? He is even shorter than Andre'. Has he swallowed a whale? Primo was exactly the same weight when he fought Loughran (270 lbs), but he was way wilter!

Vitali K. looked good but he carried his left hand too low. It is a bad habit someone will exploit and don't be surprised that he doesn't get knocked out himself sometime.

If I was in Williams corner, I would have told him to bob and weave and keep throwing the left jab as he moved in. Most of the time have him throw left hooks to the body and the head but every once in while throw a hard right hand over Klitschko's low left hand. Try to get K concentrating on the left so the right will suprise him.

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I know this is hard to do when a fighter like Williams is being hit by a lot of hard punches before he can move in but I think someone like Williams would have to charge in to throw his punches before K can get set. This is taking a chance on getting nailed as he moves in but he was getting hit anyway, so he had nothing to lose by using this strategy.

I haven't seen the Klitschko sparring session yesterday but I have seen a young prospect, the 21 years old George Edward Foreman destroying Boone Kirkman. This Foreman is really scaring, he destroyed Kirkman in less than 2 rounds knocking him down 3 times. He threw an incredible uppercut in round 2 and lift Kirkman off his feet !!!! With only one punch !!!! And Kirkman was a good fighter who had (or held) victories over the likes of Doug Jones, Eddie Machen and Amos "Small Car" Lincoln. George just destroyed him! This George Foreman is a brute and I'm sure is gonna be heavyweight champion of the wordl very soon. This if Joe Frazier will be crazy enough to give him a chance for the title !

Angelo, that is not Massimo, that is "Zeke from Cabin Creek," "Mr. Clutch" none other than my partner at guard for the L.A. Lakers, Mr. Jerry West.

I know I am not very Wilt but I was a good shooting guard. G.G., Gail Goodrich.

Funny how when you ask a lot of people who the best guard in Laker history was, a lot of people will say Magic Johnson and Johnson was great, but they forget how great Jerry West really was. West was a bigger, stronger version of John Stockton, just as tough, and that is saying a lot, and more of a scorer than Stockton. Maybe West didn't have the assortment of passes Stockton had but he still could find the open man when he needed to, he was a fine assist man in his own right.

I'm the one and only Jerry West, the 1969 NBA Finals MVP, a living legend, in one word. I'm in Rome (but the guys here say Roma) just to have fun. I love the city, is very beautiful, the food, the people... I have learnt a bit of Italian also: uno, due, tre, quattro, bello, spaghetti, buon giorno, quanti anni hai? But I miss California, I just can't stay away from California for too long!
been fought under today's rules, than most of the knockdowns would not have happened because today, the referees check the fighters to see if they are alright before they let the fight continue. When Baer and Carnera fought, Baer would come back in the moment the referee finished counting and he would start hitting Carnera again, knocking him down again. Also, in the rounds that Carnera was not knocked down, at least four of them, Carnera landed more punches, jabs and follow up right hands and uppercuts than Baer landed, winning the rounds by my scoring. It is quite possible that without the multiple knockdowns, that if Carnera had been knocked down three times in the entire fight by todays rules instead of eleven times, he might have even had a chance of winning the fight. I always knew that Da Preem had a lot of courage for getting up so many times but he actually fought much better against Bear than he has ever been given credit for.

Carnera himself said that he injured his ankle between the first and the second round by getting up from the stool. The knockdowns in the eleventh round were not caused by punches (Baer's punches probably didn't even land) but by the injury. Most people thinks (or think) that Baer was better than Carnera stastically while Primo punched harder. I think the contrary is true. Max Baer couldn't fight, did not have a jab, did not move the head correctly, was awkward and easy to hit, Joe Louis couldn't miss him with his jab. The only thing Max Baer could do was hitting (or hit, or to hit) guys with his right and knocking (or knock, or to knock) them out. Primo Carnera did better than him against Joe Louis. In his prime, Primo Carnera wasn't probably any worse than Max Baer. Max Bar was outboxed by Tommy Loughran, while Primo clearly outpointed him. Da Preem was never a champion, but in his prime, he really was one of the best heavyweights in the world, a legitimate top contender. In the years between 1930 and 1935 he was an outstanding fighter. After 1935, he was never the same fighter.
team was winning the championship, was at the peak of its shape, had great players such as Bruno Conti, Paulo Roberto Falcao, Roberto Pruzzo and Toninho Cerezo and lost to Lecce that was the worst team in the league at the time.

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| Ed, I think the win over Sharkey was legitimate as far as Sharkey not taking a dive. If you look at the knockout punch, it looks for like a right uppercut that is more of a forearm than a punch but the referee didn't call an illegal punch so Carnera wins. The flow of the Sharkey two fight as I remember it, I have it on tape but I have to hunt down the tape, is that Sharkey did have a lead at the time of a knockout but it was competitive. Sharkey seemed to be fighting hard and as in Ali/Liston one, why would a fighter who was going to take a dive, fight hard?

I have never seen Carnera versus Sharkey one that Sharkey won by decision and I have heard it described as being one sided but maybe it wasn't because Baer/Carnera is described as being one sided and except for the rounds when Carnera was knocked down, the first, the, second and of course the last 11th round, the fight was close with Carnera actually winning at least four of the other rounds.

I agree with Massimo's assesement of Baer and Carnera that Baer had little skills just power and that Carnera had better boxing skills, a good left jab and the ability to throw accurate cominations. Also as Massimo points out, Carnera did better against Joe Louis than Baer did. Carnera did get knocked out in the sixth round by Louis but there were some rounds that he was competitive in and a fighter would have to have decent skills to give at least some trouble to Louis.

I think history is revisiting Carnera's career and he will be recognized for being a good fighter but not a great one below the level of Baer, Sharkey, and Schmeling on the all time list but still deserving to be called a champion.

By the way, Baer's power was so dominant when he could land cleanly that he has to ranked fairly high, higher than the other three of his era that I mentioned.

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I have a beautiful book about(or on) Carnera written by his two sons: Umberto and Giovanna Maria Carnera. Its title is: "My father, Primo Carnera". In this book there is written that the first Sharkey-Carnera fight in 1931 was pretty one-sided, as Carnera was knocked down twice in the fourth round and managed to win only a couple of rounds but you have to know that Primo had had a serious car accident just a few hours before the fight in which he fainted. Now it's obvious that when he did step into the ring he wasn't in brillant shape ! It is also a false legend that Carnera couldn't take a punch ! When he fought George Godfrey, in 1930, George hit him with several hard rights to the head and Carnera didn't go down. And George Godfrey was one of the hardest punchers of the 30's. Just before the knockout punch in round 6, Sharkey hit Carnera with a hard right, Primo was probably stunned, but didn't go down. Joe Louis hit Carnera with terrible shots for five rounds but Primo didn't go down.

Joe Louis said that up until he met Marciano, Max Bear hit him the hardest shot he ever took -- but I believe it came after the bell. Louis said his fight against Bear was his best performance ever. I think I read he threw something like 258 punches and 255 landed.

The best fighter ever to not win the title was Jerry Quarry. I remmber him beating up on the likes of Ronny Lyle and Ernie Shavers back in the 70's. If he would have beaten Jimmy Ellis then he would be remembered better. Jimmy was a good fighter, but not in Jerry's class. My favorite fighter ever was either Jerry or Marvin Hagler. Both those could whip some you know what. Hagler destroyed Worm Monroe I remember that knockout still.

We remember those Quarry wins well, and I'll agree with Mr. George Foreman when he
says that Quarry was the best heavy to never win the title. I think JQ's win over Shavers was the most dramatic, but the win over Lyle was technically more impressive. Jimmy Ellis was in the same class as JQ, but I think Quarry would have beaten him on most nights----Ellis caught Quarry at the right time and everything fell into place, and still, Quarry should have followed up on his late round power punch and he didn't. But Ellis was very sneaky and very, very good.

Jim Ellis seemed to have a good right hand from when I saw him years ago. I remember him betaing Joe Frazier for a couple rounds then Joe just wore him down. Jerry and Joe sure had a nice battle. I remember the Garden was electric that night. Jerry looked like the best fighter in the world for a couple of rounds, but Joe wore him down too. It seems like that happened alot in Joe's fights. I hope Jerry's family is doing well, I know Jerry passed on a couple years back. Mike was good too, if he had more of a punch he could have been champ as well.

Mike also came around at a time with some great fighters in his division. His only title shot was against one of the greatest light heavyweights of all time, Bob Foster. Mike had a win over Mike Rossman who later became a champion. He also came close to winning in a rematch with Rosaman and got the short end of the verdicts in close fights with Pierre FOURIE, Yaqi Lopez, Chris Finnegar as well. If he could have gotten the verdict in any of those fights, and a lot of people thought Mike won most of them, he could have secured another title shot after Foster had retired and he had enough boxing skill, despite not being a big puncher to still come away with a title.

I think that Carnera was slightly ahead in the second fight with Sharkey at the time of the knockout. Primo Carnera wore a size 17 shoe. It's the same size as (or of) Shawn Bradley, a guy who (or that) is twice as wilt. As even the stones know, Shaq wears a size 22. Kent/Mass<br><br>You both make good cases for Carnera/Sharkey fight. I have seen it (second one) but it was awhile ago. I'll have to check it out again. I was going mostly by newspaper accounts of the fight and maybe they were prejudice. You have to remember back in those days the mob was VERY heavily involved in fights esp. when it involved a vulnerable Italian immigrant fighter. A side note, did you know Jack Dempsey was good friends with Al Capone? He wanted to be Dempsey's manager in fact but it never happened.

No, I didn't know that Dempsey was good friends with Al Capone. Sad thing ! I don't know that much about Al Capone also. I know he was a mafioso and his surname sounds Italian so probably his relatives were from Italy. He was not a good spot for Italy, that's for sure !

Like everything else, movies have glorified Capone and made him larger than life---and even a sympathetic character to some. I will say, as an American of Italian orgin, I'm not "proud" of the image of mafia, gangsters, etc., but I love watching The Sopranos or the Godfather movies as much as anyone else. Terrific writing and acting win out over worrying about the "image" of my ancestry being tarnished by showing Italians as criminals. I think most educated people and
people whose opinions matter have figured out that not ALL Italians are in the mob!! And I'll take that image over the other Italian stereotype, which is the fat jolly guy who cries at the drop of a hat (i.e. Al from Happy Days). |
|12/16/04 01:42:48 PM|Alfredo Delvecchio|Milwaukee||green-white-red.com|||10|Angelo, Angelo, Angelo, Angelo, Angelo, Angelo, &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;"A fat jolly guy who cries at the drop of a hat".&lt;br&gt;I guess this is slang! What a strange way to say "immediately". Eeeeeeeeh gia', gia', gia', gia', gia'! I have to thank my dictionary!&lt;br&gt;Where is Chachi? Chachi, Chachi, Chachi, Chachi, Chachi!&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Have I ever told you of Rosa Coletti? &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;She left me for a seller of ties! |
|12/16/04 09:08:44 PM|Chuck Cunningham|Nome, Alaska||forgottenrichiesbrother.com|||10|I heard a rumor that Rosa Colletti really wasn't a tiny girl. She just seemed that way because Alfredo is a big man.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Chachi got married to Joanie and Alfredo married Chachi's mother.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Hey Alfredo, who is better Da Preem, Lorenzo Zanon, or Alfio Righetti? |
|12/17/04 02:28:53 AM|Massimo |Roma||4||10|Chuck-&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Yes, Rosa is a pretty andre' woman, but I make her look Manute Bol.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Da Preem was the greatest. Primo from Sequals, Friuli Venezia Giulia.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;I'm very old, I was born in 1919. Very old... Eeeeeeeeh gia', gia', gia', gia', gia'!!!! |
|12/17/04 02:36:13 AM|Alfredo Delvecchio|Wisconsin||.com|||10|Ah, of course the last message was written by me, not by Massimo. Massimo is a good friend of mine who I met in Italy and I was just thinking of him. Italy, Italy, Italy, Italy, Italy! |
|12/17/04 02:37:26 AM|Ed|Cicero NY||mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|http://www.chicagohs.org/history/capone.html http://www.crimelibrary.com/gangsters_outlaws/mob_bosses/capone/era_15.html?sect=15&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Mass... guess what I bought yesterday at store? OLIVE OIL direct from Italy 100% pure extra virgin...delicious| |
|12/17/04 12:26:08 PM|Vizzini|somewhere in Sicilia||The Princess Bride.com|||10|Ed-&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Thanks! I use to eat very often Italian food. In Roma there is plenty of Italian food.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;PS: I have just seen Foreman-Schultz and I think Schultz was robbed.| |
|12/17/04 01:29:42 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, anyone who thinks that a person is more likely to be involved in crime because his ancestry is Italian is ignorant and while it is true certain areas of certain cities have been controlled by the mafia, who have often been Italian immigrants or descendents of Italian immigrants, most of the people in those areas were not involved in the mafia.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;It is a good thing the mafia's hold on boxing is no longer a real issue but we now have other kind of gangsters running things. Don King is a prime example of a criminal with a gangster background, he once served time in prison for manslaughter for beating a man to death while trying to collect a load shark loan, is in control of a lot of the promotions here in the U.S. Just because King is not an Italian but is black instead doesn't make boxing any better because a crook is still a crook no matter what his racial or ethnic background is.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;|
|12/18/04 06:15:38 AM|George Otto|Youngstown, Ohio||ehnpbsa@aol.com|||10|In following up on the progress of Senate Bill 275, I have learned that Congress, and thus the President, did not pass and approve it during the 108th Congress. While all parties involved in writing and commenting upon it want a national boxing commission established, the bill did not secure approval. Mostly because of a lack of consensus, Congress did not make it one of its priorities in this last session. As I have indicated in previous posts, TJQF and the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing (AAIB) do not approve of this bill in its present form. The reason for that is that this legislation does not clearly define all of the financial players who arrange the fights (e.g. advertisers, promoters, cable TV firms, casinos, hotels, and sanctioning bodies, etc.) as "promoters." The position of TJQF and the AAIB has always been that the
national boxing commission must have the ability to control all of the parties who may gain from it financially in order to effectively monitor it and to remove the unfairness of boxing that has produced many of its problems, especially for the fighters and the fans. While our position is extremely unpopular with many people (especially the cable companies, the sanctioning bodies, the casinos, hotels, their employees, and U.S. Senator John McCain), it still stands. TJQF and the AAIB were set up to protect the fighters and improve the sport, and that more than explains why we have taken this very unpopular stance. For those of you who have followed this legislative issue, thank you. Also, this bill will be re-introduced by Senator McCain for further consideration by Congress next January. 

| 12/18/04 08:35:33 AM|Kent Appel|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Thank you Mr. Otto for the update on the legislation. For those of you who don't know, Mr. George Otto does a lot of work for the Jerry Quarry Foundation to get laws passed to improve boxing.<br>Mr. Otto, does that mean that Senator McCain does not go far enough in the area you are stressing, about indentifying all of the people involved in putting boxing promotions on? I always thought Senator McCain was our friend in the senate on such matters. Anyway, please let us know if we can do anything anytime soon to help get this important law passed, ie writing letters, etc.| |

| 12/19/04 10:31:50 AM|George Otto|Youngstown, Ohio||ehnpbsa@aol.com|||10|Mr. Appel, thank you for your comments and your kind words. Regarding Senator John McCain, both the AAIB and TJQF believe that he has done the most to try to resolve boxing's problems than any other political leader who has ever addressed this issue. However, you are correct in stating that his bill (S. 275) does not identify enough persons and organizations as "promoters". For too long boxing, the boxers, and the fans have suffered from the secrecy, incompleteness, duplicity, unfairness, and one-sidedness of the promotional agreements. Thus all promotional parties, their roles, and their responsibilites need to be clearly expressed in written agreements. Without this being included in the bill, the national boxing commission will have little jurisdiction and power to ensure the safety of the fighters, the establishment of pensions, the fairness in carrying out the rules of engagement, the proper qualifications of the people working the bouts, the fitness of the fighters going into, during, and after the fights, and the elevation of the sport to a level of decency and respect. Without the bill including this level of inclusiveness, boxing will continue as a niche sport, never attaining the overall interest and respect secured by major league baseball, football, basketball, or hockey. To do this, all of the principle players (including the fighters) must be held to a high level of accountability and responsibility. Otherwise boxing will continue as "the red light district of sports." All of you can help by writing letters to Senator McCain, your Senators, your Representative, and President Bush asking them to support the change in this bill on behalf of the AAIB, TJQF, and yourselves. Thank you. |

| 12/19/04 11:20:48 AM|George Otto|Youngstown, Ohio||ehnpbsa@aol.com|||10|In addition to all that I have written below regarding boxing reform, let me also state that enacting and implementing S. 275 as the AAIB and TJQF have suggested is not enough to dramatically change the sport. As has been true in ML Baseball, Basketball, Baseball, Football, and Hockey, the fighters must join, support, and participate in a union. Without that solidarity, their needs can not be adequately addressed—even if a national boxing commission exists. Eddie Mustafa Muhammed, under the auspices of JAB, is trying to do that, but much work needs to be done. I say this in realizing that all unions are not perfect, and that, other than the AAIB and TJQF, no other boxing organization has made this suggestion. Nevertheless, both the AAIB and TJQF have always been on the front lines of reform and change (many times by themselves) to include this issue which is most difficult and frightening to all those involved in this
The readers of this site may also want to support this issue by again writing to the political leaders that I have listed in my previous post. Thank you.

Thanks again Mr. Otto. I for one will be writing letters to President Bush, Senator McCain, and my U.S. senators here in California, as well as my rep. in the House of Reps.

Getting a bill such as this passed is the reason we even have The Jerry Quarry Foundation (TJQF), to make boxing better. It is the least we can do to honor our favorite fighter Jerry's memory.

Just saw replay of Klitschko/Williams fight and it seems Klitschko is type of fighter that looks terrible but is very hard to beat... kinda reminds me of Carlos Monzon the middleweight champ who looked kinda stiff and awkward but always won. I also noticed Klitschko (from his Sanders fight) takes a pretty good punch. I think his downfall will be his own huge size working against him.. injuries to his joints, ligaments etc. as leverage works both ways.

I think the only guy who, in this moment, would have a decent chance at beating Vitali is Giacomo Toney, as Giacomo is not scared of anybody but God, can take any punch and is way more skilled than Vitali. This wouldn't be an easy fight to predict but I would put my money on Toney to outpoint him.

O K Mass   We got a bet!   NO euros though   strictly U S $.

Ed-<br><br>I don't have any dollar(s) and I have never seen a dollar in person and not even a cent. In this moment I have EUROS in my pocket but I keep thinking in LIRE. I have been using lire for most of my life.

Massimo - how tall is Toney ? I think he is too short and wouldn't have the style to beat the champ. It would be the same result to what happened to Williams. Tall man beats up shorter man. Not even Toney's usually overwhelming aggression would overcome that advantage. Toney would have more chance against Kent. As I type this a big spider has walked across my desk, onto my keyboard, and is sitting looking at me. Do I squash it ? zhjxz,mzazas p9389upn 3mnhj. Yep !

Noam-<br><br>Yes Noam, kill the spider ! Why ? Because (the) spiders suck (it's Oregon slang) !

Giacomo Toney is exactly 1.76 wilt. I'm sure Giacomo would last the distance even against Vitali because he can take one hell of a punch ! Of course I'm not sure he would be able to handle the difference in wiltness and andreness but I know he is very quick and very good at slipping punches.<br><br>I think he is right now the only real challenge for Vitali.<br><br>Giacomo Toney would never beat Kent " The hitting singer " Appel, not even in his dreams. Kent is wilter than Giacomo and is from California. Kent, I know you met Toney. You are wilter than Toney, ain't you ? If Toney really thinks he can whip Kent, he has to wake up and apologize !

Hey Ed, I watched the replay of the Klitschko-Williams fight this weekend also. I remember thinking to myself that Klitschko looked like a heavyweight Monzon.....then I said na... Monzon had endurance, he could go 15 hard rounds and not look like he's about to pass out from exhaustion. Of course Vitali is twice Monzon's size. As for the feature fight, Johnson-Tarver it was close but I had Tarver 115 to 114.
power wise. Another win or 2 against a top fighter will show a lot about what he's got. Mass Are Euros available in both paper and coin?

| 12/21/04 01:50:33 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Massimo, it is hard to tell how tall Toney is because I think he wears fancy expensive shoes that add an inch to his height and while I have stood right next to him several times, he has always been in street clothes. I am guessing he is about 5'10" about one inch less Wilt than me. As for him beating me, the man has been ducking me for too long now. "Come on James, sign on the dotted line and show what you got!" Wouldn't it be funny if he actually read this post? I might have to hide for at least a year!

| 12/21/04 03:01:50 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Ed-

Yes, euros are available in both paper and coin. In coin you have 1-2-5-10-20-50 cents up to 2 euros, the big stuff. The nasty thing is that you have to count coins very often. Anyway, I think that EU is a really great thing. We'll see.

| 12/21/04 04:27:11 AM|Noam|same||jhghy|||10|Massimo

The spider is no longer with us. In mafia talk, "it sleeps with the fishes". To me, Toney looks taller lying down than he does standing up. He seems fat and chubby and I can't imagine him beating the other guy whose name I can't spell.

| 12/21/04 08:55:15 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|I have just seen on the Internet the white leather Everlast shoes Muhammad Ali wore in his fight against Ron Lyle! It was quite an emotion for me! They were size 13.

| 12/21/04 09:15:29 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||Funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Noam: A few years ago, I really felt that if Tyson trained hard and stayed focused, he still had the talent to run the table. In fact, in the year or so before he fought Lewis, he should have taken a few fights as tune-ups. If he stayed in BOXING shape and as I said, focused, with boxing once again his top priority, he
could have taken Lewis in my opinion. I think he still had some skills at that point, but the skills were rusted and he couldn't call on them when he needed to (lack of activity). If he has eroded even further, which apparently he has, it might be too late for him to bounce back. If you've reached 40, you know that you have to work that much harder to do the things you took for granted when you were 30 or even 35. I don't think Tyson has put in the work to stay sharp and now the question is, if he goes full bore, can he regain the power and reflexes that once made him a great heavyweight? My guess is that he still has plenty of power if he can manage to land. I don't think he can stay out of the way of punches anymore and I don't suppose he could regain that ability---as reflexes are a big part of that and when they're gone, they're (usually) gone for good.

I've never been a big fan of his, even when he was the young Champion. I always thought that there were holes in his game (proven right when Douglas exposed him) and I think he developed an arrogance that was annoying and disturbing. But in a weird way, I'm almost pulling for him now. It's like the old "Mighty Have Fallen" story and based on everything he's been through (most his own doing but sometimes a victim) I feel like it would be interesting to see him turn back the clock and be competitive again.

I have nothing against Michele Geraldo Tyson and, anzi, I'm grateful to him for the joy he gave me by fighting in the ring but... Gotta be realistic! Just a few days ago he jumped with his 13.5 feet over a car. He had just uscito from a bar, probably drunk, maybe even something worse. I just don't see him focused enough on boxing.

I wonder whether Tyson has one 'last hurrah' left in him. Most elite champions (and whether we like Tyson or not, he was elite and in the top 10 heavies of all time) usually have one last great moment left in them. Ali had his win over Foreman. And Foreman, I suppose, had his moment when he beat Moore. It is sort of like the candle flickers before it goes out. Tyson has not had that moment. Maybe he missed it because of all the idiotic things he did in his life and fate deprived him of it. Or maybe, with a strong knee that allows him to get leverage for his punches, and with a will-to-win honed by all his financial woes, Tyson has that one magic moment left in him. Personally, I don't think Tyson is now capable of grinding out a great victory over many rounds like Ali did in Frazier 3. He just doesn't have that sort of battle-ready fitness or the hard minded mentality to do it. So I think the magic one last moment Tyson has left in what we must admit was a magical and compelling career is a flash knockout. He'll go in against someone expected to beat him, someone who wants a victory over Tyson on his resume, and BANG - Tyson connects and that's it folks.

I don't think that the sorry figure we saw after the Williams fight will be the last image we have of Tyson in the ring. With the money he owes, there has to be more to come.

I have just heard that Tyson is having cocaine problems just like Maradona. This is serious stuff, cocaine is not Coca Cola.

Mike Tyson these days is nothing more than a sideshow attraction, a big name that can draw crowds. He has developed bad habits over the years of not moving his head as he moved in and loading up and throwing one punch at a time. At one time he had sound fundamentals but as time went by, he relied too much on his power, a problem a lot of big punchers have, and it will not work at the upper levels of the sport. Also, his reflexes are gone and approaching forty, as someone here pointed out, he is not going to get them back. Personally, I have mixed feelings about a Tyson/Toney fight. I have the selfish feeling of wanting to see this fight take place as I would likely get to get a press pass to see it and I have always wanted to see Tyson fight in person but I never have. But
since I do care about the safety of the fighters, even Tyson, regardless of his sometimes crazy antics in the ring, I also have the conflicting feeling of (with wanting to see him fight) that for his own good and personal safety he should never fight again as of late especially, he has begun to take a lot of punishment. Noam, I am assuming you are talking about Vitali Klitschko as the fighter you don't see being defeated by Tyson at this point. An in prime Tyson I would favor Tyson in this one but those days are long gone. Remember folks, I haven't heard anything official about Tyson/Toney, just a feeling when I saw Tyson sitting next to Goossen. I am sure they had a lot to discuss.

Since I didn't give my email, this probably won't go through. But on the chance it does, I wanted to tell you I found your site after I did a search on 'pugilistica dementia'. It is a huge irony, boxing fans, that a boxer had put up a site hoping to prevent this self-inflicted illness. I treat head trauma cases all the time, there are WAY too many of them, car accidents, work injuries, fights. So, boxing fans, you might have an idea about what a doctor might think of your sport. There is only ONE WAY to prevent this disease in boxing: BAN BOXING TODAY. It is, by far, the stupidest, most destructive sport out there today. As I recall, even Howard Cosell called for the ban of boxing. Let me ask, how many beatings will you pay to see this year? There is something very wrong with those who promote this dispicable sport. The fact you are fans of a guy destroyed by it seems lost on you. Have you got it yet? If you really care about Mr. Quarry, or Muhammed Ali, or countless others, you will push for the ban of boxing TODAY. Thank You.

Imagine the conversation between Tyson and Goosen. They wouldn't be talking about rocket science, or poetry, or philosophy. Also, I was saying that I can't see Toney beating Vitali whatshisname; I wasn't talking about Tyson. After we ban boxing, let's also ban motor racing, bike riding, walking across the road, flying planes, parachuting, football, and every other dangerous activity. Surgery is dangerous, too. In a perfect world no one would get hurt. Unfortunately, the world is not perfect. I know many have been injured and killed by boxing, but boxing also has given many others a chance to make something of themselves that they otherwise would not have got. All the boxers are in the ring voluntarily, fully aware of the potential dangers. They accepted the risk and not one of the injured or killed were conscripts. No one forced them to do it. I suppose if someone gave them the choice of being a boxer or a doctor, they'd be a doctor, but they rarely get that choice because they don't have the brains or the opportunity. Truth is, vehicular accidents have caused more head traumas than boxing. And alcohol has killed more brain cells. I'm sure you will have an answer to counter me, but this is just my opinion and I mean no disrespect in expressing it.

Welcome Dr. Patterson, yes the only way to stop Dementia Puglistica is for boxing to not exist however, if boxing is outlawed, it would still exist, then boxing would go underground and I much prefer at least some regulation and rules to the underground sport it would become. Some of the things that can be done to help us achieve our goals of at least reducing the chances of a fighter developing the affliction, that by the way claimed the life of the founder of this site, Mr. Jerry Quarry in 1999, is for laws to be passed such as making mandatory MRI scans each year before a fighter can obtain a license and if any brain damage is detected, regardless of
if there are any outward signs of damage, then that fighter would not be allowed to box anymore. Mr. James Quarry, the brother of Jerry and Co Founder of this site, TJQF, also pointed out other reforms, some of which have passed into law here in the U.S. If you go to a site called Eastside Boxing at www.eastsideboxing.com and click on a link called interviews, I believe it is in the all interviews section, you will find an interview I did with Mr. James Quarry in 2001 that mentions a lot of the goals and acheivements of TJQF. It is an ongoing process and if you notice on the home page, there is a bill that TJQF supports in the U.S Senate that didn't pass in 2003 but we would like it to be reintroduced with some improvements that are outlined by Mr. George Otto, in a recent post here in the letters section of the TJQF site. Finally Dr. Patterson, rather than condemn boxing as something to be outlawed, I hope you can join us in finding solutions to making the sport as safe as possible because a ban is not likely to take place anytime soon and is unrealistic. Your input is most welcome on any and all issues regarding boxing, especially if you know of ways because of your medical background to make it safer.

| 12/22/04 04:14:49 AM | Noam | same | hfgety ||||| 10 |
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| Just as a matter of interest, Dr Patterson, you say that you treat head trauma cases all the time. Given it is the end of the year, perhaps you could give us an idea of the cases you've treated since January. For example, how many head traumas from boxing have you treated over the past year as compared to, say, vehicular and pedestrian accidents, other sporting injuries, domestic violence, alcohol or drug abuse, falls from ladders, slips in showers, etc. I would be very surprised if boxing is not at the complete bottom of your list. I think you would have treated more golfers hit in the head by golf balls than boxers hurt in the ring. In fact, I'd be surprised if most doctors in hospital emergencies would see a head trauma case from organized boxing in any given year. Once again, these are just my thoughts and I am not attacking your credentials, Dr Patterson. I am just trying to explore and clarify the topic you brought up. Thanks for your thoughts and, if need be, setting me straight. |

| 12/22/04 04:51:42 AM | Massimo | Roma ||| 4 ||||| 10 |
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| When did you ever talk about boxing, Caco? The only things you ever did in this site have been saying that Mike Tyson was the greatest and offending Kent. I don't remember you for anything else. |

| 12/22/04 09:20:50 AM | Charles | ark. ||ctjjandfam@aol.com ||||| 10 |
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| Dr. Patterson:<br>Do the MCATS have a spelling section? I believe it's destructive, not destructive. |

| 12/22/04 01:21:19 PM | Noam | same ||gfgetr ||||| 10 |
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| I agree entirely. If the short and fat Toney ever fought Vitali K. or Byrd, are the current lot of heavies the worst bunch in history? |

| 12/22/04 01:27:27 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com ||||| 10 |
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| Adjusted for inherent growth of the human race, modern nutrition and modern training techniques, today's heavies are the worst ever and it's not even close. To expound, it's possible that some of today's bunch could take guys from the 60's and 70's because they're bigger and stronger---but you've got to work under the assumption that if Ali, Frazier, Quarry, Foreman, Holmes, etc., came up today, they'd be bigger and stronger too, plus they had the hearts of lions and a will to win that no one has had since an in-prime Holyfield. Similarly, if Jim Brown came up today, he'd be bigger, stronger and faster and would still be the best back in the NFL. Like I said, adjusted for the modern world, today's heavies suck. |

| 12/22/04 01:38:15 PM | Massimo | Roma ||| 4 ||||| 10 |
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| If Toney cannot whip Vitali, nobody can; Carnera is dead and I'm busy. He is the king of the world. |

| 12/22/04 01:43:15 PM | Massimo | Roma ||| 4 ||||| 10 |
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| You are talking about... |
James Brown (chi cazzo e') but what would happen if Wilt came up today?

James Toney has the heart of a lion. He is definitly old school in that regard and that makes up for his lack of size. Never mind he shoots his big mouth off because he delivers what he says. He tore his right bicep muscle in the first round of his fight with Rydell Booker, a painful injury, and he gave Booker an essentially one armed beating for twelve rounds. Also, years ago when he was still a middleweight, he was suffering leg cramps throughout the whole fight against a fighter named Dave Tiberi. It was a very close fight that a lot of people thought Tiberi had won but the decision went to Toney. I have that fight on tape and I thought it was very close but Toney had pulled out the decision because he was sliding with and blocking a lot of Tiberi's punches and he was landing enough punches of his own to hang on to the title. The point is, a lot of fighters, especially today, would have quit from the pain but Toney didn't quit.

A few years ago Vitali Klitschko was ahead on all of the scorecards against Chris Byrd after nine rounds of a twelve round when he suffered a painful shoulder injury and didn't come out for the tenth round, giving the fight to Byrd by TKO.

Do you think our own Jerry Quarry would have quit in the same situation? Hell no! Jerry would have fought one armed the rest of the way! Vitali did redeem himself when he fought Lennox Lewis so he does have a fair amount if heart. My question about him is maybe the cut didn't hurt too much, even if it was bad and if he had suffered the shoulder injury instead, would he have quit again?

Hi All. Hope you all have a good and safe Holiday. Dad, and Uncle Jerry, you are surely missed, and you can really tell it on the site as well as in our hearts. I love & miss you Dad, and Uncle Jerry. Lets get back to boxing. Hope you all keep visiting this site.

I agree that Toney has a lot of mongrel and heart, but to be frank he is only a blown-up short heavyweight who wouldn't have lasted more than a few seconds with guys like Foreman, Holmes, Ali, Frazier, Jack Johnson, et al. I just don't think he has the skills to overcome his physical limitations against Vitali K. However, because Toney does get in the ring to really fight, I'd much rather watch him than any of the other heavies. Besides, watching Toney makes me feel Hollywood handsome and gorgeous. What happened to his face, Kent? Did you see him playing Frazier in that silly Ali movie? SCAAAARY!

Angelo is absolutely right about the current lot of heavyweights. They are big with all the nutritional advances etc, but where have the skills and toughness gone? Muscle Marys?. Are there any heavies today who even come close to a Frazier left hook, Louis's power, Liston's intimidation, Holmes's jab, Ali's ring craft, Quarry's never quit, Foreman's awesomeness, and Baer's showmanship (and Primo's gigantism and clumsy awkwardness and those ridiculous socks and boots - are they Italian national dress?).

The current lot are the most disappointing in history. I can't get excited about any of them. There'd be more action if Massimo fought this new guy Koo (is that the name? what does it mean?) or perhaps Howard C. v Gerry. Toney might have that madman appeal, but to get pumped about watching fights you have to go to the lower weights. I really enjoyed watching that Russian Kosta Zoo beating Mitchell. De La Hoya is always fun to watch (Zoo v De La Hoya might happen, too). But the current heavies are no hopers (in my opinion). Whatever happened to the era when we'd be so excited counting the days down to an anticipated fight. The adrenaline hasn't pumped for ages for a heavyweight fight. Probably the last time was Holyfield v Tyson half a decade ago.

If KooKoo is new, Wilt was short and Albert was dumb!
That rush of counting down the days until a fight took place—-until you mentioned it, I almost forgot about it. Part of the problem is that the fights are now all pay per view and they sometimes start close to midnight eastern time. That's ridiculous. I remember the Muhammad Ali and Larry Holmes title defenses that were on network television in prime time. There was so much buzz about these fights---in school, we'd all be talking about the fights for at least a week leading up to the night and a couple days after too! The undercards were good, and the network would show at least one or two of these undercard bouts, mixed in with career profiles of the title participants, building drama for the title fight.

If I recall, ABC/Cosell did quite a few of the Holmes fights, NBC had Ali-Shavers and I believe CBS had Ali losing to Spinks. These were classic broadcasts---much better than pay per view crap. The production quality was better, although the commercials sucked---but I'd rather have Gillete pay for the rights for me to watch than shelling out $49.99 and staying up till after midnight.

On Ebay there is a Poster of the Quarry-Spencer fight for sale. I remember that fight. Spencer was supposed to be the contender, however it never was him. Spencer was hyped up well on the west coast, ring magazine etc. Quarry took him apart literally. Spencer did nothing ever again because of the wipping Quarry put on him. Hey Jerry Quarry was top shelf all the way.

It's funny how many times Jerry Quarry was the underdog against up and coming contenders, and he either took their head off or gave them a boxing clinic.

I hope Dr. Patterson didn't just drop in here to make some challenging comments and then just walk away without responding to our responses.

SO DOCTOR, THIS IS A PLACE FOR AN OPEN DISCUSSION OF DIFFERING IDEAS. WHERE ARE YOU? IF YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT BANNING BOXING, THEN WHY DON'T YOU RESPOND TO OUR COMMENTS? WE'RE WAITING!

Jerry would whip any of these guys today, especially big mouth toney! Yes wilt would rule the lanes today just as he did some 40 yrs. ago. merry CHRISTMAS to the Quarry family and we do miss you Jerry and Jim. peace to all!!!

Merry Christmas to all and a happy new year !!!!!

Buon Natale to all and a happy new year !!!!!

A great 1775 to all !

Saint Claus is in town !!!!

How wilt is he ? Can you immagine a 7'1" Saint Claus ? A Shaq Saint Claus ? It would be as cool as hell ! Don't miss Kobe vs Shaq on December 25th, it's gonna be as great as Wilt vs Bill.

MOZART WAS THE GREATEST.

Happy Holidays to Quarry Family and Fans!!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WE MISS JERRY, MR. JIMMY, AND ALSO BRENDI QUARRY, WHO'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS LETTER SECTION AND TO KEEPING HER BROTHERS' HOPES ALIVE WERE MANY!

May all the best shine on the Quarry family and their fans in the coming new year.

Well Hello All! You all have a Merry Christmas! Dad, Uncle Jerry, Mom, and Aunt Brenda, and yes Grandma we sure do miss you all, you are always in our hearts and thoughts.
I think this mister Liston is Doctor in the same way of Dr. J.

I hope that all of you had a very merry and happy Christmas, and that the new year ahead sees you all healthy and prosperous. Let's all look forward to some tremendous fights, and that all the participants return to their corners with all their faculties intact.

For Christmas I got a terrific biography on Rocky Marciano. It is very interesting reading, and I am learning some very practical Italian phrases from it that I will later bounce off Massimo.

Does anyone remember Jerry from High School days? Was he a popular kid?

What's bounc off? Has it to do with the bouncers? Is it slang? To bounce without off would be different? And what about off without bounc? I guess you meant ask!

regarding Marciano:

I have seen him in his two fights against Walcott and in the Archie Moore fight. He had really no idea about how to fight, he fought like a bar brawl but still was one of the greatest champions of all times. I think he would have beaten Vitali.

To bounce off' is slang. By that I mean I send an idea or thought to you, and you 'bounce' back your own thought in reply.

As regards to Marciano, it is amazing he had the success that he had with so little formal boxing training. By age 23 he had not received proper boxing instruction and was fighting on instinct and raw power. He was clumsy and awkward but had such a powerful right punch that he easily knocked out more skilfull opponents.

When he was a young teenager, he used to beat up kids three years older and bigger than himself. His two close school friends (who remained close friends all his life) picked fights and then stood behind Rocky for protection. Rocky then finished the job.

However, it doesn't seem like he was a vicious, spiteful or nasty person. He didn't get in fights because he enjoyed them or liked inflicting pain; it was because someone wanted to hurt his friends.

Later, as a boxer, he fought because he needed the income, not to ram someone's nose up into his brain (the reason Tyson gave for fighting). Marciano was also very relaxed before fights. His friends couldn't believe that he could lay down and sleep for two hours just before a fight. He had no nerves.

Generally, Marciano was respectful to his opponents, especially to legends like Joe Louis. When he fought Louis many believed that he would lose. One of Rocky's friends was going bad for money and was uncertain whether he should bet on him. Rocky assured him that he wouldn't lose and his friend bet his only asset (his car) on the fight and won.

Anyway, Massimo, I now know more about Rocky by reading this book.

I have just seen a very exciting heavyweight fight: LUAN KRASNIQI against TIMO HOFFMAN for the European heavyweight title. It was a very tough fight for both fighters and ended in a draw. I had Krasniqi about 3 points ahead at the end of the fight. They are both good heavyweights.

Norm, i was reading your comments to the Dr. regauding the head injuries. you made a comment that boxers know the risks. well my uncles did not. they did not know they by getting in a ring and getting hit in the head repeatedly they would have brain damage. i have heard my uncle mike say several times if he had known he would not have become a fighter. just thought you would like to know that little bit of information.

Thanks Sheri. With all due respect, anyone who gets into a boxing ring, knowing that the opponent is focused on punching him to the head and body with the intention of knocking him
unconscious or forcing surrender, must know that injury or death might result. They might not THINK it will happen to them (like young people think they'll never be killed driving cars too fast or taking drugs, etc), but no one and nothing could guarantee that it wouldn't. Even by the 1970s, there was knowledge of the particular dementia caused from boxing. Ali used to (cruely) poke fun at punch drunk fighters saying it would never happen to him. Before the 1970s boxers had died fighting. So, with all due respect, I still say that boxers getting into the ring knew that boxing carried risks of injury or death. The risks were never a secret. Young boxers might have felt bullet proof and thought it would never happen to them, but it was certainly happening to other fighters.

Sheri, yes your uncles didn't know the extent of the injuries they could receive but I do think they knew there was some danger involved. Your right about your Uncle Mike making that statement as I heard him say the same thing in a couple of conversations I have had with him. Sadly, in 1983 Jerry was told he had suffered some damage when he took a test, even if it wasn't readily apparent, and he still had some more fights. It is just hard to take the warrior out of the warrior.

That is why I support what your Uncle Jim supported, not letting any fighter fight again who shows any damage in a test, regardless if there are no symptoms apparent. If this regulation had been in place, than Jerry would have three less fights. Dr. Patterson makes a point about him being a doctor so that is why he wants to ban boxing. Not all doctors agree with him. There are some fine doctors who donate time to the Retired Boxers Foundation, which is headed by Alex Ramos, a former boxer who a lot of you might remember as a fine middleweight in the 1980s. Mr. Ramos' group is at the forefront of helping fighters after they leave the ring, some of whom are suffering the same afflictions that Jerry and Mike have endured.

The fine doctors who help out Mr. Ramos' foundation are not among those doctors calling for a ban on boxing.

All my prayers and hopes go out to the disaster strucken areas recently hit by the earthquake and tidal waves. Normally the scariest place to be during an earthquake is in a tall building but after this week's disaster in Asia, that may be the best place to be, to get away from the high water as most of the people killed were killed by the huge tidal waves that followed the quake.

I know that here in California, if there is a big earthquake, the last place I am going is to the beach!

Cleveland Williams
Eddie Machen
Zora Folley

The public doesn't remember you, I do. I know all three of you deserved a title shot in the late 50's early 60's. Floyd wouldn't let you have it and you faded into obscurity of time. Rest well men.

I visited Phuket a few years ago and it is a beautiful place and the Thais are a terrific people. They are a very gracious and humble race and it is sad that the poor who service the tourist economy in Phuket (which is all there really is in that place) are going to be so badly affected by what has happened for generations to come. If I recall rightly, Phuket also had a terrible 747 plane crash at the airport a few years back. Nature can turn paradise into a nightmare with consumate ease. It makes you wonder what else it has in store. Anyway, bless all the victims of what has happened. The death toll is so bad it is too horrible to be real.

Noam, the irony of the disaster in Asia is I am sure a lot of the tourists who were killed by the waves were outside because they were afraid to be in the buildings. As I said, it is a scary experience to be in a tall building during an earthquake but
to those who survived the waves that followed, how can they ever go to a beach again after this?<br><br>The economy of that region is hit hard twice by the fact that in addition to tourism being destroyed, whole fishing villages were wiped out. It will take generations for those countries effected to recover.<br><br>The devastation is so much that it is like an atomic bomb was dropped on the region. Not so much in how the region looks becasue there is a lot of water everywhere, but in the tremendous loss of life and property.<br><br>We all remember those three fighters you mentioned. Patterson did beat Eddie Machen on points in 1964. The legendary Cus D'Amato didn't want Patterson to fight Williams and Folley. I'd like to see (or but probably not seeing) the two fights between Cleveland "Small dog" Williams and Ernie "Uncle Tom" Terrell.<br><br>Bring Bernie Taylor on, I will whup him inside of two rounds! Or if I can't, I will get my friend Massimo from Roma to knock him out for me.<br><br>Sorry Charles, but you guys do have Bill Clinton from your state, but some people would say that is a good thing. Actually, Bill aint so bad! Is there such a place as Hackenstack, Arkansas?<br><br>Who is Bernie Taylor ? A singer ? Kent I can whip him, if you want, if he is under 7 feet tall. It's a sort of natural limit for me. Every time I tried to whip guys wilter than that, I got my ass kicked.<br><br>Sorry, of course I meant mignotta, not migliotta.<br><br>Everyone has to be from somewhere, and we got stuck with bill. hackenstack is about 5 miles north of toadsuck, the way the crow flies. happy new year!!!!!
Steve from New Jersey taught me that one. Yo is a walk in the park! Is there somebody outta there who can speak some other slang? There are still so many states missing: Alabama, Texas, Colorado, Connecticut, Virginia... Come on people, come on!!

|12/31/04 03:03:09 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Massimo, you mean you is or you are or you guys. It would probably be better spelled yooes. Some people (but not all) from Philly, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York say this, so Rocky would talk that way and so would Mick. People in different parts of states like New Youk, New Jersey, and Penn. don't speak the same way. Example, a person from upstate New York does not use the slang and pronunciations of people from New York City and even parts of New York City talk differently. California people, for the most part, speak the same way and most nationwide news broadcasters sound like Californians. People from Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, and Washington state, are all similar in speaking. Other regions speak differently also but most of the time we can all understand each other without much difficulty.|

|12/31/04 04:10:02 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|In Italy we have plenty of dialects but everyone (or almost everyone) can speak and understand the Standard Italian. This wasn't true in the 40s, but with the diffusion of RADIO and TELEVISION, this problem has been overcome. Even if I can understand almost every Italian dialect, I speak only and always the Standard Italian. I think the Standard Language is way more beautiful, expressive and cultural than any dialect. You can write a masterpiece of literature in Italian while you can't write a masterpiece in Milanese or in Romano. I'm Italian first, Pisan second and Roman third. Anyway, if you walk in Rome you meet a lot of foreigners. Probably there are more foreigners than Italians in Italy. I'm quite happy of my English. I'm still far from being fluent, but a little bit is much better than nothing. SORRY FOR NOT TALKING OF BOXING. I'M JUST HAVING A GOOD TIME WITH MY FRIEND KENT.|

|1/1/05 03:54:44 AM|Massimo "smaller than life" Cini|Roma||4|||10|A happy 2005 to Artis Gilmore, all the Quarry family and all the Quarry fans!|

|1/1/05 06:45:55 PM|Noam|same||hjuysy|||10|Reading a biography on Rocky Marciano has given me new respect for him. I don't think there is any doubt that he is in the top 3 heavyweights of all time, if not the absolute greatest. His statistics are remarkable, even if you forget his 49 - 0 record and the fact that he is the only underfeated heavyweight champion of all time. The first time Rocky got knocked off his feet in a professional fight was when he challenged Walcott for the title. From memory, Louis was knocked down many times early in his career in non-title fights, and Clay was put on his backside by Cooper (also non-title bout). Another statistic about Rocky that impresses me is the effect he had on his vanquished opponents. It is well documented that guys were never the same in rematches against Rocky (Walcott, Charles), but what I didn't realize is what he did to up-and-comers. Rocky fought many promising young guys who were not only confident of beating him but when they entered the ring they thought Rocky was just a stepping stone to the title. All those dreams ended when Rocky unleashed that overhand right. Marciano so badly flogged them that many fled the ring, discarding all boxing ambitions, and never fought again. I can't recall either Louis or Ali ever doing that to a young fighter with ambition. Likewise, Tyson intimidated many, however they came back to fight another day. Rocky, on the other hand, haunted them so bad that they decided instead to become bankers and barman. Also, a guy who trained with both Louis and Marciano said that while Louis punched extremely hard, it took four Louis punches to match the
hurt from just one from Rocky. Though true that this comparison came towards the end of Louis's career, it is still relevant given that punching power is usually the last tool of a champion to desert him. It seems to me from reading of Rocky's heroics that, despite his clumsiness and awkwardness and lack of boxing skills, nature assigned him an all-conquering right hand complimented by a willingness to use it as viciously as need be to win no matter what. He not only had the best weapon, but he also had the strength of mind to show no sympathy with it. I am left wondering whether a young Clay could have endured Rocky's overhand right. After all, Cooper put him down with that left hook and Clay needed Dundee to broaden the cut in his glove to give him the time to recover. Rocky punched harder than Cooper. (But, then again, Clay was only vulnerable to left hands and he might never have been caught by Rocky's right.)

Massimo – forget Don Corleone and Luca Brassi and all those other truly great Italians, because Rocky Marciano was the very, very best to come from your country!

I used to think Marciano only beat a bunch of has beens but consider that Charles and Walcott were close to the top of their games and Moore was still a very dangerous opponent. Only Joe Louis was over the hill, though Louis did have some of his skills intact. I do think Louis would have beaten Marciano prime verses prime as he did show a good left jab in their fight to win a couple of rounds.

The thing about Marciano is although he was small, even among heavyweights of his time, he had the punching power of a much larger man. What can't also be discounted is he trained harder than anyone else, one of the reasons he left relatively early from the sport is he had started to lose his desire to train hard and he knew it was time to get out. That is fine as he earned every one of his victories.

I know Marciano looked up to Louis as a hero and some people contend that he took it easy on Louis, but consider that Louis was standing in his way at getting a title shot and Louis was actually favored in the odds leading up to the fight and no fighter with the fire to be the best would let his personal feelings get in his way. I think Louis still had some boxing skills at that point and Marciano had to fight hard to get the win.

You are entirely correct in writing that Marciano trained very hard. When training for a fight, Rocky's discipline was second to none. The guy was completely focused on winning the title, unashameably because of all the trappings that would come with it, and nothing and no one was going to get in his way. He was desperate to elevate his family out of its humble surroundings. The first thing he did when he started getting good purses was to make his father quit the shoe factory where he worked and he subsequently supported his parents (and even some of his friends). His remarkable will-to-win was why he came from behind to knock-out his opponent so many times. Rocky ALWAYS won a battle of wills.

The other great thing he had was power. He was small but he fought from a crouch and used his powerful legs to spring upwards and forwards with his body when punching. The result was tremendous momentum and leverage, even though he was clumsy and awkward. Another reason for Rocky's great power was that he punched through the other guy. His punch didn't stop when the knuckle connected; his fist just kept going and going until the end of the arc. Study the photos of Rocky fighting and you will notice this. Walcott said that although Rocky was easy to hit generally, he was hard to hit with good hard punches. Opponents would get the pitter-pat scoring punches in, but the money ones didn't land too often. A month ago I would have picked Louis over
Marciano, however I'd go for Rocky now. I don't consider Marciano that much Italian. He was born in USA, spent there all of his life playing baseball all the time and used to say yoos. I think if somebody have asked Marciano: which(or what) is your home, he would have said: USA, man. When the Frenchs wanted Primo Carnera to join the French army he said: NO WAY, I AM ITALIAN ! That's a real green-white and red Italian !!!!<br>When Marciano fought the legendary Rex Layne, Rex was an up and coming heavyweight and was given 9-5 against the Rock. He fought well in the first 5 rounds but in the sixth Rocky hit him with a devastating right hand and Rex went down and out. Rex was 6'1" tall, wilter than Kent. He would have made me look andre'.

Who were Don Corleone and Luca Brasi?

I always have this discussion with my friend of Italian ancestry. I, like Massimo, call him American not Italian as he speaks no Italian and he has never been to Italy. He still has a strong indentification with his Italian roots and this is fine but in the end he concedes he really is an American first. It is not surprising that Massimo would not know much about Americans of Italian ancestry such as Corleone as they are not in Italy. They have a connection with Italy and likely had relatives there but they are famous or infamous here in the U.S. Italians from Italy, while they can appreciate a fighter like Marciano as a great fighter don't claim him as one of their own. Just as Mexicans don't claim Oscar De La Hoya as a Mexican as he was born in the United States. He is an American of Mexican ancestry. Non Mexican Americans think that the Mexican fans would root for De La Hoya but the Mexican fans don't always root for him as he was born here in the U.S.

Glad to hear some folks are giving credit to Marciano. As I have always said Marciano was truly a GREAT fighter. 49-0. Truly great fighters don't get beat much less knocked out. Great fighters beat whoever is there at the time and don't stay in the game too long. Larry Holmes was almost a great fighter. I said ALMOST. I was born in 1963, well after Rocky Marciano was out of the game. I grew up idolizing Muhammad Ali, and I still do. I used to think the smaller, "outdated" Marciano couldn't match up well against guys from my era, like Ali, Foreman, Frazier, etc. But after watching films of his fights, hearing the comments of his contemporaries and also boxing historians—and even hearing what Mike Tyson had to say about Marciano's greatness—I've changed my view. He clearly was the best of his era and punched extremely hard. He was also determined to win at any cost. This guy would make up for a smaller size with punches that would break the ribs of modern fighters and take their will.

I disagree that Larry Holmes was not a great fighter. Yes he did not equal Rocky's record of 49-0 and he didn't leave the game undefeated but just because we call Rocky great doesn't mean Larry wasn't great also. He beat almost everyone from his history that was of note and there was a period of time, 1978 to 1982 when he could have beaten almost all fighters from any era. Yes, there were some close calls when in a close fight he got the decisions but most of them occurred after his period of greatness and I don't see why him staying around too long, which he did, causes his best years to be tarnished as he was the dominate heavyweight of his era. Muhammad Ali also stayed around too long but he was also a great fighter who had his period of greatness regardless of the later stage of his career. It is not a contradiction to say that
Rocky Marciano, Larry Holmes, and Muhammad Ali were all great fighters. I would rank them in the top five of all time in the heavyweight division. As far as smaller heavyweights such as Louis and Marciano having no chance against a giant like Vitali Klitschko, consider that Louis at 200 pounds defeated fighters almost as tall and sometimes heavier than Klitschko and who were not far behind Klitschko in the skill level. Anybody who doesn't believe me, watch the films of Louis versus Abe Simon, 6'5" 250 pounds, Buddy Baer 6'6," 250 pounds, or even Primo Carnera, 6'6" 265 pounds. These guys were good fighters with good skills but Louis was clearly superior to them. Carnera in particular, after watching I watched his fight with Max Baer, Buddy's brother, recently, I saw that although Carnera was knocked down a lot of times, in the rounds when he wasn't knocked down, he showed good use of his left jab and the ability to throw left/right combinations and uppercuts. Carnera actually won a lot of the rounds in his fight with Max Baer. The one thing that made Carnera a good if not great fighter was his tremendous courage. To get off of the canvas time and time again and fight back hard shows a championship heart, something that I still doubt about Vitali Klitschko. Carnera would have never quit on his stool regardless of an arm injury, as Klitschko did against Chris Byrd. Carnera would have fought the three more rounds one handed, regardless of the pain. Max, Joe Louis also stayed around too long but he should also be called a great fighter regardless of this fact. He was also the dominant heavyweight of his era and a top five of all time.

Don Corleone was a Sicilian migrant who came to New York a century ago. Through astute business deals that nobody could refuse (aided by the timely but unfortunate demise of competitors), he became extraordinarily wealthy. His subsequent philanthropic habits bought him great influence with politicians and the Roman Catholic church, and in his twilight years he received a papal knighthood. The Don was an ardent boxing fan who bet successfully on the result of every fight he ever bet on. And he named his first boy Sonny, in celebration of the life and times of one Charles 'Sonny' Liston. Corleone was also a committed anti-drugs campaigner, whose most persuasive counsellor and 'go to' man was Luca Brasi. When Brasi came a knocking with his therapy, people usually volunteered to reform their ways very quickly. However, he proudly identified himself as an Italian/American and his parents and immediate family were very Italian in speech, habit, and tradition.

Going back through the posts here I discovered that you, Kent, consider yourself of Indian heritage. You don't sleep in teepees, you don't have an Indian name ('Two Dogs' Kent?), you don't threaten to scalp people in debates, and your self-described rotund physique doesn't give rise to suspicions that you do much rain dancing. Well, Rocky didn't paint the Mona Lisa, but he still considered himself Italian (and American). Anyway, I don't think Rocky gets the praise he deserves from modern boxing enthusiasts. Max Hord is absolutely correct.
giving) Marciano a hard time than big ones like Vitali. I think Vitali would have likely fallen in 1 against Marciano. | |1/2/05 04:06:19 PM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|Ezzard Charles also gave Marciano two of his toughest battles (especially in their first fight). Well, Ezzard Charles weighted about 185 lbs as well. | |1/2/05 04:33:23 PM|Noam|same||ghytsey|||10|Massimo<br>Rocky must get the recognition for NEVER losing. Sure, many of the guys he fought were smallish (for example, Charles was previously a middleweight) but Rocky still beat them all. <br>But how would Rocky have gone if his fights were 12 rounds instead of that era's 15? There were many times he was behind on points at the 12 round mark, so does that mean he would be less effective today? In my opinion, he would have stepped the pace up earlier and would win anyway. <br>In regards to Larry Holmes, many of us forget that Larry was only two months short of his 36th birthday when he suffered his first (controversial) loss of his professional career to Spinks. <br>Before then he had beaten 48 in a row. Wow! Fans regard him as a boxer primarily, but we forget that he stopped 34 opponents within the distance. Larry has to be in the top 10 heavies of all time and I'd have him high on that list. <br>| |1/2/05 05:58:03 PM|max hord|fernandina<br>bch,fla||maxhord@adelphia.net|||10|Kent.Point well taken. My vote on the greatest of all time has to be Marciano until somebody else proves that in ability and reasonable longevity in the heavyweight picture. | |1/2/05 11:12:06 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Noam, my ancestry is mixed, white and Native American Indian. <br>I am a descendant of a German Jew, from Northern Germany (Prussia) and also a descendant of a Luiseño Mission Indian (native Californian) and of an Apache from Arizona. <br>Although I am a member of a prominent California tribe, I was raised white in the suburbs and there are probably some Indians who would not see me as a true Indian as I have never lived on a reservation nor have I absorbed the Indian culture. In fact, the last direct relative that lived on a reservation was my great-grandmother, although I do have cousins who have since returned to the reservation and who have lived there in recent years. <br>I have been studying the native language for the past two years in an effort to help revitalize the language (an original California dialect) and I have learned some things about the culture but there is much to learn. | |1/3/05 02:09:42 PM|Noam|same||uguthg|||10|Kent<br>You have an interesting pedegree. | |1/3/05 02:13:46 PM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|I agree with the favorable comments about Larry Holmes. He was certainly the best heavyweight of the late 70's and early 80's and it isn't even close. He dominated the division for several years and took all comers. He won impressively and efficiently and on top of it all, represented the sport very well. While he was on top of the world, there was no nonsense from Holmes—he seemed genuinely grateful for the wealth his skills brought to him and treated fans very well. He even staged a title fight in Scranton, PA to give back to that community--because he had fought there on his way up. In fact, the fight was at the Scranton Catholic Youth Center, the same venue as when he was an up and coming kid. I think that shows that Holmes was not spoiled by the fame. Sure he enjoys a great lifestyle and all the goodies that come with being rich--but as Heavyweight Champion, he didn't lose sight of what (and who) got him to the top. I think that Scranton defense was against Lucien Rodriguez. | |1/3/05 02:18:42 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Hey Massimo, Here's some New Jersey slang for you. The correct way to get a group of people to pay attention is, "hey yoose guys"! When asking someone if they would care for something to eat, you would say, "didjaeat", that's spoken as one word. Or, "Jaeat", also spoken as one word. The adj. or pronoun (these), is pronounced "dees". As in, "dees guys over here". In the
Godfather movies, Vito Corleone was not actually his real name. He took that name from the village he was born in. He did this to escape a vendetta against his family. I would love to have seen a fight between Rocky Marciano and Mike Tyson.

Oh by the way, I have the Eagles rated number three in the NFL going into the playoffs behind Pittsburg and New England. Noam, as far as my pedigree goes, I look in the mirror and sometimes I see a white man and sometimes an Indian. The same with photographs, I guess depending on the lighting, I look like either in different pictures. Among my siblings, one brother looks a little more Indian than me and my sister looks more Indian than him and people speak Spanish to her, thinking she is Mexican. We also have another brother who looks nothing like an Indian, heredity can be strange. Anyway, back to boxing, my top five heavyweights of all time: Muhammed Ali, Joe Louis, Larry Holmes, George Foreman, Rocky Marciano; in that order. I will say why in a coming post.

I was wondering about the correct pronunciation of the word "yoose" : the double "o" is like in "blood" or like in "foot"? You can never be sure about the correct pronunciation in English, "read" is different from "sweat", who knows why ...

Probably Ali' was the greatest but I'm not sure... Ken Norton could beat him whenever he wanted to. I have Sonny Liston in my top 5. He wasn't in good shape when he fought Clay and was over the hill and arrugginato. Put a young and in top shape Liston against Clay and Clay would have not shocked the world a bit.

I remember the nights when the fights mattered. Really mattered. Nights spent waiting, discussing what would happen. The sport is in the toilet. Remember Ali, top of the world. People in the streets before a big fight, talking, listening on the radio. Nobody will be talking about today in thirty years. The sport will be dead and buried, along with the memories of what was. Jerry, thanks for the memories.

I think Marciano would have beat Ali, Holmes and Foreman. He may have gotten stopped by Louis. Louis could punch and REALLY punch. Holmes and Ali probably wouldn't have hurt Rocky unless he was cut. Foreman could punch but would have gotten hit too often too early, easy to hit like Liston. Whatcha think about that??

Max, I can see Louis beating Marciano to the punch and taking a tough decision over Rocky. At his best, Louis was deadly accurate with his quick powerful combinations. I can also see Ali and Holmes outpointing Rocky by outlanding him and keeping him outside on the end of the jab enough to pile up the points with quick combos, but also far from easy. Holmes and Ali had similar styles and it depends on what the judges liked, Rocky's pressing the action and strong body attack and landing the harder punches or Ali or Holmes outlanding Rocky in more of the rounds. I could see Foreman getting Rocky out of there early like he did to Frazier but if Rocky hurt him first or if Rocky lasted past the early onslaught, then Big George would likely be in a lot of trouble. One thing for sure, Rocky would never quit and George would have to get to him first and make sure he didn't let him off of the hook if Rocky was hurt early. Can't see many more fighters having a chance at beating Rocky, except for maybe Lennox Lewis, that is if Lewis could, like Ali and Holmes keep outside of Rocky's power, but I see Rocky finding a way to land that big right hand and if McCall and Rahman could knock out Lewis with right hands, then Rocky
could do the same and it wouldn't be a lucky shot like Rahman's and McCall's punches were. Tyson and Liston at their best depended on intimidation and were not as effective against fighters who were not afraid of them. I give Rocky the edge in these fights, no fear in the Rock. Rocky verses Jack Dempsey would be a shootout but I think Rocky would wear him down for a late round stoppage or decision. Jack Johnson would not be used to the work rate Rocky would bring. Johnson's era saw a slower pace, they had to fight sometimes unheard of number of rounds, so Rocky would outwork him in a fifteen round contest. Vitali Klitschko would hit Rocky a lot but Rocky would take his punches and wear him down with punches of his own, leading to a late round stoppage win for the Rock. Vitali is very strong but except for his two round destruction of Kirk Johnson, he tends to take a few rounds to get his knockouts. Vitali K, has as habit of carrying his left hand very low and someone is going to exploit this like Rocky likely would have done. You heard it from me first, Vitali is a sucker for a right hand. When all is equal a bigger fighter would beat a smaller fighter except in the case of the smaller fighter having superior skills and in the case of Rocky verse Klischko, Rocky has the edge in skills.

Your sister sounds a real honey. Does she want my telephone number?

My top five heavies of all time: Ali and Marciano (I can't split them). Louis. Holmes. Johnson. Ali had the jab, indestructible chin, and was the smartest guy ever in the ring. Rocky was an animal, had pulverizing power in his overhand right (and sometimes his left hook), and would not accept defeat no matter what. I was surprised to read that Rocky didn't have a will when he died and little if any of his millions could be found by his family. Rocky hoarded money in cash (he didn't trust banks and the tax man) and nobody could find the hiding places when he died. Also, he lent pals hundreds of thousands of dollars without signed contracts or written records. When he died these great pals all claimed they returned the loans the previous week. Rocky also had very close connections with the mob. In early 1969 Rocky visited the dying Mafia don Vito Genovese (Don Corleone was him in the Godfather film) in a prison hospital in Springfield, Missouri. He seemed to get a bit of a thrill hanging with those guys. The night before Rocky went to the White House to meet President Kennedy, he stayed overnight at the home of Mafia guy Frankie 'One-Ear' Fratto. Rocky was so naive that he even asked Fratto whether he wanted to go to the White House with him. Rocky apparently knocked back a million dollars not to throw a fight he had with Don Cockell (which would have been a major upset had he lost). The mafia respected Rocky because they couldn't corrupt him. I respect him because he was a great, great fighter.

I don't agree about Liston in his prime being ( or that Liston in his prime was) easy to hit. If you watch his second Cleveland Williams fight, he could move the head very well. He had the best left jab ever tied with Joe Louis, a hell of a left hook, a hell of a right hand, a great uppercut and could take a paradise and a hell of a punch. He wasn't scared of anybody but God. He was really a very very good fighter. I doubt a little about his heart and stamina though. He would be easily the undisputed heavyweight champ. Unfortunately his fights are rarely shown on television. I'd love to see his fights with Zora Folley, Nino Valdes, Wayne Bethea etc. Jack Johnson was great but a little boring to watch. He had some trouble against the little Stanley Ketchel. Liston's jab would have given Marciano fits. Liston's weight advantage would also come into play. This would have been a war. Marciano didn't retire undefeated because he avoided anyone---he retired undefeated because he was that damn good. I could see him being stopped by Liston or Ali on cuts. He wouldn't back down
to Foreman---but we saw where that got Frazier. I put Marciano in the top 5, with Ali, Holmes, Louis---and I'll keep a fifth position open to think about it!

| 1/5/05 10:03:56 AM | charles |ark.||ctjjandfam@aol.com|||10|liston/marciano- if liston comes to fight and not quit on his stool, he would stop the rock on cuts midway in the fight. it would be a war!! |
| 1/5/05 02:20:49 PM | John Gerard | NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|Charles: I agree with you. Liston in his prime really was a good fighter. The only thing I would have to question about him is his heart. Marciano never would have quit in his corner. Never. I don’t know what happened to Liston in the Ali fights. When you don’t count them, the guys record is amazing. I think Liston reached his prime before he became champion. Patterson made him wait something like two years before giving him a title shot. He was busy playing tag with Ingo while Liston was mopping up the division. Patterson would not even discuss defending against Cleveland Williams. |
| 1/5/05 05:05:02 PM | Massimo | Roma (means Rome)||T-Mac is a bum.com|||10|I wish to say a couple of things about Patterson.<br>In his career he fought some of the best fighters of his generations: Machen, Chuvalo, Ali', Cooper, Ellis, Liston, Moore, Quarry and Bonavena. Archie Moore had still some fights left in him (or in himself) when Floyd did beat him in 1956. For him not fighting top contenders between 1956 and 1958 ( Ingo really was a top contender) that wasn't his fault. That was Cus d' Amato's fault! Cus used to say "The fear is like the fire" but he was the first to be afraid of everything (God included). I don't think that Floyd deserved to be (or of being) called the rabbit! The real rabbit was his manager! Regarding his power, his left hook was so hard that when he knocked out Ingo in 1960, it took four minutes for (or to) Ingo to recover his senses. Ali' once said that Patterson and Cooper could both punch harder than him. Anyway, I agree that Cleveland Williams would have been dangerous for Patterson. But I wonder whether Williams could boxe. He surely could punch! |
| 1/5/05 06:36:06 PM | Sonny Fan | Vegas||SonnyKnows@abc.com|||9|Sonny Liston did we had to do throughout his career. Sonny was the best heavyweight that ever lived. Nearly 42 years old when fighting Clay the first time he did what he had to do. It's a shame that his place in history is tainted by those choices he made. |
| 1/6/05 03:35:20 AM | Noam | same||fafrugh|||10|Frazier was over-confident and didn't think George Foreman really posed a risk. That's why Frazier took the fight. Frazier's camp were really choosy with his opponents and they tried to always avoid risks (Norton, Shavers, et al), apart from Ali
Big George was worried about taking the fight and he was a big underdog. Foreman said that before the fight he stood in the ring and Frazier was glaring at him. He hoped that Frazier kept glaring at him in the eyes so that his gaze didn't drift down to his knees which were shaking.

Foreman winning was a major upset. Fans thought that Frazier was indestructible because he'd beaten Ali. People never envisaged that Foreman would win. It was a huge shock for everyone, including Frazier. One of the biggest upsets of all time, especially the scale of the loss with Frazier being knocked down so many times.

The scale of the loss scared the heck out of Joe. When they fought the second time years later, Frazier looked frightened out of his skin. But, then again, who could blame him.

As I have said before regarding Foreman verses Frazier, it makes sense that a big puncher like Foreman should jump on Frazier and try to hurt him early in the fight as Frazier was always a slow starter. It took Frazier often three rounds to be truly warmed up, in fact Frazier lost the first round and often the first two rounds in all of his major fights against Ellis, both fights, against Ali all three fights, against Quarry, both fights, and against Mathis, as well as suffering two knockdowns verses Bonevena in the second round. However, no one expected that if Joe was hurt or even knocked down that he would not get back up and put the hurt on Foreman. Who would have believed going into the Foreman fight that Frazier aggressively moving into would not work as it had worked against everyone else up to that point?

I just watched Frazier's first fight with Bonevena and Bonevena had Joe badly hurt, especially after the second knockdown. There was over a minute left in the second round and for some reason, Bonevena didn't press the action enough after this second knockdown, otherwise Frazier would have been a knockout victim. Bonevena let Frazier off of the hook, maybe Bonevena tired and couldn't muster another knockdown, which with the three knockdown rule in effect it would have given Bonevena the win. After this, Frazier aggressively won enough rounds to pull out a split decision win.

That Frazier was badly hurt against Bonevena after the second knockdown can be seen by the post fight interview in which Frazier said he didn't even remember the second knockdown. There was no way Foreman, a big finisher, would have let Frazier back into the fight like Bonevena did, as seen by Foreman's knockouts over Frazier.

Foreman is the exception in my top five rankings in that at any time, especially early in the fight he had the power to get anyone out of there. I rank him number four because the styles of the fighters ahead of him could enable those fighters, Ali, Louis, and Holmes to get out of the early rounds to be able to defeat Foreman. Some may say that it makes sense that Ali and Holmes at their best could stay outside and avoid Foreman's power but not Joe Louis as he would stand right in front of Foreman, thereby being a prime target for Foreman's power. However, I see Louis beating Foreman to the punch with his very quick and powerful, extremely accurate combinations to take the play away from Foreman. Some may also say that Ali didn't stay away from Foreman's power because he used the "rope a dope" but in effect he did stay away from Foreman's power because he even though he was in close with Foreman, he was giving Foreman angles to make Foreman miss or at least take some of the power away from the punches that did land. Ali was also counter punching to keep Foreman honest. When I say Ali could have stayed away outside of Foreman's power, I am talking about an in prime Ali.

Of course, the fear worked like a fire for Foreman in Kingstone!
you Liston fans. I know Sonny was a bad dude but how many times did you see him
come back after losing the edge in a fight? Think about Ali and even Leotis
Martin.

Patterson couldn't
find time to fight Cleve Willilams, Eddie Machen, Zora Folley, etc. but amazedly
his schedule was clear to fight Pete Rademacher -- WHO NEVER HAD ONE PRO FIGHT.
I find that amazing. Nice guy or no, Patterson was a coward when it came to
defending his title.

Sonny Liston was dominating against
Leotis Martin until he got hit. Sonny even scored a knocked down in the fourth
round with a left hook. Anyway, it's true, Sonny was never involved in a long
battle or in a legendary fight, <br>apart the SHOOK UP THE WORLD FIGHT. That's
why I too doubt about his heart and stamina. We'll never know whether he was a
ture warrior or not.<br>

sonny was more a
warrior than patterson, who i really thought was a blown up light heavyweight at
the best. he gave jerry trouble because of his experience. had jerry fought him
at his peak he would have destroyed floyd.

One of the
recent posts here put it best---when you depend on intimidation to win half the
battle, you're in trouble when you face off against someone who isn't easily
intimidated. <br>It's why someone like Tyson was dismantled by Douglas and
Holyfield. Also, although Ali didn't rely on intimidation, he certainly did
count on his mystique to baffle, confuse and panic his opponents. As a longtime
fan of Ali, I can tell you that Frazier and to an even greater extent, Norton
two guys I hated back then because of how much I loved Ali) were able to beat
Ali because he didn't get into their head. In hindsight, I especially admire
Norton, because I really don't think he had the talent or experience to fight
Ali so effectively---but he was able to convince himself that he belonged in the
same ring with Ali and he didn't let Ali's tactics bother him---not even a
little. I think Ali did get inside Fraizer's head, but Joe shook it off and he
was the animal that Norton wasn't---and willed himself to fight Ali well.

Interesting comment ! I
think that the second Ali-Norton fight was really impressive as Ali' was really
in top shape, focused and angry<br>and danced throughout the entire fight; but
still I had Norton ahead by at least 1 point at the end of the fight. The second
half of that fight was really GREAT.

The second Norton-Ali fight
was the best of the trilogy. It is one of the more entertaining fights of the
whole period and really gets lost in the shuffle. Norton on that night would
have beaten prime Larry Holmes. It was Norton at his best, and Ali at his best
post exile.

Maybe I'm
partial, but I had Norton winning the first fight, Ali winning the second (not
easily, but clearly) and Ali barely winning the third and lucky to survive with
his title. I admit that if I didn't know either fighter, I might give Norton a
slight edge, but that's not how I think the fight should be judged. Put in the
context of a challenger trying to take the title from a long-time champion,
Norton didn't do enough to win. Yes, Ali's history gave him an inherent edge
that Norton had to overcome---and I don't think he did enough to overcome it.
That's how title fights are often judged, and not just Ali's. One exception to
this was Hagler/Leonard, but then again, Leonard was himself a great champion.

I think Ali outboxed Norton in the second fight which was at best for
Norton, a draw, but really, I think Ali outpointed him.
a brave fighter and that is why he took the Liston fights against Cus' wishes. Anyway, anybody who steps into the ring is not a coward, even if only in the context of keeping his title. Any fight can be dangerous. Recently I was at a fight card which saw a former national golden gloves champion named Travis Walker in his third pro fight and his opponent, who's name escapes me at the moment, had a pro record of about 3-15, 0 BY KO, as compared to Walker's of course, unbeaten record of 2-0, 2 by KO going into the four round preliminary fight. Anyway, the opponent knocked down Walker twice in the second round and the bell saved Walker, who had also knocked down the other fighter in that round, a great round nobody else will ever see as it likely was not taped. Walker came out a little unsteady for the third but by mid round he was OK. The two fighters traded hard for the remainder of the fight and Walker barely came away with a split decision win, which the crowed booed as they were siding with the underdog. My point being, this opponent with his lousy record, came to fight and although he was supposed to lose against this former amatuer star, he gave the favored fighter a fight to remind him not to take anyone lightly. Any fight is dangerous. 

KENT: I respect you and your opinion very much but nothing will ever make me change my mind about Patterson. If he did not want to fight heavyweights, he should have stayed in the light heavies. It was he who was champion not Cus. My rough definition of champion is somebody who is the best in the world and willing to prove it against the rest of the best. from time to time. Dempsey caught hell for not fighting Wills for racial reasons, but just because both Williams and Patterson were black, Williams is a forgotten man today. In reality, they both got jobbed out of a chance to see what they could do.

I was thinking that probably Cus D'Amato was of Italian ancestry. D' Amato is an Italian surname. And Cus was a honest person !!!!! He was not in the mob !!!!!!!!<br>Eureka !!!! Evviva !!!!! Wow !!!!! Cool as hell !!! It is possible to be an honest person even being of Italian ancestry. Tonight there is Lazio-Roma on TV. Paolo Di Canio vs Francesco Totti... Who is gonna win ?

I agree with John to the extent that Floyd was a big boy and to our knowledge, wasn't Cus' robot. If he wanted to take a Williams fight, it would have been done. I don't like when athletes hide behind their agent or in the case of a boxer, a trainer, manager or promoter. Let's face it, trainers work for the fighter, and if Floyd wanted to fight Liston sooner, or Williams, he could have said "Cus, I value your opinion and I trust you, but I've got to take this fight. Don't try to talk me out of it, just try to help me win it cause I'm fighting Williams/Liston with or without your blessing." Apparently, that wasn't said. Also, I understand that especially back then, the fighters were intimidated by the business side of it and did what they were told, but Floyd still had some free will and was definitely part of the process that kept him away from guys who could take his head off.

floyd was way to polished a boxer to have any trouble with the "big cat". ali gave him a shot,granted he may have shot as a fighter at the time. did sonny ko williams, i think he did. i would liked to have seen ingo fight liston, although sonny would likely ko him, ingo had a terrific right.

also, i think cus got real close to his fighters and was more of a father figure than a trainer and did want them to get hurt. who did he train besides patterson and tyson? thanks!
costs knowing that. I have seen Cleve at his peak and know how vulnerable Floyd was to a knockout. Terrible terrible stylistic matchup for Patterson. Patterson was a better fighter, but would lose to Williams more than half the time. Trust me.

Pre the 1970s the managers had more of a hold on fighters than they do today. Cus was a very dominant man, as television interviews of him show, and he would be the type that would insist on getting his own way. Don't forget that when Cus was in charge, Tyson never got in trouble. He was so tightly controlled by Cus that he wouldn't have dared. While I agree that Patterson was the champion and could fight who he wanted, the fact is that Cus was one of the most dominating and even intimidating managers in boxing history. The same was true with Marciano and Al Weill. Marciano hated Weill, and often disagreed with Weill's decisions, but he NEVER fought anyone that Weill didn't want. Weill pulled all the strings, just like Cus. In the end, it doesn't really matter. If Cus was avoiding certain fighters, then he was doing it on Patterson's behalf. Therefore Patterson conditioned what he did and has to live with the consequences either way. I think it's also true to say that Ali had an effect on the fighter-trainer relationship. Ali made the fighter more dominant. He was such a strong personality that he controlled his destiny and as his career rolled on he alone selected opponents.

From Ali onwards fighters took more control of their careers.

Good point. Look at Holmes-Richie Gichetti. It's routine now for fighters to fire managers/trainers but back in the 60's, it wasn't. I know that in the late 70's, Shavers freed himself from his manager and picked a new one for a time. And yes, it was Ali who bucked the system and made it a point to speak his mind and be his own man. Especially with the racial climate, some hated him, others respected him for standing up to the status quo. Certainly, many black people felt empowerment thorough Ali's strength.

I think Jake LaMotta was an exception to the manager domination rule though. Jake was his own man.

I disagree completely with any reference to Patterson being a coward in any way, shape, or form. Most of the time a coward doesn't get in the ring. Again, I will say it takes guts to get in the ring to fight anyone as anything can happen at any time. I like the Rocky movies because although the boxing scenes are not realistic, the interplay between Rocky and his manager, Mickey, are a lot like a real life situation as in Floyd and Cus. In Rocky 111, Cus is avoiding having Rocky fight Clubber Lang because Lang is too dangerous. Rocky takes the fight anyway because he doesn't want to feel like he took the easy way out. The scene where Rocky asks Mickey if the ten title defenses were set ups (fixed) and Mickey tells him, no they weren't set ups, they were handpicked. That he took the fights for Rocky that were safer to keep him healthy. This scene reminds me very much of Cus and Floyd in real life. Mickey, like Cus was for Floyd, was a father figure for Rocky. Cus also managed Jose Torres, who won the light heavyweight title. My question to John and the others who question Patterson being a true champion, if Patterson had taken fights with Folley, C. Williams, Machen (earlier than he did), or Liston (earlier than he did); and he had lost his title to any of these fighters, would you have more respect for Patterson as a champion?
the relationship between Rocky and Mickey seem to me?

I know for sure that Cus did train Jose' Torres. I was even asked to train a tall guy named Wilt Chamberlain when he was about to fight (or to fighting) Muhammad Ali'. Lazio b Roma 3-1. Di Canio won and Totti lost. Di Canio scored even a goal.

Obviously I meant... He was even asked to train etc., not I was. I was never asked to train Wilt Chamberlain.

That said, you're absolutely right that Patterson or any other professional fighter is about as far from coward as you can get.

when was all the hoopla about wilt and ali goin on? i remember a little about it and seeing wilt and ali squaring off on wide world of sports. i am glad it did not happen, i loved both guys and i think probaly wilt would have lost the only fight of his life, but wilt was a tremendous athelete. i don't think they ever got the money right did they?

Patterson would beat Folley and Machen most of the time. Those guys weren't the kind of fighters that beat Patterson usually. Cus knew this but was so cautious with his bread winner he still declared they eliminated each other when they fought to a draw in '58. Many thought Machen had won and he would have been more dangerous for Patterson. Eddie was a much better fighter before his loss to Ingo, anyone that saw him fight before and after would tell you that. Machen became MUCH more defensive from that time on. He was a much better offensive fighter believe it or not in the mid to late 50's. Eddie was a good family man, rest his soul.

An enigma about Patterson being a protected fighter is how come he took the fight with Johansson after Johansson knocked out Machen in the very first round, one of the fighters Patterson supposedly avoided? One would think that Ingo would be on Cus' list of dangerous fighters to avoid but Floyd fought him anyway.

"I think that Patterson froze in the first fight against Liston, and he got himself so keyed up about not freezing in the second fight, he froze again. Don't get me wrong. I told you before, Patterson was a very good fighter, but being psyched out, if that was indeed the case, can happen to any fighter. It isn't a question of being afraid, because there is no boxer I would call a coward. To have the guts to climb into that ring is bravery enough." In regards to Patterson's boxing ability, Dundee wrote, "Patterson intrigued me. He had a fine record both as an amateur (he was the Olympic middleweight champion in the 1952 games) and as a professional, knocking out Archie Moore in five rounds back in 1956. He had a strange style, known as the 'peekaboo' style. He held his gloves high, hiding his face, and
I had watched him fight Joey Maxim a few years earlier, and I hadn't been too impressed. Joey beat him over eight rounds and never got a return. I didn't blame Cus D'Amato, Floyd's manager, for not chasing a re-match. To my mind, Floyd was a puffed up light-heavyweight...."|

|1/7/05 03:07:33 AM|Massimo |Roma||4||10|Albert comment Kent ! Besides that, if Patterson was a chump, why did he fight a rough, dangerous and hard hitting fighter such as Bonavena at the age of 37 ? Was Cus still his manager in 1972 ? I have the tape of that fight and Patterson clearly outpointed him by about 3 points. The amazing thing is that Patterson fought amazingly well the last 3 rounds regardless of his age, while the younger Oscar hadn't fuel in the tank anymore. Patterson-Folley would have been a great fight. Zora humiliates Bonavena in 1965 ! He was a better fighter than Oscar. Hard to say who would have won a Patterson-Folley fight around 1958.<br><br>Charles--<br><br>I think Vitali is afraid of Shaq. Shaq has to dip to go through a door, Vitali is just too short for Shaq --). Wilt was pretty strong, but Shaq is just superhuman. He wears a size 22 shoe and makes Karl Malone look small. He can bring a rim (to) home whenever he wants. Calvin Lane makes him look small though. Who is Calvin Lane ? Calvin Lane is the biggest bouncer in the world.<br><br>First let me say, I was wrong in using the term coward in association with Patterson's name. I stand corrected. But he WAS AFRAID of fighting top me. There is no question about that. Blame Cus, blame the system for allowing him to duck these guys and remain, champ, but I blame a man for his own actions. That being said, yes, had Patterson defended against Williams early and lost, I would have respected him as a champion. Also, Kent when you said earlier that any challenger can be dangerous, you missed my point. My point was it is not a matter of being dangerous it is a matter of being DESERVING. There were plenty of men around who DESERVED a title shot, while Patterson was playing around with Rademachere and other clowns. I think Floyd was a very nice man. He never should have been a heavyweight though and if he did not want the responsibility that goes along with being a champion he should have found another line of work. Williams would have destroyed him in six rounds.<br><br>The comparison between Patterson's situation and Dempsey's regarding Dempsey not fighting deserving challengers such as Harry Wills is a good one as both avoided qualified challengers. But you never hear Dempsey's backbone questioned like you do Patterson's. Maybe it is because of stories such as Dempsey wanted to fight Wills but his manager paid off Wills to go away, a story I read some time back said Dempsey's manager gave Wills $50,000 to step aside, a large amount of money in those days. Also it can be argued that the social climate in Dempsey's time was against Wills getting a shot, the majority of the public didn't want the fight so the fight didn't happen. Yes later in Patterson's career he did fight fighters who were dangerous, guys you would think he would avoid if he was playing it safe, such as Jerry Quarry, Bonevena and George Chuvalo, in which Patterson fought what I think was the best fight of his career. Patterson was surprisingly strong against Chuvalo while giving away about twenty pounds in weight, he matched his strength against Chuvalo's strength and in a very tough fight he came away the winner. I don't know if Cus was still in Patterson's corner later in Floyd's career. Anyone know this?|
men when he was a CHALLENGER. The press said (and rightly so) that Norton, Lyle, and Young were all washed up when Gerry fought them; Patterson fought stiffs as CHAMPION and got away with it! Don’t you think a champion has much more of a responsibility to fight the best men than a contender does? I sure do. | 1/7/05 10:46:24 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|For more on Dempsey-Wills go to <br>www.genetunney.org/goldenage1.html| 1/7/05 12:08:50 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|||10|Cus was gone after the second Liston fight. The run of fighters that Patterson fought as champ was terrible. <br>Pete Rademacher- A complete joke, the guy was making his professional debut! <br>Roy "Cut and Shoot" Harris- Fought no one to get this shot. Best win was over a totally used up Bob Baker. <br>Brian London- London had lost two of his past four fights before getting a title shot. <br>Cus always thought foreign fighters were easy marks. He chalked the Machen loss up to a lucky shot by Ingo. He was overjoyed that Machen had lost so that Floyd could fight Ingo instead. Ingo still had a rep as a buffoon because of what happened in the '52 olympics against Big Ed Sanders.| 1/7/05 12:32:49 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Roy Harris also outpointed the ill fated Alejandro Lavorante. However Roy, a well educated guy and former school teacher who boxed just to arrotdare lo stipendio and who, after his boxing career made a good amount of money as an economist ( the opposite of Mike Tyson) wasn't that good. He was a honest and decent professional heavyweight, but not a top contender. | 1/7/05 12:58:49 PM|charles |ark.||ctjjandfam@aol.com|||10|okay, i have a question for you guys. was there ever any pressure for marciano to fight patterson?| 1/7/05 02:37:31 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock289z@yahoo.com|||10|Damato said, Patterson would NEVER fight Marciano. He would just wait him out until he retired. | 1/7/05 03:09:44 PM|Noam|same||fstayy|||10|I just finished reading a biography on Marciano and Patterson's name wasn't mentioned in it. They never gave thought to Rocky fighting Patterson.<br>The problem was that Rocky lost some of his hunger in 1954 and 1955, and he was also angry at manager Al Weill because he discovered Weill was ripping him off. Rocky pretty much decided after the Don Cockell fight in 1955 that he would soon retire and he then had his last one in 1956 against Moore.<br>There was no way Cus would have allowed Patterson to fight Rocky, as Rocky would have murdered him.<br>In fairness to Patterson it must be said that there might be another reason why he didn't fight certain fighters. The heavyweight division was basically run by a guy named Jim Norris who had the International Boxing Club that staged about 80 percent of the heavyweight title fights.<br>After Patterson won the title, D'Amato opted to be independent of the IBC, which resulted in Patterson defending against boxers who were free of options held by the IBC. (You have to give Cus his dues; he was always prepared to do it differently and break the mould.) According to Peter Arnold's Pictorial History of Boxing, this ruled out some of the leading contenders and D'Amato was subsequently accused of giving Patterson easy defenses, which was the inevitable result of the policy. According to Peter Arnold's Pictorial History of Boxing, this ruled out some of the leading contenders and D'Amato was subsequently accused of giving Patterson easy defenses, which was the inevitable result of the policy.
Rademacher who was having his first pro fight. He then fought Roy Harris and his next fight against Brian London was in defiance of the British Boxing Board of Control, which did not consider London a worthy contender.

Patterson next fought Johansson and I think he risked this fight because of all the prior criticisms about the quality of his opponents. He took the fight to end the criticism and then paid the price in full.

By the way, the British Boxing Board of Control fined Brian London two thousand pounds for challenging Patterson for the title. The Board felt that London was undeserving of a title shot and then fined him for taking the fight.

On the day the older and retired Marciano taped that computer fight against Ali, he probably would have given Patterson a good run. No, there's no way a mid-late 50's Marciano would have had any difficulty with Patterson. Sure, he would have been hit, like he was in a lot of his fights, but he would have come forward, cut the ring off and eventually cornered and pummeled Patterson like no one else.

This one would have ended in the middle rounds whether Marciano was "hungry" or not.

Floyd Patterson fights Rocky Marciano 100 times, Floyd gets knocked out 100 times in 1957. It's all about styles. Rock would have had a much tougher time with fighters like Harold Johnson because Johnson was slippery as hell. Johnson would have been knocked out, but won many rounds along the way.

The third greatest light-heavyweight ever below only Archie Moore and Bob Foster. He did beat Archie Moore, Bob Satterfield, Doug Jones and Eddie Machen among the others. I think he would hold at least one of the belts in the heavyweight division today. A genius of the ring.

I agree I think Marciano would have knocked out Floyd Patterson maybe around the fifth. But I also think that Marciano was a very overrated Heavyweight Champ. I think the Liston who fought Cleveland Williams would have cut Marciano to pieces.

I also thought Marciano was overrated until I read a biography about him and I changed my opinion. Rocky had a will to win second to none, a pulverizing right hand, was very hard to hit with a meaningful shot, and had an ability to absorb punishment that would have made him more than a handful for anyone. Only Ali and Louis could have beaten him, in my opinion.

Let's see how smart you guys are. There is a horse race and the horse you bet on just overtook the second horse. Where does that leave your horse ?

Massimo says your horse would be first. No, that's wrong. Your horse would be second as it hasn't overtaken the horse coming first. (Massimo, Galleleo wouldn't have got that wrong.)

Massimo then asks whether I am drunk. You are half right (and I'm getting there.)

Lastly, I said that Mary's father has five daughters: Nana, Nene, Nini, and the fourth is Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter ?

Your horse is the winner of the race and the fifth daughter's name is Mary. Mary's father is an idiot ! Are you drunk Noam ? Are you for real (slang) ? :-)

You are wrong, and half-right, and right.

To restate: if there is a horse race and the horse you bet on overtook the second horse, where would your horse be ?

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Now come on. Most of you guys said Nunu, but Massimo got it right. Massimo is not smoking pot. The fifth daughter's name is Mary (obviously). Read the question again.

I've got another one. If there is a horse race, and the horse you bet on overtook the last horse, where does that leave your horse ?
Your right Noam and I am a half fool (or an half of a fool) !

In a horse race, the horse you bet on overtakes the last horse. Where does that leave your horse ?

Even though I rank Pittsburg slightly ahead of New England because they have the best record, and they beat New England in a head to head on the field meeting, I am going out on a limb and using my gut feeling that New England is going to pull off a mild upset (for this season, them winning the title last year means nothing to me in my picks) to go to the super bowl. I just have this feeling that even with their tremendous record, Pittsburg is somehow ready to be taken. No one is usually that good for too long in a season. Everyone normally loses at least a couple of games.

What you say is impossible ! Nobody can overtake the last one !

You got it exactly correct; no one can overtake the last horse and the question I put to you was therefore nonsensical and impossible.

I'll tell you a joke. Mario took his blind date to the carnival. "What would you like to do first, Mary ?" asked Mario. "I want to get weighed," she said.

They went to the weight guesser. He guessed 150 pounds. She got on the scale and it was 161 pounds and she won the prize. They next went to the ferris wheel. When the ride was over, Mario again asked Mary what she would like to do. For some unknown reason, she repeated, "I want to get weighed." Still, first date and all, Mario took her back to the weight guesser. Because they had been there before, the guesser correctly guessed her weight and this time there was no prize.

The couple again walked around the carnival and again Mario asked, "Where to next ?" "I want to get weighed," Mary repeated for the THIRD time ! By then Mario figured she was really weird and took her home early, dropping her off with a handshake.

Her room-mate, Laura, asked her how her blind date went. Mary responded, "Oh, Waura, it was wousy." Let's see whether you can figure that one out Massimo.

I need a good dictionary to understand what wousy means and then I will try to respond !

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gut prediction which is based on emotion not stats. Sometimes our gut feelings are right in this case we will see. Wouldn't be funny if none of the top three teams made it to the superbowl? After all, we already have two upset winners, St. Louis and New York Jets advancing to the next round. San Diego was my number five ranked team going into the playoffs too. It is raining a lot here in Southern California so maybe the Chargers didn't know how to deal with anything but perfect weather, who knows?

| 1/9/05 12:35:20 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | ||| ||| 10 | Fan | Sonny Liston did beat Amos "Small Bycicle" Lincoln in 2 rounds late in his career. Don't know that that one was a really good win for Sonny? |
| 1/9/05 12:58:08 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | ||| ||| 10 | Loony | Kent Appel underrated? Are you for real? He is from California, he stood next to Wilt Chamberlain and Mel Counts and he even saw Andre' the Midget in person. He makes Frank Sinatra sound like Donald Duck also. How can you ask for more? |
| 1/9/05 02:41:20 PM | Howard C | Louisville | howardc@louisville | ||| ||| 10 | Fan | I think Massimo is funny though. |
| 1/10/05 07:46:07 PM | Howard C | Louisville | howardc | ||| ||| 10 | Kent | fan has been drinking way too much coolaid. |
| 1/9/05 06:16:51 PM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | ||| ||| 10 | Kent | Kent's cool. Although not as cool as Fan. |
| 1/9/05 07:46:07 PM | Howard C | Louisville | howardc | ||| ||| 10 | Kent | fan has been drinking way too much coolaid. |
| 1/9/05 10:17:31 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | ||| ||| 10 | Howard C | Ricky Hatton is too hittable. I would pick Tszyu in this one. Great action in this one. Am I under or overstated? I don't know but I think I am funny and part of my humour is it is not important if anyone thinks I am funny as my goal is to entertain myself. |
| 1/10/05 12:39:21 AM | Howard C | Louisville | howardc@louisville | ||| ||| 10 | Kent | - might you be entertaining yourself too much, if you get my drift. regards tszyu, hatton is easy to hit, so is tszyu. but one is on the way up and one on the way down. after tszyu's latest great performance against mitchell, it's hard to bet against him. however my british friends think highly of hatton so we'll just have to wait and see. |
| 1/10/05 02:29:38 AM | Massimo | Roma | who is gonna stop Shaq?. Mihm ?.com | ||| ||| 10 | Where the hell is Noam? Is he recovering from the drinking? Now I wanna know if (or whether) my last answer was right. |
| 1/10/05 07:24:08 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | ||| ||| 10 | Kent | Kent's not overrated---but maybe Brett Favre is! Sure, he won a Super Bowl, but the guy has an uncanny knack for throwing interceptions at the worst possible moments, both in the regular season and in the playoffs. Since he won the Super Bowl, he has a losing record in playoff games and has thrown about 20 pics---about two per game. What did everyone think of the Randy Moss endzone celebration? The difference between T.O. and Moss is that T.O. makes a spectacle of himself in
good fun (like with the Sharpie incident) while Moss always draws attention to himself with negative antics.}

1/10/05 08:32:24 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, Moss is an idiot. I betcha (Massimo, this is "I would bet you"-slang) that if Jerry was young and still a fighter that Moss, arrogant fool, would think he could beat Jerry. Heck, I would put Scrap Iron Johnson and ol George Scrapiron would kick Moss' ass!  

Hey football fans, what is up with all of the playoff upsets? What do we have now, three in the opening round?  

I didn't check the odds before the playoffs started but I think my one-two-thre teams of Pittsburg, New England, and Philadelphia were pretty close to being the same as the odds.  

1/10/05 10:57:12 AM|Angelo|Washington, DCf||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: It occurs to me that since it's easier to be a jackass than a stand-up guy, Moss is just taking the easy way out. Anyone can act like a jerk and get negative attention. If that's what he's craving, I guess he wins. I don't buy this nonsense that by drawing negative attention to himself, he's keeping pressure off the team by taking the focus away from the Coach and everyone else. That's a bunch of crap. By the way, when David Robinson played for the Spurs, he was extremely well liked in the community. Parents loved the guy because he has kids of his own, and refused to have a "bad boy" image---he wanted to be a good example to his kids and in the process, became a role model for other peoples' kids. Volunteering for all sorts of community activity and actually showing up, being patient with the media and giving decent answers, even to unfair questions---donating time and money for good causes---none of this is the "easy way out" that Moss takes, but I guess that's why people respect athletes like David Robinson and not Moss.  

1/10/05 02:28:52 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, you are right about it being easier to act like a jerk than to be a class act like David Robinson. Robinson is a credit to professional sports when it seems there are more athletes acting like Randy Moss then not.  

For some reason I thought of Jerry. I guess because when Jerry was fighting and my friends would bring up some guy they thought was tough, and often it was an arrogant guy like Moss, they always laughed at me when I said if the guy ever took up boxing, then Jerry would kick his butt. They would say, "but Quarry always loses" because the only time they ever saw Jerry fight was against Ali, Frazier, or even Norton, a guy Jerry would have had a very good chance of beating if they had met earlier in Jerry's career.  

1/10/05 02:45:20 PM|Noam|same||jhuysta|||10|Massimo: Yes, you got it right but I'm not sure whether you fully understood the joke.  

It ended with Mary saying, "Waura it was wousy" and, of course, she had a speech impediment and she was really saying, "Laura, it was lousy."  

Now, Massimo, relate that back to Mary constantly telling her blind date Mario that "I want to be weighed."  

1/10/05 02:49:59 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: As a young fighter, Jerry Quarry had every right to act arrogant---and instead, by all accounts, he was level-headed, polite to fans and the opposite of "showboat." I say he had the right to act arrogant because he was voted "most popular" and had a huge following, and also some impressive big wins. The easy thing would be to let it go to his head and act like a self-absorbed idiot, but instead he showed restraint and was a good guy. And you know, when you look back at NFL record setting receivers, why are guys like Art Monk and Jerry Rice quiet and humble, while Randy Moss (who hasn't won a Super Bowl yet and hasn't had the longevity/productivity of Monk and Rice) acts like the greatest thing in the world?  

1/10/05 03:45:26 PM|Massimo|Roma||.com|||10|Noam- I didn't understand why this Mary wanted to be weighed. Booohhh !!!!!

Tracy McGrady: 41 minutes played, 45 points, 12 rebounds and 5 assists ! This is Wilt stuff...In a
I was reading Michele Moorer's record and I noticed that he put 38 pounds in only 4 months between December 1990 and April 1991; then he started kicking asses in the heavyweight division until he met Small George. I was amazed! How is it possible to get all that weight in so little time without getting fat? I appreciate Michele as a fighter. He is very powerful and has a lot of heart (as he showed in the second Camposanto fight in 1997). I think Michele Moorer is underrated.

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As far as NFL football goes, it is OK to celebrate a touchdown within reason. I know some guys dance around like fools but it is in fun but to stick your butt up to the opposition like Moss did is in poor taste to say the least. Should Moss be fined? I don't think so as he only hurts himself in that no one will want him for endorsement deals. So is the winner in the end, so to speak? Not Randy Moss.

Brett Favre is a great NFL QB, not doubt. It's just that the commentators have positioned either right below or even right to the side of Jesus. I like Favre (great player and what a cameo in "There's Something About Mary." He's an all-time great, but I'd take Montana, Elway, maybe Marino, Tarkenton, Unitas and Staubach over Favre. As for Namath, a healthy set of knees and he'd be the best ever. He read defenses and released the ball better than anyone else in his time. Also, Namath called his own game.

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Brett Favre overrated? You play 225 straight games in the frozen tundra, with those monsters coming at you, Brett has one of the best TDS VS INTS in the history of the sport, ask Joe Namath! But you are right he does have a tendency to throw them (when he does) at the worst possible moment, still one classy act! And carried the Packers all year with their 25th ranked defense. They came back from 1-4 record, and they were 2-1 vs Minnesota. In two other pressure games, Brett has nothing to prove, the toughest QB TO EVER DON A HELMET! As far as Mrs. Moss goes she would get released faster then Howard Cosell could find his hair piece after Scott LeDOUX!! save me about 20$mill a year in salary cap. Brett Favre is now 13-13 vs Vikings. They are really the Hatfields and McCoys! As far as Cosell, He once said Jerry Quarry Will be okay as soon as he finds out what he's good at! You could definetly say the same for HOWIE. Except for making dough. Jim Murray and those other idiot L.A. writers were the worst to Jerry, and what really bad is Jerry was such a respectful gentleman to them! Take Care!

Where is the Democrat Gerry Schultz from Cleveland, Ohio? He has been missing for too long! He saw Manute Bol in person once! I dream of (or about) a site people write often in and with joy, regardless of colour of the skin, political opinions (whether you are for Alex P. or for Steven), height, superstition or shoe size. You may say I'm a dreamer but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one. Gia'.

I fear I did create a monster... Give word... A bum !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Angelo: Personally I would take and old running back/TAILBACK who because of a car wreck, was made into a quarterback. the one the Philadelphia Eagels made famous, you guessed it Billy Kilmer, he had a better QB ranking then Namath, By the way Favre's 205 consecutive regular season streak (plus 20 post-season games) includes a 135-70 record, and never a losing year for his whole career. To me out of the mentioned only Elway could compete, I do wished Staubach or AIKEYMAN could have held on to get the concussion record!!(just kidding).And Steve (AKA SHEMP) where are Kent and I's super stooge tickets you promised?? go Dorsey Levens.

Jimmy: Since Favre is top five in every major passing statistic, it's hard to argue that he's an easy first ballot hall of famer. As for Kilmer, the guy threw wounded ducks that somehow ended up in the receivers hands. Also, there aren't many QB's who have better leadership abilities than Kilmer. They guys teammates loved him and played their best when he was on the field. Sonny J's no slouch either!

Sgt Shultz is in Paris. Eating frogs. Counting from one to 1,460 days. Long way to go yet. Anyone here going to the inauguration ?

Last I heard of Gerri was that he was standing in the corner like a dunce after being sent there by Howard C. He began to behave himself and Howard C. (kindly) relented and said that he could come out of dunces' corner. However, Gerri has not been seen since. Should we send out an All Points Bulletin ? Or perhaps Gerri has taken up the offer on helpthemleave.com. Time to make a judgment call here fellow Quarry fans.

Unfortunately, after the election, it was 'wabbit season' on outspoken, unrepentent democrats like Gerri, who accused the rest of us of being stupid for voting for Bush. Gerri, you can come back now. Dry those tears. Stop the sobbing and the tanaunts. All is forgiven if you come back to only debate non-political subjects.

Tonight on ESPN Classic there is a legendary fight: "HUMBLE" MARVIN HAGLER vs ROBERTO MOSCIAN (DURAN) fought in 1983. Fifteen rounds between two of the greatest champions the world has ever seen ! This is legend in my book. I remember 1983 very well, I wasn't a seven footer yet. Italy was champion of the world after beating Argentina, Brasile, Polonia and Germania Ostest in a row. T-Rex were still alive. On the web there is a Marvin Hagler site. There are pictures with Hagler and Lewis, Hagler and Capriati, Hagler and Shavers, Hagler and Frazier etc. Heck (Kent taught me that one, it's California slang), Lennox Lewis is one hell of a big guy ! I doubt I would win a bar brawl against him. He makes me look small.

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this guy Roy Williams is really a big man, he is bigger than George (Giorgio) and can punch harder than Giorgio. I have a DVD with Ali saying this stuff! He also says: "I'm a bad man, last night I murder a rock, injured a stone, hospitalized a brick, I'm so mean I make medicine sick". We know the guy, that was (and still is) Ali. Now my question is: how wilt Roy Williams is?

[1/13/05 11:32:42 PM]Steve|N.J.|dmmsrm@comcast.net|10

Hey Jimmy D., I hope you won't think less of me. However, I have an explanation! I must confess, that devil Kent got me all worked up about the Eagles with his merciless taunts! You know how he is. Jimmy, I'm sorry, but I SHOT MY MOUTH OF WITH AN EMPTY PURSE! I cannot possibly afford to send you two stooges Superbowl tickets. Jimmy D., you have a memory like an elephant!! Anyway, without Terrell Owens, we aren't going all the way. We'll beat Minnesota this weekend. It's pouring freezing rain all weekend with wind gusts of 50 mph. I'll tell you who scares me, the Colts and the Rams. Just as Kent said, "an underdog could emerge". I still think Tszyu will stop Hatton early. Hatton can be hit easily and often. Hatton does not have one punch stopping power, Tszyu does.

[1/14/05 09:48:30 AM]CHARLES|ARK.|CTJJANDFAM@AOL.COM|10

Didn't Jerry work the Ali-Norton 3 fight? What other fights did he work?

[1/14/05 10:52:25 AM]Kent|La Habra, Ca|kentallenent@aol.com|10

Charles, yes, Jerry worked Ali/Norton 3 as an announcer and I think that Shavers/Smith was on the undercard. I would have to get my tape out and watch it and if the fight is at Yankee Stadium, then it is the same card. Jerry also worked another Shavers fight versus Henry Clark and several others I can't think of right now. Maybe it was this one that was on the Ali/Norton 3 undercard. I wonder what happened to the esteemed Dr. Phillip Patterson who came to this site to drop a challenge to us that we should support banning boxing if we really care about boxers. I was hoping he would answer my question of since if boxing was banned, it would still exist underground and this illegal form would do the boxers more harm than the present legal sport. He seemed amazed that this site, which has goals to make boxing safer, was founded by a boxer who was destroyed by the sport. At least Jerry has a legacy of trying to do some good for the fighters that are to follow him, legal or otherwise.

[1/15/05 02:29:14 AM]Massimo|Roma|4|10

Slade, If I remember correctly, Brymer's defense was that he was afraid for his safety and Bonevena was trying to get into complex. But this doesn't make sense if Oscar was walking away. I can see why someone would be afraid of Bonevena as he would not be just some drunk for security to be throwing out of the door but was Oscar not threatening when the actual shots rang out? There seems to be a contradiction there and maybe the owners of the Mustang Ranch made some alleged payoffs to get their man off lightly. Something I can't prove but it is a feeling I have that it is quite possible.
Quarry would have likely outpointed Bonavena. Jerry could take one hell of a punch and was more skilled than Oscar. My only doubt is the cut factor. 70% Jerry wins on points, 30% Bonavena stops Quarry on cuts. I don't know who was the harder puncher between Quarry and Bonavena though. What( or which) were the most (or more) spectacular knockout wins in Jerry's career ? Shavers, Mac Foster, Spencer and then ? <br>I wish I saw more footage of Jerry in the ring.

The shot came from inside the compound, which was surrounded by a tall prison style security fence. They found a loaded 38 pistols inside Oscar's boot....but Oscar's body had been moved before authorities arrived, so they could not tell where exactly inside the compound the shot came from (ground level, or from one of the gun towers that rose above the complex). There was also a question of someone planting the 38 inside Oscar's boot - the 38 turned out to be registered to Joe Conforte's wife (Conforte was the owner of the Mustang). It was reported that Conforte passed the word to employees, in case they were interviewed, to "shut-up and tell the truth", which probably means keep your mouth shut. In the days leading up to the murder, Oscar had visited the Police and said his life had been threatened. Just a few days before the shooting, someone had removed all his belongings from his apartment and burned them – which forced him to make a trip to San Francisco to the Argentine Consulate to get his visa related papers replaced (Joe's wife, Sally, went on this 2-day trip with Oscar). Oscar was sticking around Reno having fun, but he got involved with the dark side of the town and didn't get the hell out of there when he should have. As a boxing fax, we not only lost Oscar back in May 1976, we also missed a June 1976 Live NBC TV fight that was to match Oscar against Earnie Shavers.

Bonavena-Shavers would have been very interesting. Shavers actually improved later in his career---the '77 fight against Ali and later, his losses to Holmes as well as his round one KO over Norton---all later 1970's. In 1976, I don't think he was at his best yet and Bonavena might have had a chance at an upset.

Bonavena could take a punch, but was on the downside and not very active. Would have to pick Shavers by knockout here, although in 1973 I would Bonavena to knock Shavers out.

Bonavena-Shavers circa 1976 is an interesting match up and although I would favor Shavers in this one, as Bonevena was likely on the downside of his career, Shavers could not take a punch very well and he often had stamina problems as he would not pace himself very well, leaving him to often be very fatigued in the later rounds. No doubt about it, Bonevena could punch and he was very strong and durable.

It looks like Oscar Bonevena was still going strong at the age of 33 when he was killed.
getting old, but Hatton has beaten no one of real note. Sure he's had 38 wins from 38 fights, but who has he fought? Ben Tackie, who Tszyu destroyed, hurt Hatton in the last round of their fight. And Hatton struggled to beat Eamonn Magee (who?)\.<br>

Critics say that Hatton decisioned Vince Phillips, who beat Tszyu in his only loss way back in 1996. But Phillips was 39 when he fought Hatton and I think Phillips got Tszyu on the only 'off night' he's ever had.\.<br>At 35 Tszyu has not got many fights left in him. So every one of his remaining fights has to be a big pay day for him. He'll beat Hatton, no sweat.\.

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Just passing through...I think your right Noam, Tszyu would beat Hatton at this point in their careers. Tszyu has too much experience. Shavers-Bonavena, Shavers can hit for sure but as Ernie but Shavers ran out of gas after 4 or 5 rounds, O.B. could box a little and stay out of trouble. Massimo....Oscar was 6'5" Wilt. Billy Kilmer...now that was a quarterback! | 1/16/05 10:42:20 AM|Massimo " Too Wilt" Cini|Roma||4|||10|Thanks Bob ! That's wilter than Giorgio Eduardo, who is a 6'4" midget. Roy is 6'5", I'm 5'6", where is the difference?\.

Both guys were past their primes by '76, but with a little gas left. Assuming they trained hard and fought hard, who would have won this bout?| 1/16/05 08:15:28 PM|Tyrone Washington|Mobile, AL||TyTy|||9|1976, Shavers DEFINATELY over Bobavena - here's why: In Oscar's last fight, also in 1976, he was at 219, about 14 lbs heavier than his best fighting weight. He had recently changed mangers, to a female, who knew NOTHING about boxing. Shavers was getting better and better and had good management during this period. I too watched the Bonavena-Frazier 1966 fight the other day on ESPN Classic, good fight by two great fighters. I wish there was more information about Bonavena, an interesting fella. I think his native language was Spanish, so there's probably not a lot of "interview type" information floating that would allow us to learn more. Did anyone notice his hair-do in the Frazier fight, kind of an "English Shag", new for 1966. I heard he got the name "Ringo" because his hair was like that of the Beatles in mid-1960's. | 1/17/05 02:10:57 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, Bonevena actually signed to fight Quarry in 1973 but Oscar was injured in training so the fight never happened. I would have picked Jerry to win the 1973 match up however, by 1976, Jerry had nothing left and if he had fought Bonevena then, Bonevena would have won this one handily.\.<br>

Newcomer Tyrone may be right about Bonevena being on the downside enough to have him get beat convincingly by an improving Earnie Shavers but I don't think Bonevena at the time of his untimely death had slipped as much as Quarry had slipped by 1976.\.<br>Jerry should have retired after after the second Frazier fight in 1974 or at least after the Norton fight in 1975, in which Jerry had slipped far from his prime skills. What makes anyone think Jerry could fight at a high level even a year after this in 1976?| 1/17/05 12:08:21 PM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent:He did manage to rally and KO Zanon in '79---so I'm thinking that in '76, Jerry, if he was motivated to train, might have had enough to beat Bonavena, who was also slipping. The new poster made a good point though, that Shavers was improving while others in the division were slipping, by 1976. It's interesting to note that we're discussing a fringe Top 5 or Top 10 guy (at least fringe in '76---though he became consistent Top 5 soon after), Shavers, many years after his retirement, and I believe he would handle most of today's top heavyweights without too much trouble. I'm impressed by Shavers because as someone pointed out, he had stamina problems and even a slightly suspect chin earlier in his career---but he worked hard to improve and brought an A-Game to his fights with...
Ali, Holmes and Norton.

Tyrone---aren't you from Shavers birthplace, Mobile? I know he moved to Ohio at some point (and now, I think England?), but isn't he Alabama born?

I have never seen the Ali'-Shavers fight, but I have seen the first Spinks fight in 1978 and Ali' was only a shell of the great champion (maybe the greatest ever) he used to be. I don't know, Ernie fought Ali in 1977, and I wonder how good Ali' was at the time. Was still better then Carnera? The Ali' who fought Smoking Joe in Manilla would have beaten Tyson, Lewis and Holyfield in my book (but what book?).

The Ali who fought in Manilla certainly would have beaten Tyson, Lewis and Holyfield---maybe on the same night! You're right though---his skills had slipped badly even when he fought Shavers. But still, Shavers showed a lot by learning to pace himself and actually box 15 rounds against the old master. Interesting to note that in the Spinks rematch, Ali lost a lot of weight, got his legs back and gave a boxing clinic one more time. He was at a very competitive weight against Larry Holmes---but it was smoke and mirrors---Ali took a bunch of diet pills to shed the weight to get down to around 218, but he was a very weak 218. I think in his last fight, against Trevor Berbick, Ali weighed around 230 and though he hit harder, he had nothing left. Berbick was kind and said that Ali's punches were harder than Holmes, but he was just being respectful. Ali was done and he knew it.

What is amazing about Ali was that even with very diminished skills, in his last match he still made a close fight of it with a top ten contender in losing to Berbick, who was the first fighter to go the distance in a title fight with Holmes. Still, Ali had no business being in the ring in this fight and I think it contributed to his condition now (see below). Angelo, yes Jerry came from far behind to knock out Zanon in 1977 but he was a shell of his former self who bailed himself out with his power against a weak chinned opponent. Again, I will say that after taking too much punishment against Frazier in 1974 and Norton in 1975 that Jerry didn't belong in the ring after this point. He may have only been almost thirty in years, but he was a shot fighter and if he had retired, he might be with us today.

I watched one of Ali's daughters (the non-fighting one) being interviewed on television recently. She insisted that her father's Parkinson's Disease is not the result of his boxing career. According to her, he would have got it whether he boxed or not. While it is true that this ailment can strike anyone---pugalists or otherwise (eg President Reagan)---it is difficult to resist the belief that boxing was the essential factor in his illness today. Perhaps, if he hadn't fought, the illness might not have hit him until his fifties or sixties. But the beatings he took around the head in his fights, as well as sparring when he refused to wear head protection sometimes, had to have done some lasting damage. The slurring of his speech was evident even on the night he beat Foreman. That ringside tirade he delivered after that fight showed signs of speech damage, and was certainly different to the earlier Clay after the first Liston fight.
It is rare that people get Parkinson's Disease in the late thirties or early forties when Ali was first diagnosed. So, once again, boxing looks likely to be the primary culprit, despite what his daughter says. <|1/18/05 06:34:11 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Noam, I do believe that Ali's condition was hurried along by his boxing career and especially his fights with Holmes and Berbick, when instead of enjoying his hard earned retirement, he was in the ring battling it out in gruelling competition, a fighter can take one too many or more fights.<br><br>You are right that most of the time Parkinson's Disease doesn't strike people as early as the late thirties or forties and that non boxers such as actor Michael J. Fox are exceptions rather than the norm.<br><br>I bring up that Jerry should not have fought at least after the Norton fight for the same reason. We fans can be selfish and I am no exception as I tuned into the Norton verses Young card mainly to see Jerry fight Zanon. In hindsight, I should have been against Jerry taking that fight and of course the three others he took after that!|<1/18/05 07:49:38 AM|Sally Spectra|Spectra Fashions.LA, California (and where else)|||||10|Ali' should DEFINETELY have retired after the Thrilla in Manilla. Invece he fought such monsters as Ken Norton, Ernie Shavers, Jimmy Old and Larry Holmes for a total of 56 rounds. That's just crazy ! Nuts ! Pazzo ! Loco ! And even Leon Spinks was way far from being a bum. <|1/18/05 02:21:25 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Kent, you describe it neatly in using the term 'hurry it along'. It aptly sums the situation up in just a few words.<br><br>People are selfish with sports stars. We want to watch them at their best and, when they are well past their prime, we still want to watch them. The first part is because we like watching elite athletes; the second is that we are intrigued by tragedies and train wrecks. Many people would gladly pay to watch a fight even if they knew in advance that someone would be seriously hurt or killed. <|1/18/05 03:00:23 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Noam: Correct, and I'll add that we love watching old guys make comebacks because it gives us hope that if they succeed, we can turn back the clock too. When Foreman regained the title, or even when he fought Holyfield so well, every 40+ person watching had pride and thought it was them in that ring. That's the reason that even people who dislike Tyson might secretly hope that he regains whatever has been missing, and clocks somebody and gets the title back. <|1/18/05 04:21:14 PM|Massimo|Roma|||10|Kent, bravo for using hurried along ! What does it mean ? I know what "to hurry" means or "being in a hurry" ( avere fretta) means and I know what along ( lungo) means but I don't understand "hurried along". My guess is that that means " to take advantage quickly from a situation", ( battere il ferro finche' e' caldo) in other words. Gerry come back, I admit it, Wilt Chamberlain was the greatest, way better than Shaq, and than Mihm also, but come back ! Cheers. <|1/18/05 06:56:54 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Angelo|Foreman is a rare person. When he first came on the scene in the early 1970s, there wasn't much to like about him. Sure he waved the flag when he won gold at the olympics, but he was churlish and aloof with none of the glamour and pizzaz of a guy like Ali.<br><br>So, as with the majority of boxing fans, I didn't like him. He shocked me with the way he so easily demolished Frazier and I was gearing up for Ali's funeral when George fought him. I was hoping against hope that Ali would win. And he did.<br><br>I didn't start liking George until his second career. For the first time I saw him smile and he showed a personality. The whole world has affection for George now. I even have one of his grillers. <|1/18/05 08:11 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Angelo|Maybe if you watch a celebrity for 20 years or more you soften views about them. When you observe them for so long they become familiar and more easily likeable.<br><br>But there are some characters it's difficult to warm to and I'm referring to Tyson. I saw a documentary on him recently and he has slipped in
speech and demeanour. He presented as a guy who has given up on himself and who is only one bad night away from necking himself. Frankly, I felt really sorry for him. The guy has wasted so much talent, money, and opportunity. It's all behind him and his future is bleak. Perhaps he has one more victory in the ring left in him, but he has little else to look forward to. I wonder whether it would have ended differently had Tyson had a strong manager like Cus controlling him throughout his entire career. Instead he got Don King. Is that where it went bad for him? I think yes.

Hello Angelo. I believe Earnie Shavers is originally from Garland, AL. That's about 150 miles northeast of Mobile. Good Day, TY!

Tyrone: Yes, that sounds familiar. And I think in the mid-late 70's Shavers was fighting out of Warren, Ohio.

Noam: It's hard to have sympathy for Tyson. He might be one case where as a 40 year old underdog, he's actually unpopular instead of a sentimental favorite. I love watching Roger Clemens pitch, enjoyed Michael Jordan's comeback---it's great to see the older guys get in there and compete, like Foreman did. But with Tyson, he's older, but not more mature. You get the feeling that if he somehow gets back to the top of the mountain, he won't have learned anything from scraping the bottom and he'll blow it again. It would be nice if he mellowed out in his personal life and fires it up as a boxer again. Imagine if he did have Cus or other strong management all these years. He was a talenteddestroyer. If he had the right training in the ring, and good advice out of it, he would have been a guy who could have improved instead of declining and would have finished his career with a huge amount of money in the bank, probably a record similar to Foreman's (I still don't think Tyson would have been undefeated.) and a measure of popularity too.

Tyson has been a great fighter for 3 weeks when he had Cus d'Odiato as his trainer. With Cus in his corner even a bum would have won the heavyweight title. THE FEAR IS LIKE THE FIRE, that's all you need to know about boxing. Seriously speaking, I also think that with Cus in the corner Tyson would have become one of the greatest heavyweights in boxing history. You can never know, but I don't think that he would have lost with Douglas if he had had Cus to remind him that the fear is like the fire, Tommy.

With Cus in Tyson's corner the entire career, Tyson would certainly have been more focused and disciplined. He would have ended up rich and respected and liked. Personally, I think Douglas was primed to beat almost anyone that fateful night. He had nothing to lose after the recent death of his mother and it was probably the only occasion in his whole life that he gave it everything he had. Douglas also had the tools. He not only had a significant size advantage, but that great jab of his kept Tyson at bay. Douglas also threw some great combinations. It was probably the first time Tyson fought someone who wasn't intimidated. To me, I don't think Tyson fought so badly that night; it was just that Douglas had nothing to lose and he chanced his arm.
rules, rules that would have kept Tyson under better control.\<br>\<br>Atlas could have looked the other way knowing that by not confronting Tyson, he stood to make a lot of money training Tyson. But Atlas showed integrity and loyalty to his sister by not looking the other way.| 1/20/05 02:46:26 AM| Massimo | Los Angeles, California | 4 | || 10 | Noam |<br>\<br>I agree with you, Tyson didn't fight too bad against Giacomo Douglas; I have watched the fight again recently and it was much more close than I remembered. Douglas was clearly ahead at the time of the stoppage, but Tyson did much better than I remembered. Michele Geraldo didn't go too far from winning the fight (the knockdown in the eight round). Maybe Cus would have given him that PLUS (some ROCKY phrases or whatever else) he needed to win. Giacomo Douglas was a great fighter on that night.| 1/20/05 05:04:14 AM | Massimo | Los Angeles, Ca | 4 | || 10 | Another thing! Yesterday I have seen a synthesis of the Holyfield-Holmes 1992 A.C. fight and Larry held his own very well. He threw some good combinations and was never in trouble. It is unbelievable that this guy was going to whip Tyson's ass just (or only) a few years later. The same Tyson who had destroyed a younger version of Holmes in 1988 with no sweat.| 1/20/05 09:20:15 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | || 10 | Holmes fought very nicely against Holyfield. He was motivated and had been busy in the ring in the months leading up to the Holyfield fight. A guy that age giving in-prime Holyfield that much trouble proved how great Larry Holmes really was. As for his loss to Tyson, Holmes had ring rust and really just took it for the pay day. Also, it was a short fight, but Holmes showed Tyson a few tricks and won his respect. Watch the last seconds of the fight---Holmes is on the ropes, taking punches from Tyson. He lulls Tyson into bearing in, and then winds up for an uppercut, the same as he used to KO Mike Weaver. Except this time, Holmes arm gets caught in the ropes, taking him off balance, and leaving him wide open to get clocked by Tyson. If his arm didn't get caught on the rope on the way up, God only knows what damage would have been done had that punch landed flush on Tyson's jaw. At the very least, I believe we would have seen a knock down.| 1/20/05 12:26:51 PM | Massimo | Chattanooga, Tennessee | 4 | || 10 | Today Evandro Camposanto is about the same age Holmes was in 1992. Well, if this Camposanto fought the 1992 version of Larry, Larry would win hands down (and feet up).| 1/20/05 01:58:17 PM | Charles | ark. | cttjandfam@aol.com | || 10 | what is the latest on mike and bobby?| 1/20/05 02:39:53 PM | Noam | same | || 10 | Larry Holmes never seems to get the credit he deserves. He was right up there with the very elite and he would have given anyone in history a great fight.<br>\<br>In my opinion, only two or three in history would have consistently beaten him. Holmes also has a very good website where he personally answers your questions.| 1/20/05 05:04:38 PM | Massimo | Rome, Ca | || 10 | Do yoose think that Holmes won his fights with Norton, Witherspoon and "The Lie" Williams? I never saw those fights but I know they were controversial decisions.| 1/21/05 08:17:40 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | || 10 | Holmes built up a huge lead in his fight with Norton, then held off a furious rally, probably won the 15th round and had done enough to win the fight. Although Norton was the Champion, it had been won on paper, and by his elimination bout victory over Jimmy Young. He didn't beat a Champion to win the title and Holmes, coming off an impressive win over Earnie Shavers, was almost on an even playing field with Norton. I think people felt that Norton needed a couple big wins to establish himself as a true champ. Carl Williams did not beat Larry Holmes. He was game, Holmes was not on that night, and Williams took the fight to the distance, but no, he didn't do enough to unseat Holmes. Witherspoon came closer, in my opinion. Both of these fights reminded me of the Michael Spinks-Holmes bouts. Holmes was never in any real trouble, traded punches evenly, and
certainly shouldn't have been dethroned by the performances of Williams or Witherspoon. Maybe you give Witherspoon the draw???

As I have already said I didn’t see those fights, I have just read some comments about them. Anyway, I think a fight should be scored just as it is, round for round, without thinking who is the champion and who is the challenger. If the challenger wins by even just (or only) 1 point, the judges ought to give him the title. Also, I think that if the fight is judged a draw the title should not remain to the champion but should be considered vacant and an immediate rematch should be organized.

I disagree to an extent. What it really comes down to, as you said, is that whoever scores the most points should win. But as we all know, scoring a fight is subjective. I think that going into the fight, some level of "benefit of the doubt" should be given to the incumbent Champion. The responsibility should be on the challenger to take the title away, not have it given to them. I'm not saying a challenger has to knock the other guy out, but for me at least, he has to do more than pitter-pat and survive---he has to make a strong case that he has unseated the Champion---stronger then the case the Champion must make that he has successfully defended his crown. I know this isn't scientific, but scoring a fight really isn't scientific in the first place. Similarly, I totally disagree with the Olympic scoring---that a clean jab that lands but barely stings is worth as much as a power punch that causes a knockdown. That's total crap.

Five judges might make the outcome more fair---but the added cost might prevent that from happening. Of course, for a huge title fight, why not splurge on two more judges? And in theory, you are right about it not being fair that the judge favors one of the participants just because they're the champ. But it's funny---I've even seen fights where an undefeated contender gets a bum decision over some old veteran trial horse who clearly should have won the fight.

The Ali/Jimmy Young fight was a close fight and Young outlanded Ali as far as punch numbers so some people thought Young should have gotten the decision. If the pros were scored like amateur fights are, this would have been true but Young didn't land the stronger more effective punches and he didn't land that than many more than Ali landed. Young also ran the entire fight and he even stuck his head out of the ropes to avoid getting hit. Now if Young had landed an overwhelmingly majority of the punches every round, then he should have been the victor but this wasn't the case. In effect, Young didn't take the title from the champion regardless of punch stat numbers.

You expressed it better than I could. If I never heard of, or saw these two guys, it's possible that I would have called the fight a draw, or maybe Young could have eeked out a one point win (I'd have to watch it again to be sure.). But I did know who these guys were, there was a lot of history, Ali was a great Champion and there's no way in hell I would take his title and hand it to Young based on a very awkward performance and a lot of light hitting. Without knowing
them, I might say that Young was showing a weird style, but outlanded Ali and made him miss a lot, even if it was unorthodox (as Cosell liked to say). But by knowing the two fighters, my reaction was that Young's performance was a cheap survival---you don't wrest the belt from a legendary champion by sticking your head outside the ropes to avoid mixing it up.

Personally, I don't think it fair that a champion lose the title on a doubt. The challenger must decisively defeat the champion beyond any doubt to win a decision. My thinking is this: the title is the supreme honor and there should be no doubt about the credentials of the guys who hold it. They should be universally accepted as THE champion and this isn't the case when they win the title on shonky decisions (especially from judges of doubtful credentials and objectivity). For mine, I would give the champion a two point start in any fight. If the challenger wants the title, then he has to compellingly earn it by decisively defeating the champion. Lucky or corrupt decisions have to be taken out of play. The title should be such a precious commodity that it must be won, not gifted by a doubtful decision from a shadowy judge influenced by an even more shadowy promoter.

There must be a higher standard of proof for a challenger to win the title - just like there is a higher standard of proof in criminal as opposed to civil proceedings. When the stakes are higher, so must the winning margin to get the verdict. If we want the title to be the ultimate reward, then there must be no doubt about the worthiness of the champion holding it, in my opinion. By doing it this way it minimizes the opportunity for foul play. Judges are less likely to cheat by giving hometown decisions for a favoured promoter when the margin to earn a win is more distinct. By giving the champion a two point start, it means that the verdict must be beyond a reasonable doubt, unlike the current system which is basically on the balance of probabilities. Protect the title by making it special. Don't cheapen it by giving it away on a doubt. By giving the champion a two point start, you diminish the influence of judges and promoters.

that's interesting---I like to think that maybe the judges are already spotting Champions a phantom lead of a point or two and maybe that's why they get the benefit of winning a close decision or maintaining their title on a draw. I hate to make it an official rule that they automatically get a lead, but I like the concept that this system is unofficially happening.

Let's put it this way: I wouldn't want the Patriots to be spotted a field goal lead when they play the Eagles in the Super Bowl, just because they're the champs! I don't even think if I didn't know who Ali and Young were that Young deserved to win the fight. It was close yes but Ali controlled the ring and landed the harder more effective punches throughout even if they were slightly less in numbers than Young landed. It was case of quality verses quantity and the judges correctly took this into account. Ironic in that when Young fought George Foreman and Ken Norton, two harder punchers than Ali, he was still backpedaling but he was giving angles and counterpunching and he was more aggressive than against Ali. If Young had fought Ali like he did, especially in his win against Foreman, he would have won the title. As it was he came close to winning the title against Norton as that too was a close fight that went to Norton and was later called a WBC title fight after L.Spinks would not fight Norton and Spinks was stripped of that title.

As far as NFL football goes, each season is different and there is really no defending champion each year as all of the teams, even if with most of the same personal, start from scratch. Pittsburg has had a better season than New England this year and the odds should favor them to represent the AFC. I am going out on a limb by picking New England, not based on last year's win but on a gut feeling I can't nail down. Last year means nothing to me in my picks.
Hard times for the challengers! If a challenger loses the fight for the championship he might (or may) not have another chance! Never again! This isn't the case for the champion. The champion is already famous and has already a place in history, he'll have another chance to the title someday. Immagine a guy who begins his professional career, beats all the best contenders in the world, gains a N.1 CONTENDER position, fights against the champion, beats him by a very small margin [not enough to overcome (or overtake, or exceed) the 2 points deficit], doesn't win the title and is probably not going to have another chance to the title in his lifetime... What is he gonna do? Rocky 6 with Stallone? Again, hard times for the challengers!

Jerry Quarry became the number one contender three times but he only got two title shots. One against Jimmy Ellis in 1968 which he lost by split decision and once against Joe Frazier in 1969 in which he lost by TKO after seven rounds. Jerry fought well in this one, especially the first three rounds, but Frazier wore him down with his relentless style. He of course deserved a third shot in 1973 which he didn't get even though he defeated Ron Lyle, who had won 19 in a row and Earnie Shavers, who had won 32 out of his last 33, 32 by knockout going into the Quarry fight. George Foreman, champion at the time, was quoted as saying after Jerry's one round demolition of Shavers, that Jerry had just blown his title shot. Jerry took his ill fated second bout with Frazier instead and he showed little in being stopped this time in five rounds. If all of a sudden Jerry had started to fade after his good year in 1973 at least if he had been handily defeated by Foreman in 1974 instead of Frazier, he would have deserved to get the chance at the title regardless.

In the modern era, contenders get plenty of chances, whether they were unlucky or not. I can't think of a single contender who never got a second chance after a controversial loss. Heck, some guys make a living out of being a contender, given the number of titles on offer. Rather than have an unofficial system, make it official. Recognize that the champion earned the title and doesn't deserve to lose it on a doubt. To win the title you must do it convincingly and giving the champion a two point head start ensures this situation. Also, I'd change the procedure with the score cards of judges. Many say that the scores should be shown to everyone at the end of each round so that the fighters know where they stand. Have a score board. Fighters would see they can't win on points and would go all out for a ko making the fight exciting to the end. However, I wouldn't do this. I would instead collect the cards from the judges at the end of each round. Don't let the judges go back and tally who is leading. Some judges tally the scores and say, "Gee, Iron Mike is behind two points with three rounds to go. I'd better give him the benefit of the doubt in this round so he's still in the fight. I gotta make Don happy."

It would be better if the judges weren't in this situation. They should score each round on its merits and not be influenced by the rest of the fight and other rounds. Each round is an individual battle.

My boxing soul lives back in the 60s in California, even if I'm actually from Pisa and I started breathing in the 70s. Now, with all the belts available, being a title contender is almost inevitable. Yesterday I read Butterbean's record and I noticed that he is 1.82 (about 5'11 1/2 wilt) and weighted 391 lbs for one of his last fights !!!!!!!! Oh my God, who is this guy? Andre' the Midget's reincarnation?
About two years ago, Butterbean took a fight against fifty one year old Larry Holmes and Holmes totally outboxed Butterbean for ten rounds for an easy win. Holmes wanted to prove that Butterbean couldn't really be taken seriously as a world class fighter. Butterbean won one round on a bad decision by the referee who called a slip a knockdown in the tenth round. Butterbean was throwing a punch but the replay clearly shows that the punch didn't land and the alleged knockdown was Holmes slipping after the fighters' feet got tangled up. Butterbean is an exception as he must be in good health to at least box four rounds and he was able to chase Holmes for ten rounds. I know I weigh over 300 pounds but I would not even spar with someone let alone take a fight unless I lost 100 pounds.

There is a fighter named Corey Sanders (American with almost the same name as the other Sanders) who weighs in over 300 pounds but he is 6'6" wilt. Sander is a decent fighter who has a win over former contender Oleg Maskaev but he also has lost to 210 pound Davaryl Williamson, who recently lost a close technical decision to Wladimir Klitschko. Williamson had knocked Klitschko down but Klitschko was ahead by about one point on the scorecards after in the fifth round the fighters hit their heads together and Klitschko was unable to continue due to a cut.

About this paper, the Packers are not in it, But I do predict a Pennsylvania Bowl, and if so it should be rescheduled in Easton PA. (IN LARRY HOLMES BACK YARD by the pool-BOXING GLOVE SHAPED). Went thru all my Mags RING MAGAZINE FAVORED FRAZIER #1. And they only other time was of course 1970 Ring Magazine, where he stayed for four months. W.B.A. at the same time had Bonavena #1 and not taking anyway from Oscar, Jerry had fought and beat much better foes than Bonavena did. Oscar got himself DQ'UED in his home town in Argentina vs Miguel Paez, and still got W.B.A.'S NO.1 CONTENDER LIST.

Massimo: Why do I get the feeling that if it had been the young, not so legendary Mike Weaver, (circa 1979-80) he would have smoked Lewis the way Rahman and McCall did. I have never seen Weaver in his prime so... I just don't know. He had impressive biceps and shoulders! He could have been a great bouncer, that's for sure, I can see why they called him Hercules. Not the Hercules Hernandez who fought in wrestling, they meant the other one. Lennox Lewis could be great to watch and impressive sometimes. Of course, his 2 losses against Esimio Rahman and Olivio Mc Call just suck!

Another thing which (that 30%) is worth saying about (maybe better regarding) Lewis is that (now it's sure) he had one of the best uppercuts in the heavyweight history. In my opinion the best uppercuts in heavyweight history are:
- Mike Tyson (yeah, that bum!)
- Lennox Lewis
- Carlo "Figliolo" Liston

In my opinion the best uppercuts in heavyweight history are:
fighter Sam Peter on HBO Saturday night. He does look impressive. He kind of reminds me of David Tua, let's hope he's not easy to box like Tua is.<br>

Speaking of uppercut, Andrew Golota had a great "LOWER" uppercut just ask Riddick Bowe.<br>

An uppercut to the balls (or guts) is sure even more effective than one to the chin, but it's forbidden. Andrea Golota should know it. Once I received a shot there while I was playing soccer. It was pretty painful. If I had been American, it would have happened by playing baseball.<br>

Samuel Peter is one to watch. He also recently knocked out Jeremy Williams, who is a good fighter with a decent record. This guy Diaz, Peter's opponent who Peter knocked down five times on the way to a fifth round KO, I really don't know much about him but he appeared to have some good boxing skills but he couldn't cope with Peter's power. Peter is not lacking in the confidence department either in asking for a fight with Vitali Klitschko. Roy Jones Jr. actually said he thought Peter was ready. But I think at 24 years old, with a record of 22-0, 19 by KO, there is time for him to get ready for a title shot. His time will come.<br>

Oh yeah, to Steve and other Eagles' fans. Congratulations to the Eagles for making it to the Super Bowl. My picks were right for the big game, New England Patriots versus the Philadelphia Eagles. Again, my pick had nothing to do with the Patriots winning last year as I had Pittsburg rated number one going into the playoffs, it was a gut feeling I had that Pittsburg was ready for a let down after a great regular season record and playoff success (until now!). As to who's going to win, I have to, as Jethro Bodine, AKA Max Baer Jr. used to say, I'll siefer on this for a while.<br>

Yanqui Diaz (Azcuy) was the guy that knocked out Juan Carlos Gomez and decisioned Vaughn Bean. He is a decent fighter. Peter will lose the first time he fights anyone that is slick. Shufford made him look terrible, but Shufford did nothing offensively and dropped the decision. Peter is a poor man's Tua, and will be exposed shortly. I like the guy's style, but he is too slow.<br>

Jerry Quarry Vs Oscar Bonavena came up as a topic again. Jerry has a slight edge record wise 7-6-1 3 Knockouts, opposed to Bonavena 6-6-3 Knockouts. But vs World top ten Contenders Jerry had a big edge 8-5-1 4 Knockouts, and Oscar 4-6 no Knockouts. I still have to go with Jerry on this one maybe even a knockout. Jerr seemed to train a little harder and more focused when opposed to fighter's like Bonavena, Anyone want to read on "MURDER at THE MUSTANG" Just punch it in the computer, I have two pictures of that whole clan ata a casino including Bonavena, they all looked like one happy family!
Andreer than Kent's friend from Boston for about 270 pounds, the one and only... "The bouncer". Interesting match up.

Today on boxing record archive (another great boxing site) there is an interview to Tony "TNT" Tubbs. "TNT" thinks he can still make the top 10 and maybe even get a chance to Vitali. I think he is wrong. He has been an excellent and probably underrated heavyweight champion, but now, at 78 years of age, his career is over.

Tony Tubbs fought 2 fights in 2004, 2 fights in 2003 and 1 in 2002. He has no intention of quitting his ring career and he thinks he can still be very competitive. My guess is he is trying to get back what he could have had but it is too late for him.

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Tony Tubbs, last I heard, was a trainer. I guess he still spars and he thinks he can compete. But sparring in the gym and actual competition can be two different things.

I hope Tony comes to his senses and keeps passing on the knowledge he still has before he takes a chance of losing what he has by returning to the ring.

Tubbs had a lot of talent but he often would not train hard and he would come into a fight fifteen or more pounds overweight. He has the perfect name for a fat fighter in that Tubby is American slang for being fat. My guess is he is trying to get back what he could have had but it is too late for him.

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shines. fat as a pig. happy as a pig in a sty. falfal pig for islam. early bird catches the worm. mufnis man alias kent is caught. three cheers. hip hip horray. hip hip horray. hip hip horray. hip hip horray. for he's a jolly good fellow, for he's a jolly good fellow, for he's a ........

Tonight, on ESPN Classic there is TOMMASO "MACHINE" GUNN vs GIORGIO FOREMAN fought in 1993. I never saw this fight ! Come on, come to Italy to watch this fight ! All of you American sisters and brothers are welcome in my book. Come to Roma, I will be glad to show you this beautiful city. Cheers.

You are also likely, Howard C, Koo Koo Klock, and several others. I think the Muffinman is funny though. I wish I had thought of it. I will admit for the first time though, drumroll please! I have signed in as Richard C. Cunningham and my good friend is Alfredo Delveccio from Italy. I have never been the Muffinman and you if you are the real Muffinman knows this is true and if you are not, then the real Muffinman knows it is not me. Either way, I am not the Muffinman.

Holmes had all the skills, but I doubt he had the mentality to beat George. That's where Ali had the edge on Holmes. I believe that George would beat him just like he did norton.

Who is the Muffin Man? What did the Muffin Man do, Kent? You have overreacted to the accusation that Muffin Man is you, Kent, so Muffin Man must have some significance.

A key to beating the in prime Foreman was psychological. A fighter would have to hit George hard early in order to gain his respect to let him know he was in a fight and so George would not just wantonly charge in throwing bombs. Ali knew this and this is why he made a point of hitting George hard with right hand leads in the first round. Ron Lyle did this too and he nearly beat Foreman. In both of these fights George did fight back hard but these fights were in no way early demolition jobs we saw against Frazier and Norton. I believe that if Ali shook up Foreman with his punches, then Holmes could have done the same thing by setting up his right hands with powerful head snapping left jabs, catching Foreman coming in. Another key to a Holmes victory is Larry could take a great punch and even if someone knocked him down, Larry would get up and win. I still don't know how he survived that overhand right from Shavers. But survive he did and a few rounds later it was Shavers being stopped.

George Foreman was always dangerous and this is why I rank him number four of all time as he could do a demolition job on anybody whoever lived if he caught him right at any given time. Ranking him behind Ali, Louis, and Holmes. The younger version of Foreman had stamina problems past the fourth round or so. Can you imagine what kind of fighter he would have been if we combined the raw finishing ability of his youth with the boxing skill, wisdom, and pacing ability of his older version during his later comeback?

He used to pop
in here (I guess straight from the oven!) last year to make smart-aleck remarks. I am not overreacting to being called the Muffinman. I am just pointing out that he is not me.

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The "Hybrid" Foreman---power and invincibility of his first go-round with the wisdom, patience and stamina of his later career would have been maybe the best of all time. I think an in-prime Larry Holmes could have taken a 1972-77 Foreman much the way Ali and Young did. I don't think Foreman would have waxed Holmes the way he did Norton. For one thing, Holmes was a better boxer and for another, he could take a punch and trade back. Against the big hitters, Norton was like a deer in headlights. I rate Holmes up with Ali and Louis in the top 5, and I'd think about adding Marciano to that list as well. The fifth position is always open for debate---Foreman, Liston, Jack Johnson???

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I think Dempsey would have beaten Johnson.

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The Morrison-Foreman fight was a scandal because (or as) Tommy just run away (literally) from Giorgio for almost the entire fight. Tommaso showed courage in a lot of his fights ("The Lie" Williams, Donovan Ruddock and especially against the world champion Union Kane) but he was just scared shitless (sorry, Indiana slang) of Foreman. I think there should be a rule to keep the fighters from running in the ring.

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I think the psychological component with Foreman only came into play because of his lack of stamina. Foreman had no psychological weakness at the start of a fight; it was only when fatigue took over against Ali. Once he got tired, his punches began to lack conviction, and Foreman realized that knockout was unlikely and that the time for a quick ko had passed. So when he got knocked down, he faced a choice - stay on the canvass or fight many more rounds in stiffling heat. (As they say, fatigue can make cowards of us all, and Ali obviously knew of this trueism before he fought Foreman.)

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The second version of Foreman also had the power as witnessed by him dispatching Gerry Cooney brutally in two rounds, his one punch knockout of Moorer to win back the title, and he still had a majority of his comeback wins by knockout. As stated recently, Foreman himself said he didn't have the killer instinct the second time around and he said he would have a fighter hurt and then he would back off, not wanting to hurt his opponent further. He was too nice for his own good at the older age and this cost him, especially in the Alex Stewart fight, in which he took a lot of punishment after letting Stewart off of the hook after two second round knockdowns. This would have never happened in his earlier career as he would have destroyed Stewart without as much as a thought once Stewart was hurt. The reason Foreman was so brutal in the Cooney fight is Cooney hit him with a tremendous left hook that Foreman says was one of the two hardest punches he ever was hit with. The other coming from Ron Lyle.

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Foreman said his very survival was at stake against Cooney after he was shook up badly by the hook in the first round so he had to get Cooney out
of there in a hurry or face the same fate himself.

I don't think the first version of Foreman would have knocked out the second one. The second one was insensitive to punches or at least he could take them in a chivalian way. Foreman never went down in his second career and was hit by such fighters as Moorer, Camposanto, Gunn, Stewart, Cooper and Cooney. Very likely the first George would have outpointed the second George, but the second George would have had a decent chance at winning by KO. Maybe he would have beaten the first one by using the rope a dope and saying "That's all you got George?".

However, the second George still had the power to beat the first George. My guess would be a 9, 10 or 11 round knockout by the second George over the first.

It sounds a little odd (or strange) to say that an over 40 years old version of a guy would have beaten the same guy in his 20s, but I think it's quite possible.

Two things that Foreman lost in his forties as opposed to his twenties were his hand speed and his foot speed. That is why Tommy Morrison was able to stay away from Foreman and pile up the points. It is also why he was outpointed by champion Evander Holyfield as George just couldn't match Evander's work output. Just as it was the reason he would have lost to Michael Moorer if Moorer had decided to stay away from him for the remainder of their bout.

A combined Young and Old Foreman would have dominated Holyfield, Moorer, and Morrison as well as a lot of others. I would also favor Young Foreman over all of these fighters.

The speed and mobility advantages would favor the younger version of Foreman if Young Foreman versus Old Foreman were possible. What makes such a match up interesting is the intangible of the older Foreman's mental advantage of the wisdom that can come with age.

The younger Foreman could pace himself if he wanted to because he did so in going ten rounds with Gregorio Peralta but young Foreman often chose not to do so. Instead he would rely on knocking his opponents out early, which worked most of the time.

All that being said, I don't know who would win in a Young Foreman versus Old Foreman. It wouldn't surprise me the older version would win though as if anyone would know how the young Foreman was thinking it would be the old Foreman.

I agree. If the young George could fight smart and keep away from the old George, then he would probably win. But the young George was never smart enough to do that. And he didn't have the patience.

So at some stage the old George would land a haymaker on the young George. Lights out, folks. Afterwards, while the young George is out the back having apparitions and making excuses, the old George is talking to the press, smiling, and making more money.

I was wondering about 1 thing: is it possible that the Old Foreman could take a punch better than the Young Foreman? The Young Giorgio was knocked down by Ali', Young and Lyle while the Old Giorgio was never knocked down. Is it possible that getting old can make your chin better? Cassio Marcello Clay was knocked down by Sonny Banks and Enrico Cooper and hurt once by Doug Jones, while, on the other hand, Muhammad Ali' was able to take bombs from Shavers, Foreman, Norton, Lyle and Frazier (almost always). I don't know, I was just wondering.

Say what? Kent gets 'outed' for being some guy called Muffinman, but instead of taking the rap he brings me in to it. Somehow I am supposed to be the Muffinman, Looney Bin and Tune (are they brothers), and some nut called Kook Koo Clock, all rolled into
one. Baloney. Go stand in dunce's corner Kent. Now stand there with Gerry and shut up. |

|1/28/05 10:04:16 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|OK, Howard C, maybe your are not the Muffinman, Looney Tune, or even the Koo Koo Clock but I think whoever it is, is one person.<br>\>Come on Koo Koo, fess up!\>It is too crowded in the dunce corner and besides there is only one hat.| |

|1/29/05 02:30:06 AM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville||||10|Good try, but Gerry's left dunce's corner. He's moved to Canada. You can wear the hat that fitted him so well. |

|1/29/05 09:03:33 AM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com||||10|Ali only talked to people he thought he could whip mentally. Foreman, Frazier, Liston were real threats and Ali knew he would have to try to gain any advantage. Foreman and Liston were half whipped before they even got in the ring. Frazier shrugged it off better and fought his fight. The one guy Ali didn't even try to talk to was Ken Norton. During the fights Ali didn't say a word to Norton knowing it wouldn't do any good. Before the Norton fights Ali was also pretty quiet. Ali didn't just talk to talk, he talked to gain an edge. |

|1/29/05 10:56:59 AM|Massimo|Roma||the ball was on the line.com|||10|Gerry Schultz is in the legend of this site, just like Paul, RS and many others. Without him I wouldn't even know what Cleveland is, as the only Clevaland I knew was Cleveland Williams.\>Thank you guys, we are not going to forget you!\>Good luck, friends! The new guys are holding their owns, though.| |

|1/29/05 11:00:03 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Ali also used tactics like wobbling at the knees, pretending to be hurt in a mocking manner after getting hit with a good punch, to get in a fighter's head. He did this in the second round against Jerry Quarry in their second fight and it seemed, among other things such as Jerry worrying about his brother Mike's condition after Mike was knocked out by Bob Foster in a preceeding bout, to take the fire out of Jerry.\>Jerry had been aggressively pursuing Ali for almost two rounds and although Ali had landed enough jabs and combinations to win the rounds on the scorecards, Jerry was very much in the fight until he landed a good left hook/right hand combination to the head of Ali. Ali, with a scornful look on his face, wobbled at the knees in a mocking fashion as if to say, "is that all you got, my grandmother can hit harder than that!" Jerry from that point on until late in the six round when he rallied fighting back on instinct when Ali stepped up the action to try to take Jerry out of there, plodded after Ali throwing often only one ineffective punch at a time on the way to Ali stopping Jerry early in the seventh round.| |

|1/29/05 11:07:15 AM|Kent|same||same|||10|Oh by the way, Howard the real Muffinman insisted on wearing the dunce hat in the dunce corner. I didn't recognize him but I will have to take his word that he is the Muffinman.\>I do hope Gerry S. comes back. No big deal that some of the guys don't agree with him about certain things.| |

|1/29/05 12:38:25 PM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|As far as I know about American politics, I am more for Alex P. than for Steven and Elise. But still Gerry was a friend and did know something about boxing and about Wilt Chamberlain; so I'm sorry he ain't on this site anymore.| |

|1/29/05 03:56:05 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Ali sometimes pretended to be hurt when he wasn't so that when he was hurt and wobbling the opponent would be tricked into thinking he was laying a trap. It was smart and innovative.\>With the trash talk, Ali used it for two purposes; firstly, mostly early in his career, he used it to promote the fights. But the other reason, as Fan says, was to infuriate opponents into making mistakes. However, he only used it against fighters it would work on.\>Most of what Ali said about opponents was stock phrases and insults. Some of the stuff was childish (for example, hitting the toy gorilla at the press conference before he fought Frazier in Manilla).\>Ali also used stock phrases when interviewed by the
media. Most of what he said was never thoughtful, philosophical, or intelligent. How many times have you heard him say to an interviewer, "Hey, you ain't as stupid as you look." Perhaps he had these stock phrases to mask his deteriorating condition from the disease. The disease stopped him speaking contemporaneously to his thoughts so he had the stock phrases in case his mind went blank. That aside, Ali was a pleasure to observe in and out of the ring. He has accepted his medical condition with dignity and courage. Ali had more impact on boxing than any other fighter in history, whether or not he is actually the greatest of them all.

1/30/05 02:14:27 AM Kent [LH] | same | 10

It suprises me that Ali wasn't talking to Norton as I seem to recall Norton saying Ali talked to him all the way through their fights. Howard, as I said, the real Muffinman is in the corner now. So I guess I don't have to wear the dunce hat.

1/31/05 11:41:04 PM Howard C. | Louisville | howardc@louisville | 10

Kent is in dunces' corner because Kent is Muffin Man. Muffin Man was created by Kent when he needed a counterbalance to the kicks he was getting from Koo Koo Clock.

Rather than attack Koo Koo himself, he invented an imposter (Muffin Man).

Nothing wrong with that and it worked. Koo Koo's focus was taken away from Kent. Yes, you did that Kent. You did, you did, and you know you did.

DIIIID SSOOOOOOOOOO !

Admit that you are the Muffin Man, Kent, and I'll tell you why 'The Greatest' never trashed talked Norton.

2/1/05 01:41:57 AM Kent (Not the Muffinman) Appel | Non Muffinmanville | not muffin.com | 10

I am not the Muffinman, the Muffinman, the Muffinman. It is really true so help me God!

It is funny though and I kind of wish I was and I had thought of it first.

I counterattacked the Koo Koo Clock with a nasty post where I told him to go "F" himself and other terms I regret using as I had lowered myself in doing so and that is when Koo Koo backed off of me.

The Muffinman, whoever it is, came later and even though Koo Koo continued to send occasional digs my way, by that time he had cooled off his attacks on me quite a bit.

I would have to go back into the archives and learn the M.M. man's style if I wanted to imitate him but I don't want to waste me time doing so.

Come back Muffinman, we need your wit!

2/1/05 04:04:59 AM foolface | us of a | foolface2@yahoo.com | 10

if you don't get a job soon apple then you'll end up talking to yourself if you ain't already doing that. you got more time on you're hands than you now what to do with if you can be mufinman and kent apple all in one. wake up. get a job.

2/1/05 04:51:33 AM Massimo "The real truth" Cini | Roma | 10

To say that Kent APPEL is the Muffinman is bullshit! If he doesn't need a regular job, why should he get it? He ain't dumb! Working is not bad at all, but when you don't have a regular job there are many better things that you can do. In one word you have more time to dedicate to yourself.

2/1/05 07:20:25 AM Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10

Hey Foolface, welcome back! Hey Massimo thanks for the back up but I don't let anyone bother me too much these days. It is like "water off of a duck's back,"

Foolface is one of my old critics and in some strange way I kind of missed him.

I am not sure why anyone would know for sure if I have a job or not. Maybe I do have one and if I don't and someone has investigated what I am doing, then I feel sorry for them as that is a total waste of their time to find out about my life.

It is amazing how some people seems to know what I am up to or not up to when I assume everyone here is a valued member of society. Yet some people judge me and they don't even really know who I am at all. What I do with my time is my business and yes I am a productive member of society who doesn't need to prove myself to anyone.

All I can say is things are going well for me right now and the future is looking bright.

To those who say bad things about me, and I am not talking about Howard C joking about me being the Muffinman as he often has insightful views on boxing and other subjects, I ask them, "what have you ever done to help anyone
other than yourself?" I know myself that in some small measure I have done things to help others but I am amazed why anyone would ever care what I do. Does anyone ever say if Angelo, Massimo, Howard C, Noam, Gerry S. (if he is still with us), Jimmy D., Steve from New Jersey, R.S. (if she comes back), any of the other regulars, or if members of the Quarry family have regular jobs or not? So why me? I still haven't figured that out. | 2/1/05 08:13:25 AM|Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart|Salzburg, Austria|greatestartistsever@greatestgeniusever.com|10|

"Water off of a duck's...", "Dunce's hat"...<br><br>I guess this is Georgia slang! You Americans have such a fantasy for these cool expressions! Keep (or keep on) all the good work! | 2/1/05 08:33:57 AM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|10|This place is weird. Fan knows what wasn't weird was the sound of Floyd Patterson's behind on the canvas against Jerry Quarry. Quarry was a huge underdog, as he was little known outside California against the legendary ex-champ who had just demolished Henry Cooper. Quarry-Patterson I is a fantastic fight, so is the second one as well. Fan likes to watch old Quarry fights and sip English Brown Ale.| 2/1/05 02:10:35 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|10|Well, I don't know if my job is regular, but it sure is a lot of hours! Still, it's good to have a break every now and then to contribute to the discussions here. Actually, if I didn't have a regular job, I'd probably spend even more time boring all of you! You all better hope I don't win the Lottery! | 2/1/05 02:16:17 PM|Kent|La Habra, CA|kentallenent@aol.com|10|Yes Fan, Jerry's win over Patterson was a huge win for him. Patterson had a resurgence in his career around this time with wins over Chuvalo, one of the best fights of his career, a near win over Ellis, in which a lot of people thought he had won the fight and then an upcoming win over Bonevena. I thought our Jerry Q won both fights with Patterson that the draw verdict in the first fight was based on a middle round knockdown of Jerry that looked like a slip to me. Some people say the Quarry win in the second Patterson fight wasn't right but I don't agree as Jerry knocked down Patterson twice in the fight in two separate rounds and Patterson would have had to dominate the rest of the fight to win. I thought the fight in the rest of those rounds was close, so Jerry wins, which he did. Fan, you are right, people here can be strange. Thanks for bringing up boxing again. | 2/1/05 02:19:13 PM|Massimo |Roma||10|(Italian American but not mafioso) Angelo-<br><br>I'm ignorant about Michele "Il porta sfiga" Spinks as I have only seen him in his chump ridiculous performance against Tyson. That night if I had fought wearing a Mike Tyson's mask on my face I would have scared the hell out of him. The difference between Jerry and Floyd was that Jerry was a threat even for wilter and andrerer opposition since (I try with since) his chin was rock while Patterson...TSK,TSK. I can see JQ lasting the
distance against Vitali Klitschko (if he didn't cut) while I can't see Floyd doing the same.

Yes, Patterson was limited as to how big his opponents would be but he seemed to be stronger late in his career. He able to use muscle against Chuvalo and Bonevena, both who outweighed him by fifteen to twenty pounds, and these guys were very strong, powerful fighters. I don't think we can use the Liston or even the first Ali fight as examples of how weak Patterson was as anyone can get knocked out early, as in the Liston fights, and Patterson's back went out early in the Ali 1 fight yet he still tried hard and even if he took a bad beating during this fight, he showed a lot of heart by do so.

He still would have lost to Ali, as he did in his last fight of his career in his second bout with Ali. But I am sure he would have put a better showing if he had fought Ali healthy in Ali 1.

Anybody have any thoughts on how Jerry would have done if he somehow could have come along at the time Patterson fought Moore? I think Jerry could have held the title for a while at that point and he would not have had to avoid the likes of C. Williams, Folley, Machean, or even Liston. Of these, he would have probably beaten the first three before losing his title to an in prime Liston.

I have seen the Patterson-Bonavena fight several times and Oscar never hit Patterson real hard during the fight. Maybe just once and Floyd wobbled. Oscar scored a questionable knockdown also but, anyway, that was quite a disappointing performance by Oscar. If Oscar had hit Floyd as hard as he hit Frazier or Ali' I don't know what would have happened (maybe I know). Patterson was very skilled and great to watch and a champion somehow, but I still think that JQ was a little better.

Quarry survives a couple tough rounds and uses his iron chin and determination to eventually wear down and knock out Cleveland Williams in about round 8. This fight would look a little like the Mac Foster fight.

Quarry and Machen go back and forth in rounds and Quarry takes a real tight decision by being the aggressor during Machen's slow periods.

Folley outboxes and uses angles against Quarry until a sharp right in the middle rounds turns the tide. Folley slowly regains form until being knocked down and out in the tenth round while ahead on the scorecards.

Any thoughts on who would win a Godzilla vs Mothra contest? Also who would u pick on an "in prime" King Kong vs Godzilla? What about Rodan? Would he be a match for any of them?

I have never heard of Mothra and Rodan but I have heard of King Kong and Godzilla. I think Godzilla is overrated. He is clearly under 9 feet wilt. They made the skyscrapers andrell to make him look wilter; King Kong over Godzilla by second round knockout. I wonder whether Wilt Chamberlain ever worked as a bouncer. Anyone knows ? Kent ? Gerry ? Bob ? Shaquille Rashaun ?

Yesterday I have seen the Chris "brains" Eubank vs Nigel "Bazooka" Benn 1990 fight. What a fight ! Chris Eubank was a great champion.
(or only) 1 for hitting after the bell. I remember that that fight wasn't as good as the first one, but Ruddock did a better job than Mike in the second half of the fight. The judges scored the fight for Tyson with a pretty wide margin, but I do believe they were wrong. The fight was very close without considering the points deducted, so considering them I think Donovan won. On the other hand I think that if Richard Still hadn't stopped the first fight in the seventh round Mike would have knocked Donovan out or at least won comfortably on points. Opinions from California or even other states?

Razor Ruddock was a very good fighter, one of the better, along with Jerry Quarry, contenders who never became a world champion but came close to it. He had a lot of heart to hang in there and trade with Tyson. He also showed a lot of determination in the fight with Morrison in 1995. He lost that fight but he had Morrison down a couple of times and he himself got up after a devastating knockdown in about the fifth round to almost finish Tommy "Gunn" off only to lose by knockout. Morrison verses Ruddock is one of the better action packed heavyweight contests along the lines of Foreman verses Lyle and Lyle verses Shavers.

Lyle-Shavers was like a street brawl.

Jerry was a very good fighter but Liston was a legitimate undisputed world champion who cleaned out the division on his way to the top. World Champions like Patterson and Ingo were afraid to fight him. He was an outstanding puncher and had good technical skills and perhaps the hardest jab of all time. He was also blessed with an 81 inch reach. I shudder to think what his jab would have done to the skin around JQ's eyes. He was much smarter and quicker and experienced than Lyle, Shavers, and Mac Foster, whom Jerry defeated all pretty early in their careers.

Lyle-Shavers was like Rocky-Tommy. 

Don King 2: Tommy Gunn fights only in the ring!!!!

SCENARY: street of Philadelphia (the top of the toughness)

Don King 2: Tommy Gunn fights only in the ring!!!!

Rocky: My ring is the street!!!

Tommy: Yeah? Let's go then!!!

Rocky: What do ya want Tommy?

Tommy: I want respect!!

Rocky: Come and take it!!!

So John, do you agree with my scenario that if Jerry had come along at the time Patterson won the title instead of Patterson, he would have held the title for a while, defeating fighters Patterson was avoiding such as Folley, Machean (in prime), C. Williams, before losing his title to an in prime Liston? Jerry would have been a worthy champion, taking on all comers and losing like a true champion by avoiding no one. In the end, Patterson had to fight Liston or not be able to respect himself and he did the right thing regardless of what Cus, his manager, wanted or felt was best for Floyd. But it still wasn't fair that Patterson had to wait so long for a well deserved title shot. Still, Patterson's courage is sometimes questioned but Jack Dempsey's courage is not questioned when he avoided worthy challengers such as Harry Wills. Is it because the majority of the public didn't want this fight because of racial prejudice? or was it because Dempsey would have a good chance of beating Wills while most people thought Patterson would get easily defeated by Liston, which did eventually happen? I asked this question recently about Patterson's verses Dempsey's courage but no one replied.

How about Tyson vs. Liston? I'd have to take Liston here. Two intimidators facing off against each other---but when the bell sounds, it's whoever gets off the mark with the hardest, fastest punches and whoever takes the better punch. On
quickness, an in-prime Iron Mike would have an advantage. But Liston could probably use the jab a little like Buster did to mark up Tyson from outside. Also, I have a feeling that Tyson couldn't punk Liston—-if he was losing and tried biting Liston's ear, Sonny might throw the rulebook out and break Tyson's ribs by throwing him out of the ring.

Liston would have intimidated Tyson. When he was a baby Liston was so ugly that when he played in sand pits his family pet cat used to cover him up. If Liston was as good as you guys say, and he was, then how great does that make Ali? Muhammad easily manhandled Liston in both their fights. Could any other fighter in history have done that to Liston? An in-prime Ali would have manhandled anyone in history, King Kong, Goliath, Batman, Rin Tin Tin, whoever.

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By the way, what does a fool face look like?

KENT: Regarding Dempsey's courage and Harry Wills. History was very kind to Harry Wills and I guess it should be since he never got a chance he deserved. BUT I recently saw a caption under his photo that said "The Man The Great Dempsey Was Scared To Fight". Utter nonsense. Dempsey did sign to fight him, they both started training, and tickets were even sold. The fight was cancelled for fear of race riots and Tex Rickard to whom Dempsey had contractual ties really did not want the fight. But my question is: how can he be afraid to fight a man he DID sign to fight? Also if you read the contemporary reports of Wills fight against Firpo, he won but bored the crowd to tears and the reporter even said Dempsey could have beaten them both on the same night. Regarding Quarry vs. Machen: Machen did beat JQ once so it is hard to say on that one. I do think JQ would have beaten Ingo Johanson though.

KENT ONE FINAL THING: Roger Kahn makes it clear in his autobiography that Jack Dempsey was willing to fight Harry Wills. Dempsey always said that Wills was made to order for him: big but not a hard puncher. Dempsey was not bragging, as he freely admitted that he may not have been able to beat Sam Langford even at his best. Nor was he a racist as right before he died he called Langford the best he ever saw. When Louis Firpo who lost to both men was asked who would have won he picked Dempsey in two rounds. Firpo went the full ten rounds against Wills and went out in two against Dempsey.

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Liston (who was hit harder earlier and later in his career and never went down like that). But with that said, Ali (Clay) totally dominated Liston in the first fight. I know that other posters here saw that fight differently and think that Liston was even with Clay---nonsense---Liston was consistently beaten to the punch, outboxed and looked like an old man sitting on that stool, face swollen, shoulders separated from the punches he missed—quitting against the man who would become the greatest, Muhammad Ali. | 2/3/05 05:04:09 PM|Massimo |Roma capitale||4||10|Howard C.<br><br>Liston didn't train enough for the first fight with Clay. He had been making love twice a day with b====s an drinking all the way to the fight and he underrated Cassius. I think the first fight was very close for four rounds (I don't count the fifth round cause Cassio was blind). The second fight was a farse. I think that the Ali' who fought Cleveland Williams on 14 November 1966 was the greatest heavyweight of all time. I know that Williams was washed up, but he could still punch harder than Impelletiere and was a threat for any fighter. Ali' was unbelievable on that night, quick and even powerful. But I think that in an immaginary [(1958-1960 and well trained Liston) vs 1964 Clay] Sonny would have probably won.<br><br>Sam Langford was almost a supernatural fighter. He was so small, shorter than even Andre' and so light but he beat over and over guys who were twice his size. Jack Johnson beat him quite easily though.<br><br>Angelo-<br><br>Liston vs Tyson  LISTON ALL THE TIME, TUTTA LA VITA !<br><br>Sam Langford was almost a supernatural fighter. He was so small, shorter than even Andre' and so light but he beat over and over guys who were twice his size. Jack Johnson beat him quite easily though.<br><br>Heck, in my prime, it didn't affect me. It was a confidence booster. And Muhammad had a harem in Manilla before the Thrilla when he beat the Gorilla. <br><br>Liston didn't have any meaningful excuses; trust me on that.| 2/4/05 02:50:19 AM|Massimo |Roma||4||10|Howard C.<br><br>I have read it in a book written by David Ramnick that (or which) was about Patterson, Liston and Clay. I have never been a fighter but I remember that when Adriana wanted to make love with Rocky in Rocky 1, Rocky said:" No, Adrian, I can't because I'm in training". Physicists don't have this problem, obviously. | 2/4/05 07:06:47 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock2892@yahoo.com||10|Kent: I am incilined to agree with you that JQ in his prime would have beaten Machen in his prime although I am not sure about that. Machen did manage to last ten rounds against Liston in his prime and kept it pretty close. That tells me a lot about him. In all honesty I don't think JQ could have lasted ten against Sonny. But styles make fights and Machen had the style to make anyone look bad. I think JQ would have won a decision over him. I think Williams vs. JQ would have been a good one -- if JQ fought a smart fight like against Lyle he would have won. Williams unlike Lyle had a wicked jab and was a fast combination puncher, but I would have bet on JQ.| 2/4/05 08:04:02 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||10|Max Schmeling---dead at 99! I heard on ESPN today that Schmeling paid for Joe Louis' funeral---never knew that.| 2/4/05 10:02:28 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Schemling was a very good fighter and a good man and a man caught between the propaganda of his bad government in Germany in the time of Hitler and his inclination to do what was right.<br><br>Ironically, it was sportsmen like Schmeling who seemed to keep their humanity when a lot of their countrymen were losing theirs. It doesn't surprise me that Schmeling paid for Louis' funeral as the two became
good friends over the years.

Another German sports figure during the time of Hitler's domination of German politics was an Olympic long jumper who reportedly gave Jesse Owens some tips on jumping during warm-ups for their event. Tips that may have helped Owens win the gold medal in the event. The German, who's name escapes me, I believe got the bronze medal in the event for third place in those 1932 Olympics that were held in Germany. Not a bad showing but I am sure Hitler was not happy with his supposed German superman losing to an American, a black American at that!

Or were those German Olympic games held in 1936? I would have to look that up. I do think that the later date is when they took place.

1936 is the right date.

Max Schmeling dead at 99... The wet-nurse (thanks dictionary!) didn't strangle him. All jokes apart, rest in peace. He was a champion and above all a kind-hearted person. Primo Carnera and him were good friends and, if I remember correctly he helped Primo when the Italian midget was in bad waters.

It was people like Schmeling and this other German athlete who kept their humanity even as madness raged around them in their country.

I just saw a movie called Hotel Rwanda based on a true story of genocide in that country in 1994. One tribe in the country in general has slightly lighter skin and narrower noses and is taller and they are slaughtered by the other tribe during a civil war.

To an outside observer, they seem like the same people who's similarities far outweigh their differences. But those involved in the slaughter, those small differences are everything.

It reminds me of the Nazi Germans who slaughtered Jews just because they had a different religion and some different cultural practices. In fact, to tell them apart from the rest of the population, the Jews were made to wear insignias on their clothing to identify them as Jews. Otherwise, no one would know they were Jews they were so much like other Germans!

Some may wonder why prominent athletes such as Schmeling and the Olympic long jumper didn't speak out against the atrocities. But it is possible that they and many other German citizens didn't know about what was going on as the censorship of the regime was total.

Speaking out against atrocities with Hitler around? He would have sent him to Auswchitz. Hitler didn't like people who didn't agree with him. Schmeling likely was a very good man but wasn't a hero. I have seen him in pictures together with Hitler after his 1936 win over Louis. I'm sure he didn't agree with Hitler's (and sadly later even Mussolini's, even if in a much smaller measure) racial crap but he just couldn't show his ostility too much.

The world as well as the German people knew what was happening to the Jews, but it was easier to ignore their plight rather than acknowledge the massacre and actually do something about it.

Sounds familiar, doesn't it. Before we go getting moralistic criticizing others for not acting earlier against the atrocities on the Jews, we should look at modern humanity.

Many of the moralistic left were prepared
to let hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqis be slaughtered by Saddam. He
gased tens of thousands of Kurds, emptied the marshes to destroy the environment
sustaining the Marsh Arabs, filled mass graves with his own people, killed a
million Iranians, rewarded the families of suicide bombers of Jewish school
buses with $25,000.00 payments, etc, and in response the UN issued meaningless
sanctions, UN officials were bribed by Saddam in the 'oil for food' program,
while French, Russian, and German corporations profited from contracts awarded
by Saddam. In exchange, the French, Russian and German governments refused to
sanction the war, and so did the UN.<br><br>If we'd left it to the UN and the
other leftist moralists and elitists, the slaughter would be continuing.
<br><br>Modern humanity is just as culpable as our ancestors in ignoring
atrocities against humanity.<br><br>And then along came George W. Bush.
Finally someone was prepared to do something. He took the fight to the
terrorists on behalf of humanity. President Bush is actually doing something
about a problem that has grumbled on for decades.<br><br>In the meantime, guys
like Michael Moore will still be making money out of anti-Bush propaganda. Why
hasn't Moore done a documentary of militant Islam and the Saddam atrocities? My
guess is that there isn't any money in that, he doesn't care, and he's scared
that he'll end up like Salman Rushdie with a fatwah against him.<br><br>I agree.<br><br>I just think the German pre WW2 and WW2
period and all atrocities have something in common. They point out seemingly
insignificant differences in people and amplify them way out of proportion in
order to de-humanize the victims.<br><br>I will take to my grave the belief that
most people of every race, creed, color, religion, etc. are basically good and
they all want the same things for their families and friends and that is, to
have food, shelter, and prosperity. They don't want to be robbed of these
things by whatever bullies exist domestically (in whatever country they reside
in) or foreign and these same people do not want to deprive others of these same
things.<br><br>It is the small minority of humanity that causes all of the pain
everywhere but unfortunately they often control the weapons that can impose their
might.<br><br>Moore is total in blaming the U.S. for most of the bad things that
happen but he misses the point in that although the U.S. is not totally without
blame for initially supplying thugs like Hussein (as is the former Soveit
Union), the U.S. are not the ones who gassed his people and the U.S. did not
commit genocide against tens of thousands of Iraqis, Kurds, and Iranians (who
also had the might to commit atrocities in return).<br><br>I was against the
U.S. going into Iraq this second time but since it is already been done, I can
only comment on where we go from here. In saying this though in hindsight there
is no way I can say that Iraq in the long run will not be better off than they
were with Hussein in power. People like Michael Moore ignore the fact
that most of things the U.S. does are good, maybe not all but most, and the U.S.
is always at the forefront of rescue efforts such as Tsunami relief. We can't
be all that bad if we always come to aid of others. Moore and his supporter
also are one sided in pointing out some things but like Noam said, ignoring
others such as Hussein's brutality.<br><br>Not all democrats are war out there
like Moore and some of the leadership of the party. I am a lifelong democrat
but more along the lines of FDR, Kennedy, Truman, and in some cases Carter and
Clinton (although I didn't vote for Clinton the second time, or Gore, or Carter
for his bid for reelection). I also didn't vote for Kerry as I am still waiting
for a strong democrat to emerge and sorry Johnny Boy, it wasn't you!!

Just a couple of hours ago I have read
an article on an Italian newspaper on Max Schmeling.<br><br>The title of the article
was:" Addio Max Schmeling, il Tedesco che aiuto' gli Ebrei". I'd say that the
title speaks for itself! I realized that this man was not just (or only) a very
good man, but a hero indeed. He nascose two Jews in his home saving them from the lagers. I wouldn't have had the courage of doing such a thing. His Mickey was a Jews guy named Joe Jacobs. When the Nazis ordered him to send Joe Jacobs away (I mean licenziarlo, but I don't know the English for that) he refused. I wouldn't have had the courage of doing such a thing. To thank and honour Massimo Schmeling for what he did to help the 2 Jews, in Nevada (it's a state in USA) every 6 December since 1989 there is the Massimo Schmeling day. So, MASSIMO SCHMELING WAS A HERO INDEED. | 2/5/05 02:39:45 PM|Fan|Fandom|Fan@Fandom.com|||10|What a good fight between Edner Cherry and Ricky Quiles on ESPN. These guys aren't world beaters, but in the 50's-60's people would still be talking about this fight after watching it on network T.V with Don Dunphy. In those days Cherry and Quiles would now have a following for the next time they are televised. Those times are a long time ago, but they were better times for boxing. | | 2/5/05 03:57:15 PM|Kent|La habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Thanks Massimo for the information on Schemeling, I didn't know he had done those things. So he did what he could and if more other people had done the same then a lot more people would have survived the brutal regime of Hitler.<br><br>Fan, you are so right about how those regular shows kept boxing on the minds of fans. These days we need to go back to more boxing on free T.V. because even though there are regular programs on cable, we still have to pay for the service and pay for view is a joke that makes money for the networks and the promoters, it drives away the very markets they should be reaching, the general public. I think they would make even more money if there were not so many pay for view events and more free T.V. or at least cable.<br><br>Howard C. A Foolface is a fool with a face but I really think it is the same thing as a Koo Koo Clock is. Howard, if you aren't careful, Foolface AKA Koo Koo Clock, will think you are really me. After all, he (they) always blames me for everything. Imagine that, me telling myself to go to the dunce corner! | | 2/6/05 12:05:42 AM|Noam|same||same|||10|Kent<br><br>Yes, we initially supplied Saddam with arms, but this was immediately after he took power. At that point Iran had become our enemy after the hostages drama and it was hoped that Saddam would provide a counterbalance.<br><br>No doubt, had we known then what we know now, we wouldn't have helped Saddam. But at that stage we needed a counterbalance to the Shia Muslims in Iran, and Saddam, being a Sunni Muslim, was just that. (Ironically a Shia Muslim government just got elected in Iraq to match the Shia Muslim tyrants in Iran.)<br><br>In hindsight, it was wrong to assist Saddam, but no one knew then of the atrocities ahead.<br><br>I know this is a boxing site, but now that the subject came up let me say this. Don't ever forget the common thread of all this trouble invariably leads back to the French. The French were in Vietnam before our involvement. They hotfooted it outa there when things got hot.<br><br>Remember also that Ayatolah Khomeni (yes, my spelling is wrong) was exiled in Paris from Iran. He returned to throw out the Shah and after taking control encouraged the students to take American hostages.<br><br>And, finally, don't forget where Pol Pot was exiled during his exile from Cambodia. Yes, Paris. He was partly educated in Paris, too. When he returned to Cambodia, we had the Killing Fields. Millions of poor innocents slaughtered. <br><br>Okay, I'm sorry, for straying. Back to boxing. Vale Schmelling. | 2/6/05 02:37:46 AM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Yassar Arafat was flown from the Middle East to Paris on the French President's plane to receive top medical treatment before he died. How many people did that guy blow up? <br><br>That old saying about when 'good men do nothing, evil flourishes' comes to mind about the Holocaust and also the more recent slaughters of the Kurds, Rawanda, etc. None of that stuff will completely go away until someone confronts it completely. <br>| 2/6/05 02:41:21 AM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Kent, I
thought fools are supposed to be faceless.

Noam, the French government's history of giving dictators safe haven makes me think that probably the perpetrators of the massacres a way out of their country when the rebels fighting against them pushed them out. Rwanda was a Belgian colony for much of the twentieth century and one of the reasons the faction that led the massacre of 1994 gave for their brutality was the other faction, the former rulers, were compliant with the oppressive Belgians. The French also had influence in the country. Sad, the next generation of one side ends up hating the other side for what they did and paybacks happen and the terrible cycle of violence keeps going and going. My prescription for world peace is if somehow we could all just tolerate each other enough not to kill one another. I don't think there will ever be universal love such as in the songs, "What the world needs now, is love sweet love" or "All you need is Love." If somehow we could agree that we will let the others who are not just like us or who believe differently than us the chance to just live, whether I like them or not. Sadly though sometimes people who are alike in culture and beliefs kill each other also. This can be seen by the gang violence in places such as in U.S. cities. So maybe the first step can be to say, "don't kill your own!" I will take the first step as because what I have seen here, I don't like this Foolface or Koo Koo Clock person for often trying to give me crap I don't deserve. "I HEARBY PLEDGE NEVER TO HARM HIM (OF THEM). AS HE (THEM) HAS A RIGHT TO EXIST UNHARMED." I think one of the reasons I like boxing, even though I am not fond of violence, is that it gives some people an outlet for aggressiveness that might show up elsewhere in society.

One more thing, Steve I haven't done my calculations for the Superbowl so my pick is totally subjective. I am going with your Eagles to win the big one as they appear to be the more hungry of the two teams.

What do you mean by saying SOON TO BE MURRIETA ? What's MURRIETA ? Was ist das ? Is La Habra changing its name ? I'm just wondering...Thanks.

Since we're on the topic of politics, though the U.S. has certainly spread its influence around the globe, it's usually in the form of empowering individuals to resist oppression and helping the cause of freedom. Yes, there are examples of where we have backed dictators for our own pockets, but usually, the alternative to those dictators were military or clerical zealots who would (and have) done far worse to their populations than the dictators we backed. For the most part, we've been the most decent and generous rich nation in the world's history, mostly using our power and influence to assist, lift up and enable others, not invade them and take their land. It's annoying when self-hating Americans or almost as bad, non-Americans who don't have a clue, rail on our government, our way of life and our policies. If the U.S. became totally isolationist and just let things happen around the globe, we'd find new energy sources, we'd still be rich and well-off, we'd still have a military armed to the teeth—able to defend our borders with savage fury—but the rest of the world, or at least a lot of places, would be far worse off. If we kept it all to ourselves and didn't intervene anywhere, you'd have a less peaceful and more chaotic world and we'd be no worse off and in fact, in some ways, better off. But the American way of life and philosophy has always been to empower others even at our own expense.

Well said Angelo, while the United States is not perfect, no country is, it has done far more good for the world than bad and we should be commended for being at the
forefront of things half the world away such as Tsunami relief efforts.<br>We are there helping and I think the extremist muslim terrorists of the middle east are still planning our destruction while we are there helping people, many of them muslim!<br>Ironic in that it takes a huge disaster where it doesn't discriminate as far as rich or poor, black, white, or other race, for people to show the good side of humanity. The tsunamis were equal opportunity destroyers. Just about everyone is there helping but I doubt Al Qaida even lifted a finger to help because all they know how to do is destroy and blame the U.S. and the west for all of the bad.<br>Massimo, I am moving into a new house in a couple of months, two miles away from my mother's house.<br>La Habra is my hometown. I grew up here and lived here for twenty years, then moved away, but have been back for about six years. I am always driving back and forth to Murrieta and Temecula (next to Murrieta) and back to La Habra but it is time to move closer to some business interests and to be able to look in on mother too.| 2/6/05 04:44:41 PM|Massimo |The city with 300 churches|.US.com|||10|Yes, USA is a really great country. It's the second greatest country in the whole wide world. I'm Italian first, Pisan second, Roman third and Californian fourth in my heart.<br>Unfortunately there is in Italy a diffuse AntiAmericanism ( I don't know exactly how many Italians dislike America, but it's an important percentage). This is really very sad and unfair. In Italy you can still find a lot of Che Guevara's shirts and flags and a lot of idiots buy them. I have always hated comunism and Che Guevara's guts. What a like the most about Silvio Berlusconi's politics is the strengthening of the ties between USA and Italy.<br>Kent, I had never heard about Murrieta and Temecula. Strange names, they don't sound like American cities, they sound like Spanish or maybe even Italian cities. I can't say I know those city like my pockets. There is still a small part of the world which (or that) I don't know.| 2/7/05 01:31:16 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Massimo, Murrieta is a Spanish name as is La Habra. California used to be part of Mexico and before that it was the territory of Spain, so a lot of the cities have Spanish names for example, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, etc.<br>Temecula, a neighboring city of Murrieta, is on the other hand a native California Indian name of the same language that I have written here a couple of times. Murrieta and Temecula are both about a little more than an hour's drive from where I live now, south of here, halfway to San Diego.<br>Zab Judah looked good in his ninth round knockout of Cory Spinks to win the Welterweight title and although the other major fight on the card, a heavyweight fight between Monte Barret verses Owen Beck was a sloppy affair, Barret pulled out a well deserved knockout win over previously unbeaten Beck, also in the ninth round.| 2/7/05 02:39:17 AM|Noam|same||same|||10|Who would the anti-Americans in France, Germany, England, Italy, et al, want instead as the world's policeman ? The militant clerics in Iran ? The Taliban ? Yeah, right.<br>People forget that Americans lead the world in technical and medicinal advancements. We share our discoveries with everyone, often in the form of donations to third world countries and those in need.<br>Likewise, America is at the forefront of space discoveries, spending huge amounts of money to find the secret to life and civilization. Once again, the discoveries and knowledge gained is shared.<br>If America became isolationist and introspective, the whole world would suffer. No more sharing technology, discoveries, or medicinal advancements. No more helping when natural disasters happen. What would happen to countries like, for example, Australia, if the strong arm of America was not there as a deterrent ? Start worrying about Indonesia you guys down there.<br>Same with Israel, Kuwait, Poland, Ukraine, Taiwan. Better the devil you know.<br>Perhaps the neo-haters and the neo-antis should think a little bit about that. If it wasn't for America, there wouldn't be enough
freedom left to allow them to hate and be anti everything. |

Massimo: I think some Italians, other Europeans and citizens of other countries for that matter, resent the U.S. for a lot of reasons---some fair and other reasons that are unfair. Much of it is simple misunderstanding. If only people could talk to people (like we do here) and keep governments out of it, the world would be better off. Like someone else said on a previous post, most people are too busy working, raising their family, enjoying life, to worry about hating. Americans are generally good people, and so are Europeans and others around the globe. I think that most Muslims are the same as I described above---raising families, working hard to have the good things in life and would be happy to live peacefully. The problem is the small minority of lunatics who do nothing but plan ways to destroy anyone who don't share their beliefs. These people are jealous of the lifestyle of Westerners and have never built anything to be proud of----all they can do is destroy what others have worked hard to build and they have no ability to create anything positive.

The Italian comunists not only resent (is it a new word ?) USA, they also resent Italy itself! When the holy Italian soccer team lose they often write on the walls things like "Cheers, Italy has lost" (but often in Italian, not in English). During the 70's, they wanted Italy to be a Brieznev's colony. They also sang in the streets "1, 10, 100 Nassirjya". They just resent (not a new word anymore) anything is good and love anything is bad. I know that Capitalism ain't perfect, but I do think is still way better than comunism or Benito. 

Americans are tolerant of everybody. Muhammad Ali is the prime example. The most revered boxer in history, and probably the most famous and loved athlete of all time. And Ali is a Muslim to boot! If we were intolerant to Islam, how did Ali attain that exulted position. Why would we love him so if we have no tolerance ?

As a primarily christian nation it is not unexpected that the Pope is held in high esteem by us. But then again so is the leader of the Buddhist world from Taiwan. (His name has slipped my mind......happy guy always smiling, fat, bald, wears colorful dresses). We also loved Ghandi who was a Hindu.

It's only when they become intolerant of us, or anti-social, or criminal, or a terrorist, that we become intolerant of them.

All the people that hate America turn our own decency against us. They use our decency as a weapon. We have stuff ups sometimes, like Abu Grade prison etc (yes, the spelling is wrong), but our decency always takes over and we have inquiries and court hearings and punish the guilty. And we make laws so it doesn't happen again.

Those who hate us don't do that.

I like America.

I'll add something: Regarding Abu Grabe (spelling?) prison---I don't condone what happened there, but I'll make a couple points:

1) Terrorists are not protected by the rules governing prisoners of war. These terrorists, or suspected terrorists, were not representing a nation, and no nation was standing behind them, and for good reason. Thus, they weren't P.O.W.s.

2) I've seen the pictures of the "atrocities" there, and if you ask me, I saw worse occurrences when some friends tried to join a fraternity. Granted, the pledges volunteered for the humiliating acts of being put on dog leashes and other nonsense. But I'm being serious when I tell you that sorority sisters did more humiliating things to the frat pledges and these guys were subjected to more physical abuse as well, then the terrorists in those photos. That's not an excuse for allowing this type of thing in the future---it's just an observation that maybe videotaping someone's head being cut off and showing it on the internet is a little more repulsive than being put on a dog leash and having a
woman in uniform parade you around. Where was all the outrage from the rest of the world when U.S. contractors had their heads cut off? Well, these "humanitarians" were too busy railing on what our soldiers did to the terrorists to make a comment. | 2/7/05 05:33:56 PM|Hulk Hogan|California, obviously|4|||10|I like American too. HULKMANIA rules. Andre' the Midget got his ass whipped. |
2/7/05 07:18:11 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC|renfbera@aol.com|10|Max Schmeling was not only a great prizefighter but as Massimo said, a great human being as well. Let's not forget what he did in the ring, he was truly a great fighter, but also a great man as well. |
2/7/05 07:49:13 PM|Noam|same|same|10|Angelo, I agree entirely with you. You got it word perfect. I also agree with the praise for Max Schmeling. I have not criticism of him whatsoever. He lived in difficult times. |
2/7/05 11:46:57 PM|Gerry|Cleveland|same|8|Probably, this isn't a good time for this, as Goldwater-Mania is again sweeping thru the site. I just wanted to let you know there is a Jerry Quarry group on Yahoo. Paul Maduros is there, as am I. So far, it's not much, but it's there if anyone is interested. No politics, fake names or other unregulated nonsense. Contributions in the way of photos or other materials are welcome.<br>I have a lot of respect for the Quarrys and thought some of you might want to take a look-see... Schmeling was a true champion in many senses of that word, a top 20 all-timer in my book. His kind are rare in any era, he was definitely needed then... No, Massimo, Wilt never bounced. He owned. Wilt's Small World in Harlem once included a waiter who would get arrested and then change his name to Malcolm X. Given the way he broke up fights on the NBA hardwood during his day, literally lifting the likes of Paul Silas, Happy Hairston or Gus Johnson several feet off the floor and placing them down again like boxes away from the scuffling, is proof he could have bounced anywhere. I'm sure many are thankful the owner left that detail to others in his restaurant/bar. Thanks... P.S., I'll take young George over the old one, of course. |
2/8/05 01:10:46 AM|Noam|same|same|10|Goldwater-mania ? No, Gerry, just a differing opinion to yours, but of course that's not allowed. Good riddance. |
2/8/05 02:34:36 AM|Howard C.|Louisville|howardc@louisville|10|Typical of you Gerri. Firstly, you made a political cheap shot ("Goldwater-Mania") and then you say you've found a new site that is free of political cheap shots. Hypocrite, Gerri, hypocrite.<br>And then you say that everyone on the new site uses real e-mail addresses and names. Wow, have you warned them about your propensity for violent threats. Last time you posted before your bitter, teary exit, you were threatening to travel around the country beating up guys with different opinions to yours.<br>You better warn those running the new site that if they don't do exactly as you tell them, Gerri, then you'll leave the site and try and begin a competing one by stealing regular visitors. We still remember you pleading with Carl to take action against posters who didn't agree with you. When Carl wouldn't intervene, you made a tearful exit and now you are trying to sabotage the site. Get back in dunce's corner, you big cry baby. We'll now call it GERRI'S CORNER !|
2/8/05 02:52:52 AM|Massimo|Roma|4||10|Hi Gerry, what a shame that Wilt never bounced ! He was bigger than average, even taller than Muhammad Ali'. He would have been one of the greatest bouncers ever, probably second only to Calvin Lane.|
2/8/05 04:48:00 AM|Mr. America|Somewhere in America|U.S.A.com||10|Why doesn't Gerry like America ? Others were praising America and Gerry comes in with negative comments. Go figure why he hates us so.|
2/8/05 04:58:00 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca|kentallenent@aol.com||10|Gerry, I hope you continue to come here even if some disagree with you about certain things. Personally, I agree with you on some things but don't agree with you on others but there is room for differing opinions here. I also don't think
drifting from the topic of boxing is a bad thing and as far as politics go, when we are discussing people such as Muhammad Ali or Max Schmeling, politics of the times are relevant. I also hoped Paul Maduros would come back as he is one of Jerry's biggest fans and a friend of Mr. Jimmy's. Paul is also my friend. So how do you get to the Jerry Quarry Yahoo group? I would like to check it out. Of course, I will always come to this site.

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I believe that an average man who takes care of himself and leads a fairly vigorous life can actually become stronger in his mid to late thirties, and even into his early to mid forties than he was in his twenties. (Please forgive my run on sentences.) This could be even more pronounced in a professional athlete. Very often men fill out in musculature, thicker necks, heavier thighs, calves, forearms, as they mature. They will lose speed and reflexes, and thicken in the waist and hips. However, if thier in training, the thickening of the waist, lower back, and hips could actually be an increase in muscle. I would site as an example the sports of power lifting and olympic lifting. This premise leads me to believe that the older version of Forman might have given Ali a much better fight. Hey Kent and Jimmy D., HOW ABOUT THOSE EAGLES! I can't believe the balance and execution of the Patriots! At least we gave them a better game than the Steelers did. Even though the Steelers spanked us this season.

Yes Steve, the Eagles looked very good in almost winning it all. They have nothing to be ashamed of in losing a close game. I just hope the Eagles fans will not become as frustrated as us Jerry Quarry fans can be and that almost winning the title will be enough for them.

Hey Kent, I've spent my whole life as a sports fan being frustrated and angry as a fan of Jerry Quarry and the Eagles. Now, as an older man, I realize that you have to view sports in their proper perspective, relative to your life. The important thing about Jerry Quarry is that he always gave his heart and soul to his sport. That's all you can do. That makes him a hero in my book! What are your thoughts on my opinion about older athletes sometimes improving with age?

Hey Kent and Angelo, and Gerri, while I agree and disagree with all your different political views, I find them all pretty intelligent and insightful. Oh yes, and Noam sounds like a very intelligent, thoughtfull person. Even with the occasional silly and sometimes nasty comments, I feel no reason to use a false E-mail address. I have enjoyed this site for many years, and I don't believe anyone means any real harm. Not even Koo Koo clock, who has had some pretty astute observations.

Steve - I think men can get stronger when they age up to a point of say, 50, if they keep working out. They need to work a lot harder though, but after 50 it is probably downhill. Reflexes suffer from perhaps age 30 onwards. I remember reading comments by Foreman a year or so ago when he described Lewis as the best heavyweight ever. I don't agree, but that is what Foreman said. George has a habit of making comments off the top of his head sometimes, without really meaning them. Regards e-mail addresses. The fact is there are lunatics out there who do, given the opportunity, play nasty tricks on the computers of others. All they need is a correct e-mail address. It is also a fact that Gerry, when people disagreed with him, threatened to beat them up. He even offered to pay his own air fares to do it. While Gerry losing it like that was very funny (and also a bit sad), it did illustrate the need to be careful because you just don't know who the real lunatics are from the hopelessly ignorant and ludicrously funny ones like Gerry. By the way, on one hand Gerry complains about false names and addresses, and then he posts here under a false name and address (ie. 'Fan').

I think people can get stronger into their 40's, but as pointed out, they lose speed and reflexes. A guy built like Holmes did very well for himself into his 40s---he never let himself get way out of shape---retained some power, did lose speed, but his legs and lower body were strong as ever and his stamina was very good.
off by people posting and responding to themselves, weird topics that relate nothing to boxing. Why would a hardcore fan come here? To read from Richie Cunningham about Shaq's shoe size in Vietnam? I was a friend to James Quarry, and he liked some off-topic stuff, but do you notice the Quarry's don't even come here much anymore. That should tell everyone something.

Fan, why are you frightened to say who you really are? If you are not Gerry, post under your real name. You're doing exactly what you criticize others for. You also criticize the topics discussed. Tell us who you really are so we can assess your contribution to those debates. What boxing topics did you bring up for discussion?

Anyways, the irony of boxing is that of all sports it has more the mix of politics and racism. Jack Johnson couldn't get a title fight because of his colour and then he was chased away because he married a white woman. Then there was Max Schmeling and Hitler, and later Ali and Vietnam. Heavyweight champions were regularly invited to the White House to meet the President. To be invited from other sports you had to be an absolute legend, like Tiger Woods.

Steve - more pros for being an older fighter: stronger physically and mentally, wiser and knows the shortcuts, endure more pain as been there and done that, older guys are more likely to get the sympathy and therefore favours from judges and fight officials, draw bigger gates because longer you been around the more fans you have, older means thicker skin and cuts less easily.

The cons - recover from injuries more slowly, the immediate impact of injuries is more severe, less stamina and durability, reflexes much slower, slower punches, hand/eye co-ordination suffers.

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Fan is not causing problems here and he is welcome here in my book. It is his opinion that he doesn't think talking about shoe sizes is relevant and he is entitled to that opinion. Just as I think shoe sizes is a funny running joke and I am entitled to my opinion.

I think both views are welcome here.

Who wouldn't pay to know my shoe size? Come on! Is the name FAN any better than Richie Cunningham or Alfredo Delvecchio?

I too think that Fan is welcome and he surely knows a lot about boxing history and Jerry Quarry in particular. But I just don't agree with the last things he said because this should be a bunch (or group) of friends having fun and not a bunch (or group) of bank clerks (dictionary).

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Mr. Jimmy (James Quarry) liked having a free flowing of ideas and he oppossed censorship on this board and because of this at times, discussions became very heated, In fact much worse than the current tensions.

There have been times when people would post here and say bad things about even his brother Jerry, the reason for this site, and Jimmy would take it in stride by comparing the critics with fans buying tickets to a fight. "If they bought a ticket, than they have the right to boo," he always said.

It is too bad though when people begin fighting a lot on a mesage board. I think the reason the old Joe Frazie's gym site letter section was shut
down was because there was too much fighting going on. A lot of the same posters used to go to the Frazier site and here and I miss it. | 2/10/05 08:50:52 AM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com||||10|I said my peace and it's over. Now back to boxing. I always wondered what would have happened if Leotis Martin had been able to continue fighting after beating Liston. He would have been an interesting guy to watch in the early 70's. He probably would have gotten a title shot, or at least a fight against Ali during Ali's trips around the world. Martin wouldn't have lasted against Frazier, but would have measured up quite well against most of the other top guys. I have seen his fight against Ellis. Ellis knocked him down in the first round, but then Martin was starting to come on only to be derailed by a cut eye. I would say Jerry would beat Leotis, but it would be a tough fight for sure. | 2/10/05 11:03:58 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Fan: If Martin ended up a trial horse and they matched an unpolished Foreman against him, what do you think the outcome would be? Could Martin tie Foreman up and force the fight into the middle or later rounds, or would he have been blown out early by Foreman's power? I've never seen much of Martin's fights. | 2/10/05 02:39:07 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com||||10|Martin had a decent chin, but not great. Martin was pretty slick, but not slick like Ali or Young. Against Foreman you had to be really slick or have an incredible chin. Ali had both, Young had the slick. Martin would have a chance to last the distance, but really like Peralta not have enough to beat George even early in George's career. | 2/10/05 02:55:04 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Young had a heart and somewhat strong chin---as evidenced by surviving Round 7 against Foreman. Foreman's attack that round would have taken out most heavyweights, including some great ones. Young stood in and took the punishment, relied on his boxing skills to get him out of immediate danger and actually turned tiger late in the round when Foreman's stamina began to slip. I think it was 75% heart and 25% chin that got Young through that. | 2/10/05 04:10:33 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|I would have to go with a young Foreman over Martin but it would be a tough fight for George. <br><br>Leotis Martin did take some wallups from Liston and that knockout punch that put Liston down and out was something special. Martin hit harder than Peralta so you never know, George could be hurt so the case could be made for a Martin late round win similar to the Liston fight. <br><br>I am assuming when we say the young Foreman that it is before he won the title. An in prime Foreman was stronger and he would defeat Martin but because of styles, it would not be a walkover. <br><br>It is because of styles that Martin would likely lose to the pressure fighting of Joe Frazier but Martin most of the time would do better than Frazier did against Foreman. | 2/10/05 04:22:03 PM|Massimo |Roma||4||||10|I bought a boxing magazine a while ago (I'm not sure, maybe RING MAGAZINE), where Leonida (Leotis)<br><br>Martin was included among the 100 hardest punchers in BOXING HISTORY. Others heavyweights included were Marciano, Foreman, Shavers, Louis, Max and Buddy Baer, Cleveland Williams, Jersey Joe Walcott, Mike Tyson, Donovan Ruddock, Lennox Lewis, David Tua and Gerry Cooney (maybe I'm forgetting somebody). Hard punchers such as Ken Norton, Jerry Quarry and Ron Lyle were not included. Larry Holmes once said that both Shavers and Cooney could hit harder than Tyson. Leotis Martin was small as a heavyweight but could punch. Where is Evren from England? God save the gracious Queen... | 2/10/05 04:26:17 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|Of course Charles Sonny Liston was included among the 100 hardest hitters of all times. | 2/10/05 04:35:41 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com||||10|I don't usually argue with the ring, but Martin wasn't one of the 100 best HEAVYWEIGHT punchers of all-time. He was no harder hitter than Jerry. | 2/10/05 04:56:30 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|It doesn't...
surprise me that Holmes thinks Cooney and Shavers punched harder than Tyson. Iron Mike was a very good KO artist, but for pure hard punching, no one beats Shavers. And Cooney could bang with the best of them—would have been one of the best if he didn't have a few holes in his game. In regards to the hardest hitters: Sam McVey, Sam Langford, and maybe Harry Wills belong in there. McVey was the Mike Tyson of his day: 5'10" and 215 pounds and NOT fat. He never got his shot because he was black but he was one of the toughest men who never won the championship (never even got a shot at it), if not the toughest. JQ hit much harder than Leotis Martin who was a boxer/puncher.

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are available on tape the legendary fights between Johnson and McVey, or Mc Vey and Joennette or Jonnette and Langford or Langford and Godfrey. These are all legendary fights and ESPN ought to show us them. I have seen for instance the much more recent 1930 fight between Carnera and Godfrey and, even if it wasn't a good fight, it still was legendary for what it meant in that particular moment, a battle between 2 of the best heavyweight of the time. I long for yesterday.

Remember the Rocky movie where he fought the Russian? They had a machine that could measure punching power. Wouldn't it be great if they could actually determine all the variables that go into punching power in actual ring fighting conditions, and then rate the 10 or 20 greatest punchers of, say the last 100 years? With all due respect to The Ring Magazine, I think it's impossible to rate the 100 greatest punchers of all time. Hey Kent, I'm not trying to blow smoke up your skirt, but lately, you seem to have become the voice of reason on this site. I agree that everyone is entitled to their opinion on this site. Hey Fan, whoever your are, your posts are pretty good and are wellcome.

I think Bonavena hit harder than Leotis Martin.

Interesting observation! I have always wondered about how really hard a heavyweight contender or champion can hit. How much difference is there (or is there) between a left hook from Mike Tyson and a left hook from Massimo Giulio Leonardo Cini? Is Mike Tyson's punch twice as (or more) powerful as (or than) mine? Ten times as (or more) powerful? One hundred times as (or more) powerful? I really don't know, but I guess that 10 times is pretty reasonable. The Luna Parks have machines like that with about 6 different levels for power. The best is named SUPERMAN. I don't doubt that Mike Tyson, Joe Frazier and Jerry Quarry would have scored SUPERMAN, but I wonder what about a middleweight champion or a flyweight champion. I just don't know.

If we had a "Punch-O-Meter" that could accurately measure the impact and gauge the jaw crushing power index, I think that in my lifetime, Earnie Shavers would score the 10. Foreman would be up there too---his punches had better leverage, even though I think Shavers' popped harder on impact.

Years ago, as a twenty two year old 200 pound kid, I was at a cowboy bar that had a pad on a machine that supposedly measured the power of punches. I had a competition with some over 250 pound motorcycle riders (bikers), you know the kind with big beards, tattoo's, and leather or blue jean jackets, and I beat all of them in points. I am not sure what the scale of the points meant but I had the highest score. They couldn't believe how a skinny kid, I may have only weighed 190 come to think of it, and on my frame which carries over 300 pound now, I looked quite light at that weight, but because I studied Japanese traditional karate for four years and also hit the bags and did some sparring with boxers for cross training, I know how to throw a punch.
with karate lingo, a right handed reverse punch, which I adapted it to be more like a boxer's straight right hand, by shortening it from the way karate people throw their punches, so I believe my technique gave me an advantage over their superior strength.<br><br>I don't know how my punch would have measured up to a real boxer's punch but it was good enough to be better than a few average everyday "yahoos."<br><br>I do believe me at 190 pounds hit harder than I would now at 300 pounds.

[2/11/05 09:43:20 PM] Gerry | Cleveland | same | 8 | Someone here is saying I'm posting as someone else? Be serious, guys. I have no reason to play those games anywhere. This is the second time I've been here in weeks ... Kent or anyone else interested, you can search long and hard under 'irish jerry quarry at Yahoo' or you can go the easy route, dial up Yahoo, get a free Yahoo ID which is good for a lot of things there, click on Groups, and look under Irish Jerry Quarry. Now, it's not anything as cool as this site, not even close. Just something I decided to start last year when I was looking for JQ pics on the net. Come by if you'd like, or not. Either way, it's there if anyone is interested. I got a lot out of being here and thought it would be a good thing to build. Contributions by way of photos or whatever are welcome. Thanks.

[2/11/05 10:32:45 PM] Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 10 | There was a guy that used to post here that screamed at people anytime they would say Muhammad Ali wasn't the best. He used to always say Joe Frazier would have been nothing without Ali. Frazier would always be an all-time great no matter the decade. There is nothing better than the all-out aggression of pre-Ali I Joe Frazier. He was never ever the same after that first Ali fight. If he would have retired that night he would be called the greatest heavyweight that ever lived by many. Durham and Futch knew that, but Joe couldn't give it up at the top. So many athletes have that problem.

[2/12/05 07:02:20 AM] Massimo | Roma (means Rome) | 4 | 10 | Angelo<br><br>In the last two days I have been watching some of Tommaso Hearns's most exciting fights, in particular those against Marvin Hagler and Ray Leonard (thanks ESPN). Hearns recalls me (of) Lennox Lewis, as they both were so damn wilt, so damn skilled and so damn powerful (Hearns even more than Lewis POUND FOR POUND I think), but both were somehow fragile and couldn't take a great punch. In particular I think that Hearns's legs were very weak. I rate both Hearns and Lewis as GREAT CHAMPIONS, but not ALL TIME GREATS for their WEAKNESS. I think, on the other hand, that both Leonard and Hagler were ALL TIME GREATS. Who do you think was better between Hagler and Leonard? <br>

[2/12/05 10:56:00 AM] Kent | La Habra, Ca | Kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Massimo, Thomas Hearns was at his best when he could pound guys from the outside, avoiding getting hit hard, and there were times when he looked unbeatable in his weight classes. However, you are right, he really couldn't take a punch well and even though he totally dominated Pipino Cuevas when he won his first world title by second round knockout, things may have been different if Cuevas had landed punches first. Cuevas was a tremendous puncher as a welterweight but he never even landed anything solid in taking a beating from Hearns. Hearns used his height advantage to keep Cuevas from getting close enough to do any damage but if Cuevas had landed some of those huge left hooks he had in his arsenal, than Hearns would have been written off as just another talented prospect who had been exposed. The Leonard versus Hearns fights and his fight with Marvin Haglar, fights which defined him, may not have even happened.<br><br>Hearns did the same thing to Roberto Duran that he had done to Cuevas, he pounded Duran from the outside and he never took any punishment in that fight while scoring an early knockout, something no one else ever did to Duran.<br><br>But even though Hearns had flaws, I would still rate him as an all time great in the welterweight and Jr. Middleweight divisions because at his best, he would have beaten most of the fighters in those divisions who have ever lived. Hearns also won titles all the way up to the light heavyweight division,
an impressive feat.

I have a confession to make: Gerry is not Fan; I am. Sorry guys.

I come on this site often and read a lot of the posts but very rarely do I post. Think the site is great. Being you guys are talking about Hearns and his weight classes I thought something was worth bringing up, being the topic of Jr. Middleweight has come up. I think the most underrated Jr. Middle that never gets talked about was Mike McCallum. Was wondering what you guys think about that?

Fan, you were a good poster, so for you to say you were me I'll take as a compliment. Speaking of compliments, Jerry talked about sparring with Foreman. He said each of his shots felt like anything he had felt in a ring. That's a ringing endorsement indeed. Where's Evren?

Sean, Mike McCallum was a very good fighter who won titles from Jr. middleweight to light heavyweight. He beat a lot of good fighters but he is not quite as well known as Sugar Ray Leonard, Hearns, or Marvin Haglar as he came around slightly after their primes but none of them fought him when he was coming up, likely too dangerous of a prospect and not enough money to take the chance.

Forrest Ward, Gerry and Fan might be all the same person. Seems to me that Gerry is trying to sabotage this site because he has started his own. Amazing what some guys do when they don't get there own way. Gerry keeps coming back here trying to steal posters. Way to go Gerry. With Quarry fans like you Gerry who needs enemies. Sad.

Hey, Fan, your devotion to Frazier is admirable, but saying that he would have been regarded as the best heavy that ever fought had he not entered the ring again after the first Ali fight is, well, full moon territory. Look at Joe's record before and after the first Ali fight. Joe liked to avoid challenges and fight 'hand picks'. He also had a lot of luck. Joe was very lucky that Ali was stripped of his title. But he was then too tentative to take advantage of that luck by refusing to enter the WBA elimination tournament for the title. Eight other guys were prepared to enter, they didn't mind at all, yet Joe preferred to stay home with his feet up. Until then Joe had by and large fought ordinary guys. There were no ex or future champions among them and he was lucky to survive the Bonavena fight. Hardly 'greatest ever' stuff to be knocked down twice by Oscar. Yes, I know that Joe beat Quarry (a wonderful gutsy fighter, a true legend, but a lot of other guys beat Jerry, too, and their fans don't pretend that he is the greatest). Joe beat Ellis for the title. So what. Would you have backed Ellis against Marciano or Louis or Liston? You'd lose your trailer if you did. And, anyways, Ellis would never have been the champion had Ali not been stripped of his title. Yes, I know, Joe beat Foster. Big deal. Foster's was a light heavy, albeit a very great one. Joe then beat Ali in fight one. A tremendous effort. Truly fantastic. But would he have beaten an Ali who hadn't been off the scene for three years? A resounding "no" from the majority of the boxing community. No, no, no, and NO (is the chorus of the wise and the knowledgable!). By that stage who had Joe really beaten? A light heavyweight (Foster) and a ring rusty heavyweight (Ali). Hall of famer stuff at that point, Fan? Gimme a break. And what happened after the Ali fight? His career is pock marked more by who he ducked instead of who he actually fought. He fought exhibitions against nobodies, hardly fought at all, could only get himself up for fights on hate motivation against Ali before finally quitting (with bravery) in his corner, got humiliatingly slaughtered by Foreman twice, pointlessly recycled opponents he'd already flogged, and fought a draw with someone called Cummings. Jumbo was a household name, wasn't he?
And I still haven't got to the issue of all the real hard punchers that he refused to fight. Okay, I'll be fair. Yes, I know. He didn't fight Norton because they were great buddies and had too much affection for each other. Yes, I know Joe says that there was more money in fights against Daniels and other nobodies than there was against big names like Lyle and Shavers and Norton and guys who could really bang. And, yeah, sure, there are guys out there who believe this crap (the same imbeciles who think that money fairies live at the bottom of gardens). Fan, don't let it only be me spoiling your allusion about wonderful old Joe. Cast a critical eye over Frazier's career and maybe sense might start leaking from your mouth. (Notice I stuck to boxing and didn't say anything about the caliber of female opponents loveable old Joe also fought.)

I think it's not big deal that Frazier didn't fight in the WBA tournament because after he won the WBC title by beating Buster Mathis (a guy who had whipped him twice as an amateur) he defended it against Quarry and Bonavena (probably the 2 most dangerous fighters in the tournament and defeated them clearly). I just can't see Mildenberger, Spencer, Patterson or Martin whipping Joe. But like Lyle and Shavers would have been dangerous for Joe though but they would have been dangerous for any human being that(or who) ever lived, Carnera included.

Kent: Esteban DeJesus --- knocked Duran down early in their fights. Didn't he beat Duran? Frazier: As said before, he did duck some of the meanest and strongest punchers of the early-mid 70's.

Fan, if this site is so bad, then why do you keep visiting? Why are you continually taking cheap shots if you really want to only debate boxing? Seems to me you're trying to provoke trouble here to justify your criticisms of this site so others will join you at Gerri's renegade one. It's called 'poaching'. Anyway, if the WBA tournament was full of stiffs that Smokin' Joe would thrash, then why didn't he thrash them one after the other? Clay would have. It would have been easy for Joe, right? And tell me, Fan, why didn't Joe fight Norton and Lyle and Shavers? Was it truthful for Frazier to say that there was more money in fighting stiffs like Daniels or having rematches with Ellis and Bonavena?

Would Frazier have beaten Louis, Marciano, Liston, Holmes, Tyson, or Lewis? I predict that all these guys would have stopped quite easily the Joe that existed before the first Ali fight, and beaten ridiculously easily the shell of Joe that remained after he fought Ali the first time. That is not to say that Joe doesn't have his place in boxing folklore. His trilogy against Ali provided boxing with some of its most memorable moments, but Joe's efforts were fueled by hate, not pure ability. Take away Joe's famous left hook and what remained? Not much, really. A lot of simmering hatred and bitterness and excuses for failures (and denials that he bashed women) and that's about it.

Ever seen Joe happy and free of resentment. I haven't. Foreman extinguished any pretense about Joe being up there with the very best. Joe should have ducked Joe like he avoided Lyle and Norton and perhaps
My view is that Joe's legend only exists because the haters of Clay early in his career were desperate for someone to beat the loudmouth and the braggart. The haters hitched their wagons to Joe and he gave them one moment of glory. His legend lived on even though there were more lowlights than highlights from that point on.

The best thing that ever happened to Frazier was Ali. Take Ali out of Joe's resume and there isn't enough left for the vultures to peck at.

Hey Angelo, Yes indeed, Jimmy Young must have had a lot of heart and a large proportion of self confidence and courage, to fight anyone from the 70's era. He reminds me of Chris Byrd. Very elusive, very little offence. I personally would be afraid to go into the ring knowing I couldn't beat a guy physically. In defence of Frazier and his management, maybe his team was a little more cautious than Quarry's. However, in the long run, I think a smart management team will realize that a particular fighter, (because of his style), only has X amount of fights in him. I believe it is smarter to let opponents pick each other off first. Then fight the weaker of the two. I believe that Frazier would have eventually beaten Lyle, and Norton, had he been forced to. If Lyle couldn't hold off Quarry, how would he have kept Frazier off? If Shavers couldn't keep Quarry off, how would he have been able to nail Frazier, who was much harder to hit solidly than was Quarry, and probably took a punch at least as well as Quarry?

First of all, Billy Daniels wasn't a stiff at all (I guess it means bum or something similar). Billy did beat the hard punching Mike De John, Doug Jones and was ahead against Clay in 1962 when the fight was stopped for cuts. I have seen a synthesis of the Daniels-Clay fight and Billy was more than holding his own. I think that prime vs prime Frazier would have beaten Tyson and Holmes. Holmes would have not been powerful enough to keep Frazier away and that chump, Tyson, would have quit in his corner after 6 or 7 rounds. Put Tyson in Manilla against Ali! On that night and Muhammad would have beaten the s*** out of him. At least Joe Frazier had g***s enough for stepping into the ring with Foreman twice. Mike Tyson in the early 90's couldn't do the same, not even once.

Besides that, I think if a guy is brave enough to fight George Foreman a second time and with serious eyes problem, after that kind of beating he took the first time, I think he is brave enough to fight anyone in the world, but maybe Calvin Lane.

I disagree on both counts. I think Tyson takes Frazier 3 times out of 4 just by bombing him early and often. If Smokin' Joe survives the early onslaught, he has a chance, but my guess is that Tyson's fast and hard punches land Frazier on his back a few times and the fight is stopped, ala Foreman.

Tyson wasn't tall like Foreman, but big like a pit bull—stocky and solid. Frazier might get intimidated and clocked a few times. As for Holmes, I say no way an in-prime Frazier beats an in-prime Holmes, at least not most of the time. Holmes would jab Frazier to death and pile up points. By the way, if Holmes could get up after being floored by Shavers, then he'd also get up from Frazier's left hook—or not go down in the first place. You know Shavers—along with Lyle, two guys Frazier was petrified to be in the same city with.
I go back and forth on Tyson-Frazier. Sometimes, I think Frazier would punk Tyson just on sheer guts, but other times, I think styles make fights and Frazier slow starts coupled with Tyson flying out of the gates early would get Joe in a lot of early trouble.

If Tyson was so devastating, why didn't he manage to hurt Holyfield, not even once, in their 1996 fight? I do think that a good part of Mike Tyson's legend died that very night. Yes Mike destroyed Marvis Frazier in 30s in 1986, but I do believe that Joe was a little better than Marvis.

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Fan, I've never heard anyone describe Joe Frazier as the greatest heavyweight ever. No one sane, anyway.

The premise, as you put it, for my post was to respond to your assertion that had Joe retired after Ali 1 then many would have considered him the greatest ever. I argued to the contrary. By the way, I'm not arguing that Frazier wouldn't have beaten Norton, Lyle, and Shavers. I'm arguing that he deliberately ducked them. He did so because he was very damaged goods. After Ali 1 he was fragile and he knew it. Hence, Joe only wanted the 'super fights' without facing dangerous bangers in the lead-ups.

Wouldn't it be better Fan if you identified yourself? You say you used to visit here a lot so others who have been here longer than me would know you. Perhaps you don't want to identify yourself because you have a bad name or it may be you are ashamed of something.

I think you are Gerri.

Hi Kent

Frazier says in his book that he didn't fight Norton because there was no money for it. That was the reason he gave. Of course, it's nonsense. Was there more money fighting Daniels or beating up on guys he'd already defeated (Quarry and Ellis)?

Also, if Frazier was a confident former champion, the type that thinks of himself as elite and one of the greatest ever, then he would have fought Norton, Lyle, Shavers, and everyone else he ducked. Ali fought the best, the next best, and then the next next best, and so on. He ducked nobody. He fought 'em all. Regardless of your affection for Frazier, which I respect, his resume is stained by the fights he didn't have.

Would Frazier have won the below fights Kent: Louis, Marciano, Liston, Holmes, Tyson, Lewis.

Perhaps he'd stand a chance on his very best night if any of the above had their very worst nights. And then we have the fact that Ali beat him 2 from 3 (stopping him in the final bout) and Foreman destroyed him twice like Joe was.
a hopeless novice. Frazier's resume has too many big holes to be accepted in the same league as Louis, Marciano, and Ali.

To be honest, Joe was lucky that a mistake by the referee prevented him being ko'd by Ali in the second fight. Without the ref's error, Ali would have stopped Joe twice. Frazier had already recovered and was not in big trouble anymore when the referee separated the two fighters in the second round of their second fight. Ali wouldn't have stopped Frazier, Joe was punching back, he was not helpless. Years later I heard Ali admitting that he was not going to stop Frazier and Ali has never been a humble guy. Frazier would have been favored (or the favored one) against Earnie Shavers. Don't forget that Ron Stander knocked Shavers out, while Frazier did beat Stander. THE SECOND ALI-FRAZIER fight was VERY VERY CLOSE, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SCORED A DRAW, IF ALI' WON, IT WAS BY 1 POINT. THE THIRD FIGHT WAS A MASSACRE FOR BOTH FIGHTERS WITH ALI' PROBABLY 1 or al massimo 2 POINTS AHEAD AFTER 14 ROUNDS.

The Ron Stander point doesn't hold water. Foreman blew out Norton and Ali KOed Foreman---but that didn't mean that Ali would walk over Norton. Shavers raw punching power was a challenge for any heavy to withstand. If Frazier mixed it up with Shavers, I believe Shavers would win by early knockout. As for Lyle, I think he could beat Frazier the way that Foreman did----not quite as easily, but he could get it done. No doubt Frazier beat some good fighters, including Ali and Quarry, but his career maker was Ali I. Without that, he'd be just another good fighter. Beating Ali and especially knocking him down is what made his legend. Kent: You make valid points about why Frazier wasn't matched against some of the guys I mentioned, but it's all too convenient. I could see not fighting ALL of them, but come on, not fighting ANY of them??? There's a reason, or an excuse, for it "never happening" against a bunch of dangerous 70's fighters that Frazier never stepped in with. I believe that staying out of that tournament was a precursor of things to come. Frazier didn't have a stellar group of title defenses, did beat Ali, was destroyed by Foreman, then seemed to save himself by cherry picking his fights. Sure, if you can do what he did, why not? But the way he was deposed by Foreman, then losing the rematch to Ali---he wasn't so marquis anymore. At that point, a former champ has to prove himself again. Instead, he bided time and fought people he had already been in with instead of looking elsewhere. You've pointed out that taking on Quarry again was courageous because Quarry beat Lyle and Shavers. But by '75, Lyle was fighting Ali for the title. These guys won some, lost some, but all seemed to fight each other at some point, except for Joe. Come on, Ali, Lyle, Shavers, Norton, Foreman---most of these guys faced one another at some point, except Joe was very cautious compared to the others. Hey, I'm a Pennsylvania native and loved the Philly fight scene and Frazier was a stud back in the day. And by the way, Marvis was soundly beaten by Tyson and Holmes, but Marvis could fight. Frazier was a top heavy of his time---but surely, he's not in the top five ever.

I think that Frazier until 1975 was a great fighter not far behind his 1971 version. In 1974 he fought a great fight against Ali' where he won many rounds and costrinse Ali' to hold him very often throughout the entire fight, then he did beat Jerry Quarry. In 1975 Joe was part of the greatest heavyweight fight of all time. At that time he was not anymore the fighter he used to be, his weight was 215 instead of 203 and his eyes were deteriorated, but I think he was still one hell of a fighter. However, I agree with you that Frazier couldn't take a punch as well as Ali' or Chuvalo, but still I believe that he had a top heavyweight chin. I have both Ali' and Foreman above Frazier in the heavyweight history, but I think Joe Frazier is a top tenner. I'm not that sure that Joe Louis would have beaten him. Louis had trouble against Billy Conn, Tommy Farr...
and Tony Galento! I love his 1970 fight against Ellis. What a fight it was!

Some of you guys miss the point that Shavers and Lyle didn't establish themselves as bone fide contenders until 1975 and later and Frazier was more or less out of the scene in 1975 after his one last big fight against Ali. He tried his one last hurrah, his ill-fated second fight with Foreman, hardly taking it easy by doing this but I think everyone agrees Frazier was no longer a factor by that point, the point when he would have had to face Shavers and Lyle, who had emerged. The fact that Frazier fought someone like Stander is champions get a couple of token defenses and Frazier didn't expect to lose his title so soon. I also would like to point out that Stander actually had a win over Shavers and I don't believe Shavers in the period of 1975 and after would have ever lost to Stander but the pre-1975 Shavers did lose to him. So why would Shavers early in his career have deserved to fight Frazier in a title elimination fight if at that point he couldn't even beat a token title challenger? Lyle, before the Quarry fight, did have a couple of good wins over decent fighters like Buster Mathis and Larry Middleton but he too had bigger wins over Bonevena, Ellis, Shavers, Bugner, his good showing against Ali for the title, and his magnificent brawl in a loss to Foreman in the period after Frazier was no longer a factor. The key is timing and by 1974 Frazier was only obligated to face the best fighter available and that was Jerry Quarry who had beaten both Lyle and Shavers. Again! both of these fighters lost the chance for a title elimination fight with Frazier and Quarry earned it by beating both of them! It is all about when things happened and this is why I don't believe Frazier avoided these fighters.

Fair enough—we might agree to disagree. As I said, your points about timing are legitimate, but I've never bought into the theory of having to "prove yourself" to take on a former champion. In fact, former champions have to prove THEMSELVES, if they're looking to get back to the title. Kent, based on your idea that guys like Shavers and Lyle didn't "earn" the right to fight FORMER CHAMPION Frazier, then Muhammad Ali shouldn't have ever fought Ken Norton. What exactly did Norton do to "deserve" a shot at former champion Ali? Norton was a big, muscular guy who was dangerous, but he hadn't consistently beaten top fighters. Still, as a former champion, Ali was fighting his way back and taking all comers. He took on Norton and had his jaw broken, lost, and then had to fight Frazier, Norton again, and others. Again, it seems as though Joe was walking on eggshells, not staying active, not taking on everyone he could have and should have. It was so fortunate for Frazier that Quarry took out Shavers—as he had already beaten Quarry and had the style to beat him again. Lucky Joe. As for Lyle: Quarry beat him, but enough time had elapsed that Frazier COULD have taken a Lyle fight. Of course, he could have also taken a Norton fight, but we know that he had his reasons for not doing so. My point is that he had reasons for staying out of the tournament in the 60's and then had reasons for staying out of the ring against some big bruisers five years later. Yes Massimo, he probably ranks Top Ten, or very close. He doesn't come near the top five and I believe Joe Louis accomplished a lot more.

When Ali' fought Norton the first time he just didn't know that Kenny was dangerous. Ken was a bum in his book, at the time. In fact, Ali' trained very poorly for the first Norton fight. Ken Norton is a top 20 heavyweight in my book (different from Ali's book).
pound body builder type who could pose problems. If anything, Shavers and Lyle had done more to deserve getting into the ring with Frazier than Norton did to match up with Ali. The whole discussion revolves around the fact that some of us here view Frazier as having taken a pass on fighting often and fighting threatening competitors.

On the topic of Norton being Top 20, I think that might be a bit of a reach, but he was pretty damn good. One some nights, he looked less than average (KO losses to Foreman and Shavers---and I won't even count Cooney) but other nights, he looked all-world (decision losses to Holmes, Ali II, & III.) and he certainly looked great in his decision win over Ali and destructive KO of Bobick. His loss to Holmes made me a real believer that Norton was championship caliber, had heart and belongs in the class of 70's superstars. His win over Jimmy Young showed that he could take care of business against a very strong opponent. Going into that fight, Young was on a tear, having beaten Lyle and Foreman among others. The fight was about even in my book, but Norton showed a lot to accomplish that and get the decision. Top 20? I'm not sure. He's right alongside Jerry Quarry being at or near the top 25.

Norton was not able to adapt his style to deal with bangers. He was great against anyone that didn't pack a huge punch, but when he reached the level of all-time great punchers he was dazed by a single shot. He could absorb many, many blows as long as they weren't hellacious bombs like Foreman and Shavers threw. Norton would have had a terrible time with Lyle, but would always give any guy that didn't pack a huge wallop fits. Liston knocks Norton out in 1 or 2. However Norton is only a slight underdog against Pre-Exile Ali and even-up against post-exile Ali. It's what makes boxing great.

The only Top 10 I'd have Frazier in is the Top 10 Humiliations of All Time. Foreman's two demolitions of Joe are in THAT Top 10. Look, no guy beaten that badly TWICE can be in the Top 10 of all time for ability. No way. Take Ali out of his resume and Joe really didn't beat much at all. You can also have all the excuses in the world, but there were fighters that Joe should have fought that he never did. The fact that these fighters were all dangerous bangers (the type Joe realised he was vulnerable to after the Foreman debacle) is more than a coincidence. He was deliberately avoiding big hitters. If Joe wanted to fight those guys, he would have. Ali made time for everyone. And Ali never did take it easy after he won the title. He fought the best, the next best, and the next next best. None of this 'I'll take it easy with a few stiffs' like Joe did against Daniels and Stander. In 1973 Joe only had two fights (Foreman and Bugner). He only had two fights in 1974 (Ali and Quarry). For 1975 he only had two fights (Ellis and Ali). In three years he had six fights - one every six months. Ali, who is older than Joe, had 10 fights in that same period - one every 3.6 months. In that period Ali found time to fight Norton and Lyle. Joe had a much less crowded agenda, but he didn't fight them. He fought Ellis and Quarry for the second time, knowing full well that he'd beaten them easily years earlier. That was the reason he took those fights. Frazier wasn't a risk taker. He wasn't a frontiersman. He didn't look for new horizons. And as such he isn't a Top 10'er of all time. By the way, notice how no one ever needs to make excuses for the career of Muhammad Ali. His career stands by itself. Well, guys, Joe Frazier's career is built on excuses. Deep down, you all know it.

Frazier beat during his career Bonavena 2X, Machen, Doug Jones, Chuvalo, Mathis, Quarry 2X, Ellis 2X, Foster, Ali, Bugner. Ali was better, but Joe was great as well. Shavers wasn't regarded as much more then a club fighter until he beat Ellis. Then Quarry took him out. Shavers was a ranked contender in '73 briefly then '76-'79. Joe was
done by ’76 and in ’73 Quarry took him out in one round. Why didn't Ali fight Shavers in ’73? Because Shavers was viewed as a non-entity. Frazier could have fought Lyle, but he lost to Quarry. So Joe fought Quarry. It makes perfect sense that Joe doesn't fight either. At least to those of us that remember when it came down. Seems like Joe Frazier has to be defended here against an Ali fan about every year or so. Par for the course.

Howard....while true that Ali's career stands on its own without need for exaggeration or explanation, I think it untrue to say that Frazier's legend is BUILT on excuses. Frazier did enough to be considered significant in his own right. However, his legend is embellished by Ali-haters (perhaps like Fan or Gerry or Forest) who were desperate to see Ali get beaten for his controversial views that ran opposite to mainstream white America at that time. It is more true to state that the legend of Frazier is GLUED together by excuses. His career needs excuses to survive critical scrutiny. There are too many gaps in Joe's resume for Joe to be considered a great and his prime was probably the briefest of any fighter arguing for acceptance as an elite.

Ali beat him and then stopped him. Foreman thrashed him effortlessly twice. Even poor old Oscar came close. Louis would have stopped him on sheer power. Marciano's right hand would have knocked him silly. Frazier was very vulnerable early when Tyson was at his deadliest, so Tyson knocks him out round 2. Holmes would have jabbed him around the ring winning an easy decision. And Lewis would have been too big and too strong for the shortish Frazier with the short reach.

That's my opinion, anyway, Fan (or Gerry or Forest or whoever you are), and it's as valid as yours. By the way, Fan, first of all you criticized us here for discussing subjects away from boxing. So we stopped that to please you. But now you criticize us for talking about Frazier. Give us a break, Fan. What game are you playing? Is it your agenda to sabotage this site so that others begin visiting Gerry's new one? Evidently that is what you are trying to do.

Some fan you are of the Quarrys. Everyone's opinion is as valid as mine. To say I am an Ali basher is absurd, terribly absurd. I have never discredited anything about Muhammad Ali and hold him incredibly high regard. The idea that I was an Ali basher Noam? Where did you get the idea I was an Ali basher Noam?

I agree with the posters who placed Frazier in the top 10 or 15. Angelo, as you stated, the whole discussion revolves around opinions on Ali's, and Frazier's place on the all time greatest list. I don't dispute the fact that Ali was a more complete fighter than Frazier. My point is that Frazier was the recipient of very very good management, and a very different type of fighter than Ali. Timing is everything! If Frazier had met Lyle or Shavers in his prime years, he would have walked them down. Much as Quarry did.
prove something to himself (Balboa did the same when fought Clubber Lang the second time). And I think his second loss to Foreman was dignified, he did pretty well in rounds 2 and 4. If Ali' had a better chin than Frazier, Joe was a better puncher than Ali'. If we are criticizing Frazier, what should we say about Tyson? He fought once a year or even less for most of his career and when he came back, he did step into the ring with the likes of Peter McNeeley, Bruce Seldon, Julius Francis, Lou "Brave" Savarese and Clifford "The Warrior" Etienne. Joe Frazier was involved in so many exciting fights and I, as a boxing fan, am very thankful. |

2/16/05 02:28:11 AM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|I can't agree, Massimo and Steve. Frazier spaced his fights and avoided the bangers that he didn't have to fight. Anyway, some allege that Joe has some of his toughest fights out of the ring against women. The fact that an allegation like that was even made is sad. |

2/16/05 03:27:29 AM|Massimo |Roma||4||10|Howard C.-<br>I was only (or just) talking about Frazier as a fighter in the ring. I think Joe Frazier fought some good bangers, Bonavena, Mel Turnbow, Quarry and Chuvalo were all good bangers, even if they weren't all time greats for punching power.<br>When a guy is accused of having done something, at 90% he is guilty. This is what I think and what I learnt during my life. If somebody accuses an innocent, very often the innocent can bring on the table hundreds of proofs of his innocence. Nobody ever accused Mother Theresa of (or for) something. I agree about that, it is very sad that Frazier is, at 90%, a women beater. |

2/16/05 03:33:24 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallen@aol.com|||10|I think some of the people here may have been too young to remember the 70s period well. It is why some of them think Frazier avoided Lyle and Shavers.<br>That he avoided them is like saying, if Lennox Lewis makes a comeback nowadays, that he would have to fight someone like Samuel Peter, a young powerful up and coming but unproven slugger, before he could get a shot at Vitali Klitschko. Lewis being a former champion would get the luxury of even if he had to have a fight to get a shot at the title in a comeback to only have to fight the very top rated contender. He would not have to work his way back up again. Lewis might even not have to face a contender first. As I said, ex champions have a privileged position they earned by winning the title. <br>Lyle and Shavers, before 1975, were considered like Peter is now as having potential but below the upper level of the division. We as fans didn't think they deserved to fight Frazier for a title shot and they are much better known now than they were then and also Joe, as an ex champion, should just have to fight the top available contender, Quarry, to get a shot, which he did. Nobody today would say that Lewis, even if at times he has shown a chin that is not the best, would have to face Peter to get a shot. |

2/16/05 04:25:38 AM|Noam|same||same||10|My view is that if someone isn't charged with something, then they are entitled to a presumption that they are innocent. It troubles me that an allegation about bashing a woman was made against Frazier, but he wasn't charged with it. So we should move on from that. 

Something else. Frazier is around 60 years of age. To my knowledge, he's never been convicted of anything. He's certainly not a thief. I've never heard of him being involved in road rage. Joe hasn't been to jail for rape or even accused of it (unlike Tyson). <br>Although I firmly believe that Frazier is overrated as a boxer, and while I disagree with his comments about Ali, I know of no stains against him as a human being. In fact, if we had a world full of guys like Frazier (and Ali and Lewis and Louis and Holyfield - but not Liston and Tyson) we wouldn't need police forces or armies. That's makes Joe a good guy in a world full of very bad ones. I've slung off at Joe for the bashing allegation from the woman, but I shouldn't have and I won't do that again. <br>Some interesting facts. These are the winning statistics for fighters we often talk about:<br>1) Marciano, 100%<br>2) Louis,
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To fit Joe in at no. 10 I have had to ignore the records of others, including M. Spinks, 96.8% M. Bowe, 95% Bruno, 88.8% Carneros, 85.4% Baer, 84.3% by the above comparisons, statistics don't support the view that Frazier was one of the very best of all time. He was very good, but not near the greatest. Statistics also tell a story about the number of fights he had compared to others.

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Marciano averaged 4.9 fights each of the years he fought. Ali averaged 3.3 over 19 years. Frazier is way down the list averaging 2.8 annually.

Before you tell me, I know statistics aren't the be all and end all, but that they are useful comparison tool. If we respect the statistics, Marciano was probably the greatest.

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<td>I think your analogy is lacking. Lewis is a retired champion. Frazier was a guy who had his head taken off by Foreman and then lost to Ali. So if Lewis were to come back, I'd say, yeah, let the former champ take a tune-up against whoever he wants to, including Cyndi Lauper. Then he gets his title shot. But Frazier was a dethroned champion who was disgraced by being knocked around the ring and put on the ground six times in less than six minutes by Foreman. Then he lost his rematch against Ali when neither of them were Champions. Yes, this guy should have had to fight his way back by taking on up and coming talent---sure, someone like Samuel Peter's equivalent in the mid-70's, whoever that would have been. As for Tyson, I've never said he's an all time great. He never fought enough once he became Champion. Too inactive throughout the 90's, to the present. On any given night, his power could take out any heavyweight. So if we match up &quot;in prime&quot; Tyson with some of the all time greats, I could see him winning. But his career was way too spotty to be considered in the same sentence with Louis, Marciano, Ali, etc.</td>
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<td>Frazier was not disgraced by being knocked out by Foreman. He was badly hurt early in the fight and he never recovered. In fact Frazier showed the heart of a lion by getting up and trying to fight back, no matter how ineffectively. He was out on his feet after the second knockdown and the only disgrace were the referee and his corner for not stopping the fight, at least after the third knockdown in that first round. That they let the fight continue into the second round for three more knockdowns was senseless no fight, even for the heavyweight title, is worth dying for and Joe &quot;The Lionhearted&quot; would have died before admitting defeat. The fact that Frazier won the superfight for the title with the greatest of all time put him in a vaulted position that no one else can take away from him. Lewis, although he beat some excellent fighters never accomplished such a feat. Both he and Frazier were elite nevertheless and they deserve to be honored as such. Joe's career was winding down by the mid 1970s but he took on on comers in his prime, defeating Ali, Quarry, Ellis, Mathis, B. Foster, Chuvalo, Machean, and Bonevena. He did take on all comers during that period and if Lyle and Shavers had been viable contenders like they were 1975 and after, in the period of 1966 to 1972, and Joe wouldn't fight them, then I would say he was avoiding them, but as it was, their period near the top of the division came after Joe's period. I know no one has brought it up but saying praises for Frazier is by no means taking away from his nemesis Ali's legacy as Ali is the greatest of all time in the heavyweight division. We can praise both Ali and Frazier at the same time. As far as Frazier allegedly assaulting women, I don't know for sure one way or the other if it's true or not but as someone pointed out, in the United States, presumption of innocence</td>
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prevails so I lean towards that it didn't happen.

Doug Jones hit and stunned Clay in 1963 in the first round. Maybe Diego Jones is underrated as a puncher. Clay's win was well deserved, but still Jones gave him one hell of a fight. Joe Frazier knocked Jones out in 1967.

You're correct that losing to Foreman was not a disgrace, and Frazier gave it his best shot——no shame in that. I'm wrong for characterizing it as a disgrace, though it was a one-sided beating by a challenger who most didn't think would win. I do stand by my belief that Ali made Frazier and Norton. Ali is a combined 4-2 against these guys—all pretty close fights——yet in my opinion, Frazier and Norton would never be household names if not for Ali. Wins and losses against Ali gave these two most of their fame. If you eliminate these six fights, Norton and Frazier would have been good heavyweights: Frazier a decent champion and Norton a great opponent——both slapped by Foreman. Also, without Ali in the picture, maybe Frazier and Norton would have had to face guys like Lyle and Shavers earlier and it's my opinion that there would be a few losses there for Frazier and Norton. But hats off to Joe——he was a courageous champ who pulled off the win over Ali and was the loser in Manilla——still the alltime best heavyweight title fight for my money. Norton? His loss to Holmes was one of the top 5 greatest heavyweight title fights. Many believe that Jimmy Young was rooked in the split decision loss to Norton. If it were Young who advanced to be named Champion, to defend against Holmes (who beat Shavers in the ABC televised 12 round eliminator), who knows?? Young as Champion might have successfully defended against Holmes——history would sure be different if that happened.

How come when we get to debating boxing issues and no one takes offense to the disagreements but gives his opinion and takes differing views respectful, that the knuckleheads, ie, Koo Koo Clock, Looney Tunes, Foolface, The Muffinman, or any other clowns of the like don't show up here?

Could it be that most of the time, these folks won't or can't debate boxing issues on a boxing site?

Also, whatever happened to that Dr. Patterson who showed up here and made some challenging statements about banning boxing but never showed up again to defend his positions after some of us responded to his challenge?

Hey Howard C., I agree that any professional fighter who assaults a woman, child, or any civilian is not an acceptable member of society. However, the allegations against Joe Frazier have no bearing on his accomplishments in the ring. Many fighters have fallen into alcoholism or mental instability after their careers are over. That's sort of what this site is about. After a lifetime of training and trying to destroy your opponents, a form of P.T.S.D. probably sets in.

Prosecutors in Philadelphia dropped assault charges against former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Frazier on Tuesday after the alleged victim refused to
Frazier, 60, was arrested after a domestic dispute in February and charged with assaulting the mother of his 12-year-old son. The case was scheduled to go to trial Tuesday, but prosecutors said there was no way to proceed without testimony from the woman.

How about Two Ton Tony Galento? You must be proud that he knocked Joe Louis down! I think Two Ton Tony would have handled Butterbean without too much trouble.

Both Sam Langford and Two Tons Galento were hardly human beings. I will discuss about Galento first. Where did we ever see a guy that andre' (it's Illinois slang for short, fat or both SHORT AND FAT at the same time)and that dangerous. Galento not only knocked The Brown Bomber on his very ass but he did beat Lou Nova and other excellent fighters. I didn't know he was an American of Italian origins. Now that I think about it, it's true, Galento sounds Italian. I'm personally an Italian of Italian origins! They call us Italo-Italians. Do you know that the legendary Giosue' Carducci (1835-1907), a Nobel Award 1906 for Literature, was my gran-gran...grandfather. Oh yeah, there are gocce of his blood in my own blood. Who cares? I certainly do. And now it's time...SAM LANGFORD! A while ago I said that Johnson did beat him easily. I have recently found out on Internet that I was wrong. Heck, he gave Johnson one of the toughest fights of his career and he even knocked him down. And Johnson was one half feet wilter and 30 pounds andreree than Sam. And he never wanted part of Langford again. Another thing: Langford was only 5'6" (exactly as wilt as I am), but he had 17" arms and 47 1/2 chest !!!!! 47 1/2 is almost as big as Carnera's (48") and bigger than Baer (44), Louis (42), Liston (44), Ali' (43), a young Foreman (42), Tyson (43), Bowe (46) and many others !!!!!!!!!!


In fact, he went much better against Ali and Frazier than Jerry Quarry did.

Yeah, Bugner was a bit boring, but he fought for 32 years, and he took everyone on. Money wasn't the motivation as to who he fought. The guy looked for new mountains to climb, not going back to old ones he'd already conquered.

He retired at 49 after beating, Levi Billups, who had gone the distance with Lennox Lewis and Chris Byrd. At the back end of his career he also fought Frank Bruno, instead of looking for Jumbo Cummings types. Bugner also stopped 'Bonecrusher' Smith. Looking back on Bugner's career, you can see that he was one of those guys who walked the walk, instead of talking excuses. We all criticize Bugner, but he has the form on the board.

He didn't duck big punchers, managing to fit in Lyle and Shavers. He also fought Cooper. Bugner was born in 1950. Frazier was born in 1944. Unfortunately, Cooper was another big puncher that Joe never faced. I'm sure there is a good explanation for this failure, too.
lose." Oh, or maybe Ellis was "Ali Light" and since he was an Ali clone, Frazier could really study Ellis in the ring so he'd have a better chance to beat Ali when they met again? Yeah, that sounds plausible.

2/18/05 09:18:40 AM Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Angelo, I believe Frazier took on Ellis the second time as a tune up for an Ali fight because of styles, Ellis' being similar to Ali's. As it was, Ellis actually fought better in this second fight, maybe because he had fell from the ratings with losses to people like Shavers, Lyle, and Bugner and it was Ellis' last chance to step back into the big time. Ellis won the first four rounds by boxing well before Joe started to wear him down that by the ninth round Ellis was taking a terrible pounding and the fight was stopped for a TKO win for Frazier.

2/18/05 09:46:49 AM Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Noam, it was because of styles that Bugner's career could last longer than Frazier's career. Joe F's pressure style meant that he had to take more punishment to deliver his own punishment and he only had so many fights before he didn't have it anymore. Frazier never should have taken the second Foreman fight and certainly not the Cummings fight as he was a shot fighter at a relatively young age.

Frazier avoiding Cooper? I don't think so because although Cooper had a good punch, Frazier would have destroyed him! In the period of around 1968 or so, when such a fight might have taken place, I would have been afraid for Cooper's life. Frazier was that dangerous during this time period.

2/18/05 09:48:39 AM Massimo | Roma | 10 | If Frazier could get a title shot to Ali without risking too much, and get a good amount of money by doing that, why should he be looking for trouble? A fighter has to think about his health, his family and his life after boxing. A fighter is a professional and boxing is no game. If they had told Frazier: "Joe, if you want a shot to Ali you have to fight Earnie Shavers", I think that Joe would have fought him. Don't you think so, Angelo? In life a person has to show his ability when there is a good reason, not all the time.

2/18/05 10:23:17 AM Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Massimo: You're absolutely correct. But now, 30 years later, when people are discussing/debating careers and places in history, it's payback time. It's understandable, and perfectly fine that Joe protected his placement into high profile fights by staying away from guys with styles to challenge him. But at this point, it's fair for guys like Noam and I to ask the hard questions and to put Joe on a slightly lower level than other guys, like Ali, who fought actively, fought everyone and lasted longer. Frazier didn't have to prove his manhood by standing in with Shavers and Lyle---and taking a retread fight against a badly declining fighter whom he had already knocked out (Ellis) was the safe and sure path of least resistance. But I'm not going to accept excuses and explanations about Frazier avoiding every single guy who might have destroyed him, except Foreman, and still rank him as an all-time great. My take on him is that he was excellent against guys he should have been excellent against, he gave two of his greatest performances against Ali, two of his worst against Foreman and didn't test himself against other big hitters. Again, he didn't HAVE to test himself to be successful---but it's payback time and he now
takes a back seat to the other great ones. I think it's admirable to go up against someone who has the ability and power to KO you—and find a way to win. Ali did it against Liston and Foreman. Holmes did it against Shavers. Holyfield did it against Tyson. Joe did it against Daniels.

| 2/18/05 11:02:26 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Angelo, I have to admit that you are probably at least partially right. I don't know all the details of what happened back then and why and how it happened but probably there is a part of truth in what you are saying! Angelo "The partial Truth". I wonder what Roadscholarette from Chicago Illinois would have to say if she was still on this site! Paul from Sydney and Kookoo Clock would agree with you.<br><br>

| 2/18/05 11:35:38 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | RS would tear me a new you know what. She was the biggest Frazier fan I've ever run across. I have a love-hate with Smokin' Joe. He was humble enough back then---a nice contrast to my favorite, Ali. Joe was a Philadelphia guy, and I love Philly fighters. A friend of mine went to highschool with Marvis and said he was a good guy—not full of himself and not a showboat just because his Dad was famous. But I balance my respect for Frazier with the facts, and they show that he was good, but we'll never know how good, because he didn't fight all comers like some other Champions have done. He didn't fight often enough and he didn't fight some of the monsters, even after he had lost his crown, in fact, ESPECIALLY after he had lost his crown. At that point, he was exposed as a slow starter who could be taken out by a heavier power puncher---and excuses/reasons non withstanding, he or his management avoided power punchers like the plague.<br><br>

| 2/18/05 12:12:15 PM | Kent | same | same | 10 | Angelo, Joe Frazier at this best would have beaten Shavers and Lyle. Both of them hit hard enough to hurt Frazier but they were not as good a fighter as Foreman was and they also weren't the finishers Foreman was even if they did hurt Joe. I could see Joe getting up from an early knockdown(s), like he did against Bonevena, and taking the fight to either of them to gain wins. <br><br>A number of contenders went the distance with Lyle, fighters such as Bonevena, Ellis, Bugner, and Scott Ledoux. I didn't see all of these fights but I am sure at some point Lyle had them hurt as he defeated all of them but he didn't finish them.<br><br>That Foreman was a better finisher than Shavers was can be shown that he likely would have finished Holmes after that big knockdown, which Shavers couldn't do. Of course one could argue that Foreman had Jimmy Young hurt in their fight and he couldn't get him out of there but that was the only time in the first part of his career when that happened.<br><br>Another thing, if Jerry Quarry could stand there and trade with Shavers and win, then I think Frazier could have done the same thing.<br><br>Frazier's career was winding down by the time they emerged as contenders and as I pointed out before, during his best years, he did take on all comers and he would have fought them back then if they were around then. Also, as I pointed out to Noam, because of his style, Joe only had so many fights in him so by 1975 he had his one last chance at the gold, which he certainly did earn by beating Quarry, who I must point out was favored to win their rematch going in, so Joe was hardly playing it safe.<br><br>Noam, Frazier didn't fight Floyd Patterson, who was still around, in his prime and I hardly think Joe was avoiding him, probably the other way around! As for Cooper, as I said, it would have been a terrible beating. The blood would have flowed!!

| 2/18/05 01:57:44 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Kent: I think that clearly, Frazier was a workhorse who got better and better as a fight wore into the later rounds. Conversely, Shavers, and to a lesser extent, Lyle, had stamina issues. For this reason, Frazier would have a very good chance at laying a beating on either of these guys if the fight progressed past the 6th or 7th round. That's when Joe would start smoking and Lyle/Shavers would wilt. But I would still like to see it for myself. Hell, I'd like to see Frazier press Kenny Norton and what that outcome would be. I'd like to see Frazier
against the sweet boxing Jimmy Young, who COULD take a hard punch and come back from it. Stan Ward, Leroy Jones, Mike Weaver, all young up and comers who were very active, very available and I'm sure very willing to take the money a Frazier fight would have provided BEFORE Joe fought Jumbo Cummings. Frazier fought some good ones early in his career---but steered clear of that tournament. Frazier fought good ones and lost most of those fights in the middle of his career, and avoided big hitters during that period. Frazier, in the later years, took on Jumbo Cummings, who was an opponent, not a threat. Ali, even after getting blown out by Holmes, was 40 years old and fighting contender Trevor Berbick, not a trial horse. Holmes, in his 40s, fought Ray Mercer, a dangerous guy, and beat him. Hell, what about Liston-Frazier when Sonny was a grandaddy and Frazier was at his peak? 

I think that in the first half of Frazier's career, he realised, and so did his very wily trainer, that Joe did not handle very hard punchers well. Although Joe had great head movement, his aggressive style meant that he took a lot of punches. When he got belted by Bonavena, and almost lost, was the point that Joe and his management decided to limit his exposure to very hard punchers. There is a common thread to the three glaring omissions to his resume: Cooper, Lyle, and Shavers were all noted punches with Shavers reputedly the hardest of all time. No way was Joe going to get in the ring with them unless he had to. Norton could punch hard enough, too, as he broke Ali's jaw. His awkward style would have made him a handful for any fighter, Frazier included. Norton would have been climbing a new risky mountain for Joe, so he returned to peaks he had already conquered, like Quarry and Ellis. And the only reason Joe fought Foreman because he thought it would be a walkover. As Kent says, the loss was a complete unbelievable shock because Foreman wasn't taken seriously at that time. That's why Joe fought Foreman as he thought it risk-free. 

Joe's best performances were against boxers who weren't noted hard punches. That's why he went so well against Ali. And Joe's suspect chin was evident as Ali managed to nearly knock him out in the second fight. Heck, even Bonavena managed to rock an in-prime Joe. He knocked him down twice. Frazier had a weakness against big punchers, he knew it quite early in his career, and he avoided them whenever possible. In my mind, that black hole in his resume precludes him from being considered with the very elite. With the truly elite (Ali, Louis, Marciano, et al), you didn't have to pick and chose the opponents and be risk-free. They were confident enough to fight the next best, whether or not he was a great puncher or whatever, whereas plotting Joe's route to the title was like a game of snakes and ladders.
to pursue other avenues when young---and yes, I'll say it, avoid the hard work and danger that our best people face every day. It's humbling to say it---and I'm constantly amazed by the men and women of our military branches when I see them at the Airport, either going to action or coming home. These people sacrifice to defend me and my family---I don't know them, have never met them, and yet they're overseas, risking their lives to keep me safe. "Thank you" doesn't cut it. All of us owe our military men and women gratitude that's hard to express. I say good luck to you. You're filling the very big shoes of your pro boxing relatives in a very big way. Be safe and return to visit us on this letters page soon. God bless you and thank you for what you're doing. 

Angelo, even commenting about the Jumbo Cummings fight that Frazier took is almost like saying Jerry Quarry's fight with Ron Cramner was an example of Jerry's real career. It never should have taken place. Weaver, Ward, and Jones are not relevant as Joe should not have been fighting after 1975 and even if the Cummings fight was relevant, it was a first fight back which if successful, would have lead to fights with one of more of those other fighters in order to be considered for a title shot. Likewise, if Ali should have been fighting when he took the Berbick fight (he shouldn't have taken any fights at that point), then he shouldn't have fought Berbick first if he was serious about a comeback. A journeyman fighter would have been more appropriate for a first fight back. Liston, for whatever reason, was the only fighter that Joe maybe should have faced but didn't and Frazier had nine fights in 1966 and six fights in 1967, leading to his New York State Athletic Commission title fight with Buster Mathis which was also recognized by several other U.S. states and some foreign countries who would later become part of the WBC, Frazier in fact is the first heavyweight recognized by the WBC as champion. Frazier felt that as number one contender that he should get the first crack at the title or at least be able to face the winner of the tournament without being in the tournament. It is a perfect example of B.S. boxing politics that the WBA moved him from number one to number nine without him losing a fight.

I would like to add: Using Ali as an example of what to do during a comeback is not a good example because Ali also should have face Quarry and Bonevena without at least a couple of fights verses lessor opponents before his title shot with Frazier. Ali may have well been successful in that first comeback attempt if he had taken a slower, easier approach.

Identifying Frazier's weaknesses 30 years on can be pretty misleading and i'm inclined to favour the feelings that Frazier was a truly great fighter and not just a good one. To answer one question, I live a couple of miles away from where Henry Cooper was born and am a huge fan of his but to suggest that Frazier ducked him is absurd. Cooper was good in a great era. He beat Folley and Mildenburger but got flattened by Folley in the return, Patterson and Johansson. Excellent fighters maybe but certainly not in Frazier's class. Frazier had an awfully busy period in the late sixties before he won the title. Victories over Mathis, Machen, Chuvalo, Quarry, Ellis and Bonavena are all impressive, particularly in the exciting style he dealt with them. Are these guys really better or worse than Tyson's opponents or Holmes'? I certainly think that Quarry was better than anything Tyson or Holmes fought in their prime with the
exception of Ken Norton. And Holmes got a 50-50 decision over a guy who at 34 may have slightly past his peak. Frazier took Ali's punches and came back but did Holmes ever have such a prolonging assault for 15 rounds like the one in Manila or Madison? The same may be said of Marciano's opponents who the best of whom were slightly past their peak when he fought. Liston had great victories over Patterson, Folley, Machen, Williams—all very good fighters but not in Ali's class. The same could be said with Lennox Lewis' record—a number of good fighters beaten but no great ones.

What sets Frazier to the top level (ok, but not as high as Louis or Ali) is his fights with Ali. The first and third were among the best in heavyweight history with the brutality well known but the skill factors were amazing. Frazier got inside Ali's brilliant jab and delivered horrendous full term punishment, brilliant body attacks. Truly top level that very few could have attained. Styles make fights I suppose but Liston and Foreman didn't do a job on Ali as bad as Frazier. Holmes had a great jab and a great chin, but he wasn't as good as Ali full stop. I am not a entrenched Frazier fan but to say that Holmes, Marciano and Tyson would have beaten him full stop is ridiculous when you look at Joe smokin in Manila. I think Holmes was such a good fighter, mentally very tough as well which would put him ahead of Tyson, that it would have been 50-50 but lets face both Marciano and Tyson never had to take on someone who fought like Frazier and the latter would not have lasted. Marciano had cut weakness and never faced anyone who punched like Frazier.

To settle another debate why on earth should Frazier have fought Lyle and Shavers in 74 when Quarry blasted Shavers in 1 and outpointed Lyle comprehensively. Surely by taking on Quarry who given him him problems beforehand Frazier was taking a difficult opponent. Lyle’s great performances were against Shavers and Ali in 75 and Foreman in 76 when Frazier was off the scene. Shavers had big wins against Ellis and Young but it wasn't until 1979 that the really big one vs Norton came through—too late for Frazier. A puncher and fighter like Foreman is very rare and Frazier's edge was gone, only really resurfacing against Quarry a bit in 74 and in Manila. I suppose my theory is that you can look at every fighter and take away his achievements piece by piece. Frazier's career was brilliant and brytal so had to be short, better than the likes of Holyfield fighting now, Tyson being knocked out by a British bouncer or Holmes fighting Butterbean.

I can't believe some of the nonsense I read on this site regarding Joe Frazier. And it usually comes from the same people. Joe Frazier ducked Henry Cooper? Cooper's manager, Henry Wicks, stated in the late 60's there were 2 fighters who he would not allow ole Henry to fight. Liston and Frazier. Joe Frazier ducked Lyle and Shavers? They were both soundly beaten by Jerry Quarry. The same Quarry who was devastated twice by Frazier. Jimmy Young who also beat Lyle, and held Shavers to a draw in a rematch. Of course Jimmy Young was a real tiger. Somehow people thought he deserved a win over Ali. The only way Young wins the Ali fight is if Young is given all the rounds he stuck his head outside the ring ropes to avoid Ali's punches. In fairness to Young he lost 2 fights to another tiger Ossie Occasio, of course Frazier was not the tiger Occasio was. One big win does not make a great fighter. Plain and simple Frazier was not going to make money fighting those guys. At that stage of Frazier's career the money fights for Frazier were with Quarry and Ali, and Foreman. Remember Foreman was undefeated at that time. Frazier fought Stander and Daniels for "walking around money." "Joes best performances were against boxers were who were not noted as hard punchers." Don't make me laugh. Ali, Quarry, Bonavena, Ellis, Chuvalo were not punchers. Let's see, Quarry knocked out: Spencer, Shave'r's, Mac Foster, and ran Lyle out of the ring winning 10 of the 12 rounds. Bonavena was probably the strongest heavyweight in the division in the late 60's and early 70's. Foreman would not fight him during that period. Ellis stopped Leotis Martin, dropped Bonavena twice. Chuvalo
knocked out Doug Jones, and Jerry Quarry. These fights consist of Joe's greatest victories. When Joe was at his peak in the late 60's and early 70's right up to the 1st Foreman fight, Kenny Norton was his sparring partner. Next, Frazier lost "most of those fights in the middle of his career." He lost to 2 fighters, Ali and Foreman. Many people including noted sports writers Red Smith, and Dave Anderson both thought Frazier won the 2nd Ali fight. All Ali did in that fight was jab and grab after he stunned Frazier early in the fight. As far as Frazier staying out of, "that tournament." Well, let's see he beat Bonavena before and after the tournament, he stopped Quarry twice, he knocked out Ellis twice. He stayed out of "that Tournament," because he was the draw and not the other fighter's. And he wanted to paid as such. That's why he was not in "that tournament." And history proved him correct.

I have no doubts that if Liston could have gotten a boxing license in New York City, Frazier would have fought Liston. NYC was the only place where that fight would have made money. In the late 60's Las Vegas was not the capital of the boxing world. And while people would watch Liston on TV for free via "The Wild World of Sports," They would not spend money to see him fight on closed circuit in the movie theatres. Not after he stunk out the theatres in the 2 Clay fights. If Liston was able to fight Frazier in 68 or 69; Liston would have taken the payday and as soon as the going got tough he would lay down. Remember this was not the Liston of the late 50's or early 60's, this was the Liston who was in his middle 40's.

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matchups. Marciano is a coin flip as is Tunney. I'll take Frazier over Tyson, although Tyson has a puncher's chance. Frazier beats Dempsey, Schmeling, Baer, Charles, Walcott, Patterson, Johansson, Norton, Tate, Weaver, Berbick, L. Spinks, M. Spinks, Holyfield, Bowe. Lennox was good, I'll take Joe though. Lennox got knocked out against two average guys. I'll take an all-time great in his prime against Lewis any day of the week. Klitschko the others, give me Joe Frazier. 

In 1967 Joe Frazier fought Jones, Davis, Johnson, Chuvalo, Doyle and Conners. Apart from Chuvalo, what were the other guys first names? You win a prize if you know. Not even a google search can find 'em. Chuvalo was the biggest name guy he fought in 1967. You all remember him? He's the guy Frazier himself described as "The Human Shock Absorber of the Heavyweight Division." And then Joe fought Buster Mathis in 1968. Joe said this about Mathis to reporters, "Mathis. Oh yeah, he's the one who fights guys that get carried in on crutches." Well, Joe's opponents were in wheelchairs. Joe then fought Ramos. Yeah, he could punch and had a good record, but history records him as a nobody. He then fought Bonavena (climbing a mountain he'd already conquered). In the meantime, Joe refused to enter the elimination tournament for the title. There was a record purse of $175,000.00 to the winner, but Joe wouldn't be in it. He never ended up fighting Terrell or Patterson did he (or Lyle or Cooper or Shavers - but it is just a coincidence that they were all hard punchers).

Around that time Frazier boasted, "Yank and Cloverlay had moved me smartly through the ranks." What Joe meant was that his management got him to a title position without fighting the really hard guys. Frazier then fought Zyglwicz. Only this guy's mother remembers his first name. In fact, Forest, Frazier himself acknowledges the weakness of his handpicked opponents when he said that the "press made this fight out to be a farce and wondered out loud whether Smokin' Joe was ducking the serious contenders to fight dogmeat." Well, Joe was fighting rotten smelly dogmeat because "Yank and Cloverlay had moved" him "smartly through the ranks."

Joe got one of the easiest rides to the world title ever. Even after he won it, he fought household names like Daniels and Stander (first names please, Forest). Take notice guys: take Ali's name out of Frazier's resume and Frazier has nothing. With or without Frazier, many people will always believes that Ali was one of the three best ever. But, then again, Joe's number 1 fan, Forest, thinks Daniels, Stander, Cumming, Helwig, Zyglwicz, Ramos, Conners, Doyle, Johnson, Davis, Jones and the rest were real fights. A google search shows otherwise. Get real Forest.

It doesn't take much to entertain some !!
him knew they were, win or lose, in real fight and fighting him a second time was not taking it easy but was taking a big risk. Don't you know that Bonevena knocked Frazier down twice in the second round of their first fight and Joe dug deep down in his heart to fight back hard to pound out a split decision over ten rounds?

Likewise, Georgre Chuvalo was one of the strongest fighters on the planet and a tremendous body puncher, a very dangerous opponent, who gave Ali one of his toughest ever fights in a title defense.

Frazier avoided Terrell, Patterson, and Cooper? It was likely the other way around. Smokin Joe would have walked right through Terrell and Patterson and he would have cut Cooper to pieces. Someone posted and he said Cooper's manager kept Ol Henry away from Frazier. That is not surprising.

Noam, you couldn't have been around when Frazier was fighting or you have some irrational dislike for the man to keep posting this misinformation about Joe.

Adding to my last post, yes Frazier destroyed Terry Daniels but Ron Stander gave Joe a tough fight before being stopped on cuts in round five or six. Noam, have you seen this fight? If not, you should watch it before you classify Stander as a bum. Stander also had a win over Shavers early in Shavers' career, Stander was a good fighter just below the top ten or twenty.

Mathis was a contender who's biggest win was over George Chuvalo and who only had four losses in his career (30-4). They were to Joe Frazier, Muhammad Ali, Jerry Quarry, and Ron Lyle. Mathis also had a win over Bob Stallings, who held a win over Shavers.

That Frazier himself said a lot of his opponents were not very good is not surprising as Joe rarely gave compliments to other fighters. So for him to say they were easy, doesn't mean much.

Joe said that Jimmy Ellis was his easiest opponent but anyone who has watched these fights might very well disagree with him. Ellis easily won the first two rounds and he was on his way to winning round number three in the first fight when Frazier tagged him with a great left hook and from that point on he took control on the way to a fifth round knockout. Ellis did the same thing in the second fight but this time for almost five rounds before Frazier found the range, wearing him down until a ninth round stoppage. In both fights, Ellis hit Frazier with many solid shots and Ellis, while not a great puncher, hit hard enough to hurt many an opponent. Joe knew he was in a fight both times even if didn't admit it.

Doug Jones was the n.3 or 4 in the world when he fought Clay, hardly a bum. I think that Ellis definitively didn't win the second round in the first Frazier fight, but still he hit Frazier many times during the fight and fought a very decent fight. Frazier-Ellis 1 is the best four round fight I have ever seen. Frazier vs Ernie "Clay" Terrell around 1967 would have been an entertaining fight to watch, it would have been probably a long fight, but I just can't see Ernie winning it. No way!!

Massimo, in Frazier verses Ellis 1, Ellis won the first two rounds on the judges' scorecards and I agreed with them as I thought Frazier didn't start to connect regularly until the third round and from that point on, Frazier took complete control. He tore Ellis apart with vicious combinations to the body and head.

I don't think I am a good judge but, this is the way I saw that fight:

1) Ellis hit Frazier 2 or 3 times, Frazier didn't do anything so... Ellis wins the round 10-9
2) Ellis wins the first half of the round, but Joe wins clearly the second one, Joe did slightly better than Jimmy in this round, but not enough to win the round, EVEN ROUND 10-10
3) Jimmy hits Joe with a great right to the head, he seems in control of this round but suddenly... FRAZIER HITS JIMMY WITH A GREAT LEFT HOOK, JIMMY IS IN TROUBLE, JOE REALIZES THAT AND HITS JIMMY WITH ANOTHER LEFT HOOK, JIMMY IS BADLY STUNNED NOW, JOE MISSES JIMMY WITH A HUGE
LEFT HOOK, JIMMY IS TRYING TO SURVIVE, JOE HITS ELLIS WITH ANOTHER HUGE LEFT HOOK, ONLY GOD KNOWS HOW JIMMY IS STILL ON HIS FEET, BUT INCREDIBLE, I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES... JIMMY HITS FRAZIER WITH A GOOD COMBINATION AS THE ROUNDS ENDS... WHAT A CHIN AND WHAT A HEART JIMMY HAS (OR GOT) !!!!! this round is 10-8, or possibly even 10-9 for Frazier round 4) Jimmy hits Joe with some good punches, but Joe keeps attacking Jimmy and destroys him...10-7 for Frazier ( 2 KNOCKDOWNS)<br>final comment: these were four VERY INTENSE rounds and this fight is really a pleasure to watch. The final left hook by Frazier was a real beauty. It's one of the best left hook I have ever seen, together with that one in Frazier-Ali' 1 and Jerry Quarry's left hook in the fourth round of the Quarry-Spencer fight. But Jimmy was in the fight to win, he fought like a real warrior. He was no Clifford.<br>

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dodging more deserving opponents. But I don't believe it is the case as a fighter doesn't have to take a tough fight every time out. Ali examples: Jean Pierre Coopman in a title defense, Chuck Wepner, in a title defense, Rudi Lubbers, while making his comeback, Richard Dunn, as a title defense, Jurgen Blin, during his comeback, Alfredo Evangelista in a title defense, and a host of others during his first rise to the title. Does because Ali took these fights mean that he should not be considered the greatest heavyweight of all time? Of course not! Also, I am sure we could find contenders who deserved a fight with Ali that Ali didn't fight if we wanted to but again, this doesn't take away from Ali's greatness.<br><br>Similarly, Larry Holmes fought people like Evangelista, in a title defense, Scott Frank in a title defense, and Scott Ledoux, in a title defense while he didn't fight Gerrie Coetzee, Greg Page, and Michael Dokes, three deserving fighters. Does this take away from Holmes' legacy as an all time great? Not at all because sometimes things like politics of the sport can keep fights from happening or simply, there isn't enough money in a certain fight and in the case of Frazier, he was practical about the business side of things and he often went with what would make him more money.<br><br>Noam, you can argue that what would make Joe more money, a fight with Ron Lyle or Earnie Shavers or a fight with Ron Stander? But you keep missing the point that Shavers and Lyle were essentially fighters from a later era, that they were not viable contenders that would have made Joe more money until after Joe had faded from the scene. <br><br>By 1975 Joe had one more big fight in him so should he have taken a fight with Ali for the title, his one last chance at the brass ring, or should he have fought Lyle or Shavers, two prospects with potential? Of course Joe took the Ali fight! I will use an analogy regarding Lennox Lewis again. Because Lewis didn't fight current rising prospect Samuel Peter, a dangerous slugger like Lyle and Shavers, mean Lewis avoided him? Not at all because even though Peter was an active fighter when Lewis' career was winding down, Peter was unproven (and still is) at that time and there was no call for such a fight. Samuel Peter is where Lyle and Shavers were when Frazier's career was winding down, two fighters with potential but not really on the scene yet. <br><br>One more add on regarding Lyle and Shavers. For the last time I will point out that either of them would have earned the right to fight Frazier in a title elimination fight if they had beaten Jerry Quarry in 1973 but because they both lost to Jerry, they had to work their way back up, which they did by 1975 and later. Frazier had his one last shot against Ali, which he earned by beating Quarry in 1974. It is getting tiresome pointing out the obvious time and time again. Maybe Mark S. or Forest can pick up the ball from here on.|
Shavers had beaten Ellis, but Frazier didn't fight Lyle or Shavers. He fought Ellis, the soft punching loser. Opting to fight the losers instead of winners was a habit with Joe (as I will soon show). From 1973 to 1976 Norton fought Ali, Foreman, Quarry and others. Yet Joe preferred instead to fight guys like Helwig, Daniels, Stander, and Quarry and Ellis (for the second time). Frazier never fought Terrell. In 1964 Terrell ko'ed Foster and he also beat Machen. He beat Chuvalo in 1965 and Jones in 1966. In 1967 he fought Ali and lost in 15 rounds. Yet, rather than fight Terrell, Joe fought Jones in 1967 (whom Terrell beat 6 months earlier). In 1967 Joe fought Chuvalo (whom Terrell had beaten two years earlier). Joe also preferred to fight Machen in 1966. Terrell beat Machen in 1964. Terrell had beaten all these guys, yet Frazier opted to fight the losers.

By Joe's own admission, some of the guys he opted to fight were ordinary. As I wrote in my last post, Joe said that one guy was a human shock absorber, another had only fought guys in wheelchairs, and another was a drunk. The press at that time accused Joe of fighting "dogmeat". The legend of Joe Frazier is glued together with excuses and explanations. Give me some more excuses, Kent! Joe needs them urgently.

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Hey Ray 'Forest Ward' remember me, Sean from Jersey me you and Bos went to Atlantic City for that collectors show? |

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Howard C. Louisville | howardlouisville | Noam....thanks for the heads-up on Frazier. Your research confirmed what many of us already knew. Frazier fights Jones, Chuvalo, Machen, and not Terel, despite Terel already beating Jones, Chuvalo and Machen.

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Howard C.

Kent....I guess you meant that it's tiresome to keep repeating an INCORRECT comment. Frazier didn't need to beat Quarry to get the third fight with Ali. The third fight would have happened anyway. How could anyone have stopped it? I take it that you didn't live through that period and was born afterwards.

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Kent says that Lyle and Shavers were of another era. Ali fought Lyle in 1975 and Shavers in 1977. Same era. Joe didn't fight them because they could punch. By the way, Kent, from 1973 to 1976 Frazier had 7 fights. He won 3 of them. In that same period Ali had 14 fights and won 13 of them.

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Frazier fought Joe Bugner in 1973 soon after his first devastating loss against Foreman. Frazier fought Joe Bugner in 1973 soon after his first devastating loss against Foreman.
their third fight. Now I wouldn't go that far but I would rate Joe in the top
ten of all time, probably about six or seven. I said Frazier was of a
different era than Lyle and Shavers because even though the main part of his
career lasted until 1976, he was finished as a factor after his 1975 loss to
Ali, his one last viable chance at the glory. The second Foreman fight in 1976
never should have happened. Again, Lyle and Shavers became viable contenders
when Joe had his last chance and right after this he should have been off of the
scene. I, in effect, consider Joe's career ended in 1975, the loss to
Ali. You are right, a third Ali fight would have likely happened even if
Frazier didn't beat Quarry because the public would have bought it but the fact
remains he did beat Quarry to earn the title shot, who had beat Lyle and Shavers
the previous year and Quarry was favored to win this one so Joe was hardly
taking it easy. They lost the right for a title elimination fight by losing to
Quarry. THIS IS THE OBVIOUS FACT YOU GUYS CAN'T SEE! I would be very
surprised if Frazier actually wouldn't take a fight with Terrell, who although a
good boxer, an in prime Frazier was a destructive machine who would have smoked
right through Terrell after losing a few early rounds like he did against Ellis,
eventually Frazier would have chopped that tree named Terrell down. I would suspect that Terrell's management kept him away from Frazier not the other
way around. That is what I would have done if I was his manager, not fight
Frazier unless we really had to, such as in a title shot. Frazier was that
dangerous during the late sixties. Terrell also came slightly before
Frazier in that his biggest wins came in the 1964 to 1967 period and he wasn't a
factor after his one sided loss to Ali and his loss to Thad Spencer in the WBA
tournament. There was really no need for Frazier to fight him as Terrell had
faded from the scene by the time Joe was smokin full steam ahead. Again, put a
faded Terrell in with an in prime Frazier, not likely. Terrell would have gotten
hurt. I think a lot of the negatives on Frazier stems from him not having
a lot of career fights but it was because of his style, the coming in and taking
punishment to deliver his own punishment that made him have only so many fights
in him. It still doesn't take away from the fact that an in prime Frazier was
well oiled destructive machine that very few, only the absolute elite of all
time could have beaten. Rocky Marciano, who had a style similar to
Frazier's style knew this also and that is why, even though he had more fights
than Frazier, he retired at a young age. Rocky knew he only had so many years
in him, less than if he had more of a boxer style, so why tempt fate? Not to
disrespect Frazier too much, but I think Noam and Howard C.'s comments point to
facts, not opinions. Who did he fight? When did he fight them? Who else were
guys fighting in the same time frame? The facts point to Frazier's
management protecting him from guys with one-punch knockout power. I'll say it
again: There's nothing wrong with smart management moving a fighter through the
ranks, avoiding land mines, making money and getting title shots. Nothing wrong
with it, except it tarnishes your place in history just a little bit. Frazier
is still a very strong champion who is one of the most important guys in
heavyweight history, based on the Ali trilogy. But Kent, say what you will
about Lyle and Shavers being from a "later era." That simply isn't true.
You're correct that Lyle peaked in the mid-70's and Shavers peaked in the later
70's, but the fact is, Frazier was active when these guys had already made it to
the top ten. Kent, in the early 70's, they were name fighters who were ranked.
It's absurd to continue to defend Frazier's management ducking these guys by
claiming that they were from a "later era." They were active, ranked fighters.
They were winning and losing fights against eachother and against others. I
don't for a minute believe that the idea of Frazier fighting them never came up.
I think that at times, back then, it was discussed that money could be made by
Frazier fighting Norton, Shavers and Lyle (among others). Frazier-Ellis II.? Why?
Ali certainly didn't have to fight either Shavers or Lyle when he did---
they were not number one contenders and the world wasn't holding it's breath for Ali to give either a title shot. And again, the world didn't demand Ali-Norton I. either. Ali took that fight because he thought he could get some good work in against a strong guy, without losing. Instead, he had his jaw broken and gave Norton a place in history. But the fact is, Ali could have taken on someone he had already beaten, or someone with no knockout power. Instead, he challenged himself. Frazier didn't seem to like challenging himself in the same way. The record and time frame points to facts, not just my opinion.  

One more thing---if you go back through our posts, it's startling to see how many times you and some others have used the phrases, something along the lines of "Frazier didn't need to fight this guy." or "Frazier didn't have to take that fight." or "There was no need for Frazier to fight him." Look, unlike the NFL, NBA, MLB, etc., there's no season, no automatic schedule for boxers to meet eachother. It's usually all about individual contracts between individual managements. Usually, nobody "must" fight someone else. Most of the fights happen by choice, unless a Champion is told he'll lose his title if he doesn't defend against #1. Of course Frazier didn't "need" to fight the bunch of contenders he never fought against. But you look at others who fought in his era, especially Ali, and they seemed to take on all comers, while he didn't. As for his style shortening his career and making him a non-factor by 1976, I can go along with that. But then I'll say that in the grand scheme of things, his straight ahead style loses him points on the "all time great" list because it compromised his longevity. Marciano had 49 fights, 49 wins and retired undefeated Champion. Please don't say that he had an abbreviated career because his style was like Frazier's. He knew when to get out, and left without a loss. Frazier was a year out from his greatest accomplishment when Foreman put him on the seat of his pants six times in six minutes. Frazier was great against guys who were more tactical than powerful, because he was able to be the aggressor and force the action. If he tried to come straight ahead against a bigger guy with a lot of power, it made him vulnerable. He certainly wasn't good at fighting while backpeddling, so he was one-dimensional and couldn't adapt. He tried to adapt in his second fight against Foreman. I have this fight on tape, and am always impressed by Frazier's courage in trying to change things up a little to keep Foreman off balance. Frazier's confidence grew with a good (third?) round, but then things normalized and Foreman blew him out. I have to believe that a guy like Lyle, who could take a wallop and fight back (like he did against Shavers and Foreman) would not back down to Frazier's pressure. Frazier would get tagged repeatedly if he tried to bear down on Lyle. It would be a short war, but I could see Lyle winning it. As for Shavers, even though he hit harder than Lyle, I could see Frazier getting to him first, possibly. Still, even a 1973 Shavers would have the capacity to take out Frazier by blasting away in the first or second round.  

I made a google search and, although it hurts me a little, I think what I found out shows that Kent, Forest and myself probably were wrong. These are the RING MAGAZINE RANKINGS (1967-1975):

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So, it's not true that Lyle and Shavers were not ranked heavyweights until 1975. Ron Lyle was the n.5 in 1972, the n.6 in 1973 and the n.4 in 1974, while Shavers was the n.7 in 1973 ( I mean at the end of those years). Why didn't Frazier fight Lyle, Shavers, Cooper or Mac Foster? For me, it's painful
to say, because I'm a Frazier fan but the truth is the truth. | 2/21/05 10:57:07 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, you still are avoiding the fact that both Lyle and Shavers lost the chance at a Frazier fight when they lost to our Jerry Q. in 1973 and not only did Shavers lose to Jerry, he also lost to a journeyman named Bob Stallings right after this and he had a draw with Jimmy Young also so even though he had an earlier win over Young, 1973 to 1974 was not a good time for him and he had to work his way back up the ladder. Lyle rebounded with wins over Bonevena, Ellis, and Shavers but this was after Frazier had solidified his title shot with his win over Quarry. The second Ellis fight for Frazier was, as I have already pointed out, a tune up to prepare for Ali. Joe was entitled to take this fight for that reason. Again, his shot was already earned. | 2/21/05 11:06:26 AM|Kent|La Habra, ca||same|||10|It is also possible that Lyle may have not taken a fight with Frazier in 1974-75 because he was offered a fight with Ali for the title instead. The obivous choice for him was to take the title shot, which I might add, he almost blew by losing to Jimmy Young. | 2/21/05 11:06:26 AM|Kent|La Habra, ca||same|||10|One can argue that Lyle was a worthy but unnessesary opponent for Frazier in 1974-75 but Shavers was hardly so because of, as I mentioned above, losses to Stallings and Lyle plus a draw to Young. | 2/21/05 11:06:26 AM|Kent|La Habra, ca||same|||10|What I mean by on the scene is being one of the top three or four fighters in the division and although someone like Ernie Terrell fought on until the early 1970s, there was hardly any call for him after about 1967 or 1968 for him to fight someone like Frazier. In fact after his losses to Ali and Spencer, Terrell only had one more fight of conciquence, against Jose Luis Garcia. Oh no, another slugger who Frazier avoided!! | 2/21/05 11:06:26 AM|Kent|La Habra, ca||same|||10|Et tu Massimo? | 2/21/05 11:19:08 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent, why does a former champ have the luxury of waiting for everyone to knock eachother off to cherry-pick his opponent? You're right in that there was no clmour (or is that clammer?) for Frazier-Shavers or Frazier-Lyle, but as well, there was far LESS for Frazier-Ellis II!!!! What do you mean Lyle ALMOST lost his title shot by losing to Young? You know what, he didn't, and Ali lined them up and fought them both, and fought Shavers too. Gee, he found time and motivation to fight guys who had a couple losses, instead of rationalizing that "because so and so lost to such and such, I don't have to ever fight them. Lucky me." Massimo's research tells the story. These guys were ranked, fighting eachother, winning some and losing some and fighting another day. Frazier and/or his management viewed power punchers as threats and avoided them. I don't care that Quarry beat Lyle and Shavers---they were still live fighters who were big draws in the mid-70's while Frazier was biding time retreading victories he already had while biding his time for Manilla. And in a strange way, his rematch with Foreman, while courageous, actually served to protect his legacy. Had he been thrashed by Lyle or Shavers in '76, guys who never won the title, he'd slip further than losing to former Champion Foreman. | 2/21/05 11:25:04 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|By the way, how good is Bernard Hopkins? Is this guy really 40? 20 title defenses since 1995? I want a drink of whatever he's having because it must be water from the fountain of youth. What a pro. | 2/21/05 11:32:58 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Has anyone seen Norton vs. Jose Luis Garcia? How did that play out? |
I'm sorry, Kent but I am looking for the williams and so I brought a few informations to the table.

Also, the idea that Frazier vs. Norton never happened because they were friends is idiotic. Boxing history (all weight classes) is littered with guys fighting eachother who had a good relationship outside the ring. In fact, Ali and Ellis were friends. Also, Holmes and Shavers were friends after their first fight. Larry Holmes really liked Earnie Shavers, telling him to quit during their second fight when Holmes had finally taken control. Shavers told him to "shut up and fight."

Frazier and Norton friends? What, did they meet in Kindergarden? No, their common thread was beating Ali. Frazier hated him and probably admired Norton for breaking his jaw. Honestly, Frazier-Norton might have been a good fight. I don't think Frazier could have bombed him out like Foreman or Shavers did---I think Norton would have won a few rounds but probably given in to Joe's smoke late in the fight.

The facts, ratings, resumes, and results do not support you. All the guys Frazier didn't fight just happened to be heavy punchers. He ducked and weaved them. Plain and simple.

You keep talking about Frazier having to beat Quarry to get the second fight with Ali. What is it about the word nonsense you don't understand? After Frazier beat Quarry (whom he had already beaten 5 years earlier), he didn't go straight into a title fight against Ali. No, he fought Ellis (whom he'd already beaten 5 years earlier).

Joe was recycling guys he'd already beaten, to duck punchers he'd never fought. And this was after he was damaged goods after the first Ali fight. He even ducked guys in his prime. In ducking Terell, he fought guys Terell had already easily beaten. Heck, Terell beat Jones in late 1966, and then Frazier opted to fight Jones (not his conqueror Terell) in February 1967---only three months later!

Don't forget Frazier refused to enter the elimination tournament. All the other guys were game, but Joe wasn't. Terell was in that tournament. Joe said that he was too good to have to fight for the title. Yet in the year prior he'd only beaten Jones, Davis, Johnson, Chuvalo, Doyle and Conners.

Your attempt to shift the blame away from Frazier's omissions and failings onto Ali failed. He fought anyone and everyone. Joe didn't. Wake up, Kent, smell the facts, cast a critical and discerning eye over the history, listen intently to Angelo and Massimo, consult the Ring Magazine ratings, and admit that you are wrong.

Joe Frazier ducked some fighters in his prime. He refused to fight in an elimination tournament containing the best fighters of that era. And in the second half of his career he ducked big punchers.

He was not a risk taker. He didn't try and climb new mountains. Joe is undeserving of anyone placing him in the Top 10 of all time. Finito.
worked together to keep Joe out of trouble. Make no mistake about it: After
the Foreman debacle, they'd move mountains to keep Frazier away from devastating
punchers like Lyle. Foreget the fact that Quarry outboxed Lyle and caught
Shavers early to KO him. Both of these guys represented a serious threat to
Frazier's viability as a contender, because both of them had the capacity to get
him out in a round or two. Kent: There are indeed other explanations for why
Frazier never met these guys, and you've given them all. But to me, the most
reasonable explanation is fear on the part of his management (not necessarily
Joe) to put him in the ring with fearless punchers like Lyle who would shake off
his left hook and pile drive him into the ground like Foreman did.

That Lyle was a deserving opponent before Frazier's fight with Ali can be argued but it would
have made more sense for Frazier to take Lyle because of his style than Ellis if
the title shot was to be against Foreman instead of Ali.

Could it be that
Foreman avoided Frazier in 74, not because he was concerned he would lose to
Frazier but because there was more money in a fight with Ali. What some of the
posters seem to ignore is that money plays a big roll on who fights
who. But in 1974 to 1975, Shavers was not a viable opponent because of
his losses to Quarry, that immortal Stallings, and his draw to Young. It does
matter who beats who and frankly at that point, Shavers was not deserving.

Howard Joe did beat Quarry five years earlier, but going into the second fight Odds makers had
Quarry the favorite, because of his wins over Lyle and Shavers. I am not a big
Frazier fan, but that being said I dont think he ducked Lyle or Shavers. I
think Joe would have had alot more problems with Lyle than Ernie but I think he
would have gotten to both of them. Condition was a problem for both Shavers and
Lyle.

Ali disciples: how many fights did he lose? How many close decisions that he got did he really lose? How many
"victories" were actually very close fights that could have gone either way?
In fact, how many rounds did the (apparently) despised Joe Frazier win in
their three bouts, and who knocked who down? Was this guy really worthy of
the self appointed title "The Greatest"? Shouldn't the "greatest", in
anything, be dominant, like, say, Babe Ruth was in his time? Come on. Be
honest.

Why do Frazier groupies assume that
because someone critically examines Frazier's career, he must automatically be
an Ali groupie ? Likewise, why is it that Frazier groupies try to take
the critical spotlight off Frazier by criticizing Ali ?
The most popular saying on this site is that styles make fights. That saying explains why Frazier
ducked punchers. You can't get away from the facts of who he fought and didn't
fight. A common thread exists that he ducked heavy hitters when he had the
option to do so.

You guys have tried every excuse to clear Joe. First of
all it was because he was too friendly with someone or the guy was from a
derrent era or he was unranked or there was no money in fighting
him. None of the excuses cut it, guys. One by one the excuses were
knocked over and Massimo destroyed the last one by revealing the
rankings.

Now this guy Fan, whoever he is this time around, tries to
defend Joe by making accusations against Ali. Fan, Ali fought everyone. He
didn't duck anyone. He fought the punchers and the boxers and everyone. If there
was controversy in the result then he fought them again (and
again).

Meanwhile, Joe was hiding from the punchers. Deep down all you
guys know it, too. By the way, I'm no special fan of Ali. I don't believe he was
The Greatest. But his resume is a long way ahead of Frazier's.

In 1969 he fought Quarry and

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"the real Greatest" Zyglevic. Why didn't he fight the up and coming monster Mac Foster? In 1970 he fought Ellis and Foster. Why Foster? What did ever accomplish Foster in the heavyweight division to deserve a shot to Frazier? He had his ass whipped by Doug Jones, Ernie "Clay" Terrell and Zora Folley. He fought only 6 rounds in 1970. Why so little? He was the n.1 heavyweight in the world, and he was at the top of his game, he should have fought much more. Six rounds in a year, come on, that's almost Mike Tyson stuff! Joe Frazier gave so much to boxing and I am a Frazier fan, but I love the truths. Massimo "The truth" Cini.

2/22/05 08:30:24 AM|RUFUS C. GOOFUS|DUVASVILLE||DUVASVILLE.COM|||10|JOE FRAZIER AND MUHAMMAD ALI WERE GREAT FIGHTERS. A-HILT, A-HILT, A-HILT!! BY GOLLY, YES SIR REE BUB!!

2/22/05 08:31:06 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: You keep saying that Shavers was "undeserving" of a "shot" against Joe Frazier in 1974. But Joe Frazier wasn't the champion anymore. He was two fighters removed from the title. Exactly what did Frazier do after losing to Foreman that elevated him to the status of being so unapproachable by Earnie Shavers? Why was he waiting in the wings for everybody to knock each other off instead of having his ass in the ring fighting along with everyone else? My point is that you put him on a pedestal by saying that other top ten guys needed to prove something to be deserving of a fight with Frazier. To me, after being pummeled by Foreman and beaten in the rematch with Ali, Frazier was the one who should have been charged with proving that HE was deserving of the big fights. Instead, Frazier laid back and his prayers were answered when a guy who he had already beaten knocked off the guys who might do to him what Foreman did. That isn't greatness, it's dumb luck.

2/22/05 08:33:01 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Eerie similarity to staying out of that 60's tournament too---let everyone fight each other, then take on the winner. Yeah, that's easier than two or three hard fights against top ten guys with different skill sets.

2/22/05 09:14:36 AM|Fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com|||10|In early 1973 given a choice of Frazier fighting Foreman or Lyle Foreman was the bigger money fight and the more dangerous opponent. Frazier fought Foreman. In late 1973 given the choice of fighting Ali or Shavers there was no choice the world was waiting for ALI-Frazier 2. So Joe fought the winner of Quarry-Shavers. Joe didn't duck anyone.

2/22/05 09:46:38 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Fran: Joe Frazier was a warrior and I said in an earlier post, he'd fight whoever they put in front of him---and he'd fight them tooth and nail. Even in his losses to Foreman, he didn't want to quit after getting knocked down. You watch him in Manila and he didn't want to quit, even though he couldn't see. I'm not dumb enough to question Fraizer's courage---but I do believe his management protected him from guys with the style to beat him, especially after 1972.

2/22/05 09:54:40 AM|Kent|same|||10|One thing that Frazier had going for him, and Massimo's looking up the ratings shows this is true, Frazier was higher rated than either Shavers or Lyle in the period of 1974. As the higher rated fighter and the ex champion, he could fight the winner of those below him. Remember also that Frazier had a win over Joe Bugner, a fighter ranked in the top ten, in his first fight after losing his title to Foreman. I think a lot of the negativity surrounding Frazier comes from the vision of seeing him knocked down six times in less than two round verses Foreman. But consider what likley would have happened if say Earnie Shavers was allowed to continued after he was knocked down and out on his feet when he got up verses Quarry. Shavers likely would have went down multiple times but the referee did the right thing by stopping the fight when Shavers was badly hurt. So the image of Shavers isn't damaged because we didn't see him bounced around like a ball by Quarry a bunch of times. Frazier on the other hand was the victim of bad refereering and
a negligent corner for allowing him to be knocked down six times in two rounds against Foreman. That fight should have been stopped after the second knock down. If that had happened, then everyone would say, "oh, Joe just got caught early and he never recovered," like Shavers did against Quarry, but the image of Joe going down so many more times is etched in a lot of people's memories and it takes away from a likely earlier perception that Joe was devastating before the Foreman fight, which he was. At his best, Frazier was brutally devastating, even for a brutal sport. He was just relentless. 

That's a fair point about the image of Frazier going down six times against Foreman---being burned into our minds. I will say that it seemed as though Shavers took a lot more punches from Quarry before going down, then took a lot more and finished on his feet. Some of Foreman's knockdowns seemed to be scored with one big punch, or a couple big punches that had Frazier sailing down face first. Foreman was a devastating puncher and his show against Norton was every bit as impressive, even though there weren't six knockdowns. But I still disagree with the quality of Frazier's opponents being appropriate. Sure, Bugner was good. But wasn't he still a safer play (for FRAZIER'S STYLE) than someone like Lyle? 

It wasn't that Frazier was unapproachable by Shavers. It was Shavers wasn't deserving of fighting whoever was higher rated that would give him a shot at the title because of losses to Quarry and the immortal Stallings, and a draw with Young in a return match. He had slipped in the rankings after his good showing earlier in 1973 when he had knocked out both Ellis and Young, which earned him the right to fight Quarry, who had beaten Lyle earlier in the year. The two highest rated fighters, Quarry and Frazier, then met to decide who would get a title shot and Frazier won that fight. 

Someone here says Frazier beat Quarry easily twice. But this isn't true as anyone who has seen the first Frazier/Quarry fight would know. It was a gruelling match and Frazier wore Quarry down in a slugfest over seven rounds. It was because it was a difficult fight in their first meeting and that Quarry was on a roll going into Frazier/Quarry 2 after winning six in row, including the Lyle and Shavers fights that people thought it was Joe who was ready to be taken but it turned out to be the other way around as Quarry didn't show much and Joe had an easier time of it the second time out. The point is nobody thought Joe had taken the easy way out going into Frazier/Quarry 2. For some reason, Jerry just didn't have it anymore by the time of Frazier/Quarry 2 and he should have retired after this fight. It doesn't take way from Frazier's victory though as Joe seemed rejuvenated and he fought like he had fought in his prime.

Kent, do you understand why Frazier fought Bob Foster ? I just can't, he wasn't in the top ten. Maybe his management got the wrong Foster, maybe they meant Mac Foster. Try asking your 6'9" friend in Boston, maybe he knows ! I know that Mac Foster lost to Quarry in June 1970, but he still was way more dangerous than Bob Foster and much higher in the rankings. Mac Foster was big, had one hell of a right hand, had long arms and was very powerful. He was a little bit slow, but still an excellent heavyweight.

How far is it from the Staples Center ? And from Santa Monica ? I am no Frazier groupie. Just took a critical look at the record of "The Greatest" and concluded that the moniker, accepted by many, is a undeserved (and ruffled a few feathers in the process). By the way, does anyone recall how close Jerry came to a third
Ali fight? Speaking of objective examinations of fighters and fights, take a look at Jerry at the end of the Shavers fight. Think if Ernie had survived the first round the outcome might have been different? Quarry's exhausted condition may have suggested what was, unfortunately, ahead for him. Maybe Frazier was lucky Jerry won.

I don't see the point in this Ali-vs-Frazier's place in heavyweight history debate going on much longer. It's abundantly clear that both camps are firmly entrenched in their opinions. I do believe, however, that the people who are defending Frazier's place in heavyweight history are taking the higher ground. Kent, Massimo, Noam, Fan, and myself have all acknowledged that Ali was probably the greatist heavyweight of all time. Angelo, you seem to feel as though Frazier was less than an all time great based on the often repeated argument that he ducked all heavy punchers. Notably Shavers, Lyle and Norton. I've got to repeat my stance that the fact that he fought Foreman a second time, Ali three times, Oscar Bonavena twice, and Jerry Quarry twice, kind of refutes your statement that he ducked all difficult fights. You can only fight so many fights in a given time frame. For Frazier to have fought every top ten ranked fighter during the mid seventies, he would have to fight every two months. Yes, Ali fought everyone out there, and look where it got him. Yes, Angelo, the idea that "styles make fights" is a valid argument. It's not an excuse. Frazier defeats Ali, Foreman crushes Frazier, Ali ko's Foreman. Quarry walked through Shavers, and beat the heck out of Ron Lyle. Are you saying that Frazier, by fighting Quarry a second time, was ducking Shavers and Lyle? Did any of Foreman's knockout victims ever fight him a second time? Where would you put George Foreman on the all time list? Remember, he has been quoted as saying that he "ducked Jerry Quarry."

Massimo, why did Ali fight Bob Foster, could he have thought he was giving Ken Norton a fourth chance, since he stole the third fight?

Where a grueling fight schedule against the world's best got Ali is two places: 1) He has severe neurological problems due to Parkinson's Syndrome (or Parkinson's Disease) very likely due to boxing, though Michael J. Fox and Janet Reno have the same disorder and they never faced Shavers, Foreman and Frazier, at least not to my knowledge. 2) The other place it got Ali is to the top of all time greats are discussed. If he isn't the greatest, he's pretty damn close. Frazier? Very, very good heavyweight of his era and a fine Champion. Don't tell me that he couldn't take on every top ten fighter or he'd be fighting every two months. I never said he had to fight EVERY top ten guy---it just would have been nice if he fought a few different ones or at least, for instance, Ron Lyle instead of Jimmy Ellis a second time. Okay, okay, he was training for Ali and Ellis was a better test for him than Lyle or Shavers. Fine. With Bugner, what's the reason there? Hmmmm....let's see, Stander and Bugner are both a little slow, so that's a good reason. No entrance into the tournament? Ahhh...let's see, the best in the world shouldn't have to prove it by fighting three times, why not wait till the dust settles and just take on the winner and hope that it's a guy with a lighter punch. Then I could beat him and low and behold, fight him 5 years later and beat him again.

Massimo, I believe Big Mac Foster was 20 wins, 0 losses, 20 knockouts when Jerry Quarry took him to big boys school. I guess Jerry had to fight him, since Frazier was ducking him.

No one can identify any viable heavy that Ali didn't face. It didn't matter who they were, he fought them. Frazier didn't. Fact. Joe and Yank and Cloverlay had board meetings to decide Joe's next opponent. They discussed who and what to avoid (like the elimination tournament). Fact. Meanwhile, Ali didn't need discussions; he just fought the next best. Fact.
examples (facts) with Joe. Look at Doug Jones's schedule:<br><br>1966 v Terrell Lost 15<br>1966 v Spencer Lost 10<br>1967 v Frazier KO by 6<br>Frazier fought the loser Jones instead of the winners Spencer and Terrell. Fact.<br>Look again at Terrell. In 1965 he beat Machin and Chuvalo and in 1966 he beat Jones. Yet Frazier fought all the losers (Machin and Chuvalo), and not the winner (Terrell). Fact.<br>Same with Thad Spencer. In 1996 he beat Jones and not Spencer. Fact.<br>Look at Shavers. In 1971 he had 17 fights and 17 KO's. In 1972 he had 8 fights and 7 KO's. Yet Joe never made time to fight him. Fact.<br>We should examine who Ellis fought in the lead up to the second Frazier fight. Ellis had lost three and drew 1 of his last four fights, yet Frazier decided to fight him a second time, despite the fact that Lyle and Shavers were still out there. Lyle and Shavers had already beaten Ellis, but Joe opted on the loser. Fact.<br>Steve....Joe fought Ali three times because he hated Ali, there was too much money to refuse, and Ali wasn't a puncher. Facts.<br>Frazier fought Foreman the first time because he didn't consider Foreman a dangerous opponent. Joe expected to beat him easily. He said so in his book. Facts.<br>Joe fought Foreman the second time because he had to. He couldn't duck that fight if he had any aspirations of getting the title back. Fact.<br>As I've repeatedly said, Frazier's legend is held together with excuses and explanations. Ali's isn't. Fact. Get used to it.<br>|2/22/05 03:01:12 PM|charles|ark.||ctjjandfam@aol.com||10|jimmy young dead at 56|
|2/22/05 03:02:19 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net.||10|Angelo, with all due respect, I'm not a medical expert, so I cannot say that Ali's condition is a result of beatings he took over the course of his career. My asking where his career choices got him was a rhetorical question. Don't take everything said about Ali that you don't agree with as an personal affront. I can't believe we're discussing Joe Bugner. Does any one who was alive in the early seventies, and saw Joe bugner fight, really believe anyone took him seriously as a threat to Ali or Frazier?|
|2/22/05 04:12:05 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||10|That's terrible news about Jimmy Young. Very sad. He was a favorite of mine. Howard C: That post sums it up better than I can. Facts are facts. Probably the most ridiculous and surprising thing you pointed out was Jimmy Ellis' futility leading up to the Frazier rematch. Could they possibly have picked a less threatening opponent that anyone had ever heard of than a guy who was having draws/losses in bunches like that? Ellis clearly had nothing left, nothing at all, and still gave Frazier a few tough rounds (I have that one on tape---Ellis actually stayed away and boxed well for about 4-5 rounds.). Kent: Newsflash, if he wanted to prepare for Ali, Joe would have been better off sparring with Marvis, who was about 12 years old at the time, rather than a 1974 Ellis. This wasn't about finding someone to prepare for Ali, it was a payday against an opponent who was utterly incapable of hurting Frazier. As if Ellis' poor recent record wasn't enough of an insurance policy, there was the history that Frazier had already KOed him when Ellis was actually good. Steve: No, to answer your question, no one alive in the early 70's had any reason to think
Bugner could beat Ali or Frazier and that's the point. Ali fought him, but also fought everyone else. Frazier fought him but had very few other fights in the period—making Bugner a bigger part of his history, not a footnote like Bugner is with Ali.

Charles, yes it is sad Jimmy Young died, he was only 56. I haven't heard the details but I do know, from a very reliable source, that he was a heavy drinker, he had a severe problem and he was either on the streets or close to it in recent times, penniless.

We can't forget our fallen warriors as often times the problems they face after their careers are over are magnified by damage they suffered in the ring. I always thought Jimmy was one of the ones who stayed in the game way too long.

RIP JIMMY YOUNG 1948-2005.

Honour to Jimmy Young, rest in peace.

Steve, whether or not Ali received his illness from boxing, shouldn't detract from his reputation as a boxer. The reality is that he fought EVERYONE, and writing his schedule wasn't a game of chess like it appears to have been with Joe. Ali's daughter denies that the illness was from boxing, but I believe that boxing probably sped up something he was always going to get, but probably later.

People forget that Ali taking the first fight against Liston was very risky. No one gave him a chance. Critics thought he was stupid for taking the fight. But Ali and Dundee had confidence in his ability. On the other hand, Frazier never pushed the limits or his luck like Ali did against Liston and later Foreman.

It is interesting about the second Frazier v Ellis fight. It took place in some place called Melbourne. It just looks to me like Joe was taking it easy. He wanted the big money fights against Ali and Foreman, but he didn't have enough confidence in himself to take risk against decent oppositions, especially big punchers.

Truth is, in the second part of his career, Frazier was suspect to big punchers. Don't forget that both losses to Foreman happened AFTER the first Ali fight.

But what evidence is there that Frazier wasn't vulnerable to big punchers BEFORE the first Ali fight? Would Frazier have done any better against Foreman if he'd fought him before Ali? No, I don't think he would have. I think the doubt with his chin was always there and Foreman would have knocked him out at any stage of Joe's career.

Someone said that Joe fought substandard opponents after he won the title because champions are entitled to fight a few stiffs as a reward. Well, Joe had a very extended 'honeymoon' after he beat Ali. He beat Ali in March 8, 1971. He didn't fight again until January 1972 against Daniels and then in May 1972 against Stander.

It wasn't until January 1973 that Joe's two years long 'honeymoon' ended when he lost to Foreman. As can be seen, his only two defences before he lost it were to Stander and Daniels. That took him 24 long months.

Someone should have told Ali he could have a 'honeymoon' after he won the title. After he beat Liston in February 1964, his next fights were against Liston, Patterson, Chuvalo, and Cooper—two ex-champs in that list. No 'honeymoons' like Daniels or Stander in there.
Foreman for the title in 1974, Ali fought Wepner, Lyle, Bugner, and then Frazier. He had four hard fights in the year after he regained the title. Unfortunately, comparisons don't do Joe any favours.

|2/23/05 10:24:28 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||10|Kent: I didn't mean to imply that you were disrespecting Young. In fact, it's very likely that if he had a drinking or drug problem, that definitely contributed to his heart condition at a relatively young age. I've heard the same things about Young that you have. He seemed like a very good guy with typical money and substance problems that affect a lot of former athletes/boxers. I had heard that he had some neurological problems, but was not clear if it was from blows to the head or substance abuse. I remember reading that Aaron Pryor compounded possible mental slowdown from blows to the head, by using serious drugs---and it's fully possible that the drugs contributed to his condition far more than concussions or brain injury from boxing. As for Jimmy Young, he was a polite guy who was humble as a former boxer and approachable by fans. I wish he could have become a trainer or stayed active in a productive way, and stayed away from alcohol. He had a lot to offer. |

|2/23/05 11:00:18 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Angelo, I wasn't implying anyone here was saying I was disrespectful to Jimmy Young's memory. I was maybe being a little over sensitive to the fact that the man has just died and I had repeated something that a writer friend, who I will not identify here (see I am not always name dropping as some here claim at times) said in confidence. In fact I did a short obituary for Eastside Boxing and I didn't mention his problems or condition as I considered the piece like speaking at someone's funeral. |

|2/23/05 11:54:41 AM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com||10|I have spoken at length about Jimmy with one of his good friends about two years back. Jimmy never could let the Norton decision go. It compounded in his brain along with the Ali decision and led Jimmy to believe that boxing would never give him a fair shake. Jimmy was never serious about boxing again after the Norton fight. Jimmy had trouble after his career, and it's a shame to hear he is gone. |

|2/23/05 12:18:35 PM|Steve|N.J.||N/A||10|Jimmy Youngs's death is tragic. It makes this site's purpose even more clearly defined. I brought these ideas up once before. What about set number of fights allowed to reach certain career goals. Unless a fighter is undefeated, he has a limit of, say, 40 fights? Thats if he still hadn't won a title or was not the champion at the time he reached 40 fights. Not allowed to fight after a certain age, say, 40 years old, unless undefeated, and of course can pass some form of neurological testing? These limits are just an opinion, but clearly, some limits should be imposed. It might have saved Jerry Quarry. I guess this again brings up the need for a federal boxing commission. It would also have powers over fighters from other countries who fight in this country. For that matter, we would probably need a world wide governing body. Probably impossible! |

|2/23/05 12:49:35 PM|Massimo |Roma||4||10|Yesterday I have seen a fight between Samil San and a guy named Lawrence Clay Bey. Bey is 39 years of age and overweight (about 6'3", about 258) and although he fought a great fight and almost beat Samil San, I was wondering: "What is this old man in the ring for?". He started his professional career at 32 and now he has a record of 21-3-0. Just a while ago, fighters that old were a rarity, now I see too much of them in the ring. I think this is not good for boxing. |

|2/23/05 12:49:40 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||10|Young was within grasp of the title and fell just short against Ali. I believe the Norton fight could have gone either way. I scored it in favor of Young (I had him ahead by two points), but I could see how a judge might like Norton. Young was an odd case—he did not have a good record and had some bad losses. Then, it really seemed to come together for him after losing to Ali. He beat some good fighters and did so impressively. He handled Lyle and Foreman, no small task.
He had a very strong showing against Norton. I really feel that if he could have just held it together a little longer by beating Ocasio, he was next in line for Larry Holmes. At that time, I think Holmes probably would have taken him in a decision win, but Young would have had a good payday and a chance at more.<br>

As for regulating boxing---it's a shame to say it, but it's like cockfighting. If one place puts in some smart rules that prevents guys who don't belong in the ring from stepping in, another place will welcome them with open arms if money is available. Personally, I admit to the guilt of watching it. I watched 40-something Foreman and 40-something Holmes take on Holyfield. I watched Foreman vs. Moorer. If Greg Page had been fighting in the DC area and I could get a ticket, I'd probably go see it and watch him slip into a coma (and by the way, reports say that he is improving). I've watched mismatches like Holmes-Cobb and old guys going for another shot at glory. I guess boxing fans do that. As long as there is a demand, they'll put on the show. The common sense way of handling it is a federal organization that sanctions fights based on physical condition, not age or how many fights you've had. If the person has reflexes within a reasonable margin, a healthy heart and normal brain activity, they can fight. If someone is knocked out, there should be a long waiting period until they are cleared to fight again. If there are more than two 10 count KO losses in a row, they should have to sit out for a very long time and get a close examination. This won't solve the problem---they could fight in another country---but it will discourage craziness from going on.

Ali's slurring in speech was evident immediately after the Foreman fight when he spoke at ringside. No attempt was made to dissuade him from fighting again. Even when his doctor said he should retire, the authorities paid even less heed than Ali did.<br>

Boxers make money for the sanctioning authority and the promoters, not to mention his own trainer, manager, and family. Fights sell newspapers and pay-per-view so don't expect to read or hear about the health problems fighting causes in the media. The system is not self-defeating and everyone has a vested interested, making it easier to turn a blind eye and muffled ear to the deteriorating symptoms in the fighter.<br>

Most fighters don't have other skills. Opportunities are rare. So they have to decide between poverty and ill health. Because ill health is a slowly deteriorating spiral, whereas poverty is almost instant, it's expedient to keep fighting. They put the medical problem off for another day. When that day comes the problem is usually so developed that it's way too late to help.<br>

Pre-fight medical examinations obviously aren't working because they fail to detect problems at an early stage. Trying to regulate the problem is difficult because outlawing a sick boxer is a restraint of trade and therefore actionable at law.<br>

All of the above makes it easier for authorities and fighter management to hide the problem as it deteriorates and then, when the world finally realizes that the fighter is badly damaged, he's hidden away and ignored because he's an embarrassment and a burden. It is a barbaric and unforgiving livelihood. If the fighter's health gets in the way of a good payday, then it is the payday that takes precedence every time.<br>

Someone has to save the fighter from himself, but so far no one has had the strength of character to do it. As far as many boxing fans are concerned, train wrecks are more appetizing to watch than a bloodless points decision.<br>

In the end, everyone has had a piece of the boxer, but the fighter is left to deal with the problem alone and penniless. Some have a wonderful family like Jerry Quarry did to help but that is rare.<br>

Fighters usually lack the guile and sophistication to get the proper help
by themselves. Some turn to alcohol and drugs because the effects temporarily
mask the physical pain and the loneliness. Eventually they mask it continually
by drinking continually.<br><br>I hope it wasn't so for Jimmy Young.<br><br>By themselves. Some turn to alcohol and drugs because the effects temporarily
mask the physical pain and the loneliness. Eventually they mask it continually
by drinking continually.<br><br>I hope it wasn't so for Jimmy Young.

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Noam: It's all pretty accurate---though there have been many cases where a financially
healthy boxer continued to fight past his prime---disproving the poverty reason.
Ali, Holyfield, Leonard and others had millions of dollars banked as well as the
opportunity to make money, in retirement, through commentating, promoting
products, personal appearances, etc. Still, they boxed. Holyfield puzzles me.
Why keep going for this long? I read a Washington Times article on Jerry Quarry
in the mid-90s. It talked about how his father had hoped he'd retire from
fighting when he was young and not affected and buy some gas stations and just
have a comfortable living. As we know, this didn't happen. Jerry's an example
of a guy who did a great job doing color commentary on fights, had popularity
and personality---and could have stayed out after the second loss to Frazier. I
guess it's in your blood to keep coming back for more.<br><br>Angelo

In the early 70's or earlier to get wealthy you had to be one hell of a fighter! Heck, Frazier and
Ali only got 1.5 million dollars for the Fight of the Century. I'm not 100%
sure, but very probably Mike Tyson got more money for his fight with Clifford!
Today, you don't have to be a champion to make money! Heck, John Ruiz probably
is already very wealthy! And still (or yet) surprisingly today the fighters
fight until they are very old, while in the past they usually did quit their
careers very soon (on average, there were a few exceptions like Jersey Joe
Walcott etc). Guys, I really don't think that a great fighter like Zora Folley
got (or became) SUPERWEALTHY. If Ali' and Frazier got 1.5 million dollars for
their first fight, how much did Zora Folley get for his fight with the legendary
Duke Sabedong (a guy who was only 3 inches shorter than Kent's friend in Boston)?

On the other hand I remember that Michele Geraldo Tyson got an unbelievable
amount of money for his 1996 fight against Frank Bruno. I've never been shorter,
I meant andreer.

Noam

With some fighters boxing is a means to an end. They make good money and get out. Other fighters
are involved because they have no other options. With some fighters boxing is a means to an end. They make good money and get out. Other fighters
are involved because they have no other options. But a guy like
Holyfield is a warrior who truly loves the sport and the battle (whether or not he gets beat up). Holyfield is past the point where he needs to be protected
from himself. Then there are guys like Larry Holmes. He was all three of
those things. He fought as a means to an end and then invested his money well
and is set for life. Larry probably also didn't have many choices; boxing was
all he was good at. And then Larry kept fighting past his prime - not because he
needed the money and had no other options by then - but simply as a result of
loving the challenge and the battle. Perhaps Sugar Ray Leonard was like
this as well, although he got out rich when the writing was definitely on the
wall for him. Rocky Marciano was smart enough to know when to stop.

Lennox Lewis is smart too, but I'm not convinced he'll stay retired. Most boxers
don't know when to call time and in the most dangerous sport of all that can be
a fatal mistake.<br><br>Ali certainly fought everybody. The only thing close to "ducking" anyone, as I recall, was his decision to fight
Olympic champ Leon Spinks, who had about 8 pro fights, at a time when fans were
clamoring for yet another Norton bout. Leon was entirely cooperative in Ali's
quest to regain the title again, which, you may recall, was a huge deal at the
time. (After losing it to Spinks he easily won it back from him). However,
by fighting everyone - and going the distance repeatedly with great fighters -
Ali took several lifetimes of punishment. Just consider what he endured in his
three close bouts with Frazier and Norton respectively. Young, Lyle,
Shavers... he got as good as he gave in all of these fights and more. Far more abuse than the human body is designed to take. (BTW, re: pre-Ali evidence of Joe Frazier's ability to take a punch - Jerry Quarry, at his peak in June, 1969, threw everything he had at Frazier and didn't budge him. I don't think anyone would say Jerry couldn't punch, especially in 1969). The best way to stay healthy is to be a big puncher, run up a bunch of early KO's, and, if you're going to lose, get quickly starched a few times and then call it quits. Gerry Cooney almost had it right, then he imprudently fought the grossly underrated Michael Spinks and Big George, when Gerry had no business being in the ring. But for those mistakes, he would have suffered only one beating in a very profitable career. Jimmy Young was a smart, slick, entertaining and underrated boxer. Another sad ending, and he won't be the last.

Hi Fan,

Yes, Quarry hit him hard and he didn't budge. But do you really think that Jerry punched as hard as Foreman or Shavers or Lyle? After all, Jerry in his prime couldn't even knock an ageing Patterson out. The first one was a draw and the second a points win. Heck, Patterson in his prime couldn't even get past the first round in his two fights against Liston. Bonavena didn't punch overly hard and he nearly stopped Joe and this was only 12 fights into Frazier's career. Patterson beat Bonavena in 1972.

So I'd have to disagree with you. I've gone through everyone that Frazier fought before Foreman and I really can't find heavy punchers, certainly not ones in the league of, for example, Lyle and Shavers and Liston. I think Ali was perfect for Joe because Ali was not a huge puncher. Ali suited Joe because Frazier could be aggressive as he knew a bone rattler wasn't going to come his way. Even so, Frazier was never the same after the first fight against Ali. Despite his win, the fight shook his confidence and he became gun shy. He didn't fight for over a year and, when he did, it was only against Daniels and Stander. Of all the fighters Joe faced, he only faced two men in the top 10 of all time (Ali and Foreman). He faced them five times for only one win. Joe was stopped three out of the five times. Joe's popularity with some fans mirrors Ali's unpopularity with those same people. That tells you something.

My honest opinion is that Frazier is hugely overrated. Louis and Marciano and Holmes and Tyson and Liston and Lewis would have blown him out of the ring pronto.

FAN: I think Ali ducked giving Jimmy Young a rematch. He would never even discuss a return about. Young deserved a rematch in my opinion.

John: I don't think Ali ducked a Jimmy Young rematch out of fear of losing. Ali weighed 230 pounds for the Young fight, about 10 pounds over his fighting weight of that era, and worse yet, was not trained well. Even so, he managed the win and was never hurt by Young. I believe that there would have been a rematch if there was a big demand for it and Ali would have won a much more decisive decision! I agree that Ali wanted no part of Norton after 1976. He could have let Spinks defend against Norton, and taken on the winner, keeping the title unified. Instead, he fought Spinks to get his title back, then semi-retired. I don't think he was afraid of losing to Norton by KO, but his best years were behind him and Norton was peaking. Ali was concerned about losing the title to Norton—probably figured Norton would take out Spinks and be fully charged to take him too. The only other person who Ali probably should have taken on, but didn't, was George Foreman again. After Ali beat Foreman for the title, Foreman won some fights (including the slugfest with Lyle) and didn't lose until 1977. Between 1974 and 1977, while Ali was defending against Jean-Pierre Coopman, Wepner, Evangilista, etc., why not give Foreman a chance to reclaim his title? I say this, and I'm Ali's biggest fan. Interestingly, Foreman believes he "would have made the same dumb mistake" in a rematch with Ali, and would have
lost again, back then. I think the new Foreman believes he was better at 43 than he was at 27. But you know, we're talking about guys who Ali "should have fought again" including Norton, who he beat twice in three matches. It's a big reach to say Ali ducked anyone. Conversely, speaking of Frazier, we talk about fights that never happened, not once, not ever, against Lyle, Shavers, Liston, Norton, Young---the list goes on---and we talk about how Frazier gave rematches to people he knocked out (like the used-up Jimmy Ellis of 1974, who rode a losing streak in to face Frazier).

And come to think of it, Kent made a facicious comment wondering if we think Frazier ducked Jose Luis Garcia (since he was known as a puncher). On the surface, it was a humorous/sarcastic comment that I thought was funny. But the more I think about it, the more I wonder. I never saw this guy fight and that's why I asked what his KO over Norton was like. It occurs to me that if Garcia had a big punch, maybe, just maybe, Frazier's "committee" did in fact to the "discuss and avoid" shuffle. I know this sounds crazy, but...where are the big punchers, aside from Foreman, on Joe's record? We know they were out there, but there always seemed to be some explanation for why fights against these guys never materialized. In a historic context, I wonder why Frazier and Garcia's paths never crossed?

I do know that Frazier was offered a fight against Liston early in Joe's career and turned the offer down.

The only guy Frazier ever ducked was Lorenzo Zanon and Ali! ducked him too :-) I certainly don't blame Ali' for not fighting Foreman a second time, Norton a fourth time and Frazier a seventh time, he was somehow a human being and needed to breath once in a while. Primo Carnera never ducked anyone.

Fan

Thanks for the heads-up on just how good Frazier's jaw really was before the first Ali fight. You say that Jerry Quarry never "budged" Joe in their 1969 fight. Look at the lead-ups Quarry had: Earls W10 Ellis L15 1967

So, Fan, thanks for setting us straight that Frazier's jaw was at least as durable as Earls's, Ellis's, Patterson's, and London's. Wow !

Jimmy Young fought Ali in April 1976. In December 1976 Frazier fought exhibitions against his son, Marvis, and then against Foranicki. Joe would have been better off fighting Young. Or Lyle. Or Norton. Or Shavers. Ali fought all these guys; Frazier fought none of them. Yet you criticize Ali for not fighting Young a second time? I guess that sums up the bone headedness of the Ali haters.

Just a minute, Patterson went on the canvas one hundred times against Quarry, while Frazier never went down against Jerry. And Jimmy Ellis wasn't maybe a great puncher, but he had a very good jaw, he was never even knocked down before (or until) the first Frazier fight and went twelve rounds with Ron Lyle.
I apologize for calling you a bonehead. I shouldn't have because you are usually a sensible poster. However, I disagree with you about Ali not fighting Young a second time, especially in view of your failure to criticize Foreman for not fighting Young, Lyle, Shavers, Norton, et al, FOR THE FIRST TIME. On the other hand, you did mention that Frazier refused to fight Liston. Anyway, these are the REAL reasons Joe never fought Liston, Terrell, Young, Shavers, Norton and Lyle,<br>1) Cloverlay and Yank told him not to.<br>2) Joe was too friendly with them.<br>3) Joe was entitled to easier fights in warm ups before title fights.<br>4) Joe was entitled to easier fights in warm downs after title fights.<br>5) There was more money in fights against Daniels and Stander.<br>Joe was instead concentrating on his burgeoning singing career.<br>7) Yank's dog ate the fight contracts before Joe had a chance to sign them.<br>I've set the record straight. |
the uppercut Shavers knocked out Ellis with in 1973...That punch was really scary, I think it's a miracle that Jimmy Ellis' head is still on his shoulders! Hell, that uppercut would have knocked out cold Ali', Chuvalo, Quarry, Carnera, Spalla, Warren Coolidge, Hulk Hogan, Wilt Chamberlain, Andre' the Midget, Jim Clancy...probably even Calvin Lane! That punch would have killed most of the people in the world, including Kent's friend in Boston (who is, by the way, clearly wilter than Byron Stewart).

Jim Clancy? You mean the 1970's pitcher for the Toronto Blue Jays? As for Earnie's uppercut that took out Ellis---<br>Ole' Jimmy's bells were still ringing when he stepped in against Frazier AFTER Shavers KOed him. Lucky Joe. Gee, Kent likes to point out that Lucky Joe took on the winner of Quarry vs. Lyle then Quarry vs. Shavers (just so happened that Lucky Joe had already knocked out this winner, our own Jerry Quarry, back in the 60's). Of course instead of fighting the winner of Shavers vs. Ellis, Lucky Joe was fortunate enough to "negotiate" to fight the loser, the one round knockout victim LOSER of that fight, Jimmy Ellis.<br>Lucky Joe, good ole' Lucky Joe.

No, I have never heard of the Toronto Blue Jays, I meant that guy who talks often on the CNN. Don't you get CNN over there in Washington? I use to watch CNN every day, it's very interesting and well done, even if I really don't understand why they use to repeat over and over again the same 5 or 6 news for (or throughout) the entire day. It's a very good training for my English and I'm getting better day after day. They have been talking about the Pope's health conditions for many hours today. Where is your home town Washington exactly? I know that it is on the east coast (very far from California, and this is no good) but in what state is? Maybe Idaho? Maybe Washington?

Hey Angelo, what is your final point in this seemingly never ending debate? Based on your last sarcastic post, I guess you feel that Frazier and Quarry were very, very, lucky to have even gotten into the top ten rankings during the seventies. Taking your logical argument a step further, Shavers, SLOW MOTION Ron Lyle, and Ken Norton, were probably better fighters, who were robbed of their greatness by being ducked by Frazier.

I don't think Jerry hit as hard as Shavers or Foreman. He really didn't have one punch knockout power against top heavies. But I still think the Quarry of June 23, 1969, threw some bombs. He vowed to destroy Frazier, and try he did; he let it all hang out for a few rounds, including Ring's round of the year. Many fighters would have gone down against that assault, but the Frazier of June 23, 1969 was barely fazed. I agree that the Ali fight took a lot out of him, though he did quite well in the next two fights, especially if Ali was as great as many seem to think. They were both close, so if Frazier was indeed washed up, what does that say about Ali's performances? Just a bit better than an overrated bum, as many here seem to believe of Joe? That's "The Greatest"?
Joe was entitled to a tune up fight.<br><br>Angelo, answer the question why Shavers in 1974 to 1975 deserved to fight for a chance at the title when he lost to Quarry (can be considered in this time frame as it took place in December 1973), the immortal Bob Stallings, had a draw with Jimmy Young, and a loss to Lyle?  I know one can argue the fact to support why Lyle deserved a chance, which he did get in 1975 against Ali, and isn't it possible Lyle could have been offered a fight with Frazier but wisely took the Ali fight because it was for the title?  But the same cannot be said for Shavers in this same time frame as 1974-1975 was not a good time for him.  1976 to 1977 was a better period in Shavers' career and Frazier was not avoiding him then as he was gone, a shot fighter who would never have taken the second Foreman fight.  When I am talking about a time frame when a Frazier verses Lyle or Shavers is possibly viable it is the period before Oct. of 1975, his third fight against Ali.  Before 1973 both Lyle and Shavers were relatively unknown prospects who were unproven, sluggers like today's Samuel Peter, but still unproven and there was no call for a fight with either of them verses Frazier but they were probably less known than Peter is now.  No one at that time was saying Joe was avoiding them.  It is only after the fact, when Lyle and Shavers are better known that people are bringing this up.| 2/24/05 09:00:14 PM|Steve|N.J.||N/A|||10|Fan,I agree Jerry didn't hit as hard as Shavers or Foreman. However, it did take Foreman six knock downs to stop Frazier. It took three knock downs to finish of Lyle. That's not exactly one punch knockout power. Quarry dispatched Shavers with a lot less effort, and took Lyle's best shots, without blinking. | 2/24/05 09:19:48 PM|Joe Krause|Chicago||joseph......|||10|Shavers was not in the same league as Frazier, but it would not have been a good match-up styles wise for Frazier.  Slow starter against incredible starter. No one except Jerry actually came at Earnie Shavers.  Lyle retreated the first 3 rounds before turning it on. If Frazier comes right at Shavers there is about a 40% chance Shavers knocks him out in the first 3 rounds. I have seen every fight either has ever fought that is on tape and don't say that lightly. | 2/24/05 09:43:20 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Pan, I agree with you, Jerry didn't hit as hard as Shavers or Foreman. However, it took six knock down for Foreman to finish of Frazier. It took three knock downs to stop Lyle. That's not exactly one punch knockout power. Quarry stopped Shavers with a lot less effort. He took Lyle's best shots without blinking. Norton got knocked out by any one who could punch a little bit. Garcia, Foreman, Shavers, Cooney. Quarry and Frazier were both masters at setting traps and counterpunching. I think Lyle, Shavers and Norton are lucky they didn't fight Frazier at his peak. | 2/25/05 03:18:08 AM|Massimo|Roma||skyhookkareem@lefthookFrazier.yahoo.legends.com|||10|Howard C., Noam, Angelo-<br><br>It is still unclear to me why Frazier fought Foreman a second time. To get a title shot? Come on, Ali would have never fought Frazier a fourth time after Manilla. I'm not sure, but I think Frazier fought George a second time for a matter of self pride. Ain't it possible?  | 2/25/05 06:37:27 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||Kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Steve, it really didn't take Foreman knocking down Frazier six times as Frazier was finished by the second or at least the third knock down. He was fighting back feebly on instinct alone and he could have died in the ring in which case the referee and his corner would have been criminally negligent. Smokin Joe would have gotten up a thousand times, if possible, before he would have admitted defeat but why make him prove it? I remember watching it live, I can't remember if it was live T.V. or a close circuit broadcast at a location, but it was downright scary and I remember yelling at the screen, "Stop the fight!" "Stop the fight!" This was after the third knock down. As I stated in an earlier post, I think a lot of the negative image people have of Frazier is watching him in that first Foreman fight being bounced around like a rubber ball
when the reality is Joe got caught and badly hurt early in the fight and he never recovered and if the fight would have been stopped, as it should have been, after the second or third knockdown, then that image of him being completely destroyed would be lessened in people's minds and they would say, "Joe got caught early," cause that is what happened.<br><br>Since you asked, my final point, and really my only point is that Frazier did not fight the highest caliber, best available opponents during his career and also did not fight often enough to be considered a top 10 all time champion. That's it. The discussion has gone round and round due to the enormous amount of explanations and excuses offered as to why Joe didn't fight these highest caliber/dangerous opponents and didn't fight often enough. Everything from "timing wasn't there" to "didn't need to fight him" to "entitled to fight Stander instead of ____." Frazier fans normally always bring it back to knocking down Ali and winning their first fight, and this is why the knee-jerk reaction here is to then point to the fact that Ali fought and defended his title against the long line of power punchers and other dangerous opponents that Frazier skipped over while both were active. <br>You get to be "all time great" by doing it longer and better than everyone else. Joe Louis, Muhammad Ali, Larry Holmes---held the title a long time and took on everyone challenged them.<br>Foreman: Two careers, champions in both.<br>Frazier: Lots of mystery about what "might have happened if he fought _____." Why? Because he DIDN'T fight _____. Title reign unimpressive because his 70's defenses were against lackluster opponents save for Ali.  

That said, he's right outshine the top 10 in my book, which is pretty awesome considering how many professional heavyweight boxers have come and gone---thousands---and whatever negative things I've said about Frazier's career, for me, he's around # 10 out of thousands of fighters. So I balance my skepticism about his management and his choice of opponents by admitting that he was pretty damn good.

Tonight in Italy on ESPN Classic there will be a special of about half an hour on Joe Frazier "Joe Frazier, the legends of sports". I invite all of you 280 millions of Americans in "my" home tonight. My home is very close to Ponte Delle Valli, in Quartiere Montesacro. It's also about 10 miles far from Colosseo. 

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Hey Angelo, if you guys invite me to the pizza party, red wine is fine, but I'll bring the Wild Turkey and Millers.

What are these toppings? Something to eat (or eatable, or of eatable)?

Kent, yeah, I remember watching Foreman vs Frazier. Do you remember, in those days they had closed circuit tv at places like the Cherry Hill Colliseum? I'll never forget Howard Cosell screaming at the top of his lungs, "Joe Frazier is down, Joe Frazier is down, Joe Frazier is down!"

Hey Massimo, if you ever tasted a Philly cheese steak, you wouldn't even care about pizza!

What are these toppings? Something to eat (or eatable, or of eatable)?

Hey Massimo, if you ever tasted a dish of LASAGNE, you wouldn't even care about the Philly cheese steak (....Whatever it is...).

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Hey Massimo, does PIATTI mean food?

Hey Kent, don't knock your peoples culinary skills, Redskins! Just kidding!! Did you ever wonder how American Natives flourished for centuries before the coming of the white
man? What the heck did they eat? Can you really kill an animal with a bow and
arrow? Those guys would qualify for Special Forces today!

Hey Angelo, what about Pat's cheese steaks?

In hindsight, Ali was not big on
rematches unless he got beat the first time. Good policy if you can pull it
off, which you could if you were Ali. (Frazier, Norton - yes, Lyle, Young,
Shavers - no). Jerry was probably fortunate, at least financially, to get one.

Ali also fought his share of stiffs. Let's not forget what was being
called his version of the bum of the month club (Coopman, Lubers, Engelsta
come to mind). On the other hand, he had fought all the top guys three times
each, he probably wouldn't even be around today. Most great fighters have maybe
one such series in a career. The good part about Ali's tuneups was that the
fights were on network TV and you didn't have to shell out for closed
circuit. Although Ali barely squeaked by in a few, those were all against
world class fighters, I'll give him that. Someone mentioned that Louis and
Marciano fought everyone. Maybe, but who was there, really? Louis' big rivals
were Conn, a lightheavy, and Schmeling, already fading at the time of their
first fight. Marciano's were Moore, a lightheavy who floored him, and Walcott,
also an aging fighter. Although it's tough to envision Rocky beating Ali
or Frazier, he did defeat everyone they threw at him. I guess you can't argue
with success.

Speaking of the cost of being a fan, I paid $20 to see Ali-Frazier I - live. As I recall the blue seats at MSG were $10 for several of
Jerry's fights. Hard to believe now.

Steve -

"Piatti" is the plural form of "piatto", obviously. In the contest I
used it meant "kind of food", I was saying that "lasagne is one of my favorite
kinds of food". Guys, what I was trying to say is that sometimes I have
heard of people outside Italy calling (or who calls) "pizza" something that
ain't even close to what pizza should be, THE REAL ITALIAN PIZZA. So, be
carefully about that!

Steve, I don't know how to shoot a bow
and arrow but my brother could shoot one at about six years old, my dad taught
him and my brother is probably still good at it. The leader of our tribe
once said, "I can shoot a bow and arrow as good as good as my great-grandfather
could shoot one, but now we have lawyers to do our fighting for us." Yeah
but wiwish still stinks, yuck!

I have never objected to the term Redskin
but maybe it is because I am white European also. What is between Red and
White? I guess it would be pink and I don't think I would like to be called
pinkskin!

I can blend in with the white people though but sometimes
someone will think I am part Mexican or that I have some Hawaiian blood in me or
even Italian as I have dark hair, and still dark at 46 years old!

One last time regarding Joe Frazier. On
Joe's way up to the championship he fought anyone that stood in his way to
become the #1 contender and eventually champion. As a champion he fought the
best available at the time: Quarry, Bonevania, Ellis, Ali, Foreman. After
losing the championship he fought whoever was in front of him to get a
championship fight, in Joe's case Quarry was the primary contender. He beat
Jerry easily. What some of the Ali worshipers on this board lack is
analytical ability. Anyone can look at a boxer's record and say, well, "fighter
X did not fight fighter's Y and Z, so fighter X ducked them." To someone without
analytical ability; and a true understanding of the nature of boxing and boxing history, that means fighter X was ducking fighter's Y and Z. That by no means is true. In Frazier's case, when he was in his prime he fought the best fighters available. When Joe started slipping his management made the best matches available for Joe both in terms of money and in advancing his career, which in Joe's case meant getting a title shot. Which he got with Ali.

Now let's take a look at Ali's career. On his way up he did not fight the best fighters available. No way. As Ali has said many times, Ali wanted to avoid fighting such fighters as Eddie Machen, Cleveland Williams, Ernie Terrell, even George Chuvalo. Instead Ali talked his way into a title fight with Liston by beating Doug Jones and Henry Cooper among others.

Now someone without analytical ability might say he ducked those fighters. Which of course is not true. Ali with his charisma and predictions established himself as the best money opponent around for Liston to fight. Surely there were more deserving fighters available. But Ali realized a way to make himself more valuable than the other contenders without ever fighting them. Hence, Ali had the analytical ability to advance himself, without fighting the contenders who stood in front of him. If I were to use the logic of some of the people on this site (God forbid), then I would have to say that Ali ducked them. As a result of the managerial skills of Frazier's management, Joe was able to leave boxing in relatively good health. The main reason for this is because Joe's management used prudence when Joe was no longer in his prime and put him in matches that maximized Joe's talents. They used guess what? Analytical ability. In boxing that is called, SAVY.

Now sadly in Ali's case his management did not use analytical ability in making Ali's matches. They were motivated solely by money and nothing else. A quick look at Ali's career after his layoff: Frazier 3 times, Blue Lewis once, Norton 3 times, Shaver once, Bonevenc once, Chuvalo once, Foreman once, Holmes once, Berbic once. All these fighters had one thing in common to varying degrees they were bangers, and they all took Ali into the late rounds (except Foreman). Imagine the pounding his brain stem took. Is there any surprise that before Ali's career was over, he was talking with slurred speech.

The point I am trying to make is that these Ali worshippers do not realize what ingredients are necessary when making boxing matches for ranked fighters. If the did then they would not use the logic, "well if fighter X avoided fighter's Y and Z, well then fighter X was ducking them." That is not the case. If it was then Ali ducked Machen, Williams, Folley, Terrell, Patterson and when he did fight them some of them they were well past their prime.

If one wants to develop analytical ability regarding boxing, and boxing history one has to be open to new ideas.
Austria for a couple of weeks back in 1991. So, I don't know how good Italian restaurants are in Virginia. I have only (or just) referred something I heard. If you order a pizza in a restaurant in Naples you can bet (I could have said "Betcha"), but I didn't want to get you in trouble with my slang) it's very good, if you order a pizza in Seattle, you can only (or just) hope that it's good. I have seen that stuff on Joe Frazier, it was interesting, it was better than I expected it to be. Joe Frazier said that Jerry Quarry was a great puncher and that he felt his punches, even if he didn't let others know. He also showed a lot of sportmanship by saying that he didn't underrate George Foreman at all before their first fight, but that George was just too strong for him and overpowered him. He called Eddie Machen and Oscar Bonavena tough guys also.

Forrest/Kent: The analytical ability also tells us that by analyzing their careers, irregardless of life after boxing, Ali fought better opponents, much better, than Frazier. Ali was a three time Champion. Ali's career spanned two full decades---my debate has never been about whether it was SMART or SAFE for this man to endure what he did against the great fighters and sluggers of a 15-20 year span---my debate has simply been that when the dust settled, it's clear that Ali did much, much more in his career than Frazier. Ali is, if not the greatest heavyweight ever, very close to the top of the list. Frazier is a good fighter who had Ali's number, won the title, defended a few times and lost it. Good, but not great. Analysis Forrest, is what Frazier's camp was very good at. Their analytical ability told them the truth---a heavier guy, a big puncher could defeat Frazier. Thus, they certainly seemed to avoid these guys in the second half the fighter's career. Good for his life after boxing? Probably so. But it's what separates his legacy from Ali's and the other great ones.

Who do you think would win a Lewis-Frazier fight prime vs prime?

Fan - you criticize Ali for not fighting the same guys twice, three times, and even four times. But you still can't get around the fact that Frazier never ever fought some of these guys even once. Forest, you forget to mention Cooper, Liston, Terrell and Patterson. You later forget about Shavers, Lyle, Norton, et al. You forget that all the guys Frazier didn't fight usually happened to be big punchers. You forget that after the first Ali fight Frazier took two fights in two years (Legends named Daniels and Stander). You forget that after the first Ali fight Joe only had 10 more fights (lost 4 of them and drew 1), while Ali had 29 fights and won 25 of them. You forget that Ali was older than Joe. You forget that instead of fighting punchers like Norton and Lyle and Shavers, Joe opted to fight a washed-up Ellis in 1974 after he (Ellis) had been beaten by Bugner, Lyle and Kirkman, and drawn with Middleton in his last four fights. Joe had plenty of time to fight the guys he ducked. He hardly fought at all. Ali was older and fought three times as often. Yet you applaud Joe and criticize Ali. What you lack, Forest, is objectivity. You love Frazier so much you can't tell fact from fiction (Hans Christian Ward?). And, by the way, I am not an Ali worshipper. I just happen to know that Ali, Louis, Marciano, and, among others, Holmes, were more than a little
Actually, I wasn't critical of Ali at all regarding that point. Quite the contrary, I acknowledged that when one wins so many close fights against formidable opponents, it is simply impossible to have classic trilogies with each of them - there just is not enough time in a career to do so. Moreover, the damage anyone would likely sustain would render such an undertaking futile. Can you imagine if Ali had taken on three Shavers fights, three Lyle fights, three Foreman fights, etc.? Between Frazier and Norton, he had six wars which equaled a lifetime of punishment for many, if not all, of the greats. Consequently, I believe that there is no question about his heart. He (or his managers) may have done a bit of ducking, but by and large, he fought everyone. In my opinion, Ali's lot was just the result of being able to take a punch well but not having the ability to take adversaries out early. Perhaps it's semantics, but I do not believe that he was sufficiently dominant to be dubbed "The Greatest". And as I have admitted, I am uncertain who is deserving of that title...certainly not Joe. Here's a thought - maybe no one is. I assure you that if there is a boxer whom I supported unequivocally, it was not Smokin' Joe, but Jerry Quarry. That's why I am here. PS I stand corrected - there were actually $5 seats for at least one Quarry fight at MSG - the Chuvalo bout. Almost as incredible as the ending, where the photographs demonstrate that Jerry took so little punishment his hair is still parted as he goes down, while George looks like he's been through a meat grinder. I wonder why, if Frazier had problems getting (or to get) himself started (he lost the first round in most of his fights, including the Stander fight), didn't he use to fight a couple of rounds in the gym with his favourite sparring partner just before the fight. Could it be possible that it was Norton who was avoiding Frazier in the most likely time period when such a fight would have happened, 1973? After all, Norton had already earned his title shot with his win in the first fight with Ali and a near win verses Ali in the second fight didn't keep him from getting his title shot verses Foreman. Norton likely would not want to put his title shot in danger by fighting Frazier. After all, as I stated above, he had already earned his shot so he waited for it, just as Frazier waited for his shot later, the next year after beating Quarry. Norton didn't fight Frazier because it wasn't needed. Also, Norton himself had trouble with punchers, which Frazier was. Norton had a knockout loss to J.L. Garcia, and his later blow out losses to Foreman, Shavers, and Cooney. In effect, Norton's managment knew this weakness all along and they avoided Frazier so Norton could keep his title shot. In the period before 1973, Norton had not beaten anyone of note, his biggest win, Henry Clark. That is why his win over Ali in 73 was such a big deal, it was a huge upset and Norton had been Frazier's sparring partner, the public wasn't calling for such a fight. You can say that Ali did take just such a fight with Norton and Frazier didn't but I doubt Ali thought in his wildest dreams he would lose it. In 1974, Norton was for the most part inactive after losing to Foreman and in 1975 Frazier took his tune up with Ellis, which he was entitled to do prepare for Ali. After Oct. 75, Frazier verses Norton was a moot point as Frazier was finished as a factor after the tough loss to Ali.
Ali. In 1977 it was Young, and in years to follow Holmes, Shavers and Cooney.<br>Norton was prepared to fight punchers and boxers. He wouldn't have avoided Frazier, who was clearly on the decline. Frazier had a history of ducking tough fights; Norton didn't. It's insulting to Norton to suggest otherwise. <br>You were the guy Kent who said that Frazier was entitled to a few easier 'warm downs' after he won the title. Someone, perhaps you, also said he was entitled to easier 'warm downs' in the lead up to title fights. It is getting ridiculous. The excuses are like listening to UFO 'full mooner'.

It is interesting what you say. If Frazier sparred with training partners just before he entered the ring, I imagine some of the sparring would have been more difficult than the actual fights, given the quality of many of his opponents. I am not trying to be silly saying this.....just think of Stander and Daniels.

Kent also says that Frazier was entitled to fight Ellis as a 'tune up' before the third Ali fight. By this stage Ellis was as dangerous as your grandmother. Ellis hadn't posted a win in his previous four fights. Ali's 'tune up' before he beat Liston was a prime Henry Cooper. His 'tune ups' for Frazier 1 were prime Quarry and Bonavena. His 'tune up' for Foreman was Frazier. Kent has become the most faithful of Frazier lovers.

And yes, by the time he granted Ellis that important rematch, Billie Jean King would have been a tougher opponent in 1974.

Norton had only two fights, both with Ali in 73 and only two fights in 74, his title shot with Foreman and a fight with Boone Kirkman. This is the time period when he could have fit Frazier in but didn't. Before 73 he was a sparring partner for people like Frazier and he wasn't very well known, a prospect who hadn't proved himself worthy of a title shot yet, which he did in 73 with the Ali fights. Again, after Oct. 1975, Frazier was essentially gone from the scene with only the second Foreman fight, a fight he never could have taken, to follow, not counting the ludicrous fight with Jumbo Cummings which of course never should have happened.

Do you believe that Frazier didn't deserve his shot at the title against Ali in 1975? If so, I don't know how you can say this as Frazier did earn his shot by beating Quarry in 1974, who had beaten both Lyle and Shavers in 1973. That Frazier beat the fighter who beat two of the fighters you claim Frazier was avoiding. To get another shot, he would have fought either of them if they were the winners of that slightly lower bracket, but they weren't. You never answer this.

If the time period was late 1975 and onward, then fighting Lyle or Shavers, or for that matter Norton would have been relevant if Frazier was still a factor but he wasn't a factor by this point, another example of the time period being the important factor, a fact that you continue to ignore.

Another possibility is like Frazier said, the was no money in a Norton fight or maybe neither Frazier nor Norton was interested in such a fight.

The example of Ali fighting Quarry and Bonevena before Frazier one is not a good one as most people agree that Ali should have taken at least four
fights leading up to a title shot two easier opponents, then Quarry and Bonevena, then the title shot. Ali was off almost four years and he needed the work to be at his best and if he had taken those other fights, then maybe he would have won the first Frazier fight.

| 2/27/05 04:24:32 PM| Angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com||10|Kent: Apologies to the visitors who think we've beaten this to death, but I think it's a fun topic to debate. That said, if it's true that Shavers and Lyle didn't deserve to fight Frazier the ex-champion in 1974/75 (because they lost to Quarry), exactly what did Daniels and Stander do to deserve the shot at CHAMPION Frazier a few years earlier? Did they waltz through the top ten to deserve their title shot? The theme is that Frazier took the easier road, both as a Champion and as a contender. Was there some sort of actual elimination process pre-announced that whittled down the contenders to Quarry vs. Frazier? I don't think so. In fact, it makes absolutely no sense to keep hearing that Frazier beat this guy and that guy, so he got a crack at Frazier and the guys he beat didn't deserve to beat Frazier. If there was actually something organized in place, it would have been the four of these guys (Shavers, Quarry, Lyle, Frazier---throw in Norton and someone else for that matter) fighting each other, with the two winners advancing. Instead, Jerry had to take out two guys and then face Frazier, presumably all for the right to challenge Ali. Again, Lucky Joe avoided some hardship and fights and still got a crack at Ali. Lucky because he got to wait around for one guy to clean up the division---a guy he already had a win against---and then had the tune up against another guy he had a KO win against.

| 2/27/05 04:25:48 PM| Angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com||10|I meant to say Quarry beat this guy and that guy, so he got a shot at Frazier. Sorry!

| 2/27/05 04:34:38 PM| Mork|Ork||morkork@mindycalifornia.com||10|Hopkins b Westwoman UD 12 for the WBA,WBC,IBF,WBO,WBU,IBC,WFF Middleweight Title<br><br>Bernard rules.

| 2/27/05 05:05:58 PM| Massimo |Roma||4||10|In that show I saw on ESPN yesterday (and which you guys missed by not coming in my home as planned) there was an interview with Joe Frazier. In this interview Joe says that he had a lot of respect for his manager and his trainer and that he would have done anything they wanted him to do. For example (or for instance, it's the same) Joe said that he was ready and willing to fight that last round in Manila, but when his trainer told him that it wasn't the case, he just obeyed. So, if his manager had told him to fight Ron Lyle or Marion Cunningham or anyone else he would have fought them. I don't think he was afraid of anybody. If you are brave enough to keep (or keep on) getting up while Foreman is hitting you, you are ready to fight anyone. Can you imagine Clifford in the ring against a 1973 version of George Foreman? I think the fight would have lasted a fempto-second! |

| 2/27/05 09:57:01 PM| Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville||10|Let me get this straight. Firstly, Frazier groupies say that Joe didn't fight Norton because he had too much affection for him. Hey, forget Romeo and Juliet. The real thing was Ken and Joe. Then we got the excuse that a big money fight for Joe wasn't against Norton. Joe had better 'get rich quick schemes' fighting Stander and Daniels and Ellis (again). He should have run that one past his financial adviser first. And now we discover that Norton was actually ducking Frazier and not the other way around. So the earth is really flat after all. Think about it. Norton opted to fight an in-prime Foreman who floored Frazier 1,716 times (plus some) rather than fight the by then "Smokeless Joe." Talk about ducking David to fight Goliath. Kent also says that Norton was ducking big punchers (something he never accused Joe of). Yeah, right. Like Norton thought that Shavers and Foreman were limp wristed sissies. What was Norton on, thinking Foreman and Shavers couldn't punch while only Joe could. Now Kent says that Norton was Frazier's sparring partner and that's why they didn't fight. I guess that explains why Ali never fought Ellis and Holmes.
who were also his sparring partners. (I'm being cynical, guys, I know he fought them). Look, all these excuses are black belt dumb. Fairies at the bottom of the garden stuff. Blaming Yank's dog for eating the fight contracts is more plausible. By the way, I hear Simon and Garfunkel are doing a remake. It's called 'Fifty Ways to Duck a Puncher'. I wonder who that's about. Kent can write the lyrics.

I get it. So Joe didn't fight all those punchers because his managers told him not to. Thank God other managers aren't like his. There'd never be a risky fight. Shavers and Lyle would never have got a fight against anyone. Ultimately, Massimo, Joe was in charge. The buck stops with him. Even with his managers protecting him as much as they did, even with him ducking punchers, even with him fighting a washed-up Ellis instead of Norton or Shavers or Lyle, Joe still only won two of his last six fights. Anyway, Massimo, Joe blames his managers for making those decisions as to who he fought and who he didn't fight. He would, wouldn't he. What else did you expect him to say.

The buck stops with him ? What does it mean ? I thought my American Slang was good ! It ain't good yet, I guess ! I couldn't understand that sentence not even by using my Italian-English,English-Italian dictionary. However, a part (from) that sentence I have understood what you meant, Howard C. ! You are not wrong.

Most of us Americans don't know how American slang originated either! As for "The buck stops here." that might have been coined by Teddy Roosevelt? The buck stops at my desk! I know what it means---translated, it sort of means "I'm the decision maker, it gets sorted out and decided on by me." but honestly, I don't know if my history is right that Teddy Roosevelt came up with it. Guys, help me out---how did this phrase get its start? Anyway, it did seem as though Ali called his own shots at least a little more than Frazier did. Ali's image was the black maverick who challenged the system. He played himself off as the proud man who would stand up to authority and fight. He also used this angle to gain support in the black community while characterizing Joe Frazier the "Uncle Tom" who pandered to white folks. I truly believe that Ali started this as a way to create the rivalry and sell tickets. Again, he was playing the part of villain, mimicking pro wrestling/Gorgeous George in a sort of reality series! He saw that it got to Frazier and he kept it up. As big a fan as I am of Ali, I don't think it was fair to Frazier to stir the black community against him at the time. The Civil Rights movement had gone through riots/assassinations, etc. and Joe Frazier was just a boxer trying to put food on the table and give his family a better life. He didn't want to get thrust into something like that.

On the other hand, this drama sure made a lot of fortune and fame for both guys.
Lyle, and he had a draw with Jimmy Young. He also had lost to Ron Stander earlier in his career, the same Ron Stander who people here are putting down for not deserving a title shot against Frazier. So Shavers didn't deserve a shot at the title before 1974 either and even though he had knocked out Young and Ellis in 73, these wins were negated by his performance in 74 to 75, the relevant time period.  
I SAY SHAVERS, AT THAT POINT, DIDN'T DESERVE TO FIGHT FRAZIER AND NEVER MIND ABOUT FRAZIER NOT BEING IN THE 1968 WBA TOURNAMENT EITHER.  ANSWER ABOUT SHAVERS ONLY DURING THIS RELEVENT TIME PERIOD.  ALSO, AFTER OCT. 1975, WHEN SHAVERS HAD REDEEMED HIMSELF, IS NOT RELEVENT AS FRAZIER WAS ESSENTIALLY GONE FROM THE SCENE.  

| 2/28/05 09:39:46 AM | Massimo | Roma (means Rome) || W.A.Mozart.com || || || 10 | Thanks guys, I gotta say that I'm planning to move to Los Angeles as soon as I can, so the American Slang is very important to me! |
| 2/28/05 11:16:11 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC || funktron@yahoo.com || || || 10 | Kent: Remember, a lot of the discussion started because we questioned Frazier's selection of opponents---not because we thought Earnie Shavers was the second coming of Joe Louis. Kent, the point is that Shavers did as much to "deserve" a shot against Frazier as Jimmy Ellis did. What was Ellis' record in his recent fights that elevated him to this "tune-up" with Joltin' Joe? In fact, if Ellis managed the upset against Frazier (pretty hard to imagine considering that his 1974 punches were roughly the same intensity as Gary Coleman's), would he have then been in line to fight Ali? The only issue is that some of us feel Frazier jockeyed to fight the easy touches, not the sluggers. So Kent, you're right, Earnie Shavers did not "DESERVE" to fight this former World Champion in 1974. Neither did Jimmy Ellis, yet because he couldn't punch and had been soundly beaten by Frazier previously, his recent 1-4 record was gladly accepted by the Frazier camp as a legitimate guy to take on. |
| 2/28/05 02:26:56 PM | Noam | same || same || || || 10 | Massimo - Cloverlay had contractual management rights over Frazier from 1965 to December 1974. The first fight Frazier chose after the contract expired was Jimmy Ellis in March 1975. We can guess why Frazier chose Ellis a second time, because this is what Frazier said of his first fight with him, "The fight was even easier than I expected. Ellis' punches were pudding. By the third round I was walking through them, cracking him with vicious shots and practically laughing at him when he tried to counter me. "Sissy, you can't hit" I told him." In his own words, Frazier was fighting "pudding" in that second fight against Ellis. By that stage Ellis hadn't posted a win in his last four fights. Uhhm. Massimo asked why Frazier fought Foreman the second time. Frazier said in his book, "I needed to beat a name opponent to prove I deserved another title shot." In effect, Joe didn't have much choice. Interestingly, Foreman alleges that Frazier ducked fighting him the first time. Frazier elected to fight Stander and Daniels instead of Foreman. George said this, "Frazier apparently hoped that I'd lose to someone else, and therefore my place as a contender, because over the next two years he rejected me time and again as an opponent. At both of his title defenses after Ali, I dogged him at ringside." Indeed, by then a trademark of Joe's career was that he took the easier options. He fought Stander. Wasn't Stander one of the four or five guys that Foreman beat one after the other in the one night? Frazier at one time opted to fight Mel Turnbow. Turnbow was Floyd Patterson's sparring partner. Frazier himself said that these guys were "tomato cans", and "bodies for me to beat up on." Some of his fights were jokes. He fought Zyglewicz, a 10/1 underdog. He beat him in 36 seconds. It was at that point when the media accused Frazier of "fighting dogmeat" and that revelation stung Joe into fighting real guys (sometimes). But he still took the easier option when given the choice. By then Frazier had ducked Liston, Terrell, and even Zora Folley. He'd always taken the easy option and admitted this when he acknowledged that "Cloverlay had moved me smartly through the ranks." Of
all the questions asked about Frazier's missing opponents, Kent has only been able to zero in on the one regarding Shavers. While Howard C. can answer it himself, Kent even had to narrow the question down to a very specific period of 1974. (Apparently, waiting to fight Joe was like watching for Hayley's Comet to reappear every 75 years - the window of opportunity was miniscule). In 1974 Shavers didn't have much doing. He beat Wallace, lost to Stallings, and drew with Jimmy Young. Okay, not much. Even so, in early 1975 Frazier chose to fight Ellis, the guy he ridiculed as being a "sissy" and "pudding". Ellis hadn't posted a win in his last four fights. In 1973 Shavers fought Young, Carter, Ellis, and Quarry. He was available to fight Frazier, if Frazier had wanted to fight him. Who would the fans have wanted to see fight? Frazier v Ellis or Frazier v Lyle? Kent - Frazier made his bed and now he has to sleep in it. There were too many guys he didn't fight and they were all dangerous punchers. I'll tell you something else; Lyle would have knocked Joe out had they fought after 1974. Joe ducked him, too. Believe it. After all, Mike Bruce floored Joe in Joe's second pro fight. And don't forget that Bonavena put Joe down twice. After the second knockdown Joe admits that he "grabbed and clinched" to survive the second round. This all happened to a prime Joe. Imagine what a Lyle boomer would have done to an over-the-hill Frazier. When given a choice between dangerous punchers, "sissies", "tomato cans", "dogmeat" and "dead bodies to beat up on," Joe rarely chose the dangerous punchers. Fact. | 2/28/05 02:59:21 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|I somehow substituted the name Lyle instead of Shavers in one of my questions below. You'll know when you get to it. Kent, I hope you don't misinterpret my tone as being disrespectful. However, debate is less awkward when robust as it becomes tiresome and boring to be overly polite. The debate on Frazier has been enjoyable and I'm sure our knowledge of his career is better as a result. I'd make another point about Joe. Usually an aspiring young fighter on the way up pads his record by fighting 'name' guys on the way down. Unfortunately, with Joe the reverse seems to be true. While he was still around the top echelon, he was padding his record with 'name' guys he had already beaten like Quarry and Ellis who had both seen better days. I say he did this to avoid guys he hadn't beaten. | 2/28/05 03:07:29 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Noam: You can't dispute this: Ellis was a better tune-up for Frazier in 1975 than Lyle would have been. Why? Well, he had a cakewalk with Ellis, but had he fought Lyle, I have a feeling Joe would have been able to fight at the lights around the third or fourth round and they'd still be counting today. Poof goes Manila. | 2/28/05 03:53:51 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|To everyone out there who has been on the "Frazier Skeptics" side with me (and everyone else for that matter)---I do have question to pose: Realistically speaking, around 1967-68, would Sonny Liston have a chance to beat Frazier? We (including me) have said that Frazier might have ducked Liston, but by the middle-late 60's Liston was a few years removed from the title. I know he could still fight right up to the end (I have his bout against Wepner on tape), but he wasn't nearly the fighter he was in the early 60's. We're talking six, seven years, at least, past his prime. Frazier was about in his prime. How would Sonny have done against the much younger Smokin' Joe? Also, why wasn't Sonny included in that tournament? | 2/28/05 04:37:48 PM|Massimo |Roma |||4|||10|Thanks Noam for the interesting explanations, now I got (or have, or have got-it's all the same) another question: why did Frazier fight Bonavena a second time, a pretty hard puncher who had already hurt and knocked him down? Frazier would have beaten Liston in 1967-68. By that time the only thing Liston had left was his left jab, his only weapon against Wepner. I think Joe would have avoided his left jab by bobbing and weaving and outsmeled him on points or by late round stoppage. Sonny might have hurt Frazier once during the fight and
possibly even knocked him down, but Joe would have recovered just to press and beat him to a pulp. I don't know why Sonny wasn't in the tournament. I do know that by the late 60's he was back in the top 10.

|2/28/05 04:58:12 PM|Forest Ward|NYC||raymccormack2003@yahoo.com||||10|Kent, now it's becoming a little more clearer to me. The Ali worshippers main argument is that Ali fought better opponents than Frazier. Well, for their information Ali fought better opponents than any champion ever, in any weight class. How come they don't attack the other champions with the same zeal they attack Frazier. Could it be all they know or care about in boxing is what they read about Ali? The problem I have with the Ali worshippers is that they disparage Frazier constantly. Ocasionaly they throw a nice word in about Frazier, but, normally they make it very personal when they attack Joe. By in large, I find their knowledge about the subtle points of boxing lacking. As Ali historians they rank very high, as boxing historians, well, not so high. How can a so called boxing historian yammer about the great opponents Ali fought and beat, and then ignore Ali's life after boxing. Ali's health was undeniable related to the opponents Ali fought. One cannot separate the two. It's like saying Doc Kearns was the greatest manager who ever lived because of what Kearns did with Dempsey. But, forgetting about what Kearns did with Mickey Walker. Which was putting Walker a great welterweight and middleweight in with heavyweights. Like Ali Walker never ducked anyone. And as a result Walker suffered severe brain damage. But, Kearns like some of the Ali worshippers was not interested in Walkers life after boxing. Frazier's management cared about him and they made fights which enabled him to become wealthy and the Heavyweight champion of the world. One of the subtle point the worshippers miss is that the name of the game is too make as much money as possible while protecting your fighter at the same time. For thse people to denigrate Frazier and Frazier's opponent shows how myopic their boxing perspective is. Especially when on considers the goals of the Jerry Quarry Foundation.

|2/28/05 06:32:58 PM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Forest<br>Just because someone disagrees with you doesn't mean that they are wrong and that you are a super brain. Likewise, disagreeing with you doesn't make someone an "Ali lover". Sorry to ruin the allusions that sustain your adulation of Frazier. Frazier fought Bonavena the second time because he thought the first effort from Oscar was a fluke. Jimmy Ellis and Zora Folley had knocked Bonavena down. Joe thought he'd do the same thing easily the second time. The issue is not whether Liston, Folley, Terrell, Norton, Lyle, and Shavers would have beaten Frazier; the issue is whether they would have been more competitive than some of the stiffs Joe frequently faced (Stander, Daniels, Zyglwicz, et al). The point is that Frazier never fought Shavers, whether it was warranted in 1974 and 1975 or whenever. He preferred to fight guys that presented no challenge to him, usually non-punchers rather than unpredictable punchers like Shavers and Lyle. You say that the second Frazier fight against Ellis in March 1975 was a "tune up". It was more a post mortem. Ellis hadn't won a fight for years. After the first fight Joe knew he presented no danger and had called him a "sissy" and "pudding" (thanks for the research Noam). Ellis was a way out of form fighter but that didn't stop Frazier fighting him. Yet he wouldn't fight the out of form Shavers because he had a punch and Ellis didn't. Joe couldn't sell the farcical Ellis fight in America. The fight stank. He was fighting a washed-up stiff with no chance. So Joe took the fight to the other end of the planet in some placed called Melbourne, Australia, where gullible fight-starved fans would pay to watch. No one else on planet earth would take the fight. Forest, I know it upsets you, but in the interests of truth it must be said: Joe wasn't a take a risk warrior searching for higher mountains to climb and new horizons to explore. He didn't ask himself, "Who would be the best
fight for me?" or "What fight would the public most like to watch?" No. He always asked himself, "Who would be the easiest fight?" The interests of the fight game or the paying public didn't matter. He fought whatever stiff he could get away with fighting. Whether Shavers was in form or not, he always had an unpredictable punch that presented a clear danger to Joe. So he didn't fight him. Same with Lyle. And Norton. And I could go on. Joe himself acknowledged that he fought "tomato cans", "dogmeat", "sissies", "human shock absorbers", and a "pudding". I guess you've got to have superior intelligence and wisdom like Forest says he's got to really appreciate mismatches and post mortems.

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<td>Yeah, you guys who really seem to be determined to disregard Frazier as a great fighter compared to Ali must be correct. Since there are so many of you out there. As a young guy, I was always much more excited watching Ali torment Cleveland Williams, Zora Foly, Ernie Terrel, and Floyd Patterson. Yeah, that was way more exciting than waiting for a Frazier fight against Quarry twice, or Foreman twice, orBonevena twice, you know, all those soft touches.</td>
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<td>At their peaks, Quarry and Frazier would have walked through Norton, Shavers, and Lyle! I just don't see any of them having a chance of slowing SMOKING Joe down. Did any of you guys actually see Joe fight in his prime? He was a nonstop punching machine.</td>
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<td>Forest, I think some of the Frazier critics might assume that since I am defending Frazier's postion as an all time great that I am putting Ali down. But this isn't the case as I have always said Ali is the best heavyweight of all time and if Frazier is also an all time great, and Ali beat him two times out of three fights, this improves Ali's legacy because the had the edge over a great fighter and as you pointed out, they try to make Joe measure up to Ali's example when very few, if any, could even come close to his example. It seems some here are stuck in the logical fallacy of the the either or syndrome. In which if one variable is true than the other variable has to be false. But this isn't true as two items can be true and the argument holds up.</td>
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<td>&quot;Small Daddy&quot; Bowe will be sadly back in the ring on 25 March against a journeyman named Willie Chapman. The real &quot;Big Daddy&quot; is a guy who lives in Miami now but used to live in Los Angeles, my next home town.</td>
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<td>I have seen met Willie Chapman and I have seen him fight and mark my words here, I would not be surprised if he kicks Bowe's ass and sends him back to retirement. Chapman only has about a 50% win rate in about forty fights but he has a habit of beating young undefeated fighters who try to take him on before about their fifteenth fight. It is not a stretch that he has a good chance to beat an aging ex champion in Bowe.</td>
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on almost no notice but he shows up relaxed and ready to give anyone a tough fight.<br><br>I just hope Bowe doesn't get hurt.<br><br>[3/1/05 07:24:13 AM]|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|Hey Kent, how wilt is Willie ? Did you stand next to him ? Is he from Boston ?| [3/1/05 08:35:19 AM]|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Massimo, Willie Chapman is not very wilt for a heavyweight, about 5'11," the same as me. He does not have a good record and he is not a big puncher but he is still a tough guy and Riddick Bowe should not be fighting at all.<br><br>I don't know where he is from.| [3/1/05 11:09:14 AM]|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|I truly hope Big Daddy Bowe isn't our next Greg Page. Actually, it sounds as though Chapman might be an appropriate match-up for him---even if Chapman comes to fight, a .500 record means that Bowe should be able to hold his own. If Bowe has trained with any intensity at all and is anywhere near what he once was, he might be able to win on auto pilot. He can take on Jimmy Ellis next. | [3/1/05 11:47:39 AM]|Angelo, Jimmy Ellis as a tune-up for John "Yahwn" Ruiz. More than a tune-up that one would be a tune-down, in my book. Is Willie the next Scapriron ? I wonder about that !| [3/1/05 01:59:49 PM]|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Hey Steve<br><br>How was your trip Down Under to watch the second Frazier v Ellis fight ? None of us got the chance to watch it, which was a pity, given that "sissy" Ellis (Joe's description) was a "pudding" who hadn't won his last four fights. <br><br>Stander and Daniels were great fights too. Zyglwicz as well. 36 seconds of pure excitement that one. Newspaper reports of the time said it wasn't much fun watching Joe fight "dogmeat", but you beg to differ.<br><br>Watching Joe fight Foreman must have been enthralling, if you like watching massacres and train crashes. But we don't know as much about it as you because you were there for all of them, and we weren't.<br><br>I guess that's why know-alls like Steve and Forest know more than the rest. When they can't argue the facts (which we were debating about Joe's record) you attack the person making the argument. <br><br>Even Joe had a laugh about the standard of opponent he fought. "Dogmeat", "tomato cans", "human shock absorber", "sissy", and "pudding". These are Joe's own descriptions. The only ones not laughing are Steve and Forest. Stop taking it all so seriously. | [3/1/05 02:58:24 PM]|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|No Massimo, Willie gets knocked out more than Scapriron did but he does come to fight, rather than to survive and this is why Bowe at this stage might be in some trouble.<br><br>Joe Frazier never gave anyone any credit so you can't go by his description of Ellis' abilities. <br><br>Some of the people are sure being disrespectful to Jimmy Ellis here of late. Remember he is the one who won that WBA tournament Frazier wasn't a part of by beating Jerry Quarry in the finals. He also had wins over tough Leotis Martin and Oscar Bonevena, no small feats and he didn't lose his title until he faced Frazier two years later, who by the way, not only defeated the winner of this tournament, he defeated the runner up in Quarry and a semi finalist in Bonevena also. Doesn't sound like he was avoiding anyone then, does it?<br><br>I hope you will all be kinder to Ellis when we hear about his passing away as he may be the next warrior that we lose as he is a damaged man. Brave Jimmy Ellis, not a sissy as some have portrayed him here. Oh by the way, even though Frazier said Ellis was an easy fight for him, I doubt he ever said Ellis was a sissy.| [3/1/05 03:40:24 PM]|Ellis was a better than average heavy who was fortunate that Ali was in exile---and was able to claim part of the title before being blown out by Frazier. His decision over Jerry Quarry was questionable in my mind---and also, in my opinion, the most frustrating loss of JQ's career. Quarry fought like a tiger in taking out Shavers and had a full tank of gas at the end of his fight against Lyle---yet couldn't follow up on a punch that staggered Jimmy Ellis late in their fight.
JQ, many times in his career, would have finished the fight within 30 seconds after landing a punch like that—but let Ellis off the hook. Speaking of hooks, Ellis walked into Frazier's, and went down faster than Monica Lewinsky. Kent—I do believe that in his day, Ellis was pretty good. However, "his day" was about 7 years before the second fight with Frazier. The real criticism I've had is with Frazier's camp for making that fight—not challenging, not interesting, not wanted by fans, not necessary. Yes, I've pointed out that Ellis was running on empty in 74-75, throwing pitter pat punches that wouldn't hurt a poodle and losing fight after fight. But I've made these comments not to disrespect Ellis, but to take Frazier to task for not fighting a legitimate heavyweight with legitimate power and some intrigue...someone with the skill to give fans the chance at a suspenseful outcome. Instead, we have Jimmy Ellis, who we knew would either run and somehow survive to lose a one-sided decision—or actually try to fight and get knocked out by the superior fighter, Frazier. Go Joe—hey, you took on someone everyone in the world knew you would beat, and guess what, you beat him! I don't know how many of you were actually following boxing back then, but the fact is there was never any talk of Frazier ducking anyone. I grant you that in hindsight, it seems that he avoided some worthy contenders, but—I repeat—back then, for whatever reason, it just wasn't an issue. People like Lyle, Shavers, and Norton were not even on the radar screen at the time.<br>From 1968-1973 Frazier was considered the ultimate, unbeatable fighting machine— not unlike Roberto Duran at the time. Ali, for his part, was bent on hypo-activity after his "layoff" (the truth is he never stopped fighting, whether in the gym or in exhibitions— unlike Jim Jeffries, who gained 100 pounds in 5 years of inactivity, Ali pretty much maintained his fighting trim during 3 years in exile—he was obviously obsession with getting the title back). His devotion would pay off, three years later. However, as of March 8, 1971, Joe was way on top, and there wasn't any pressure to fight anyone in particular, with the possible exception (from the demanding Ali die hards) of a rematch with Ali. But that took 3 years and resulted in a "razor thin" decision, in 1974. (BTW, referee Tony Perez allowed a shameful number of clinches whenever Ali got in the slightest trouble—the reports of the day document this). Before Ali-Frazier II could happen, however, Foreman shocked the world in 1973—yes, if you were there, it was a HUGE upset, just listen to the call by Howard Cossell—by KO'ing Joe. You have to remember how dominant Frazier was considered to be prior to that. One judge had Ali-Frazier I 11-4 for Joe, while Ali suffered an embarrassing broken jaw. The NY Daily News even had a cartoon of Ali with a zipper for a mouth and the caption "Well, Shut My Mouth". You younger folks (I assume that is the reason for the factual disconnect) seem to be unaware of the historical context. As I tell my kids, they're all invincible until they lose. I guess you had to be there, but please, let's not rewrite history. Maybe Ali, Frazier or Frazier, Ali are #1 and 2 of all time. That would certainly be a compliment to Jerry Quarry.
After Joe fought Ali in 1971 (at the young age of 27), the only victories he could muster after then were against Daniels, Stander, Ellis, and Cumming. Hardly a hall of fame achievement. Fan, the facts speak for themselves. You didn't need to sit in the stadium cheering for Joe fighting Ellis in Australia, or Daniels and Stander in Hickville, to realize that he was ducking punchers in more important places. And, by the way, hindsight is usually more accurate and considered as the emotion of the moment doesn't get in the way.

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| 3/1/05 05:46:29 PM | Noam | same | || same || || 10 | Two corrections to my last post. Firstly, it should read that Frazier's management didn't take fights against big punchers that they didn't have to take. Secondly, after Frazier beat Ali in 1971, his only subsequent victories were Daniels, Stander, Bugner, Quarry, and Cumming. As I said, hardly hall of fame stuff! By the way, as I've said often, I am no Ali lover. I am happy to debate flaws I believe that Ali had. But I just happen to believe that Ali is one of three of the best of all time, while facts and statistics and personal observations say that Frazier is well down the list. |

| 3/1/05 09:14:55 PM | Original Fan | Fandom | || Fan@Fandom.com | || || 10 | Well New Fan you seem to be pretty knowledgeable so you can take my name as I am officially signing off. This Fan's job is done........... |

| 3/1/05 09:24:34 PM | Angelo | dc | || funktron@yahoo.com | || || 10 | Yes, as they say, hindsight is 20/20. We know that everyone was captivated by Ali-Frazier I., and looked forward to the rematch. The talk was Ali-Frazier—and nothing else. No one was talking about Joe ducking big punchers. Of course, after Foreman bounced him around like a ping pong ball and dropped him like a sack of potatoes six times, Frazier was exposed as someone who would have trouble against any big puncher—especially someone physically imposing. It was already known and talked about that he was a slow starter. Now, you had the double whammy of slow starter and clearly vulnerable to someone with a punch. We know that the world was still fixated on Frazier-Ali, even when neither of them had the crown. Why else would Wide World of Sports spend an entire program with these two joining Cosell in the studio? So no, no one talked about Shavers, Lyle or Joe facing Norton. And that reminds me, Ali's jaw was swollen, but not broken after the first Frazier fight, as a previous poster claimed. Sure, Norton broke Ali's jaw, and curiously, Lucky Joe didn't face Norton and Norton didn't face him—they were such good pals—Kenny N and Little Buddy. But now, in perspective, it seems clear that after the Foreman fiasco, they stayed clear of big hitters and focused on preserving Joe's record, pride and health by not sticking him in with someone like Lyle. |

| 3/2/05 03:40:43 AM | Noam | same | || same || || 10 | Angelo Yes, Ali's jaw was swollen after the first Frazier fight, but Frazier was the more banged up. I understand that he spent a month or so in hospital and, as we now know, he hardly fought at all in the years that followed. Frazier was never the same again after that fight. Even so, he won it, fair and square and it was something for him to be proud of. In any case, some of you guys ridiculed my suggestion that Shavers and Lyle could hold a candle to Smokin' Joe. So I ask the question again: If someone named Mike Bruce could knock down an in prime Frazier, and if Bonavena could twice knock down an in prime Frazier and almost knock him out, why is it so ridiculous to suggest that murderous punchers like Shavers and Lyle could knock a past prime Frazier out? Please don't ignore the question, Frazier lovers, as it is relevant and fair. Thanks. |

| 3/2/05 05:14:58 AM | Massimo | Roma | || Garibaldi-Mazzini-Cavour.com | || || 10 | Yes, Frazier was more vulnerable to punches than Ali' (was), but I want to point out that not many fighters in boxing history could have taken George Foreman's and Ernie Shavers's best shots. Even George Chuvalo would have been killed by Foreman if the referee hadn't wisely stopped the fight. Quite surprisingly Gregorio "Goyo" Peralta took well some unbelievable bombs from Foreman in their
first fight. Probably Oliver McCall, never down in his professional career, would have withstood also (or too). Of course it is possible Frazier could have been knocked out by Shavers or Lyle. The point you seem to miss time and time again is in the relevant time period, Frazier would have likely faced at least one of those fighters in order to get a title shot but they both lost to Jerry Quarry and he beat Quarry to get his title shot. Again, comparing Frazier's career to Ali's, the greatest of all time is not quite fair as one of the reasons Ali is the greatest is he did things other fighters never did and few could measure up to his standards, Frazier included. I have acknowledged time and time again that Ali was the greatest and I have never said otherwise. Ali, in my opinion, is clearly better than Frazier was but Frazier was great also. I never even heard of Lyle or Shavers before 1973, they are much better known after the fact and after they accomplished more later in their careers, when Frazier's career was winding down or when he was off of the scene and the majority of the public was, like me, not calling for Frazier to fight either of them. We were more interested in an Ali rematch, even when Joe had lost the title to Foreman. I first heard of Lyle when I read in a boxing magazine that he had beaten Buster Mathis and Larry Middleton and I think I read an article about him that he had been in prison. This was just before he fought Quarry. I first heard of Shavers when he knocked out Ellis in one round, not before this. Interesting side note, Shavers had lost to Ron Stander earlier in his career, the same Ron Stander who you imply was a bum who didn't deserve a title shot but who was 22-1 going into his fight with Frazier. I believe Stander had a lot of potential, which he showed in giving Frazier a tough fight, which he never lived up to because of his training habits. Ironic that before 1973, Stander did deserve a shot more than Shavers as he beat Shavers. The Shavers/Ellis fight could have just as easily turned out the other way around. As Ellis, who supposedly can't punch, had landed some hard shots to Shavers head in that first round. Shavers was obviously hurt and was wobbling, nearly going down from Ellis' punches when Shavers, almost out of nowhere, landed a tremendous right uppercut that knocked out Ellis cold. If Ellis had just landed maybe one or two punches more and he didn't get hit with that uppercut, than he could have been the first round knockout winner.
a post mortem against Ellis in Australia. Frazier was a shot fighter at a relatively young age. He probably had the briefest 'in prime' period than any other boxer whose fans argue he is one of the elite. Of all the champions, he fought fewer of the top contenders around, he fought far fewer fights by comparison, and his winning percentage is down on theirs. This comparison is against Frazier's champion peers, not just Ali. Thanks.

Maybe Dundee said that to build interest or justify Ellis-Ali? Exactly who are these guys he knocked out in one round? Did he KO Jimmy Young in the first? I never thought of Ellis as a power puncher—-but instead more of a finesse fighter. In any case, he was shot by 1975, when Frazier gave Ellis some thunder down under in the battle of Australia. Go Joe!

You cannot be serious! I have a cool book whose title is: MUHAMMAD ALI' (A FORMER BOXER) THE GLORY YEARS. In this book is written that Dundee said:"Jimmy Ellis is the best one round-banger in the world". He knocked out in the very first round the likes of Eddie Dembry, Tommy Sims and Johnny Persol in the years 1966-67... Cassius Marcellus Clay ain't a bum in comparison... I don't know, maybe Dundee was drunk when he said that! Tonight I have seen Mike Tyson in an Italian show on TV named "Festival di Sanremo" where he ha concesso an interview to Paolo Bonolis (a guy you all over there know since 1974, especially in California) and even sang a song in Italian. He sang one of the most famous Italian songs ever "Nel blu dipinto di blu" by Domenico Modugno. Actually he sang wrongly "Nel blu dipinto di blu" but as we say in Roma "Sticazzi", it's not important. On another canale there was "Rocky 1" ADRIANAAAAAAAAAAA !!!!!!!! Oh boys what a night !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Kent, where do you get the energy to keep responding to this idle prattle put forth by the Ali worshippers. God bless you, it must get tedious.

Kent, case in point, one of the worshippers makes a statement to you, "However, there would have more Ali v Frazier fights, whether Frazier beat Quarry in that fight or not." How does the worshipper draw this conclusion? Quarry was favored in that fight. He had wins going into that fight over Shavers and Lyle. If Quarry beat Frazier, Ali was going to DUCK Quarry and fight Frazier? I got the clear impression from the worshippers that only Frazier DUCKED fighters. Now, I am told that Ali would ducked Quarry and fought ole Joe.

Then the worshipper goes on to doubt his own statement, by asking you, "are you sure that it was an elimination fight for the title." I find that typical of the worshippers, they make statements on how they "feel," and expect others to accept these statements as fact. Feelings are not facts; unless you are a worshipper.

The worshipper goes on,"Frazier was a shot fighter at a relatively young age, he probably had the briefest 'in prime' than any other boxer whose fans argue that he is one of the elite." Kent, I will save you the time and effort responding to this remark. The worshipper probably never heard of the description of a "Philadelphia fighter." I will inform the worshipper of such. "Philadelphia fighters," are notorious for being sluggers with great left hooks. When they spar in the gym it is an all out war. Their primes are normally shorter than those of fighters who are not from Philly. Philadelphia fighters were normally considered at one time to be the most exciting fighters in the world. Naturally there was a price to pay. They burn out sooner.

Finally the worshipper says to you (not me mind you). "Of all the champions, he (Frazier) he fought fewer of the top contenders around, he fought far fewer fights by comparison, and winning percentage is down on theirs. This comparison is against Frazier's champion peers, not just Ali." Let's see, the worshipper is telling you that Patterson fought more contenders than Frazier, that Dempsey fought more contenders than Frazier (even including lightheavyweight Georges Carpentier). Lets look further, Tunney fought 2 contenders, Walcott fought 2,
Liston fought 2, Jack Sharkey fought 1, Max Schmeling 2, Braddock 1 Max Baer fought 1, Primo Carnera fought 3, Holmes beat among others Shavers, Cooney, and a host of other names I can't remember. The only champions who fought better contenders than Frazier were: Ali, Marciano and maybe Joe Louis and his bum of the month club. We can't hold it against Joe Louis because he was so great, that most of the contenders he fought were regarded as bums.<br>

Kent, I am not even going into about winning percentages regarding Joe Frazier and the other champions, Frazier lost 4 fights in his career. Kent, the worshippers have shown to me anyway, that they are fanatics, it is difficult if not impossible to deal with fanatics. But Kent may God bless you, you have the patience of Job when you respond to them.

I began reading your post but then lost interest and yawned at all the personal abuse you throw. You twist comments (for example, I never used the word "feel") and completely misconstrue arguments put forward. You see insults about Joe that weren't written. It seems that I can't even ask Kent a question without you intervening with abuse. I am honestly uncertain whether the Frazier v Quarry second fight was a declared elimination bout for a shot at the title. All I was doing was politely asking Kent to confirm that this was the case. I feel certain that Kent wasn't offended by this question as he realized that it was asked in good faith. Your overreaction says to me that you are very sensitive about the subject, probably because of your discomfort that Joe didn't like eliminations. After all, he ducked the WBA elimination series when Ali was stripped of the title. For your information Frazier did have a remarkably brief championship career. After winning the title, he successfully defended it against Foster, Ali, Daniels, and Stander. Apart from the Ali fight, he beat two nobodies and a light heavyweight. Big deal. I can also again provide the statistics and facts supporting the other views I expressed. You keep disparagingly calling me and anyone who dares disagree with you "Ali worshippers". I don't worship him, but that doesn't matter and I don't mind what you call me. If you want to believe that then knock yourself out. However, I don't know what to call you. I know you are bad tempered. I know you don't tolerate other views and appear to be very moody and brooding. All this behaviour is consistent with alcoholism but I hope I'm wrong. (If I was into insults like you are I might wonder aloud whether you are a repressed homosexual with a prison cell fantasy for Frazier. Who knows ? I've heard of weirder things.) The other night I spent some time going back through the posts to see whether the Frazier argument had happened before. I read that you once claimed that you were in prison where they didn't have the internet and you said this to explain your failure to post for several months. That's okay; I've known plenty of goes who did time in the slammer. But later you claimed to be a New York policeman who worked 9/11. You said this when you were trying to garner support and a bit of sympathy after you got in (another) spat with a fellow poster here over, you guessed it, something someone said about Frazier. As such, it seems that you are more confused about who you really are than the rest of us. Whatever the case, I like discussing boxing issues. You like arguing them. I'd rather leave the personal abuse out of it. You revel in it. The sneering, condescending tone of your latest rant evidences your hatred of Ali and those who admire him. Grow up. Thanks.

6, Patterson 6, Ali 20 plus, Holmes 16 plus, Tyson 9 plus, Lewis 12 plus.....and
then down to Frazier on 4 (against Foster, Ali, Stander and Daniels).<br>Frazier fought 2 guys in the top 10 of all time. He won one of
those five fights. In three of the four he lost, he was stopped three times. | 3/2/05 07:00:02 PM|Massimo |Roma||4||10|Wait a minute, Frazier won the first
version of the title in 1968 against Mathis and then defended against Quarry and
all the others you mentioned. If you are talking of the undisputed heavyweight
champion, then, with all the respect, you can't say Tyson 9 as Mike Tyson became
the undisputed heavyweight champion against Tony Tucker (if I remember
correctly) and then defended the title less then 9 times.| 3/2/05 08:44:43 PM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Thanks for
setting me straight on why Frazier burnt out so early, Forest. Being from
Philadelphia, he "fought all out wars in the gym", you wrote. <br>You should
given have the heads-up on that to Cloverlay. They could have squeezed more
juice out of him had they known he was fighting so hard in the gym. I already
suspected he liked hard gym work, what with his match-ups with Stander, Daniels,
Zygliwicz, and that last blockbuster against Ellis.<br>You've put me straight
couple a couple of times, Forest. When I was beginning to think that Frazier might have
ducked Norton, you filled me in that Joe liked him too much to fight
him. <br>Now I know that Joe burnt out early because he came from
Philadelphia. I learn something every day.| 3/3/05 03:35:05 AM|Massimo |Roma||4||10|Tyson yesterday told Paolo Bonolis (a
legend in the USA) that he will be back in the ring around 20 June in Angelo's
home town (Washington, Maryland). I'm very concerned about his health, he should
not be fighting anymore. When I see his old fights against Berbick (the tragic
ballet), Holmes, Bruno etc. I can't believe he is still an active fighter. I
think he will have economic problems forever and he is gonna keep (on) fighting
until he is 72 years old. He is gonna get hurt, we got to stop him somehow.
What's next ? Bowe-Tyson ?
It was a tough fight with Ali winning a 15 round decision. Before the loss,
Foster had a record of 30 KOs in 31 fights.<br>The same year (1972) Frazier
defended his title against Daniels and Stander. Foster deserved a shot at the
title before those two, but Frazier never gave him the chance.<br>I'm sure
Frazier had very good reasons for ducking this guy, too. Perhaps he liked him
too much. Maybe there was more money in fighting Daniels and Stander instead of
a guy with 30 KOs in 31 fights. <br>After 1969 when Frazier got the first
version of the title, these are the guys he fought whom Ali didn't fight:
Zygliwicz, Stander, Daniels, and Cumming.<br>These guys were Frazier's warm
up, warm down, tune up, and an easy fight to which it is said that he was
entitled having just won the title.<br>Here is the list after 1969 of the
guys Ali fought whom Frazier didn't: Blin, Mac Foster, Al Lewis, Patterson,
Norton (3 times), Lubbers, Wepner, Lyle, Coopman, Young, Dunn, Evangelista,
Shavers, Spinks (twice), Holmes, and Berbick.<br>Ali is four years older
than Frazier. Interesting. <br>| 3/3/05 11:33:29 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Noam, if
Frazier was avoiding punchers, then why did he fight Foreman after Stander and
Daniels, who were tune ups Frazier was entitled to? Ali, two tune ups, and then
Foreman, sounds fair to me.<br>Do you know why Foster had 30 wins in 31
fights before the Ali fight? It was because he had a loss to Jerry Quarry and
maybe, just maybe this took him out of the title picture. Sound
familiar?<br>Quarry had a history of sending back down the ladder up and
coming contenders put in front of him. Thad Spencer, (who had beaten Terrell)
Lyle, Shavers, and Foster all fell victim to Quarry.<br>It makes sense to me
that a fighter works his way into the top ten rankings and then he loses to a
highly ranked contender, Quarry. This would mean Foster would have to work his
way up again while Foreman, who was undefeated, got his title shot and won.
Sure Foster could hit, as all of his wins in his entire career were by knockout, 30-6, 30 by KO, However, he was slow and ponderous. He had a good left jab but his feet were like he was stuck in mud. Sure there was a chance one of his bombs could hurt Frazier, catching him coming in, but I see Frazier putting so much pressure on Foster that he would have cut him down on the way to a mid to later round stopped win for Joe. Noam, it seems you never saw Frazier at his best as he was downright scary he was so relentless in pursuit of his opponents and except for Foreman, one of the best if not the best finisher once he had someone hurt the game has ever seen, who hurt Frazier badly early in the fight and Frazier never recovered, Frazier walked through almost everyone he ever fought. You see a pattern of Frazier avoiding punchers. What about Quarry, Bonevena, Chuvalo, and yes even Stander? All of these guys could hit hard and even though they are not the pure punchers that Foreman, Shavers, Lyle, and Foster were, Quarry etc, were dangerous opponents. That the other Foster, Bob the light heavyweight champion got a title shot, it is custom that many light heavyweight champions get a chance at the heavyweight title. No big deal that Frazier gave B. Foster a shot. Oh by the way M. Foster's fight with Ali was not that tough of a fight as he even though M. Foster was durable and game, Ali won virtually every round.

Let me make some points clear. As of lately on this board I have seen the Ali worshippers distort boxing history. They do this primarily by pretending their opinions are facts. And the end result is they distort boxing history. I have no problem with them doing whatever they like amongst themselves, but my fear is that when they do it in public forum like this site they may unduly influence someone who is not familiar with boxing history. Their attacks on Frazier are relentless, and confusing. A short time ago I thought I finally understood the point the worshippers were trying to make. That Ali defended his championship against better contenders than Frazier did. I went one step further, and remarked that Ali defended the title against better contenders than any champion ever, in any division. That did not satisfy the worshippers, they continued to attack Frazier, and not accept counter views. Why are the worshippers so rigid in accepting opposing views? Well, I have a few thoughts about that. One, they do not read the post of others with an open mind, or completely. Two, because they do not read the opposing posts correctly, they respond with poison pen attack at Frazier. In all my years on this board, I have never seen a champion, any champion, attacked the way they attack Frazier. Finally, the worshippers will deny this but they put forth their opinion as if they are boxing experts. When confronted with misconceptions on their part which are documented, they ignore the correction. As if their errors never happened. Finally, anyone who is an Ali worshipping, and does not like the description, WORSHIPPER, then look up the definition. Now let me respond to the worshippers.

We will start with the most recent postings 1st. Mac Foster never beat a ranked contender in his whole career. Ali is 2 years older than Frazier. Worshipper #2. There was no need for me to give Frazier's management Cloverlay "the heads-up. They managed Frazier into a fight for 2.5 million dollars, at that time the biggest purse ever. It was not Cloverlay goal to as you write, "Cloverlay could have squeezed more juice out of him," (Frazier). When Joe's career was over he was wealthy, and healthy. Cloverlay did a great job. Frazier defended his title against among others: Ellis, Quarry, Bonavena. Also, Joe was a champion or a ranked contender for approximately 9 years that's not a bad run for a "Philadelphia fighter." On to worshipper #3. I started off by saying to Kent, "I am not even going into about winning percentages regarding Joe Frazier. All I said,"Frazier lost 4 fights." Worshipper #3, Frazier had less fights than Louis, Marciano, Liston. He also made and kept a lot more money than these 3 guys.
Shame on Frazier for doing that. Finally we come to successful defenses as per worshipper #3. As I mentioned in the earlier post, Ali, Louis, Marciano fought better contenders than any of the other heavyweight champs.

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in 8 or 9. What's your call on that.<br>Be well!!|

[3/3/05 01:02:52 PM|Forest Ward|New York City||raymccormack2003@yahoo.com]|10|Hey John, it's good to hear from you. Your are probably right 8 or 9 rounds. Although, it would be an interesting fight, especially in the early rounds. If Tyson does not get discouraged, it go 15 rounds. But,that is a big IF.| [3/3/05 01:25:27 PM|Massimo |Roma||4||10|Steve--<br>You said "Now that I'm done kissing up to you", what's that ? Iowa slang ? I'm not sure I have understood what you meant...Up ? Up where ? Bah !<br>I understand the Roman much better, aoh !<br>Frazier gave Ali THREE GREAT FIGHTS, not TWO but THREE !!!!!! The second one on 28 January 1974 was actually very close. Also I have seen the second Ali-Norton fight once and I honestly think that Norton won by a couple of points. I should see that fight at least two more times to be sure tough but I can't because my recorder was out of order when ESPN gave this legendary fight (SNORT). Catcha ya later !<br>Can your Calabrese wife understand the Roman dialect (it's almost equal to standard Italian anyway) ? My best greetings to my Italian sister (your wife).<br>PS: I have to say that Mike Tyson behave very kindly yesterday in that Italian show and everyone appreatiaced (spelling) it. He didn't even bite Paolo Bonolis. He behave like a good guy yesterday. Bravo Michele Geraldo !!|

[3/3/05 01:34:40 PM|Steve|n.j.||N.A..]|10|Hey Forrest, I think Ali vs Tyson is interesting. Tyson, at his PEAK, was almost as hard to hit, with his Gus D'amotto training, as was Frazier. He may have had faster hands, and probably hit harder. I like him to possibly have KO'D Ali in the early rounds. Remember, different eras.|

[3/3/05 02:10:33 PM|Noam|same||same]|10|Forrest<br>I haven't had time to read the book you just posted. You mentioned some guy named Job in another post. I guess he didn't fight Joe either.<br>So you're saying that anyone who didn't beat Quarry wasn't suitable to fight Frazier. By the way, if you stopped to read what I wrote, I agreed with you about Frazier fighting Quarry again rather than Lyle and Shavers at that point. I then asked whether it is actually true that the Frazier and Quarry second fight was a recognized eliminator as I couldn't find verification of this. Forrest took offense. Yet you know it wasn't meant that way, yet you haven't the balls to come out and say so. You also asked me, Kent, about the second Foreman fight. Frazier had to fight him a second time if he was to redeem his reputation after the first fight flogging. In Joe's mind he couldn't retire without trying to avenge the loss where he got knocked down six times. A loss that put his suspect jaw in perspective.<br>By the way, guys, this is a Jerry Quarry site. The way most of you moan on about Frazier it seems you don't recognize that. That you can't even acknowledge the obvious - that Joe ducked many fighters of his era - says more about you than your scribblings do. Like Forrest, you have trouble rationally discussing topics involving Joe. Another thing. Has Forrest ever begun or positively contributed to a discussion on this site ? Seems to me he just sits back and snipes negatively every now and then when someone displeases him. Mr Negative. Any way, Liston, Terrell, Mac Foster, Lyle, Shavers, et ai, according to you guys, were bums not good enough to fight Frazier.|

[3/3/05 02:28:45 PM|Noam|same||same]|10|Steve<br>Read my post that upset Forrest and then tell me that he is not hot tempered, too.<br>Anyway, like you, I think Frazier is in the Top 15. I don't think Ali is the greatest. I think he is in the Top 3, though.<br>I am not criticizing Frazier because I adore Ali. I just think Frazier is overrated, especially by (some) rednecks whose only reason for loving him is because they hate Ali. I don't admire Ali. Personally, I didn't like all that stuff he went on about when he was younger. I didn't like his politics. I don't like his religion. And I think he
should have been more recently critical of extremists. My admiration for Ali is for his boxing. As a person, I admire him for the brave way he had fought his medical condition. If you go through my posts, I limited myself to criticizing Frazier's boxing. I wasn't critical of him personally. You mention the Vietnam War. I believe that war needed to happen. Had it not happened then communism would have had an easy run over Thailand and Malaysia and who knows where else, instead of just Vietnam and Laos and Burma. In my mind, Vietnam was a necessary 'speed bump' against communism. The fact that we lost 58,000 and damaged the lives of countless others is appalling and terrible and a tragedy. But the cause was noble and necessary in my humble opinion.

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Steve, I didn't call you an alcoholic and a homosexual. I called Forrest that. His writings reflect an intolerant, obsessive, hate-filled, moody, depressed, bullying, and erratic person. These symptoms are often consistent with recovering alcoholics or repressed homosexuals. There are textbooks on it. When Forrest jabs at me, I'll jab right back at him. Thanks.

| 3/3/05 02:34:07 PM | Steve | n.j. | NA | 10 | Massimo, what the heck are you talking about? "Iowa slang"? You better get your geography straight before you question me on slang. "Kissing up to you", is N.J.slang! Iowa is a small province in Canada. Kissing up, just means trying to smooth over hard feelings, or trying to make up with someone, by trying to acknowledge their point of view, while sometimes being a little over ingratiating. Slang phrases don't always fit into the concept of good grammar. As in, "up yours", which is a gross insult in N.J. Your silky smooth Italian accent has charmed my Calabrese wife, you know, the mother of my one daughter and five stupid Irish sons. I am disappointed and offended by your behavior towards my wife. I don't feel your talking to her as a brother. However, after reasoning with my wife, she too has become offended that you would infer that all Calabrese are illiterate to the Roman dialect. Your best greetings are now falling on deaf ears, as she now won't be able to trust you. Up meaning she wants to beat you down. Please apologize immediately, or I cannot protect you! |

| 3/3/05 03:21:21 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Steve - I didn't want to offend anyone, I called your wife sister because the Italian hymn starts with "Fratelli d'Italia" that means "Italian brothers"... I asked whether your wife understands the Roman dialect because I (born in Pisa and living in Roma) personally don't understand the Calabrese dialect very well. I don't even like dialect that much, I do like the Standard Italian. Are you two really angry at me or are you joking? |

| 3/3/05 03:23:22 PM | Steve | N.J. | na | 10 | Noam, I was just telling you how I feel about the Ali, Frazier era. I took no offense at your post. I would never try to impose my feelings or philosophy about that era on you. I'm just trying to tell you how some of us felt. You have as much right to your opinion about that era as anyone. I spent a lot of time in South East Asia, and to this day, I cannot give you a coherent, informed opinion about what it did to this country. Your opinion is as valid as mine. I didn't mean Imply that you had to be there! I am a great believer in God's will, or (if you will), fate. What will happen, will happen. |

| 3/3/05 03:27:50 PM | Forest Ward | New York City | raymccormack2003@yahoo.com | 10 | Steve, regarding Ali-Tyson. The reason I like John's prediction is because Ali had a great chin. I have feel that he could avoid Tyson's punch in the early rounds. As the rounds continued I feel Tyson would get discouraged and lose interest. That's why I could see Tyson being stopped in rounds 9 or 10, or possibly going 15 rounds. In their primes I have no doubt Ali beats Tyson, but the Tyson who fought Mike Spinks would make it very interesting against Ali. |

| 3/3/05 03:39:27 PM | Steve | Sicelia | under federal indictment | 10 | Massimo, you have my sympathy! The vendetta has already been placed! Ask Kent what this means! He's an American Indian. That's the same as Italian, since you guys all claim to have discovered America. |

| 3/3/05 03:58:29 PM | Steve | N.J. | na | 10 | Hey, Massimo, you goofball, I hope you and
Kent know I am just playing with you'se guys! I apologize for any ethnic slurs.

What does it mean " the vendetta has already been placed "

I read your posting. It doesn't make much sense. You assume criticisms of Frazier that weren't made. You twist facts to support an unsustainable view. You deny facts that history records. And you nitpick with semantics.

Even when I conceded a point to Kent about the Quarry fight, and then asked Kent to confirm a comment he made (that the Quarry fight was a recognized elimination bout), you condemned me. It was a sincere question without hidden motive and I still don't know the answer to it. I haven't been able to confirm Kent's assertion elsewhere, as the fight wasn't listed as an official eliminator. Frazier doesn't describe it as an eliminator in his book. So forgive me for being curious and I'll pardon you for being unusually touchy.

You also deny that there would have been a third Ali v Frazier fight had Quarry beaten Frazier in their second fight. At that point Ali and Frazier were one each, and nothing was going to stop a third bout.

After a loss to Quarry, Joe would have gone out, padded his resume with some more "sissies" and "tomato cans" (his description) and, bingo, Ali v Frazier 3. The world would not have let their feud rest at one each. Anyways, you revel in the memories of Joe fighting Stander and Daniels as title defences, while the rest of us will keep wondering what would have happened if a past prime Joe had chanced his luck against Shavers, Foster, Norton, Lyle, and the other viable fighters around at that time.

Remember this, Forest: if Bruce and Bonavena could knock down an in prime Joe, any fight a past prime Joe had against Shavers, Lyle, Foster, and Norton were fraught with risk.

Forest, I suspect that if you get away from the topic of Frazier and Ali, you are probably not a bad guy. I'd guess that we share similar views about many things in life and, apart from generational differences, our backgrounds are almost the same. Neither of us were born with silver spoons.

Noam, no I don't officially have proof that Frazier/Quarry 2 was an official title elimination fight but I do think Frazier deserved a title shot for beating Quarry when most people thought Joe was through and they favored Quarry going in, but in hindsight it turned out to be the other way around, Frazier had some life left in his career and Quarry didn't. I seem to remember seeing some ads saying it was an elimination at the time but can't confirm it.

Me not having balls for not saying you didn't mean offense by asking me this question? Huh? Your argument between Forest and yourself is just that, between Forest and yourself and I am not involved.

I am just trying to make my points about Frazier's ability as a fighter and Forest happens to agree with my position, period.

It is too bad Mr. Jimmy (James Quarry) isn't around. As he knew a lot of what was going on in boxing back then. Noam, I have a feeling Mr. Jimmy would disagree with you but we will never know for sure.

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The closet person we have is Bob (Robert) Quarry and although he is younger than the other Quarry brothers, he has a lot of knowledge about Jerry...
and he is familiar with Joe Frazier as well as being a former professional fighter himself, I wonder what he would have to say about this debate. He is not online but I have a way to contact him and I will do so when possible to ask what he thinks about this. Hey Bob, if you do happen to check in here, please let us know what you think about Joe Frazier supposedly ducking fighters like Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers, and Mac Foster. 

Frazier doesn’t say it was an eliminator in his book and I've looked up fight records and it isn't catalogued there either. It might not have been an eliminator. You say Joe didn't duck those guys; I believe he did. He didn't fight them and they were available. They were all viable opponents. They were all better fighters than Stander and Daniels and Ellis (at that stage of his career). And they were all damaging punchers, which is the very species that presented the most danger to Joe at that stage of his career. Like they say, if it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck then more likely than not it is a duck. I still say Joe ducked all of them (sorry for the pun). Regards the 'balls' comment. Forest barked and you yelped. As soon as Forest said you should be impatient with us "Ali worshippers", you became spontaneously impatient with us "Ali worshippers." The perogative to do so is all yours, of course. Thanks.

Speaking of balls, how would Frazier do against Lynn Ball? Do you guys remember him? You're right Angelo, Lynn Ball kicked Ron Lyle's ass in 1979! 

Frazier fought Daniels and then Stander the year after he fought Ali the first time, and was workin his way back in to fighting shape. They wanted to set him up with a few tune-ups. Thats boxing. At that time Shavers and Lyle weren't ready for a title fight. They were still being groomed, learning the trade. When they made their move they made the same mistake a lot of others did when they fought Jerry Quarry. Back then Lyle and Shavers were never mentioned in the same sentence as Frazier. Not that they weren't good fighters but, no one wanted to see Frazier fight those guys. Frazier was working towards Ali because thats where the money was at and thats what boxing is all about. If Frazier fought Foreman when he did you could never say he ducked anyone. He was handled the right way and every fight he fought was a non stop war. Ali could hold n clinch and clown because of his style and size. Frazier had 2 careers Before Ali 1 and after Ali 1. The first career he was unbeatable. Forget the second career he had already proven himself by then. 

You must like to argue just to argue as now you are starting in on me. So what are you going to do now? Start an argument with Steve cause he often agrees with me and say he has no balls cause he didn't jump to your defense against me? Also, there are plenty more people you can argue with if it isn't Steve next.
1974 and Foreman avoids Quarry again, and signs to fight Norton. Jerry starts yelling that the black contenders are discriminating against him. Yes, Jerry used the word discriminating. Jerry claimed that the black fighters wanted to keep the title amongst the blacks. Some people bought into this. Ali steps in to defend his heritage and make a lot of money and agree's to fight Quarry. Bob Arum was going to promote the fight. Quarry was going so well at the time, that it was a real possibility in some peoples minds (Don King being one) that Quarry might beat Ali. Then, that would kill the big money fight between Foreman and Ali. 

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Jerry didn't decide what the elimination fights were. The champion and the governing body did. Frazier's next fight after beating Quarry was against Ellis. So I take it the Quarry v Frazier fight was an elimination to fight Ellis. Frazier Groupies are full of crap.

Hey, I'm not laughing at anyone---just waiting to hear if Lynn Ball would have KOed Frazier like he did Lyle! And let's add to that: Prime vs. Prime, Frazier vs. Cooney.

Ali Worshipper #2, the stipulation was made by the New York State Boxing Commission. As a result of the announcement the press recognized the fight as an elimination match for a championship fight. When both Quarry and Foreman lost all the dynamics changed. Ali Worshipper #2 Do yourself a favor go to a library and read the newspapers of that period. Why the hell does everyone keep saying the Mike Bruce fight was in Frazier's prime? It was his second fight? When did a fighter's second fight become his prime? I guess Ali was in his prime when he got knocked down by Sonny Banks since it was passed his second fight. How the hell could the great Ali be knocked down by Sonny Banks in his
prime?

Not to nitpick - but I believe Howard is correct - the winner of Quarry-Frazier II, which took place in June, 1974, was not assured a Foreman fight. If anyone was, it was Ali, who had beaten Frazier in their January, 1974 rematch. When Jerry beat Shavers only a few weeks before that in December, '73, Gil Clancy indeed claimed to have a Foreman contract in hand, however the Norton fight was already a done deal. What prompted Jerry's "Black Conspiracy" charges (which both he and Clancy later said were just a ploy to get Ali in the ring for a lucrative payday) was Ali backing out, on February 13, 1974, of a fight with Quarry scheduled for May. MSG was planning to hold a press conference announcing the match the very next day, February 14, when Ali abruptly pulled out. The obvious reason was the concern that the "new" Quarry might spoil an Ali-Foreman blockbuster. Unfortunately, instead of getting Ali in May, Jerry instead got decked by Joe Alexander, before knocking him out. We all know what happened in the Frazier rematch the next month. All of which strongly suggests that, as much as we Quarry fans would have enjoyed it, Jerry was not about to beat Ali at the time.

Anyone that says that Joe Frazier should have fought Earnie Shavers truly proves their complete ignorance of the time period relating to the heavyweight division. Was Joe supposed to know that Earnie would get dangerous in 1976 and end up better remembered than the guy that knocked his head off Ron Stander? Stander killed Shavers, beat him all over the ring in the middle rounds. You guys don't know that though. Ignorance supports your claims, however real knowledge will open your eyes. Looks like Fan has some work to do still.

By 1973, the entire boxing world knew that Earnie Shavers was dangerous—the entire boxing world, most notably Yank Durham. Please, Shavers was a heavy puncher with stamina problems, but he rode an impressive KO streak into the Quarry fight and was expected to KO Jerry as well—and it ended up being another case of underestimating the talents of JQ. At the same time, by 1974, Frazier was no stranger to early round knockouts, as Foreman knocked him around the ring like a rag doll—point being that an early knockout can happen to anyone and it shouldn't have made Shavers damaged goods in terms of a match with Frazier between '73-'76. Far from it, what made Shavers undesirable to the Frazier camp was the very thing that's been discussed the past few weeks: Shavers' PUNCHING P-O-W-E-R. Between 1973 and 1976, there were combinations of guys fighting eachother including Ali, Foreman, Norton, Lyle, Shavers and Quarry. As for Frazier, the only ones in this group he ended up fighting were Quarry, Ali and Foreman. Combined record: 3-4. That includes two wins over Quarry and one over Ali—neither of which were considered to have one-punch KO power. Foreman blew him out—Lyle and Shavers were considered to be slugging power punchers, not boxers and that's why discussion of Frazier fighting them didn't materialize. As for Norton, we all know by now that he and Frazier were like Skipper and Gilligan, Blossom and Six, Arnold and Willis, Brad and Jennifer—they wouldn't fight eachother cause they were sparring partners and pals.

I am afraid you are wrong. I never said the winner of the Frazier-Quarry was ASSURED a title fight with Foreman, I said the New York State Boxing Commission Boxing Commission made the stipulation that the winner of the fight was ENTITLED to a title match. I never said that
the New York State Boxing Commission stipulation was BINDING. As a result MSG announced to the press that it was an elimination fight. And the press recognized it as such. You must remember that at the time it was considered a foregone conclusion that Foreman was going to destroy Ali. And that at the time Foreman was ducking Quarry. At that time Frazier was regarded as a shot fighter who the "new" Jerry Quarry was going to beat. When Quarry and Foreman lost all deals were off. Even if both Quarry and Foreman won their respective bouts; there would have been no way for the New York State Boxing Commission to enforce that stipulation, short of stripping Foreman of his title if he did not fight Quarry. It is all conjecture at this point. But, it is worth noting only 7 years earlier the NYS Boxing Commission stripped Ali of the title and recognized the winner of the Frazier-Mathis match as the new champion. As a the NYS boxing Commission's action would not have been unprecedented if they went that route. The main point being that Kent was correct when he remarked that it was recognized by the public and the press as a elimination bout. Ali Worshippers #1 and #2 were wrong, no surprise there. One must remember that while the ALI Worshippers are part of the public, their fanatical beliefs and their closedmindless bias against Joe Frazier is so far out of mainstream beliefs; they can be regarded as a sect.

Here are the facts on Frazier-Shavers. Frazier fights Stander on 5/25 in 1972. At that time Shavers best win was over washed up ex light heavy champ Vicente Rondon in a ten round snooze fest. There was no way that Shavers was more deserving for that shot then Stander. Stander beat Shavers straight up and Shavers was fighting stiffs. On 1/22, 1974 Frazier fights George Foreman. Obviously Joe was avoiding big punchers with this selection. After Joe is demolished, Shavers gets his first decent win over the then 7-3 Jimmy Young. NOBODY thought Jimmy Young was going to be anything at that point. Shavers then signs to fight Jimmy Ellis for 6/18. After that fight is scheduled Frazier inks to fight Joe Bugner on 7/02. At this point Shavers has beaten NO ONE and Bugner is at least on the map. They both win and Ali offers Frazier another go for over a million each. During this same time Shavers negotiates to fight Quarry. This would be a decent test for the unknown Shavers. They both lose. Shavers actually RETIRES FROM BOXING after this fight. Ring magazine completely writes him off as does the public. The fans are clamoring for Quarry and Frazier to go again. They sign for 6/17, 1974. During this time Shavers unretires and goes back to ham and eggers beating Cookie Wallace in 1 round. After they both win Shavers LOSES to Bob Stallings on 11/04, 1974. He then draws with still unknown Jimmy Young later in the month. Frazier beats Ellis as a warm-up for Ali. It could be said he could fight Shavers here. He could have fought 50 other guys that were thought of on that same level at the time. Shavers was thought of as a joke at the time. Nobody would buy that fight. At least Ellis had once been good. Shavers was a never was. After Frazier beats Ellis and Shavers beats immortals Leon Shaw, Rochelle Norris and Oliver Wright, Shavers loses again. This time he is knocked out by Ron Lyle as Frazier is preparing for Ali-Frazier III the Thrilla in Manila. At this point Joe is basically done and Shavers would be ranked about #30 in the world. This is definitive and the final word.

You are not only a fan, YOU ARE CERTIFIED BOXING HISTORIAN!!!!!!

Fan, that posting was great!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

You don't recall what you seem to, and I still have many articles from that period (NY papers) but I do recall the NY Commission — and only 5 other states —
recognizing Joe as champion and disregarding the WBA tourney. They were certainly a minority, and any proclamation that Jerry-Joe II was some sort of elimination bout would have meant little. Ali-Foreman was THE fight everyone wanted, and I agree that nearly everyone thought Foreman would trounce him. I also agree that Jerry was considered the favorite to retire Joe. In hindsight, given the Alexander and Frazier results, he probably should have been considered a huge underdog vs Foreman at that time. But I admit I would have lost my shirt betting on Jerry.

|3/4/05 08:26:28 PM|Steve|N.J.|na|na||10|Angelo,Frazier vs Cooney is a good one. I have to admit I haven't seen much film of Cooney's earlier fights. I can't remember why. I guess I wasn't paying attention until he suddenly became a hot contender, and, of course, a big white hope. I must admit, sometimes over the years, I've been the kind of casual fan who only watches the top dogs. I saw him knock out Norton. I remember he gave Holmes a very competitive fight for thirteen rounds. Norton seemed to be vulnerable to anyone who could really crack. Why didn't Norton ever fight Lyle? Anyway, prime vs prime, I think Frazier would have introduced Cooney to the term, pressure. Cooney was no Ali or Holmes. I like Frazier by tko in about five rounds. Remember, Angelo, Foreman had to knock down Frazier six times. I know Kent argues that Frazier was finished after the first or second knockdown. I'm not sure what that means. Does that imply the Ref. didn't do his job? It only took Foreman three shots to dispatch Lyle. Does that mean Joe could take a shot better than anybody, except Ali?

|3/4/05 08:37:46 PM|Noam|same|same|same|10|Forest, your story doesn't cut it. I'll back you up. <br>Frazier was so confident of beating Foreman that he didn't insist on a mandatory rematch in the contract. (Hear that Fran - Frazier felt he was home and didn't need a guarantee of a rematch.) In January 1973 Foreman knocked the "unbeatable" Joe down six times in 4.35 minutes (a knockdown every 45 seconds). The result was so demoralizing that a thoroughly beaten Frazier didn't ask for an immediate rematch. Because it was one of the most lopsided mismatches in heavyweight history, the media and the public were not clamouring for a rematch either. No one was. People like to move on from train wrecks. <br>Foreman got on with business. He beat Roman and then Norton. He looked down from the ring and told Ali he was going to kill him when they fought. The fight with Ali was then arranged. That was the fight everyone wanted. <br>Meanwhile Frazier had lost his second fight against Ali. The loser of two of his past three fights, a rematch between Frazier and Foreman was the last thing on anyone's minds. After all, Frazier had the patron saint of lost causes looking after him (help me out here Forest, you study the bible and knew who that patient guy Job was. Who is the patron saint of lost causes?)<br>In June 1974 Quarry and Frazier fought. By then Foreman and Ali had signed to fight in October 1974. Neither Quarry or Frazier was the champion. Neither Quarry or Joe had legal standing whatsoever to demand a title fight. As far as the title was concerned at that time, they were nobodies. Not the champion. Not a contracted mandatory challenger. For Forest to imply that Quarry or Frazier could demand anything aptly demonstrates his profound ignorance of the workings of boxing.<br>It is history now that Ali beat Foreman in October 1974. As there was no mandatory challenger from any prior elimination bouts, Ali fought Wepner (March 1975), Lyle (May 1975), Bugner (June 1975), before stopping Frazier in September 1975. Those are the facts. Forest says otherwise. Show me the newspaper stories from that era Forest and I'll read them. But a wise man once counselled me that you shouldn't believe everything you read in a newspaper. <br>I'd instead rather rely on what Frazier and Foreman say. Go read their books. Neither claims that the Frazier v Quarry second fight was a recognized elimination bout. No mention of the alleged elimination bout at all by them. Fact. Besides, Frazier didn't like eliminations. He squibbed out of the WBA elimination tournament. Remember? <br>Something else. As champion
in 1965 and 1966 and 1967 Ali fought defences against Liston, Patterson, Chuvalo, Cooper, London, Mildenburger, Williams, Terrell and Folley. All these guys were generally accepted as viable opponents to challenge for the title. Joe Frazier fought from 1965 through to 1969 when Ali had his title stripped. Of all those top fighters that Ali defended his title against, Frazier only faced Chuvalo. The top heavyweights of that time, who were good enough to challenge for the title, but whom Frazier never fought were: Liston, Patterson, Cooper, London, Mildenburger, Williams, Terrell, and Folley. Unless words have completely lost their meaning, Forest, I have cleared the issue up once and for all. Now for Kent. 'QUIT BEING SO PRECIOUS'.

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Groupie 2 then further admits that the sanctioning meant nothing. It couldn't be enforced. The papers only called it a sanctioned fight to get a bigger gate. **IN OTHER WORDS, IT WAS NOT A FIGHT SANCTIONED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OR THE WORLD CHAMPION. IT WAS NOT AN ELIMINATOR. WHAT THE GROUPIES WERE TELLING US WAS ALL BALONEY.**

Groupie 1 and 2 (Kent and Forest) GO STAND IN THAT DAMN CORNER. YOU CAN'T COME OUT UNTIL YOU APOLOGIZE TO NOAM. **Noam, congrats on being right. Also congratulations on your great summary and research. It's good to know that the Groupies are being called to account. Keep at 'em champ. You knocked 'em dead!**

Howard C, if I am groupie one I have never abused Noam. I only responded to a crack when he said I have no balls, an insult I do not deserve and which has nothing to do with the issue at hand. I think he should apologize to me for that remark, not the other way around as it was a cheap shot to disrespect me that way when I didn't disrespect him. All I have done (before his remarks, and precious is another insult) is disagree with him and that is all I will do now is discuss the issue. But if you want, go ahead and disrespect me too again as I won't respond to it, only the issues at hand. **It seems like I become a target every once in a while because I do try to play fair. that some people think it is funny to mess with me, don't you think Steve?**

Oh by the way, I am not on Forest's side, we just agree on this issue and he speaks for himself just as I speak for myself, period.

In the 1960s and early 1970s the New York State Athletic Commission carried a lot of weight so if they said Frazier/Quarry 2 was an elimination, at that time it rivaled a similar decision if it had been made by the WBA. **I said it was a title elimination bout based on my memory of seeing it billed as such. But whether it was or not has nothing to do with the fact that both Lyle and Shavers took a step backward as contenders when they lost to Quarry and Frazier took a step forward when he beat Quarry. I would have to get my tape out and watch Frazier/Quarry 2 again to verify this but I seem to remember them being announced as the number two and three ranked contenders at the time and that the number one ranked contender, Ali, had signed to fight Foreman for the title.**

That the New York commision was a powerful sanctioning body that had influence beyond its borders can be seen that Frazier's title, before he unified it with his win over Ellis in 1970, was recognized by five other states and several foreign countries that would later join to form the WBC. In fact, if you look at the list of WBC recognized champions, you will find Frazier recognized as heavyweight champion and this is a distinction before he beat Ellis. **In addition to this, besides Ali being considered the rightful champion as he didn't lose his title in the ring during his forced retirement, most people around at that time considered Frazier as the stronger champion. They really didn't take Ellis' WBA belt as seriously as they did Frazier's title, which he proved in the ring when the two met to settle matters.**

Another reason the WBA title during the late sixites was not taken very seriously is that they had recognized Ernie Terrel as champion even while Ali was still active, which Ali cleared up with a lopsided decision win over Terrel.

You know, Jeff Merrit would have been a more interesting and deserving opponent for Frazier than "Lopsided Loss Central" Ellis. And to be clear, I do agree that the generalization that a bunch of guys fought eachother and Frazier avoided some of them is weak---it's always better to go case by case and figure out why some fights were made and others weren't, but come on guys, where there's smoke, there's usually fire, and while a lot of the potential matches really can be dismissed legitimately by timing, rankings, rematch obligations, etc., they can't ALL be explained away. Frazier did not fight the highest quality opponents available to him as a young contender, a champion or a dethroned challenger. Plain and simple, he and his management were extremely strategic
and at times lucky, and he avoided fighting a group of guys that posed a threat to him. Smart? Probably. Once again, it was smart and necessary to get him the title, make some money and keep him from being knocked out by anyone other than Foreman (and the late TKO loss in Manilla). Smart, but in a historic context, it raises the question of where he ranks all-time, because certain key fighters in his era are missing from his schedule. They mostly fought each other, but not Joe. To have a logical explanation for every single instance (okay, what about Merrit—hell, Stan Ward fought him in the late 70's, but alas, Jumbo Cummings was a better opponent than Ward or Merrit?) is nice, but doesn't hold water. And the nice, neat, compartmentalized excuse for beating up on Ellis a second time (gee, he's from Louisville, doesn't have a knockout prayer against Frazier and reminds us of Ali) is bogus and we all know that---stop this crazy rationalizing for every weak fight Frazier's camp scheduled. He fought the path of least resistance, Jimmy Ellis, instead of any one of 20 other fighters who would have been more intriguing. 

The Jumbo Cummings fight is not relevant as even if it had been successful, they fought to a draw, it was a first fight back after a long layoff and a fight like this is needed to get some work. It is only after a couple of these fights that a tougher opponent such as Ward would be taken. But really, Joe should not have taken any fights at this point in his life and it is not representative of his career at all. Please don't point out again that Ali took on Quarry and Bonevena after a long layoff as Ali was unique and that is one of the reasons his claim of being the greatest holds so much water. Besides, they are not the same thing as Ali was still close to his prime, not the shell of a former great fighter that Frazier was verses Cummings.

I have tried to make a case by case analysis of why Frazier didn't systematically avoid a whole group of fighters but the reason it is likely that Frazier was not avoiding all of these fighters is because the public was not calling for such fights to take place. So why take fights the public doesn't want to see? The exception, of course is the occasional tune up fight to stay sharp.

It might be a kick if we could meet somewhere in northern Italy. I don't know what I will be doing in September but, if I can, I will be glad to meet you. With all due respect, it was not until Forest told you to be impatient with his Job comment, that you suddenly became impatient. And when you became impatient and rude, you were also precious. You were caught out about the recognized elimination bout. You sold it like it was legally and officially sanctioned. In the end it turns out that MSG publicized it as an elimination to boost the gate. The New York Boxing Commission went along with the ploy (bearing in mind they have no authority to sanction eliminators for world titles). They probably got a fee for issuing a phony sanctioning. Suckers are born every second and it got you in. So you were wrong all along, but you didn't have the balls to apologize for the rude comments you sent my way. You still don't. Instead you come out with the "everyone knows that I'm fair" nonsense which proves and means nothing. You say you are a journalist. My understanding about journalism is that you are supposed to be fair and balanced. Try it some time.

Thanks for the comments. There's many out there that agree with us, but they probably stay away because they get howled down by the Groupies. Maybe if we were unemployed like some of the Groupies, we'd have more time to go through things case by case. The list of viable opponents that Frazier never fought before he got the title is gobsmacking. Liston, Patterson, Cooper, London, Spencer, Mildenburger, Williams, Terrell and Folley. To ignore entering the WBA elimination when he hadn't beaten most of the
guys in it was staggering in its arrogance. Given that Frazier had been decked by Bruce and Bonavena, Joe was no shoe-in against those guys. Of course, after he won the title we had the farces that were the Danieles, Stander and Ellis fights. Ellis hadn't won his last four fights but Joe opted to take him on. There were lots of other guys out there. Shavers, Lyle, Norton, Mac Foster, et al. Joe only had 37 fights. In his last 10 fights, he lost four of them. The five fights he had against Top Ten Greats (Ali and Foreman), he lost four of them and was stopped three times. Against Foreman he couldn't stand up longer than 45 seconds before falling down again. You can't argue with facts, Howard. While I think you are wrong, I won't argue with you. I have too much respect for your past and that overrides any urge to set you straight about Kent being wrong and unfair.

Steve

While I think you are wrong, I won't argue with you. I have too much respect for your past and that overrides any urge to set you straight about Kent being wrong and unfair.

I do respect Kent as a journalist and enjoy his writing here and on the Eastside site. I do disagree with him though about Frazier. Perhaps most glaring of all is the fact that Frazier had under 40 fights and lost 4 of them and had a draw---not a great winning percentage considering it's relatively few fights, including just as many "soft touches" on his schedule as anyone else (probably more). It's one thing to say he had a rough and tumble style and that shortened his career and another thing to say that his "in prime" period was short---but the record and timeline do not lie. His greatness, if it exists, is based primarily on one fight (Ali, 1971) and especially one knockdown in that fight, and in my opinion, greatness that doesn't make. You could also make a case that his loss in Manilla showed signs of greatness---but I think like Norton's loss to Holmes, it showed courage, determination, guts and yes, brutal skills, but not greatness. In individual sports, as opposed to team sports, the greats don't just come close, they win. Yes, Frazier had the huge win over Ali, but suffered after affects from that fight that in my mind, shortened his title reign and career. He also had two crushing knockout losses to Foreman where he never got untracked---and in the first loss, didn't show any sign at all, not for a second, of even being competitive. Bobick was KO'ed by Norton, finished on his feet, but still became a laughing stock. Meanwhile, Frazier looked drunk, dizzy and ate canvas about a dozen times against Foreman and no one said a word. It's well documented that Ali has Parkinsons, probably expedited by boxing and surely contributed to by the fights with Frazier---but it didn't stop him from winning back his title, holding it awhile and fighting the long line of contenders/challengers that for some reasons, whatever those reasons were, Joe never quite managed to fight himself.

What does employment status have to do with boxing knowledge? Noam, are you saying that Frazier fans are unemployed as a whole and therefore can actually use facts to back up their arguments because they have more time? If this is your premise, it's one of the most asinine things I have ever seen posted here. If it's not your premise please clarify.

Noam, I see you said some of the groupies not all. I still want to know what you meant though.

The Ali-Frazier fights are the McEnroe-Borg of boxing. Since these two fighters have quitted their careers, maybe we have no hope to see anything even close again. Ali-Frazier 1,3 are both in my top 3 heavyweight fights of all time.<br>I think it's not a coincidence that Frazier was involved in both these fights (or in both of these fights). Joe Frazier was a decent fighter. In particular Ali'-Frazier 3 is like the Borg-McEnroe Wimbledon final in 1980. When tennis was a great sport... And when boxing was a great sport.<br>I long for yesterday.

Kent, that is flat out not true that I was rude to you after Forest's Job comment about me. It was after you made the "balls" comment that I responded in kind and YOU OWE
ME AN APOLOGY AS I READ ALL OF MY POSTS AFTER THAT POINT AND I AM DISCUSSING THE
ISSUES WITH NOTHING PERSONAL DIRECTED AT YOU. You just didn't like it
that in your mind, I hadn't admitted Frazier/Quarry 2 was not a title
elimination fight. I could not answer on this as I didn't know and still don't
know if it was or not and while you bringing up the question put in my mind it
might not have been one, it didn't prove it wasn't one. because if the New York
State Athletic Commision said it was, then that body carried a lot of authority
outside of New York at the time. If you have proof it wasn't one and have
posted this information, maybe I missed it so post it again and I will
acknowledge I was wrong if the information holds merit, but I will not apologize
to you as it was you who were rude to me.

by after the point, I mean after
Forest's Job comment until Noam's "Balls" comment. After this comment by Noam,
I responded in kind to Noam, not before.

My meaning was that some of
the Frazier Groupies seem to be unemployed as they have more time to research
and post comments. I was commenting to Howard C. that unlike some we do have
jobs. Kent<br>Kent<br>I do not owe you an apology. You initially said that
the fight was sanctioned as an eliminator. Now, rather than admit that it
wasn't, you say you don't know whether it was.<br>The MSG and New York State
Boxing Commission has NO authority to sanction world title eliminations. Fact.
It did not control world boxing. Wise up, admit you are wrong, and apologize for
being rude. When you do that I will realize that you do have "balls" and I will
then apologize for being wrong in saying that you don't have them.
<br>Angelo<br>Your post was very fair. When you take the emotion out of
it, and sit back and read Frazier's record, the holes there are glaring. He
missed fighting some of the best of his era, seemed always to be looking for the
easy option, usually avoided big punchers, and fought guys he'd already
flogged. Take the first Ali fight out of his portfolio, and you've just
about gutted his entire portfolio. A friend of my father, who was
heavily involved in the boxing scene from the 1960s onwards, once told me, "Poor
old Joe had to be propped up by his management after the first Ali fight. They
knew he was shot so they tried to save him for the important
fights."
<br>Looking at Joe's record, those words ring true.

I changed my position on saying it was a title elimination fight to I am not sure
it was a title elimination fight because you brought up the possibility. I will
have to research on my own, not just cause you say it is so. If I find you are
correct, I will acknowledge this. Disagreeing with you is not being rude, you
taking a cheap shot by saying I have no balls is being rude and sir, you owe me
an apology and everyone else here knows it.

Everything I post is from pure memory or if I sometimes go to another site to look up
someone's record. The reason I did at least give the possibility that I was
incorrect regarding Frazier/Quarry 2 and then I said I wasn't sure if it was
true or not, is because I haven't done independent research to confirm or deny
it one way or the other. It is quite possible I haven't had the time to do so.
I think I was being flexible and open minded by considering I could be wrong.
Yet someone here continues to insult me even when I said he might be right just
because I disagreed with him before on this issue and I continue to disagree
with him regarding the larger issue regarding Frazier's greatness.
Notice how Angelo and I have argued points back and forth now and probably in the past
about other things but we still show each other mutual respect, as it should
be.

An official elimination
bout, like you alleged existed between Frazier and Quarry, means that the winner
has a mandatory challenge against the champion.
Commission has no power or standing to sanction such a fight. Neither does MSG or the media. Frazier Groupie 2 maintains that the New York State Boxing Commission sanctioned the fight as an elimination and so did MSG and the press. I'll say it again. The New York Commission, the press, and MSG have no authority to do that. What happened is this. A Frazier v Quarry (2) was not a fighting the regular fan wanted to watch. It was a rematch and Frazier had already beaten Quarry years earlier. Also, by that stage, Frazier had lost 2 of his last 3 fights. So, to make the fight more attractive MSG began publicizing it as a sanctioned eliminator, even though it wasn't. MSG got its pals in the New York Commission to play along with it, and its pals in the newspapers did too. It sold tickets and made the fight more attractive. But it was never a sanctioned eliminator. Neither the champion or the world governing body sanctioned the fight. Even if we accept the facts as provided by Groupie 2, those facts demonstrate that it was NOT a sanctioned eliminator. It is not a hard concept to grasp. But rather than admit being wrong, Groupies argue semantics. Okay, whatever, but if that stubborn attitude rubs off on your credibility don't yelp like a stuffed pig. Go back through the posts and read how rude Groupie 2 was when trying to attack me when I innocently asked whether you were certain that it was a sanctioned fight. Had I spoken to someone like Groupie 2 did then I would have been pulled up. All of this doesn't worry me because I have been vindicated and I know that I was not being rude or offensive when I asked you to confirm that it was a sanctioned eliminator. If you want to portray yourself as being fair and even handed, then pull Groupie 2 into line when he chucks his regular hissy fits.

I have no problem with that. It is when you started taking personal pot shots at me is when I had a problem with you. YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW WHO STARTED IT BETWEEN YOU AND FOREST AND I AM NOT GOING THROUGH ALL OF THOSE POSTS TO FIGURE IT OUT BECAUSE IT WAS BETWEEN YOU AND HIM. BESIDES, WHO APPOINTED ME REFEREE HERE? I have been fair here in my arguments about the subject and that is all I can do. My argument centers on how much power the New York State Athletic Commision had at the time in question, 1974. Because if it still had as much power as it did in 1968, then if it ruled Frazier/Quarry 2 was a title elimination this rivaled the power of the WBA even if the WBA didn't sanction it as such. The question centers on if the New York commision still had the backing of other states here in America and other countries that formed the rival WBC, which it did in 1968. That the New York commision had more power than other state commisions is seen by its recognition of Frazier as world champion in 1968, a title that carried at least as much weight if not more so then Ellis's WBA title. There, I have presented information that still puts in dispute your contention that the fight in question was not a title elimination fight. My position still stands as not being sure if it was or not. A position, I will again add has changed from saying it was. This movement towards your position was brought on by your arguments. So I am being reasonable. I have to do more research on the subject when time permits.

This is getting ridiculous. In my post I asked a question directly to you whether that fight was an official elimination. It was not meant to be rude and could not be read as such. However, Groupie 2 (Forest) decided to interrupt, abusing me for asking you the question. In some irrational hissy fit he became abusive. In reply, I explained that the question was not meant to be rude and that I didn't understand how it could be interpreted that way. I then commented that I didn't think that Kent would have been offended and questioned whether you were offended. You didn't bother to address that question. The first question was just a simple question querying whether
that fight was an elimination. As it turns out, I had good reason to question it. No big deal. I've learnt that Groupie 2 is just sitting on the sidelines waiting to jump in and criticize. He doesn't begin topics of conversation. He merely jumps in and abuses when someone says something he disagrees with. He's like a king hitting vulture, and that doesn't bother me because every site has one. Everyone can go back and read the post and judge for themselves whether I was being rude in asking the question, and whether Groupie 2 was justified in the abusive interruption. You will also see that I asked Kent whether he took the question as offensive but he didn't answer. It went on from there. This is getting boring and repetitive.

3/6/05 03:31:18 PM Kent, La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 Noam, finally we can agree on something! This getting boring and repetitive. The problem is, I missed the point you made about asking me if I thought it was rude of you, which I have since said I don't think it was rude of you for challenging my statement. I probably missed you saying, "is it rude" the first time because there are so many posts that are very long and it is easy for someone to miss one point out of a lot of points people are trying to make. You assumed I was siding with Forest when I didn't answer the question the first time but how can I answer why I didn't notice it when you said it? I think if the question was in a post when you were arguing with Forest about things that didn't directly have to do with the subject we were talking about, this is why I missed it as the argument between you two is not important to me and maybe, just maybe I just skimmed that particular post. Like I said, I ain't no damn referee.

3/6/05 04:48:19 PM Massimo, Roma | 10 I have just seen Nicolay Valuev vs Attila Lavin. Attila fought well for two rounds but in the third Nicolay overpowered him by way of a third round stoppage (hoping that "by way" is correct English, I think I have seen it written on here). This Nicolay Valuev is strong, can punch with good power and can boxe quite well for a guy that wilt. Attila is 6'4" but looked very andre' in comparison. I'd like to see him against top contenders such as " The bouncer" Mc Cline, "Yawn" Ruiz and the others. The guy is ready! He is wilter than Terrell and even than Kent's friend in Boston.

3/6/05 05:30:05 PM Fan, Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 10 Kent and Noam are both o.k in my book. Speaking of o.k, It's ok to have differing opinions without condemning the others viewpoint. I think Joe Frazier would have beaten Larry Holmes. Most wouldn't agree with me, but it's my educated opinion based on watching much film.

3/6/05 06:35:24 PM Angelo, dc | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 Fan: I'd pick Holmes to take Frazier in a fairly easy decision, something like 8 rounds to 3 and 1 even. How do you think Frazier would do against Cooney?

3/6/05 06:54:36 PM Fan, Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 10 Frazier would knock Cooney out pretty early. Back to Holmes, Holmes was at his absolute best against Norton and won a very close decision. Frazier at his best would give a prime Holmes more trouble than Norton. Frazier before 1971 was much better than 1978 version of Ken Norton. This is even taking into account Norton's brillance against boxer/punchers which is his great trademark. Frazier in 1971 beats any fighter except huge punchers which he would be more susceptible against and of course Prime-Ali. I would pick only the following fighters against Joe in 1971. Prime Ali, Foreman, Liston, Marciano, Tyson a pick-em. That's it.

3/6/05 07:08:24 PM Kent, La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 Angelo, prime verse prime, Holmes verses Frazier would likely play out as Holmes barely pulling out a decision by say 8 to 6 rounds and if the two, like Ali and Frazier, fought multiple times, then a Frazier victory in at least one fight, would not be surprising.

I rank Holmes number three on the all time list behind just Ali and Joe Louis.
3. Holmes 4. Foreman 5. Marciano 6. Frazier 7. Liston 8. Dempsey 9. Tunney 10. Bowe. Just below the top ten would be Lennox Lewis, Holyfield, and Tyson. I am going by how good I think fighters were at their very best, no matter if their very best in prime years were not long. An exception to this would be Buster Douglas who had one great fight, verses Tyson because one great fight is not measured in years. This would also leave off fighters such as Hasim Rahman and Oliver McCall, who both had knockout wins over L. Lewis but who lost in rematches with Lewis. Although Rahman's story may not have completely written yet as he may be a late bloomer. He really looked good in his last fight verses Kali Meehan. I look for Rahman to be a sleeper in the current mix and if he cleans up the division by beating the Klitschko brothers, Byrd, Ruiz (who he really beat no matter what the judges said) or whoever else is put in front of him, then his rating could move close to the top ten. Of course also Joe Louis would have beaten Frazier too. My mistake.

I'm not that sure that Joe Louis would have beaten Joe Frazier. He almost got his ass whipped by Tommy Farr and Billy Conn. I can see no Billy Conn and no Tommy Farr whipping Joe Frazier. As far as boxing skills go (good English !) Louis was much better than Frazier and probably hit a little harder, but he wasn't as tough as Joe Frazier. In a "guts battle" Joe Frazier would have won. I aint saying that Joe Louis wasn't a warrior! As he showed for instance in his fight against Ezzard Charles, he was a lion! But Joe Frazier was two lions.

I am posting a message I got from Alex Ramos of the Retired Boxers Foundation about a boxing movie with a limited distribution. I hope you can see this movie in your area, if it is there. I will be making the drive to Los Angeles for a showing around 8 PM, or closest to this time. Also, if it gets wider distribution, then I hope you can see it then. Retired Boxers Foundation promotes Rick Schroeder’s Movie: “Black Cloud” Retired Boxers Foundation calls Rick Schroeder’s independent film—“Black Cloud”—A Real Drama of Life in the Flesh (Two Page Press Release + Movie Information—May be reproduced and posted) FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 7, 2005 [Simi Valley, CA] Alex “The Bronx Bomber” Ramos, Founder and President of the Retired Boxers Foundation, announced today that the Retired Boxers Foundation is undertaking an unusual tactic to promote the true heart and soul of boxing by publicly supporting Actor Rick Schroeder’s directorial debut of an inspiring drama—“Black Cloud.” Black Cloud is a movie about boxing, a real drama of “life in the flesh.” The movie, opening in selected theaters on March 11, 2005, is about Black Cloud (Eddie Spears), a spirited young boxer who backs down from no one. This movie speaks to me and every boxer who has entered the ring with conviction, said Ramos. “Real fighters know boxing isn’t just about knocking somebody out— it ain’t about street thugs and violence. It’s about our hearts and our determination to climb that mountain to a better place in life—out of the ghettos and the barrios and the streets.” The trailer for “Black Cloud” says, “The will of a warrior. The heart of a champion.” This pretty much sums up boxing for the real boxers,” continued Ramos. “Personally, I heard one line in that movie that tells me that Rick Schroder knows what he’s doing with this movie: “You have to lose yourself before you can find yourself.” This is a movie about becoming a man as much as it is about becoming a champion. The Retired Boxers Foundation and the thousands of fighters we represent will be there for Rick and for the movie, which will educate the public about the heart of the boxers who risk everything—the ones who fight with conviction.”
Rick Schroder is best known for his acting, most recently in NYPD Blue, and as a child in the 1979 classic, “The Champ,” starring Jon Voight about a boxer raising his young son. It is considered to be one of the best movies of all time, not to mention one of the very best boxing movies ever made. “The Champ” was one of the only films ever to show the emotional magnificence of the sweet science—the relationships and the struggle to succeed. The Champ epitomized the famous Joyce Carol Oates theory on the relationship between boxing and the people who love it, and is now brought to you in “Black Cloud”: “…for the mysterious solace of those who can participate only vicariously in such drama: the drama of life in the flesh.” Schroder told Alex Ramos, “People still stop me to tell me how “The Champ” changed their lives—how it made a lasting impression on them. I know that “Black Cloud” will do the same thing.”

Rick Schroder and Alex Ramos were introduced by the Retired Boxers Foundation’s newest Honorary Board Member, Kerry Daigle, a proud Cajun from Opelousas, Louisiana—and a successful entrepreneur since 1965. He hosts a weekly radio show “Keep Punching with Kerry Daigle”, writes books, keeps a hectic speaking schedule and is a frequent guest on radio and television. Daigle has been a mentor and advisor to Alex Ramos and the Retired Boxers Foundation for many years. Daigle’s website is www.keeppunching.com. The Retired Boxers Foundation will have retired boxers at all of the theaters where Black Cloud opens on March 11th. According to Alex “The Bronx Bomber” Ramos, “Rick Schroder and Black Cloud represent everything that is important to the brotherhood of boxing. He tells our story in a beautiful film about the dignity of a young warrior and the determination that makes a man a champion—not just in boxing, but life. Our motto is “The Undisputed Champions for Dignity!” If you don’t know what I mean, you need to see this film,” said Ramos. The Retired Boxers Foundation mission is to assist retired professional boxers in the transition from their glorious days in the ring to a dignified retirement. For more information on the Retired Boxers Foundation, founded by Alex “The Bronx Bomber” Ramos, visit their site at www.retiredboxers.org.

Black Cloud
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To view the trailer, go to www.blackcloudthemovie.com
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THE CAST
Branscombe Richmond as Peter
Eddie Spears as Black Cloud
Julia Jones as Sammi
Nathaniel Arcand as Jimmy
Peter Greene as Norm
Pooch Hall as Rocket Ray Tracey
Rick Schroder as Eddie
Russell Means as Bud
Saginaw Grant as Grandpa
Tim McGraw as Sheriff Powers
Wayne Knight as Mr. Tipping

Black Cloud wraps up the story of “Black Cloud,” with a new beginning for Eddie. Black Cloud is a movie about spirited young boxer—“Black Cloud” played by Eddie Spears, who backs down from no man. In addition to directing the movie, Rick Schroder also plays Eddie Young, a gritty rodeo circuit cowboy, who tries to reclaim the beautiful Sammi Haskie (Julia Jones), with whom he has a son. Tim McGraw joins the cast as Sheriff Powers who intervenes and a vicious fight where Black Cloud savagely beats Eddie. When he comes after Eddie, he is blocked by Bud (Russell Means), Black Cloud’s mentor and seasoned boxing coach. The sheriff and his deputies cruise the boundaries of the reservation and bide their time. Meanwhile, Olympic boxing scout Norm Olsen (Peter Greene), who had witnessed Black Cloud destroying opponents in a Golden Gloves Boxing tournament, offers the fighter an opportunity to fight his way on to the Olympic Boxing Team. Black Cloud defiantly declines, willing to fight only for his homeland, the Navajo Nation.
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| 3/7/05 09:39:43 AM| Forest Ward| New York| jkevin@cs.com| 10 | Fan, regarding your picks of Frazier against the past champs, I am in total agreement with you. I think Dempsey in his prime would have beaten Frazier in his prime. But, what a fight it would have been, shades of Dempsey-Firpo. I always felt Cooney was overrated big punch, but no fire in his belly. |
| 3/7/05 03:01:43 PM| Steve| N.J.| NA| 10 | Forrest, while I do agree Dempsey was something way beyond what we are seeing today, I believe his career would have been short circuited very early on by today's ring rules. |
| 3/7/05 03:10:13 PM| Steve| N.J.| NA| 10 | An Eight count, or even a knockout when a fighter takes a knee, can mean a whole lot if you've gotten your bell rung! By the time the ref gets to you, and chases the other fighter to a neutral corner, we could be talking about a lot more than a ten count. |
| 3/7/05 03:23:40 PM| Steve| N.J.| NA| 10 | Forrest, I think part of the problem in boxing is the very poor control boxing authorities have always had over an important match. If anything unexpected happens, it takes fifteen minutes for an official to take control. All this while we listen to the commentaters give their unofficial opinions of what should have happened. |
| 3/7/05 04:35:51 PM| Forest Ward| New York| raymccormack2003@yahoo.com| 10 | Steve, that questions been asked a lot about Dempsey, how good would he have been if he could not stand over the fighter after he knocked the fighter down. I think Dempsey could of adapted to present day rules with similar results. Dempsey, always received credit for his punching ability. I think what was often over looked about Dempsey was the fact, that he was not a catcher, that he avoided a lot of punches. The reason I can say this with some authority is because I met him twice in his restaurant. Once in 1967, and the last time in Oct 1974, the night his restaurant was being closed down. Both times the man showed good mental health. No slurring of words or other such symptoms of taking to many punches. And God bless he was well on into the years at that time |
| 3/7/05 04:42:33 PM| Massimo | Roma| 4| 10 | Mickey: "I fought in the same night
when Firpo knocked Dempsey out of the ring. Who (do) you think became (or got) famous ?<br>Rocky: "Dempsey". Mickey: "And why ?". Rocky: "Because he was a champion". Mickey: "Nooooooo !!!!! It's because he had a manager". Rocky: "The fight is fixed, I don't need a manager !". I think Dempsey is a little overrated. He won the title against a good but not great heavyweight, he was knocked out in 1 by little Fireman Jim Flynn in 1917 (the year of my grandmother's birth in Florence), his best wins were against Bill Brennan, Billy Miske, Fred Fulton and Carl Morris, not all time greats and... He was having a boxing lesson by Jack Sharkey. He retired from the ring to not fight the rising star Primo Carnera.

Interesting side note on Dempsey. Reportedly, when he was in his seventies, a couple of young thugs tried to pull him out of a cab to rob him. Dempsey hit one of them with a left hook and the other with a right hand, knocking them both out! Proof that the big punch is the last thing to go from a fighter's skills! I guess those two idiots never tried to rob an old man again did they?

They picked the wrong senior to rob! Forrest: That's amazing that you met this legend twice---and my bet is that he didn't catch many punches because opponents were too occupied with covering up from his attack!!

How wilt was Jack Dempsey ? I have seen him standing next to Nino Benvenuti in a picture. Nino is 5'10" 1/2 wilt, Jack looked to be about 6'1".

How tall was Dempsey ? I have seen him standing next to Nino Benvenuti in a picture. Nino is 5'10" 1/2 wilt, Jack looked to be about 6'1".

Dempsey's story was one of resilience and perseverance. He was 9th of 11 children from a dirt poor family. To make money he fought in bars as a teenager and turned pro at 19. Imagine the boasting rights being the world champion from that upbringing ! Wow. He invested his money wisely but innocently lost most of it in the stockmarket crash of 1929.

Showing the same courage fans witnessed when he boxed, he regathered and then prospered that bar Forest wrote about. Everything I've read about Dempsey praises him as a decent person AFTER he stopped fighting. In his bar he was respectful to everyone who approached him. Even Red Smith liked him ! To be so thoroughly decent from a terrible upbringing teaches us that no one has an excuse for being a bad person later in life no matter what happened earlier on.

Dempsey closed his bar in 1974. Forest should be honored to have met him and I'm sure he is. The Manassa Mauler died in 1983 leaving a modest estate of between $100,000 and $200,000. Apparently it wasn't hard to be treated to a free drink from Dempsey.

When he died, he was such a prestigious identity that even President Reagan spoke with sorrow of his death. None of us have done anything in life when compared to guys like Dempsey. Whatever we think of his place in the top 10 of great boxers, we should all be awed by his achievements.

Fan - I think you and Kent are okay guys as well. Maybe even Forest, too (but I'm gonna have to finish reading the 'O'Reilly Factor For Kids' before making a definitive decision on him). However, I don't like being blamed for something I didn't do. I posted to Kent querying the elimination thing in good faith and without trying to be a smart ass. Forest intervened and abused me, unfairly I thought. I asked Kent to confirm that he wasn't offended to show Forest I wasn't deliberately being insulting. I was ignored by Kent, who instead went on to make some disparaging and impatient comments, consistent with what Forest was obviously prompting him to do, and then Forest abused me again. What am I, a punching bag ? So I gave Forest some back plus some. I thought I made a pretty decent go of it, too. I'm
not pissed like Steve says. 

Forest, did you get your photograph taken with Dempsey, or get his photograph? If you didn't, I bet in hindsight you wish you did. If you did, I envy you. 

Interesting comments on Jack Dempsey. He is one of my favorites. Both for actions in and out of the ring. I agree with Angelo, the reason why Dempsey did not take many punches is because his opponents were to busy covering up. As the saying goes, "a good offense is the best defense." Dempsey, was well regarded by almost everyone, once he retired. When he died I was told that he left $250,000 to his estate. Whether it was $100,000 or $250,000 that was still relatively modest for a man who had a good steady income after boxing; and lived as long as Jack. But, who knows how much money he gave away to relatives, friends, hid from the tax people re: estate taxes.

I have scrapbooks going back to when Dempsey was a contender right up until the 1960's. Also, I was a close friend of Bob Sheperd, who died last July. Bob, had an extensive Jack Dempsey collection. Which I now have.

Jack Dempsey's personal life was shaky. He was always on the road after retiring from boxing, he could not stand still. Obviously, that makes for difficult relationships. I know one of his daughter's has been dead for some time, and she had a drinking problem. Don't know about the other daughter, the same may be true. I got the impression from his last book and from Bob Sheperd that his relationship with both daughters was rocky in the later years.

I don't have time here to go into details about the 2 times I met Jack in his restaurant, but, yes, I did get pictures taken of him and I; the night his restaurant closed. One of my big regrets was that I did not go to his wake or funeral. John Condon of MSG Boxing, remarked to me sometime later, that few people attended. His reason, Jack outlived most of his friends and associates.

Among the many things I find remarkable about Jack Dempsey, is the good mental health he had late into his 70's, and maybe beyond. I find this remarkable for a few reasons. He had no rules barroom brawls when he was coming up. And he fought a lot of "exhibitions" after he retired from boxing during the great depression. I am going to take a guess here and give my reasons why Dempsey had good mental health late into life. Most of his fights did end early, even his "exhibitions" during the great depression (he knocked as many as 3 people out each night). He probably had good genes (excluding Tunney). And, probably most important of all he was not a drinker. Many fighters, after they retire take up drinking full time, and this has a terrible effect on their brains late into life. Joe Frazier and Emile Griffith did not drink during their boxing days, but, boy they more than made up for it after they retired. And, I will be presumptuous and guess that is partly the cause of their problems today.

How many fights have you seen? I have only seen the Willard fight and sintesis from both the Tunney fights, the Sharkey fight and the final punch in the second Brennan fight. From this fights I got the feeling that he was a big puncher with poor boxing skills. I think Ali would have played with him. I mean no disrespect by saying that, it's just my sincere opinion. But probably I haven't seen enough of him in the ring.

Luck of the draw, heredity, apparently has a lot to do with how a fighter holds up mentally after retirement. I remember Mr. Jimmy saying that there was a gene that predisposes a person to either Altzheimer's Disease or Parkinson's Disease and that a fighter who has this in his family history is more likely to develop the punch drunk symptoms that are the same as either of those two afflictions, but earlier in life than usual. Alchoholic drinks in large numbers no doubt help bring on the affliction. It would be interesting to see if Altzheimer's or Parkinson's are more likely to be brought on by excessive alcohol consumption in non boxers with the heredity towards those diseases. My guess is it probably
doesn't help any to be a heavy drinker and this could be the case. People often ask, "why is that fighters like Jerry and Mike Quarry become damaged from boxing but others like Dempsey, George Foreman, and George Chuvalo don't become damaged?" As stated above, heredity, luck of the draw. But also a fighter can have only so many fights in him and once he is over that limit he receives damage that increases with each fight past that limit. This limit is different for each fighter. One fighter can have 30 fights and be damaged while another can have 100 and not be damaged. Of the Quarry brothers, Jimmy boxed as an amateur and he had many fights but he never had a professional career and he did not have damage from the ring. Bob (Robert) Quarry had about 24 professional fights and contrary to some reports, appears undamaged. He denies he has any ring damage and he says he took an MRI to prove this. Bob also was under his limit of number of fights and even though he was not as succesful as a boxer as either Jerry or Mike, he did not receive the damage they did because like Jimmy, he got out of the game early. Same heredity among the brothers but different outcomes. Would I recommend to Bob Quarry that he return to the ring because after all if he can pass the tests to show that he doesn't have damage, and if he can meet the physical demands, then him being in his early forties is conceivable? The answer to this is HELLO NO! Why play with fire and tempt fate?

Who would win, Ivan Drago or Ken Norton?

I've read that although Dempsey lived very comfortably at the time of his death, his Estate was relatively modest. Marciano died almost penniless officially. He didn't have a Will and no one could find where the bulk of his money was hidden. Small amounts were found rolled up in curtain rods but they couldn't find the secret bank accounts that he kept. Rocky apparently lent 'friends' large amounts of money without signed agreements. When he died those 'friends' claimed they paid him the money back a week or so earlier. Unfortunately, when Rocky died he virtually left his struggling parents nothing. That would have upset him because he had promised to look after them for life. His father had worked in a factory very hard looking after his big family. I've read that Rocky didn't trust banks and the government so he hid his money. He hid it so well no one admitted ever finding it. To think that undeserving people got the fortune Rocky worked so hard to get is extremely sad. He had ties to the Mob so probably that's where the loot was hidden. 

My understanding about Marciano's finances is similar. Some people have gone as far as calling him a miser. My feelings are if he was one, GOOD. So many fighters were ripped off throughout their careers by managers, freeloaders... that if he was able to avoid this pitfall, all the more better. Marciano was good friends with the owner of Castro Convertibles, a big furniture company in the 1950's and the 60's, I believe it is still around today. I understand that Rocky's daughter believes that Rocky buried the bulk of his money in an air raid shelter (remember them) built on Castro's property in Florida. Once Rocky died, that was the end of the money, it was never returned. Like a lot of people Rocky did not like to pay taxes, and as a result to avoid paying taxes, he was involved in a lot of shady deals with a lot of shady people. He also demanded always to be paid in cash. There was a great book written about Marciano in the 1970's, I think it was called, "Native Son." If just half of the book is true, it is worth reading. Rocky was not a simple guy, he was very complicated. If Rocky did not die so young, I think his life wood have paralleled Jack Dempsey's life after boxing. But this is only idle speculation on my part.
scandalous and should not have been printed. Personally, I thought it was great. To me it made Rocky more genuine and human like the rest of us. But, once again, Rocky was a very complicated person.

The 6'6" Ivan Drago would kill Ken Norton just like he killed the about 6'1" Apollo Creed. I remember that Apollo made love just before dying in the ring (he had a movement on the canvas). Ivan just hit too hard for Kenny, he hit twice harder than Ernie Shavers. The williams is that Rocky's jaw was much better than Chuvalo's. Heck, Chuvalo had a glass jaw in comparison!

In accordance with the benchmark that seems to have been set during this discussion about who avoided who. Sometimes shrewd management can bring out a fighter's true potential, and not squander it. I think if Jerry's career, handled differently, could have gone alot farther. If he hadn't fought Frazier when he did the first time, and taken a pretty bad beating, he might have had more in his gas tank for Ellis, when it really counted in terms of just getting a title. He might have been stronger, more mature, more confident, and definately smarter about playing to his opponent's strengths. Gill Clancy said, "Jerry always took every fight as a personal challenge of manhood. His opponent was a boxer, Jerry would go out and try to box with him. If he was a slugger, Jerry would go out and attack." I remember hearing this. I'm not sure about avoiding a fighter, it's about timing, knowing when to fight him in your career. Isn't it wiser to get to the title the safest way you can? Then you can fight all contenders for as much money as you can get. Prize fighting is not about being brave to the point of stupidity. In the final analysis, IT'S a business. We who enjoy the mayhem should judge more gently.

Clubber Lang or Frazier?

Clubber Lang's punches were really impressive during the entire ROCKY 3 from the beginning (when he told Mickey "I want Balboa!") to his second fight with Rocky for the title. I think that Mr. T has to be very strong in (the) real life. What a power! Frazier would have to be careful (or careful) in the first 3 rounds; if he is still on his feet after 3 rounds, Clubber is in trouble. Clubber has never fought more than 3 rounds in his entire career. So, or Clubber by KO in the early rounds or Frazier by mid round stoppage (somewhere between the 6 and the 8 round). Ali' would have no problem at all with Clubber! He would use the "rope a dope" strategy and would tell him "that's all you got?" and "what's my name?". He would knock Clubber out in eight to show he is great!

I invite all of you American people in my home because tomorrow ESPN shows 2 out of the 3 Norton-Ali' fights (probably the first and the second). Kent, I know that Los Angeles-Roma
is a bit of a trip but Ali' and Norton are worth a little sacrifice. | 3/10/05 09:18:15 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentalleent@aol.com|||10|Steve, I think it should read,"amends" the 2000 Muhammad Ali Reform Act," instead of how it is written on the home page of TJQF. Because amends means adds to the law that was passed that year and the amends to was brought out in 2003 but didn't get to the floor of the senate for a vote.<br><br>I agree that a national commision goes a long way towards the improvement of boxing here in the U.S. and other governments could pass similar laws to improve it in their countries.| 3/10/05 01:57:04 PM|Forest Ward|New York City||raymccormack2003@yahoo.com|||10|Steve, I agree with you 100%, I believe Jerry Quarry was mismanaged on his way up. A friend of mine who is a boxing writer, visited Jack Quarry a few months back. And even Jack Quarry now admits he was out of his league when he handled Jerry's early career. Jerry for many years before he died, admitted the same.<br><br>It's my understanding that when Jerry fought Jimmy Ellis he had a back injury, and the fight should have been postponed. Jerry fought Ellis before he fought Frazier. The reason Jerry gives why it was not postponed was that the purse was so big and Jack Quarry and Johnny Flores never saw that much money before. The fight was still relatively close. Jerry staggered Ellis in a late round (I think the 13th), but he could not follow up. It was a terrible fight.<br><br>Jerry's original trainer when he turned pro was Bill Slayton, who later handled Ken Norton when Eddie Futch and Norton parted ways. My recollection of Bill Slayton was that he was a gentleman, and even after he was let go by Quarry's father: Slayton still had fond feelings for Jerry, and he felt that Jerry was mishandled, at least in the beginnig of his career.| 3/11/05 02:11:31 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||Moosygoop@aol.com|||10|Mass,<br><br>Thanks for the invite. U want me to bring the beer? Oh and give me the address so i can look it up on mapquest. One other thing, i dont speak Italian, will that be a problem?<br><br>You don't need my address. Why ? Because I'm very famous in Roma, about as famous as Shaq is in Miami, a true Roman legend. There are only two guys more famous than me in Roma: Francesco Totti and Giovanni Paolo II. All you have to do is to ask:" I'm looking for M.G.L. (Massimo Giulio Leonardo)". They will answer (or respond) "Aaaah, the boss !". When I walk in the street I have to put black spectacles on...But when you are 5'6" 135 pounds is hard to hide. The language is not a big problem, not a big deal. Most Italian speak a bit of English, at least some sort of Italo-English, it's the language we "learn" in school. I didn't learn "ain't,chump,bum,ass and wimp " in school tough, I learnt them on here. Muhammad Ali' taught me a few words such as "sucker and humble". Yeah, Muhammad Ali'. I'm waiting for his fight with this guy Ken "Who" Norton. Ali' is given 7-1 favorite against this marine, he should not be fighting this unrated duck ! Norton had his ass kicked by Luis Garcia 3 years ago. I think it is not going to take more than five rounds for Ali' to destroy this bum !| 3/11/05 06:32:24 AM|Smokin'Joe Frazier|Philly, Pennsylvania||legends@lefthooks.com|||10|Ehi Massimo look, I have been sparring for five yaers with Kenny and he definetely got the stile to give Ali' trouble. I will be at ringside for this fight rooting for my buddy Ken.| 3/11/05 06:33:48 AM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|Come on Joe, be serious ! This guy Ken has no chance in hell !| 3/11/05 11:20:25 AM|English Professor|Anytown USA||blahblah.com|||10|Massimo, you didn't learn, "whoever smelt it, dealt it," in school? Very important English term.| 3/11/05 11:54:43 AM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|English professor<br><br>I understand every single word in that sentence but I'm not sure I understand what that sentence means as a whole. | 3/11/05 12:07:09 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|At least
75% of the time, Quarry would have taken Ellis in that era (late 60's). I don't know if it was the back injury, an off night, or something else, but the failure to follow-up on that late round punch that shook Ellis cost Jerry a piece of the title. Frazier would have beaten Jerry to unite the title, but Jerry would have still been a Champion. Watching that fight frustrates me to no end---almost to the point that I expect a different outcome every time that punch lands. It's hard to believe that Ellis got off the hook. The shocking part is that Ellis didn't do anything brilliant to survive, it was just lack of follow-up by Jerry to put Ellis away. Ellis was a nice fighter, but in my opinion, didn't bring as much to the table as Jerry. I wish they had a later rematch.

Has anyone here actually seen the Frazier-Jumbo Cummings fight? I ask because Boxing Times magazine listed it as one of the top 20 "most controversial draws" in boxing history. The fight took place in 1981, when I was really following boxing----but for some reason, the whole thing escapes me. I knew there was a draw, but didn't know anything was that controversial about it. What happened?

The book I read on Rocky was simply titled 'Rocky Marciano' and was written by Everett M. Skehan. The foreward says that it was written with "family assistance by Peter, Louia, and Mary Anne Marciano". It was a very easy book to read and one of the most enjoyable and informative on boxing I've read. The book tells in a very simply way about what Rocky the man was like. I've begun to read one on Jack Dempsey, but it is harder to get into. I'll persist. Dempsey's upbringing as a child was so hard and deprived that it's a wonder he survived it. On the score of toughness, he'd kick all our butts. I think Cloverlay was good for Frazier and there is no doubt that they saw him as a commodity, while leaving the duty of care bit to Yank. Cloverlay made lots of money from the deal and I understand Joe eventually considered that they were taking too much from his pay packet. The contract expired just before the second Ellis fight. Joe says that he didn't want it renewed because they were taking too much money. An alternative view (and I'm not trying to be unkind here) is that Cloverlay realized that Joe was all but a spent force. By the way, in last month's Ring Magazine there is a photograph of Frazier posing with a very good looking blonde model. Joe's dressed in all black with a black cowboy hat on. He looked well which, despite my thoughts on his career, is very good.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT ! THE GREAT MUHAMMAD ALI' GOT HIS ASS KICKED BY KEN NORTON. I think now he should retire, he is not going to get his title back. Everything is possible but against George Foreman ? So big, so strong, so young, so fearless ? Against George Foreman who knocks his opponents out one after the other one (I mean "uno dopo l'altro") in less than 3 rounds ? Not very likely !

Hey Smokin Joe Frazier, did you avoid fighters like Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers, and Mac Foster because they were big punchers? I say
Bligh me, I will be kissing the Blarney Stone this week and hoisting a couple of pints of ale for what ails me.

Awe, c'mon, Kent! Now you've even managed to offend me! Do you really think all Irishmen speak like drunken 1700th century sailors? I've always been respectful of your murdering, savage, redskin heritage. Now you start calling us drunkin sailors. I sorta take offence, I think. Even if it's partly historically accurate. Does anyone here really think any OP of the seventies fighters avoided each other out of fear, or for business reasons? Get to the title first, then fight all comers for big bucks.

Kent, happy Saint Patty's Day!

Nah, it's just one big strange unexplainable almost unbelievable coincidence that every fighter of Joe's era that he didn't fight just happened to be a puncher. The sticking point seems to be the word 'avoid'. What we must all agree on is that he didn't fight them. He preferred tomato cans like Daniels and Stander and the second Ellis who was winless for his four prior fights. Boy, that was a great fight. Anyone got a tape of it? Did anyone bother to film it?

Honestly, guys, you can bet your life Joe was ducking guys after the first Ali fight. He was shot. He saved himself for the big fights he had to have. But he didn't explore new horizons or take any risks he didn't have to take. HE DUCKED THEM ALL! Norton, Shavers, Lyle, Foster. QUACK. QUACK. QUACK. QUACK. WADDLE. WADDLE. If it quacks like a duck, if it waddles like a duck, IT'S A FRIGGIN' DUCK. GOT IT!!!

My place in history? Somewhere above that scamboogah! I won each of those 3 fights, the tapes are still there to show that.!

Don't delude yourself, Kent, Joe was very vulnerable after the first Ali fight. His management knew it and that's why they kept him away from the big hitters when they had other options. Mac Foster would have held off Smokin' Joe's onslaught? Sure Foster might have gotten lucky and landed one or more of his bombs early and hurt Joe but odds are this would not have happened. I think Joe would have overwhelmed Foster by the mid rounds, much like Jerry Quarry did when he hit Foster with everything but the kitchen sink in the sixth round for a KO.

Steve, Lore and behold! You haven't partyed until you partyed with some Navajos fresh from the rez (the reservation) up from New Mexico way. Those boys sure can party and they are a fun bunch! But the Irish know how to party too. When I met our Jerry Q, he could put away a few pints and not be worse for the wear. This despite the fact that besides his Irish blood, the Quarry clan has a wee bit of the Cherokee blood in em.

Don't delude yourself, Kent, Joe was very vulnerable after the first Ali fight. His management knew it and that's why they kept him away from the big hitters when they had other options. Mac Foster had something like 30kos from 31 fights. Answer me this Kent: Who was the most dangerous opponent - Stander or Norton, Daniels or Shavers, the second Ellis or Lyle? Mix them around a bit and you still get the same answers.

It's funny that Frazier huggers find it so unbelievable that their Joe might be vulnerable to guys like Norton and Shavers and Lyle and even Foster, when a tomato can named Bruce knocked Joe down and Oscar Bonvena dropped him twice. Frazier huggers are like that Japanese soldier found in the jungles of Borneo some 25 years after WW2 ended.
He was still wandering around thinking the war was still on despite the fact that his side had been thoroughly beaten a lifetime before. And when you debate topics around Frazier, you are like that knight from Monty Python getting hacked to pieces on the bridge. After he lost both his arms, he warned that he'd kick the guy to death. Off went his legs, and he'd bite you to death, and on it went. That's what you guys remind me of. As each piece of your argument is demolished under weight of facts, you move onto some other silly fantasy. It's fun though as you're giving me a laugh.

How dare you question Frazier's opponent selection. Let's see, he took on heavy hitting KO artist Joe Bugner and the in-prime and dangerous Jimmy Ellis in 1975. If only he had fought Horshack from "Welcome Back Kotter" that would have been THREE very tough fights! For the big comeback, it was Jumbo Cummings---and if he had waited a little longer, he could have taken on Screech from "Saved By The Bell."

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breathing room to unload his bombs and although Shavers would have a chance to hurt Frazier, particularly in the first two rounds, Shavers didn't have the huge height advantage that Foreman had over Frazier which Foreman used to catch Frazier coming in before Frazier could crowd him, much like Thomas Hearns did to Pipino Cuevas as Cuevas like Frazier never landed his best punches to get into the fight after being badly hurt early in the fight. This would make Shavers much less likely to catch Frazier with his bombs like Foreman did. I see a Frazier/Shavers match up ending up like the Frazier/M. Foster fight, by a mid round knockout win for Frazier, which might come in Shavers' case as early as the third round when Frazier got to "smokin" full steam ahead. Remember if Jerry Quarry could hurt and overwhelm Shavers for a knockout win just like Quarry also did to M. Foster, then Frazier certainly could do the same thing. Next up I will give my views on a Frazier/Ron Lyle match up but first you will have to dispute my take on Frazier verses M. Foster and Frazier verses Shavers. My point is I don't think Frazier was avoiding the sluggers you guys point out in the relevant period, before 1975 because I flat out don't think these fighters could have beaten Frazier and also the public wasn't calling for such fights. You can argue that Lyle might be an exception as he had wins over Shavers, Bonevena, and Ellis but this would have made such a match with Frazier attractive in 1975 after Frazier had already beaten Quarry, who had beaten Lyle and while I can't say for sure if Frazier's fight with Quarry in 1974 was an official title elimination fight, Frazier certainly deserved a title shot with his win. So which fight should Frazier take next? A title shot verses Ali or a fight with contender Lyle? I realize you will likely point out again that he took the Ellis fight instead of a fight with Lyle as Lyle beat Ellis but that was for preparation for the Ali fight and Frazier was entitled to a tune up against a faded Ellis, which makes complete sense because of Ellis' simlilar style to Ali's, because Frazier had already earned his title shot. Again at the time in question the public was calling for an Ali/Frazier fight much more than they were for a Frazier/Lyle fight. What the public wanted is the paramount issue here. I think my main point is that we can't just lump all of the sluggers together and make a general statement that Frazier couldn't beat them, so his management knew this and avoided them, just by how the the first Foreman fight turned out as Foreman, unlike Shavers, Lyle, and M. Foster, was an all time great while these other fighters could hit hard but were flawed fighters Frazier likely would have beaten. You also shouldn't include Norton in this group as although he hit hard, he wasn't the pure slugger Foreman and these other fighters were.
in him after this. But boxing is also a money game and I believe that Joe would have taken fights with at least some of the fighters the critics say he was avoiding if the money was there.<br>

Joe did pick and choose the most money he would make but that doesn't mean they were not dangerous choices. The Quarry fight was not a sure thing as their first fight was, contrary to some opinions here, not an easy fight. It was a war that saw Joe outlasting Jerry.  

The second fight turned out to be an easier fight but nobody knew that beforehand as a lot of the media and fans were predicting a Quarry victory.  

The second Quarry fight was also by far the more lucrative fight in 1974 than either a potential Frazier/Lyle or a Frazier/Shavers fight. Especially since they had both lost to Quarry the year before and Shavers was an even less attractive opponent financially for Frazier as he lost to Bob Stallings as well (who?).  

Special thanks to whoever the poster "Smokin Joe Frazier" is for starting up again the argument that will never end.  

| 3/15/05 02:40:33 AM | Howard C. | Louisville | howardc@louisville | Massimo - I don't doubt what you say about Ali v Norton. Whether you are right or wrong, I think you are the fairest guy (as in honest, not blond hair colour) on this site. However, if Norton did all that against Ali (and he did), then why didn't Frazier fight him ? By the way, Massimo, I once read you commenting on Mac Foster. What did you say about him, because Kent thinks he's a bum.  

Kent - I admire your loyalty, but all you do is speak about what might have happened. We know how Ali went against these other guys. He fought them all. We don't know how Joe would have gone against them and you are only guessing. Perhaps he might have beaten most of them - who knows - but he would have had at least one loss, given that he was vulnerable to big punchers.  

If Norton could beat Ali at least once, how can you say he wouldn't have beaten Frazier ? Likewise, if Shavers could deck Foreman and Holmes, why couldn't he have done the same to Joe ?  

I believe that Joe, through no fault of his own, had a weak constitution that further deteriorated by the terrible damage he sustained in the first Ali fight when he also dealt out terrible damage to Ali (who just happened to have a more durable constitution and, incidentally, it was Ali's incredible tolerance to punishment that has him in the wheelchair he is in today).  

Frazier, at a very young age, suffered from high blood pressure. He also suffered eye problems, such as cataracts that usually happens at a more mature age. His recovery rate after fights was poor and slow.  

I'm not trying to be controversial, but Joe was nearly absolutely shot after that first Ali fight. Sure, he could get up for the really big fights once every so often, but he couldn't do it consistently.  

That's why he chose to fight tomato cans in between Ali and Foreman. He dodged fighting some of the most significant fighters of his time, instead choosing to fight a guy like Ellis whom he had beaten easily before and who hadn't won for four prior fights.  

Look, even in his prime, Joe did not have an 'all time great' jaw. Bruce put him down. Bonavena put him down twice and nearly stopped him. Foreman knocked him down 6 times - every 45 seconds - in their first fight when Joe, according to his legion of lovers, was still in his prime.  

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If Michael J. Fox was available, heck Joe would have picked him instead of Lyle or Shavers or Norton or Foster, if he could get away with it.  

Joe became a very protected fighter. His management was extremely careful about who they put him in with. I'm sorry you don't like that, Kent, but when you leave gaps in your resume, as Joe did, then you leave yourself open to criticism.  

So, Kent, and other Frazier huggers, put the jungles of Bornea behind you. Get someone to carry you off Monty Python's bridge while you still have that dumb melon on your shoulders. Because Joe's status in history has been determined and (listen up to the grammar Massimo) it ain't at the very top !|
Thanks for the very nice words! Mac Foster was one hell of a fighter! He was too slow to be called a champion, but, with that power and those long arms he was not an easy pick for anyone. Nobody could step into the ring against Mac Foster whistling, you had to be well trained and focused on the fight.

I will say this. If Frazier went in and tried to storm Foster early, which he would have, he might not have made it to the middle rounds. The Foster that fought Quarry knocks out Norton that night, that is not a question. Quarry took one hell of a shot, that's the only reason he could come back to win.

No Howard I don't think Mac Foster was a bum. In fact I think the Quarry win was a big one for Jerry. I do think Foster was limited as a fighter especially as far as mobility is concerned and hand speed as well, two key points that would make it more difficult to nail Frazier if such a match up had occured. The key time would be if Foster caught Joe in about the first two rounds and if Foster could finish him if Joe was hurt. After this, when Joe was completely warmed up, I see Joe swarming and overwhelming Foster much like Jerry did in the sixth round of his fight with Foster.

I still see the whole point about how Frazier would have done against the other sluggers besides Foreman as not how Joe did in that fight as Foreman was one of the best finishers and an all time great while the others, being good fighters were not in big George's or Frazier's for that matter, league.

I also don't believe that a Frazier verses Foreman fight always ends up so one sided in favor of Foreman. The key is Joe never hit him with his best shots and Foreman could be hurt, as seen by his being hurt by Ali, Lyle, and even Jimmy Young. Frazier did land one token left hook in the first round before he was badly hurt by Foreman but in wasn't his best shot, the kind that floored Ali, tore down Buster Mathis, dropped Ellis like a shot from a high powered rifle, or tore up Jerry Quarry.

Again the key to the perception of how Frazier would have done against the fighters the critics say he avoided is based on the image of seeing Frazier go down six times versus Foreman and if the referee and/or Joe's corner had seen fit to properly stop the fight, then the image in people's minds would be less severe. People would see that Joe got caught and hurt early and he was never really in the fight, which is what happened and they wouldn't image Joe as being as helpless as he appeared.

If I had been in Joe's corner, I would have stopped it at least after the third knockdown or if I gave Joe a minute to recover between rounds, at the absolute very most I would not have let him endure three more knockdowns as one more with have been enough to verify Joe was in great danger.

What would have happened if Joe had somehow surived Foreman's early attacks and he hit Foreman with his own power shots? It is quite possible that the fight would have been much like the Foreman/Lyle brawl, a possible even fight with both fighters hurt, hard to pick a winner but ending in a mid round knockout. Now if it goes more than about seven rounds I would pick Frazier to win this one because of his advantage in stamina.

Of course the critics argue that everything I am saying is hypothetical and while it is true we don't know for sure if Joe would have beaten the fighters in question, we also don't know if he would have lost to any of them.

I saw a film of Ali vs. Mac Foster and Foster did really well. He lasted the full 15 and I believe that loss was the highlight of his career. He was not a bum.

Something strange I did notice about Foreman is that his capacity of taking a punch did seem to improve with age; I think Foreman 2 could take a punch better than Foreman 1, I don't know why. He took some very good shots by Cooney, Moorer, Holyfield, Gunn etc. and didn't go down, not even once. I wonder how Foreman 3 would take a punch, maybe better than Chuvalo !!!!! Of course, I'm joking, I hope we are not going
to have a Foreman 3 and that Foreman is not going to fight in the future. | |3/15/05 03:12:45 PM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville||10|Kent, I am disappointed in you. I know that you try your hardest to be fair and honest (most of the time, anyways), but you are falling deeper into the hole you have dug for yourself over Frazier. |<br>|<br>Not only do Frazier fans dismiss the fights he ducked by saying, "Oh well, Joe would have beaten them easily anyway", but you have now begun to try and reconstruct fights he lost. |<br><br>We now have Kent saying, in reality, that the Foreman victories over Joe were unconvincing and that if they fought 10 times Joe would have won some of them. Really ? When Joe fought Foreman he wasn't able to stand up for longer than 45 seconds straight before George knocked him down again and again and again and again and again. SIX TIMES. |<br><br>(By the way, included in that 45 seconds between knock downs, was the 10 second referee count. So, in actual fact, there was only 35 seconds fight time in between knock downs.)<br><br>When Foreman knocked Joe down SIX TIMES in their first fight, Joe (according to his fans) was in his prime and at the pinnacle of his career after beating Ali. Yet Foreman knocked down a supposedly in prime and peaked Frazier SIX TIMES.<br><br>George wasn't the fastest puncher around. We all recall Ali going "whoosh, whoosh" as he mimicked Goegre's punching style before Zaire. George was a very big puncher, but he wasn't a fast puncher. Why then do Frazier fans think it ridiculous to say that Mac Foster posed a threat to Joe ? Foster wasn't a fast puncher either, we know that, however he had power. Enough power to knock Joe down (remember Bruce and Bonavena) and perhaps knock him out (especially early when Joe was extremely vulnerable).<br><br>Kent also notes that Joe never got to land his famous left hook on Foreman. He does this to try and leave a doubt in our heads that maybe Joe was a little unlucky against George. Kent thinks if they'd fought a third time Joe could have turned the tables. Baloney ! How many chances does he want ?<br><br>What do you expect Foreman to do, if they fought a third time, Kent ? Stand still and stick his jaw out so that Frazier can left hook him ? Gimme a break. That's not how it's supposed to work.<br><br>And even if Joe lands the hook and George goes down, George more likely than not gets up before stopping Frazier (again). Foreman managed to get up after Shavers hit him, right ? Bet your house he gets up after Frazier.<br><br>Simple logic, Kent, destroy the various scenarios you suggest trying to defend Frazier from the justifiable critizism.| |3/15/05 04:14:25 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|Howard C.-<br><br>Foreman never fought Shavers, he fought Lyle. I think that the correct English for that is "Howard C., you're mixing Shavers up with Lyle" or something similar. But I do believe that Foreman was ahead against Frazier in Kingston at the time of the stoppage.| |3/15/05 04:16:20 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||10|Howard C:<br><br>It was Lyle who was able to knockdown Foreman, not Shavers. But other than that, your points are well taken. Foreman would have pole-axed Frazier each and every time, no matter how often they would fight. You know, both Frazier-Foreman fights, especially the first one, looked like an adult abusing a small child. That wouldn't likely change—the third time, the fifth time, the tenth time they fought. Frazier was helpless against Foreman's size and power. True, Shavers wouldn't have the height advantage over Frazier that Foreman enjoyed. True, Lyle wasn't the closer that Foreman was. I don't know if they would beat Frazier or not—and we'll never know because the fights didn't happen. As for Norton, I think Joe would have won that one, but again, as Howard C pointed out, it's a guess, because the fights were never made. Thanks Yank. | |3/15/05 07:14:16 PM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net||10|Angelo, I'm glad to know your not a Frazier hater. I really enjojed that analogy about Frazier being beating like a small child by an adult. Of course your not trying to belittle Frazier in any way. At least Frazier had the courage to get back up six times. What other fighter even had the balls to fight Foreman again. I didn't see
Ali scrambling for a rematch against Foreman. | 3/15/05 07:29:00 PM| Steve| N.J.| dmmsrm@comcast.net| | 10 | Howard C., If Frazier was absolutely shot after the first Ali fight, then what's that say about Ali in the "Thrilla In Manilla". I guess two shot fighters put on the greatest heavyweight fight of all time. <br>|
3/15/05 08:09:18 PM| Kent| La Habra, Ca| Kentallenent@aol.com| | 10 | No Howard, I never said Foreman wasn't completely dominate against Frazier. What I said was Frazier was out of it by at least the third knockdown and it should have been stopped sooner and that Joe was never in the fight. I also said if the referee and/or Joe's corner had properly stopped the fight sooner, the image of Joe being helpless verses Foreman would not be so firmly in people's minds. They would see that Joe got caught and badly hurt very early in the fight and he was never able to mount an offense. My scenario is based on what might happen if Joe had somehow survived and mounted an offense and that Joe hit very hard. Foreman could be hurt and Joe was almost as hard a hitter as Lyle, who hurt Foreman badly and Joe was a much harder hitter than both Ali and Young, who also hurt Foreman. \\
<br>I don't count the second Foreman fight as that was not the real Frazier but it was a shell of the real Frazier and that fight should never have happened. \\
But you argue that Foreman did destroy the real Frazier, close to Joe's prime and while this is a good point, my point is Joe got caught and hurt early and he never recovered and this can happen to any fighter at any time, especially heavyweights. Would it happen every time Foreman fought Frazier? Possible because of styles but we don't know for sure as they only fought one time when Joe was still near his prime. \\
Because of similar styles, would Rocky Marciano fair any better than Frazier did verses Foreman? Maybe not but I don't see a lot of the Frazier critics saying the same thing about Rocky and it wouldn't surprise me that they would rate him higher than Foreman on the all time list even though I believe the outcome might be the same as the Frazier fight. \\
Rocky was also short and he had to get in close to his opponents to do his damage and he also may not have made it out of the early rounds verses Foreman but if he did, he had the power to hurt Foreman and win the fight. \\
Yes M. Foster put up a good fight with Ali but he was far behind on the scorecards but he was game. \\
I think Foster was slower than the young George Foreman was though and less likely to catch Frazier early the way Foreman did. Did he have the power to hurt Frazier? Of course he did but I still think Joe would have outhustled him. |
3/15/05 09:18:54 PM| Steve| N.J.| dmmsrm@comcast.net| | 10 | Hey Howard, no offence, but you southwestern native americans have no idea how to party. I was a journeyman ironworker for 18 years. I worked out of Camden, N.J. I worked with quite a few Mohawk Indians from New York. These are the first Indians to encounter and fight the white man. They softened us up for you Apaches. They were excellentconnectors and were fearless on high iron. I worked with a Mohawk who wore sneakers on the iron. He also had very long hair, which he wore in a poney tail. He was a great guy to work with. |
3/15/05 10:20:41 PM| Kent| La Habra, Ca| Kentallenent@aol.com| | 10 | Hey Steve, the Mohawks didn't wear their hair in their namesake Doo? You gotta admit, they
had some funky hair, the first punk rock look.<br><br>My buddy out from the Arizona Rez would differ with you about who the bad asses were. Our Apache brothers sure didn't mess around with no Geneva Convention when it came to prisoners of war. The soldiers or settlers who got scalped were the lucky ones as the southwest natives often would "stake" a captive out in the desert naked, with his eyes forced open all of the time facing the fierce desert sun. This would leave him in the open for the elements to slowly consume him.<br><br>Most of my native blood is from California where our ancestors greeted the Momnax or ocean people, which is what they called the English speaking people, with open arms only to end up losing the land to the newcomers. To this day, English is called by this word which also means sailor as the first Englishmen they met were sailors.<br><br>Hey Kent, no, in the early seventies, the Mohawks who came to our union hall didn't wear their hair in the traditional Mohawk "doo". If they ever really wore it that way? All the guys I knew had normal haircuts, but were very proud of their heritage, and would tell you about it in heartbeat. The guy I worked with was a biker. I shouldn't have used him as an example. He was an excellent Iron Worker, but a party monster beyond a white man's comprehension.<br><br>Hey Kent, ever hear of the , Lena, Lenapies? They were the native americans who inhabited New Jersey. That's not a misstype, Lena Lenapies.<br><br>Hey Howard C., thank you for apologising for that billy the squid joke. Jeez, that was pretty bad. Kent, so your saying that "Mommox", means drunken Irish or English sailors who are here to defile our virgin wilderness?
how George Foreman avoided other big punchers during his first career? With the exception of Ron Lyle, who gave George the fight of his life and damn near knocked George out, which verified what George's management knew all along that George was vulnerable to other pure sluggers, George never faced another big slugger during this time. <br>George took fights with light fisted Joe "King" Roman, in a title defense when he could have given Mac Foster a shot if he wasn't avoiding Mac, and fighters like Dino Dennis, Scott Ledoux, and Pedro Agosto, when he attempted a comeback after losing to Ali. How come he didn't face pure slugger Earnie Shavers during this period? After all, Shavers was better than light fisted Roman, Dennis, Ledoux, and Agosto. <br>Also, when George was coming up, Sonny Liston was still around and he could have faced Mac Foster at that time as well but George's management was avoiding big sluggers even then. Instead he took on Ted Gullick, who presented no danger but who was a short swarm in type fighter. There is no way possible Foreman took the Gullick fight to prepare for a title shot against Frazier because of Gullick's style, right? George could have fought slugger Jeff Merrit, who was around then, instead but he was avoiding sluggers. <br>Also, George took on George Chuvalo too, the same George Chuvalo who Frazier had fought and Chuvalo was not a pure slugger and a safe fight for George, right? I believe Cleveland Williams was still around then as well but George didn't fight him either. Another pure slugger George avoided? As for the title shot verses Frazier, Joe was no threat to George as George could beat Joe seven days a week and twice on Sundays like Joe was a little kid and Geogre was his daddy, no risk for George there, right? After all, Joe was not a pure slugger for George to avoid and there was no way Joe punched hard enough to hurt George if he had landed his best shots, right again? MY POINT IS WE CAN TAKE ALMOST ANY FIGHTER AND APPLY THE SAME LOGIC THE FRAZIER CRITICS USE ON JOE AND SAY THAT FIGHTER AVOIDED CERTAIN FIGHTERS AND WE CAN COMPARE THAT FIGHTER'S RECORD TO MUHAMMAD ALI'S RECORD, WHO WAS THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULES AS HE DID TAKE ON JUST ABOUT ALL COMERS, JUST AS SOME HAVE DONE WITH FRAZIER'S RECORD AND THE OTHER FIGHTERS WILL COME UP SHORT AS COMPARED TO ALI, JUST LIKE FRAZIER. I really don't believe Foreman was avoiding other sluggers but that Foreman took certain fights and not others because boxing is a business and he took what would make him the most money in the long run. SOUND FAMILIAR? |
debate goes on, the more Jerry Quarry and Joe Frazier's stock and punching power seem to diminish. I am starting to believe that Norton, Shavers, Lyle, and Bruce were much better fighters who where cheated out of there shot at greatness.

[3/16/05 02:52:48 AM] Kent same||same||||10||Howard, I just used the same logic you applied to Frazier's career but I applied it to Foreman's career. If this logic holds water for Frazier's career, then why not for Foreman's as well?  
[br]<br>So answer why George didn't fight Earnie Shavers, Mac Foster, Cleveland Williams, Sonny Liston, and Jeff Merritt, and when he finally fought Ron Lyle, he took a lot of punishment and he was badly hurt. He came very close to losing. His management knew all along he was vulnerable to sluggers and the Lyle fight verified it.  
[br]<br>Again, he took on Ted Gullick when he could have fought Foster and it isn't possible that this was a tune up with a fighter with a similar style to Frazier's style, right?  
[br]<br>None of you guys answered my question about whether Rocky Marciano would have suffered the same fate verses Foreman as Frazier. It is quite possible if such a match up were possible it would have ended the same say for Rocky, an early knockout victim to Foreman but none of you want to be as critical of Rocky as you are to Frazier.

[3/16/05 03:15:46 AM] Ed Cicero NY | MOoseygoop@aol.com ||||10||Kent, I look at Frazier like this... He beat a lot of top fighters. But most of all he beat Ali when Ali was at or near his peak. The fight was considered by some as the biggest sporting event in history and Joe won it. Did he leave a lot of himself in that fight? Yes, which is why Ali won the next two battles and Joe was never quite the same fighter. Did Frasier dodge some of the big punchers? Probably and most likely because of the punishment he absorbed in fights shortened his career (whether he won or lost) so his management was careful with him.  
[br]<br>But think about it... could Joe louis, Dempsey, Marciano, Johnson or (Carnera.. for u Mass) have ever beaten a prime Ali? Most think not... but Joe Frazier did and Ali had no excuses the night he lost to him.

[3/16/05 04:11:50 AM] Massimo Giulio Leonardo Cini (that's my name !) | ShaqGOAT.com ||||10||Kent-<br><br>I wouldn't trust the scorecards when Ali' is involved. Did you ever see the Ali'-Mac Foster fight? I didn't, so I don't know if it was close or not, and I will never know until I watch the fight. Do you know what were the scorecards of the Ali'-Bonavena fight at the time of the stoppage? 12-2, 10-3-1, 8-5-1, all for Ali'. Ah, ah, ah, ah !!!!!!!! Anybody who saw the fight knows well how ridiculous that scorecards are ???? I think that the judge who said 12-2 should be in jail yet (or should still be in jail)! I'm not even sure that Ali' was ahead at the time of the stoppage and if he was, definitelly not for more than 2 points. In Manilla the scorecards were 66-60, 66-62, 67-62 for Ali' ah! ah! ah! ah! I had Ali' 1 point ahead. Norton-Ali' 1 a split decision ?????????????????????????????  
[br]<br>Ah, ah, ah !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!<br><br>Ali' was one hell of a champion, maybe the greatest of all times, but never trust the scorecards when Ali' is involved !

[3/16/05 04:15:43 AM] Kent La Habra, Ca | Kentallenent@aol.com ||||10||Ed, I agree about the significance of Frazier's win over Ali and I think some people here have singled out Frazier and they are more critical of him than other fighters.  
[br]<br>This can be shown by an example of me taking a look at Foreman's record and applying the same scrutiny they use on Frazier's record and the same conclusion, but not necessarily true, can be made about George avoiding punchers too as both (if we are talking about George's first career) only fought one big slagger. Frazier, Foreman was this opponent, and regarding Foreman, Ron Lyle was the only puncher he faced.  
[br]<br>They point out how Frazier's overall record can't compare to Ali and how Ali took on all comers but not many fighters can compare to Ali. That is why Ali was called the greatest as no one, with the possible exception of Joe Louis can measure up to him. Even Marciano, with his perfect record, can't measure up as Marciano left relatively early after only
Some fighters are more durable than others, that's for sure. Joe Frazier was not the same man after 15 rounds with Ali, when, heck, Archie Moore fought almost 300 fights, including some very good heavyweights (Marciano, Valdes, Baker, Lavorante, Cassius Marcellus Clay etc.).

Kent -- the reason why a young George Foreman never fought Liston was that both men were managed by Dick Saddler who obviously did not want either one to lose.

John, you miss my point. I was playing "devils advocate" by showing we can make the same arguments the Frazier critics are using concerning Joe avoiding all punchers with another fighter, in this case Foreman. I really don't believe Foreman was avoiding punchers like Liston. That he, like Frazier, picked opponents for other reasons besides avoiding a group of fighters because of a certain skill they had in common. I think both fighters, in general, fought certain opponents to make the most money in the long run.

Sure Frazier because of his style and training habits in the gym, ie the Philadelphia gym wars, was limited to the number of fights he had in him but I don't believe he avoided all big punching heavyweights but that he if there was more money in it for him, he would have fought the fighters in question.

When speaking of Foreman, I am talking about the first phase of his career. When he was older, ten years after his first retirement, he did face pure punchers Tommy Morrison and Gerry Cooney, losing to Morrison, who fought more like a boxer verses George by back pedaling and jabbing, and beating Cooney by knocking out Cooney after nearly going down from a huge Cooney left hook.

I understand that you are trying to explain the omissions in Joe's resume by saying, "Hey guys Foreman didn't fight everyone either." Well, Kent, that wasn't the argument. The topic was Frazier. Anyway, I don't agree with your comments.

Foreman shocked the world by beating Frazier in January 1973. George thought he was bullet proof and then knocked out Jose Roman (yes, Kent, an easy one) and then in March 1974 he knocked out Norton (a hard one). The much harder one against Ali followed in October 1974. That was a shocking loss for Joe. It sapped his confidence. He took 1975 off fighting exhibitions and when he came back he wasn't dodging anyone. Foreman beat Lyle in January 1976 and Frazier in June 1976.

By then Foreman was personally struggling and we know that after the Young defeat in March 1977 he was seeing visions and other things that made him join the church and he didn't fight again for 10 years.

After Foreman beat Frazier in the first fight, he had another nine fights. His opponents included Norton, Ali, Frazier, and Lyle. Gee, that's not too bad, is it, Kent? After all, Frazier never fought Lyle or Norton. He ducked them.

Kent asks about Marciano v Foreman and I say this. Marciano had a greater capacity for absorbing punishment than Joe did. I think that would be the big difference because Marciano was capable of pushing Foreman into the later rounds and Frazier wasn't.

In the later rounds, Marciano, in my view, was capable of taking Foreman (who lacked stamina) out with his huge right (followed by an elbow, of course). I can't be sure that Rocky would win, because George was such a murderous puncher.

But Rocky's 49 nil record grants him the benefit of the doubt, while Joe's 32-4-1 record doesn't give him the right to any presumptions. In fact, quite the opposite.

To me, comparing Marciano to Frazier is like comparing chalk with cheese. Marciano won 100 % of his fights, Joe only 86 %. Rocky never got stopped. Joe got stopped three times. Ones a legend; the other doesn't deserve to be.
fighting Liston. Foreman was one of Liston's sparring partners and he was in awe of Sonny. And then Sonny's decline was so fast, and Foreman's rise so sudden, that they never met in the middle and it was never feasible for them to do it. Thanks.<br><br>Steve: No, I'm not belittling Frazier per say, but I am belittling his performance against Foreman and his management's apparent aversion to guys more threatening than a 1975 version of washed-up and anemic Jimmy Ellis. When Ellis was actually good, Frazier pulverized him. What's the deal with fighting him in '75, when he had nothing at all left? As for the Foreman fight(s), Frazier was courageous but overpowered and outmatched. And he has nothing to be ashamed of because he fought his hardest and kept getting up to try to defend his title in the first fight---and had the balls to take on Foreman again and actually do better the second time. Sorry if the analogy offended the Frazier faithful. By the way, Frazier has always been a great guest on Howard Stern's show. I don't think he's been on lately, but was a funny and interesting guest in the past.<br><br>Bowe-Zumbrun confirmed for 7 April. Sad thing.<br><br>Joe Frazier was very good. Everyone has favorite fighters. Mine was Floyd Patterson. I will argue for Floyd Patterson forever. I know that he wasn't the greatest or anything, but he was good enough for me. I wish Floyd wouldn't have have fought so long. I like to think Floyd would always be remembered.<br><br>I've been away from the board for almost a week. I come back and the Ali Worshippers #2 #3 are still at it. I come back and the Ali Worshippers #2 #3 are still at it. you guys give new meaning to the expression "Chinese water torture." Pan, you are one of the more knowledgeable and reasonable persons on this site. Help me with this question. What is wrong these people, worshippers #2, #3, what is their hangup with Frazier? |<br><br>Actually Forest (Frazier Lover 1 and hall-of-famer), I know you must get sick of us correcting you, but I have to do it again. The Frazier subject was gone and then Frazier Lover 2 brought it up again. He got it wrong, same as you, so in the interests of accuracy, we had to correct him. You guys have got me scratching my head. First off, you Lovers said that it was wrong to compare the careers of Ali and Frazier. So we stopped doing it. Now Frazier Lover 2 wants us to compare Frazier with Foreman. Whatever suits your case, I suppose, regardless of the hypocrisy. Frazier Lover 2 says, "Joe ducked a lot of punchers, but so what, so did Foreman." Not so, Lover 2. Foreman fought Lyle and Norton, and Joe didn't. Frazier Lover 2 complained that maybe Joe could beat Foreman if he'd fought him a third time because Joe never got to land a decent left hook. Hey, Kent, show me the rule where George has to stand still and stick his jaw out for Joe to hit. If Joe couldn't land it in two fights, HE AIN'T NEVER GONNA CONNECT WITH IT. So Frazier Lover 2 wants to compare Frazier to Foreman. Foreman two knockout wins over Frazier. Frazier no wins. Foreman knocked Joe down eight plus times, Joe never knocked him down once. Comparison finished. George wins by knockout (again). (Oh by the way, Frazier Lovers, George could stand up for more than 35 seconds straight against Joe. Frazier couldn't. Every 35 seconds down he went.) We don't need to guess about Joe and George. We know the result. But we don't know about Joe versus Norton and Lyle and Shavers and Mac Foster and Listin, et al. Joe ducked them. Fact not speculation.<br><br>Don't blame me. I haven't written anything for days. I'm not getting involved this time round. |<br><br>Actually some poster who called himself Smokin Joe Frazier brought up the topic again. I thanked him for it,
though somewhat sarcastically, for starting the topic again.<br><br>Smokin Joe (the poster) is not me as even I am not nutty enough to talk to and answer myself.<br><br>Howard, comparing Foreman not fighting other sluggers, and I don't call Norton a pure slugger, he hit hard but was, like Jerry Quarry and Smokin Joe himself, a step below Lyle, Foreman, Shavers, Liston, etc. in the power department. So Foreman only faced one slugger, Lyle.<br><br>I don't believe it is important that Foreman didn't face other sluggers as there are likely other reasons why he didn't face them, just like Frazier. But bringing it up is relevant because if your argument works for Frazier, then why not for Foreman too? <br><br>Using your logic method, then why did Foreman fight Ted Gullick instead of Mac Foster and why did he fight Scott Ledoux and Joe Roman instead of Earnie Shavers? It is exactly like saying about Frazier, why did he fight Terry Daniels instead of Lyle and why did Joe fight Ron Stander instead of Shavers. Although in Stander's case it makes more sense that Joe would give him a title shot instead of Shavers as Stander had knocked Shavers out!!<br><br>Howard, that your logic is faulty can be seen by pointing out that it isn't fair to compare anyone's record to Ali's; Frazier, Foreman, or anyone else. That is why he is in a class by himself in that he did take on all comers and this is one of the reasons Ali is the greatest.<br><br>But we can compare Frazier and Foreman's records and I believe I have shown by doing so that there can be other reasons both of these fighters didn't fight certain fighters other than because they were avoiding punchers. The main one being boxing being a business and fighters at the world class level take fights that are more attractive monetarily.<br><br>I am amazed about how people here can't see that I wasn't putting down Foreman to build up Frazier. I was making an analogy for argument's sake. I don't use what is known as the either/or fallacy. That just because something is true doesn't mean something else always has to be false.<br><br>I also don't consider that Frazier and Foreman fought twice as the second fight had Frazier as a washed up shell of himself. I am talking about a Frazier right around his prime and if he had landed and hurt Foreman first, then maybe the outcome might have been different or if he had survived early knockdowns as he did against Bonevena, this too can change a situation.<br><br>I have to point out too, that pointing out Frazier got knocked down by some guy named Bruce in his second professional fight is the height of absurdity. Anyone can get knocked down at any time but what matters is how he reacted to it. I assume Joe got up and won as although I never saw the fight, Joe was undefeated when he fought Foreman for the first time.<br><br>Another comparison we can make concerning Frazier and Foreman concerns something that Foreman says he regrets to this day and that is says he could have gotten up after his knockdown verses Ali. He says he should have died in that ring before admitting defeat and Frazier would have willingly lost his life. That is one thing no one can deny, Frazier's bravery and I am not questioning Foreman's bravery as I am just repeating what Foreman said.<br><br>I also still say that the image of Frazier going down six times is what sticks in people's minds- that the first Foreman fight should have been stopped much sooner and if Joe had been decked two or three times, and if the fight was properly stopped, then it would have been an impressive win for Foreman but the image of a helpless Frazier would not be in people's mind. Again, they would say he just got caught and knocked out as that is what happened.
silly arguments again and again and again.<br>You wrote that you "don't consider that Frazier and Foreman fought twice" because Joe was not in his prime the second time around. Fine. Let's just delete any fights Joe had when he was out of his prime. While we're at it let's do the same for everyone else. Kent's going to rewrite everyone's boxing resumes. That's journalism for you. Gimme a break.<br>Kent also writes that the Bruce knockdown was irrelevent and mentioning it is the "height of absurdity" because it was only Joe's second fight. Someone hit me on the head with a hammer. That fight doesn't really count because Joe was too young and inexperienced. <br>After Kent finishes rewriting record books deleting out-of-prime fights, he's gonna delete knockdowns and other incidents that happened early in careers. After all, non-prime fights late in Joe's career, and pro fights early in his career, don't count. According to Kent. <br>And then Kent gives us his coup de grace (excuse moi, my French is as lousy as Kent's logic). Kent says it is unfair that people have the image in their minds of Joe going down six times against Foreman because the referee should have stopped the fight after the third knockdown. <br>Hello ! Knock, knock. Are you there Kent ? I have an announcement. JOE WAS KNOCKED DOWN SIX TIMES BY FOREMAN. THE IMAGE IS REALITY. <br>But reality doesn't count either because Kent's gonna rewrite the record books again and delete the last three knockdowns in the Foreman fight (remembering of course that the second Foreman fight never really happened because Joe was out-of-prime).<br>After Kent's finished with the 'white out', there's nothing much left. If Kent has his way, the record books will show that Joe ducked more guys than he actually fought.<br>Kent was also the guy who complained that the Foreman/Frazier fights meant little because Joe never got to land his left hook properly. Kent thinks prize fighting should be some schoolyard game of Jackass where you stand there without moving and let the other guy take his best shot at you. <br>Kent criticized Foreman for not standing still to allow Frazier to hit him, he criticizes the referee for not stopping the fight after the third knockdown, and he's criticizing the history recorders for including Joe's out-of-prime later fights as well as his early fights.<br>And just to show that Frazier Lovers don't have a sense of humour, in comes Forest (Lover # 1). He kicks me and others for saying things about his beloved Joe.<br>Forest, the topic of Frazier was dead and gone. And then Steve and Kent and someone posting as Smokin Joe began making comments again. Kent (Lover # 2) then specifically criticized me for not answering his questions. <br>And when I did as he wanted and answered the questions, Forest (right on cue, enter stage left) came in and king hit me for doing it. <br>Obvioualy you guys can't handle counter punchers. You and Kent think that I should just stand still with my chin out while you throw your best shot. <br>And I was just starting to like you guys. | 3/17/05 02:44:33 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|I do believe that if the referee hadn't stopped the fight, George Foreman would have kept knocking down Frazier and at about the twenty-first knockdown Joe Frazier would have died. | 3/17/05 05:29:45 PM|Steve|N.J.||na|||10|Hey Ed from Cicero,very well said!| 3/17/05 05:44:39 PM|Steve | N.J.||na|||10|Angelo, Jimmy Ellis wasn't that bad as a heavyweight. He did knockout Bonevena. The guy you keep reminding everybody knocked down Frazier twice. | 3/17/05 06:05:11 PM|Steve | N.J.||na|||10|Hey Howard, your correct about me. I just can't let this debate about Frazier go. Consider my position, I watched Frazier come up live and for real in Philly. In his first 20 fights, He was a nonstop punching machine! He generated more excitement on the east coast than Steve Carlton, the pitcher for the Phillies. I have a personel attachment to Joe. I will always think he was in the top fifteen all time. You will never change my mind. That said, I am declaring a unilateral truce with you. I won't argue with you about Frazier anymore. | 3/17/05 06:43:16 PM|Steve | na|||na|||10|Hey Massimo, Your last post about
Frasier wasn't that funny. I agree with Kent. The Foreman vs Frasier fight was a typical example of referee ineptitude! The fight should have been stopped before the second round! Frasier lost a lot by getting battered around for three merciless knockdowns in that second round. It brings to mind Quarry's second fight with Frasier. Quarry took an unnecessary beating, because Joe Louis was an totally inept referee.

3/17/05 07:21:22 PM | Howard C. | Louisville | howardc@louisville
I have no issue whatsoever with you having a different opinion to mine, even when it involves Joe Frazier. I admired Joe Frazier, but I just think his place in history is inflated.

3/17/05 07:53:22 PM | Kent | LA HABRA, CA | kentallenent@aol.com
In 1972, before he got his title shot verses Frazier, George Foreman fought: Joe Murphy Goodwin, Clarence Boone, Ted Gullick, Miguel Angel Paez, and Terry Sorrell.

3/17/05 08:14:37 PM | Ed | Cicero n y | mooseygoop@aol.com
Thanks Steve.

3/17/05 09:18:43 PM | Steve | NA | NA
Hey Kent, whatever happened to Jimmy Dorsey? Do you remember the conversations we used to have about Mike Nixon? He was Jerry's brother-in-law back in the day.

3/17/05 09:36:43 PM | Kent | La Habra, CA | kentallenent@aol.com
I haven't heard from Jimmy D lately. Last I heard he was in Seattle, Washington state but I am not sure now.

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The parrot was hanging upside down from its perch, unblinking eyes staring straight ahead, birdseed uneaten in a container, it can't fly, feathers stuck together with riga mortis (Massimo ?), it's not breathing, no pulse, stone cold dead, kapput.<br><br>Anyway the store owner was trying to sell the dead parrot to some pinhead with cash in his pocket who walked in wanting to buy a live parrot. The store owner kept trying to convince him that the dead parrot was really alive and was just having an afternoon nap.<br><br>Well, Kent, the dead parrot is Joe Frazier after Ali 1, and you and Forest remind me of the store owner. The pinhead with the cash are those still unconvinced about Joe and who are listening to your excuses. SQUAWK. SQUAWK. SQUAWK.<br><br>By the way, Kent, I sincerely hope I have not upset you by mucking around here. I am not taking it entirely seriously and I hope that you stop doing that. It should be an open discussion without the tension. It is not personal. You have my best regards. So does Forest.<br><br>Steve - yes, I agree about a commission to control boxing. The current set up is a joke.|
you can use the information to discredit Frazier, you should be able to use the same type of information to discredit Foreman as well. IN REALITY I DON'T BELIEVE EITHER FIGHTER WAS AVOIDING THE FIGHTERS IN QUESTION. Angelo, I am amazed a fan with as much knowledge as you have doesn't recognize the second Ellis fight was a tune up to prepare Frazier for Ali because of Ellis' similar style to Ali's style. Joe got some much needed rounds to keep him sharp while waiting for Ali. You must recognize Frazier had already earned his shot by the Quarry win, the highest available contender. The other high level contender at the time, Ken Norton, was regrouping after his own devastating knockout loss to Foreman and it is highly like that Norton wouldn't have taken a Frazier fight at that time because he needed to take lessor opposition during this period to get himself ready for another title run. Fighters often do this after a devastating loss as a confidence rebuilder.

I must add on to my last post that Ron Lyle too might not have wanted to fight Frazier in the period of mid 1974 to mid 1975 because he also got a title shot in 1975, before Frazier got his shot and fighting Frazier at that time was too much of a risk for him. Of course I am only speculating as far as Lyle is concerned but it could be the case. My main point is there is more than one interpretation of available information and the Frazier critics are sticking to one circumstantial conclusion that doesn't hold up. The only thing we can truly say for sure is we don't know why some fights happened and others didn't. I just don't believe that by simply saying Frazier avoided all sluggers except for Foreman that this makes it true. I understand your points---and misunderstood your position on Foreman---you weren't knocking Big George, but you were using the logic to show why Frazier wasn't ducking anyone either. We might need to agree to disagree on that, as I still believe it's all too convenient that Joe never got in against big punchers after Foreman, except for Foreman II. As for Ellis, I do understand the need for tune-ups and the fact that when preparing for a big fight, the boxers try to put opponents in the ring who are similar in size and style to the guy they plan to face in the "big fight." I guess I don't understand why Frazier would literally travel half way around the world, practically as far away from Philadelphia and the U.S. as civilization exists, to accomplish this against Ellis---a guy who couldn't win a fight to save his life---pitifully washed up and not even a shell of the fighter who Frazier had already destroyed years earlier. Couldn't "Smokin' Joe" have done the same thing to "stay sharp" against sparring partners (guys who could probably whip Ellis by 1975)? What about Jimmy Young, a slick PHILADELPHIA boxer who could move, and without huge KO power? I don't buy the notion that this work was needed to sharpen the tools for Ali. More likely, it was an easy payday against a shot fighter who had practically no chance of winning. A good idea? Sure. Bad for Frazier's supposed legacy? Definitely. |
and Mac Foster and Liston and Terrell might have given more of the same. It is entirely coincidental that every fighter Joe didn't fight just happened to be a big puncher.

8) It is entirely coincidental that the guys Joe fought instead had morgue technicians with "toe tags" chasing them around at the weigh-ins.

10) The image fight fans have of Joe hopelessly floundering around on the canvass against Foreman should be expunged from minds because it was unfair that the referee didn't stop it earlier.

11) Joe's management was being smart in babying Joe's career and keeping him away from punchers.

12) Joe's management was dumb for not stopping the Foreman fight earlier.

13) Yank's dog ate the fight contracts for Liston, Terrell, Lyle, Shavers, and Mac Foster before Joe got the chance to sign 'em.

Kent you've become the patron saint of the Dead Parrot Society. Congratulations. Time to move onto something else?

3/18/05 03:46:36 PM|Steve |N.J.||NA|||10|Howard, thanks for reminding me of that skit. Apparently you have as strange a sense of humor as I do. That scene, the dead parrot, I can't even write about it without having to stop and laugh, was from Monty Python's weekly show on BBC "And Know For Something Completely different." That scene had me falling out of my chair. I guess it's an acquired taste.

3/18/05 03:55:04 PM|Steve |N.J.||NA|||10|Hey Noam, I agree with you that these ladies are beautiful and are well conditioned athletes, with great bodes. Especially the girl who was a Playboy Centerfold, she always wore pink in the ring. However, maybe it's deeply ingrained, old fashioned male chauvinism, but I cringe every I see a female fighter get punched in the chest area. That can't be doing their breasts any good.

3/18/05 04:11:11 PM|Howard C. |Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Steve - I recall another very funny skit which was set in ancient Rome. These two Romans went to a stoning, as you would I suppose had you been living then and had nothing else to do on a Saturday afternoon. Anyways, there was a bunch of bad guys tied to posts waiting to be stoned. I guess they'd done something wrong like stealing the emperor's grapes. Or perhaps they were Christians.

3/18/05 04:39:35 PM|Steve |N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Hey Howard, don't knock free enterprise. The offbeat, ironic humor is great, though, ain't it?

3/18/05 05:21:40 PM|Steve|N.J.|NA|||10|Hey Kent, I tried to call you the other day, but your number is now unlisted. While I agree with you completely on Joe Frazier not ducking Lyle, Shavers, and certainly not Norton, you've got to admit, this debate has taken on a life of it's own. It's starting to get a little weird between you and Angelo and Howard. All three of youse guys are starting to come off as being stubborn to a fault. I'm sure I'd rather talk to you about Native Americans, and old stories about the wild adventures of Jerry and his brothers. Like we used to do.

3/18/05 05:25:38 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, Jimmy Young in early 1975 would have been a good opponent for Frazier to take to prepare for Ali but Young may not have been the safe opponent, which for preparations purposes is OK. After all, Young was fresh off an upset win over Lyle. I know someone will jump all over this point but I think even they acknowledge Joe deserved his title shot on the basis of his win over Quarry and also by his good performance verses Ali in their second fight.

Still, Ellis, for a guy who had nothing left, fought well verses Frazier the second time around, in fact better than in the first fight.

What a lot of people forget is a fighter, for one last chance, can rise to an occasion because he knows it is his one last chance at the big time after a few losses in a row and Ellis did this. Ellis won the first five rounds by outlanding Joe behind a good left jab and the fine use of the right hand lead, which Ellis, at
his best, was famous for. It was called a "sneaky right" that caught many an opponent by surprise and it is what put down Oscar Bonevena twice when he fought Ellis. <br>Joe started smokin big time in the sixth round and he wore Ellis down on the way to a ninth round stoppage win for a TKO. <br>I haven't seen the scoring on the fight but it wouldn't surprise me if Ellis still had a slight lead at the end of the fight or maybe the scorecards were even, he had built up such an early lead. There could have been some 10 to 8 rounds for Frazier in the later rounds though.<br>Also, Ellis was a harder puncher than Young and I am not sure why people paint him as having no punch at all. Bonevena knew he could punch and Shavers knows it too as Ellis almost had Earnie out on his feet from punches of his own before Shavers landed the tremendous right uppercut out of nowhere. If Ellis lands two or three more punches and Shavers doesn't land the uppercut, we would have had Shavers as the first round knockout victim.<br><br>I agree with you about women boxers. My view is best put this way. If I was ever lucky enough to be in the ring with say, Anna Nicole Smith, my priority wouldn't be punching her in the chest. I'm not suggesting that Joe was ducking her, though.<br>Yet you Dead Parroters are sticking to your silly beliefs about Joe not ducking anyone. You're as outdated as that Japanese soldier wandering aimlessly around the jungles of Bornea thinking that the wars still going. Setting you guys straight is almost becoming a full time career for me. Gerri, Forest, what are you guys doing ? Kent needs some help here.<br>Your are right Howard going into their second fight Ellis seemed like a safer opponent then Lyle, Foster or Shavers but as it turned out, Ellis, a former heavyweight champion, something none of those other fighters can claim, fought very well. I was just saying, anything can happen in any fight and it turned out to be not as safe for Joe as it seemed beforehand. I am just pointing out other possibilities than the conclusions you come up with. Howard, have you ever heard of a tune up fight taken because of similar styles to the fight someone is preparing for? That is what the second Ellis fight was intended for, to keep Joe sharp as he waited for Ali. I also can't see why you are not open to the possibility of Lyle, who got a title shot before Joe, not taking a possible
fight with Frazier as he knew he would be fighting Ali and he didn't want to jeopardize it. I am not sure if Frazier/Lyle was ever in the works but Lyle being the one not wanting the fight is in the realm of possibilities, especially after seeing how Frazier beat up Quarry, a fighter Lyle had lost to just about a year before.

| 3/18/05 07:49:51 PM | Steve | N.J. | NA | 10 | Noam, your pretty good. I myself wouldn't get into the ring with anyone at my advanced age. Well, maybe if the money was right, maybe a 35 year old girl, who weighs in at a strapping 115 lb. Only if she fought Frazier first. Oh, it would have to be mud wrestling. Otherwise, I'd punch her right in the chest area. |
| 3/18/05 08:07:48 PM | Steve | N.J. | NA | 10 | Hey Noam, I'll bet R.S. is out there somewhere grinding her teeth together. |
| 3/18/05 08:21:06 PM | Steve | N.J. | NA | 10 | Hey Noam, I strongly resent your veiled implication that Frazier was ducking Anna Nicole Smith. Remember, Frazier easily KO'd, Ron Stander, who fought a disputed draw against Ms. Smith. |

| 3/18/05 08:41:39 PM | Steve | N.J. | NA | 10 | Frazier ducking these guys for whatever reason is a moot point. It didn't happen! Now, for whatever it's worth, which I know ain't much. Lyle was too slow of hand and foot, it would have been a replay of Jerry Quarry vs Frazier. Shavers couldn't handle a pressure fighter, he did well against boxers who were leery of his punch. Norton, ah, Norton. I read somewhere that Frazier beat up on Norton on a regular basis in the Philly gym wars. I also read that Jerry Quarry knocked out Norton in a sparring session. It might be hearsay, but it's better than the opinions you guys have, which are based on nothing. |
| 3/18/05 09:37:47 PM | Steve | N.J. | NA | 10 | Here's a thought just thrown out there. How would Ali have done against Foreman in a rematch within say, six months of their first fight? In, let's say, Madison Square Garden? |

| 3/19/05 01:12:06 AM | Kent | La Habra, ca | same | 10 | Steve, Ali likely would have wanted a venue in a hot climate because George literally couldn't take the heat. The talk of a fix makes no sense in Zaire as I believe somehow Ali knew Foreman's stamina would be even less in that hot climate and true to form Foreman wilted in the 80+ degree heat even at four o'clock in the morning. |
| 3/19/05 02:29:04 AM | Massimo | former caput mundi | 4 | 10 | The answer to your last question is: DOWN GOES ALI', DOWN GOES ALI', DOWN GOES ALI', THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION IS HELPLESS WHILE FOREMAN IS HITTING HIM WITH HUGE SHOTS !!!!! All jokes apart, I'm not sure how this fight would have gone, it's hard to say. Ali' fought one of his greatest fights in Kinshasa, he went toe to toe for 7 rounds with "Small" George Foreman and then knocked him out in eight, to show he was great! Did Foreman see God after the Young fight? Oh really? Interesting! How will he be? I see the Madonna every day. She's as wilt as Kent's friend from Boston. She is pretty wilt for a woman! |

| 3/19/05 03:07:40 AM | Howard C. | Louisville | howardc@louisville | 10 | Kent - you're like a one legged duck waddling around in circles with your defense of Frazier. That second Ellis fight was a post mortem that Joe was trying to pass off as a contest. He had to take it to the other side of the planet to fool people into buying tickets for it. Foreman certainly had more room for improvement than Ali did after that first fight. If Foreman wised up and got away from the hot, humid conditions for the second fight, then I think he probably beats Ali. Ali wouldn't have got as pumped and motivated for the second fight, while Foreman would have been given the humiliating loss. |
Foreman would have paced himself better and Ali was probably out of tricks. Had they fought a second time then history might have changed. Foreman would never have retired like he did, and Ali probably would have been sent into retirement earlier. However, with Ali you never knew. He could always spring a surprise. I don't think that George really had his mind on the job after that loss. He didn't chase Ali for the rematch.

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Shavers, Cooney) pummeled Norton relentlessly and knocked him around the ring. In Ali's book, he wrote that he feels that Norton would have beaten Foreman had he known that the winner would defend the title against Ali in Zaire. Now, I don't believe that for a minute. I believe that ten times out of ten, Foreman would have crushed Norton or Frazier. But I do buy into part of Ali's point—-motivating factors improve a guy's performance and make them achieve things they wouldn't ordinarily be able to. Frazier was certainly no bum, but his resentment of Ali helped him focus during training and fight like an animal against Muhammad. And Massimo, taking their careers into a thorough and careful consideration, Frazier doesn't even come close to Ali's legacy. Look at their records, opponents, common opponents, longevity, duration of holding the title, number of title defenses---Frazier isn't in the same stratosphere. Yes, Frazier did beat Jerry Quarry twice and that's impressive considering that he fought Quarry at two dangerous times---when Quarry was a hot commodity. Yes, Frazier beat Ellis twice, though the second time, Ellis was realistically no longer a top 30 fighter. Frazier beat Ali once and gave him a good run two other times. But had his career not been so meticulously planned and copiously protected, he would have been knocked out probably 2-3 more times by the guys they kept him away from. He might have lost another decision or two to some others. And before anyone argues that this wouldn't be the case, I submit that had Frazier fought the long list of combatants that Ali did, I couldn't even make my assertion. Since instead he elected to fight guys like Terry Daniels, it leaves him open to my criticism and second guessing and for the umpteenth time, that's the whole point.

Yes, Ali's career was indiscutibilmente better than Frazier's, Ali' fought all the dangerous guys who were around, while Frazier only some of them. But with an exception: Joe Frazier won the gold medal in the heavyweight division, while Clay won it in the flyweight :-) division in my hometown. But you may answer that if Buster Mathis hadn't broke his hand before the 1964 Olimpics, Joe Frazier wouldn't have gone to the Olympics at all ! I think that the easy way Frazier beat George Chuvalo was impressive and Joe didn't have any reasons to hate Chuvalo. Ali' is above Frazier in my all time list, but Frazier is a true champion. Muhammad Ali', George Foreman, Joe Frazier, Larry Holmes and Ken Norton are CHAMPIONS FOREVER ( I saw a TV show years ago with all these guys together entitled CHAMPIONS FOREVER !<br>But Muhammad Ali' ain't the greatest heavyweight of all time ...Clifford Etienne is !!!!!!!!!!)

I agree with Angelo. I'd say it probably began after the first Ali fight, but was definitely evident by the time of the Foreman fight. Frazier really only had hatred and courage left. His hatred of Ali was the only thing that sustained him.<br>In regard to his legacy, Frazier's reputation will stand or fall on who he fought and didn't fight. As eye witness memories fade, or those who saw him first hand die, or others like Forest get more dotty in the brain and can't post anymore, or if Gerri can't find any more sites to post at, fight fans of the future will rely only on the record books.<br><br>They will read about a guy whose biggest achievement was winning one from three against a fighter many believe to be the greatest. They will read that he won only one fight from five against Ali and Foreman. They will read about a guy who got knocked down every 35 seconds against Foreman. They will view pictures of him floundering around on the canvass like Berbick did against Tyson. And they will be left wondering about the no-names he fought and the big names he didn't fight.<br>Or perhaps they won't, if the Dead Parrot Society gets its way. All that bad stuff will be wiped out and only the happy bits will be left.<br>The record will read that he only got knocked down three times against Foreman. There will be no image allowed of Frazier hopelessly floundering around on the canvass. And Bruce and Bonavena never knocked him down.
dead. He's in prime health. He's just training for the hanging upside down olympics". And the Dead Parrot Society says, "Joe wasn't knocked down six times by Foreman; he was only down there because his contact lenses kept falling out"... "Joe didn't get knocked down against Bruce, he was only doing up his boot laces"... "Joe was looking for big punchers to fight so he picked Standers and Daniels"... "Jimmy Ellis was a completely legitimate opponent; the Coroner's Office didn't object to the match-up." That will be the low down on Smokin Joe if the Dead Parroters have their way! The biography channel can have a documentary about Joe with Shirley Temple doing the narrative and 'The Hills Are Alive With The Sound Of Music' as the background tune.

| 3/19/05 05:25:06 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Angelo, a while back you asked about the Frazier-Cummings (the second greatest heavyweight of all times after Clifford) fight. The scores were&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;45-46 for Cummings&lt;br&gt;47-47&lt;br&gt;46-46|

| 3/20/05 01:01:42 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Howard, fight fans of the future will not just rely on the record books because videos of the fighters of the past, especially from the era after television was invented, will be available.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;The way you are overly critical of Frazier's ability makes it seem as if you are only going by the record book but that only tells part of the story. One has to see how Smokin Joe Frazier fought at his best to see how really devastating he was.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;If you sat down with me and we watched the Mathis fight, the Quarry fights, the first Ellis fight, the Chuvalo fight, the Machen fight, all of the Ali fights, the Bonevена fights, and a few others of Joe at his best and then you continue to downgrade Joe's ability, then you would have more credibility. It seems as if you never saw Joe fight.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;I go by how difficult a fighter would be for other fighters to beat when that fighter is at his very best and at Joe's very best, that number or fighters who have ever lived is very small, a handful at most. &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Effective longevity, although a consideration is not the most important factor. Of course a fighter needs to have been great for a period measured in years, not months or one fight. So I would not rank fighters like Buster Douglas and Oliver McCall high on the all time list for one great fight or in McCall's case one great punch, but Frazier's period can be measured in his best years, circa 1967 to 1972.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;I also don't rate a fighter lower for staying around to long so even Ali, the greatest himself, for losing to Leon Spinks and Trevor Berbick or Evander Holyfield for losing so many fights late in his (still going?) career still rank very high on my list because at their best they were hard to beat by anyone.

| 3/20/05 02:57:08 PM | Howard C. | Louisville | howardc@louisville | 10 | Kent, logic sometimes vacations from your posts.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Like the latest one. First of all you (correctly) point out that fights fans have videos of past fighters to assess their true ability, then in the next sentence you accuse me of criticizing Frazier without ever seeing him fight.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Well, Kent, if I wasn't old enough to have seen Joe fight live, like Noam, there are videos of him to watch. However, I dare say that I am older than you and might even have watched Joe more often than you have.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Unlike the Dead Parroters I did so with eyes wide open. I didn't shut my eyes when Bruce knocked him down, when Oscar put him down twice, when Ali beat him on points once and stopped him once, or when Foreman sat him on his backside every 35 seconds.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;I had my eyes open also when Joe was at his devastating best against second tier fighters like Stander and Daniels. And while I had my eyes open and was looking around furiously, I never got to see Joe at his devastating best against punchers like Lyle and Shavers and top shelf fighters like Terrell, Liston, Mac Foster and Norton.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;SHOW ME VIDEOS OF THOSE FIGHTS, DEAD PARROTERS. &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;But the Dead Parroters never saw those fights either, yet you brazenly challenge anyone speculating on the result, "Are you crazy enough to suggest that those guys could really beat Smokin' Joe ?"&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;When we say that Joe was not bulletproof, as shown by Bruce and Bonavena, and that all those guys he didn't
fight were capable of knocking him out because they punched harder, the Dead Parroters move onto a new excuse.

Kent, my eyes were wide open in disbelief when Frazier fought Ellis the second time. Ellis was entirely shot. Hanging upside down from his perch. Yet Joe fought him instead of Norton or Lyle or Shavers or Mac Foster. Fighting Ellis at that stage of his career was like shooting Lassie, or stabbing Santa Claus at Christmas, or spraying graffitti on the Van Crapp family home (they were the family in the Sound of Music movie).

Not sure the Van Crapp analogy hit the mark, but you know what I mean.

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I have a tape of Joe Frazier vs Ernie "Clay" Terrell, it's very rare! Maybe I have the only copy of that tape in the world! I think that it is just too painful for many of us to admit that Joe Frazier was a bum! It's like admitting (or to admit) that Wilt was a bum!

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Howard, I wish you wouldn't bring me into it. While I'm here though, could you clarify something for me. You previously said that Joe was nearly a shot fighter after the first fight against Ali. Now you say that Ellis was totally shot by the time of the second Frasier fight. It follows, therefore, that in the second Ellis fight, we had an almost dead parrot versus a totally dead parrot. That is the logic of your argument.

I still don't understand who the Van Crap family is. Does it have something to do with the mafia? Was Mr Crap a made guy or the Don?

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I started this whole Frazier debate by posting that Ali fans don't like Joe Frazier. They still hold a grudge for beating Ali in '71. They make some valid points, but really it's all just opinion. I have seen all his fights and know what he was compared to other fighters. He was a great fighter with a short shelf life. He was truly great at his peak. Joe is often ridiculed for many different reasons and many have been brought up here.

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Fan you are right, it is real only just our opinions but the Frazier critics speak as if what they say is fact and the only possible interpretation of the information. I will admit that it is possible Frazier avoided some of the people in question but I have also given reasons why this may not be so yet Howard, especially, refuses to entertain more than one conclusion.

His esoteric analogy about the "dead poets society" works both ways. He could be the one believing there is only one way to see things, that the parrot is still alive, in this case that the only interpretation is his interpretation, when in fact one than one conclusion is very possible.

If I got the meaning of his "dead poet's" comment wrong, it is because I have never seen or read it.

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I wrote of the DEAD PARROT SOCIETY, not the dead poet's society. That's your problem. You see things you THINK are there, instead of seeing what ACTUALLY is.

You see what you desperately want to believe is a live parrot, while everyone else sees a parrot hanging upside down from his perch, hasn't eaten for years, eyes glazed open, doesn't fly or chirp. Dead as a dodo. But you don't see that.

Same with Frazier after the first Ali fight. Same with Standers and Daniels. And especially the same with Ellis (number 2). They were all dead or almost dead but you don't want them to be, so you won't admit that they were.

Hence the Dead Parrot Society. I don't hate Frazier. Far from it. I just came into the debate to debunk the snivelling reverence with which he is treated by the Dead Parroters despite the obvious holes in his resume.

Joe had one great night. Against Ali in 1971. He hit those heights fueled by hatred. Joe couldn't rise to that level again. There's no hatred in those comments. Just a cold, hard assessment of the facts.
"The Bruce knockdown doesn't count because Joe was before prime." And, "The second Foreman fight doesn't count because Joe was after prime." And, "The six knockdowns don't all count because the ref should have stopped it after the third knockdown." And, "Joe didn't fight Norton because he liked him too much." And (my favourite), "Ellis had one more great fight left in him and he was a perfect tune up for Joe." And, "Stander and Daniels were perfect tune downs for Joe.<br><br>So Fan, how do you deal with that delusional mindset? Just ignore it and let the Dead Parroters rewrite their own silly version of history?cb><br>The Dead Parroters refuse to let Joe's record speak for itself. They keep making excuses for the deficiencies everyone else can see.<br><br>...<br><br>...<br><br>...<br><br>...<br><br>...<br><br>...<br><br>...<br><br>I don't know about any parrots. Whoever they are they can defend their own opinions. Joe was great for a short period of time, he never ducked Earnie Shavers. He could have fought Lyle, he didn't. Norton wanted no part of him, he was more adamant about it then Joe. He fought some stiffness, all champs did. He's a top 10 heavy of all-time. Ali was better, not by much prime vs prime, but better. Joe's biggest weakness was his short prime. He was never the same after Ali I. He always had a layer of fat and was never as sharp. He left it all to beat Ali that night, and he did.<br><br>OK Howard, you got me, sort of. I met to say Dead Parrots solciete but I did understand the analogy and it does fit your stubborness of not accepting any possibilities but your own opinions.|<br><br>I met to say Dead Parrots soliciete but I did understand the analogy and it does fit your stubborness of not accepting any possibilities but your own opinions.|<br><br>Need you to take things less seriously. Trying to have a sense of humour would help, too.<br><br>Fan, I can't have Joe in the top 10 for reasons that have been canvassed way too many times. At least you don't come up with the looney excuses that the Dead Parroters invent.<br><br>You guys can have the last say, if you'd like, because the lemon on this issue has been squeezed dry. A pleasure, I'm sure.|<br><br>I don't know about parrots, but I do know that the Schrodinger's cat was neither dead nor alive; its own state was a combination of the "DEAD STATE" with the "ALIVE STATE". Maybe it's the same with parrots and with Joe Frazier as well.|<br><br>Fan: Saying "(Frazier) could have fought Lyle, but didn't"----what does that mean? Of course he could have fought him. I'm asserting that he SHOULD HAVE fought him. It's why "he didn't" that makes this discussion so intriguing. Now, a little prose dialogue of my own, taking place in 1975 on the plane to Melbourne:<br><br>Joe: "Yank, why is this trip taking so long? Last time it was just a few hours and now we've been in the air 14 hours."
Yank: "Joe, this isn't a train to New York or a plane to Las Vegas---we're going to Ausatralia buddy!"
Joe: "Why?"
Yank: "Well, news gets their slow. They just heard that Ellis won that WBA tournament---so they actually believe he has a chance to beat you. They haven't gotten the news yet that he's washed up."
Joe: "Gotcha. He's butter, pudding, but they don't know that. I'll spot him a few rounds to make it interesting."
Yank: "Easy does it Joe, you're no spring chicken. Get in there and get the job done."
By 1975 I think Yank had already died. |<br><br>Perhaps Joe hired a
medium and Angelo's reported conversation really did happen. After all, facing Ellis was like fighting the dead, so why couldn't he speak to them as well? Now we're getting somewhere.|  
|3/21/05 12:54:33 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Okay then, we'll have to replace "Yank" with "Futch" in my verbiage below!|  
|3/21/05 12:56:47 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Question: Speaking of trainers, what did Sam Solomon have in the "little black bottle" during the first Spinks-Ali fight? He gave Spinks little snorts from that bottle---was it just water? Speed? Coke? Spinks was super that night! |  
|3/21/05 02:44:08 PM|Steve |N.J.||na|||10|Massimo, Quantem Pysics will ultimately help to explain the theory of everything. I believe Foreman lost to Ali in Zaire because a butterfly was disturbed in Mexico, and it caused excessive heat and humidity in Zaire on the night of the Ali vs Foreman fight. What do you think about Chaos Theory? What about shapes in nature re-occurring from the macro to the microscopic level. (i.e.), a mountain ridge? |  
|3/21/05 02:54:28 PM|Steve|n.j.||na|||10|Angelo, get real! What about Panama Lewis? That's why we need a Federal boxing commission. Only the federal government could afford to, or have the resources to have enough people to police every aspect of boxing, including corrupt promoters and trainers. Of course the taxpayers would ultimately pay for it in increased boxing ticket prices, but I think it would be well worth it. |  
|3/21/05 03:02:43 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Steve: Or, did Foreman lose because of the "loose rope theory" that gave Ali that little springy cushion while absorbing Foreman's onslaught from rounds 2-7? George punched himself out, while Ali's back rested on the loose ropes, and when Foreman pounded him, the ropes absorbed some of the punch too. I've heard that one many times. That, and some voo-do played on Big George in San Juan, when Young managed the win. Yes, it was heat exhaustion both times, but mixed in with loose ropes and voo doo, George couldn't win. Now, when Foreman beat Frazier the first time, it was voo doo as well---some kid with a Frazier doll kept throwing it around the room, and well, look what happened! |  
|3/21/05 03:05:36 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|howard, to paraphrase a line from the Dead Parrot scene. Joe Frazier was NOT knocked down six times against Foreman! "Ee was just taken'a couple of rests". Howard, I, myself am proud to be a member of the Dead Parrot's society. I would like to be recognized as dead parrot number three.<br>'|  
|3/21/05 03:22:18 PM|Steve|NJ||NA|||10|Angelo, I'm glad your starting to show a sense of humor about this really getting creepy argument. I acknowledge that Ali was the better man that night in Zaire. I just put forth the opinion that Foreman might have done better in a rematch in New York, in a cooler climate. Without the entire population of the country shouting, "Ali, BOOMBAYAY", or Kill Foreman. I think if Foreman had won, he'd have been lucky to have gotten out of Zaire with his life, and he knew it. |  
|3/21/05 03:41:24 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Steve: As a young fan of Ali back then, I did not want to see a rematch. I think the worlds came together for Ali that night and with some sort of divine intervention, he got out of there not only with a win, but with a KO over an invincible force. People were actually afraid for Ali's health---thinking Foreman might hurt him badly. What a surprise he pulled (again) on the world. But I thought his luck would run out in a rematch. Still, Foreman, to this day, thinks he would have lost again because he was "too stubborn and too stupid" to change his style. He would have gone after Ali again, throwing punches and tiring himself out, and still without the patience, pacing and stamina he showed in his second career. I'm not so sure. I think Foreman could have stalked Ali, paced himself a little better, and caught him. On the flip side, damn it was hard to KO Ali---he might absorb even Foreman's head shots, come back with bunches of his own, and win the battle of wills. Young did it. |
With the Chaos Theory you need NOT LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS and a pretty big brain !!

Not linear problems are UN GRAN CASINO (very difficult). As far as I understand about shapes re-occurring in Physics [and I'm not the Ali' of Physics, I'm just a Frazier (a bum)] they are only a coincidence because the micro and the macro words work in a quite different way. Quantum Mechanics allows you to understand the micro. In the macro world you have (say) $1,1.00000001, 1.00000002, 1.00000003$ while in the micro one you have (say) $1.5, 10, 15$ speaking very brutally. Micro and macro worlds are deeply different.

The most likely time a Frazier verses Ron Lyle fight could have happened would have been in 1975. Lyle had rebounded from the loss to Quarry with wins over Ellis, Bonevina, Peralta, and Kirkman and he ended up fighting Ali in May of 1975. The Frazier verses Ellis 2 fight happened in March of 1975 and although some of you think Lyle should have been Frazier's opponent instead, it could have been possible Lyle didn't want a fight with Frazier at that time. Lyle likely knew he was getting the title fight with Ali in May, despite losing to Jimmy Young in February and that taking the Frazier fight could have resulted in two losses, causing him to lose his title shot. Plus it was too short of a time to prepare for Frazier. Before 1973 and even 1974, Lyle was too inexperienced for his management to put him in with a former champion like Frazier and this was obviously not a money fight from Frazier's point of view. This might have been different if Lyle didn't lose to Quarry but he did lose. Shavers, also was not an attractive money opponent for Frazier in 1974 to 1975 because he had lost to Quarry in December of 1973 and to Bob Stallings in 1974 as well as fighting a draw with Young. Shavers might have been a decent money fight for Frazier briefly in 1973 after he had knocked out Young in their first fight and Ellis but he blew this chance by losing to Quarry and Stallings. The draw in the second Young fight didn't help him any either. Before 1973, Shavers was a non entity who had a loss to Ron Stander, who is being maligned here by some in these pages for being a bum. If Frazier was still a viable fighter in 1976 and afterwards, and he didn't fight Lyle or Shavers, then I would say he was avoiding them but by that time he had faded from the scene with only his ill fated second fight with Foreman, which we would never have taken if he was avoiding punchers.

Hey Massimo, then why bring up the Schrodinger's cat phenomenon? I don't see the relevance.

Hey Massimo, I've got a scoop on the show down 'down under' between Frazier and Jimmy 'The
Second Coming' Ellis. I just got off the phone from my Aussie 'mate' and he saw the show down live. He gave me the low down on it.<br>According to him, the controversy surrounding the fight began when Jimmy's plane touched down in Malburne. Not only did he have a cut guy with enswell to work his corner, he brought some guy named Marcus Welby to monitor his vital signs. After the anthem, there was a lull in the noise and Welby was heard to yell, "BP 20 over 5, no sinus rhythm. STAND CLEAR". The stunned crowd stood numbed as they watched Welby apply electric paddles to Jimmy's prone body which suddenly convulsed up from the canvass. They smeared grease over Jimmy's eye brows and pushed him out of his corner towards center ring telling him, "You da thireman. Go douse da flames, champ." And just as the referee was about to warn, "Seconds out", Yank's medium screamed, "HEY MARCUS. GIMME A HAND OVER HERE, WILL YA." Welby rushed over and saw Joe slumped comatose on his stool in his corner. He wasn't smoking, far from it. After Marcus gave him a quick shot of adrenaline (and some other stuff he borrowed from Elvis's physician in Memphis), Joe's eyes suddenly sprung wide open. The medium, relaying instructions from Yank, pushed Joe towards the center of the ring saying, "Time to smoke that scamboogah, baby." Of course, the rest is history. An historic event smacked with controversy on the other side of the world and we're still talking about it 30 years on. My Aussie buddy told me, "You Yanks underplay the significance of the show down. You guys had the 'Thrilla' and the 'Rumble' and 'Gunfight at OK Coral. But we Aussies had the decomatose Joe fighting a back-from-the-dead Ellis and it was a REAL HOOT. It's written into Aussie folklore as the Undead Duel Down Under." So it's time to recognize that the Dead Parroters were right all along. Frazier v Jimmy 'Second Coming' Ellis was a real fight with a real referee, real judges, real crowd, and a real cuts man. There's absolutely no truth in the rumour that it was an elimination fight sanctioned by MSG and the New York Boxing Commission for the winner to fight Rocky Marciano for the WBC Not Breathing and No Pulse Heavyweight Championship of the Afterworld. The truth is that, while it took the news a long time to reach state side, what with the long distance from Down Under and everything, this fight has been officially sanctioned as an X FILE FIGHT, right alongside Iron Mike snacking on Evander's ear and Ali's phantom punch on Liston. It is now recognized as the X FILE FIGHT OF THE 1970s. There's a lesson to be learned from it, too. Monty Python's knight on the bridge missing his arms and legs wasn't entirely defenseless. He could still bite people. Thus, the decomatose Joe fighting the back-from-the-dead Ellis was a real contest, too. They weren't shot fighters. Far from it. Not on Marcus Welby's watch. Thanks for setting us straight Dead Parroters. |
interesting if Quarry had met Foreman before he fought Frasier that second time. | 3/21/05 09:18:41 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Steve, actually I did a piece on a west coast boxing venue, not east coast. I read Jim's article on Jerry and Foreman. He does a fine job and he seems like a decent fellow. He and I have exchanged E mails on occasion.<br><br>HOWARD: can you please stop with the Jimmy Ellis is dead jokes! I know you mean no harm. That you are just joking about Jimmy's ability in the second Frazier fight. But realize Jimmy Ellis has suffered some damage from the ring and while I don't know the extent of Jimmy's condition, at any time we may find out that Jimmy has actually died.<br><br>I know you are probably a fan of Jerry Quarry. Can you imagine how Jerry's family would have felt when Jerry, before he died, and he was suffering from damage from his years in the ring, and someone was making jokes about Jerry being dead during the second Joe Frazier fight? I am sure they would have been hurt by it.<br><br>Now consider how Jimmy Ellis' family would feel if they read what you have been writing.<br><br>I have never met Jimmy Ellis but from what I understand, he is a fine gentleman and I think he deserves our respect as he gave his life's blood to the sport we all enjoy. Jimmy was a brave warrioor and he deserves to be treated as such.| 3/21/05 09:47:05 PM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|Steve, thanks for the explanation, I needed it! I hadn't understood well what this story about (the) parrots was all about. I'm a paisa'.<br><br>| 3/21/05 11:11:49 PM|Steve|NJ||NA|||10|Kent, sorry, I mean't to say your article appeared on the East Side Boxing web site.| 3/22/05 12:56:53 AM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Steve<br><br>'Scamboogah' is Joe's favourite word in his autobiography. That's what he kept calling people. Almost every page. It puzzled me, too.<br><br>You desperately need a sense of humour or some very good sex or both. Everyone here would realize that I was joking, having some fun......except you.<br><br>I earlier said that you are like that Japanese soldier wandering around the jungles of Borneo not knowing that the war ended 25 years earlier. I take that back.<br><br>You are nothing like him. Everyone told you that the war was over but you wouldn't listen. Everyone else was having fun with the subject but not you. Serious as always.<br><br>It's like Ground Hog Day. I log in and surprise, surprise, there's Kent droning on with supposed facts showing that Joe didn't duck anyone. Log in next time and same thing. I have to ask this, Kent: are you feeling okay? Because you don't sound so good.<br><br>Have some fun, laugh a little bit, get rid of all this hangdog sullen stuff. Don't take this Frazier thing too seriously. Before we got onto this subject you were a rational, reasonable, likeable guy. Now it's like you're on a search for the Holy Grail.<br><br>I'll submit to your wish. You are now officially Dead Parrot # 3. Please tell your comrade, Dead Parrot # 2, that it's time for him to have some FUN.<br><br>| 3/22/05 01:22:43 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||same as before|||10|Howard, I know you were just kidding but I hope you have the decency to stop as some people might not think it is funny. You wouldn't tell the same type of joke about Jerry Quarry on his own website, would you? Also, will you still be telling the same joke about Ellis if he does end up dying soon? I would hope not.<br><br>Fighters getting injured from their time in the ring is no laughing matter and it is the reason this website was created in the first place.| 3/22/05 03:10:46 AM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Kent<br><br>It wasn't written in the expectation or hope that someone would soon die and your inference as to that does you no credit. You just don't like the fact that my posting highlighted as satire the ludicrous arguments you tried to make regarding the guys Joe ducked or chose to fight, and you are now trying to take focus away from your own shortcomings. Listen up, Kent. When guys take money to prize fight they
expose themselves to criticizm from the fans and journalists alike. Boxers are not a protected species. So when Jimmy took the dough to fight Frazier he opened himself up for critical comment. Ask fellow journalists for confirmation of the principle I am telling you.\n\nFrankly, Kent, you became a figure of some mirth with me with your looney efforts to portray the Frazier v Quarry second fight as a sanctioned eliminator. When challenged on whether world bodies sanctioned the fight, you backtracked, arguing that it might have been sanctioned by MSG and the New York State Boxing Commission.\n\nThey have no authority to sanction a world title fight. You know that. But you wouldn't withdraw. You proved that you wouldn't admit being wrong even when you were proven to be wrong.\n\nYou ceased to have credibility at that precise moment on the Frazier issue. And now you have demonstrated that you have no sense of humour. It's a pity because the rest of us are having fun.\n\nYour excuses and explanations regarding Frazier became farcical. Do you want me to list them again? That's why we had so much fun with them at your expense.\n\nComparatively, Kent, you are a whipper snipper. So a word of advice. You shouldn't let good stories (read excuses) interfere with the truth. Make that a rule in your journalism if that's what you opt to continue in. Don't take things personally. And don't write stories about subjects you admire too much to be objective about.\n\nWhen you write about your idols, Kent, you take the chance of being called a Dead Parrot. I like you anyway.\n\nComparatively, Kent, you are a whipper snipper. So a word of advice. You shouldn't let good stories (read excuses) interfere with the truth. Make that a rule in your journalism if that's what you opt to continue in. Don't take things personally. And don't write stories about subjects you admire too much to be objective about.\n\nWhen you write about your idols, Kent, you take the chance of being called a Dead Parrot. I like you anyway.\n\nComparatively, Kent, you are a whipper snipper. So a word of advice. You shouldn't let good stories (read excuses) interfere with the truth. Make that a rule in your journalism if that's what you opt to continue in. Don't take things personally. And don't write stories about subjects you admire too much to be objective about.\n\nWhen you write about your idols, Kent, you take the chance of being called a Dead Parrot. I like you anyway.\n\nComparatively, Kent, you are a whipper snipper. So a word of advice. You shouldn't let good stories (read excuses) interfere with the truth. Make that a rule in your journalism if that's what you opt to continue in. Don't take things personally. And don't write stories about subjects you admire too much to be objective about.\n\nWhen you write about your idols, Kent, you take the chance of being called a Dead Parrot. I like you anyway.
don't think he means any harm. Howard C's comments on Jimmy Ellis are a comic farce, parody, sarcasm about Jimmy Ellis in 1975, when he was a young man still fighting—he isn't making fun of a retired fighter with a degenerative brain condition or other lasting health problems from his time in the ring. The joke is that Ellis was not a "live" fighter in 1975 and yet Frazier's camp picked on him, of all people (not Shavers, not Young, not Lyle, not anybody who had won in their last four fights) but no, it was Jimmy Ellis. It's such an extreme comment to say a coroner was chasing Ellis around with a toe tag—it's just a joke, nothing to take seriously or get upset about. Again, we're talking about a 1975 Jimmy Ellis who was handpicked to be whipped by Frazier, not a 2005 suffering Jimmy Ellis.

By the way, do we even have any reliable, confirmed reports about Ellis' current condition, or is this all hearsay?

Fan, I am your #1 fan. I always look forward to reading your posts. They are always sound and reasonable. But, I must disagree with you regarding Ali Worshipper #2. Worshpper #2, constantly insults people on this site, especially Kent. Worshipper #2 will apologize before he attacks Kent. And then in the next sentence heap scorn upon Kent. I don't buy that routine. First he apologizes, and then he delivers the insult. That's shallow and insincere. No apologies from me. I find Ali worshipper#2 to have limited boxing knowledge, and no analytical ability. And that is what separates the ignorant from the enlightened.

Angelo, I spoke to someone who met Jimmy Ellis at the Boxing HOF, and he is suffering.

Any praise I offer Kent is sincere, and so are the critical remarks. I think being capable of offering both, when warranted, is called being fair and balanced. I also happen to think that Kent is undoubtedly a very decent and kind hearted man who, in my opinion, makes fatuous remarks when discussing his favourite fighter (Frazier). And when those fatuous remarks places
him at a disadvantage, he resorts to emotive arguments to tear at heart strings  
(falsely) accusing me of teasing damaged fighters and reminding us (time and  
again) that he gives to charities. When guys feel a need to resort to  
emotive accusations and self-praise, it's usually because they've run out of  
cogent issues to argue. Regarding Dead Parrot # 1, I don't think he  
is a decent guy at all. He's the type he sneaks up behind you in the dead of  
night, hits you in the back of the head, and then runs off. Dead Parrot # 1  
doesn't like to be fair and balanced. When the young guy, Noam, offered him  
some nice comments, in an effort to smooth relations, the parrot ignored  
him. Personally, I think dead parrot's knowledge of boxing is confined to  
a few drunken visits to fight venues in the 1970s, added to by hazy bar  
conversations he's had with other drunks since then.

Rather than continue with all of this dead parrot talk, what about a  
different bird analogy---the proverbial canary in a coalmine? I haven't worked  
it all out yet, but somehow, I see Jimmy Ellis as the canary and they threw him  
in with Frazier to see if Frazier could still fight. It's like the old days,  
when they would send a canary in a coalmine to see if it was safe to send men  
in. I could see the fight posters to promote the fight: "The Canary Flies to  
Melbourne To See if Frazier Still Has It!" The Aussies get rowdy with some  
six packs of Fosters and shower Ellis with a few cold ones to wake him up---and  
that's BEFORE the fight!

I was a little hard on you but it is a pet peeve of mine that too many people  
forget our fighters when they are no longer able to perform and I was thinking  
about how Ellis might be these days and your comments magnified that. It  
looks like I took your comments out of context and I apologize for that. I hope  
you understand where my head is at now. Riddick Bowe is fighting again. The  
same Bowe who kidnapped his wife and children but had his sentence reduced by a  
judge who sighted Bowe having behaviour problems from damage he suffered in the  
ring. While I am not at liberty to discuss my personal finances, if I  
stand to profit even in the least from a Riddick Bowe fight, which I believe  
shouldn't take place as he left a big part of himself in the ring during the  
Holyfield fights, I would put the money to good use instead. The Golota  
fights hastened his downfall and he likely has a lot less now and in my opinion  
he should stay retired.

I mention donations not to lift myself up but to  
encourage others to do the same.

I apologize to you as well. Some of the comments I posted about you were too critical in the circumstances  
and I shouldn't have said them. I do understand that you are a decent man  
and that is why I qualified my earlier posts by pointing that out. There wasn't  
an ulterior motive to praising you, as Dead Parrot # 1 suggests. In  
hindsight, I went too far with what I said about Dead Parrot # 1, too. So, Dead  
Parrot # 1, I apologize for calling you a drunk and, what was the other thing I  
said, something about punching guys in the back of the head in the dead of  
night, I apologize for that, too. I don't know that stuff for  
certain. However, I don't apologize for thinking that you are ignorant, a  
Frazier apologist, too scared to face the facts, an Ali hater, and too stubborn  
to acknowledge your mistakes. There's some other issues too, but now isn't not  
the time and. anyways, I don't want to clutter your mind with too much stuff all  
at once. They actually used canaries in WW1 when the  
Germans used gas. I'd think that WW1 soldiers are probably better than some of  
the guys here in realizing when a canary (or parrot) is really dead and not just  
hanging upside down to rest (or doing yoga). I drank Fosters once and  
too much knocks your socks off. The strongest drink I've ever had was Mekong  
Whiskey which they sell in South East Asia (as Dead Parrot # 3 Steve would
Some of the beer over there makes you sick and you wake next morning feeling bloated and swollen. I learnt later that they put the preservative formaldehyde in the beer, which is a chemical meant to preserve dead bodies in morgues. I wonder whether it'd work on dead parrots.

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Hi All. How's it going? Been a couple months since I've been on computer has been down. So what's new? I sure do miss you Dad, Uncle Jerry, Mom, and Aunt Brenda.

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We all miss the Quarry family members who have passed on, and for me, especially miss James (aka Mr. Jimmy). The "Letters" section here has taken on a life of its own—we're like children whose parents have left us alone! If Mr. Jimmy were here, I have a feeling he'd be keeping us all in line. I had some contact with him a few years ago when ordering the "Best of JQ" fight video and also an uncut video of JQ vs. Ellis. James Quarry was a really kind and decent gentlemen and intelligent as well, and I'm sure I speak for a lot us when I say how badly he's missed.

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James was a great guy that I had the pleasure of speaking with on a number of occasions.

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Mr. Jimmy was more than a moderator of this site, he was our friend and he had a way of steering us in a more positive direction when we were getting restless. He handled much more rowdy threads than the recent one and I am sure he would have let us have our say but somehow nudged us to move on. Jimmy's legacy is he helped get the ball rolling on legislation to improve the sport of boxing. He strove to make it safer in memory of his brother Jerry and if we keep the ball rolling, by making it as safe as possible, then Jerry's passing away will not be in vain.

Brenda, who I met on a couple of occasions, was a decent person who liked to help people. She also added a lot to this site by dropping in and having her say and she helped pick up some of the slack when Jimmy passed away from lung cancer. I know she also helped take care of him at the end when he was very sick. She sent me a very kind E-mail around that time and I have kept it to this day. The world could use a few more people like her.

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It will be 36 years ago tomorrow that I saw Jerry Quarry fight Buster Mathis in MSG. Sadly, from what I understand, there is no tape of that fight available. Let me tell you what I remember about that night.

I went to the fight hoping for a Quarry victory, but I was afraid that Mathis was too good for Jerry, and I picked Mathis to win. Buster was coming off a good win over Chuvalo the month before, and I was impressed with Mathis (although, now when I look at the Chuvalo-Mathis films, the win does not seem quite as impressive as it did at the time). As Mathis was entering the ring, I notice the basketball player Cazzie Russell of the NY Knicks sitting in the working press section with crutches. As Mathis was climbing into the ring he noticed Cazzie and Cazzie gave him a clenched fist acknowledgement and Mathis nodded. Apparently, since they both came from Michigan they were friends.

Now both fighters are in the ring and the former champions in attendance are being introduced into the ring. Well, normal practice is for the champions to come up into the ring and wish both fighters luck. Johnny Addie introduces Rocky Marciano into the ring, and there is a roar from the crowd. Well, Rocky climbs up onto the ring apron in Quarry's corner and leans over and puts both hands around Quarry's head and say's something to Jerry. The next thing I see is Rocky leaving the ring, he did not go over and wish Mathis good luck.

The fight begins and Jerry is the aggressor, marching fearlessly into Mathis and throwing left hooks into Buster's belly. In the 2nd round Jerry lands a left hook on Quarry's jaw and Busters staggers back puts a hand on the rope and goes down to one knee. And for the remainder of the
fight all Jerry did was march forward and pound his left hook into Mathis's belly. It was without a doubt one of Jerry's easier fights. Poor Buster, he could not win for the sake of losing. Midway through the fight his boxing trunks split up the middle and his backside was exposed. Suprisingly, his cornermen had an extra pair of trunks and slipped them over the torn trunks a few rounds later.<br>Sometime later I learned the reason why Jerry had an easy time with Mathis. Buster was terrified of Jerry. A few weeks before their fight Buster came to Quarry's camp at Grossinger's for a pre-fight physical with the press in attendance. Mathis tried to pull an "Ali". Mathis started chucking and jiving, and he expected Jerry to play along. Jerry got into Mathis's face and told him something to the effect, "get the fxxk out of here or I will kick your ass right now". Mathis was never any good after that.<br>

Sometime later I learned the reason why Jerry had an easy time with Mathis. After the fight I am in the subway going home and guess who I see? Joe Frazier and Yank Durham. I ask Joe, "What are you going to do against Quarry?" Joe replies, "I am not going to run from". It was a great night.

Sometimes a story begins as an unfounded but juicy rumour and then it slowly snowballs into fact as people repeat it. But many can't tell the difference between nervousness, which all boxers experience, and genuine terror.<br>

I thought Frazier was a bit unkind to Mathis, and the opponents Mathis fought, when Joe belittled them in page 57 of his autobiography, "Mathis? Oh, yeah. He's the one who fights those guys that get carried in on crutches."

Later, at page 61, Joe said, "as a fighter I always suspected he (Mathis) was operating with, as they say, a defective ticker - no heart."

It would have been better had those unkind things been left unsaid. In my mind, anyone brave enough to voluntarily get in the ring with heavyweight monsters, as Buster so often did, doesn't deserve that said about him. I can't think of any justification for saying it, especially since the fight happened decades ago. By all reports Buster was an exceptionally nice man. Most who met him were very complimentary of him. Sadly, he has passed away and he has no right of reply.<br>

I'd like to wish everyone on this site a happy and safe Easter. I don't know what you guys are doing, but I'm knocking off work early. This time of year is all about resurrection. So I suppose hope still springs eternal for some parrots hanging upside down from perches. Angelo -can a dead parrot be resurrected? Only joking, guys. :)))))

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It is refreshing to hear recollections about Jerry Quarry for a change. Isn't that odd for a Jerry Quarry site? In the past, various posters have made reference to one fight or another, there is usually no follow up. There are many of the big fights at MSG too. It was a great period to be a fan. Johnnie Addie's "let's meet some of the boys" was classic, and fans got to see many, many contenders, champs and former champs in the flesh. No fight night was ever better in that regard than Jack Dempsey's 75th "birhtday party" at the Quarry-Foster fight. I suspect Forest was there too.

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Mathis-Quarry. Only copy is in the hands of Mathis' family. They won't release it because Buster was a complete disaster that night.
Fan, when you mentioned Quarry-Foster, you brought chills down my side (honest to God). Remember all those oldtime champs that were there. Sadly they are all gone. And the ones who were young champs are now old time champs.

When I used to buy fight films, I would tell the person I was buying them from, "leave the pre-fight introductions on the tape, if necessary I will pay extra". Fan, did you see the prefight introduction on tape before Patterson-Chuvalo. Talk about all time greats at that fight. I remember the night of that fight, I was rooting so hard for Floyd. I stayed up waiting to hear the results of the fight on the local news. I went to bed not knowing who won. I did not learn the results until the next day.

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Kent, I just read an article in US News and World Report. It was about the Senate hearings investigating Steroid use in Baseball. As usual, the players stonewalled, and these grandstanding political hearings accomplished nothing. In light of these hearings, I don't hold out much hope for a Federal Boxing Commission. I think the chowderheads in congress sure seem to run in circles and not get much done, don't they? It doesn't hold well for them passing the national boxing commission law soon. It was such a magic moment when Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa chased the single season home run record held by Roger Maris and surpassed it. And recently Barry Bonds has been closing in on the all time record for a career held by Hank Aaron but if these guys real were juiced up, then the new records don't mean much and it sure makes the marks made by Maris, Aaron, and Babe Ruth that much more amazing as they didn't have steroids to use. I read somewhere that before the 1980s it only happened about fifteen times when a batter hit fifty or more home runs in a season but since then the number of times it has happened has about doubled. Something has to be wrong with that as I know training methods and nutrition have produced stronger, more durable athletes but they shouldn't be that much better where the amount of home runs increases that much in that short of a time.

Yes, it was a magic season when McGuire and Sosa smashed the record. There is a graph on MSNBC showing the homers hit per decade. If betting on pro sports is becoming legal, then the government better wake up to drug abuse! I say, drug testing on a regular basis, in all sports. If the ball players don't like it, let's see how many high school and college players are willing to step up, and play in the big leagues drug free.

Kent, have you ever gone to a batting cage? A 90 MPH fastball is almost impossible to hit. You can't even see the ball! I used to play baseball and I used to be able to hit an 80 MPH fastball, which is standard at the high school level but those days are long gone! I don't know if I ever hit a 90 MPH fastball live against a pitcher but I could handle them in a controlled situation like at a batting cage versus the machine. I can't even hit a 70 MPH machine these days.

Yes, hitting a major league fastball, and the 90 MPH fastball is the standard major league level, is a very specialized skill that steroid use wouldn't help if an individual didn't have the ability to hit in the first place. However steroid use does help those players who already have some talent to begin with. It makes them less prone to injury during the long season and their healing time becomes faster when they do get injured. Also, those fly balls that are caught by the opposition at the warning track next to the outfield fence for long outs are more likely to go over the fence because of the added strength from the drug use, hence more home runs. For Massimo who awhile back was asking questions about baseball, a home run, also known as a homer, is when a player hits the ball safely and runs around all of the bases to score a run (a point). A home run most of the time
occurs when a player hits the ball over the fence bordering the playing field
inside the base lines known as fair territory in back of where the opposing
defending players stand. A home run can also occur if a player hits the ball
inside the playing field if he can run fast enough to get around the bases
before the defending players can get him out but this doesn't happen very often.

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Kent<br><br>Thank you very much
for the kind explanation, but I just can't swallow baseball. I like many sports
BOXING, SOCCER, TENNIS, BASKETBALL, PING PONG etc. but I don't like BASEBALL,
RUGBY and GOLF (the most boring sport in the world) and all kinds of races (car
races, horse races, human being races...I just don't care about who is first and
who is second...). Maybe it's just because BASEBALL is not popular at all in
Italy, but I don't find it attractive or funny. For me Joe Di Maggio could get a
real job !

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Massimo, soccer has never caught on here as a spectator sport and although a lot of
people play it as children in school or in recreation leagues, as far as
watching professionals, most people here don't pay very much attention to it and
this will likely never change.

Massimo, I wish I could sit with you and we
could watch a baseball game and I could explain what is going as it is
happening. You might like it better if we could do this. You still probably
wouldn't like it as much as other sports but you might appreciate it
more. Why would you want Joe Dimaggio to get a real job if he could make
more money doing what he likes? By the way, Joe Dimaggio's brothers,
Dominic and Vincent were also professional baseball players for many years so
none of the brothers for a long time had real jobs. Dimaggio, if he
were playing baseball today, would be a very wealthy man but even he might not
be able to save baseball for the fans here. This steroid use problem if true
will cause a lot of damage. Ironic, in that if it were shown it is
widespread in American football, which I think is likely, I don't think it would
hurt football as much as it will baseball. Probably because football is seen as
a game to smash into guys while baseball is seen as a specialized skill.

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Oh by the way, what
kind of cars does everyone here drive. I picture Massimo in a small red sports
car such as a Fiat or Ferrari. He is short with a slightly balding receding
hairline and he kind of looks like the character George on Seinfeld but not as
fat as George is. He also wears a white scarf around his neck when he
drives. I drive an SUV, a 2003 Honda Element, silver in color. What
about everyone else? I

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Fan, remember Jose Gonzalez, the top ten
rated middleweight from PR who was a NYC favorite throughout the 1960's, and
into the early 70's. Boy, was he tough. He never ducked anyone in the 1960's.
Some of the names I remember on his dance card in the 1960's: Joey Archer, Dick
Tiger, Hurricane Carter, Emile Griffith, Don Fullmer, Benny Briscoe, Jose
Torres. Jose Gonzalez, always came into the ring in top shape, and gave
100%. I would be hard pressed to think of a more durable or rugged middleweight
contender in the past 45 years.

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Kent<br><br>A Ferrari
?!?!? Who you think I am ? Francesco Totti or Silvio Berlusconi ? What's my
name ? What's my name ? My name is Massimo Giulio Leonardo Cini whatever Terrell
thinks about it and I am not wealthy. No physicist is wealthy, unless you win
the Nobel Prize, but that ain't easy. You become a physicist for passion,
because you are interested in the subject, not to make money. Physicists aren't
treated very well in Italy ! They are treated much better in the USA and in
fact, many Italian Physicists go (or settle) to the USA to make money. I drive a
small Fiat (Fiat Uno), but almost never. I hate to drive (or driving) in Roma, there is always a lot of traffic... Roma is a pretty decent city to make good walks and I walk very often, but it ain't good to drive (in). I use the subway, it is always full of people of all nationalities, but at least you can think to whatever you want to think and it's more relaxing. <br><br>I think that you Americans are probably as much human beings as we Italians are (I have met an American once when I was a child whose name was Bill Gazuc and he looked like a human being. I remember that my English teacher in High School was an American from New Heaven, Connecticut and she looked like an human being too. So, if you like baseball so much I'm sure there are good reasons. For what I understand, soccer is at least 100 times more beautiful than baseball. I remember all (of) the great champions that (or who) played in Italy: Falcao, Platini, Van Basten, Maradona. I still remember each and every goal Maradona scored in Italy, playing for Neaples. They were all masterpieces ! I don't like Diego Armando Maradona that much as an human being, drugged, comunist etc., but, as a soccer player, he was a great genius. |  
| 3/24/05 04:36:03 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|||10|Jerry fought when boxing was still important. When contenders still mattered and fight night was the night. That's why I can never forget Jerry and the rest, the best sport, the best time, the best division, the best fights, the best of times. Thanks Jerry, God rest your soul and all the rest of you noble warriors. Eddie, Zora, Cleveland, Sonny, Jimmy, we remember you.|  
| 3/24/05 04:57:37 PM|Fan|USA||n/a|||10|I started following boxing big time in the late 1960's, so I don't remember much (except Clay/Ali of course) before then. Forest, you were lucky to catch the Rock at the Mathis fight, didn't he die just a few months later?<br> Kent, my impression in 1970 was that Jerry and Jimmy were throwbacks with their slicked back hair. This was still the Woodstock era, it occurred only the year before. Yet the Quarrys seemed more in tune with The King and his style.<br> Not to resurrect this well beaten horse, but....I found an advertisement for Quarry-Frazier II closed circuit locations which referred to the fight as a "heavyweight elimination" bout, whatever that is. However, I also found an interview with Edwin Dooley, the NYS Athletic Commissioner at the time, about the upcoming fight (mainly about the fact that Joe Louis was going to ref). He never mentioned anything about any official status as some kind of elimination fight, which would have seemed natural were it the case. My conclusion is that is was advertised as such, but neither the Commission nor any sanctioning body recognized it as an official elimination bout, if there is such a thing. I suspect that is probably what Kent recalls.|  
| 3/24/05 07:33:38 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Fan, yes Jerry was very into Elvis and when I met him in the early 1980s he and I discussed music. He favored Elvis and I sided with the Beatles.|  
| 3/24/05 07:33:38 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|After Mr. Jimmy's graveside service I was standing in Wilma Quarry's backyard talking to Mike and Bob Quarry and I asked Mike if he could sing well as Jerry was a good singer. Mike said he had hurt his voice when he was younger so he really couldn't sing (I didn't ask him how he hurt his voice, the ring maybe?) but then he belted out some song, I don't remember the song but I think it was an Elvis tune and although his higher voice sounded weak, he was joking around and he then sang a few notes in his lower register and he actually didn't sound bad. Untrained, yes but not bad.<br> Did the Quarrys miss their calling as a singing group? I do remember their sister Diana was a good singer.<br> One thing you don't say in a backyard full of Quarrys and that is, that you like the Beatles better than Elvis. I got five different voices at the same time telling me, "Elvis is a lot better!" |  
| 3/25/05 09:50:07 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Steve: I feel strongly that an in-prime JQ could take an in-prime Ken Norton. The key for Jerry would be to stay free of serious cuts around the eyes---no small
trick. He was a better boxer than Norton and had enough power to keep Norton honest. When they fought, Norton was at or near the top of his game and Jerry wasn't---plus Jerry took the fight with little notice and wasn't even in top condition. This isn't to take anything away from Norton, but I think JQ matched up well against him prime vs. prime.<br>Kent: My cars include a new Saab 9-5 wagon, '93 BMW 325i and 1978 Cadillac Sedan DeVille. My work vehicle (company car) is a 2001 Dodge Caravan and that's what I drive the most. My wife drives the Saab wagon and I tool around in the BMW (her car) and my old Caddy on weekends. My car of choice if I were buying new, just for myself, would probably be something like the new Buick LaCrosse. Fantasy car? Probably a '63 Corvette, but I'd settle for a new Vette! |
Mike and Bob Quarry have also said Jerry had a bad back in the Ellis fight. Mike can be heard saying in an interview on one of the Jerry Quarry highlight tapes that Jerry fought with a broken back. It is a shame that they didn't postpone the fight as I think Ellis would have had to fight Jerry as they were the finalists in the WBA tournament.

If Jerry did have a back injury, then it might just have been Quarry "Hard Luck", as his dad has tattooed on his hands. I can't blame his management, because, as I said, back injuries can seem to go away, then come back at any time.

If all the eight fighters involved had signed contracts with the TV Network and the promoters of that elimination tournament, wouldn't Ellis have been forced to wait for Quarry to heal from a prefight injury, in order to finish the tournament? So, there was no danger of Jerry being eliminated because of a training injury?

Monzon vs Hopkins? Hopkins vs Sugar Ray Robinson? Here's a good one, Hopkins vs Dick Tiger?

Thanks guys I forgot about the back injury. Regardless, if you watch that fight from start to finish, it was as close as they come. Ellis fought his ass off and so did Jerry. Both took tremendous hard shots to the head and body. It wasn't a slugfest by any means but the combination punching was as good as it gets.

I'm eating lasagne right now! What a break! Ester is to eat good stuff! I have a question for Angelo, or anyone else who might know the answer. You mentioned having spoken to James about obtaining uncut versions of fights. Were you successful, i.e. do you know whether the complete versions of the fights which are included on the highlight tape (including introductions, post-fight interviews, etc.) are available through TJQF?

Thanks and Happy Easter to all.

I bought the highlight tape---and then asked James Quarry if he had Quarry-Ellis in its entirety. He made that tape for me---at my request, even left in all the old commercials from the 60's. It's a lot of fun to watch. It has Cosell giving a pre-fight analysis and the commercials are really interesting. Too bad the fight didn't have a different outcome though.

If your interested in old tapes contact Dana Smith from Dana's boxing on VHS. He will give you a deal if you bulk order. It costs alot to get a complete collection, however it is fun to go back and watch every couple months or so. I own every fight in the career of Ali, Norton, Shavers, Frazier, Foreman, Lyle, Chuvalo, Quarry, Liston,
Patterson, Johannson, Holmes, Machen, Folley, C. Williams, Bugner, Bonavena, Ellis, Cooper, that is available on tape. It constitutes 56 total tapes and about 120-130 hours of run time. The following Quarry fights are available somewhere. Tony Alongi I, Eddie Machen Highlights, Joey Ozbillio, Brian London I, Alex Miteff, Floyd Patterson I, Billy Daniels, Floyd Patterson II, Thad Spencer, Jimmy Ellis, Joe Frazier I, George Chuvalo, Mac Foster, Muhammad Ali I, Jack Bodell, Muhammad Ali II, Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers, Joe Alexander Highlights, Joe Frazier II, Ken Norton, Lorenzo Zanon. Good Luck!

Now, that's a collection! My own collection sucks (it's slang...) in comparison! Have you seen the fight between Ron Lyle and Joe Bugner? Was it close or not? Among the fights in your collection what (or which) are the most exciting? How was Frazier-Chuvalo? One sided? What about George Chuvalo-Cleveland Williams and Chuvalo-Folley? Thanks!

ESPN Classic has shown a couple of Jerry's fights recently. They ruined my St. Patrick's Day by showing Ali I, and over the weekend featured Frazier II, one of my more depressing visits to MSG. I was convinced Jerry could win both of them at the time. But then, about the only one I ever thought he would likely lose was Norton, having taken the fight on two weeks notice and already shot. In his prime, Jerry would have taken out Norton in my opinion, a la Shavers. The second Ali fight bothers me to no end as Jerry, for whatever reason didn't pursue Ali as hard as he was capable. For most of the fight he just plodded after Ali throwing ineffective punches and eating a lot of leather in return. Jerry's fire just wasn't there in Ali 2.

I agree re: the first Ali fight. It was pretty risky for Ali to take on Quarry in his comeback fight. Jerry had a real shot that night. He looked to be in great shape, and he was starting to land. Then came the damn cut. I remember Jose Torres called it "a gift from Allah" in his book "Float Like A Butterfly, Sting Like A Bee", and Torres was a huge Ali supporter. Another instance of the patented Quarry "hard luck".

Yes I read (Dempsey was one i saw) that old timers did soak in brine or salt brine to toughen their hands and their skin...i remember Vito Antuofermo had his forehead scraped so he wouldnt cut in fights against Marvin Hagler. If I do go over there, and I probably will, I also intend to visit Phenom Pen. The history of that place interests me and the Killing Fields was one of the most
tragic events of our time and I know I'm not telling you anything you don't already know. I often wonder whether Fonda and her ilk ever look back and feel guilty about the fall out they caused. Don't get me started on that.\n\nAnyway, Monzon came from a terrific era in boxing. He's one of my favourites. He was the middleweight champion from 1970 to 1977 and defended successfully 14 times. Nine of his defenses were knockout wins. He faced huge punchers like Bennie Briscoe and Valdes.\n\nBut Hopkins compares more than favourably. He's been the middleweight champion since 1995 and has defended 19 times (or is it 20?). He unified the title. However, until he beat Trinidad in 2001 the quality of the challengers weren't much. The Ring magazine, which has got its act together again, had a terrific recent article on both of the above.\n
Ed, yes I have heard too that Jerry was worried about Mike after the Bob Foster knockout and he wasn't able to focus at the task at hand verses Ali. But for whatever the cause, Jerry just didn't have it in the second fight with Ali and it really pisses me off that stations such as ESPN only show this fight, which is one of the worst, if not the worst of Jerry's career. Jerry was much better than this fight showed.\n
Yes, Carlos Monzon was one of the greatest ever, but what upset me a little bit is that he couldn't manage to dominate Emile Griffith. Nino Benvenuti beat Griffith 2 out of 3 times (cheers) and Carlos Monzon was so much stronger than Nino. Kent, you're right, the second Ali' fight was the worst fight in Jerry Quarry's career. He only showed some of his fire in the sixth round, when he managed to bother Ali' with a couple of good left hooks. But that's too little for (or in) an entire fight and, anyway, Ali' clearly won that sixth round. Jerry fought many great fights, but on that night, he was only a shadow of himself.\n
However impaired Jerry was in his last years, he was fortunate to have such a caring family, particularly brother Jimmy who I understand was living with him before his death. For anyone who has relatives or friends suffering alzheimers or similar diseases like Jerry had, the burden on those caring for them is enormous. It's not just about feeding or running errands for them, looking after them also comes right down to the very basics, such as bathing and the like. The responsibility is not only the most difficult imaginable, but it would also be soul destroying when it involves a loved one. I've read accounts about Jerry's condition near the end, and his family can take solace that they were there for him. Regardless of his illness, it can be said that Jerry was a lucky guy because of his family.\n
I say this because there are many out there suffering like Jerry, but they don't have caring families. Someone said that Jimmy Ellis is similarly ill, so I hope that he has someone looking after him too. Steve, there are several popular Vietnamese beers. There is the Three Three Beer, the Tiger Beer, and the Saigon Beer. The most popular wine is called Snake Wine, so named because a snake is fermented in a bottle for months before it becomes drinkable. It's alcoholic bite is potent, but it doesn't taste so good.

Lyle-Bugner was a close fight with both men exchanging aloot. Lyle was a little more aggressive and took a razor close decision. Chuvalo-C. Williams was way past both men's peaks. It was a slow boring affair that Chuvalo was more active in. He won a pretty easy decision. Chuvalo-Folley shows how good Folley really was closer to his prime. He would not let George get started and just picked him apart from long range. Chuvalo was dominated. Chuvalo-Frazier was a unknown classic. They stood toe to toe for every second and just wailed away. Chuvalo hit Frazier aloot and actually looked pretty good until a sick 4 punch combination that completely shredded George's eye. The fight had to be stopped as Chuvalo's eye was smashed.
to smitheerens. The best unknown fights were probably-<br>Liston-C.Williams I- Williams in his prime was an offensive monster. You should see his his triple left hook!<br>Frazier-Chuvalo- An absolute war- No sound however<br>Patterson-Jackson I- The Hurricane felt no pain<br>Shavers- Roy Williams- The best round of all-time round 10 of this fight.<br>Quarry-Patterson I- A brilliant barn burner <br>Norton-Jose Luis Garcia II- Norton avenges previous loss with absolute brillance.<br>I'm sure there are many others as well.|3/29/05 10:33:43 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|Thank you very much Fan, it was very interesting! So Joe Bugner fought well against Joe Frazier, Muhammad Ali'(first fight) and Ron Lyle. Maybe he wasn't so plodding and harmless as (or like) so many people keep saying. I do believe that Zora Folley in his prime was better than Oscar Bonavena in his prime.|3/29/05 11:09:12 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Joe Bugner often gets a bad rap but he was a very good fighter. He took one hell of a punch as he took some very hard shots against Lyle and Frazier and only went down once, in the last round of the Frazier fight, as I remember it, and he also traded with those guys, so he had more heart than he has been given credit for.<br>Bugner also won a decision over Henry Cooper very late in Cooper's career but even though Cooper probably didn't have much left, and I have never seen the fight, Cooper still was dangerous and punched hard. Which means Bugner was likely hit with some hard shots in this fight as well.|3/29/05 12:38:19 PM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|Who hits with triple left hooks, gets hit with triple left hooks. Williams hit Liston with three consecutive left hooks and got hit by Ali with 3 consecutive left hooks as well. In other words (paisan words) chi di spada ferisce, di spada perisce. Yeah, it works that way...|3/29/05 01:41:58 PM|Steve|new york||Quarry53@yahoo.com|||8|We talked to Jerry before the Alexander fight about the second Ali fight and many of his fights. He told us that he was pressured to be under 200 lbs. So he took water pills that dehydrated him and sapped him of his endurance. In the first fight he had a great chance and gets the worse cut of his career. Just another set back in what was a great career.|3/29/05 07:13:55 PM|Steve |NJ||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Howard, that was an interesting post. Have you ever been repulsed by something and drawn to it at the same time? That's how I feel About the green dream. I never heard of the battle of Coral. That could also be what we referred to as the rockpile. Different units, different terminology and nicknames. If you have a chance to visit there you should definitely do so! It's like stepping foot on another planet. I hope you go. Then I can pick your brain when you come home. Now, c'mon, Howard, be serious now. Are you just pulling my chain about this snake wine? That's one I never heard of. Jane Fonda, commited treason!|3/29/05 07:37:44 PM|Steve |NJ||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|Howard, do you know what unit your friend's brother was in? I am very involved and active in the Vietnam Veteran's Association. I have developed some contacts and procedures for acquiring detailed information on individual casualties. Strictly for helping other Vets with disability claims.|3/29/05 07:39:31 PM|Fan|USA||n/a|||10|A headline on CNN today - "Jesse Jackson Weighs In" (re: the Shiavo matter) - reminded me of the Reverend's two turns at boxing cornerman. One was the forementioned Ali-Quarry bout. The other was Holmes-Cooney. I don't think any of my parish priests has ever worked a fight. He's quite a guy. |3/29/05 08:38:20 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Jane Fonda was very naive but that doesn't excuse the fact that she posed on top of an enemy anti aircraft gun that was there for the sole purpose to shoot down American aircraft. She gave aid and comfort to an enemy of the United States during war time and that is treason. Although I have questions
about whether we should have gone into Vietnam militarily, that doesn't mean I support what I consider one of the most shameful periods in U.S. history and that is the treatment of soldiers returning from the battlefield. It was just disgraceful that our troops were subjected to harassment as they returned home by protesters because although I believe protesters had a right to state their views, they should have not directed them at the troops and especially they should not have abused those returning troops as the troops don't set policy, the government does and that is where the protesters should have directed their opposition, in a peaceful, lawful manner. SHAME ON THE ANTI WAR MOVEMENT FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF THEM MISTREATING OUR FINE MILITARY PERSONEL AND THOSE THAT DID THIS OWE OUR SOLDIERS A LONG OVERDUE APOLOGY.

3/29/05 09:12:07 PM|Steve|N.J|dmsrms@comcast.net|||10|I just reread Ken Norton's book, "Going the distance" Even though Norton was never one of my favorite fighters, his book is only moderately self serving. Here's a revealing glimpse into the man's character. "I'll admit freely that I did not like Jerry Quarry. Quarry was the one man I fought in anger, and I went in to punish him." I wanted Quarry to be carried out on a stretcher! These are quotes from the book, folks. See page 97.

After the Tex Cobb fight, Cobb confronted Norton in the hotel lobby. Cobb wanted to settle things "mano a mano". To quote Norton, "frankly, he scared the piss out of me. I wanted no part of him, so I called the cops" page 168.

3/29/05 09:35:31 PM|Steve |NJ|dmsrms@||||10|Kent, a sincere, heartfelt thank you very much for your post. I feel no regret for my actions in that place. I was only 19 yrs. old in my first tour. I was young, dumb, and full of come, to quote an old Army saying. Government policy means nothing when you are there. It was strictly a struggle to fight for the survival of your squad and yourself. I never gave a fuck about how civilians felt about what we did. I met the finest, toughest men in my life in that place. God Bless and protect all our troops in harm's way.

3/29/05 10:50:24 PM|Steve |NJ|dmsrms@comcast.net|||10|Hey, all you younger guys and gals on this site. Technology is a wonderful thing. Even if it does cost us fight fans an arm and a leg! Get ready for an old timers sob story. I listened to Ali vs Frazier on a radio station, they gave the blow by blow during the one minute break between rounds!

3/29/05 12:14:43 AM|Steve|nj||dmsrms@@||10|Kent, while I realize this is not the appropriate forum for that war, I have, what I feel is an anecdote to your post. On Jan. 11, 1969, my flight home was rerouted from Oakland to Port Lewis, Washington, because of anti war demonstrations that had turned violent. Go figure that one?

3/30/05 02:32:54 AM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|Who is Jane Fonda, a baseball player?

3/30/05 02:51:14 AM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Steve, I will obtain the information regarding my friend's brother, who died in the battle of Coral. That was a battle, I understand, that mostly involved Australian soldiers, and my friend's brother was John O'Brien. He was a mortar guy.

There is most definitely snake wine in Vietnam. My friend who lives in Saigon half the year drinks it. He drinks anything, in fact. In my opinion, the Vietnam War was noble and necessary. Had it never happened then communism would not only have spread through Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and Burma, but most probably would have gone into Thailand and down through Malaysia as well. The resistance in Vietnam was a 'speed bump' that slowed communism sufficiently to prevent it getting a hold in Thailand and Malaysia (in my opinion).

I think the effect the anti-war campaigners like Fonda had was disgusting. In South Vietnam alone hundreds of thousands were interned, tortured, or slaughtered after the pull-out. The victims were allies. The vacuum the pull-out created allowed Cambodia to be overrun by murdering mongrels who slaughtered two million people. That tragedy never worried Fonda and her
ilk. I never saw them protesting against the murderous Khmer Rouge.<br>I'll always believe that the Vietnam War was honorable and that it served a vital purpose. There's no shame or blame for anything that happened over there on our part.<br><br>| 3/30/05 03:51:57 AM | Howard C. | Louisville | howardc@louisville | 10 | Steve, I've made some telephone calls and my Aussie friend, Ray O'Brien, tells me that his brother Private John O'Brien was with the 1st Royal Australian Regiment (known as 1 RAR), Mortar Platoon.<br>He was based at Fire Support Base Coral, Bien Hoa province, north-east of Bear Cat (US 9th Division) and Black Horse (US 11th Cavalry). On 13 May 1968, Fire Support Base Coral was overrun by Vietcong and John, 21 old, was killed.<br>It was called Battle of Coral and a guy named Lex McCauley wrote a book about it. He also wrote a book called Battle of Long Tan, which also mainly involved Aussies. If you need any more information then let me know. Hope this is of interest to you. |<br><br>| 3/30/05 04:26:22 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Howard, yes it is disgraceful how far out kooks like Fonda can protest one thing and ignore something as tragic as the killing fields in Cambodia. This tragedy is one of the worst genocides in history yet the far left politicos are strangely silent about it.<br>Ironically, if they did mention the murder of millions of people in Cambodia, they would probably find a way to blame the United States for it. They often turn things around to support their world view. |<br><br>| 3/31/05 04:43:50 AM | Howard C. | Louisville | howardc@louisville | 10 | Would Jerry have beaten Ellis if he slugged it out with him rather than boxing? Would he have beaten Frazier had he boxed rather than slugged it out? Was there any tactic he could have used to beat Ali? |<br><br>| 3/31/05 10:15:21 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | Howard—I think that JQ would have never beat Ali' and Frazier in their primes, because they were too good for him. But, on the other hand, I think that the Jerry Quarry of the Mac Foster, Lyle or Shavers fights would have found a way to beat Jimmy Ellis, regardless of the style. |<br><br>| 3/31/05 10:27:33 AM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 10 | Early Clay was impressive in spurts, but hardly awe-inspiring. Against Alonzo Johnson he moved alot but had no power in his punches on his way to a somewhat close decision. He looked better against the slow Alex Miteff and Willi Besmanoff, both plodders. Sonny Banks woke him up with the knockdown, but Banks was a plodder too and Clay just picked him apart after the knockdown. Billy Daniels gave him all sorts of trouble before the fight being stopped on a cut eye. That was one of the last fights at old St. Nicholas arena. Ali killed the slow, plodding Moore. Then Clay had trouble with Doug Jones and Henry Cooper both. Clay always had trouble with Cooper's style even in '66. At this point Clay was thought of as a nice heavyweight, but would get squashed by Sonny Liston like a bug, not a bee. Clay's most impressive performances after he won the title before his exile were Williams, Patterson, Terrell. He never looked as good as he did against Williams because Williams was so slow that Ali could do whatever he wanted without fear of being hit. Williams, Folley, London were all painfully easy defenses. He fought Williams and Folley because they never were given a chance to fight for the title before, and he respected them. They also had no chance to beat him. London was a farce, he was better than Terry Daniels, but less dangerous than Ron Stander when Stander fought for the title. |
Howard, thank you for your info. on Pvt. John Obrien, of the 1ST RAR. Battalion. Your correct about the defense of firebase Coral. It took place from May 12th to May 16th. If that was John Obrien's second tour, it lasted from March, 1968 to his death. The actions resulted in 54 men killed in action, and 295 wounded in action. Enemy casualties weren't counted, but were considerable. I will try to get details on KIA's, but I doubt I'll have much success. If I do, I'd prefer to contact you on e-mail.

Fan, I was watching the Cassius Clay-Alonzo Johnson fight the other day. What was truly impressive about Clay in that fight was the fact that he was a professional less than a year and it was his second time going 10 rounds. That's a pretty good jump in one year, especially for a guy 19 years old. Although the competition was not too steep, Alonzo Johnson was unranked and not a threat. But still 10 rounds at the age of 19, that's admirable. 

Jerry Quarry made the jump quicker than both of them. He went 10 rounds in the 6th month of his career, and he was only 20. I am not making excuses for Jerry. He had a very good career, some might say great, I would not argue with that. But, if his handlers only showed the same amount of care and caution that Ali's and Frazier's handlers did on their way up; his career and certainly his life might have been much different.

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The thing that strikes me about JQ, when you assess his record, is the quality of fighter he fought, almost from the day he become a pro. Tony Doyle (three times), Al Jones, Eddie Machen, Brian London (twice), Patterson (twice), Thad Spencer, Ellis, Mathis, Frazier (twice), Chuvalo, Mac Foster, Ali (twice), Lyle, Shavers, and Norton.

That is a pretty impressive array. I suppose the only real name he didn't face was Foreman. But Foreman didn't come of age until 1973 and by then JQ was winding down.

The other thing that has always interested me was how regularly JQ fought. In his prime he was averaging six fights a year. In 1969 alone he took on Mathis, Frazier, London, and Chuvalo (among the 7 fights he had that year).

He was certainly busy and he backed himself against the best. Perhaps he was too game.

Why is Ken Norton such a jackass? He crowed about "always wanting to fight Jerry Quarry," was proud as a peacock about his win over an obviously out of prime, untrained, two-weeks notice JQ---and now Steve's post tells about Norton fighting Jerry in anger and wanting him carried out on a stretcher. Ironically, Jerry finished his fights on his feet. Conversely, Norton ended up horizontal against every big hitter he faced. Shavers was spot on when he said (before their fight) that he would beat Norton because Norton doesn't have heart. Then Shavers went out and proved his point, blasting away at Norton---who midway through the first round was clearly not interested in gutting it out to try to fight back. He folded like a table tent. Foreman? He made Norton look ridiculous---not just outclassed and outpunched, and in over his head, but ridiculous---a sad sack. Cooney? Norton had about as much left when he took on Cooney, as Quarry did when he took on Norton. The difference was that Norton actually had time to prepare and get in shape. The result? Another first round lost, and the
expression on Norton's face when he went down was priceless—he looked like he was just hit by a train. I always pegged Norton as cocky, arrogant and more than a bit full of himself—Hollywood Kenny—and I think maybe the jealousy was the root of his hatred for Quarry, never a Champion, but voted "most popular." Maybe that's what Norton needed. Instead, he couldn't even have a civil relationship with his son. Jerk. I hate to make comments like this about someone I never met, but his behavior and his own words have fired me up. Sad irony that Norton, articulate and craving the spotlight, had that car accident that messed him up.

| 3/31/05 06:16:31 PM| Fan| Fandom|| Fan@Fandom.com | ||| 10 | Ken Norton had tons of heart, he just froze and got clobbered against huge hitters. To say he didn't have heart shows a lack of knowledge about Ken's career. It would be like saying Jerry didn't have heart because he got cut in big fights. Also, it hasn't been pointed out all the good things Ken said about Jerry after actually getting to know him. Ken had a lot of respect for Jerry. |
| 3/31/05 06:51:10 PM| Steve| N.J.|| NA || ||| 10 | massimo, if you ever want to save a tape of Ali at his absolute finest, the very peak of his talent, then the Cleveland (Big Cat), Williams fight was the best, showcase example I've ever seen. Williams was an old, shot fighter. However, that's not the point. Ali was so fast and accurate, he was a blur of motion. |
| 3/31/05 07:52:41 PM| Steve| NJ|| NA || ||| 10 | The only good thing Norton said about Quarry in his book, was that they hugged in mid ring, and all animosities were forgotten. Norton also stated that Quarry grew up in a tent in Oklahoma. While he himself grew up in a wonderful middle class family. I don't see how just freezing and getting KO'D, against those nasty bullies like Foreman, Shavers, Garcia, and Cooney, would lead you to believe that Norton had tons of heart. Quarry fought Norton and Frasier until he was cut to pieces. Now that's heart! Quarry would have walked through Norton in his prime. |
| 3/31/05 10:52:13 PM| Howard C.| Louisville|| howardc@louisville | ||| 10 | Strong comments about Norton! Before he beat Ali in 1973 he hadn't really done anything and his reputation was made overnight on that victory alone.  

<br>His best fights apart from Ali, were Quarry, Young, and Stander but, as Angelo rightly says, he was slaughtered by big punchers like Foreman, Shavers, and Cooney (admittedly when his career was all but over).  

<br>I'd always thought that if you had a boxing Mount Rushmore of the 1970s you'd have Ali, Frazier, Foreman, and Norton (if you consider Holmes an 1980s fighter).  

<br>However, in hindsight, reconsidering Norton's career on reading Angelo's comments, I don't know whether he deserves to be there. Maybe Jerry deserves the fourth place because, apart from his tremendous ability and courage to face anyone, he was also one of the most popular fighters of that period.  

<br>When Norton beat Jerry, Jerry was past his prime. In the two preceding years he'd beaten Lyle and Shavers. So although it's surprising that Norton ko'ed him in 1975, I suspect that by then all the wars finally caught up with JQ.  

<br>Most fans think of Jerry and Norton as having their careers quite a distance apart. But Jerry turned pro in 1965 and Norton only two years later in 1967. In fact, Jerry was only three months older than Norton.  

<br>Yet these are the 'name' guys that JQ fought and Norton didn't: Machen, Patterson, Spencer, Mathis, London, Chuvalo, Mac Foster, Lyle, and Joe Frazier.  

<br>Joe had 183 amateur fights and 66 pro ones (249 total), while Norton had only 26 amateurs, and 50 professional fights (76). Norton certainly had a lot less mileage on his clock when he fought Jerry in 1975.  

| 4/1/05 02:00:39 AM| Massimo | Roma | ||| 10 | During an interview Norton was asked what are the main differences between 70s boxing and today boxing. Ken said that the 70s fighters had to fight 15 rounds for a title fight and were always in very good shape, while now the fighters are already tired after 7 or 8 rounds. He also said that in the 70’s there was much more dedication to the sport and then cited the great fighters of that era, "Ali", Foreman, Frazier, Larry
Holmes, Ron Lyle, Ernie Shavers, Jerry Quarry and myself, everyone of whom could have beaten all the others in a given night. He showed respect for Jerry Quarry. I have checked up Ali's record and I think that only 31 out of his 56 wins were ratable EASY WINS. That's just a little more than 50%. So, as great as Ali was (and he was really great), the legend of Ali's dancing and dominating fights is only a legend. He won a good part of his fights with a lot of sweat. Also, I wonder how Ali would have done against a 1960 version of Cleveland Williams, a 1959 version of Zora Folley, a 1961 version of Eddie Machen or a 1959 version of Sonny Liston. Who knows?

PS: by the way, I think it's a very good thing that the title fights don't last 15 rounds anymore, but only 12.

| 4/1/05 03:13:57 AM | Noam | same | same | 10 | Not sure what to make of it, but the news of the Hagler v Leonard fight is interesting. The Italian promoter who put the deal together must have lots of the folding stuff to offer the 7.85 million dollars winner take all. |
| 4/1/05 03:25:20 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | I have no desire to watch a Hagler-Lightweight rematch. La Spezia is a city in Liguria, in North-West Italy. |
| 4/1/05 07:42:06 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Fan: Norton showed heart against Holmes and to a lesser extent, against Ali. Both Holmes and Ali were brilliant boxers, tremendous champions—and in my mind, easily in the top 5 heavyweights ever. But, neither of them were feared power punchers. Norton could take their punch and fight back. He didn't fear them. Part of "heart" is overcoming intimidation and adversity to rise up—even if you end up losing. Jerry Quarry had tons of it. Jimmy Young showed it against Foreman, in a big way. Norton? Against guys who intimidated him, he folded. It's reminiscent of Michael Spinks against Tyson: No heart. Look at Buster Douglas against Tyson—it's not just that he won, but it's that he stood there and traded punches with him. He got clocked and got back up to fight back. So many times, Jerry Quarry was hurt badly but kept plowing ahead, trying his best to compete. That's heart. |
| 4/1/05 08:57:30 AM | Forest Ward | NYC | raymccormack2003@yahoo.com | 10 | It's interesting that we are talking about heart. I agree with much of what I read. Last night I was watching Cooney-Spinks. Cooney had no fire in his belly. Cooney had the opportunity to trade punches with Spinks mano a mano after the 1st knockdown. After all, prior to that knockdown Cooney was stalking Spinks the whole night with no success. Instead Cooney gets up and offers no resistance, and fold like a cheap suit. Cooney did the same thing with Foreman. Mr. Cooney was deficient in the "heart department."

Jerry was beyond shot when he fought Norton in late 1975. He was already shot in 1974, when he was decked by Joe

| 4/1/05 11:17:38 AM | Fan | USA | n/a | 10 | Jerry was beyond shot when he fought Norton in late 1975. He was already shot in 1974, when he was decked by Joe |
Alexander at the Nassau Coliseum and then, later that summer, destroyed by Frazier. I even think he was past his prime in December, 1973, when he beat Shavers. I know the KO of Shavers was huge, but look at the tape. I'm not sure that Jerry could have gone many more rounds had he not dispatched Ernie so quickly. He did not even look the same physically as he had at the beginning of the year when he gave Lyle a 12 round boxing lesson. I remember Mike saying that Jerry had prostituted himself by taking the Norton fight on two weeks notice in the condition he was in. Let's face it, he was not taking care of himself at the time, it is apparent by just looking at him in the films. That's why that fight bothers me so much. He was a faint shadow of the guy who fought a toe to toe war with an in-the-prime Frazier '69. Norton, on the other hand, with many fewer miles on the odometer, was obviously a dedicated fitness fanatic, probably driven by a huge ego.

Which is all a long way of saying that I agree with the poster who called Norton a jackass for the comments he made. It would be like Cooney writing a book in which he crowed about his destruction of Norton - talk about someone in need of a stretcher - as if he had beaten a Norton who was at the top of his game. Say what you want about Gerry Cooney, at least he never made the type of vicious comments about an opponent that Norton did about Jerry Quarry. Maybe Gerry didn't have enough killer instinct, but he was, and is, a decent person who continues to work helping former boxers who are in need, rather than shooting his mouth off for pay.

PS How many times did Jerry Quarry go out on his back, Ken? Oh, right, that's what I thought.

I agree with Forrest Ward, Jerry would have had a much better career if he was handled better, say like for example Carlos Palamino, but L.A. has always been a big fight town, number 2 to New York in my opinion, the L.A. press a bunch of chicken shit fools were vicious to JQ, Los Angeles Fighter's 90% end up punch drunk and broke, and nearly all were gladiators, very sad. Norton has disappointed me in his comments of JQ, but I respect Kenny even so, he did go out on his back, and like Jerry who had more guts then the French Foreign Legion combined did not. Take care!

I agree with Fan, Norton had a lot of heart and it was his chin that folded, not his will against punchers like Foreman, Shavers, and Cooney. Norton did show Jerry some respect in his book when he said that his bad feelings for Jerry went away after they hugged in the ring after a tough battle. I think his respect for Jerry resulted from him seeing how much guts Jerry had. Norton does acknowledge Jerry had a lot of heart in his book. I will be attending Riddick Bowe's fight on April 7 against a guy I have never heard of and can't think of his name off the top of my head. It is still more dangerous for Bowe to be getting in the ring again then when he was at or near his best and even though the opponent is a journeyman, Ron Cramner was a journeyman too and look what he did to Jerry when Jerry shouldn't have been in the ring. Also, Dale Crowe was a journeyman when he fought Greg Page and look what he did to Page. Let's hope Bowe doesn't get hurt in this one.

I have heard that Evander Holyfield will fight the German Heavyweight Champion (whose name I don't remember, he is less famous than Muhammad Ali') very soon. This guy is the same age as Evander and has a record of 25-6 or something close. Hey folks, what's going on in the boxing world? Today the average professional fighter is 61 years old!
with the Hagler/Leonard rematch thing.

About Norton. I looked up his record. He turned pro in 1967 and had 30 fights by the end of 1972. He won 31 of them but was ko'ed in 1970 by Jose Garcia. This was before my time and I've never heard of Garcia. Has anyone? I would have thought that if it was a lucky ko then Norton would have chased a rematch but there was no rematch.

Going through his first 32 pro fights, I don't recognize any of the names of the guys he beat. Reno, Clark, Woody, Herschel Jacobs, Massimo Cini, Vic Brown.... I mean, who were these guys?

It seems to me that Norton was plucked out of nowhere to fight Ali in March 1973. To be fair, given what I said about Frazier, I'd say that Norton was meant to be Ali's Stander or Daniels.

But Norton wasn't a lamb to the slaughter and he won. But he only did so over Ali who had a broken jaw and excuses. After the Ali victory, Norton virtually won nothing.

Sure he was more than competitive against Ali in the other two fights, but Ali suited his style. However, Norton only lasted 2 rounds against Foreman, he lost to Holmes and in the same round by Cooney.

As someone already said, when Norton beat Jerry in 1975, Jerry was already over the hill.

Comparing their careers, I believe, favours Jerry over Norton. Of course, I didn't live through that era and as such don't have real live memories as guys like Fan have, but Norton's record on paper is disappointing.

He then fought Ali in March 1973. I suppose by sheer weight of the number of his fights he had a ranking, but the quality of the opposition he fought raises doubts as to whether he deserved it.

Norton did beat Ali, but Ali had a broken jaw and had excuses.

So, between 1967 and 1972 did Norton win 31 out of 30 fights? He was really good! :-)

Norton fought Garcia a second time a few years later and knocked him out in five in an exciting slugfest as Fan from Fanland has kindly pointed out to us a while back.

I looked up Garcia's record and I learnt he was a wilt (6'4") but not very heavy guy (but in the second half of his career he got heavier by about 20 pounds (reaching about 210 pounds). His win against Norton was his best win, he had a good but not great career.

So, by using the slang "caught Massimo out" I guess you meant that the Hagler-Leonard rematch story was not true! I have to admit it, you made a fool of me. Pesce d'Aprile! Me an heavyweight I hope is good English, it sounds good a heavyweight I think we should go back at least at Leonardo Da Vinci's times!

Ken Norton did have a rematch with Jose Luis Garcia and knocked out Garcia in the 5th round in 1973 or 1974 or thereabouts.

Garcia was a South American who had a good punch but little else.

Henry Clark was a good heavyweight, I think he was even rated in the top 10 somewhere in his career and beat Machen twice, if I remember correctly. Norton also owes wins over Duane Bobick, Randall Cobb and Jimmy Young. What maybe I like the most in Norton's game are his body attacks, he was one of the best body punchers of the 70s.

Norton just got plain lucky and broke Ali's jaw early in their first fight? What if his awkward, crablike defence, from an enormously strong guy, just happened to protect him from Ali's particular brand of offence? Norton surviving Ali three times doesn't mean much to me. After all, other than the broken jaw, when did Norton ever really threaten Ali?

Who did
he ever beat?

| 4/2/05 03:20:28 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 |
| 4/2/05 04:57:53 PM | Noam | same | same | 10 |

Massimo, now you've caught me out. I meant he won 30 out of 31, of course, and I didn't read Norton's record properly when I said there was no rematch with Garcia. I must pay more attention and today I wear the dunce's hat. I still say that Norton's opponents in his first 31 fights were generally very substandard. Steve, I agree with what you are saying. Did you hear about the guy who swallowed the snooker ball? When he went to the crowded hospital the doctor told him to go wait on the end of the cue. Anyone know why Norton never fought Machen, London, Patterson, Spencer, Ellis, Mathis, Frazier, Chuvalo, Mac Foster, and all those other 'name' guys that Jerry fought but three months younger Norton didn't?

| 4/2/05 05:58:04 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 |

Noam- Me a Pope? No way! I have no religious believes and I think a good Pope should have religious believes. Religion is something totally out of my mentality. I think to be a very good guy, but dedicating (or to dedicate) all the life to something that (or which) doesn't even exist, I don't think is a good idea. I prefer to dedicate myself to other things. I had all the respect in the world for the Pope (even if I didn't always agree with him) and I am very sorry for what happened to him, but in my book he was just another human being, like me, you, Shaquille O'Neal, or Christ. I don't mean to be disrespectful with the believers, I am not Massimo "the truth" Cini, I am only (or just) Massimo "Who" Cini.

| 4/2/05 07:09:27 PM | Angelo | dc | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 |

Massimo---the nice thing about this Pope was that he agreed with you---he thought he was just another human being and that showed through in the places he visited and the people he stood up for. I'm Catholic---not the most religious guy in the world---try to do the right thing---and didn't always agree with this Pope either. But he really was an amazing man who will be missed. By the way, in his prime, he could have taken Norton easily!

| 4/2/05 07:55:10 PM | Fan | USA | n/a | 10 |

And, had he written about it, he would no doubt have had kind words for the vanquished Norton. Has any one noticed the late, great Holy Father's resemblance to another Son of Poland, Tony Zale? They were both as tough as nails.

| 4/3/05 02:11:44 AM | Howard C. | Louisville | howardc@louisville | 10 |

You don't have to be religious to admire someone like the late Pope. I've never been a believer, but I think this guy was the genuine thing when it came to putting others above his own welfare. It's a sad time. If all religious leaders had this guy's beliefs, then the world wouldn't be in the state it is currently in.

| 4/3/05 08:04:32 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 |

Thanks for the kind words. I know something about boxing because I like this sport very much, but there is people on this site who (or that) knows much more about boxing than me (Jimmy Dorsey, both fans, Kent etc.). I think the best fighter pound for pound was Sugar Ray Robinson. I haven't seen much of him, but what I saw was really impressive. He had all the weapons: he was powerful, could dance like Sugar Ray (oh what a fool, he was Sugar Ray), could take a punch, he could hit you with a left hook while he was going backwards etc. I think he was a much better overall fighter than Muhammad Ali'. But people like Bob Foster and Archie Moore are pretty close. This is my all time top ten heavyweights list
(but I change my mind very often on this issue)<br>1) Muhammad Ali' (maybe and however not by much)<br>2) Joe Louis<br>3) George Foreman<br>4) Sonny Liston<br>5) Larry Holmes<br>6) Rocky Marciano<br>7) Joe Frazier<br>8) Mike Tyson<br>9) Lennox Lewis<br>10) Riddick Bowe<br>PS: since I love Mozart's music with all my heart, I propose to dedicate the wonderful and immortal "Lacrimosa" from the wonderful and immortal Requiem k 626 to the memory of Giovanni Paolo II.<br>

4/3/05 09:05:17 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Massimo, although I am a protestant christian, it is not my calling to convert you into believing there is a God. It is a personal belief based on faith. However, since there is no direct physical evidence to support whether there is a God or not, than the best we can do scientifically is to say that we don't know if there is a God or not. Consider this though, the statement that "nothing can come from nothingness" is scientifically sound. So in other words the universe had to come from somewhere so even science points the way towards the possibility of a creator, hence a God of the universe who designed and created the universe and everything in it, including us, human beings.<br>

4/3/05 11:33:29 AM|Massimo |Roma||4||10|Kent Wondering about what happened before the Big Bang is nonsense because before the Big Bang TIME DIDN'T EVEN EXIST !!!!!!!!!!<br>Matter and time are not separated things. This Universe has 4 strictly connected (or bound) dimensions (the String Theories says that they are more than 4, maybe 11 if I remember well, but this is not proved yet, it's speculation). You can't have time if you don't have matter. That's absolutely sure ! At the time scientists cannot know whether on some planet in some other galaxie there are elephants with 3 legs and 8 eyes. There are billions of things that we can't know whether they exist or not. Also, even admitting that God exists, how do we know that He cares about us ? I think it's more likely that He doesn't care about us !!!!!!!

4/3/05 01:29:25 PM|Steve |NA||NA||10|Noam, sounds like a Brittish joke. I don't even know what snooker means. I do know that a cue is the Brittish term for a line. Noam, I had to laugh, but that joke was pretty bad.<br>

4/3/05 02:15:15 PM|Steve|na|na||10|Massimo, did all time, space, matter, which are the same thing, spring forth from a singularity. A point from God, which creates matter from nothing, which you say is impossible. God doesn't choose to allow you or I, or Einstien, to comprehend the "THEORY OF ALL THINGS." Will your ego really allow you to believe that in your little box of life, oh, say, 80 years, you will be allowed to understand the vastness of God's universe? Of time and space, and why the velocity of light is a rule God has chosen for us, to keep us in our humble little place in this vast universe. WONDERS TO EXPLORE!!

4/3/05 02:45:56 PM|Steve |NA||NA||10|Massimo, don't let your Education blind you to the beauty of life. Where do you think human kindness, morality, the beauty and incredible diversity of life on earth came from? Darwinism was one of God's tools!!

4/3/05 04:02:03 PM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville||10|Massimo - I assume Mozart called it the requiem because it was his final work.<br>Steve - human kindness means more when it comes from an atheist. Believers are kind because they fear unkindness will see them punished in hell. Atheists are kind because they believe it is the right thing to do. And if God wants the praise for creating kindness, then he must also take the blame for all the acts of unkindness in the world today.<br>Kent - the "nothing comes from nothingness" has relevance to religion as well. What contemporary proof exists that God (if he/she/it ever existed) is still alive today ? There is no proof. In fact, Kent, your "nothingness" rule disproves his existence. If God in fact exists, then he wouldn't allow all the atrocities in the modern world to have been committed. A loving, kind God would have intervened and stopped, for example, the Holocaust.<br>When I was raised a catholic, I often asked
Marist Brothers questions and, when they couldn't answer with proof about some religious belief, I was always told to have faith. But faith has no wordly, tangible existence. I'm an atheist, Kent, not because I don't want to believe, but because religion has such a nothingness about it. There is no proof other than faith, and faith is nothingness.

You show me the proof and I'll happily convert. In the meantime, I'm going to enjoy watching men beat up on each other (boxing), and I'm going to keep gambling, and drinking too much beer, despite the 10 Commandments.

If God is going to send me to hell for doing those things, then I'm gonna have plenty of drinking and gambling buddies doing time with me discussing Rocky, 'The Greatest', the punchers Frazier ducked, made guys in the Dead Parrot Society, etc. Just like I'm doing now.

It's hard to predict how much we human beings will be able to understand of the Universe. But look, if you think about it, Physics started with Galileo Galilei only about 400 years ago. It's really impressive how many things we have been able to learn in 400 years. 400 years are almost nothing. What will we be able to do in, say, 1000 years, or 10000 years or 100000 years? It's really impossible to predict! All the human emotions and feelings are somewhere in our brain, the most sophisticated object in the Universe. That's no doubt about it. That's why an ictus often change a person's emotivity and caracter (or temper). Physics doesn't destroy the poetry of life, absolutely not!|

Yes, it was his final work and one of the greatest things ever written, as well. Unfortunately he wasn't able to finish it, and died at 35. He was the greatest! There will probably never be another Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

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I was thinking, following the so common logic that in a single moment God created the Universe, I wonder... What was He doing before creating the Universe? Was He reading a book? And before? And before? And before? Don't you see how all this story sounds weird?

It will make you a stronger, better man or women. I'm not stupid, I don't practise any formal religion, and I don't believe in hell. I believe our time here on earth is just an obstacle we must get through, and then God will forgive us all. All the bad stuff that happennd in your life won't mean a thing when you draw that last, scary breath, and meet your maker.

One more thing, where do people like Mozart get their incredible gifts to create such beautiful music and often with such ease, while others, as hard as they try and want to do the same thing but never will be able to?

I believe the beauty
that was in Mozart came from God. | 4/3/05 08:11:17 PM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Steve - not for one second am I suggesting that you are stupid, or that anyone else here is stupid simply because they have a differing view on religion to me. Perhaps there is a God, and I am the stupid one, but I don't think so based on the information I have and the proof religious theorists can't give me. You say that you can't prove your love for parents. I think you're wrong. You prove love by the way you treat people, the same as you prove hatred by the way you mistreat people. Love and hate are for all intents and purposes tangible things that you can prove exists by your behaviour. Likewise, someone can prove they have faith by praying a lot. Whilst that proves they are faithful to their God, it doesn't prove that the God exists. It merely serves to prove that they believe it. I can't imagine what you went through with war, but I've been in life threatening situations and I've seen people die numerous times, from natural illnesses, extreme violence, and accidents. Some involved innocent youngsters and harmless elderly. My views about religion strengthened through those experiences. It was through those experiences that I discarded the catholic beliefs I was raised on. But that's just my personal opinion on religion and, while I hope there is something nice after this life, I can't believe that there is. The important thing, in my opinion, is how people are character wise, despite religious beliefs, or culture, etc. For my part I've never been a thief or a criminal and neither have any of my family and friends. I think that everyone who visits this site (made up of the Dead Parrot Society included) are also good people, even if our views on life, politics, religions, and boxing differ.

| 4/4/05 03:22:23 AM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Steve - I'd like to add one more comment before never mentioning the subject again. Recently a relative of mine, who was deeply religious all of her almost 101 years, got very sick. I never told her that I was an atheist because, given that she went to Mass nearly every day of the week, it would have upset her. I also figured how comforting religion was for her. She was on her death bed with the absolute belief that because she had lived such an honest life (pure as you can be she was), she was destined for heaven. I knew I couldn't discourage that wonderful belief. Even though I don't believe in it, religion is a good thing because practitioners of it try to be honest. If it gives them comfort on their death bed, then that is good too. Atheists like Massimo and me will not have that comfort, but at least, in our minds anyway, we won't die deluded. I hope this makes sense.|

| 4/4/05 05:04:23 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|THANKS FOR THE KIND WORDS MASSIMO, YOU SEEM LIKE A VERY NICE GUY, WHO LIKES BOXING, AND A GOOD LAUGH. AND ALTHOUGH I'M NOT THE FAN, I ONCE WAS. THIS SITE IS VERY ENTERTAINING, I JUST HATE HOW THESE GLADIATORS GO OUT. AND 90 % OF THE TIME, WITH NOTHING $$$.HEY HOW'S STOOGE STEVE??AND KENT?|

| 4/5/05 01:46:54 AM|Kent |Murrieta, Ca||Kentallenent@aol.com|||10|hEY JIMMY D,
SHUT UP YA LUNKHEAD! WOB WOB WOB A KNUK KNUK KNUK!<br><br>OH A WISEGUY EH? EYE POKES ARE IN ORDER!<br><br>[4/5/05 03:26:15 AM]Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|10|Angelo - I hope your right and I'm wrong. Perhaps you, Kent, and Steve have convinced Massimo and he has decided to apply for that other job and that explains why he isn't posting.|<br>[4/5/05 05:22:52 AM]Massimo|Roma|10|I would have liked to be a Pope in the ancient times when they have money, power and women, but not now.|<br>[4/5/05 11:04:48 AM]Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|10|If anyone is interested, I have an article on the Retired Boxers Foundation website in the RBF news section about the Riddick Bowe fight that is happening this week.<br><br>No, the photo on the top of the news section is not me, but it does kind of look like me when I was a little thinner. The photo is of the guy who edits the news section.<br><br>There is also a photo on the site of Alex Ramos, former middleweight boxer who is director of the foundation. Alex is a great guy who does a lot to help fighters who need help after they retire.|<br>[4/5/05 03:58:01 PM]Steve |NJ||dmmsrm@comcast.net|10|HEY, JIMMY D.WHERE THE HECH YOU BEEN? I JUST HIRED A GUY TO FIX MY COMPUTOR! I HOPE I CAN E-MAIL YOU NOW. YOU KNUCKLE HEAD! |<br>[4/5/05 04:24:45 PM]Steve |NJ||NA|10|I would not for a moment presume to impose my beliefs on Howard, Noam, or Massimo. Except in boxing, where I am almost always correct. These posters are obviously very intelligent people with a pretty well balanced outlook on life. Their experience's in life have led them to their own philosophies and accomadations for the way humans and nature behave. I'm sure they've all pondered the question of way bad and good stuff happens. Is it luck, fate, or probability? Hey Kent, I can never remember who recorded that song, "I've been searchin, so long, to find a meaning". Was it the Beach Boys or Chicago?|<br>[4/5/05 05:29:48 PM]Kent|same||same|10|Steve, you chowderhead, for the fifth time, it is Chicago.|<br>[4/5/05 06:36:47 PM]Noam|same|10|Massimo<br>\If you want money, power, and women, you should want to be the two Dons: Trump and King. You shouldn't want to be like say, Mike Tyson, who has run out of money, his power is on the wane, and his women don't always volunteer. <br><br>You shouldn't want to be like Michael Jackson either. There is speculation about his money, I'm not sure about his power, and I think women are not on his mind, especially at the moment.<br><br>Kent has plenty of money. As a boxing writer he is powerful. As a single and rich and powerful guy, he has single women falling over themselves. Therefore Massimo, you must want to be Donald Trump, Don King, or even Kent.<br><br>[4/5/05 06:37:53 PM]Steve |nj||dmmsrm@comcast.net|10|Kent, yes, I am a chowderhead, as you so kindly put it, without an inch of compassion for my failing memory. My problem is, I can't find the album. What's the name of the Chacago album? I always knew you American Native savages were without remorse.|<br>[4/5/05 07:03:32 PM]Steve |NJ||dmmsrm@comcast.net|10|Kent, since you've chosen to hurt my feelings by calling me a chowderhead, which, even though I don't what a chowderhead is, I can only assume is not a compliment. Do you know, that almost all of the trouper at the "Little Big Horn" where dumb ass Irish conscripts, fresh off the boat, who had no Idea of combat against skillfull, expert combat infantry, and calvary, which is what the sioux warriors where?|<br>[4/5/05 08:34:43 PM]Kent|same|10|Steve, a chowderhead from one stooge to another is an honor. A KNUCK! KNUCK! KNUCK! Just like when I called Jimmy D a lunkhead.<br><br>I don't know what album that song is on either but I do have it on a greatest hits CD.<br><br>[4/5/05 08:49:51 PM]Kent|La Habra. Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|10|Noam, while I am doing better fianaically than I used to, I am not really rich, yet. In ten years, who knows? No sadly, the women don't throw themselves at me.
Maybe because I have the same tail as Michael Moore (but not most of his views about things).<br>As far as power, I am a small fry in the boxing scheme of things just hoping to continue to get my passes into events. | [4/5/05 08:58:59 PM]Steve | nj||dmmarm@comcast.net| | 10|Hey, Kent, I'm just fooling around with you. Don't take a lot of what I say too seriously. | [4/6/05 08:01:14 AM]Angelo | Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com| | 10|Kent: If Riddick Bowe gives an impressive performance, is that a bad thing or a good thing? I hate to say it, but I almost think it's a bad thing. It will be encouragement to keep going and eventually get in the ring with someone who could mess him up. Even worse, can anyone say "Golata Rematch"? | [4/6/05 08:39:21 AM]Massimo | Roma||4| | 10|I was rewatching Ali'-Norton 2, one of my favorite fights. I think Norton deserved at least a draw, but anyway the fight was so close that it could go either way and the judges didn't deserve to go to jail for scoring it in favor of Ali' by a split decision. It's really impressive how tough that fight was for Muhammad; it was much tougher than the Foreman fight. Ali' took some terrible shots in that fight! Norton won his rounds in a far more convincing way than Ali' did. At the end of the fight Ali' was so upset by his own performance and so angry that almost hit Bundini Brown with a right hand lead. | [4/6/05 03:13:05 PM]Noam | same||same| | 10|Massimo, I just realized that for 44 years the popes have been named John or Paul. Isn't it time we got a Ringo or George? Regarding Ali....because of his celebrity, his opponents were at their best to fight him. Before they got in the ring against Ali, they trained much harder for him than they did for other fights. | [4/6/05 03:46:48 PM]Noam | Roma||4| | 10|That's one of the reasons I rate Ali' as the no.1, even if not by a wide margin, as (or because at 25%) he didn't dominate the heavyweight division and won many fights with lots of pain and sweat. | [4/6/05 08:41:27 PM]Steve | NA||NA| | 10|Hey Noam and Massimo, It's great to hear that you very intelligent posters are having such a good time with the death of the Pope. Hey Noam, I've never heard of a Muslim terrorist who didn't have Muhammad in his name. Yeah, a freak of nature basketball player, or a sixties rock-'roll drummer would be a good name for a new Pope. How about Pope Shaquille Muhammad, or Pope Ringo Shaquille? Massimo, you really seem to admire American basketball players. Consider their all 6'8", playing on the same courts, same basket heights as every 5'10" kid in America. If Jerry Quarry was 7'2", and weighed 300 lbs., he'd have biff slapped O'Neal to death. | [4/7/05 12:39:14 AM]Noam | same||same| | 10|Steve, I get no pleasure from the Pope's death, but I always look on the bright side of life. As popes go, he was a good one, although I don't know much about them. | [4/7/05 01:45:18 AM]Steve | Roma||4| | 10|I admire Shaquille O'Neal because, besides being such a dominating player [but anyway a bum in comparison to (or with) Wilt], he is a very generous guy, never involved in bad things, always helping people when he can and with a very good sense of humor. The Lakers with him won 3 consecutive NBA titles, without him they are not even able to get the playoff. Who ever heard about the Miami Heat before Shaq? Now they have a record of 82-0! Besides that, he wears a size 22 shoe. I think I would wear 7 or 7.5 in Arizona. | [4/7/05 11:03:30 AM]Fan | Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com| | 10|Enjoyed the replay of Braxton-Saad Muhammad I (Franklin) from the other night. Light Heavy was incredible in the late 70's-early 80's. Marvin Johnson vs Saad-Muhammad II is one of the better action fights in history. Throw in the rest of the contenders and it was the best era ever for light-heavyweights. Two Quarry's fought in the golden era of their respective divisions! |
4/7/05 11:11:56 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Pope John Paul II how about Pope George Ringo 1?

4/8/05 01:18:09 AM|Noam|same||same|||10|Way to go Kent, now you're getting the hang of things. I'd prefer Pope Ringo George. Perhaps even Pope Oscar after you-know-who from the Mustang Ranch.

4/8/05 04:48:51 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I have a report up on the retired boxers foundation website about the Bowe card. It is in the RBF news section.<br><br>Bowe, at times showed a good left jab and he landed a few, but only a few right hands that hurt his opponent, Billy Zumbrun, but Zumbrun hurt Bowe on more occasions and I had him winning the number of rounds 5-4-1. Bowe did knock him down once with a hard body shot and Zumbrun had a point deducted for using his shoulder on Bowe, so Bowe on my card wins by only one point.<br><br>Two of the crazy judges saw Bowe winning by four points while the third judge voted for Zumbrun. The crowd loudly booed the verdict.<br><br>I hope Bowe retires but if he doesn't, he had better fight in better shape. He weighed 280 pounds.<br><br>If you saw the broadcast on Fox Sports Network, then you heard James Toney, the guest commentator, say Bowe should go back to the institution. John Salley, former basketball player who is about as Wilt as Wilt also said Bowe lost.<br><br>I watched the broadcast that I taped at home after I sent in my report and Bowe looked a little better on TV than in person but I still think he needs to stay retired before he gets hurt. | 4/8/05 07:56:11 PM|Steve |NJ||NA|||10|Hey Noam, Kent, and Massimmo, I can take a hint, and will back off religion if you guys will. I just watched guys who looked like they were in shape, but had zero boxing skills, in a ring closed in with wire, beat each other to a pulp. The strategy seems to be, land one good punch, then throw your opponent to the floor, and jump on top, and punch his face off. Hell, I could have done that in high school. If that's the new sports entertainment, then we have zero chance of cleaning up boxing.

4/8/05 08:06:37 PM|Steve|NA||na|||10|The very strict rules or boxing, are what keeps it such a demanding, restrictive sport. I hate to see these watered down versions on TV.

4/9/05 01:24:04 AM|Ed|Cicero n y||mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|Kent, I saw part of Bowe fight and I thought he looked horrible. He let his unknown opponent pin him to ropes and hurt him. Bowe should definitely retire. Of course an argument could be made if he should retire what about the guys he is beating.

4/9/05 02:02:34 AM|Noam|same||same|||10|Steve, I wasn't trying to be offensive with that stuff, I was just playing with the subject. I hope you didn't take me wrongly, as I meant no disrespect to anyone's beliefs. I think I'd feel sorry for Bowe if I saw him in the ring again. I don't want to watch him fight. He never seemed like a guy who fought because it was in his blood and he loved it. So I guess he's doing it again for money. Anyone know his reasons for coming back?

4/9/05 02:38:38 AM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|Steve - I don't pretend to be the truth on the religion subject, I just think what my poor, small and limited brain suggest me to think. I'm free to be what I want to be and to think what I want to think, just like everyone else. And my name is Massimo Cini. I'm worried for Bowe, for Tyson and for Evandro "the Real Nut" Camposanto. Michele Geraldo is gonna (and not pantaloni) fight a guy in June (whose name is Kevin McBride) who is twice wilter and andreeer than he is. I don't think it's gonna be an easy fight for Tyson. Boxing is such a dangerous sport (although it's so exciting also) for everyone, let alone for these old fighters who have already taken millions of punches throughout (or even during) their careers.

4/9/05 12:41:37 PM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|Kent - I was wondering, did you stand next to John Salley?

4/9/05 12:45:46 PM|Steve |NJ||NA|||10|Hey Noam and Massimo, jeez, are you guys touchy? Noam, your sense of humor is irreverent and incorrigible, and that's a good thing! I think Howard C. should include you as a made member of the Dead Parrot's...
Society. You've even got Kent cracking jokes!!!!!
Hey Massimo, I didn't mean to imply that you personally had a small brain. Your brain is probably only slightly larger than mine. You just use a lot more of yours than I do mine.

| 4/9/05 01:24:18 PM | Steve | nj | dmmsrm@comcast.net | | | 10 | Kent, in my opinion, the reason you can't drum up any interest in the Retired Boxer's Foundation is because guys like Bowe and Hollyfield keep fighting. Who wants to donate money to a retirement fund when there is no legal way to make these guys stop fighting until they destroy themselves? I would have gladly given money to Jerry Quarry, but what happened to him was before anyone except Sen. John McLain ever seemed to understand the severity of the boxing problem. |
| 4/9/05 01:30:05 PM | Massimo | Roma | | | | 10 | Steve—>br><br>I know that you didn't mean to imply that, Steve, my brain is big enough to understand that. No problem, I just wanted to say that my opinion ain't that important. |

| 4/9/05 02:38:31 PM | Steve | nj | dmmsrm@comcast.net | | | 10 | Massimo, yes, you dumbass, your opinion does mean a lot on this website! I value your opinions on every subject we discuss on this website. Even though your a communist non believer. |

| 4/9/05 02:49:58 PM | Steve | NJ | dmmsrm@comcast.net | | | 10 | Massimo, I am not a very good typist, and sometimes I kid too much. In Jersey, if you a good piasan, we bust each other's balls. I think of you as a good friend. |
| 4/9/05 03:18:38 PM | Massimo | Paisaland | | | | 10 | Grazie Steve, it's the same for me! Yes, I'm a non believer, but I'm not a communist. I just hate communism. It's a wrong and illogical way of thinking which did never work in this world. It did never work for one simple reason: IT'S ILLOGICAL AND WRONG! <br>Alex P. Keaton |
| 4/9/05 05:44:01 PM | Noam | same | same | | | 10 | Tiger Woods will win the Masters. Why not name him as pope? Think about it. Catholics with big butts would be motivated to exercise more by playing golf. And it would be good for golf because more people would be playing it. A win/win situation. Pope Tiger! |

| 4/10/05 04:33:15 AM | Dikembe "Big finger" Mutombo | Paisaland | | | | 10 | Cat Woods is the greatest champion in the most boring sport in the world... Baseball is a thrill in comparison !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! |
| 4/10/05 06:19:07 PM | Noam | same | same | | | 10 | Massimo, that play-off wasn't boring! Go wash your mouth out with soap. I wonder whether Pope Tiger can box too. |
| 4/11/05 12:43:44 PM | Steve | na | na | | | 10 | Noam, I guess I know what your second favorite sport is: What make's you think playing golf will get rid of a big butt? C'mon, these guys drive around in carts! There's only one way to have a nice, taut, shapely butt, and that's to be less than 45 years old! |
| 4/11/05 01:18:13 PM | Steve | na | na | | | 10 | Kent, I've just read an article on Eastside boxing. There is talk of a Hollyfield vs Tyson 3! Now, Hollyfield's gotta be worth a few million dollars, and Tyson's making a comeback, which will probably net him a few million. Nothing personal against you, but how can we expect any one to take the retired Boxers program seriously, when these guys are still getting state approved permits to fight? |
| 4/11/05 03:12:49 PM | Massimo | Paisaland | | | | 10 | Tyson is gonna have his ass kicked by Kevin McBride in June, while Hollyfield is gonna lose against a German guy whose name I don't remember. <br>Ich kenne seine name nicht! I think Evandro wouldn't be able to beat me in this moment of his career! So, I don't think there will never be Holyfield-Tyson 3. At least, not soon. |
| 4/11/05 03:18:40 PM | Howard C. | Louisville | | | | 10 | Anyone remember a guy named Jeff Feneck or Fennech? Not sure of the spelling. He was a dual or triple world champion in the lower weights from Australia. Feneck is over here training Tyson for the McBride fight. I suppose anything is worth a try. |
| 4/11/05 03:41:57 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | | | | 10 | What's the deal? Will Tyson fight on network television? HBO or will it be pay per view nonsense? If he's the headline, who will pay to watch him? Why would anyone
pay 40 or 50 dollars to watch a 40 year old guy whose best years were in the 1980's? Is it people who want to see him get trounced? | 4/11/05 04:08:47 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Steve, The Retired Boxers Foundation does all that it can to help fighters who need help after they retire. Even great fighters can often be forgotten when they are no longer of use to the promoters and the fans. Sure there is a lot of work to do but Alex Ramos' group, does all that it can help fighters in the mean time and it is up to the rest of us to try and get legislation passed for the improvement of boxing. TJQF, with a lot of help from George Otto, has and will continue to press for better governing in the sport.<br><br>RBF (retired boxers foundation) still is needed to help the fighters and likely still will be needed even if legislation is passed for things like a national commision.<br><br>I hope people visit RBF's site and at least read Alex "The Bomber" Ramos' story. He is absolutely an extraordinary man and he has my full support in any way I can help him and his group and their cause.<br><br>A national commision would go a long way to make licensing requirements strickter and as Mr. Jimmy here at TJQF supported and I continue to support, is a rule that fighters should have to pass a yearly brain scan exam and if any sign of permanent damage is found, then that fighter would no longer be allowed to get a license to box regardless if the fighter showed no symphoms. <br><br>Jerry Quarry actually took a brain scan in 1983 and he showed signs of damage, even if physical signs were not visible, but he was still granted a license to fight twice that year. <br><br>Shame to those who that let it happen in Colorado in 1992, he was allowed to fight there and I believe this was the straw that broke the camel's back to cause his downward slide in just a few years later.<br><br>If Jerry would have been denied a license to fight anywhere when he first showed brain damage in 1983, then I believe he would still be with us today.| 4/11/05 06:36:42 PM|Fan|USA||n/a|||10|  Re: assistance for former fighters, you can also check out Gerry Cooney's FIST (Fighters' Initiative for Support and Training) at www.helpboxers.org. It's a pretty interesting site, with a number of photos, including Gerry and his present day pal Larry Holmes. Nice to see them working together for a good cause.| 4/12/05 08:56:33 AM|Forest Ward|NYC||raymccormack2003@yahoo.com|||10| Fan, you are my man, I think you know that by now. But I got some bad news. Cooney's program FIST is basically a vehicle to promote and enrich Gerry Cooney. Most non profit organizations (at least the legitimate ones) are very willing to open their books and let the public see where the money is going. This is especially important when looking at the nonprofit's ratio of expenses vs. donations to charity. Cooney's organization is very secretive about this. I remember learning Fist's ratio for a given year and it was something like 85% for expenses and 15% for charity. That is pathetic! Cooney's wife is on the payroll for FIST and is getting big bucks, certainly a lot more that she would in the real world, and for a lot less work.<br><br>Cooney uses FIST to promote himself. If you ask Gerry Cooney to appear at an event he charges for his appearance. No problem with that, right? Wrong! The public assumes Cooney's appearance is gratis, or that any fee he receives goes to FIST. It doesn't, any fee he gets goes to Gerry Cooney.<br><br>Now, I know some people on this site will say to me, where is your proof? Well, it is not up to me to prove it. It is up to Cooney to open up his books and disprove what I and other are saying. How did I learn this? I learned about this at RING 8 in NYC from someone who knows the whole story, and told this to me off the record. RING 8 is an organization that actually helps down and out fighters. They recently had Kid Gavilans body removed from a basically unmarked grave to a beautiful grave sight, at considerable expense. Cooney is running a hustle.| 4/13/05 12:43:29 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||moosey goofy@aol.com|||10|Forest, Good points u bring up about fake charities and ripping people off. Its especially galling when done by a celebrity who people tend to trust. Lets hope if what u
say is true, he gets enough negative exposure that people won't contribute. 

Let's hope people will be careful who they give to on things and check expense ratios...imo if its a charity nearly 100% should be distributed, somebody shouldn't be begging money from people and then drawing big salaries.

Forest, I don't doubt that you have been told what you've related here. However, before we convict Gerry Cooney (and his wife) of what are reprehensible criminal offenses, let's check our facts. I will attempt to do so on this end, if for no other reason than it seems other posters are willing to condemn Cooney based on no more than what you've heard. Right off the bat, I would consider motive. I question whether Gerry is in such dire need of money that he would jeopardize all by committing the felonies you've ascribed to him. As far as self promotion, I'm not sure this effort, if it's what drives him, has been successful. When was the last time you saw Cooney in the public eye?<br>    I must also infer that Larry Holmes and the other fighters and public figures who are involved in FIST are either Cooney's naive dupes (however, I presume that in their circles, they would be privy to what you've heard) or are co-conspirators and criminally liable as well. Frankly, neither interpretation holds water. I will endeavor to learn more and get back to you. I would close by suggesting that common decency demands that SOME credible evidence (not rank hearsay) be presented before slandering the good name of another. 

Pan, you made a lot of good points. And I hope your are successful in getting to bottom of this. What Cooney is doing to my knowledge is not a crime. There are a lot of charities that exist that do not break any laws. But there distribution of donations are horrible. Look at the scandal with the 9/11 charities not too long ago. Organizations such as the American Red Cross, the Hollywood telethon, the Firefighters Union among others were accused of diverting the donations for other purposes rather than they were intended for, namely, the victims families. This only became clear when there was such a loud out cry from the media (especially Bill O'Reilly), that they opened up their books, and then admitted to their wayward ways. Cooney's ratio of expenses to charitable donations is terrible.

Regarding Larry Holmes any other celebrities involved in this cause, they are getting paid to make appearances at Cooney's events. Why should they complain, and I doubt that Cooney has shown them his books and finacial statements. This whole matter could be settled if Cooney opened his books up. Fat chance of that. Cooney does not need the money? Few wealthy people do not want to make more money, including Cooney. Finally, Cooney craves attention, this is way of staying in the spotlight, and having people say what a nice guy he is. Believe me Cooney and his charity are not what they are cracked up to be.

I do know that Gerry Cooney does some good but it is wrong if he is making a lot of money for doing so. A modest salary would not be a problem though. I hope that allegations of Cooney, at the least, making more money than he should does not discourage people from giving to some of the other organizations we have mentioned. If there is actually a bad apple in the group, it doesn't mean they all are bad. 

Forrest's information is wrong---but I suspect that where there's smoke, there might be fire. So many charities end up top heavy---paying for administrative fees and salaries, while very little money goes for the actual cause, that it wouldn't surprise me if what Forrest says is true. On the other hand, I hope it's just someone with an axe to grind against Cooney, and they are blowing it out of proportion. From what I've seen of Cooney, he seems sincere. If his wife draws a salary, even a bit puffed up, I don't mind as long as she's working. If Cooney charges for personal appearances, again, it doesn't matter,
as long as a good portion of donations make it to former boxers in need. I read in the Wall Street Journal recently that Don Imus' Ranch (Charity Ranch for kids with serious illness) is corrupt. Imus has cronies on the payroll and uses the ranch as a personal getaway—they use charity funds to hire a chef and assistants, and Imus goes there and has the chef make meals for him and uses the amenities. Illegal? I doubt it. Unethical? Depends who you ask. The cost factor is upside down—millions of dollars raised, HUNDREDS of kids served per year—but parents say the kids experience there is first rate. Same might hold true for Cooney. By the way, I was having lunch at a DC institution, Ben's Chili Bowl on U Street, and a FOX News reporter came in to ask me for some comments on Mike Tyson's upcoming fight in DC. I gave her a quick interview, but I don't think they used it on the newscast. Who knows, maybe they'll use it when the fight draws closer.

4/15/05 01:36:30 AM|My name is Massimo|del bel paese la' dove 'l si' sona (XXXIII, Hell)||warrencoolidgeisthegreatest.com|||10|Yesterday night, in Paisaland, ESPN showed Marvin "Humble" Hagler vs Eugenio "Ciclone" Hart. What a great fight it was!!!!! It was a Frazier-Quarry 1 for smaller people. The heavyweight division is my favourite division, but I like very much the 70's and 80's middleweight division too. Marvin Hagler, Roberto Duran, Tommaso Hearns, Iran Barkley, Zucchero Ray Leonard, Eugenio Hart, Benito Briscoe were all exciting fighters. Eugenio was a very dangerous puncher with probably a weak chin. He fought a great fight against Hagler; he fought toe to toe (it means "alla pari") with one of the greatest pound for pound: MARVIN "HUMBLE" HAGLER. When he quit on his stool, for no apparent reason, after the eight round he was doing very well. Marvin Hagler vs Eugenio Hart was a great fight, a fight for collectors, a fight to watch over and over again.

4/16/05 05:03:34 AM|George Otto|Youngston, Ohio|ehnpbsa@aol.com|||10|A recent article and comments posted on the East Side boxing site regarding the federal government controlling boxing contains many good ideas and thoughts. Let me add a few more as one who has reviewed the boxing organizational scene and commented on it for almost 10 years for no pay as the chief counsel/legislative director of the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing and the Jerry Quarry Foundation. Since WWII, boxing has declined to the level of a niche sport—one that only attracts attention at periodic periods of time. College athletics, basketball, football, baseball, golf, hockey, tennis, and other sports have long surpassed boxing as an object of consistent interest. Furthermore, proportionately, the boxing business has declined. A huge reason has been a lack of credibility and honesty and integrity that other sports have—along with a central authority over the bulk of the matches/games/contests. This has happened even on an international basis. Boxing has never had a central authority to bring order to its chaos. The people making the most money have earned it today with no thought or concern about the future or the ongoing growth of the sport—which has inevitably resulted in its overall decline. That is why boxing needs a central authority. And, if the private sector refuses to do it (which it has for more than 60 years), then having the federal government, which does some things well when the public holds it accountable, constitutes the only viable alternative. For those who want change this has to happen. For those who do not want change, they will see a continued decline in the overall condition of the sport—particularly in terms of making money and taking care of the fighters. Finally, as is true of most solutions such as this, there are both winners and losers from a financial and emotional standpoint. However, the mission and purposes of TJQF (the Jerry Quarry Foundation) and the AAIB (the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing) are to improve boxing, not to make everyone happy, glad, prosperous, amused, or feeling fulfilled. And hence these comments. Finally, the John McCain bill to set up a federal boxing commission is back before Congress again this session.
Thank you for the update Mr. Otto. I have written articles for Eastside Boxing for four years and recently I have been covering boxing for The Retired Boxers Foundation, Alex Ramos' group, who help fighters when they are in need after retirement.

I know Alex would like to see some sort of retirement packages for fighters and I agree wholeheartedly. Recently I covered the Riddick Bowe fight and I walked a fine line between stating that I don't think Bowe should fight again while at the same time not being critical of the promoter, the TV network, and the venue, which could make me lose my passes to events. I have mixed feelings about this but what can I do? I would like to see fighters have to pass brain scans and be denied licenses if damage is at all present. Would a national commission help in doing this?

I'm looking forward to see Giacomo "Luci spente" Toney vs Giovanni "Yawn" Ruiz. The most talented and bragging heavyweight in the world against the most boring one. They almost had a brawl in the press conference. Giacomo is gonna take Giovanni to school, I think is gonna be an easy fight for Giacomo. But I don't think Giacomo can beat Vitali.

Hi everyone. I'm in Rome, applying for a job. I won't know for another week whether I'll get it, but the gig will set me up for life if I do and I'm quietly confident. Pray everyone.

Roma, welcome in Roma and good luck for your job !!!!!!! Unfortunately, it's raining hard today in Roma (SOB ! ).

I've found a nice bar to while away the time and keep dry. I'll walk outside occasionally to see whether smoke is coming out of that chimney. It's in God's hands how much I'll drink.

Roma has some good things and some bad ones. The city ain't ugly but there is a lot of traffic and the buses and the subway don't work very well. You need a lot of patience to live in Roma.

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Now I see, so you are in Roma for the Conclave and to have fun ! A lot of people is coming in Roma in these days, I hope everything is gonna be all right ! Roma has some good things and some bad ones. The city ain't ugly but there is a lot of traffic and the buses and the subway don't work very well. You need a lot of patience to live in Roma.

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I have at least five candidates as "PINNACLE" of the sport. Ali'-Foreman 1974; Mc Enroe b Connors 6-1/6-1/6-2 Wimbledon final 1984; Warren Coolidge humiliates Bill Russell 1982 (5 Luglio 1982); Rossi 5', Socrates 12', Rossi 25',
Falcao 68', Rossi 75' | 
[4/19/05 10:57:26 AM] Massimo | Roma | LoquisneLatine?.com ||| 10 | NUNTIO VOBIS GAUDIUM MAGNUM, HABEMUS PAPAM !!!! <br> Er habt immer recht !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! | 
[4/19/05 04:20:36 PM] Noam | same | same ||| 10 | Massimo, I guess you know by now that I missed out to Cardinal Rapsinger from Germany. The Hitler Youth bit in his cv did it for him. Still the conclave has been great party and I can't wait till the next one. Ciao. | 
[4/19/05 05:15:41 PM] Abner Goldstein | Carver High School | whiteshadow.com ||| 10 | I was there when Warren C played Bill Russell one on one and Russell was a lot better than Coolidge was. | 
[4/19/05 08:28:00 PM] Steve | NJ | dmmsrm@comcast.net. ||| 10 | Angelo, I read with great interest your post from 4/13/05. Since I have never been approached by a reporter, and asked for an opinion on an upcoming fight, I can only assume you are a well known boxing celebrity. Are you Angelo Dundee? If you are, you have my utmost respect and admiration. I must ask about Ali's much vaunted ability to twist his punches in some way to cause cuts. The little boxing experience I've had, led me to believe that you should always turn your fist over when connecting. That is, palms down, knuckles on the target. | 
[4/20/05 04:01:42 AM] Massimo | Roma ||| 10 | How wilt is Raitzinger? I wonder why nobody seems to care about that! What really impressed me in the Coolidge-Russell one on one legendary game was that Russell was wilter than Coolidge! Unbelievable, wilter than Coolidge!!!!!!! Bill Russell is one hell of a wilt guy! | 
[4/20/05 07:18:37 AM] Massimo | Roma ||| 10 | Last night I have seen George Foreman in a show on NBC. He talked about his grills and other things. George said that he was ready to come (or coming) back in the ring when he was 55, but his wife didn't allow him to do that. He was asked: what's the right age for a fight to retire and he answered: "The fighter has to be married, if he ain't married he can keep on fighting forever!". He also said that Tyson is still a dangerous fighter and that he is sharpening his teeth to get back in the ring! I was impressed about George Foreman's English. George Foreman can actually speak a very good English! I have been studying English for a while now (even if not regularly) but my English is nowhere close George Foreman's English. | 
[4/20/05 04:16:55 PM] Angelo | Washington, DC || funktron@yahoo.com ||| 10 | Steve: No, I'm not the famous Angelo Dundee. Actually, the reporter from FOX was desperate (and she was not bad looking!) and came to my table asking if any of us had a reaction to Tyson fighting in DC. My co-worker said "You've GOT to talk to her--you're a big boxing fan" and that was all the reporter needed to hear to practically take my food away from me until I gave her the interview. The angle she worked was that a few years ago, Tyson tried to sign to fight in DC and there were a bunch of protests and the fight was moved. She asked if the controversy would continue and I said no, people have short memories and the fight will happen. I told her that since Tyson is a knockout artist, people will always pay to see him with the hopes that the fight will end in a KO--and that he can still be dangerous. It was actually a somewhat bogus reaction from me and it was weird being put on the spot like that--I imagine with a lot of practice I could put my words together to be a good public speaker and I have called into radio shows numerous times and did a good job--but the camera and lights and microphone shoved in my face got me a bit nervous! It was fun though, even though I don't think they used the clip on the news. | 
[4/21/05 12:05:22 AM] Ed | Cicero n y || mooseygoop@aol.com ||| 10 | Mass, <br> George was born in U S so of course he speaks good English...I guarantee your English is better then his Italian. | 
[4/21/05 02:56:27 AM] Massimo | Roma ||| 10 | Ed - <br> I like this new Pope very much, Ed! <br> It's so funny to have (or having) a Pope who speaks Italian with German accent. I like the German Language and I actually have been studying
German in the last few months but... The Italian Language in the mouth of a German guy is so funny! "Questo giorno di gioia" in his mouth becomes "Qvesto ciorno di cioia " Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Anyone see "Ring of Fire," last night on USA, it was great. I met Emile Griffith for the 1st time in 1968. Over the years I have run into on many occassions. The show presented him very accurately. You will be hard put to find a nicer person than Emile. He has always been a decent and wonderful person.

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he has worked with since Rooney, and now I think the right trainer can make a big difference. <br> Tyson will do fine until he is hurt and fighting on automatic and then his bad habits that have become automatic over the years take over such as, loading up and throwing one punch at a time and trying to bail himself out with his power. He also forgets to take advantage of his short height and he forgets to fight out of a crouch and he doesn't move his head enough when he comes in to avoid punches. <br> Tyson at his best was a well-oiled fighting machine who gave plenty of movement as he pursued his opponents and he worked in behind the jab, throwing combinations to the body and head, not just loading up one punch at at time but he stopped doing these things on a regular basis and he became beatable. <br> Sure he still destroyed lower ranked opponents that were put in front of him but he lost the edge that he needs at the upper level of the sport and that combined with age makes me think he will never get it back. | 4/24/05 12:56:11 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Cus D'Amato has been the greatest trainer ever, he was more important than Tyson himself early in Mike's career. I have seen some footage of the first Tyson's fights (or of Tyson's first fights) and he was really scaring. Just think of his fight against Reggie Gross and how he was able to avoid Reggie's punches in the second round just before the knockout punch... Really amazing! Maybe Reggie Gross, David Jaco, Jose Ribalta, Eddie Richardson and Jesse Ferguson weren't all time great stuff, but they were good fighters. The only fighter who was able to fight toe to toe with Tyson in those years was Giacomo "Quick" Tillis in 1986. Sure Mitch Green went the distance with Tyson in the same year, but from what I heard the fight wasn't that close. I think Cus could have stepped into the ring and beaten Tyson whenever he wanted to. | 4/24/05 04:12:45 PM | Noam | same | same | same | 10 | Kent - you described the situation with Tyson very well. He went downhill when he stopped throwing combinations and it was around the same time that all head movement stopped and he became easier to hit. <br> Good trainers keep the minds of lazy fighters on the job. With guys like Tyson - who have an extremely brief attention span - that would not be easy and you'd need a very strong character to do it. <br> Someone, I think it might have been Howard, mentioned that Tyson has a new trainer in Jeff Feneck, the former triple world champion from Australia. He was the guy who fought Azumah Nelson a couple of times. Feneck didn't have a lot of natural talent and instead relied on fitness, stamina, strength, and mental toughness. <br> If Feneck can get Tyson fit, and perhaps imbue in him a few of those other traits, then he might be more than just competitive, even though he'll never relive his glory days. <br> Tyson has no choice but to fight. He needs the money. So his desire is not fueled by ambition; it all revolves around money. Whether that's enough incentive to keep him fighting when he's hurt, I guess we will soon find out. | 4/24/05 04:55:03 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Kent - even if Silvio Berlusconi gave Tyson all of his money, Mike would be poor again in a couple of months! | 4/24/05 11:55:21 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca | Kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Noam | It all centered around Tyson losing his connection to Cus. <br> Kevin Rooney was a former Cus fighter, a junior welterweight, who trained Tyson from the later part of his amateur days until the Michael Spinks fight. Rooney was the kind of guy who was not intimidated by Tyson and he would tell him what was up, not what Tyson wanted to hear but Tyson didn't want someone to tell him the truth anymore so Rooney was fired. <br> Don King had a lot to do with it reportedly saying, "why pay Rooney three million dollars a fight?" It seems King wanted that share for himself and it was around the time that King got more influence with Tyson that Tyson started to go down hill. <br> Rooney was sorely missed, especially during the Buster Douglas fight, when Tyson had his buddies Rory Hollaway and Jay Bright, an assistant from Cus' camp but not an experienced trainer, in his
corner. They didn't know how to handle things when things were going wrong.<br>Tyson, from time to time, has hired experienced trainers like Richie Giacetti, formerly Larry Holmes's trainer and more recently I think Freddie Roach has worked with him but I don't think Tyson has actually listened to anyone since Rooney was in his corner.<br>Maybe he will do what Fenech says but it may be too late for him to comeback.| 4/25/05 02:02:55 AM|Noam|same|same||10|Massimo, Tyson's wasted over 100 million dollars. I wouldn't know how to do that. I could have lived fabulously just on the interest. The mind boggles. |

| 4/25/05 05:19:24 AM|Massimo |Roma||4||10|Noam--<br>I think that both Bill Gates and Silvio Berlusconi are better business men than Tyson is.| 4/25/05 02:24:53 PM|Noam|same|same||10|Someone just told me that Tyson earned more than 600 million dollars so far in his career, not 100 million like I earlier posted. He's blown the lot. I know he had white tigers and Don King, but how do you spend that much money. Was he a gambler ? |

| 4/25/05 10:32:07 PM|Noam|same|same||10|By the way, what do you give athletes' shoes to drink ? Running water.| 4/26/05 12:28:57 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||mooseygoop@aol.com||10|I learned something watching tape of the Emile Griffith story. Benny Paret died after Griffith beat him but the show told and showed how Gene Fulmer beat Paret up horribly a few months before Paret fought Griffith. Fulmer said it was the worse beating he ever gave a fighter. The Fulmer fight probably had more to do with Paret's death then Griffith did...something I never knew all these years.| 4/26/05 01:32:00 AM|Massimo |Roma||4||10|Ed--<br>I have seen the Fullmer-Paret fight once and it was hard for both fighters. Gene Fulmer was a pressure fighter, ala Joe Frazier, and one of the greatest middleweights of all time. Paret held his own for most of the fight (it was a very spectacular fight) but in the last rounds Gene dominated him. If I remember well, the fight ended with a triple knock down in round 12. |

| 4/26/05 07:19:54 PM|Ed|Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@aol.com||10|Mass,<br>Thanks for filling me in..Paret being smaller and not considered a hard puncher makes it surprising he could have given a much bigger and stronger Gene Fulmer a hard fight. I only seen small part of fight on Emile Griffith documentary and it showed Paret taking a real bad pounding. Gene Fulmer had a brother that was pretty good too.| 4/27/05 01:26:39 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||10|I'm not shedding tears for Tyson, but realize that the good ole government takes 50% off the top. Then you pay managers and trainers and promoters (King gets a lions share!). So sure, you're left with millions. But athletes like Tyson have hangers on and an entourage. That gobbles up more. Then divorces, taking another huge chunk. Again, not a lot of sympathy, but I think it's easy to see how he blew through all this money. A small part of me feels bad for him. I wish he would have managed his affairs more closely and told the scumbags around him to piss off. |

| 4/27/05 02:01:01 PM|Massimo |Roma||4||10|Come on, Angelo, Tyson made a huge amount of money. No other fighter in history made as much money as Tyson did ! Frazier and Ali' were ragamuffins in comparison ! Diego Maradona was a ragamuffin too (or also). Shaq is not a ragamuffin, not even in comparison with Tyson, and I don't know if Wilt was. Nino Benvenuti made 1/100 of the money Tyson made and he is still rich and there are many others . I think Michele Geraldo will have financial problems for the rest of his life, no matter what happens.| 4/27/05 03:43:25 PM|Noam|same|same||10|Massimo, what is a ragamuffin ? In your finest English, please define.<br>Angelo, a part of me feels bad for Tyson, too. He never had the sophistication to deal with the extraordinary life his boxing skills brought him. I wonder whether Cus D'Amato deliberately didn't educate Tyson in life skills so that he was entirely dependent on Cus for advice
and guidance. Had Cus not died, that would have left him in charge of the purse strings of an unbelievably lucrative career. Tyson will beat McBride as I think he will go into this fight fitter than he has been for years. But facing reality, Tyson is still a car crash waiting to happen.

4/27/05 03:55:26 PM|Noam|Vatican City||same||||10|Kent - I watched a replay of the Bowe v Zumbrun fight. I agree with your comments about it. I had Zumbrun winning. Bowe is completely shot. It was sad to watch. I suspect he's fighting because without the money from boxing he will be a ragamuffin. <br><br>I saw your pal 'Lights Out' being interviewed, too. He has a good sense of fun but a bad dress sense. What is it with all that jewellery Toney wears. <br><br>Kent, when you go to fight nights do you wear lots of jewellery? Do you wear an earring? I was looking for you in the crowd but I'm not sure whether it was you that I saw. <br><br>4/27/05 04:32:17 PM|Massimo|Roma, not Los Angeles||4|||10|Noam - I will be honest with you. I didn't know the word "ragamuffin", my English ain't that good, but I have an excellent English-Italian/Italian-English dictionary. A "ragamuffin" is a guy who wears "rags" (I didn't know the word "rag" too). I bet that in Roma and Pisa there isn't plenty of guys who know these two words... "Ain't" is already pretty tough...

4/27/05 06:13:17 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Noam, I never wear jewellery. I was seated at the press table in the second row but almost behind Bowe's corner. So I don't think I was on camera this time. I actually scored the Zumbrun fight for Bowe by one point as he did have a knockdown and Zumbrun was penalized a point for using his shoulder in clinches. But Bowe did look bad and although there were times when he showed flashes of his own self, he used his jab well in some rounds and of course the knockdown, he did not convince me his career should continue. I am afraid he is going to get hurt if he continues. The crowd was very pro Zumbrun after giving Bowe a good ovation when he came into the ring and Zumbrun hurt Bowe more than Bowe hurt him. I talked to some of the fans after the fight and some of them were very disappointed that Bowe could come in so heavy, 280 pounds. They were not very kind to Bowe, screaming at him, "retire Bowe" and booing him but they can boo if they want to. They pay the bills.

4/27/05 06:29:36 PM|Kent|same||same||||10|Noam, my "buddy" Toney was not too friendly when I wished him luck in his fight with Ruiz. He shook my hand but I don't think he has much respect for me. If you wonder why, read my article at Eastside Boxing called, "my answers to James Toney's challenging questions." It should be in the archives at eastside and I think you can get it if you google search on my name (advanced specific search on my name only) or put that title in a search. I had a run in with him but since I am only a "small fry" in the journalism business it didn't get much attention.

4/27/05 06:35:47 PM|Noam|same||same||||10|Kent - with a makeover you could be the next big thing as a boxing writer. A stud through your tongue and a ring in your eyebrow is what you need. With new clothes, you'd stand right out at press conferences and guys like Toney would be whistling, "Who's that cool dude with the groovy threads." At least think about it. It could be the turning point in your career. <br><br>Massimo - that would make Kent a groovamuffin, not a ragamuffin.

4/27/05 08:05:14 PM|Noam|same||same||||10|Kent - I went through and read some of the stuff you have written and it is impressive. Congratulations, you are doing a good job. I hope you realize I am only joking about the makeover thing. You should not take me seriously a lot of the time.

4/27/05 11:59:33 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|One thing about my articles, they are usually much better grammatically than my posts as I
check them before I submit them.<br>Regarding James Toney, it is not just me he doesn't respect, he doesn't respect anyone who has not boxed competitively. He thinks we have no right to express our opinions. He said so again recently in a teleconference that I was not a part of.<br>Toney gets angry at anyone who doesn't say exactly what he wants to hear anyway so we really can't take what he says to heart.<br>A friend of mine, a local Riverside county newspaper reporter, asked him about the condition of his leg after Toney was returning from an injury last year and Toney told him, "bend over and find out!" Toney then explained what he meant by adding, "I'll shove my foot up your ass and you will see how healthy it is!"<br>Funny how I am still rooting for him to beat Ruiz. I guess I am just sick of Ruiz holding a belt.<br>James Toney weighed in at 233 pounds while John Ruiz weighed 241 pounds for this Saturday's WBA heavyweight title bout. It will be shown on HBO. I am not attending as I don't go beyond the western states and this card is at Madison Square Garden.<br>I think Toney has the skills to beat Ruiz if he suddenly hasn't gotten old but I do still think he is too heavy at 6'10" tall. Ruiz, at anywhere from 225 to 240 fights about the same, sloppy. His weight will not be much of a factor.<br>Kent:

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Toney is by all sense of reasoning, better than Ruiz. But why do I get the feeling that I'll wake up Sunday morning and somehow, some way, Ruiz will still have the belt? After a borefest that will cause the great northeast to fall asleep while watching, judges and referees in catatonic stupors from Ruiz awkward, boring style, Ruiz will hypnotize the world into letting him hold the title.<br>That he is injury prone tells me age may be catching up to him.<br>Yet even at the higher weight, he has far superior skills to Ruiz and if he hasn't lost a step or two, I think he will dominate Ruiz. I am picking Toney by decision.<br>

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I think you can sleep quietly. Giovanni Ruiz has no chance in hell (and no chance in heaven too) ! As (or like) Giacomo Toney would say: " That big bum is gonna get his ass whipped". I could see Giacomo saying also: " Primo Carnera ? Big bum ! Giorgio Eduardo Foreman ? Big bum ! Joe Louis ? Big bum ! Muhammad Ali' ? Big bum ! " . Giacomo is not very humble, he thinks everyone is a bum but him. Unfortunately I think I will not be able to see this fight. Why the Madison Square Garden ? Why not Roma, Pisa, Caianiello, Catania or Lecce ?<br>I need your company and of the other guys on this site tonight as I have a terrible tooth-ache and so I can't sleep (second straight night that I can't sleep). Most of the time I wander for "my" home in pain, when the pain diminishes I can write.<br>There is the dentist waiting for me tomorrow. What happened in the Toney-Ruiz fight ? I guess it was a boring fight. I didn't see the fight, I only know that Giacomo knocked Giovanni down in the seventh round. Thanks ! Ahi ! Ahi ! Ahi ! Ahi ! Sob ! Sigh ! Ahi !

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champion? How bad is the heavyweight division going. Toney would have been lucky to be rated in the top 10 when Ali was ruling. Quarry would have given him a boxing lesson "Yet even at the higher weight, he has far superior skills to Ruiz and if he hasn't lost a step or two, I think he will dominate Ruiz. I am picking Toney by decision." Very true. Nothing against Toney, but he's 5'9", way over weight and out of his league. What does that tell us about the heavyweight division today? That fight was poor. Ruiz is a poor excuse for a Heavyweight Champion. It takes an aged, blown up middleweight to outpoint him for the WBA title. The only heavyweight who looks half way legitimate is Chris Byrd and that's not saying much.<br>Bring back Ali(pre-1970), Quarry, Liston, Holmes, Tyson(pre-1990)... Bring back Ali(pre-1970), Quarry, Liston, Holmes, Tyson(pre-1990)...<br><br><br><br><br>First of all, welcome ! I think Vitali Klitschko is very strong indeed !<br>I thought the Toney/Ruiz fight was better than I expected, not a great fight but not a bad one either. Ruiz fought his heart out and even though he is a limited fighter, he has nothing to be ashamed of as he showed a champion's heart in trying to keep his title.<br>Toney as a middleweight typically had to lose 30 to 40 pounds for each fight so he is at least a natural cruiserweight. He has superior skills compared to most of the crop of heavyweights today and he would have a good chance to beat anyone. He can't help the era he is in and I like him as a fighter. I don't think he needed to be so hard on Ruiz after the fight though. He totally disrespected him when he could have just as easily honored the effort Ruiz put out. Him saying Don King should throw Ruiz in the trash can was totally uncalled for.

I got to disagree with you on this one. Ruiz has a lot to be ashamed of. Consider this for almost the whole fight he was being backed up by a 37 year old, over weight, former middleweight champ. I can't imagine Holmes, Frazier Ali, Liston, Marciano, Dempsey, Walcott, Louis... Even Jerry Quarry would not allow Tooney to back him up for almost the whole fight. My lasting memory of Ruiz will be of him always trying to win a fight on a foul, and always complaining to the referee about his opponents transgressions, but obviously never his own misdeeds ie. hitting and holding, rabbit punches, hitting on the break, low blows... Goodbye and good riddance to Mr. Jab and grab.

I think unfortunately when a division within a sport is under the monopoly of crooked promoter(s) a lot of champions tend to surface in order to create a lot of pay per views that aren't worth the money, not to mention ringside seats. Generally there is 1 heavyweight per era who dominates the division. The last one I can remember is Tyson during his golden years. Lewis deserves an honourable mention but who did he really fight; an aged Holyfield and a washed up Tyson (I will give Lewis a lot of credit for retiring when he did and staying that way). With the exception of Klitschko and perhaps Chris Byrd as a strong contender, I don't see anything out there. If Toney wants to fight a washed up heavyweight, he should give Tyson a shot at his title. I think it would be a good fight, more or less even size wise and I'm certain that Tyson would take Toney's head off.

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I think Ruiz showed heart against Toney and that is why he has nothing to be ashamed of. He is a limited fighter who only held a belt because the division is weak, but I believe he did the best he could, he threw more punches than he usually does and he didn't hold and foul like he has before and for this he has my respect.

Joey: Right on target. Forrest: Right on target. Kent: Ruiz is a classic has been
who never was. At his best, this guy wouldn't make a good heavyweight sparring partner in the 60's or 70's. At his worst, he was indeed Mr. Jab and Grab aka Mr. Borefest----somehow a Heavyweight champion who somehow lost to a couple natural middleweights. What other heavyweight champion has that distinction? No, he's not a bum, but a champion? Hardly, except for at a pitiful time in the division.

One of Lennox Lewis's greatest fights was his 2 rounds demolition of Donovan Ruddock. Ruddock was rated as the "n.1 contender " at the time, but Lewis destroyed him. What's amazing about Toney is that he seems undestructable. I have never seen Giacomo hurt or in danger in the ring; it seems like nobody can hurt him. Evandro "The real nut" Camposanto hit him with terrible shots but Giacomo didn't even blink! Tyson-Toney would be an interesting fight! The question would be: can Giacomo Toney take Michele Tyson's best shots?

Massimo: I don't believe Toney could absorb Tyson's best punches, even at Tysons advanced age/deteriorating skills. However, who's to say weather Tyson could even LAND his best punches on Toney? Toney would give him some awkward angels, tie him up, probably move well---might frustrate Tyson. But I contend that if Tyson landed a couple on him, Toney would be in trouble. Of course, I feel that if somehow, someway, Cooney landed his best punches on Larry Holmes, he could have hurt Holmes. But as we all know, Holmes superior boxing skills made it impossible for Cooney to get untracked.

Massimo: I gotta say that you are probably right, but I am not totally sure...Heck, Michele Geraldo could never hurt Camposanto in two fights... I know that Michele Geraldo can probably hit even harder than Alessio Vinci, but Giacomo got a pretty chuvalian chin. One thing is sure: Toney is not scared of anybody, but God (maybe). Since I think Tyson is not God, Giacomo wouldn't be afraid of him; and if you are not afraid of Michele, Michele gets sissy (it's Slang) and you can beat him. Don't worry about your English, I find your English pretty good, you could probably give me some lessons. I would need it a lot, as I write often in English on this site, I listen to CNN and BBC, Family Ties etc. in English, but I have almost never a chance of speaking English here in Paisaland. I think that in my entire life I have spoken English for not more than half an hour (apart in High School, when my Italo-American teacher Cellini from New Heaven, Connecticut asked me questions). Anyway, "weather" does exist in English, it's a word often used in forecast (you know, it rains, it's sunny etc.).

Toney does take a good punch, it would be interesting to see how he handles punches from Vitali Klitschko, Tyson, up and coming Samuel Peter, or David Tua. Tua is frustrating to watch as he has a huge punch but he is a short heavyweight who seems to have picked up all of Tyson's bad habits that a short heavyweight shouldn't do, like standing straight up and loading up and throwing one punch at a time and not moving his head as he pursues his opponents. Tua needs to take the short heavyweights brawlers training course and watch and learn from the tapes of Marciano, Frazier, and Tyson (at his best). Watching light heavyweight/cruisorweight Dwight Muhammed Qawi, AKA Dwight Braxton, would also help Tua.
He had one of the best jabs in the business, was very smooth in the ring, and had great stamina and of course the ability to get up from a demolishing knockdown (SHAVERS). I would place him right up there as one of the "GREATS", even though CARL 'THE TRUTH' WILLIAMS came very close to de-throning him.

I rate Larry Holmes at a crystal clear top five all-time heavyweight, possibly top three. On any given night, Holmes could win a decision against any heavyweight in history. I agree that he's underrated. Part of the problem is that he followed perhaps the best, most popular heavyweight champ, Ali. But in a weird way, it was perfect---after Ali's brash/bold over the top personality, Holmes provided a low-key, blue collar approach. Holmes quietly went about the business of defending his title---over and over and over, for what, seven years? He was a humble contrast to Ali, a lunch pail guy who stayed in Easton PA instead of going Hollywood---or at least getting a Hollywood attitude. No, Holmes didn't marry a sitcom actress, didn't go to jail, didn't TALK much about what he would do in the ring and didn't bite ears---he just won. And won some more. And won a few more after that. Hats off to Larry Holmes, who was clearly the best heavyweight in the world for a long period of time.

Angelo, your synopsis of Larry is a good one. He was one of the greats for sure. The only thing that bothered me about him was his remark concerning Rocky Marciano (after Holmes was defeated by Spinks or Tyson???). Marciano was, in my opinion, an outstanding heavyweight. His two greatest assets were his knockout power and his stamina. There was no quit in this guy and I think that this was a key factor to his success as he was able to hang in there, even when he was being soundly beaten (Marciano/Charles2) to ultimately overpower his opponent. He was also smart enough to retire undefeated and stay that way.

Hunter Fikes: This might not be the right place to ask this but then again it might be the perfect. I am doing some research on a boxer named Jimmy Heair. He fought mainly out of Los Angeles in the 70's and was a top lightweight before stepping up to the welterweight division latter in his career. Any info would be greatly appreciated thanks Hunter.
and proudly looking on as the dumb questions were asked. Excuse for Holmes? No, Holmes
gave a dumb answer to one of the dumb questions. But to an extent, it
explains the anger Holmes felt when he made the comment. Holmes later
apologized and acknowledged that he has tremendous respect for Rocky Marciano
and even had a large photo of Marciano looking over him at his training site.

Kent, I cannot find your article, titled "My answer to James Toney's Challenging
comments" on Eastside Boxing. Do not listen to Noam! TRY to get noticed on TV
by getting a Ranger haircut, which will make you look mature and forceful. Buy a 1500.00
Italian wool suit, [you can wear it year round]. EXCELLENT INVESTMENT! No ear rings, no
studs! Always project yourself as a gentleman. Oh, bye the way, I think any
heavyweight legitimate contender who has enough balance to throw a punch
without falling into his opponents arms or falling down, can whip Toney.

Put Toney in with Samuel Peters, or either Klitcko. After all, he is the
heavweight champion now. Hey, put him in with Cris Byrd!

I've read that Jerry Quarry was slow of foot, especially against Ali, but having fast hands. I don't believe that's
accurate. Jerry had educated foot movement, cutting off the ring, moving in and
out. He did have way above average hand speed. These two attributes made him one of
the best counter punchers I've ever seen. He could hook of a jab, but more
impressively, he could hook to the body and then the head. That takes real
fast hands. He seemed to be slow in upper body movement, meaning his head. He relied too
much on his counter punching power and his ability to take a punch. If he fought
everyone like he fought Joe Frazier, he would have won a title.

I found your article on Toney. Sounds to me like you two have something to be settled in the
ring. It was a well done piece. Look Kent, lets talk business and money. If you
persist in harassing James Toney every time you get near him, maybe we could set
something up! I could help you with balance, you know, keeping one foot on the
ground, or even both feet, maybe for a left hook. That would be more than Toney had
to face against Ruiz. I could even help you with roadwork. I could escort you on
from my car. Just doing roadwork would give you an edge on Toney. I would only ask
for my fair share, say 40% of your purse. After Taxes. Oh yeah, I'd probably need an
option on your next two fights.

I have recently returned to training but low impact for the foreseeable future. I
signed up for six months of Karate lessons in an effort to trim my weight.
Serious, if I was ten years younger and I could get down to say
220 pounds, I would enter Toney's media tournament. As far as me verses Toney,
I don't think I or anyone else on this board could hope to even coming close to
beating Ruiz let alone Toney. Challenging Toney to a bout is funny
though. I would think about making my pro debut verses the Koo Koo Klock
though. You out there Koo Koo?
Hee! Seriously, for some strange reason I kind of like the Klockster and his alter ego or my other buddy Foolface.  
| 5/5/05 03:14:05 AM | Muffin Man | have a guess || yeah yeah ||| |10 | someone mention names of my buddies. what's your problem kent |  
| 5/5/05 04:02:36 AM | Massimo | Roma |||4 ||| |10 | Steve -- br> br> I know that Giacomo Toney is a very brave fighter, but... Facing Kent ? Kent "The singing destroyer from California" Appel ? Are you kidding ? Toney just doesn't have the guts to face Kent in the ring ! |  
| 5/5/05 05:16:09 AM | Oswald P Finkermeyer | Finkville, USA ||| |10 | Hey, the Muffinman surfaces? br> br> I think he is an imposter. He is not the Muffinman, the Muffinman, the Muffinman! |  
| 5/5/05 02:16:23 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC || funktron@yahoo.com ||| |10 | Kent: If you train hard, keep your balance, stay on the balls of your feet and throw punches crisply, I have all the confidence in the world that you can give Toney a boxing lesson (April Fools---Oops, wrong Holiday! Cinco de Mayo!) |  
| 5/5/05 04:12:45 PM | Massimo | Roma || wewon'tseethisfight.com ||| |10 | Even if Kent is wilter than Giacomo (5'11" against 5'9" 1/2) and from California, I would see Toney as the favoured to win in this fight (say 40000000000-1). That's because Kent has been out of the ring for too long now, and he is a little arrugginito (don't know the English for this one and I'm too lazy to check the dictionary). I'm sure that if these two guys fought each other Toney would call Kent a "big bum" in the pre-fight conference. br> br> ES: no bad intentions at all Kent, I'm only joking. By the way, I'm sure that you can kick my Italian ass whenever you want to ! |  
| 5/5/05 04:32:38 PM | Noam | same ||| |10 | The right nickname for Kent would be "The singinig destroyer" as he is an hard puncher and a good singer, as well. |  
| 5/5/05 04:53:54 PM | Noam | same ||| |10 | Massimo - a prime v prime, Appel and Toney, would be touch and go, but I reluctantly have to go with Toney stopping Kent late. Stamina will be the key. Toney's been active, but Appel has been in more restaurants rather than gymnasiums. br> br> 'Splatterbean' might be Kent's new name if he's stupid enough to step in the ring against Toney. I visualize Kent trying 'rope a dope' tactics, not because he's trying to win, but out of pure exhaustion. Kent doesn't have much of a jab. It's more like he's fanning the air trying to cool down his face and get oxygen into his lungs. br> br> Kent's best chance is to lean all over Toney and try and tire him out. If that doesn't work, I'd kneel him in the groin as hard as you can (and then run away as fast as you can). br> br> So, Kent, your best chance is sprint training. Get as far away from Toney as you possibly can ! 10 Hail Marys might help too. |  
| 5/5/05 06:07:41 PM | J. Tooney | champion ||| |10 | Yeah its me. This fight with Apple will have 4 parts. Before the fight Apple is the Neverbean. After I move him round the ring for 4 or 5 rounds he will be the Splutterbean. By the end of the fight he'll be the Batteredbean. And if he tries kicking me in the nuts he'll be the Neverbeenseenagainbean. I'll be putting Apple out with the trash. Got it. |  
| 5/5/05 08:48:23 PM | Kent | La Habra, Ca || kentallenent@aol.com ||| |10 | Everyone knows I would have no chance verses any experienced professional. br> br> I would like to see the Muffinman fight Toney instead. AFTER ALL, HE IS THE MUFFINMAN! THE MUFFINMAN! THE MUFFINMAN! How about it Muffy? br> br> As far as my singing goes, I made a half hearted attempt last year to try and get something happening musically but it didn't work out and people are hardly busting down my door to
hear me. I can carry a tune though but I have to stay within my own style and range limits. I don't practice much and I rarely sing at karaoke bars as I don't consider that real music, "it's gotta be live music, if you wanna hear me sing!"<br>I was performing every Saturday night with a local Orange County band until the end of last year but haven't been this year at all. It was a long time friend's band but I got bored with it as I only did one set and the same songs every night.<br>But if anyone lets me know they will be in the Orange county Cal. area, and my friend is appearing anywhere, I will let my friend know I am coming down and he always puts me on stage with him.<br><br>I was performing every Saturday night with a local Orange County band until the end of last year but haven't been this year at all. It was a long time friend's band but I got bored with it as I only did one set and the same songs every night.<br><br>But if anyone lets me know they will be in the Orange county Cal. area, and my friend is appearing anywhere, I will let my friend know I am coming down and he always puts me on stage with him.<br><br>Actually Noam, I have a surprisingly quick left jab and quick straight right hand. What I don't have is stamina. Of course I lack the technical knowledge and experience pros have.<br><br>I like the name Splatterbean and its take on the name Butterbean, but in all fairness to me, if I was crazy enough to fight a pro like Toney, I would not come in at 300 pounds. But since I am at least ten years past fighting anyone, even amateurs, it is not likely I will be in that kind of shape any time soon. So no fights for me.<br>I remember talking to Mike Quarry about his power and he said he didn't have a very big punch. I told him he had enough of a punch to knock me out easily, which is true. He is a true professional and with the possible exception of Max Hord, who visits here from time to time, none of us on this board could stand up to a pro's punch.<br><br>Maybe you are not Sinatra, but you are probably the best singer on this site and the best singer in (or on) La Habra. Maybe you should try with Italian songs, for instance "Azzurro" sung by Adriano Celentano, maybe the most famous Italian song ever (maybe tied with "Volare" by Domenico Modugno)."Azzurro, il pomeriggio e' troppo azzurro e lungo per me,mi accorgo di non avere piu' risorse senza di te,e allora, io quasi quasi prendo il treno e vengo, vengo da te il treno dei desideri, nei miei pensieri all'incontrario va...".Ain't these words beautiful ?<br>I have been hearing this song since I was, say, 4 years old. Steve, my friend from nothing less than New Jersey, please ask your wife whether she knows the song "Azzurro", I'm sure she does ! Betcha she knows this song ?<br>Kent, do you think a professional journeyman flyweight could knock me and any other guy on this site but Max Hord down with one punch ?

I'm sorry, a correction is needed ma il treno dei desideri AND NOT <br>il treno dei desideri<br>Sorry again, I apologize, but it was obvious. Who doesn't know that song ?

Since Kent's last name is similar to "apple" I think his ring name should be, simply, "The Core" With the proper training, the right diet, lots of rest---and no distractions (Kent, that means no trips to Wendy's Late Night Window and it also means no more sex), Kent can win one of the many heavyweight title belts in less than two years. Kent should challenge the winner of Tyson's next fight.

Speaking of Sinatra, I do one of the best non Sinatra versions of New York, New York. The key is I don't do imitations so I do it my own way, in my own style.<br>So in a way, I am more in tradition of Sinatra than the imitators because Frank always did things his own way (My Way). He didn't copy other singers like Cole Porter, Bing Crosby, and Dean Martin, he did Frank Sinatra. Same as I don't do Frank Sinatra, Elvis, or other singers. I may sing their songs but I do Kent Appel as no one is better at Frank than Frank and no one is better than Elvis than Elvis, even the best copy cats.<br>I read somewhere, but I don't remember where so I don't know the accuracy of the information but Elvis, before he died of course, entered a few Elvis contests
and he never won. He reportedly entered in disguise. He didn't sound like the copy cats idea of what Elvis sounded like. Massimo or anyone else, if you want a cassette tape of what I sounded like, I don't have a CD, though I am considering doing one this year, send me an E mail with an address I can send it to you and I will send it free of charge. The tape features background music from karaoke disks and while I don't often do karaoke in person as I in general don't like it, it was cheaper to record the songs with the background already done than to pay musicians to do it (I would rather use musicians though and will if I do my own CD). Interesting, there is a guy named Kent Appel-Doom, I am not sure what the name Doom is but the rest of his name is almost like mine, but he does a tribute to Roy Orbison and he is quite good at it from what I hear. If you hear about him, he is not me. He may be the real MUFFINMAN though, HA! HA! HEE! HEE! I HOPE NO ONE IS PUT OFF BY US TALKING ABOUT THINGS THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH BOXING AND JOKING ABOUT ME FIGHTING TONEY, BUT WE ARE OLD FRIENDS HERE SO PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH US.

Kent: You fighting Toney has taken a turn from being a joke to being an obsession. All of us here think you have a shot at smashing Toney's face in and we're not going to rest until you guys sign a contract. Toney is going to be a stepping stone for you---next, Byrd, then a Klitscho and finally, after Tyson has a few tune-ups and you've cleaned up the rest of the division, it's "The Core" vs. Tyson. My pick? Kent by TKO in round six.

I'd be glad to receive your cassette, thank you very much. I will try to send you my e-mail and my address. The fact that you didn't achieve a huge success as a singer doesn't mean that much in my book. What I mean is that I know many Italian singers who have very bad voices and still are famous and wealthy. For instance, Enzo Iannacci, one of the worst voices ever is a famous singer in Paisiland and is very wealthy as well. After all, Mozart died with no money and Primo Carnera died with no belts (or belt).

Besides that, I think that talking about Mozart, Chamberlain, Salieri, Andre' The Midget, Alex P.Keaton, Shaq or Warren Coolidge doesn't prevent us from talking about boxing. Talking about this stuff is always better than not talking at all. What I mean is that we are all sincere boxing fans and so if anybody asks something about boxing we will be willing to discuss the subject with him.

I think you should go training in Russia like Rocky did! That's the only way you got to whip Giacomo.

40 YEARS AGO TODAY. JERRY QUARRY'S PRO DEBUT AT THE L.A. COLISEUM. JERRY WEIGHED IN AT 183|

If you didn't see it I just saw one of the best fights in boxing history. Corrales vs Castillo deserves it's place with Hearns vs Hagler and the rest. It makes me believe this sport isn't dead yet.
view! Your absolutely correct, fights like this one could help save boxing!

[5/7/05 11:25:55 PM | Steve | nj || na || | 10 | Hey Fan, I'm still out of breath from watching that fight! I know there will be questions about the ref. stopping it, but it was a perfect move! Castillo was a rag doll and Tony Weeks saved him to fight again another day. I'm glad you appreciated what you just witnessed as much as I did!

[5/7/05 11:40:50 PM | Steve | N.J. | NA || | 10 | Kent, did I misunderstand? I only offered to train you for a tournament against Toney's group of sportswriters who constantly harass him, as you apparently do. Don't listen to Angelo. He only wants to exploit you, and leave you a broken man.

[5/8/05 12:12:57 AM | Steve | N.J. | NA || | 10 | Noam, are you kidding? No, I'm not a runner anymore. I'm just an old man who walks as fast as he can, as I have a titanium knee. I still feel, however, that I should be Kent's official trainer against other sportwriters, since I suggested it first. How dare you say you don't picture me as a runner. I'm a 57-year-old, rompin', stompin', 260 lb ex ironworker, who walks and hits a heavy bag regularly, and eats even more regularly.

[5/8/05 01:20:57 AM | Steve | N.J. | NA || | 10 | Massimo, my wife loves to dance, even stupid eighties disco. We were in Austria and Switzerland in the middle eighties. Do you mean i venti d'Azzurro? Wasn't it a form of Italian disco dance music? My apologie's if i'm misundersading you.

[5/8/05 02:04:34 AM | Steve | N.J. | NA || | 10 | Massimo, ma il treno dei desideri. Is this a song or a poem by Adriano Celentano? "I try the summer all the year and to the unexpected eccola here."

[5/8/05 03:48:55 AM | Massimo | Roma || azzurro, il pompergiggio....com || | 10 | What about Kent Appel vs Don King? I know you don't like him Kent, he talks too much, he beats up people half his size to death too much... So I think you would fight him with the eye of the tiger! I don't know what "I venti d'azzurro" are.

[5/8/05 04:39:00 AM | Jumpity Bruce | eekville USA || eek eek a eek eek eek eek || | 10 | leave the task of fighting Don King to the Muffinman. Because he is the Muffinman, the Muffinman, the Muffinman!

[5/8/05 01:03:56 PM | Massimo | Roma || 4 || | 10 | What's "eek"? Slang?

[5/9/05 12:21:23 AM | Steve | NJ || NA || | 10 | Early today, getting ready for a Mother's day dinner, I caught part of Ali vs Chuvalo. I saw an interview with George Chavalio many years after the fight. He lost a son to heroin addiction, and another son. I didn't catch the reason for the other son's death. His wife later committed suicide! He spoke freely about his loss. He is still a big, strong, articulate man. I cannot begin to understand his personal strength and will to go on.

[5/9/05 03:14:40 AM | Noam | same || same || | 10 | Steve - just getting into the boxing ring takes a lot of courage which carries over into normal life with guys like Chuvalo. His world has fallen in and he still battles on. It's beyond my understanding how guys like him have the strength to keep going.

Steve, I am now beginning to visualize what you look like. You are a youngish 57, still reasonably fit, but with a bit of a paunch from beer drinking and gluttony. You probably have tattoos on both forearms, you need glasses for reading the sports section, and you like dogs. The biggest problem is your hair. You've started a comb over. Not from the side, however, but from the front of your forehead backwards, ala Donald Trump. When it's windy, your hair blows down your face to your chin, making you look like Cousin It.

Further, your teeth are like stars; they come out at night. Your brain is like a diamond; it's very hard to find. And your face is like a half sucked mango.
as a baby that when you played in a sand box, the cat kept covering you up. When you were growing up they wanted to make you the poster boy for birth control. And last time you went to the doctor you complained, "Every morning when I get up and I look in the mirror, I feel like throwing up. What's wrong with me?" The doctor replied, "I don't know but you're eyesight is perfect." Please don't take offense, Steve, as I am only guessing. For all I know, you might look like Robert Redford, but I don't think so. Am I close?

5/9/05 04:53:22 AM|s|na||na|||10|Noam, thank you, this is the kind of lively discussion I enjoy. You have nailed me! Are you a criminal profiler? I love dogs, I have three Siberian huskys. I have Ranger tattoos on my left arm. I wear bifocals. I have all my real teeth, except for my second right molar. How did you know about my hair? I comb what little hair I have left straight back. Are you looking in my bedroom window? Your starting to scare me, only a little. Please don't be concerned, I don't take offence. Your pretty darn close about my looks. Remember, Noam, you'll get old some day too. I really resented that remark about my teeth.

5/9/05 08:27:19 AM|Joey|Canada||aol.com|||10|" Early today, getting ready for a Mother's day dinner, I caught part of Ali vs Chuvalo. I saw an interview with George Chvalo many years after the fight. He lost a son to heroin addiction, and another son. I didn't catch the reason for the other son's death. His wife later committed suicide! He spoke freely about his loss. He is still a big, strong, articulate man. I cannot begin to understand his personal strength and will to go on." (Steve's quote)

Chuvalo visits high schools across Canada and speaks to students about his personal tragedy and the dangers of drug abuse. His efforts are well received and he is highly respected throughout the country. He hosted a tv boxing show for a period of time and attended a televised function with Ali at the Skydome in Toronto a while back. He has one surviving son who is a high school teacher in Toronto and a daughter who owns a restaurant in T.O.

5/9/05 03:42:55 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Hey Joey, thanks for that update on George Chuvalo. It's great to know that his son and daughter are both so successful in their lives. George sure deserves that much!

5/9/05 04:09:01 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Steve, it seems that I have a future as a profiler. Thanks for not taking offense and realizing that I was only joking. The humour was stolen from the late Rodney Dangerfield, one of the funniest men who ever lived, in my opinion. Some of his other stuff, "I was so poor growing up.... if I wasn't a boy I'd have had nothing to play with." "A girl phoned me the other day and said, "Come on over, nobody's home." I went over. Nobody was home." "One day I came home early from work.... I saw a guy jogging naked. I said to the guy, "Hey buddy, why are you doing that?" He said, "Because you came home early." "I could tell my parents hated me. My bath toys were a toaster and radio." "I remember the time that I was kidnapped and they sent a piece of my finger to my father. He said he wanted more proof." Sorry for getting away from boxing, but Dangerfield was a very funny man.

5/9/05 05:29:02 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Noam, you are just too good, child! Poor Rodney never did get any respect. Those jokes are great. The problem I have with my small, diamond like brain, is that every thought I have, comes out of my mouth. Noam, how come I cant get a response on this site whenever I talk about boxing? Did you see the Corrales vs Castillo fight? What do you think? It had to be one of the top fifteen best fights I've ever seen.

5/10/05 02:31:54 AM|Noam|same||same|||10|Steve - I didn't see the fight you are in raptures about but I will make some enquiries and get back to you. I am surprised that Massimo didn't see it. Where is Massimo? I hope he hasn't been kidnapped. By the way, is it true that you got lost as a young boy and
when you saw a policeman you asked him to help you find your parents. You said, "Do you think you'll ever find them?" The policeman replied, "I don't know kid. There's so many places they can hide." You must have been a real ugly kid. There's not enough in the world to laugh about so it was sad to lose someone like Rodney Dangerfield. He was hilarious.

Steve, you said that you have tattoos on your forearms. Do you have body piercings, too? You sound like a cool dude. I wonder if 'Hard Core' Kent Appel has any piercings or tattoos.

Angelo, I'm thinking 'Hard Core' is a better ring name for Kent than just 'The Core'.

It was amazing how differently people looked at me. Police slowed down and stared at me and little old ladies looked at me scared and clutched their purses tighter as I walked by in the mall. I wore blue jeans, a black leather jacket that said Harley Davidson on the back and I also had a fake beard (I am usually clean shaven).

Imagine this: you could be the new fight doctor. Forget Dr Ferdie Pacheco, we'd have Professor Massimo Cini, doing commentary in broken language. It would work.

Kent 'Hard Core' Appel. You know I'm only joking, right? I think it's great you are working out. You shouldn't get any tattoos or piercings. Looking like Steve isn't the aim.

You got it right, Los Angeles will be my next home town. I'll buy an apartment close to (or even near) Hollywood. Okay folks catch ya later, I gotta go now!
after such a long lay off)<br><br>Duran and Hearns (a war)<br><br>Douglas v Tyson (wow)<br><br>Very few of the modern fighters interest me. I am impressed that De La Hoya will fight anyone. Felix Trinidad is exciting. Tzoo is great to watch.<br><br>5/11/05 01:27:38 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I don't recall seeing an E mail from you Massimo. I hope I didn't delete it by accident as I often delete things if I think i don't know where they came from. try sending it again. Make sure I know it is you by the title of it.|<br><br>5/11/05 02:48:19 AM|Wolfi|Salzburg, Austria||whatagenius!@whatagenius!.com|||10|Even Ali'-Frazier 1 and George-Ron were decent fights after all !|<br><br>Very few of the modern fighters interest me. I am impressed that De La Hoya will fight anyone. Felix Trinidad is exciting. Tzoo is great to watch.<br><br>5/11/05 04:31:02 AM|Massimo |Roma||backtoRuiz.com|||10|From Boxing record archive:Toney has been alleged<br>to have failed drug test. If the reports are right Toney could face a ban of up to two years.<br><br>5/11/05 10:43:01 AM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Unless it is officially confirmed, then we can't say Toney used Steroids. <br><br>5/11/05 07:42:39 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Kent - maybe that's why Toney makes outbursts against you. Steriods rage. I think it's more likely than not that he was on them. If steroids isn't the reason for his silly behaviour, then he has MASSIVE problems.<br><br>5/11/05 09:21:28 PM|Kent|La Habra, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Noam, yes it is possible Toney used steroids but if so, we have the champion that won't go away, John Ruiz. I wish Jerry Quarry was around now. He would defeat Ruiz and take what is rightfully his.|<br><br>5/12/05 02:48:28 AM|Massimo |Roma|||4|||10|I don't know well what the steroids are and how they work, but I find hard to believe that Giacomo's weight could increase that much and so quickly without losing power. Come on (it's an interjection), he weights over 220 lbs now, while he used to weight about 170 lbs. Noam, no doubt in my mind that Joseph (Joe) Frazier was a bum! :-).|<br><br>5/12/05 09:34:31 AM|Joey|Canada||aol|||10|I don't feel that Joe Frazier was any where close to being a "BUM". He was the dominant heavyweight of his era and it was a fairly competitive time for heavyweight boxing(68-71). I think that if Ali had not been stripped of his license, Ali would have peaked around '68 or '69, which would have given us a much better version of Ali/Frazier 1 regardless of the outcome.<br><br>I agree that Jerry Quarry was around now. He would defeat Ruiz and take what is rightfully his.
now is more emphasis on grooming amateur boxers with potential to go on to the Olympics. This was a great pre requisite for many heavyweight champs of the past. There seems to be an emphasis on fast money but not so much on developing boxing skills. I think this is one of the reasons the heavyweight division is lacking talent today.}

| 5/12/05 11:42:05 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Joey-- &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;I was only joking, Joe Frazier has been so much criticized on this site !|
| 5/12/05 12:57:51 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Oh no, Ruiz, again. Ruiz, Heavyweight Champion of the World... again. He keeps finding the most creative ways to keep that title. What's Tex Cobb doing? Can he come back to beat Ruiz? What about Leroy Caldwell?|
| 5/12/05 03:54:54 PM | Noam | same | same | 10 | Hi Joey, welcome to the site. I wonder what your take is on Joe Frazier not entering the WBA elimination tournament to decide the new champion after Ali's forced exile when Joe had not fought most in the tournament. &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;What's your take on Joe not fighting Ken Norton, Mac Foster, Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers and the other guys of his era that he never faced ? Is it possible that he ducked them ?&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Why do you think Frazier fought Stander and Daniels immediately after the first Ali fight instead of much better credentialed heavies that were available ?&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;What do you think about Frazier fighting Ellis the second time around ? After all, Ellis hadn't posted a win for his previous four fights. Is it possible that Joe was ducking the big punchers to fights deaduns like Ellis at that stage of his career ?&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;These subjects have been debated at length here. I was just wondering what your take is. &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;|
| 5/12/05 06:19:16 PM | Joey | Canada | aol | 10 | Sorry Massimo, I guess I opened up a can of worms! &lt;br&gt;NOAM; regarding the elimination tournament, I felt Frazier was playing it smart by staying out of it. He was the top heavyweight at the time and the logical conclusion would be Frazier vs. the winner (ELLIS) for the title (Frazier was NY and PENN. Champ ??). Within that tournament you had Jerry, Floyd Patterson and Jimmy Ellis. The others weren't particularly noteworthy. If Frazier had entered that tournament, he would have won and there would have been very few opponents for him or the boxing world to consider for future bouts. &lt;br&gt;Ron Lyle was a great contender; his fight with Foreman confirms this and a contest with Frazier would have been a worthy one. &lt;br&gt;Frazier claimed Norton was his personal friend and wouldn't fight him for that reason (lame excuse). &lt;br&gt;A matchup with Earnie Shavers would have been a fight worth seeing but where was Earnie ranked at the time? &lt;br&gt;Joe fought a lot of mediocre opponents but so did they all. Marciano didn't want Patterson, Patterson didn't want Machen or Liston, but got him regardless. Liston didn't want anymore of Ali and Ali fought some of the least qualified fighters during his second phase. Lewis didn't want Tyson until he was washed up and it goes on and on. &lt;br&gt;Don't misunderstand me, I'm not a big Frazier fan, but he was a big part of boxing history during that era and even if Foreman demolished him and took his title, Foreman himself went on to many questionable performances as well. &lt;br&gt;We wouldn't have had the return of Ali, the trilogy with Frazier, Frazier's defeat at the hands of George Foreman and finally Ali defeating Foreman to regain the title which made for a very exciting period of heavyweight boxing. (better than RUIZ/TONEY) &lt;br&gt;|
| 5/12/05 08:52:22 PM | Angelo | DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Joey: Good appraisal. I'm in the camp that, let's just say, believes Frazier was "handled carefully." Frazier was a very, very good fighter of his time and a fine Champion. He had the legendary bouts with Ali and the win in 1971 can't be taken away from him. But along with this praise, I balance it with the fact that Foreman blasted him into orbit twice, he did lose two of three to Ali and for one reason or another, he managed to stay out of the ring with Lyle, Shavers, Norton and other notables. While all these guys were fighting eachother, none of them fought Frazier. As pointed out, he did fight Terry Daniels. Seems to me his management wisely kept him out of trouble, especially after realizing that he
was a pitifully slow starter who could be walked over by a real power puncher. Foreman nearly literally killed him—and that was probably enough to scare the daylights out of his handlers and keep him in with washed up Jimmy Ellis instead of power punching contenders like Lyle. We've been over the timing of it and it's true that "Lucky Joe" was either on the way up when others were on the way down (like Liston) or on the way down, when others were hitting their stride (like Shavers) but again, it's simply incredible that these guys all fought in the same era, all fought against each other, and Joe was missing in action, taking on Terry Daniels and electing to sign for rematches against guys he had already knocked out instead of trying his hand at knockout artists.

Firstly, in his book, Frazier said he didn't fight Norton because there was no money in it. That's a lame excuse, too, in my view. Even if he was friendly with Norton, Ali fought Ellis and they were very close as well. Neither excuse cuts it with me.

Anyway, thanks again.

Recently we had a long extended debate about Joe Frazier's ability as a fighter and I was one of the leaders of the pro Frazier side. I don't want to get in that again so I guess it is up to you.

The archives have the debate all recorded and, with all due respect to Kent, who is someone I do respect, it wasn't one of his finest moments. He captained a ship that is now sleeping on the bottom of the ocean gathering rust and barnacles. Kent—some of your explanations and excuses regarding Frazier's failure to fight some of the guys we mentioned bordered on the farcical and absurd. You are normally a rational guy but I suspect you got so hyped up that you lost all perspective and objectivity.

I don't want to put you through that again because that ship of yours has so many holes in it that it can't ever be refloated and the Dead Parroters used all your life rafts.

Tyson ducked Foreman when George was already washed up (it means "finito", "mal ridotto", "un rottame", "pronto per la pensione", "pronto ad appendere i guantoni al chiodo"), while Frazier fought Foreman again in 1976 at a time when Giorgio was still an ass kicking guy. And Joe fought him having serious eye problem. I think this shows he was no chicken. You don't get up six times against Foreman if you are a chicken. I'm sure that if Lyle had beaten Ali in 1975, Joe Frazier would have fought Lyle for the title instead of Ali and then Foreman for a second time. But, on the other hand, to be honest, I don't think that Joe was that kind of guy who was always looking for trouble and looking forward to try his hand against the most dangerous guys. He needed a good reason to fight a dangerous guy, he didn't fight him to have fun or to prove himself. If he had had the chance to choose (or pick, I mean "scegliere") between George Foreman or Clifford Etienne for a title fight, I think he would have chosen (or picked, I mean "scelto") Clifford.

You've all made some very valid points. Sometimes we can be blinded by the past (talking about myself). The first time I saw Frazier fight was on a televised bout with George Chuvalo. Being a Canadian, I was of course pulling for George but at the same time I was very impressed with Joe Frazier's performance. He stopped Chuvalo big time and I thought to myself this is the best heavyweight I've seen since Ali! The heavyweight tournament was on that same summer. I liked Ellis and Quarry but neither of them seemed to be in Frazier's league. I actually thought that Jerry won the Ellis fight but either way you cut it, I think it was close. The first Ali/Frazier fight, I felt, could have been better but I consider it to be the best of the three, simply because neither fighter was in a damaged state. Frazier was at the top of his game, Ali was back into the game. I don't think
that Ali took it seriously enough however and perhaps required a couple more
tune ups (Personally I thought Quarry/Ali 1 was a better fight). When they(Ali/Frazier) met again, I believe neither was champion and on the third occasion, although it was very entertaining, I think we were watching two guys who were really spent, although I give them both credit for their display of courage etc. So I guess what I'm trying to say is that for his brief reign, I thought that Frazier was outstanding in his division. It's true that he didn't fight Lyle, Shavers and Norton but I believe those fighters became valid contenders after Foreman de-throned Frazier. It seems to be a syndrome with heavyweights when they are defeated as champions, many of them are finished (physical, psychological???) Patterson, Liston, Foreman, Tyson to name a few (Ali was probably an exception). It was the Golden Era of heavyweight boxing though and all of those guys put on memorable performances.

5/13/05 10:20:43 AM Massimo |Roma|4|10|Joey--<br>Interesting post ! I heard on this site that Frazier-Chuvalo was a very exciting fight and that George held his own. Our friend "Fan" (one of the two "Fans" in this site) told us that ! Do you confirm ?

5/13/05 12:31:37 PM Massimo |Roma|drugs.com|10|It's official, Toney-Ruiz has been declared NO CONTEST so, I guess, Giovanni Ruiz is still HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE UNIVERSE, for Angelo's joy !<br><br>By the way, I have just seen 1991 fight between Toney and Dell'Aquila, it's just impressive how small Giacomo used to be and how andre' he is now...It's unbelievable that it's the same person. If somebody in 1991 would have told me "Toney will be heavyweight champion some day (or someday)" I would have answered (o responded) "Are you nuts or what ?". Is there some flyweight outta there who wants to be the next heavyweight champion ?

5/13/05 12:35:43 PM Massimo |Roma|4|10|Correction--<br><br>If somebody in 1991 had told me etc. Sorry !

5/13/05 04:22:59 PM Joey|Canada|aol|10|"Interesting post ! I heard on this site that Frazier-Chuvalo was a very exciting fight and that George held his own. Our friend "Fan" (one of the two "Fans" in this site) told us that ! Do you confirm" (Massimo's post)<br><br>It was an exciting fight and George generally held his own in most fights but unfortunately in this one he was swarmed by Frazier, had his eye socket broken up and quit (wisely). In his career, George was never knocked off of his feet. He was stopped a few times (FRAZIER, FOREMAN), went the distance with Ali, Patterson & Terrel (the Patterson fight was a good one for George and a lot of fans felt that George should have had the decision. His fight with Terrel; I thought George definitely won that one but the judges saw it differently. Oh well that's boxing for you!)<br><br>5/13/05 04:53:55 PM Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|10|I watched Frazier-Chuvalo again recently and George had some good moments. Frazier was winning, but it was back and forth action. George Chuvalo was rarely in a bad fight, Zora Folley being one of them. Old Zora was rarely in a good fight. I don’t believe George Chuvalo ever quit in his life. I haven’t seen the Frazier fight in years but as I remember it, his corner stopped the fight when he had his eye badly damaged. He didn't quit.<br><br>Also, when he fought Foreman Chuvalo was taking a bad pounding and the referee stepped in and stopped it. Chuvalo commeted that the ref was crazy for stopping it. He obviously wanted to continue.<br><br>5/14/05 09:08:18 AM Massimo|Santa Monica beach, Ca (and now, beat me !)||10|Fan--<br><br>What do you mean "old Zora was rarely in a good fight" ? I think Zora was an excellent heavyweight ! Although he was in bad shape and old, he gave Oscar Bonavena a boxing lesson in 1965. Zora has been a top 10 contender for many years, in his prime, he would have played with Ruiz! In
Florida they have even dedicated a square to Zora Folley!

| 5/14/05 09:38:45 AM | Joey | Canada | aol | 10 | Kent, as I recall the fight (I could be mistaken) George turns away from Frazier and kind of waves him off. Later he said he thought Frazier had knocked his eye out of his socket. In the Foreman fight, George's wife was screaming for the fight to be stopped. I thought his trainer Urv Ungerman showed the ref the towel but you may be correct about the ref taking the initiative. According to a TV interview with George, he turned to the referee and said, "What are you, nuts??" (lolol) But you are right, there was no quit in Chuvalo and even though he lost most of his big fights, Canadians always viewed him as "THE CHAMP"! |

| 5/14/05 11:47:32 AM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 10 | Zora Folley was not an exciting fighter. I have seen 4 of his fights and he was very defensive. He was a very good fighter, probably a great one, but would not conjure images of Rocky Marciano if you know what I mean. |

| 5/15/05 06:34:39 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | 10 | I do believe MR. JERRY QUARRY was to be 60 today, (where have the years gone- fast for one thing). Watched some old classic Mildenberger-Clay on ESPN, It always surprises me how those heavyweights were in such great shape (run a marathon, then stop to cut wood) I could see how Milde got his NO.1 ranking although not a big puncher, Jerry would have locked and loaded over in Europe, and did in England, HAPPY BIRTHDAY JERRY, we all wished you were here. |

| 5/15/05 06:58:23 PM | Sabrina Quarry-Porter | Florida | SabrinaLPorter@aol.com | 10 | HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNCLE JERRY. WE LOVE AND MISS YOU ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS!! |

| 5/15/05 07:06:19 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | 10 | JERRY QUARRY TO TURN 60 TODAY, WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN, JUST SAW A GREAT PICTURE OF ALI-QUARRY IN ATLANTA TAKING INSTRUCTIONS, MORE LIKE STARING EACH OTHER DOWN TAKE CARE. |

| 5/16/05 05:22:57 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Honour to Jerry Quarry! I wish he could be here with us speaking about his fights and joking with us folks. It would have been great! Regarding Carlo Mildenberger, I have his fight with Oscar Bonavena and, although Oscar's win was well deserved, Carlo showed some good skills, especially a very accurate right jab (Carlo was the very first southpaw to fight for the heavyweight title)! Although he wasn't a big puncher, he managed to hurt Bonavena with a straight left (hand) in the ninth round! That left hand smarts !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! |

| 5/17/05 12:52:22 AM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | I feel lucky to have met Jerry Quarry in the early 1980s. Jerry had a way to make you feel comfortable with him as he didn't act like he was above his fans. He was a regular guy who was easy to talk to and he greatly appreciated his fans. JERRY IS NOT FORGOTTEN! |

| 5/17/05 03:22:07 AM | Noam | same | same | 10 | Massimo - Winky's jab beat Tito's power. |

| 5/17/05 04:23:34 AM | Massimo | Roma | history.com | 10 | Noam - What are you talking about? I only know two Titos in history. One was a Roman Emperor in the first century A.C., the other guy was a crappy communist who killed thousands of innocent Italians in Istria. Who is Winky? A baseball player? A golf player? In my previous post I forgot about saying that "southpaw" means "left-hander". I realize that sometimes I take things too much for granted and use too much the Slang and probably this ain't good! |

| 5/17/05 04:01:44 PM | Noam | same | same | 10 | Massimo - Winky Wright and Tito Trinidad, but you already knew that. Another wonderful fight is coming up with the Russian guy Kostya Tszyu and Ricky Hatton. Tszyu's lost one prior fight; Hatton won all 38 of his bouts. This one will have plenty of action. Tszyu will be too strong for Hatton. |

| 5/19/05 01:37:39 PM | Massimo | Roma | legends forever.com | 10 | Noam - Very
honestly, I never heard of Winky Wright! My boxing knowledge has some holes here and there! I love the legend, Clay-Liston 1 (I shook up the world!), Ali'-Terrell (What's my name, sucker?), Foreman-Frazier 1 (down goes Frazier!), "Wilt scores!", "sky hook Kareem!", "Shaq dominates", "Benvenuti is champion of the world!", "Hulk Hogan lifites Andre' the Midget in the air". That's legend! 

Villaraigosa is the new sindaco of Los Angeles! I hope he is gonna make a good job. I love Los Angeles, even if I have never been there. Los Angeles owns a big part of my heart, below Pisa, Roma and all the other Italian cities, Los Angeles is definitely my favorite. One day I will be one of the many big fishes there and I will have my name written on that famous pavement! So I hope Villaraigosa is not going to hurt this town.

I was watching sports classics last night. Quarry-Frazier II. The ring announcer announced the fight as "a heavyweight elimination match."

The commission recognized a world heavyweight champion, along with several other states and other countries that rivaled the WBA title and Frazier held that title before unifying the title with his win over Ellis in 1970. Part of the group that recognized Frazier before 1970 later became part of the WBC. Yes, the NYSAC could have likely recognized a fight in 1974 as a title elimination bout, something they couldn't do today.

Anyone can recognize a fight as an elimination bout, title fight, etc. Ring Magazine, USA Today, WBC, WBA, IBF, NABF, ABC, NBC, Michael Jackson, you, me, Forrest Ward, Liz Taylor---anybody can assert a rankings system, name a leader, start a website and become "legitimate." It's the population of fans who either reject it or lend validity. To a certain extent, I agree with you that the NY State Commission was a big fish back then---I was a young kid back then and even I knew about the commission and it's power. But with that said, calling something an "elimination bout" is like the NABF having a title fight: What does it mean exactly? In the late 70's, Mike Weaver was the NABF Champion. So what? When he fought someone, it was just two guys fighting. The title meant very little to me, it was just someone making something up. Likewise, an "elimination" bout doesn't hold water with me if in my opinion, the participants haven't both earned the right. As was said in the movie 48 Hours, "Just because you say it with conviction, it don't mean (expletive) to me."

Tonight I saw again the Clay-Moore 1962 fight, Cassius completely dominated Archie. Although Archie was already 91 years old, he had just fought to a draw with Willie Pastrano and beaten some good heavyweight. Before the fight Clay said: Archie must fall in four... And actually Archie fell in four! I wonder why every time they show this fight, the rounds are not 3 minutes long as they should be... Why nobody does have the entire fight? It was a short fight, for God's sake! I'm top 5 stuff, cheers! Angelo is the bummest in the list! Tonight I saw again the Clay-Moore 1962 fight, Cassius completely dominated Archie. Although Archie was already 91 years old, he had just fought to a draw with Willie Pastrano and beaten some good heavyweight. Before the fight Clay said: Archie must fall in four... And actually Archie fell in four! I wonder why every time they show this fight, the rounds are not 3 minutes long as they should be... Why nobody does have the entire fight? It was a short fight, for God's sake!
ain't no nothing we can't love each other through...) with Italia, I could almost say this is an Italiano site !!!!!!!! Paisa' !

| 5/21/05 06:28:15 PM | Steve | NA | NA | 10 | Kent, boy, are you opening up a can of worms that can cause hard feelings! I love this site. I enjoy every one who posts here. However, hard feelings aside, in terms of dedication to the meaning and spirit of this site, and the knowledge, and fun they bring to the site, I must have my say. 1, Kent, 2, Forrest Ward, 3, Angelo, 4, Noam, 5, Jimmy Dorsey, 6 Massimo, 7, Fan, 8, Joey, 9, Me, 10, anyone else who has something new to say! |
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| 5/21/05 10:10:44 PM | Steve | NJ | NA | 10 | Kent, boy, are you opening up a can of worms that can cause hard feelings! I love this site. I enjoy every one who posts here. However, hard feelings aside, in terms of dedication to the meaning and spirit of this site, and the knowledge, and fun they bring to the site, I must have my say. 1, Kent, 2, Forrest Ward, 3, Angelo, 4, Noam, 5, Jimmy Dorsey, 6 Massimo, 7, Fan, 8, Joey, 9, Me, 10, anyone else who has something new to say! |
| 5/22/05 02:16:41 AM | Gino Mastroianni | San Leandro, XA | gmast49@juno.com | 10 | Steve, my list is not important as I didn't even put myself on it. How can you leave off the Muffinman and Koo Koo Klock? I realize the Clockster is not here much and neither is Muffy but they are the best! |
| 5/22/05 04:06:33 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Steve, boy, are you opening up a can of worms that can cause hard feelings! I love this site. I enjoy every one who posts here. However, hard feelings aside, in terms of dedication to the meaning and spirit of this site, and the knowledge, and fun they bring to the site, I must have my say. 1, Kent, 2, Forrest Ward, 3, Angelo, 4, Noam, 5, Jimmy Dorsey, 6 Massimo, 7, Fan, 8, Joey, 9, Me, 10, anyone else who has something new to say! |

Gino-<br><br>Saw Brewster demolish the big Russian tonight. Jerry would have, too. Hey, Zora Folley was a top contender for quite a few years. By the time he got his shot, he was way past his prime. Not every excellent fighter is also exciting. Bonavena, Chuvalo, Machen, Jimmy Young, many others not very exciting. You guys think Toney is done now? Looks bloated. Have you been talking about "The Contender"? I've only seen 2 shows, and the kids have all the heart in the world, but sometimes they seem to stop fighting and free-style almost as if they're acting. You know, the fake Rocky-style haymakers and roundhouse punches. Could be wrong, but does anyone else think so? Great site! When are you comin' to live in LA, Massimo? You can hang out at the Hoover Gym with Scrap Iron Johnson! |

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also, and it is titled 'How To Talk to a Liberal, if you must'. Exciting. Thanks.

| 5/24/05 10:58:17 AM | Steve | na | na | ||||10 | Kent, since Noam chooses to ignore my comments about Samuel Peters, the guy just won't "LISTEN" to me. I'll ask you, because I know you keep up with the current crop of upcoming young heavyweights. What are your impressions of Samuel Peters? In the few fights I've seen him in, he really impressed me. Do you remember the first few times you saw Frazier fight? You could tell you where watching somebody special. This kids got the heaviest hands I've seen in a long time. Kinda like a George Foreman type puncher, not a sharp, high velocity puncher like a Tyson or a Jerry Quarry. |
| 5/24/05 11:18:39 AM | steve | NA | na | ||||10 | Hi Sonia, wellcome back. I've never posted to you before, but I gotta tell you something! The older I get, and the more heavyweight boxing I pay a fortune to watch, the more I miss your Uncle Jerry. There will never be another heavyweight as unique, charismatic, or exciting and unpredictable as was Jerry Quarry. At least it sure seemed that way to me when I was in my twenties. |
| 5/24/05 11:44:45 AM | Bob Bumbera | NC | ||||10 | Steve, I've seen Peter fight several times as well and so far the only things that impress me about him are his power and ability to take a punch. He has been in with limited competition though. He has a tendency to loop punches and wing from the hip, not good if your fighting someone who can box well and has a good jab, like a Calvin Brock for instance. I have seen Peter fight 3 times and he looked a little heavy around the middle as well. If he can learn to shorten up his punches he may be a factor for a while, but his people now need to step up the competition. |
| 5/24/05 11:50:59 AM | Massimo | Roma | | | | |10 | Samuele Pietro, who? Welcome back Bob Bumbera! Any new shoe sizes to talk about? |
| 5/24/05 02:32:59 PM | steve | NA | na | ||||10 | Hey Bob Bumbera! Where the heck have you been? I'd almost forgotten about you. I think Peters is a diamond in the rough. He hasn't had many fights, with the correct trainer, he can get conditioned, lose that soft midsection, as best as a short guy can. Did Joe Frazier ever have a six pack? He can also be trained to move in much closer, balance himself, and shorten up those piledriver punches before unloading. I just got a feeling about this guy. |
| 5/24/05 03:40:30 PM | Joey | Canada | | | | |10 | NOAM said... Joey knows his stuff, too. But I have reservations about people from Canada after reading Bill O'Reilly's books ("O'Reilly Factor For Children", "Who's Looking Out For You", etc). I read Ann Coulter's book also, and it is titled 'How To Talk to a Liberal, if you must'. Exciting. Thanks. <br>******************************************************************************<br>O'Reilly discredited himself with his maid, nanny whatever, Ann Coulter, although she is pretty cute, she's also way out in left field (better make that right field).<br>We are not extreme LIBERALS up here, but the only ones that are extreme CONSERVATIVES are located in the province of Alberta. George Chuvalo was approached to run for the Conservatives as a political candidate but turned down their request.<br>I like the USA though. It is a great country to visit and spend time in; a very interesting culture. Great sense of history, politics, boxing, music, entertainment in general... I better quit, I'm getting off topic. |
| 5/24/05 03:52:37 PM | Noam | same | same | ||||10 | Hey Joey. I was joking. And it was Bill O'Reilly's staffer - sort of like Clinton's intern - making the allegations against him. I'd only worry about that if it was a guy making the complaint. Otherwise, who cares, about from misguided lefties. <br><br>Ann Coulter is cute. Smart too. <br><br>I like Canadians, mostly. I don't like the way you cull seal pups. <br><br>Steve - I haven't seen that guy fight yet. I'll be looking out for him though. |
| 5/24/05 04:01:50 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | | | | |10 | Joey: Don't be scared of American conservatives. Really, I consider myself a right
leaning moderate---not a died in the wool conservative, but certainly closer to conservative than liberal. Unlike some others, I don't find the right wing scary and radical---I reserve that for the other end of the spectrum, people who have to define "what 'is' is." People who let murderers out of prison in 7-14 years because "we have a responsibility to rehabilitate them and the death penalty is cruel" but on the other hand, these same lefties do not have an issue with starving an incapacitated woman to death even though her parents and siblings want her to live. That scares me more than the right.<br>Speaking of rights, Jerry Quarry had a pretty good one! He'd be a top heavyweight today and would go through most of the division like a buzzsaw.

George Otto: since I sent off for Microfilm of all of Jerry's bouts and to the town he fought them in I was surprised of the discrepancies on his record, mostly just dates, and there are at least ten that need corrected, here are the ten, 1-JUNE 3 1965 KO 4 John Henry Jackson 2-June 24 1965 W6 Dave Centi 3-August 2 1965 KO 4 J.P. Spencer (this bout in Las Vegas AND NOT Los Angeles) 4-SEPT 23 1965 KO 3 Ray Ellis 5-OCTOBER 18 1965 KO 1 Milton Manley 6-OCTOBER 28 KO 6 Al "Tiger" Carter 7-DECEMBER 23 1965 KO 3 Roy Crear 8-MAY 27 1966 Tony Alongi DRAW 10 9-NOVEMBER 28 1966 KO 5 Leslie Borden 10- NOVEMBER 22 1983 W 10 James Williams. these are all the correct dates of those bouts, also AUGUST 9 1965 WAS a Decison over 8 rounds in a Quarry rematch with John Henry Jackson and not a third round knockout, like their first bout, So JQ OFFICIALLY WAS 53-9-4 32 KO'S. ALSO found out Oscar Bonavena's bulging biceps were 16 1/2 opposed to Quarry's 17 1/2. Jerry had bigger guns then both George Foreman and George Chuvalo, I have to admit they did not look it, of course sometimes looks are deceiving!

Joey, I agree with you too. My only query regarding Jerry Quarry would be his size. He wasn't tall and I don't know whether too much more bulk would have fitted his frame. Even so, his size would probably not have stopped him dominating most of the heavyies around today, but I would have worried about him against really big guys like Lewis. Still, JQ had all the heart in the world, and some bigger guys don't.

Lewis would have been a difficult fight for him but he
isn't around now as he is retired. His size would be an advantage against a lot of heavys out there today as he would have a quickness advantage. That was the point I was trying to make with James Toney, that it is better for a smaller heavyweight to be fairly light because of the speed factor. Vassily Jirov only weighed about 210 when he knocked down Joe Mesi, 235 pounds, three times late in the fight that ironically Mesi won by building up an early lead. He was definitly strong enough to hurt Mesi. In fact he could have been even lighter, about 200 pounds, and he might have not bee as sluggish as he was in the earlier rounds and the extra weight may have cost him the fight. I feel he would have been strong enough to still hurt Mesi but faster.

Today the heavyweights are TOO HEAVY!

Mike Tyson has always been way too heavy. How can a 5'9" 1/2 guy weigh 220 lbs ? Come on, the monster Giorgio Foreman, at 6'4" weighted 217 in his first fight against Frazier (and he still was competitive in that fight). I don't know why the fighters today are that andre'. Here's a list of some of the hardest hitters ever: Marciano (184 lbs), Satterfield (170), Dempsey (190), Jersey Joe Walcott (190), Joe Louis (202), Archie Moore (190), Ernie Shavers (210), Ron Lyle (216), Oscar Bonavena (205), Jerry Quarry (195), Julius Garcia (185), Joe Frazier (203), Ken Norton (210), Henry Cooper (185), Ingemar Johansson (195), Floyd Patterson (his left hook was pretty heavy, ask Ingo, 190), Sonny Liston (210). I think a 180 lbs guy can be powerful enough to knock anyone out with one punch, if that punch lands well. I think today Jerry Quarry would have beaten all the heavyweights outta there, with the exception of Vitali Klitscho. Jerry would have had no problem with guys like "the bouncer" Mc Cline or Andrea Golota. I also think he would have easily out-boxed Davide Tua and taken his best shots. A fight with Toney would have been very close and very exciting to watch.

The real wild cards with Jerry Quarry sort of cancel eachother out: They are, Wildcard #1) You couldn't knock this guy out. He would not quit. One aspect of Quarry that would give him a chance against guys like Tyson and Foreman is that I truly believe he could take their best punches and live to fight another round, however, Wildcard #2: He cut too easily. Against a guy like Lennox Lewis, Jerry could hold his own by pressuring Lewis and forcing Lewis to retreat. But a few Lewis punches to Jerry's eyes could end the fight on cuts. That's the paradox---a guy who could hang around in a fight against Foreman, go on the offensive late and get a KO, or lose to someone he should beat due to cuts. With that said, he'd beat most of the division today without much trouble. Lennox Lewis would be a major hurdle due to his size, reach and good boxing ability. But if Jerry caught Lewis flush, we all know the result would be a KO. Lewis had an issue with losing unexpectedly by KO. The fight I would have liked to see was Lewis/Bowe early 90's. They were the two most interesting and maybe the two best fighters for a brief period of time and they didn't meet. That's inexcusable. We can say what we will about Frazier, Holmes, Norton, Ali---the fact is, the best usually always end up facing off against eachother. Why did Lewis-Bowe get a pass? The only other fighter I consider close to the best of his time, at least for a very brief period, was Tim Witherspoon. He didn't get the opportunity he should have when he was at his best. Maybe that's a Don King issue?

It's very true about Jerry, there was no quit in him. Unfortunately, his tendency to cut, I feel, limited his potential, not unlike Henry Cooper, who was not a bad heavy for his age and time.
Mike Tyson has always been way too heavy. How can a 5'9" 1/2 guy weight 220 lbs? I think a 180 lbs guy can be powerful enough to knock anyone out with one punch, if that punch lands well. I think in Mike's case, he was a very broad framed fighter, kind of like a little bull. Also I believe there is a greater deal of weight training today, which will increase weight considerably, whereas back in time, very little if any. Just my guess. I agree that a lighter guy can knock out a heavier guy. It's in the leverage, starts from the feet, generally telegraphed as a short, on the button connection. (MARCIONA, LOUIS, TYSON)<br><br>KENT..."Jerry Quarry was very strong for his size. Just about his only dominant moment in Ali/Quarry 2 was when he picked up Ali and sat him almost on top of the ropes in the first round. His size would be an advantage against a lot of heavys out there today as he would have a quickness advantage. Good point! I remember Jerry doing that against Ali. That was actually a very good fight. It's too bad that it was stopped on a cut, but both fighters looked very good that night. Still, JQ had all the heart in the world, and some bigger guys don't."<br><br>I believe that was the key to Jerry's success. In the early days, he had the aerobic fitness to compliment those strengths, but as he got older and lazier and trained less, he didn't. Because he doesn't have the mental strength of guys like Quarry and Ali, he tended to quit when he became fatigued. We initially saw that against Douglas. That's what happening with him recently. When he can't knock a guy out early, he gets fatigued and gives up. Also, because he doesn't train hard, he is more prone to injury. I'm told that before his most recent fights he'd only spar a few rounds and then give training away. Former world champion from down under, Jeff Feneck, went to his training and made him hit the pads hard and Tyson was so unfit he threw up. He then went out and lost. Apparently, Feneck is now training Tyson and has him working very, very hard. We might see a different guy in his next fight. Tyson might have more options if he doesn't tag McBride early.

Steve, Frazier had a six pack...in 1966 I think. I like the thoughts on the size of today's heavyweights. When Brewster blasted Golota he said that smaller heavyweights like him would be back to rule the division. Now to me Brewster ain't all that "small" at 6’2" 240 but when you have guys like McCLine and the brothers Klitschko I guess he is kind of petite. I don’t think Jerry would have much success vs. Klitschko or Lewis or somebody mentioned Riddick Bowe. All three have a powerful accurate jab, a reach of near 7 feet and at least a 5 inch height advantage over Jerry. And lets not forget the 50 or so pounds. To me that spells bloody mess for Jerry. He would have had a better time of it with Jirov, Mesi, Ruiz, and Rahman etc. Toney vs. Jerry would be a good one as well. Now whether he would be able to walk in there today and, as someone said beaten all but Klitschko, I don’t know about that. Jerry at 197-198 was a pretty sturdy guy but fighting someone who is 3 or 4 inches taller and 35-40 pounds heavier would not be a walk in the park for anyone.
He moved well too. His great head movement made him very hard to hit and predict, and he had tremendous leverage and balance based around those thick legs.

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When he lost that head movement, he became a sitting duck. It was Mike's overal power, hand speed and head movement which made him what he WAS! It's a shame that Cus D'Amato wasn't around for a longer period of time. Mike really needed a strong, positive influence or mentor in his life, both private and personal. I can't get on track with putting TYSON down, he was just too good and fell upon negative times due to his lack of guidance and direction. A real loss for heavyweight boxing.

When I look at a young Foreman and at a young Tyson, I can't help being surprised that Tyson is the heaviest (or heavier) of the two. Foreman was much wilter than Mike, had huge arms and broad shoulders! Muhammed Ali is 6'2" 1/2 with broad shoulders and looked much heavier than Tyson! Mac Foster looked very big in his fight against Quarry and was about 6'3" wilt, but only weighted 210 lbs. By looking at him I’d guess about 230! Ron Lyle, at 6'3" 1/2 looked heavier than Tyson too.

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Ken Norton looked heavier than Tyson as well. It's a little surprising to me, but the truth is the truth. Chris Byrd is considered today a very small heavyweight, but at 6'2", 210 is was only a little smaller than Ali, who was considered a big guy back in the 60s and 70s. <br>

I don't think that guys like Mc Cline, Briggs, Botha, Brewster, Ruiz and probably even Tua and Rahman would have been dangerous for Jerry Quarry. I would bet on Jerry. But, very honestly in a Lewis-Quarry fight I'd bet on Lennox. I would hit Jerry with a flurry of jabs and uppercuts. But Jerry's left hook could win him the fight. Of course you can never be sure in boxing.

Bob B, Brewster weighed in at 224 not 240 as compared to 248 for Golota. So Brewster is on the small side compared to a lot of the guys around today. <br>

A lot of the extra weight these guys are carrying today may be the result of weight training, which they didn't do much of in Jerry's day as well as improved nutrition.

Still the smaller guys seem to be more than holding their own. Byrd at 213 over McCline 265, Brewster over Golota, Brewster over W. Klitschko 243, Davarroyl Williamson 215 barely losing to W. Klitschko by tech decision and scoring a knockdown, Brock 217 over McCline, Jirov 210 beating up Mesi 235 badly in the last few rounds and though he lost a close decision, who came out the worse for wear afterwards? Mesi of course.

Tyson not only started to go down hill when he didn't move his head as much, he also began to stand too straight up, dangerous for a short heavyweight, and he began to throw only one or two punches at a time. At his best Tyson would move in behind multiple jabs, a lot of head movement and combination punching to the body and the head.

After the Michael Spinks fight Tyson seemed to pick up the bad habits. Any connection to him firing Kevin Rooney as his trainer, a long time Cus fighter, who had trained in the gym since before Cus found Tyson and who had trained him until the M. Spinks fight? I think so as it was the last direct connection to Cus.

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and body. You can say he lost these skills due to the loss of his mentors, Gus and Teddy Atlas. However, he's been officially diagnosed as having Bi-Polar Disorder. That's not a cheap excuse for the desintegration of his personal and professional life. He's a textbook case. Which is where I got my information. Medication can almost completely control behavior in most cases. Trouble is, it's very hard to keep someone with this disorder on their medication. The very nature of the disease makes them and their mood swings hard to control. Very often they just won't take their meds. This mental disorder usually strikes people in their late twenties and early thirties. I feel very sorry for Tyson. He's in the wrong racket for a guy with a serious mental disorder. I hope he doesn't continue to be exploited and meet a bad end to his life.

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won't fight that f--g animal". I also know that when Tyson was a teenager, he used to watch often the Foreman-Frazier first fight and he thought that George Edward was really scaring. Tyson-Louis ? I don't know, but let me say that if Joe Louis knocked out Carnera in the way he did he couldn't be too bad!

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Maybe we pay too much attention to weight, or how much weight of boxers has increased. I think most of them fight differently, too, compared with the 60s or 50s. I think there was much more craft then, and today there is a little too much emphasis on bulk and strength. Some people enjoy boxing matches about power, bulk and strength, with the biggest possible guys bludgeoning each other until one of them drops. That's OK but I prefer matches decided by skill, speed, footwork, smarts and strategy. Maybe I'm not a true heavyweight fan. JQ did have incredible power and he was strong, but what impressed me more about him were his heart, boxing expertise, fundamentals and aggressiveness, plus killer's instinct. I think we had better boxers, or more good boxers, when guys really had to work their way up to being contenders, with at least 20 or 30 fights. The way the promoters and the media work now, if a new kid can be sold in big fights, they rush him into the Top Ten before he's really ready. Did anyone say anything about "The Contender"? I don't like to see young children watching their dads get walloped and bleeding. Sonia, did you ever see Jerry fight when you were little? Great site as always. Hello to Massimo!

Can anyone explain why boxing or fighting in movies never looks the least bit realistic? You'd think after so many years they'd get it right. John Wayne is the prime example, and he was so slow you could have a beer before his next punch came. Like most Hollywood fighters, he also telegraphed his punches. Jim Garner, Steve McQueen, Bruce Willis -- all the same. The worst of all may be Sylvester Stallone, who should know better after so much time spent in gyms. They fight like they imagine the way good fighters would fight, but it's all haymakers, Sunday punches, roundabout rights. (Massimo, these are slang terms for very slow, deliberate, hard punches where the guy really loads up, or concentrates to put all his strength into it -- as if the other guy would really stand there and wait for him to do it!)

Gino, fights on the big screen are the directors idea of will entertain the audience and they are not meant to be realistic.

Even Chuck Norris, a real life five time world amateur middleweight karate champion, I don't think he ever fought on the pro circuit but he knows his stuff, has unrealistic fight scenes.

Gino, can Harvey Keitel fight? I've been a fan of his since his film The Dirty Lieutenant. I've watched re-runs of the Rockford Files and James Garner throws a nice punch. His offside Angel doesn't, though. Greg Brady hit Marsha in one episode I remember and that didn't look staged.
weeks ago, but weighted 103 Kg (about 230 lbs) for his last fight and now he
could almost be employed as a bouncer. I think an actor who can boxe
quite well is Mickey Rourke. I bet he lives in Los Angeles. And Kim Basinger
lives in Los Angeles too.

The answer to my question: the legendary FRANCO (FRANCESCO) DE PICCOLI. This guy won the gold
medal in the heavyweight division with ease. Yesterday I saw the final match
which he won by first round knockout. Franco was a devastating puncher, too bad
that he couldn't take a punch well...As a professional, after a brilliant start,
he was knocked out by Wayne Bethea and Joe Bygraves.

Luan Krasniqi knocked Whitaker out in 6 rounds !!!!!!!!

I think he will play a very important role (ruolo) in the heavyweight division from now on.

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A couple of other actors that boxed well, Robert Conrad and Robert Blake. Ryan O'Neil had his
neck dislocated while sparring with Joe frazier.

In celebrity boxing matches he defeated Donny Osmond, a singer with a karate background,
by decision and Bonaduce actutally knocked out Barry Williams, who played Greg
Brady on the Brady Bunch.<br> Bonaduce also has a martial arts background. 

James Carne fought well as Sonny Corleone in The Godfather. When he was beating his brother-in-law it looked real. Those
'spaghetti westerns' when Bud Spencer punched his horse didn't look like acting
either. Next thing some of you guys are going to tell me that the wrestling
isn't real when they jump on someone's head from the ropes.

Gino, you've opened up a can of worms.

Bud Spencer, real name Carlo Pedersoli, born in Naples (Naples
is a difficult way to say Napoli) in 1929, he is one of my favourite actors. His
life is very interesting too, he was a great swimmer (first man in Italia to
swim 100 m in less than 1 minute). He wrote the music of some nice songs for his
own movies. He went to college at 17 studing chemistry but had to quit because
his family settled (or settled down, but not settled up) in South America. Then,
years later, he took a degree in Law. He played in 4 movies with Joe Bugner,
beating him to a pulp in each of these movies. A very interesting person. Today
he is old like hell and is involved in Politics. A legend. I saw so many of his
movies, how to forget "Trinita'" or "Continuavano a chiamarlo Trinita'" with Terence Hill (real name Mario Girotti) ?

Bud Spencer. I'm surprised he could
float let alone swim. Spencer is not built like a swimmer. He looks like a
wrestler. You sure you're not mixing him up with someone else, perhaps Johnny
Weismuller.

Gino, I think you are wrong saying that movies don't make
fighting look real. John Holmes did okay in his movies.

Noam, there have been specials that have celebrity boxing on T.V. Some of the match ups
featured those I mentioned plus others such as, "the battle of the nerds,
Dustin Diamond (Screech from, I forget the name of the show) vs. Ronald Pallilo
(Horshack from Welcome Back Kotter), 8 foot tall Manute Bol vs William "The Refrigerator" Perry and others.<br>The best action was Bonaduce vs. Osmond, a close fight between two men who have at least some fighting skills, that was won by Bonaduce. I don't know Bonaduce's exact background but I do know that Osmond, along with his family, were long time students of Chuck Norris. Norris mentions this in his autobiography.<br>Bonaduce was impressive in knocking out Williams, "Greg Brady" who outweighed "Danny Partridge" by about twenty pounds. "Screech" vs "Horshack" was a mismatch as Diamond was much bigger and younger than his opponent.<br>|
| 5/30/05 01:49:29 AM | Massimo Giulio Leonardo Cini | Roma | || 4 | | 10 | Noam-
| 5/30/05 10:01:17 AM | Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | | Sonia90101@aol.com | | | | 10 |
| | "Next thing some of you guys are going to tell me that the wrestling isn't real when they jump on someone's head from the ropes."<br>"PS: Noam, I know that WRESTLING is a fake, but I remember when Hulk Hogan lifted (or raised) Andre' the Midget and that wasn't an easy thing to do. Actually Andre' was a very short guy, but still (or yet) weighted about 520 lbs!"
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| | "PRO WRESTLING is scripted. The athleticism that you see is real. The punching and kicking are pulled. The slaps are real, the leg drops are an illusion, the holds are real, but in most cases are executed in such a way as to cause no pain. When you see blood, it is deliberate. When they pick each other up, it's real, but assisted somewhat. The outcome is predetermined. It's kind of like smoke and mirrors with a touch of reality, but don't ever ask a wrestler if it is fake because he will deliberately stiffen you."<br>|
| 6/1/05 10:47:48 AM | Joey | Canada | | AOL | | | | 10 |
| 6/1/05 12:04:10 PM | Jimmy Magkabo | obvious | | other25000years.com | | | | 10 |
| 6/1/05 06:54:27 PM | Kent Appel | Murrieta, Ca | | kentallenent@aol.com | | | | 10 |
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| | "I am probably going to be attending the Audley Harrison fight card here in California on June 9. Harrison was the Olympic gold medalist from Britain in 2000. He is 17-0 as a professional and he is one of the up and coming heavyweights to watch. I don't know who he is fighting without looking it up."<br>On the undercard is former national heavyweight golden gloves champion Malcolm Tann, who is 15-1 as a professional verses former heavyweight title Challenger Vaughn Bean, who has over 45 professional fights and about five losses.
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Happy birthday CNN. Happy 25th birthday! Ooh say, can you see ...?"
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I hope we can start some interesting topics soon.

I have never seen Harrison fight. All I know about this guy is that he is a big fella (it's Slang for "fellow") and that he won the golden medal in the Olympics by beating quite easily Paolo Vidoz in the final fight. But Paolo turned out to be much weaker than I thought as a professional so...I can't judge this Audley yet!

Speaking of legendary fights, what about Baer-Schmeling. It was a fight to pick up (I hope is good English) the challenger for the KIng of the world, Primo Carnera. Massimo Baer beat Massimo Schmeling up like he was his daddy (even if my daddy never beat me up that hard) in the first 2 rounds, Schmeling came back well in the middle rounds, but in the tenth he took the worst beating of his life! It was really a good fight (and 63000 persons saw it live). This is legend in my book.

I invite all of you 280 millions Americans in “my” home in Roma (it's in Italia) for a special occasion: on next Thursday on ESPN Italia there will be MUHAMMAD ALI' vs JOE FRAZIER 2. If this ain't legend, what is legend all about?

Which were the most exciting knockout wins in Jerry Quarry's career? I think those in the Mac Foster and Shavers fights were very thrilling. Others? Which were other great fights JQ was involved in rarely shown on TV?

Yes, Kirk Johnson has been added to the card. He isn't fighting anyone of note though, a tune up for him, like Davis, Harrison's opponent, who I couldn't remember off the top of my head even though I got a bout sheet listing the fights from the promoter, I can't remember who Johnson is fighting.

Malcolm Tann is about 6'6" tall and he is always in good shape at about 230 pounds. His problem is he needs to use his jab and his height more. Bean is about 6 feet tall and if Tann can utilize his height, he may be able to handle Bean.

Tann has sparred with some talented fighters like Toney, Johnson, and Wladimir Klitschko but is he ready to step up the live competition level? We will find out, this bout is the most interesting on the card to me.
Dumphy said, "prepare for a punchfest" and that's what it was.<br>

Kent---I doubt I'll be going the Tyson-McBride fight (I have an eight month old and my wife would KO me if I hightailed it on a weekend to go to MCI center.)---but I did see some photos of Tyson in training. At least for physical appearance, this is as good as I've seen him look in as long as I can remember. I don't think he's been this chiseled since before the prison sentence. If his head is in the fight and he actually does more than wind up for one punch at a time---he'll walk over McBride and if he can somehow stay focused, who knows? Certainly, this is all speculation on my part, but he really looks better than I expected at this point. | 6/5/05 11:34:50 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Angelo, it will interesting to see how much Tyson has left. If things are going his way and then is no adversity, we could see an early Tyson win. But if he gets into trouble, will we see the bad habits come out? Like winging one punch at a time and trying to bail himself out with one punch and also not using head movement.<br><br>I see it as if McBride gets Tyson into trouble and hurts Tyson and Tyson still is coming in and moving his head and throwing combinations like he is supposed to, then Tyson still has something left.<br><br>But if the bad habits that have been around for years, since the Buster Douglas fight, are programmed into his brain, then we will never see any hint of his past greatness as a fighter again.| 6/5/05 11:44:41 AM|Kent|same||same|||10|Double congratulations, one to Angelo for his eight month old child, whcih we didn't know about and the other to Ricky Hatton for his 11th round TKO of Kostya T(pronounced Zoo, I never know how to spell it).<br><br>Hatton surprised me as I though Kostya T would have too much experience for him and I didn't think Hatton's defense was good enough for him to get a win. Huge win for Hatton and a good fight for boxing as Hatton is a decent fellow, humble and not a trash talker like so many around today.| 6/5/05 04:16:49 PM|Uncle Tom |How beautiful is Roma at night !||Have you ever walked for Roma at night ?.com||||10|I think that Tyson can beat most of the guys outta there, but not the very best ! He can't beat Vitali, not even in his dreams. And if he dreams that he is whipping Vitali, he should wake up and apologize to him. <br><br>Angelo---<br><br>I have never seen the Quarry-Lyle fight. Did Jerry win comfortably or after a rough and close battle ? Was this fight exciting ?| 6/5/05 04:45:46 PM|George L. Otto|Youngstown, Ohio||ehnpbsa@aol.com||||10|To the readers of this site, and especially Mr. Jimmy Dorsey and Mr. Bob Bumbera, I offer the following responses to your comments made recently and in the distant past. Mr. Dorsey, thank you for your research efforts concerning JQ's record. While I have no control over the overall content of this website, Mr. Carl Weingarten has rather magnificently handled that duty in the past. What I will do is forward your posting regarding JQ's record to Ms. Linda Quarry, the widow of Mr. James Quarry. She, in turn, can bring this issue to Mr. Weingarten's attention.<br><br>Regarding Mr. Bumbera's question as to why the AAIB's Manifesto (as published on this site) calls for championship bouts to last 13, instead of 12 rounds, I do not know the answer. However, I would suggest that Mr. Bumbera, or anyone else who has any questions at all about anything in boxing, call Mr. Steve Acunto, Sr. For those of you who do not know this fine gentleman or his reputation, he is not only the primary author of the Manifesto, but one of the most knowledgeable persons of all time concerning professional boxing. Among his many accomplishments, he served as a member of the New York State Athletic Commission for more than 50 years. He can be reached at 914.664.4571; furthermore, he welcomes any and all questions directed to him concerning the Manifesto or any other boxing topic.| 6/6/05 09:07:45 AM|Fran|Philly||plc7755@aol.com||||10|We saw the "Cinderela Man" over the weekend it was a great movie my wife loved it, very realistic, great acting and Russell Crowe was perfect for the part. I was thinking of the
similarites in Jerry's comeback year of 1973 when he lit up the Garden with those big wins oner Lyle and Shavers. Jimmy Braddock was brought back to life in this movie and even though I knew who he was and what he did this movie was like being in a time machine. Hope everyone gets a chance to see the movie. | 

| 6/6/05 11:32:27 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | How good was Jim Braddock? Hard to say! His punches were less hard than Angelo's son (who is less than 1 years old) but, after all and all in all, he knocked Joe Louis down and beat Massimo Baer (the guy who beat the greatest of all times Primo Carnera). I think he wasn't a bad fighter at all, but on the other hand he was pretty boring to watch. | 

| 6/6/05 01:09:05 PM | Steve | NJ | NA | 10 | Kent and Noam, jeez, that's the last time I listen to a fight prediction from you two guys! Hah!, I predicted Hatton would swarm all over Tszyu! The heavyweight scene is so bad it defies any kind of intelligent discussion or predictions even from Noam or Kent! Kent, remember when you and I had a discussion about fighters getting old all of a sudden between fights? I think that's what happened to Kosta Tszyu. I hope and pray that Samuel Peters is the next Joe Frazier. He'd be perfect against Klitchko. We'd have Ali vs Frazier all over again. Only on a skill and gut level about 200% below the originals. | 

| 6/6/05 03:28:02 PM | Bob Bumbera | NC | renfbera@aol.com | 10 | Massimo, Braddock was a good fighter that had bad hands. He had a whale of a right and a good solid jab. As a light-heavy he won 11 of his first 12 by KO, 8 in the first round. A few years later, he KO'ed Tuffy Griffith and one of the all time great pure boxers Jimmy Slattery. He won a decision over John Henry Lewis. Joe Louis' handlers had so much respect for Braddock's toughness and courage they told Joe he would have to KO him to win the title, which he did, the only time Braddock was counted out in 84 fights. Braddock knocked Louis down with a right hand in the first round and if his left hadn't been "coked" he may have put Joe out with a follow up hook. Had Max Baer taken Braddock seriously and respected his ability like the Louis camp did maybe Braddock would have been defeated and gone back to work on the docks a few years earlier than he did. Braddock may have lost more fights than any other Heavyweight Champ but he was no looser. What a story his life makes though. I haven't seen the movie yet, I usually wait until I can rent them but I may go see this one. Besides anyone who calls Jersey home is ok by me. | 

| 6/6/05 05:15:19 PM | Massimo | El Paso, Texas | 4 | 10 | Steve-<br><br>Why are you hoping Samuele Pietro to be (or do you hope Samuele Pietro is) the new Joe Frazier? Why do you wanna have another bum in the heavyweight division? ;-)|

| 6/6/05 05:49:55 PM | Steve | na | na | 10 | Massimo, are you kidding me?? I just can't get over how many people on this site belittle Joe Frazier's skills and psychological profile. He makes Mike Tyson look like a little girl in terms of mental strenght and toughness! | 

| 6/6/05 06:14:14 PM | Steve | El Paso, Texas | 4 | 10 | I was only joking, of course, Joe Frazier is one of my favourites fighters, I rate him in the top 10. I think throughout their 3 fight Ali' and Frazier fought essentially EVEN: Joe clearly won the first fight, the second was very close and the third was a life and death stuff, so the name of the winner wasn't that important (cause it was a massacre for both fighters, the winner and the loser). I rate Ali' above Frazier because he fought all in all better fighters than Frazier did and did a little better than Joe against George Foreman...But Joe Frazier is
still a great champion in my book.}

Massimo, in terms of mental
toughness, consistent boxing skill levels over a long career, I would give Jerry
Quarry a shot at beating Tyson. At his best, Quarry took Earnie Shavers best
shots. I saw him get clocked at least three times in that first round, and not
even blink. I give Tyson an advantage in power, but nothing Quarry couldn't absorb
or roll with and neutralize. I don't think Tyson could have taken Quarry's power
counter punches over fifteen, or even twelve rounds. |

The point could be made that Tyson threw combinations much faster than Shavers. However, Quarry was also very fast with
combination power punches, as shown against Frazier and Ron Lyle. |

I think Jerry Quarry in his best days (Mac Foster, Shavers, Lyle) would have had a pretty good chance at
beating a prime Tyson (even if, honestly, I would have still bet on Tyson). I
think a prime Quarry would have beaten an after Desiree' Tyson most of the
times. Jerry would have told him "you don't bother me a bit" in the pre-fight
weight in like (or as) Evandro Camposanto did and then kicked his ass. |

Something you all have surely
noted: Evandro Camposanto was a type mistake! I should have said Evandro
Camposanto. Sorry grande padre DANTE! Good night, it's damn late here in
Paisaland and I gotta go (or get) to my huge bed (where I use to sleep
diagonally). |

Jerry Quarry was a master of the
stare down during the ref's instructions. If you want to see a really scary
dude, watch Quarry's stare down on any of his fight films. He would have intimidated
Tyson, and handled his power during the first round, much as he did
Shavers, Lyle, and Joe Frazier. |

Pardon my spelling, I meant that Quarry
would have intimidated Tyson, because Quarry feared no one. Tyson won most of his
early fights on the fear factor alone. I often wonder who was the better all
round fighter, Quarry or Hollyfield. |

Yes, I saw Jerry's
glance in the Mac Foster fight and it was intimidating, but I find that Mike
Tyson's glance is intimidating too. If he looked right in my eyes in Bronswill
(spelling) at 3.12 in the morning, I think I would be scared. On the other hand, the
less (or the least) intimidating person on Earth is my mom, Anna Ursino from
Campobasso (not exactly Los Angeles), Molise (not exactly California). She
wears a shoe size 35 in Italia (4 or 5 I guess in Wyoming) and has the smallest
hands I have ever seen in an adult human being (even a little smaller than mine)
and the body strenght of an average 7 years old male. |

I just saw the
already legendary Nicola Valuev vs Clifford Etienne fight. Clifford fought a
pretty good first round, but Nicola won easily by KOT 3. He is freaking big
(always the same size as Shaq) and can really punch. Clifford at 6'2" is the same
wiltness as my old friend at college Fabrizio (sorry, I don't know his surname)
and at 98.7 Kg, looked like an idrogen atom in comparison to Nicola. Very
honestly, I don't think there are many heavyweights outta there who could handle
this guy... |

Kent and Noam, what gives? I've been
waiting for you two guys to climb all over me for that blatant lie I told when I
said I predicted Hatton to beat Kosta Tzu, or whatever his name is. I actually
picked Kosta to walk through Hatton in a few rounds. |

Angelo, in terms of longevity of
successful careers. Joe Frazier fought Ali the third time with all the
fury, quickness, and determination he exhibited through his entire career. This even after a fearsome beating from George Foreman.

Mike Tyson, on the other hand, seemed to desintegrate after his loss to Buster Douglass.

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Steve, I honestly didn't remember you picking Hatton to lose. I just remember I did.

I am attending the Audely Harrison fight card Thursday. My pal Toney will likely be there. I think he is innocent of his steroid charges as he didn't have the steroid look verses Ruiz as he looked chubby.

I have a feeling his postive test was due to leftover residue from the legal prescriptions he was taking when he was being treated for his arm injury.

I got an E-mail from the promoter with and updated bout sheet for the card and Vaughn Bean is not on the card. Tann is fighting a journeyman fighter instead. Don't know yet why Bean is not fighting.

Why don't you ask your brother James what he thinks about Audley Harrison. I already know he'll say: "Harrison is a big bum!"

Aren't the tests sophisticated enough to distinguish between medication (especially residual) and steroids? I'd like to believe that Toney is the victim of a mistake, but generally, after all is said and done, most pro (or amateur) athletes accused of banned substance use are generally guilty. The first thing you hear from guys like runner Ben Johnson? "It was cold medicine."

I'm not saying I believe with 100% certainty that Toney is guilty of steroids, but on the other hand, what more do you have than a hunch, that he's innocent? The fact that he wasn't chiseled doesn't tell the whole story. Remember Tony Mandarich, drafted by the Packers (I believe out of Michigan State)? In college, he was just bulky, not muscular, but huge and bulky. He had incredible strength, stamina and intensity, even though he didn't have Ken Norton's body. When he went to the NFL and got off the juice, he shrunk a few sizes and Reggie White got the assignment against him one afternoon and threw him around like Raggedy Ann. Mandarich did improve and actually had a decent season or two, but was never the dominating player he would have been if he stayed on steroids. At least that's the word from insiders. I think Toney might have juiced to gain weight and strength—-the weight doesn't always go on solidly, but it works.

Steve: Your post is accurate. I think that the difference between Frazier and Tyson (and the reason Frazier was able to go to war late in his career and look good) is mental. Frazier was one of a select few who, in the ring, didn't let my all time favorite, Ali, mess with his mind. Frazier had focus and a sense of purpose that Tyson lost very early. Is it too late for Tyson? Probably. I have to say, Tyson is saying the right things now, and reportedly has trained like a maniac for this fight against McBride. The knee is healed, Tyson is in shape and apparently at peace with himself for now. He needs the money and has that motivation going for him. If he wins this one and one or two more tune-ups against stiffs, he'll get another crack at one of the titles. Oh boy, we're in for some fun.
Thanks! I can't even imagine what James "Cassius Clay was humble" Toney would say if you asked him "what do you think about Primo Carnera?". He probably would start vomiting!

I don't agree with you that Tyson needs money. No matter how much money he gets in his next fights, he'll throw it out of the window just in the same way he did with the money (maybe what 200 millions?) he got (or even gained) throughout the rest of his career. He should quit his career and care about his own health. He got a choice: being a healthy and poor man or being a poor and ill man.

Haven't been by in a while, friends. Several items:

1. Anyone see Big (really big) Riddick Bowe just barely get by Billy Kudrun or whatever? Billy did well for a guy who's really only part-time -- almost finished Bowe in one round. James Toney shrewdly observed that Bowe should lose weight (from 280). I noticed again the announcers got many details and observations wrong, probably to hype the fight. If Riddick wants to come back, why not? Just about all the other heavyweights now are stiffa. 
   3. Kent, I disagree about Hollywood directors not wanting boxing movies to be real. I used to be a grip and heard directors talk about making the fights and boxing "more realistic". They just don't know what it is. Most of them are pansies. 
   4. Steve, were you the one who said Frazier didn't let Ali mess with his head? He sure did, buddy. He was mad and distracted as hell when Ali called him ugly, and the ugly gorilla. He still hates Ali to this day and never misses a chance to put him down. That's messing with a guy's head. 
   5. Who was it who said JQ was a master of the stare down? Give me a break. For one thing, Jerry was white, if you haven't noticed, and no black fighter is going to find any white guy fearful or scary. These black guys are usually from the street, everybody, where people carry guns and shoot people with them. By the same token, Massimo, what Italian is going to be intimidated by an Irishman? No offense. Besides, Jerry was a small man. Do you think Lennox Lewis or Riddick Bowe or other big guys would find him intimidating? Or Frazier or Toney or Trinidad or any Motown fighter or any other black guy in any division? For that matter, Latinos, too. Do you think Roberto Duran's gonna wet his pants if somebody looks mean at him? Except for Liston and Foreman, nobody scares anybody in staredowns. That's kid stuff. Give it up.

Gino: I'm the one who said Ali didn't get in Frazier's head. I wasn't quite right about that---he did get in Frazier's head, as evidenced by the fact that 35 years later, Frazier still can't let go. But what I meant is that Frazier didn't get rattled enough to let it affect him in the ring. He managed to beat Ali once and fought him twice more, performing well both times. For my money, Ali is the best ever. Frazier gave him fits three times (especially their first and last fights). As well, Norton didn't buy into Ali's routine and he performed well too. As for JQ's stare down technique, I don't think it necessarily scared or intimidated anyone, but it served the purpose of showing that JQ wasn't intimidated himself. Watch the JQ/Shavers prefight. During instructions, JQ is staring him down while Shavers is giggling. Three minutes later, Earnie wasn't laughing anymore! But I agree, the stare down is mostly macho crap. When the bell rings, the better fighter, not the better actor, usually wins.
up in Beverly Hills.... Was it? As far as Jerry holding his own with the "big
guys", Jerry thrived on that!!! Ask Mac Foster, Ron Lyle or Earnie Shavers among
others. Well I've said enough...Once again, GREAT to see the site again<br>and hope to get back again soon.<br><br>Jerry, in my mind, You were The
Greatest!!!!!!!

[6/9/05 09:07:57 AM]Patrick J. Gibbons

Ken Norton couldn't care less about Ali's psychological tactics! He gave Ali' hell for 3 fights! On the
other hand Frazier suffered Ali's verbal attacks outside the ring, but didn't
let them affect his performances in the ring. I'm looking forward to see Ali-
Frazier 2 tonight on ESPN.

[6/10/05 03:39:00 AM]Gino Mastroianni

Bellflower could probably rank with most "mean streets" around the country. I
don't think Jerry's early background was growing up in Beverly Hills.... Was
it?"<br>No, Patrick, Bellflower was a solidly blue collar town nearby the big
Firestone, Goodyear; US Steel and Bethlehem Steel plants operating at the
western edge of LA in the 40s and 50s when Jerry was coming up. Then it became
more and more Hispanic, as it is today. It was rough and tumble but never a
ghetto or a bi city barrio, and never even remotely comparable to Bed-Stuy or
Brownsville in Brooklyn; South Bronx; Hell's Kitchen in Manhattan; Southwest DC;
Roxbury or Dorchester in Boston; South Side in Chicago; Tommy Hearns' Detroit;
or George Foreman's Fifth Ward in Houston -- or the gritty slums of Napoli or
Rome or Firenze or Turin, right, Massimo? To call Bellflower a place of "mean
streets" doesn't work at all. <br>Not all great fighters need to psych
themselves up by having a baad stare, either. <br>How do you guys know whether
JQ or Ali or anybody else got into the heads of anyone else? Let's not mind-read
here, OK? Le's stick with what we actually know. Right, Massimo? We know Ali
riled up Frazier because of what Frazier did and said. <br>DOES A FIGHTER REALLY
FIGHT BETTER MAD? I don't think so, not after a short surge of angry energy.
It;s much, much more important to be a smart fighter and to stay cool. That was
a major part of Evander Holyfield's strength: he could THINK and ADJUST while he
fought. Very few fighters can do that. Jerry Quarry wasn't very good at it,
either. He seemed to fight a lot of the time on raw emotion. Correct me if you
have real evidence. <br>By the way, the southern part of Beverly Hills is now
full of gangbangers passing through. Los Angeles has 100,000 gang bangers. too.
Maybe not mean streets everywhere, but respectable. <br>Still no comments on
Riddick Bowe. Could JQ have beaten him? Hell no. Bowe would take Jerry's shots
and laugh. Or most of them -- yeah, Jerry might have put him away, but I would
have bet on Bowe.

[6/10/05 05:20:53 AM]Massimo |Roma|4||10|Gino--

From my personal
experience, Roma is not a particularly violent city. You only (or just) must be
carefully when there is an important soccer game (especially Roma-Lazio or Roma-
Juventus). All you have to do is staying away from the Stadium. A lot of people
go to the stadium with the purpose of kicking policemen's ass and so on. On the
other hand unfortunately Napoli is a pretty violent city: there are wars between
Camorra gangs, thieves everywhere, guys driving too fast and respecting no rules
etc. I would never live in Napoli. That's a real shame because (or as) without
those problems Napoli would be a really lovably city, with great food (pizza and
caffe' in particular), beautiful nature, the sea etc. I love (the) Napoletani
(they are Italianni like me) but I don't like their mentality. They don't like working,
they all believe in Horoscopies and San Gennaro and they are fatalist.
They believe in San Maradona also (or too). Firenze is one of the most beautiful
cities I have ever seen. The problem in Firenze is there are a lot of gays, so
you have to take care of your own ass.<br>I don't know how many of you 230
millions Americans care about that, but that's the way I scored the second Ali'-
Frazier
bout.<br>1)EVEN<br>2)ALI'
3)FRAZIER<br>4)EVEN<br>5)EVEN<br>6)ALI'
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| 6/10/05 06:46:55 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | CORRECTION !<br><br>ALI' WON ROUND 11 SO ALI-FRAZIER 2 WAS A DRAW IN MY BOOK ! THE JUDGE WHO SCORED IT 8-4 ALI' SHOULD GO IN JAIL ! |
| 6/10/05 08:20:40 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Gino: Whether or not Ali got into opponents heads we can't say for sure---but could surmise whether he did or not based on how they performed. Some guys fought angry and actually, anger/rage hurts a boxer much more than it helps. I think Ali's goal was to rile up his opponent and cause them to fight uncontrolled---he would then take advantage of their mistakes. Some guys fell for it and others didn't. Earnie Shavers seemed to keep his composure though Ali's superior skills, experience and stamina overcame Shavers power and determination. Quarry vs. Bowe? Both guys, at their best? Bowe would probably win because of physical superiority. Bowe is a much bigger man than even Ron Lyle. But the fact is, on most given nights, Bowe was NOT at his best. Quarry always came to fight, while Bowe looked unfocused and lethargic more often than he should have. Based on this belief, on MOST nights, I think Quarry would perform better. He might lose to Bowe on cuts, or he would beat Bowe by out hustling him and wanting it more. |
| 6/10/05 01:42:24 PM | Steve | na | na | 10 | whichwwGino, I was the one who wrote that Quarry's stare down was so fearsome and effective. I am probably incorrect about the purpose of Jerry's stare down tactics. I agree with Angelo and Patrick, it was not meant so much to scare the other guy, but to let the opponent know, "I'm not afraid of you and I'm going to hurt you!" I agree with Patrick and Angelo that it was some internal process Jerry went through to prepare himself. I gotta say, I'm not crazy about your references to Black and Hispanic fighters not fearing or respecting white fighters. As for your comments about, "the mean streets", Ali and Norton both grew up in middle class, hardworking families. I grew up in Camden, N.J., |
My experience in being around fighters of all races is once the bell rings there is no color, just an opponent in front of you who is trying to hurt you. Fighters in general are a special brotherhood who have mutual respect for other fighters regardless of what trash talking may take place and regardless what race the fighter is. They respect each other for putting their personal safety at risk. I think it is the press and the fans who bring up the race issue most of the time, not the fighters. Massimo, I didn't get a chance to speak to Toney or Kirk Johnson last night. Audley Harrison paced himself against Robert Davis, giving away some rounds but exploding in the seventh round to kayo Davis. Kirk Johnson dominated Yanqui Diaz but it was a somewhat sloppy fight with Johnson getting penalized for low blows and the end of the fight was due to an accidental head butt that caused a cut. Johnson won every round for a five round tech. decision. Malcolm Tann almost didn't make it out of the first round as he got caught with a big punch from Derek Bryant. But Tann rallied to win a unanim. dec. It was the best fight of the card, a lot of action. Also on the undercard, heavyweight prospect Travis Walker flattened opponent Carlton Johnson in 48 seconds. Walker caught him with a perfect left/right combo for a knockdown at the opening bell and he finished him with a combo for a second knockdown. It is a shame more of the card wasn't televised.

I didn't get a chance to speak to Toney or Johnson either (GREAT, first time in my life I use "either", I'm almost ready to settle to Los Angeles). Thanks for trying, next time! I read that Tyson called McBride "a bum". I don't think this was a smart behaviour. If he wins he has beaten a bum. On the other hand if he loses... I wonder, if he is in such a terrific shape, why does he weight 104 Kg? He is a little overweight, he should weight 100 Kg. He is in better shape than he was against Daniele Williams, but he is not in great shape.

I have just discovered that Kevin McBride wears a size 16 shoe, the same as Tim Duncan and Kareem Abdul Jabbar and 10 more than Roadscholarette (who, as everyone on this site knows, wears 6). Tyson is in trouble!

I have just discovered that Kevin McBride weighs in at 233 lbs... He is definitely not in great shape. He is the same height as Andre' was. 

Tyson in 1

A few months back by accident I saw Kevin McBride fighting on one of the cable channels. He is one of the biggest bums I have seen in recent years. He is so bad that on a good Saturday night I think I could beat him. Anyone who pays money to see that fight has no value for money, especially when there is a free fight on HBO. Tyson will destroy this guy. And then the promoters will prop Tyson up again and more suckers will pay to see him fight someone else. Tyson is a joke and a cheap hustle. It's funny, now that it's time to say goodbye, Tyson has become polite and is saying hello to everyone. The man has no shame. Tyson is pulling the old Floyd Patterson routine from the late 1950's, he fighting white guys who can't fight. And we wonder why in the year 2005 boxing has less credibility than roller derby.

I couldn't agree with you more completely.

Guys, I agree, McBride is slow and easy to hit. The only way he wins is if he gets lucky. Funny in that if Tyson destroys this guy, some people will be impressed because McBride is a big guy, about 270 pounds. But the old saying,
"the bigger they are, the harder they fall" is fitting here.

A good bigger boxer will usually beat a good smaller man, but seldom are two fighters totally equally matched---and a good smaller man beats a big stiff every time. McBride is a big stiff. Tyson is short, but a heavy, hungry bulldog. This one might beн over by the time you get back to your easy chair with the Doritos.

Kevin Mc Bride is just another big bum! That scambooga, Tyson, should be ashamed of stepping into the ring with such a jerk! This Tyson-Mc Bride fight stinks, I could beat both these guys in the same night! I am the most talented fighter in the history of boxing! Joe Louis couldn't fight a bit! I have been wordl champion since I was 22, something that sucker Mc Bride can't even dream of! Let me tell you something straight brothers, without me the boxing game would be dead and buried. James "Lights out" Toney!

Hey James, I have lost about 20 pounds, now only 100 more to go and you will be able to run but you can't hide! Shocker, Tyson quits on his stool after six rounds! Sound familiar? If anyone saw it, what happened?

That small bum, Tyson, is the new Sonny Liston (a bum from the past). Kent, I won't fight you cause you are the closest friend I have in the world, but I would have beat you cause you are a big bum! Now it's time for Laila Ali vs Mike Tyson. If Mike beats Laila and then other 4 or 5 male bums all over the world, he can get a shot to the title. I gotta go now. Be good everyone, bums!

That small bum, Tyson, is the new Sonny Liston (a bum from the past). Kent, you're a big mouth? Paolo Vidoz is the new European Heavyweight Champion. He beat Timo Hoffman on points after having knocked him down in the sixth round. Timo had just fought a draw with Luan Krasniqi.

Hats off to Massimo. Massimo smelled a rat, while I (and some others here) were in denial. Massimo sensed that Tyson really was washed up, and was tricking us (again) and Massimo was right. Kudos to Massimo! Let's see, it wasn't a bum knee, it wasn't a long layoff, it wasn't a pre-fight argument with Robin Givens---it was an old, washed up has-been with no heart. The guy never had heart. At one time, he had a tremendous punch and he had a killer intimidation going for him. Buster Douglass did away with the intimidation factor forever, then the killer punch went away and all that's left is a has-been. I was actually afraid for George Foreman when there was talk of a Foreman-Tyson fight. I actually thought jolly old George Foreman could get hurt. You know what? If these guys faced off, Foreman would have literally destroyed Mike Tyson, even though he was much older. Foreman doesn't have quit in him at this point, and it seems as though all Tyson has is quit. Hmmm. . . . . wait a minute. . . . maybe I'm wrong. Maybe the real answer is that by a shocking coincidence, these guys Tyson has been fighting are truly great fighters---Danny Williams and Kevin McBride are the next generation of great heavyweights, we just didn't know it! Lennox Lewis was a great champion, so no surprise he destroyed Tyson. And by a miracle of a coincidence, they just happened to pick on Williams and McBride, who are just becoming truly great---the next Ali-Frazier will be Williams vs. McBride. Yeah, that's it---Tyson isn't finished yet, they just need to start him against an easier opponent than the great Kevin McBride or Danny Williams. What's Jimmy Ellis doing?

Oh well, another mistake on my part.

Max: Don't feel bad.
I'm fairly knowledgable about boxing and have called some fights when others didn't (picked Ali over Foreman, Leonard over Hagler, Pryor over Arguello, Hearns over Cuevas (not an upset, but many picked Pipino) so I'm not an idiot fan. But I admit to thinking Ali, at under 220, had a legitimate chance against Holmes---and the record shows that just cause you look like you can fight, doesn't mean there's any fight left in you. Ditto for Tyson. I watched his training for this bout, at least clips, and looked at his physique, and saw a guy fighting heavy, but solid, well conditioned weight---and as you get older, you get heavier, so I didn't think it would be a factor. Plus, I figured how important would an extra few pounds be when the fight would end in two minutes. Tyson, his camp and the media made a sucker out of me. I was taken for a ride, like many others. The "new" Tyson training and attitude made me think he had some juice left in him and could put together a few wins. Okay, I'm a dummy. I forgot that the guy has looked ridiculous in the ring for the last 10 years, biting and fouling cause he can't beat a decent fighter. Now, he can't beat a presumably not so decent fighter (club type, like Williams or McBride), so again he tries to foul his way to a win. Tyson is on empty. His punches didn't even seem to have an affect on McBride, and that's shocking to me. I figured if Tyson has anything left, at least he can score a surprise KO against a good fighter. Well I learned (or I should say, I RE-learned) that he can't score a surprise KO against an unranked opponent, so how in the world could he stun someone like Lennox Lewis? I honestly thought he'd KO Lennox Lewis. After seeing him lose to Williams, I blamed it on the knee. I made excuses for him, remembering the terror who ruled the division 15+ years ago. But put a fork in him, he's done.

| 6/12/05 11:55:30 AM | Massimo | Roma || 10 | Angelo |
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| 6/12/05 11:55:30 AM | Massimo | Roma || 10 | Angelo |<br>Thanks for the hat off! I knew Tyson couldn't win, Mc Bride wears a shoe size 16, too much for Mike to handle! All jokes aside, what really impressed me was not the fact that Tyson lost to Lennox Lewis (or Tyson losing to Lennox Lewis), but the way he lost. Lennox literally played with him for almost the entire fight. I am very happy that Tyson lost. Now he is not going to take other punches and he will enjoy good health (or, at least, I hope so) for many years. Angelo, may you tell me please what happened in the Mc Bride-Tyson fight in detail? Did Mc Bride show any skills? I couldn't see the fight.<br>Thanks.| 6/12/05 01:20:24 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca ||| kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | My friend bought the pay for view broadcast and he made a tape for me, which I just finished watching. Tyson didn't look that bad until the sixth round. He landed some hard body shots but didn't really connect with them to the head too much and it still seemed at any moment he could put together a combination to take McBride out of there. McBride also landed some hard shots but mostly he clinched. One thing I did notice is every round, McBride seemed to be connecting more, his game plan was to survive the early rounds and come on in the later rounds. I had McBride ahead after six rounds by one point as Tyson had a two point deduction for an intentional head butt, so Tyson was actually winning the fight on points in actual boxing, without the foul, the judges scores were similar. Tyson at one point, when McBride started landing more punches, tried to break McBride's arm like he did to Frans Botha and this is when he also head butted McBride. Near the end of the sixth and final round Tyson fell to the canvas, pushed down by McBride so it was a slip not a knockdown. Tyson just sat there, not wanting to get up. I could tell then that something was terribly wrong with him. But still him quitting surprised me because how can someone quit in a close fight, one that was still his to win? It is not that Tyson has no skills left, it is he has no heart to deal with any kind of adversity in the ring. When an opponent doesn't fall in a few minutes, he doesn't know what to do and apparently he never did have the heart. Remember when James Quick Tillis went the distance with Tyson before Tyson won the title? Tillis fought a defensive fight but counter
punched enough to win about four out of the ten rounds, with Tyson winning the decision. In hindsight I think if Tillis would have been just a little bolder and just a little bit more offensive minded, he would have beaten young Tyson and exposed Tyson's lack of championship heart back then. There were times in that fight when Tyson looked utterly lost. Can you imagine what kind of fighter we would have if you could put Jerry Quarry's heart in Mike Tyson's body, unbeatable!

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<td>I thought Tyson would flatten McBride in one round. Oh well... I had seen McBride fight once before and he is truly terrible. I'm fat, out of shape have a bad hip and a little arthritis in my hands and I still think I can whip his ass right now. Someone mentioned Tyson was shot when he came out of prison, I think that's a pretty fair statement. He has been fight on vapors for the last ten years and, you can see it in his most recent fights, just doesn't care anymore. As for Tyson taking anyone for a ride or trying to deceive people. Hell, he's just trying to make a buck, and if people want to pay 35-45 bucks to watch so he can rake in 5 or 6 million more power to him. Kent, I did see the Tillis fight and thought at times Tillis could have at least done some damage when, as you said Tyson looked lost in there. Another telling fight Tyson had was with Bonecrusher Smith. A mostly boring fight up until the 11 and 12 rounds when the Crusher finally threw some meaningful punches and hurt Tyson. If he had done that earlier in the fight we might not be talking about Tyson now.</td>
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<td>Tyson had a few really shining moments in his career. I still remember when he destroyed the strong Carl &quot;The Lie&quot; Williams in less than one round with an explosive left hook. That was the peak of his glory. I swear, in that very moment I thought he was the greatest of all times, the invincible. I thought he was going to retire undefeated. One fight later he lost to someone named Giacomo Douglas. Nowadays even my mother could whip his ass with no sweat.</td>
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<td>Thanks for the rundown on the Tyson fight.. I trust your take on it more then the newspapers. What gives with these stiffs taking Tysons punches? Most of these type fighters are picked as opponents because they fold as soon as they're hit. You think Tysons power is gone too?</td>
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| Oh, how the mighty have fallen. You're dead-on about opponent selection---these guys have been KOed by lightly regarded competition and hand-picked to make Mike Tyson look like his game is back. Instead, he's ended up on the losing end, again. He landed punches---and didn't score a knockdown, much less a knockout. Early in his career, good fighters were folding when Tyson hit them with the same volley of punches he landed on McBride. I honestly believe James Douglas opened the door for everyone else by winning the mental game---Douglas figured something out---that Tyson is just a man, short for a heavyweight, never tested, winning on intimidation---the bully factor. Douglas thought to himself, why not me? I could win this. Instead of just trying to survive, or getting scared into an early KO like Spinks, Buster Douglas took the fight to Tyson. From that
point forward, Tyson's edge has been pretty much gone. Before Douglas, Razor Ruddock wouldn't have fared well against Tyson. After Douglas though, Ruddock thought, why not me? And he almost won too. Holyfield, Lewis, Williams, McBride---the list goes on and on. When everyone in the schoolyard sees the bully get his ass whipped, suddenly he's not so scary anymore. I wonder if Tyson will fight again?

Well I see that everyone is eager to slam MIKE TYSON.<br>Let's not overlook the fact that MIKE is way past his prime(16 or 17 years?) and he was at one time a real powerhouse, a great entertainer and I feel, one of the great heavyweights of modern times. He destroyed so many fighters back in the 80's(Holmes, Frazier, Williams, Berbick, Thomas, just to name a few) by way of knockout that he did seem invincible to most boxing fans.<br>Fighters deteriorate, some quickly, some not so quickly, but they all go down ultimately, and sometimes not so graciously(ALI, FRAZIER, LISTON, FOREMAN, LOUIS, QUARRY, TYSON, just to name a few).<br>If your head is not there, you won't succeed and MIKE has not been in the game psychologically for quite some time. This coupled with the fact that he is pushing 40 is what contributed to his ultimate demise. <br>There aren't many heavyweights who got out in time but they all deserve some recognition and applause for the great moments they gave all of us in the ring.

It occurs to me that someone like Ron Cramner (in his prime, whatever that means) could take today's Tyson. How sad.

You know, landing some hard body shots but most of the shots to the head he landed were not the short powerful punches that take people out. <br>McBride did a lot of holding and hitting in the clinches and leaning on Tyson, the weight advantage wore Tyson out. <br>While I don't condone Tyson fouling, using the arm bar and the head butts, the referee continually let McBride get away with holding and hitting.<br>But like I said in the earlier post, I had McBride slightly ahead because of the point deduction for the head butting. Two of the judges had Tyson slightly ahead, by one or two points, while the third judge favored McBride.<br>My point is that Tyson's loss was mainly mental because what fighter quits in a close fight that he could likely win if he just sucks it up and guts it out? Tyson admitted to not having the desire or the stomach to fight anymore. In that the one thing that had kept Tyson centered mentally before, boxing, will not be a part of his life anymore but he may have actually finally found peace with himself. I hope this is the case.

It's not that I'm eager to slam Tyson, but exactly what makes him an all-time great? Was it the impressive KO win over Marvis Frazier? Was it the one round KO over terrified Cruiserweight Mike Spinks? The four round knockout over lightly trained and heavily aged Larry Holmes? Beating Trevor Berbick? Beating Robin Givens? The "greatness" we all saw early in Mike's career was really promise and potential, not greatness. Greatness is born when someone is challenged and overcomes the challenge, or is so great that they're never challenged and never lose. Instead, you have a guy who was a powerhouse who walked over questionable competition to build his resume. He did have some great and impressive wins. But when Douglas stood up to him, he crumbled. After that, Ruddock gave him all he could handle. Beyond that, Holyfield was superior. Beyond Holyfield, there's no reason to document it all. Lots of losses against the good, the bad and maybe the ugly too. Tyson was a POTENTIAL great. So was Greg Page. So was Tim Witherspoon. That's about where I rate him, with that group.
I have just listened to (on the Internet) "Night train" written (or just sang, I don't know) by a guy named Oscar Peterson (Sonny Liston's favorite song). It's a nice music, not bad at all, very suitable (dictionary, it means "adatta") for training. If I was a boxer, maybe I would train with "Night Train", just like Sonny used to do. I'd like to see more Sonny Liston's fights on TV. He was a great champion, but the only fights they show are those with Clay (no Muhammad Ali', Clay was his slave name and he is no longer a slave) and with Patterson.

Angelo, in the Pinklon Thomas fight, the first Frank Bruno fight, and the Tony Tucker fight, Tyson showed that he could at least overcome some adversity and still win and while none of these fighters are all time greats, they were legitimate world class fighters in any era, good opponents, capable of beating, on their best nights, an all time great. The Michael Spinks fight was also an impressive win because Tyson defeated a fighter who had beaten long time champion Larry Holmes.<br><br>Tyson had a period where he could be considered for great status, no matter that the period didn't last long. I rate him about the top 20 of all time, no less than number 25.

Frank Bruno was NOT capable of beating an all-time great on a good night. That's ridiculous. Somehow, on his best night, I couldn't see Bruno finding a way to beat, for example, George Foreman, Muhammad Ali, Joe Louis, Larry Holmes---fill in the blanks. Frank Bruno? Pinklon Thomas and Tony Tucker? Names Kent, you're listing names. They were contenders of their era, pretty good fighters. I'll agree with you that Tucker made Tyson work for the win. But I don't think he made Tyson "overcome adversity." Horace Robinson made Gerry Cooney work for a win. That's what trial horses do. Joe Frazier made Muhammad Ali overcome adversity in Manilla. There's a gigantic difference. But your assessment of Tyson being Top 20, no lower than 25 isn't far off the mark. 20 year old Mike Tyson was an intimidator with power, speed, focus and most importantly, an abundance of confidence. Tyson was also smarter than people give him credit for---he knows boxing history, knows the heavyweights in particular. He wanted a place in boxing history books and he got it, though not the way he probably envisioned it 15 years ago. On any given night, Tyson could get someone good in trouble and finish them off with a furious exchange of punishment---he had leverage on his punches that spelled lights out for a lot of opponents. But when tested, really tested, he didn't have the extra intangible needed to elevate himself over the rest. Kent, Tyson could, on any given night, beat all except 5-10 heavyweights ever. But based on performance, consistency, record, etc., I'd put him no higher than 15 and maybe lower. He could probably beat someone like Frazier, but I'd hesitate to rank him higher than Frazier on an all-time list.

Kent, I respectfully disagree with you on your opinion of the top eighties fighters that were fed to Tyson during his heyday. They would not have been considered world class contenders in the seventies.Pinklon Thomas, Tony Tucker, Frank Bruno, Razer Ruddick, and, c'mon, Michael Spinks? Do you really think any of these guys, especially Michael Spinks, could whip Frazier, Norton, Quarry, Foreman? As for fighting through adversity in Tyson's fights, isn't that what he's supposed to do? Unless the fights were mismatches.

Kent, Angelo beat me to the post with the exact same opinion. I still think Quarry, Frazier, and Foreman would have had a better than even chance of beating Tyson at his best. Please don't say that Quarry caught Lyle or Shavers as they where coming up. The fact that they did so well after losing to Quarry, only reinforces my high opinion of Quarry.
greats, even on their best nights, but they all did provide Tyson with
difficulties and Tyson was able to come out on top. I would also add Razor
Ruddock to that group. Tyson might catch Frazier early but if not and Joe
got to smokin full steam ahead, Tyson wouldn't have the heart to hang tough with
Joe. I agree, Tyson is below Frazier on the all time list.

As far as TYSON'S opponents are concerned, who did he fight?? Well he fought most of the top guns of his era and put most of
them away very decisively. Now I know many of us will say, but who did he
fight??? Well who did FOREMAN fight...ALI & FRAZIER, who did FRAZIER fight...
ALI & FOREMAN, who did LISTON fight...PATTERSON & ALI, who did MARCIANO
fight...LOUIS, CHARLES & WALCOTT, who did ALI fight...LISTON, FRAZIER & FOREMAN.

MOST champions have maybe 2 or 3 really big fights, with the balance being
not much of a contest. TYSON fought a few big names...HOLMES(out of
retirement, rusty, but LARRY was one of the all time greats in my
opinion)...SPINKS(as stated, dethroned LARRY questionably, a fighter I never
admired, yet he was champion) HOLYFIELD(both were over the hill when they met,
with TYSON further over the hill than HOLYFIELD) and finally LEWIS, a fight
which happened a decade too late, lucky for LENNOX unlucky for a washed up MIKE
TYSON). We all know the outcomes of most of the above stated contests and of
the group mentioned, ALI was the only one to defeat his three greatest
opponents(honourable mention to MARCIANO). The problem with most of these
guys is that they don't seem to know when to throw in the towel and it leaves
them looking like bums quite often, through the eyes of boxing fans, but check
out their victories on film, it's a healthier perspective.

Joey and Kent---your points are valid. Tyson in the 80's did fight whoever they put in front of him
and did destroy them. He couldn't help it if the level of competition didn't
measure up to the previous decade. The overlap in careers meant that Tyson, had
he not been in jail, might have fought Lewis earlier or even Riddick Big Daddy
Bowe---and these would have been interesting tests. But post-Douglas, I don't
know how well Tyson would do. In fact, Kent is correct that Tyson did face some
adversity against Ruddock and overcame it. But the same adversity against Bowe
or Lewis? Maybe Tyson would have had more trouble. Logic says that the old
Tyson could blow Lewis out with an early KO, but you never know, you just never
know. Tyson seemed so invincible at one point, who could ever imagine the
losses piling up late in his career? Hey, maybe it's not too late for Tyson
vs. Bowe! They could call it "Loser Stays Retired" and write that into the
contract!

Quarry had a decent chance
against Tyson. Frazier was more of a volume pressure fighter than Tyson ever
was. I think Tyson would lose to Quarry at any point post-Douglas. Before
Douglas Tyson is a small favorite. Quarry dealt pretty well with this type of
fighter.

Yes a fight with Lewis early in Tysons career would have been interesting, but if i
remember right Tyson or his promoter paid millions to side step Lewis in the
90's. It was so Tyson could fight another opponent (Holyfield?) but it also
indicated Tyson was reluctant to fight Lewis. Kent,<br>I see your
points about Tyson knocking off those contenders early in his career. It wasn't
just that he beat them its how he beat them...with lightning fast punches and
everyone on edge of there seat wondering when Tysons bomb would strike. A savage
attack fighter like Tyson doesn't come along all that often and when one does
people don't want to believe its over for them...Tyson had tons of faults but he
gave me and millions of others plenty of thrills when he was the *champ*.
What can be honestly said is that Tyson was NEVER involved in really legendary fights, classic battles to watch over and over again. Joe Frazier had the 3 with Ali’, 2 with Bonavena, the first with QJ, the first with Ellis (a VERY enjoable fight to watch). I think his most exciting fights were the 2 with Ruddock, especially the first one. I thought Ruddock won the second one (but I saw it only once or twice back in 1991). He gave a lot to the boxing world between 1986 to 1991. Before 1986 I didn't even know who Mike Tyson was, after 1991 he fought once a year or even less and most of the times in feak fights against bums. After 1991 he essentially fool us all and all the boxing world around. Do you remember Tyson-Clifford or Tyson-Savarese or Tyson-Norris ? :-(

Jerry Quarry verses Tyson at his best makes me favor Tyson for his accurate punching. I see Jerry giving Tyson one hell of a battle but getting cut.

The post Douglas Tyson, Jerry all the way! I remember asking Mike Quarry the question about how Jerry would do against Tyson. Mike Q thought his brother would have beaten Tyson hands down. Mike Q was biased but he knows boxing, a real expert.

"Jerry Quarry verses Tyson with Tyson at his best makes me favor Tyson for his accurate punching. I see Jerry giving Tyson one hell of a battle but getting cut."Sorry KENT but with all due respect to JERRY, I think he would have gone down like a ton of bricks as would JOE FRAZIER and GEORGI. If you examine those early fights of TYSON'S, as stated previously, the hand speed, head movement, aggressive mind set and tremendous knockout power, the only top fighter of that era who could have taken TYSON pre '90, would have been ALI, '64-'67(just my personal opinion).

Joey, Frazier would have been vulnerable early to Tyson's onslaught but if he makes it out of the first two rounds and it gets to be a fight of wills, Frazier would prevail. If you mean Foreman by Georgio, it could very well be a slugfest like Foreman/Lyle, with both fighters going down more than once. Again, Tyson's mindset, which was always with him somewhere in the back of his mind but wasn't really tested in his prime as the opposition wasn't of the caliber of a George Foreman, would let him down. Joey, Jerry Quarry took one hell of a punch, shots by Shavers, Lyle, and Mac Foster, caught him right on the button. So he would hang tough with Tyson but his tender skin likely would let him down due to Tyson's precision punching. But as in Frazier, if he is still there after a few rounds and not cut, then Jerry would have a real shot at pulling off what would be considered an upset. Tyson was just not as mentally tough as Jerry was. If you think Jerry wasn't strong enough to hang with Tyson at his 200 pounds, consider that James Tillis at about 207, counter puncher but not the banger Jerry was and actually probably not as strong as Jerry was, hung tough with Tyson to go the distance right before Tyson first won the title. The key was Tillis was not afraid of Tyson and Jerry wouldn't have been either. Any fighter with of course some good skills would give Tyson a tough battle if he wasn't afraid. |
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Mike Tyson prime vs prime. Shorter fighters were at George's mercy for his sweeping uppercuts. Plus George was so much stronger in his base he would have pushed Tyson off with ease when he got to close. Foreman NEVER loses a fight to a slugger in the history of boxing in his prime. Prime is pre-Ali of course.

Prime vs. Prime, I couldn't see Foreman losing and in fact, Old Man Foreman might have a chance too. Quarry would be vulnerable to Tyson because of cuts and Frazier would be very vulnerable since he was a slow starter. Ali/Clay would outbox Tyson and maybe pitch a shutout. Holmes in his prime would avoid Tyson's big punch and pile up points with the jab--maybe end the fight like Douglas did against Tyson. There are plenty of heavyweights, mentioned above---RECENT heavyweights who I would favor against Tyson. I also think Liston and Marciano would have a chance. Tyson was a prodigy as a kid---and some puncher---but not an alltime great. He didn't ever measure up to the hype--didn't reach his potential. Massimo is right: Fighting once a year doesn't cut it. Tyson, early on, did things right and was on the fast track to greatness. But things went terribly wrong. Right now, my thinking is that history will not judge him well, as an individual or as a great boxer.

George Foreman destroys Mike Tyson prime vs prime. With all due respect to "GEORGIO", who did he beat...JOE FRAZIER. RON LYLE gave him a run for his money as did JIMMY YOUNG, neither of whom were big name fighters but both were worthy opponents, particularly LYLE. It gets back to the question that has been raised here on a number of occasions, WHO DID HE FIGHT?? Not only who did he fight, but who did he beat(I'm speaking of fighters in general now)? Who did LOUIS beat, who did MARCIANO beat, who did LISTON beat, who did ALI beat, who did FRAZIER beat, who did FOREMAN beat, who did HOLMES beat, who did TYSON beat...and we could add on the top contenders of the time...QUARRY, MACHEN, LYLE, SHAVERS, BONAVENA, CHUVALO, ELLIS just to name a few...

To the readers of this site, below is a copy of a letter sent to many U.S. Congressional leaders to begin TJQF's legislative campaign for this session:

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The Honorable John McCain
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Senator McCain:

Below is the first in a series of letters concerning the past accomplishments and current positions of the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing (AAIB) and The Jerry Quarry Foundation for Pugilistica Dementia. The purposes of these letters are to inform you concerning these
items. The American Association for the Improvement of Boxing, Inc. (AAIB), founded by former heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano and Stephen B. Acunto in 1969. Thus it came into existence before the Foundation. Since its inception, the AAIB has relentlessly focused on the safety of boxers by promulgating information in a variety of ways. Additionally, Steve Acunto has been interviewed by television, radio and other sectors of the media relating to medical safety. Over the entire history of boxing, its proponents of reform had attended many hearings and supported many bills introduced to improve this important sport. History indicates that U.S. Senator Estes Kefauver introduced the first federal boxing bill in 1961 that Congress did not pass. In 1965 the U.S. Congressman Oren Harris introduced another bill. Concerning that legislation Stephen B. Acunto and Rocky Marciano went to Washington to testify in favor of its passage. Other people from the boxing community who testified included Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, and Joe Louis. When Congress failed to pass this bill, Marciano and Acuento established the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing, Inc. They then obtained a charter from the State of New York State shortly before the former champion’s tragic death in a plane crash. While Rocky Marciano has always been ranked as one of the greatest fighters who ever lived, the real fruition of his unique contribution to boxing has evolved through the special efforts of the AAIB, to include working in tandem with The Jerry Quarry Foundation for Pugilistica Dementia (TJQF) while trying to improve boxing. If you want to provide feedback or ask questions concerning this letter or any other related subjects, I can be reached at ehnpsa@aol.com, 330.743.2898, or 142 Upland Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44505. Furthermore Mr. Stephen Acunto, Sr., Co-Founder of the AAIB, and other individuals connected with that formidable organization, also stand ready, willing, and able to help with these legislative matters concerning this great sport. I am sincerely yours, GEORGE L. OTTO, BCD, ESQUIRE, ICADC, LICDC, LISW, MSUS, SAP Chief Counsel/Legislative Consultant Cc. Other members of the U.S. Congress
in a brawl. He could take a punch and could hit harder than my mother. Cassius Clay (he wasn't Muhamad Ali' yet, he still had his slave name) outboxed and outquicked him in their first fight. I think Liston was badly trained but still close to his prime in that fight, as he came from 3 straight first round KO wins (Westphal, Patterson twice).

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| I have seen many Liston fights. Whitehurst II, Bethea, Williams I, II, Harris, Machen, Westphal, Patterson I, II, Ali I, II, Zech, Bailey, Rush, McMurray, Clark, Scrap Johnson, Martin, Wepner. Liston was very similar to Tyson in terms of demeanor. They
were both front-runners. Liston quit against Ali when things weren't going right, he fouled against Machen when Eddie put up a good fight. They both used intimidation, but when that didn't work they turned on themselves and showed they were both mentally weak. The one time Liston made a stand was against Williams the first go. Cleve threw one of the most beautiful triple left hooks I have ever seen. Liston was hurt and composed himself and came back later that round. Sonny would be a favorite over Tyson for me, but either one of them could wilt when faced with real pressure.

|6/16/05 01:18:57 PM|Massimo |Roma||4||||10|Could wilt ?!?!?! I didn't know that "wilt" was a verb ! I thought it only was the name of the greatest champion in sport history: WILT CHAMBERLAIN !|
|6/16/05 01:56:06 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|Fan-<br><br>You missed two of Liston's most important fights...Those against Mike De John and Zora Folley. What happened in the Liston-Bethea fight ? I know that Sonny won in 1 round but I don't know the details. Wayne Bethea was a tough guy who knocked Franco De Piccoli out in 4 in Italia (probably Roma) in 1963. His brother, Tom Bethea, was knocked out by Nino Benvenuti (an Italiano guy). Thanks.|
|6/16/05 04:05:27 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com||||10|There is no film of Liston-Folley or Liston-DeJohn. What I remember about the articles about those are interesting though. I guess Liston was having trouble with Folley the first couple rounds then Folley complained he couldn't see in between rounds two and three (sound familiar?). Liston then swarmed at the beginning of round three and knocked Folley cold. Liston dominated DeJohn who really wasn't that good fo fighter. I have Dejohn vs Hunter and Dejohn vs Chuvalo. Big Mike could wallop, but other than that didn't have a good chin or any other plus skills.|
|6/16/05 08:36:36 PM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Massimo---I wonder if that was the same Tom Bethea (Tom "THE BOMB" Bethea) who was beaten by Michael Spinks, early in Spinks' pro career?<br>Regarding Liston, I've seen a few of his fights---believe it or not, one that impressed me was his last---against Chuck Wepner. Why? Liston was probably old enough to be Wepner's father, but he still had that jab working and went the distance---getting a nice win. Liston showed stamina and still demonstrated some of the skills that made him a champion years earlier. Not to revisit a sore subject, but if somehow, some way, Liston and Frazier would have crossed paths in the mid to late 60's (say 66-68), I think the outcome would be in question. Frazier, the younger guy, would be favored, but if Liston got out of the gate fast (like Quarry did against Frazier) Joe might have been iced by the old timer. Kent, you're the go-to guy for all the reasons Frazier didn't happen to meet all the usual suspects---knockout artists, power punchers, guys who gave better than they took---what kept him from meeting Sonny in this period? Did Sonny lose one of the years so that made the fight too uninteresting to sell tickets? Was Frazier too young in '66 to fight the dangerous big bad wolf? Was he too busy in '68 and waiting in line for the Jets-Colts game in '69?|
|6/16/05 09:35:09 PM|Steve|na||na||||10|Joey,I haven't watched any of Tyson's earlier fights lately,so I'm just posting from memory.He was a monster to behold,upper body movement,always throwing combos out of a crouch.Lightning fast hands,except for an occasional lazy follow up left hook.He had the ability to absorb a very hard single shot,as he did against Razor Ruddick,as long as he was in his rhythm,or game plan.Untill Buster Douglas,nobody had even attempted to through him off script.After that fight,he was a sitting duck for Hollyfield.Hollyfield got away with the same pushing off as Foreman did against Frazier.He pushed away any attempt to get in punching range,then landed punches off the seperations,just as Foreman did against Frazier.In this way ,he slowed Tyson up and controlled the pace of the fight.Tyson and Frazier where not highly adaptable to chances in thier style, or getting pushed back,which is illegal,and then getting hit with pinpoint jabs ,upercuts,and over hand rights.Joey,I respectfully disagree that Joe Frazier,Ron Lyle, and Jimmy Young where not big
Angelo, why in the heck are you so angry about Joe Frazier's career? Leotis Martin finished off an already obscenely old Liston. Would Frazier, Quarry, and Foreman have to have taken turns beating that old guy up to be legitimate contenders to you? Your philosophy seems to be, that to be a great champion, you have to bend over backwards, make financial concessions, to make sure you beat everybody in the top 15 rankings.

Angelo, not to revisit a sore subject, but do you honestly think Liston had anything left after the first Ali fight, in what, 1966?

Hey Angelo, say what you will about the longevity of a career, but wow, Frazier sure had plenty left for Ali in the "Thrilla in Manilla", didn't he?

Massimo, I disagree with you about Eddie Machen. I watched him box and counterpunch his way through a loss to Liston. I also watched him box and hang on to a young Joe Frazier and survive for ten rounds. He gave Frazier the nickname, "Smokin Joe". He took a young Jerry Quarry to school. He was a pretty darn good little heavyweight.

I don't know much about this Tom Bethea. I have only seen a synthesis of his fight with Nino Benvenuti which Nino won with a great left hook in the eighth round. I agree that Eddie Machen was an EXCELLENT, if not GREAT, fighter of the 50's and 60s. His record was fascinating and amazing! I was referring to something Sonny Liston said about the fight about the way Eddie Machen fought. I have seen only a synthesis of the Liston-Machen fight and was pretty boring. Maybe the best performance of his life Ingemar Johansson knocked Machen out in 1 round.

Yesterday night I saw the Krasniquist-Withaker fight and it was impressive how easily Krasniquist dominated and eventually knocked Lance out cold! Lance "Mount or Goofi" Withaker is really a big guy. At 6'8" he is two inches wilter than Ernie Terrell and just once inch andree than Kent's friend from Boston and weighs 115 Kg. That fight showed me one more time that being big means nothing in boxing if you can't fight. Eddie Machen at 6', 190 lbs would have literally played with this bouncer! Now Krasniquist will fight Lamon Brewster for the WBO heavyweight title.

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STEVE, I was suggesting that JOE FRAZIER was the only big name that GEORGE FOREMAN beat. LYLE and YOUNG were excellent fighters but when I refer to big names I can list them as follows; JOHNSON, DEMPSEY, LOUIS, MARCIANO, LISTON, ALI, FRAZIER, FOREMAN, HOLMES, TYSON, LEWIS (I'll include him) ... let me know guys if I left any out.

I'm not angry about Frazier's career---but just exposing the fact that many, many heavies with reputations as big hitters never ended up in the ring with him and I'm just curious why. All of us Ali fans have a little unfair anomousity toward Joe---I admit that---but I think pointing out these omissions from his fight schedule is totally fair and not based on anger. It just seems like so many of these guys we've discussed fought against eachother, but he managed to fight only two of them, Foreman and Ali, and had a combined record of 1-4. I believe Frazier does belong in elite company, but not top of the top, just because he had Ali's number (and was still 1-2 against him).
Steve: I agree. Ali's #1 status is by a whisker, not even by a nose. He lacked one-punch KO power—and hung around too long (later in his career—1976 and beyond, too many of his defenses against guys like Young, Shavers, Norton, etc. exposed how badly his skills had deteriorated). Still, he made up for the lack of true power by razor sharp, speed punching that took its toll on his opponents, getting him the knockout wins. His hand and foot speed and coordination, head movement, rock solid chin, strategic ability, heart—these all added up to an almost unbeatable and nearly complete package. He had nice size and weight—and most importantly, took all comers. He fought often and didn't duck the best—tack on clever boxers like Jimmy Young and Jimmy Ellis, all-time KO artists like Shavers and Foreman and the guys in between like Quarry, Frazier and Norton. He had an amazingly long career (again, too long). With all this said, I still think someone like Larry Holmes is mighty close to being even with Ali. Joe Louis? Right there. Marciano? Undefeated record, a buzzsaw with a tough chin, like Frazier, who would charge Ali and pressure him relentlessly, like Frazier did. Still, for sheer entertainment value, I'd take Ali over anybody else.

I also rate Ali'(or Cassius Marcellus Clay) as the n.1 (whatever that means exactly) essentially because he beat Foreman. If Ali' and Foreman had never fought each other or if George had beaten him, I would still rate The Liousville Lip as a great champion, but not the greatest. He couldn't manage to dominate Frazier, Norton, Cooper, Chuvalo, Mac Foster, Shavers, the strong but clumsy Bonavena, Doug Jones, Billy Daniels and many others.

Angelo and Massimo the shamless wife stealing Italian womanizer. First, I find myself in the weird position of defending Ali. Massimo, he did defeat all the names you put out there. Sometimes very close wins, but eventually he defeated every top fighter put in front of him in his prime years. Angelo, your correct, he hurt his own legacy of greatness by staying around way, way too long. Angelo, Just so you and I understand each other, I would have loved to have seen Jerry Quarry tear both Ali and Frazier's head's off!

Massimo, ALI beat LISTON twice, FRAZIER twice and FOREMAN to regain the heavyweight championship. The other fighters you mentioned were all pretty much top ranked fighters... he beat them all, some more than once. Personally I would rate ALI as the "GREATEST HEAVYWEIGHT OF ALL TIME". His speed, heart, mental toughness, ring presence and personality all contributed to his very unique place in boxing history. I agree with the others that he stayed on way to long and should have pulled the plug after the FOREMAN fight. Later in his career he became less credible fighting guys like Webner, Dunn etc. Losing the title to Leon Spinks was a clear sign that this guy was well beyond his prime. For all the good he did in the world of heavyweight boxing, he also damaged it somewhat by hanging around and clowning around. But he was, in my opinion, the greatest heavyweight champion the world has seen to date.

Maybe I can't explain myself clearly enough in English, but I said (or, at least, I meant to say) that I rate Ali' as the N.1, the greatest of all times. I was trying to say that to (or for) me the Foreman-Ali' fight was a turning point, probably the most important fight of all times. Ali' won it and so I rank him as the N.1. After all Foreman had trashed people like Frazier, Chuvalo and Norton. But without that huge win in his resume (or record), I'm not sure Ali' would be worth of the N.1 ranking. Foreman beat Frazier, Chuvalo and Norton much more

Joey, I like your list of great fighters, even if it is a little hard to judge guys from too far back. Dempsey vs Hollyfield or Frazier, who knows? I disagree with you on two of your picks. Tyson was only great until he ran into Douglas, and especially Hollyfield. Hollyfield clearly belongs ahead of Tyson on anybody's list. I also disagree with your choice of Lennox Lewis. He got his head handed to him by two average fighters. Why don't you give Hollyfield at least top ten or fifteen respect?

If it weren't for the fact that Ali beat him in their one and only fight, I'd rate Foreman as the greatest of all time. Joe Louis was a small heavyweight. Foreman would have crushed Louis quickly and Ali would have outboxed him Louis. Larry Holmes? Holmes lost to a light heavy (Spinks) twice for chrissake. He barely beat an over-the-hill Norton.

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Massimo: You're correct in saying that Ali's win over Foreman cemented Ali as the greatest. The fact is, this guy found creative ways to upset Liston and Foreman, found almost super-human courage to gut it out against Frazier in Manilla, absorbed ridiculous punches against Earnie Shavers, but was full of vigor at the end of the fight while Shavers barely held on (Ali won a unanimous decision—would have scored a KO if the fight lasted another 20 seconds). And Ali fooled Father Time by beating Spinks in the rematch, after fighting courageously against the much younger Spinks in the first fight, even though he was not in good shape. But you're right—it all goes back to beating Foreman. If Foreman won that fight, I'm not sure who would have beaten him, and when. Clearly, Norton and Frazier didn't belong in the ring with Foreman. I believe Foreman would have taken Shavers the way he took Lyle—in a slugfest. Jimmy Young might have never gotten the opportunity to fight Foreman if Foreman had remained Champion (remember, Young made a name for himself in the bout against Ali). Foreman could have held that title another five years. My belief is that the first guy to come along who would take him was Larry Holmes. A 1979 version of Holmes would outbox, outjab and outscore an aging Foreman in '79—I THINK! <br>

STEVE, Holyfield had some great attributes. However, he wasn't always consistent in the ring and when he took out Tyson, Tyson was already well spent. When he drew with Lewis, I felt Lewis deserved the decision. The rematch, I felt Holyliefield outpointed Lewis but I guess I didn't see it right. So Evander has always been puzzling for me.<br>

As I have stated previously, Tyson was a very unique individual. When he was focused and at the top of his game, he was virtually unbeatable. He went through his opponents systematically with the greatest display of speed and knockout power.
He was defeated by BUSTER DOUGLAS, who performed magnificently that night, but my guess is that had they met again, TYSON would have taken him out. TYSON'S loss to DOUGLAS and his subsequent incarceration was the beginning of the end for him. He was never the same.<br>
You are correct when you suggest that fighters going way back in time are difficult to judge relative to today's fighters. We can only view old fight films or if you are as old as KENT, then maybe a first hand account would be in order.<br>
Re. LEWIS, I've never been a fan of LENNOX LEWIS. He grew up in KITCHENER ONTARIO, which is not too far from TORONTO. I saw him box a few times as an amateur up here. He was very big and powerful, even back then and as you know, went on to win a GOLD MEDAL for CANADA at the OLYMPICS. When he left CANADA and returned to ENGLAND (where he was born I believe) he started talking like an Englishman. I thought it was ingenuous and took a dislike to him. I was pleased when RAHMAN stiffened him. But as I look back on LEWIS, I would have to say he was quite an accomplished fighter. Not in the league of ALI, FOREMAN or HOLMES but he was up there. As far as being ko'd, it happens (LOUIS, LISTON, FRAZIER, FOREMAN, HOLMES, TYSON...) but LEWIS was able to come back and eventually retire without completely disgracing himself.

Ah, Joey, you wicked young man! How dare you suggest that Kent is old enough to give first hand accounts of those fights from the thirties, forties, and fifties! Although I do know what he looks like, and think I saw him in the crowd photo at the first Ali vs Liston fight. I don't think Kent is any older than, about sixty three or four. Joey, I think you owe Kent an apology. Kent probably won't find this post very amusing, since he seems to have been genitically deprived of a sense of humor.

I agree with Ted from San Jose' (with all the respect in the world, I wonder where this place is) regarding Ali' and Foreman. In Kinshasa Giorgio Eduardo Foreman wasted like a fool the ALL TIME GREATEST MATCH POINT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Kent, did you see the Willard-Johnson fight live? Was very hot that day, wasn't it?

Joey: I agree with you on Lewis—-I think he's a good ambassador for boxing and he did bring class back to the title—-but I've never held him in very high esteem and though he held his title and defended it well, there are holes in his resume. Also, you mention that even the greats have been KOed, but remember, Holmes loss to Tyson was when Holmes had been way past his prime and not even prepared 100% for that fight. Also, it happened to Lewis not once, but twice. As well, Lewis did not face Tyson and did not face Bowe, two of the best of his era—-even though they might have ducked him, we'll never really know. Holyfield did enough to win the second fight. Lewis frustrated me in those fights—-he was a much bigger man who fought so cautiously, it was boring to watch. I think it's fun to watch a smaller guy like Jimmy Young find a way to escape Foreman and pile up enough points to win—-but watching a big guy like Lewis tower over his opponent, but refuse to mix it up is annoying.

ESPN in Italia showed Lewis vs Dan Murphy, Lennox's eleventh professional fight. Although this Dan Murphy was a complete bum who absolutely refused to fight, it took 6 rounds for Lennox to stop this harmless guy. It is true, sometimes Lennox was too cautious in the ring. But, on the other hand, he was a true manual (or handbook) of boxing. He had one of the best uppercuts in the game, Manute Bol's reach and so a great jab, a right hand from hell (sorry, Slang) and a shoe size 15 1/2. As far as boxing skills go he was a fantastic and terrific boxer. He lacked one thing: a great chin. With Quarry's chin he would have been the greatest. Maybe he lacked a big heart too. Where the heck is Kent?
think it is safe to say that nobody has come along to take his place in the heavyweight division YET..., although the one KLITSCHKO who LEWIS busted open, seems to be a possibility.<br>To compare fighters of different periods of time is difficult. It's kind of like comparing a MODEL T to a LAMBORGHINI. Everything evolves over time and what is considered state of the art today, will probably be nothing more than an obsolete remnant from the past 10 years later.<br>So I feel that the legitimate champions of the past and present were all great; some were greater than others, but each in his own time was the greatest.<br>

Hey youse, Smokin Joe would whip Tyson's behind anytime he came near Philly. Is a joke that they are actually compared. Frazier beat Ali, Tyson beat Bums you follow?  

By Jim Adams<br>jadams@courier-journal.com<br>The Courier-Journal<br>A respected boxing advocacy group in New York is paying homage to Greg Page by using his name to promote boxing reform. "Greg's Law" is the name the nonprofit American Association for the Improvement of Boxing has given to its campaign for a federal law requiring all 50 states to use the same medical standards in licensing professional boxers. Stephen B. Acunto -- who along with Rocky Marciano co-founded the association in Mount Vernon, N.Y., in the 1960s -- is in his 80s and still carries the title of deputy commissioner of the New York State Athletic Commission. Boxing, Acunto says, needs a new vision. Congress passed bills in 1996 and 2000 setting some standards that states must meet -- the 1996 law, for example, requires an ambulance or medics with resuscitation equipment at every fight -- but Acunto said more needs to be done. "There's a link missing," he said, "and the link is to have mandatory standardization of physical examinations in every boxing commission in the country."

In New York, for example, all boxers must undergo multiple medical exams before being allowed to box for the first time, including a magnetic resonance imaging scan of the brain (MRI), an ophthalmologic exam, an electrocardiogram, a full physical and a blood test for HIV and hepatitis. In Kentucky, a boxer under age 40 can be licensed to fight after a percutaneous physical exam by a physician in the locker room just before a match. Such "mini-physicals" are the sole requirement to fight in at least a half-dozen other states, including Tennessee, West Virginia and Virginia. Bills already before Congress may provide a vehicle for
accomplishing uniform medical requirements. Unlike other professional sports, boxing has no centralized governing body. It is regulated entirely by state commissions. But bills introduced in January in both the House and Senate would establish a three-member U.S. Boxing Commission, appointed by the president, to oversee the sport.
The bill's Senate sponsor, Arizona Republican John McCain, has been pushing such a step for years. Once a boxer, McCain has argued that fighters are vulnerable as "the least educated and most exploited athletes in our nation" and that the sport has been plagued by "fraud, corruption and ineffective regulation." His current bill is nearly identical to one he sponsored and successfully guided through the Senate in 2004, only to see it die in the House, where Republican leaders have balked at the idea of federal regulation of boxing.

Under McCain's bill, the national commission would license all professional boxers and maintain a medical registry of them. It also would "promulgate uniform standards for professional boxing" and "enhance physical, medical, financial and other safeguards" to protect professional boxers, the bill says. The federal commission would have jurisdiction over all professional boxing, but would leave regulation of most fights to state commissions. The bill cleared the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation in March.

George Otto, general counsel for the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing and legislative representative for the Jerry Quarry Foundation for Pugilistic Dementia, said both groups support the idea of a central, national authority for boxing. But both also believe that "anybody who turns a profit in a boxing match" should be considered a promoter of the fight and be held responsible for how it is staged, he said. That would include cable television networks that broadcast fights, and the casinos and hotels where they are held, Otto said. McCain has opposed that position, Otto said, and his bill does not include networks, hotels and casinos in the definition of a promoter.

However, his bill -- unlike its 2004 version -- provides for congressional hearings on how to define a promoter.

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The knock on Lewis has been his supposedly weak chin. He got clocked by McCall and Rahman, both of whom are hard right hand punchers. Both times Lewis got up and was ready to continue when the ref waived the fight off. Lewis was in much better shape than Holmes was when he was knocked down by Shavers and Snipes. If the Holmes fights were held today they would have both been stopped by the more cautious refs we have today. In both cases, Rahman and McCall, I think Lewis should have been allowed to continue to defend his title. The outcome may have been much different in those fights if Lewis had to fight for his life as Holmes did.

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Mr. Otto: Regarding Greg's Law, would the reforms now being discussed kept Greg Page from fighting on the night he was so seriously injured? Thanks for continuing to post here---the work you're doing will save lives.

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Bob: I think it's an unfair comparison (Holmes knockdowns vs. Lewis' knockouts). First, Lennox Lewis probably wouldn't have survived either fight (Rahman or McCall) had they been allowed to continue. I don't think he got up ready to fight the way Holmes did against Shavers and Snipes. Also, in the comparison, Snipes and McCall are...
probably similar in accomplishment—but Earnie Shavers is either the #1 or #2 all-time hardest puncher in boxing history. Rahman has a decent punch, but Bob, he's not close to Earnie Shavers in this respect. I think it's a bit of a cop-out to say that Holmes came back to win his fights and Lewis didn't—because the referee wouldn't let him. Also, if fights were still 15 rounds, I wonder if Lewis would be more successful or less successful? He was well conditioned, so maybe he would actually perform better in rounds 13-15??? But for my money, Holmes had the heart of a lion and Lewis, while very good, falls short of Holmes.

I don't think Lewis was ready to continue in the Rahman fight; look at his eyes, he was badly hurt, I could have finished him after that punch! Besides that, Lennox fought a poor fight from the beginning to the end. I think he was in slightly better condition in the Mc Call fight, but I still bet that Oliver (not Hardy but Mc Call) would have finished him.

Who is this new character "the Italian Stallon"? Is maybe Kent? What's your name? What's your name?

The idea that the 60s were best for heavyweight may be true but only marginally. When guys were hungry in the 30s there were many excellent heavyweights, too. Beyond what the gentleman said, I think the better 60s fighters looked even better to us was that for the first time, modern advertising and PR overwhelmed us in touting them. Remember how ABC-TV and Howard Cosell would get you believing for months and months that when Karl Mildenberger or Henry Cooper fought Ali, it would be a titanic struggle? What bullshit, but it was hard then not to believe it. But I think every decade had plenty of strong fighters in every division. Some decades better, some weaker. Got to go, will be back later.

What's a mug, Sir? I guess LA will wait for me a little bit yet (or more). I ain't ready yet!

Gino---I've never said the 60's were the best---I've said the 70's were the best decade for boxers and for heavies in particular. Ali, Foreman, Frazier, Norton, Holmes, Young, Lyle, Shavers---the champions and contenders were among the best ever. And beyond heavies? Duran, Leonard, Hearns, Hagler---true, some of their best fights were in the 80's, but they did start in the 70's.

Yo Adrian, I am not the Italian Stallion. I have been off line since Friday as I was out of town.

Hey Massimo, are you Jumpity Bruce?

Welcome back! We were starting to worry about you---Massimo thought you came in as The Italian Stallion. I thought you had it out with James Toney and were left for dead in a ditch somewhere. Glad you're okay. Lots happened while you were away, but to summarize: Who would win Tyson vs. Liston?
Warren Coolidge and many others, but I can't be Jumpity Bruce! There is only one Jumpity Bruce! For those who are interested, yesterday I found a very nice site about (or on) a very good (and probably great) fighter of the past. So if youse wanna see a warrior in action, [www.sandromazzinghi.com](http://www.sandromazzinghi.com)

> 6/20/05 04:17:31 PM | Steve | na | na | 10 | OH, UH, Hi Kent, I guess your back as the voice of reason. I just want you to know that all those insulting things I said about you while you where gone, well, I was just kidding. Angelo tried to take over the site as being the most fair and reasonable guy on the site, but I want you to know I fought him every inch of the way. |

> 6/20/05 04:27:30 PM | Steve | na | na | 10 | Kent, how do we know it's really even you? You could be James Toney just trying to pretend to be you, to cover up the fact that you finally asked one too many insulting questions? Think about that before you just decide to take off from this site again whenever you feel like it without an explanation! C'mon, say something that proves your really Kent! |

> 6/20/05 05:13:28 PM | Steve | na | na | 10 | Hey, Mr. so called Kent. I think Angelo is a hard headed Ali fan who refuses to give Joe Frazier his due respect for taking Ali to his very limit for 44 rounds. What do you think? |

> 6/20/05 05:30:02 PM | Steve | NA | na | 10 | Angelo, even though I know you didn't ask me for my opinion, I think Liston, at his very best, mind you, would have slowed up Tyson in the first round with his unnaturally long and devastating jab, then knocked him out in the second round with those surprisingly fast, powerfull combinations that everyone who hasn't watched a Sonny Liston fight in his prime forgets about. |

> 6/20/05 06:21:38 PM | Massimo | Roma | legends.com | 10 | I know a way for Kent to show he really is Kent! Tell us the Lakers' Roster for the season 1968-69. I'm sure Giacomo Toney doesn't know those bums! Liston vs Tyson? Ah, ah, ah, ah!! More seriously, what about Laila Ali' vs Tyson? Laila is still undefeated! |

> 6/20/05 07:23:03 PM | Bob Bumbera | NC | renfbera@aol.com | 10 | Angelo, I would never say that Lewis was better than Holmes... I don't think he is. Holmes showed his heart plenty of times, Lewis really never did. Holmes, in my opinion, is top five all time. Lewis doesn't make the list. We will never know if Lewis had the heart or the ability to come back from being knocked silly, maybe he didn't. I do know this though, if the Holmes - Snipes or the 2nd Shavers fight had been fought last night, Holmes would not be champion today. |

> 6/20/05 08:57:57 PM | Angelo | DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Bob: You might be right about the TKO point--- I'd have to watch those fights again. It's true that referees would let the fight go longer back then, and give the guys a chance to fight their way out of trouble or tie up the opponent to make it to the end of the round. Now, thankfully, they're quicker on the trigger to end the fight and in the long run, this is far better for the health and safety of the boxers. I haven't seen the Holmes-Snipes fight since the night it happened, so my recollection is foggy. But I do remember clearly Holmes being on another planet after Shavers tagged him. I don't have any clue how he got up from that punch and survived long enough to turn the fight back in his favor. Sometimes it takes adversity to prove how good you really are--- and Holmes proved it many times in his career. Steve: I'm very surprised at your analysis of the fantasy match between Tyson and Liston. I think Liston could take him, but I don't know if it would be that easy. I think that if the fight really ended in two rounds, Tyson would have at least mixed it up enough to power his way in on Liston a couple times and land some hard punches. To think that Liston would measure in the first round, then KO Tyson in the second round makes it seem as though Tyson was a spectator, not in the fight. I could see Liston winning in the middle rounds--- possibly just having more will than Tyson. |

> 6/20/05 11:25:43 PM | Kent | Murietta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Massimo, 68/69 Lakers: Wilt Chamberlain at center, Elgin Baylor and Tommy Hawkins at forward, Jerry West at guard, Johnny Egan at guard. Off the bench: Mel Counts
at center and sometimes forward, Keith Erickson at guard and sometimes forward, Bill Hewit at forward and others I can't remember.<br><br> Chamberlain, Baylor, and West played the most with the others coming in and out a lot.<br><br> Chamberlain, Baylor, and West played the most with the others coming in and out a lot.<br><br> Chamberlain, Baylor, and West played the most with the others coming in and out a lot.<br><br> Chamberlain, Baylor, and West played the most with the others coming in and out a lot.| 6/21/05 02:21:48 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Steve | &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt; Now you have the proof... He is the true Kent! Kent, another way of saying the same thing is: &lt;br&gt; 68-69 Lakers: Wilt and bums...| 6/21/05 07:15:00 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Massimo: Jerry West was no bum! He might not have gotten 20000 women like Wilt did, but he was a clutch shooter!| 6/21/05 07:37:22 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Angelo &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt; Everyone was a bum in comparison to Wilton Norman Chamberlain, no matter how great he was! &lt;br&gt; Over 50 points average in a season. That's superhuman... He would have knocked Muhammad Ali out cold in less than 30 seconds... I don't think Wilt got 20000 women, I think he was somewhere between 16755 and 18210. Elgin Baylor was once a guest in the White Shadow TV show. He was introduced as one of the greatest players of all times! But still he was a bum in comparison to Wilt...| 6/21/05 12:10:13 PM | Joey | Canada | aol | 10 | "I could see Liston winning in the middle rounds—possibly just having more will than Tyson." &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt; Oh I don't know about that ANGELO, LISTON didn't show much will in his two fights against ALI... I think he may have been as much or more of a quitter than TYSON... | 6/21/05 01:22:53 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Joey: That's interesting---but I think Liston showed some quit against Ali (first fight) because he was being outboxed, not outpunched (Similar to Duran-Leonard II., it was starting to become somewhat embarrassing.). Liston-Tyson would be a punchfest, Liston might control it with his jab and I think Tyson has shown that when things aren't going his way, he'll foul or quit. Granted, when Tyson was younger, things ALWAYS went his way, so it wasn't a factor. But let's just say that Liston is "of higher caliber" than, say, Marvis Frazier. | 6/21/05 11:00:31 PM | Kent | Murrieta, CA | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Massimo, Wilt and bums? West and Baylor were all time greats and Mel Counts was listed at 7 feet tall and he may have actually been as wilt as Wilt. I also remember hearing Counts had a size 17 shoe size! Counts was also able to play forward in addition to being a back up center to Wilt and he had a good medium range jump shot.| 6/22/05 02:44:52 AM | Massimo | Roma, but not forever | 4 | 10 | Kent &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt; Yeah, man, you're right, that one was a very good team indeed! A team composed by at least 4 stars, where Wilt was the big dog. Mel Counts, another legend, 17 is indeed a very respectable shoe size, the same as Ian Thorpe and Primo Carnera! I wonder how good were the Boston Celtics that season (they beat the Lakers 4-3). Bill Russell, Coolidge's conqueror, was there! But a tragic doubt is crossing my mind... Was Wilt only 7 feet wilt? Another midget? | 6/22/05 10:20:11 AM | Kent | Murrieta, CA | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Massimo, Counts was not a great player but he was a good team player, he hustled a lot and he was adaptable because a lot of big men in basketball have been centers their whole lives and one that can also play at the forward position is valuable. It is more common today but back in Wilt's and Counts' days, they didn't have many players that size who could do it. &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt; Wilt was at least 7'1" wilt, I was saying Counts might have been taller than 7 feet tall, maybe one inch taller. He seemed the same size as Wilt standing next to each other. &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt; The Celtics of that year were getting older but they still knew how to play as a team and they pulled off the win. &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt; It was the moment in the last game when Wilt hurt his knee in the last quarter and he asked to be taken out with the Lakers behind by about ten points. Wilt, with a few minutes to play left in the game, then asked the coach to go back in as the injury wasn't serious but the coach felt they could win without him, in fact Counts hit a shot that pulled the Lakers to within one point but they lost by two points. &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt; The coach let his personal feelings, he didn't like Wilt, get in
his way and he wanted to prove they could win without him. But there is no way someone like Wilt Chamberlain should not have been in the game if he was able to go back in with the championship on the line.

I think this coach was a bad ass and a nut at the same time !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Talking about Wilt is never a waste of time! Wilt was Wilt, all the rest is in the shadow...

Hi everyone. I have been away from a computer for weeks and that's why I haven't emailed. I personally think that if Ali was not in Frazier's resume, that Joe's career would be thought of in terms of a Jersey Joe Walcott or similar.

In defense of Frazier, you also have Joe's wins against Jerry Quarry. He beat a quicker, young JQ and then an older/more powerful JQ who was on an impressive winning streak. Add to that, Joe's first win over Jimmy Ellis, who was a slick boxer. Frazier KOed him impressively (The second win over Ellis was meaningless, as Ellis had only won one of his last six fights and the rematch with Frazier was ridiculous for both fighters.). Hauser might have been better served to do what WE do: Talk about the Frazier fights that for some reason, NEVER HAPPENED---the list of power punching contenders of the 60's and 70's who are missing from his resume. But Hauser's real point is well taken---doesn't Frazier understand that without Ali, he would be a somewhat forgotten athlete, known only to boxing purists? Because of Ali, Frazier is a well known ATHLETE and an icon of his era---known to sports fans in general and not just boxing fans. Ali made Frazier richer and better known and yet Frazier has this odd resentment. The insults that sold tickets---even the hurtful ones? Joe, it was only words, and it was 35 years ago. Get over it.
Oscar Bonavena was powerful enough to hurt Ali in the ninth round of their fight (and Cassius wasn't hurt too many times throughout his career. Probably he wasn't the puncher Ron Lyle was, but certainly could punch. Well, Joe beat him twice. George Chuvalo was another good puncher. Also, Frazier stopped in five Doug Jones, a guy who gave Ali one of the toughest fights of his career and almost knocked him down in the first round. But I agree that Frazier never went after the big punchers just to prove himself throughout (or even during) his career; or maybe this happened only (or just) once, when he fought Giorgio Foreman the second time. | Jumbo Cummings? Well, one thing that can't be debated is that Frazier earned immortality by beating Ali in the first fight—the knockdown being the exclamation point on his win. And he cemented his immortality in the loss to Ali in Manilla. One thing it isn't fair to accuse Frazier of is being a quitter. He gutted it out against Ali and would have answered the bell for the 15th if his corner didn't wisely overrule him. Against Foreman, he would have continued to climb up off the canvas to get pummeled some more. In this regard, he was the antithesis of Tyson. Frazier didn't quit and didn't resort to fouling when things weren't going his way. | I was watching tv last night Frazier-Quarry I. That fight was 36 years ago tonight, I attended that fight. Regarding Tom Hauser's remarks about Joe Frazier, maybe true maybe not true. That's for the reader to decide. But, Tom Hauser the good writer that he is, is also Ali's official biographer. Even saying that, Tom Hauser gives more credit to Joe Frazier talent than any of the Ali sycophants I see on this board. Fellows, you can write all the nonsense you want about Joe Frazier. At times even pretending that you are complimenting Frazier when you are just being condescending toward Frazier. The only people you are convincing are yourselves. Which really isn't necessary. You guys are anti Joe Frazier koolaid drinkers to begin with. | Some of you guys just love to continue to be critical of Joe Frazier but remember except for Ron Lyle (I am talking about the prime Foreman in the first phase of his career), Foreman didn't face pure punchers either and that is fine as fights are made that are attractive to the fans and to make people money and that is usually why fights happen. But nobody is critical of Foreman for this. We don't see the names Mac Foster, Earnie Shavers, Sonny Liston, or Cleveland Williams (who were both still around when George was coming up) on his record either. Timing is also a consideration why some fights didn't happen. Consider Shavers, before 1973 he hadn't faced anyone of note and he was an unproven commodity, the public was not calling for a Frazier/Shavers fight because of this. He in fact had a knockout loss to Ron Stander! The guy Frazier fought who some here said didn't deserve a title shot. It would seem he deserved to fight Frazier more than Shavers at that time. Shavers had two important wins in 1973, knockouts over Jimmy Ellis and Jimmy Young but late in 1973 he suffered a first round knockout loss to Jerry Quarry and 1974 was a bad year for Shavers in which he had a decision loss to the immortal Bob Stallings and a draw with Young in a rematch and he dropped from the ratings. Frazier during this time lost his title to Foreman, defeated Joe Bugner, lost a rematch to Ali, and defeated the victor over Shavers, Quarry. The only time period where a Shavers match with Frazier might have been attractive was briefly in 1973 but that didn't last long because of his loss to Quarry and his bad year in 1974. Frazier for his part was trying to get a rematch with Ali, which he got in early 1974. So which fight would he go after? An Ali fight or a Shavers fight? No contest there as anyone would take the Ali fight. Shavers climbed back up the ratings ladder, starting in 1975, the year in which Frazier had his one last chance versus Ali.
But except for that, by the time Shavers was a valuable commodity, Frazier had faded from the scene. Here is a top ten list I found in a sports almanac that shows the top ten contenders from Ring Magazine as of January 1, 1975: (champion Muhammad Ali) contenders-1. George Foreman 2. Joe Frazier 3. Ron Lyle 4. Joe Bugner 5. Oscar Bonevena 6. Ken Norton 7. Jerry Quarry 8. Chuch Wepner 9. Henry Clark 10. Larry Middleton. No Earnie Shavers on this list? No, he didn't deserve a ranking at that time. Frazier during the period preceding the above rankings fought four fighters on this list, Foreman, Ali, Quarry, and Bugner. He was not taking it easy. Shavers didn't deserve a fight with Frazier! I can go through all of the people some here say Frazier avoided and make cases as to why fights didn't happen. Mostly it is the time periods involved and whether the public was calling for them and for the most part, the public wasn't calling for them. Just making a general statement such as Frazier avoided all sluggers without going over the facts of each case doesn't prove anything. I don't really want to get into a long drawn out debate about this again but refute my analysis of the Shavers situation. I don't think anyone can.

| 6/23/05 01:51:56 PM | Joey | Canada | [aol] | 10 | JOE FRAZIER...let's not allow JOE'S personal gripe with ALI to tarnish his place in boxing history. JOE was one of the greats, perhaps not the greatest, but certainly one of the greats. He handed ALI his first defeat(granted ALI took him on too soon and I feel, did not take the fight very seriously), fought some top notch contenders(QUARRY, CHUVALO, ELLIS) and lost the title to one of the biggest powerhouses in heavyweight boxing GEORGE FOREMAN. The ALI, FRAZIER, FOREMAN combination made boxing what it was in the 70's. We wouldn't have had the build up to the full circle with ALI defeating FOREMAN for the title without FRAZIER defeating ALI, FRAZIER being defeated by FOREMAN and finally ALI defeating FOREMAN. I don't see how FRAZIER ducked the top shelf fighters of that era. He fought ALI 3 times, FOREMAN twice, QUARRY twice. All three beat RON LYLE, ALI beat LISTON twice, ALI & QUARRY both defeated SHAVERS. Let's not base FRAZIER's career on "THE SUNSHINE SHOWDOWN" with FOREMAN. |

| 6/23/05 02:04:46 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Kent, let's try a different approach then. For arguments sake, I'll give you the point that Shavers "wasn't worthy" of a fight with FORMER Champion Frazier---and besides, as you said "the public didn't want it." Were Ron Stander and Terry Daniels worthy of Championship bouts with CHAMPION Frazier? Were these fights the ones that "everyone wanted to see?" Was Jimmy Ellis "worthy" in 1974, riding an insane, nearly winless streak into the "Austraillan Dream Match" with Jupiter Joe? You're better than F. Lee Bailey at making some nice sounding arguments, so if somehow, someway, you can show that a guy who was 1-4-1 in six fights deserved a shot at Frazier more than Shavers did, answer this: Was the public crying out for Jimmy Ellis-Joe Frazier II., "The Rumble Down Under?" Okay, it was a "tune-up" for Frazier against an Ali clone, we've all heard that. And there was no Frazier-Norton match because they liked eachother, we've heard that too. There was no Lyle-Frazier match because, I guess, the timing wasn't right. Young and Frazier didn't fight because they both loved Philadelphia and Tastykakes. First, Liston was too old and Frazier was too young, then Frazier was too young and Liston was too old, just a couple owls who passed in the night. Jeff Merrit was having a bad hair day. Wilt Chamberlain was a basketball player, Lucille Ball had a hit TV show and Merv Griffin was gay. And I've posted before that Frazier would have lost to Shavers and Lyle---and that was impulsive. I didn't think it through---it's easy to say Foreman beat Frazier so any slugger could, but in reality, Frazier WAS an accomplished heavyweight champ who was durable and who beat some very, very good fighters. So in retrospect, I might have been wrong to assert that Lyle and Shavers would take him out---but I stand by the assertion that at least one of these fights probably should have been made, and that a legacy is incomplete when some bigger names of the era
don't appear on your resume. Say what you will about timing, wins and losses---as I've said before, they were all active and overlapped each other for about 6-7 years. They all seemed to fight each other at one point or another---and Frazier seems to be the only one who missed some of the biggest hitters. The other interesting match that never happened was Norton-Lyle and I truly believe that's a fight that Norton's handlers wouldn't allow. Look at the rankings through the years, and the bouts taking place---it just seems as though Norton and Frazier passed over dangerous foes biding time for Ali. I don't think Norton took on Mike Weaver or Leroy Jones either.

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Fan: No, the world wasn't clamouring for Ali vs. Brian London or Holmes vs. Lorenzo Zanon. But here is the difference: Ali and Holmes might have fought the "soft touches" as you call them, but they also fought every single relevant fighter of their respective eras, both with title defenses and when they didn't hold the title. Ali and Holmes took all comers, no exceptions, and even fought each other when Ali should have been planning for grandchildren. Let's review: Ali took on Frazier three times, Norton three times, Quarry twice, Foreman, Shavers, Lyle, Young, Holmes, Liston twice and for Christ's sake, he even took on Antonio Inoki! Holmes fought Shavers twice, Norton, Weaver.<br><br><br><br>EVERY heavyweight champ fought some soft touches. Here are some more |

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Fan, Kent, Joey et al. Believe me I wasted enough time on this site arguing the merits of Joe Frazier without diminishing the accomplishments of Ali. The kool aid drinkers are unable to do this regarding Joe Frazier. They refuse to see duplicity in there own logic and fail to understand the most basic dynamics in handling a fighter and making matches. How can anybody boast about all the top fighters Ali fought, and fail to realize that is why he is in shape he is in today. His handlers made bad matches for him and kept him around to long.<br><br><br><br>God bless Joe Fraziers managers. Frazier fought the TOP contenders of his era. Became Champion. And made a lot of money. Frazier takes great pleasure in seeing Ali stagger around with his hands shaking and not being able to talk. Joe glady takes the responsibility for a lot of Ali's bodily damage. If the kool aid drinkers resent Frazier for that. That is understandable. But don't try and pretend he was not a great fighter |

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Fighters do take tune up fights to stay busy and stay sharp and that is what Frazier/Ellis 2, Ali/London, Foreman/Roman, etc, were. That still doesn't show that Shavers was a viable opponent for Frazier during the period when Frazier was still a champion or a top contender any more than other fighters. <br><br><br><br>Frazier avoided all sluggers is just a blanket statement. Just because someone feels
this is so just because Frazier didn't perform well verses Foreman, a pure slugger, doesn't mean the same thing would happen verses other pure sluggers. An example would be that while Jerry Quarry defeated both Shavers and Ron Lyle, it doesn't mean he would beat Foreman if they had fought. It would give Jerry a chance of winning because of styles but most people believe Foreman would have had the edge in this one. Shavers peaked after Frazier had faded from the scene and for that manner, so did Ron Lyle. That Ali fought so many fighters shows that often just having Ali on a card was a huge selling point just because he was such a huge draw no matter who he was fighting. As I have often said, Ali was the greatest because he did things other fighters didn't do and just because Frazier didn't measure up to him doesn't mean he wasn't great in his own way.

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Kent/Forrest: We all know Frazier was a Champion and Forrest, as an Ali fan, I hate to see him in his current condition (with the same affliction those sluggers, Janet Reno and Micheal J. Fox have). It's hard for me to see Ali in this mummified state and I can honestly say that I'm happy that Joe Frazier is NOT in this condition. I wouldn't wish it on anyone. I haven't seen Frazier lately, but it was good to see him clowning around with Howard Stern a few years ago, still sharp and still having fun. Ali's penalty for the abuse his body took is probably his condition today. Frazier's penalty for NOT taking the fights Ali did is that he can't be talked about in the same context as Ali and some other GREAT Champions. Frazier was very good, but not at the highest level. Presumably, he's in better health because of it. I would gladly trade "super champion" status to still have good health at an older age. Hooray for Joe. But while I called him "immortal" for his fights with Ali, that's in a boxing insider context. To me at least, Ali, Louis, Holmes---they're on one level while guys like Frazier and Patterson, they're one rung down.

Forest - 'Dead Parrot' syndrome is coming out in you again. Just because we disagree with you on Ali doesn't make us sycophants. It just means that we disagree with you.

Noam

Kent: Someone on this site did the research once before---these guys we're referring to were ranked fighters in '71, '72, '73, '74, '75, '76. Frazier was either a Champion or top ten guy himself all of those same years. Just because Lyle, Shavers, Young and the others hadn't "peaked" yet, doesn't mean they weren't worthy of a match with
Frazier—as much so as Joe Bugner or 1-4-1 Jimmy Ellis (and by the way, you can
tune up with sparring partners or fight an exhibition---you don't need to go to
Melbourne to get ready for Ali). Fact is, during these years, the guys I
mentioned were active, live opponents. This notion that "the timing wasn't
right," or that Frazier "didn't HAVE to fight them---he only had to fight Quarry
because Quarry beat them" is equally debatable. Of course he didn't HAVE to
fight anyone. It's not about mandates, it's about choices, testing yourself,
boldly going where you haven't gone before, rather than picking on rematches
against guys you've knocked out. Why is it so important that Frazier had to
fight all these guys at their peak? You take guys on when they're coming up,
peaking, or declining. Was Terry Daniels at his peak? 

You are right in
saying that Thomas Hauser was one of Ali's (many) biographers. It seems that
everyone wants to write about him, no doubt because there is a huge market to
buy the books. Hauser also worked as a journalist and he once wrote a
story after asking Eddie Futch who were the greatest heavies of all time. Futch
ranked Louis as the greatest with Ali and Jack Johnson tied for second place.
Oddly, he didn't place Frazier up there with them. Is Futch also an Ali
sycophant? 

You rightly implied, Forest, that Frazier had smart
management who protected him from the kind of damage Ali seemingly got from
boxing. (I say "seemingly" because Ali says Parkinson's Disease would have
happened without boxing anyway and, while, I think he's wrong, I can't be
certain). I suppose your point, Forest, was that while Ali was fighting
Norton (x 3) and Shavers and Lyle, in all those wars, the pitter pats that a
clapped out Joe was having against Stander and Daniels and the blockbuster in
Australia against Ellis (who hadn't won for over four years) did him no
harm. But I have to say, with sadness, that I heard Frazier interviewed a
few months ago. He was slurring his words and his articulation was awful. The
interviewer had to keep repeating Joe's words just so the listening audience
could understand what the hell Frazier was going on about. It was
sad.

Also, Forest, you mentioned (I think) that you saw the first Frazier
Quarry fight. Did you attend the second fight as well (you know the one ....
was a sanctioned eliminator by the YMCA)? Did you also attend the Frazier v
Stander and Daniels fights? Were they exciting, too? Tell us about them
please, because there hasn't been too many books written about them.

Thank you for your kind words and feedback. regarding the Greg
Page situation, current litigation that may be decided in 12 months may indicate
that merely the enforcement of the 1996 PBSA may have protected Mr. Page from
injury. Below is another letter for everyone's
consideration.

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The Honorable Bill
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Dear Senator Frist:

Below is the second in a series of letters
concerning the past accomplishments and current positions, of the American
Association for the Improvement of Boxing (AAIB) and The Jerry Quarry Foundation
for Pugilistica Dementia (TQF). The purposes of these letters are to inform you
concerning these items. In continuing to explain the efforts of the AAIB, its
efforts since 1965 to improve have been exhaustive. In 1985 much of the
sports media discussed the issue of banning professional boxing. The AAIB's
Steve Acunto responded to this by producing in 1986, a remarkable document
titled, On Banning Boxing. In this unique and remarkable publication, he put
forth many important ideas on how to re-regulate professional boxing, as opposed
to banning. And essentially, this document has provided many important
recommendations that have been ether proposed or approved. These included, advocating that far greater emphasis be placed on the science of the sport, bonding promoters and managers, terminating the options and monopoly of boxers by promoters, conducting an authorized study of participants, and calling for a C.A.T. scan of every fighter before every match, as a way of ascertaining whether a fighter had incurred a brain injury in a previous contest. Mr. Acunto also advanced safety in boxing by proposing having state athletic commissions throughout the country employ neurologists at ringside, dental surgeons, eye, ear, and nose specialists, orthopedic doctors chiropodists, and general practitioners who deal with sports medicine. Furthermore, this document called for some private or public National Boxing Commission, optimum medical safety throughout the country, and the establishment of a center from which the results of all boxing contests can be immediately announced. Since the AAIB has published and distributed this document, it has served as the source of many ideas and concepts to reform the great sport of boxing. Finally, The Jerry Quarry Foundation has repeatedly supported the passage and implementation of all of these suggestions when presented as legislative items. If you want to provide feedback or ask questions concerning this letter or any other related subjects, I can be reached at ehnbp@aol.com, 330.743.2898, or 142 Upland Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44505. Furthermore Mr. Stephen Acunto, Sr., Co-Founder of the AAIB, and other individuals connected with that formidable organization, also stand ready, willing, and able to help with these legislative matters concerning this great sport. I am Sincerely yours, GEORGE L. OTTO, BCD, ESQUIRE, ICADC, LICDC, LSW, MSUS, SAP>Chief Counsel/Legislative Consultant<br>Cc. Other members of Congress<br><br>|6/24/05 09:59:14 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|To George Otto: Regarding the CAT scans---how extensive would the brain damage need to be to prohibit a person from boxing? In other words, wouldn't most boxers (especially those who have been knocked out) and also many football players (especially QBs who have suffered concussions) show some irregularities of brain function? I would think that a CAT scan might turn up some damage that is irreversible in many boxers and other athletes. I wonder if there would be a way to allow a certain amount of what would be considered "normal" damage (as strange as that sounds) and only prohibit someone from fighting if there was evidence of extensive and irregular damage that was degenerative? This is a very complex issue and it is very impressive that you are able to write concise verbiage to representatives like Bil Frist---I think that sometimes, it seems like a never ending battle to get professional boxing under control, especially the financial aspects, monopolies promoters have, etc. But you have shown a steady energy and commitment to this cause to keep awareness up and drive the proposals forward.|6/24/05 10:43:21 AM|Kent|Murrieta, ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Angelo, before 1973, believe it or not, Lyle and Shavers were not better known than Stander and Daniels to the general public and in fact Shavers had a loss to Stander, which everyone here seems to ignore.<br><br>I am surprised that since you were around then that you can't remember that the public was not calling for a fight between Frazier and either of them. The reaction before about 1973 would have been, Frazier verses who? I know they were ranked fighters during the times you mentioned but that doesn't mean anyone wanted those fights.<br><br>Let's see, it is mid to late 1973 and they are trying to work out the details for a second Ali/Frazier fight, which did happen in early 1974, so someone says, "I got an idea, I think Joe should fight Earnie Shavers or Ron Lyle instead." The promoters would have said, "what are you crazy, there is no money in those fights when we can get Ali."<br><br>Lyle had been knocking out almost everyone put in front of him when he fought Jerry Quarry but except for Larry Middleton, he still hadn't beaten anyone of note. So yes about this time people were starting to pay attention to him. But after he lost to Jerry, his
status went down, the general feeling was Jerry had exposed his inexperience and
if someone had said, "hey we should put him in with Joe Frazier." I think
people would had thought that it didn't make sense as Lyle had lost to Quarry
who had been beaten before by Frazier. Same with Shavers, he had been
knocking everyone out but there were no big names on his resume until 1973 when
he knocked out Jimmy Ellis. Even his knockout of Jimmy Young in the same year
didn't bring him more notice as Young had not emerged as a contender
yet. Again I will mention that in 1974 Shavers didn't deserve any big
money fights as he had lost to Quarry in December 73, lost to Bob "Who"
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for sure Frazier win going into the fight.
argued, was the real winner in two of the three matches with Ali. That too, is an argument which may never be settled. Frazier was deeply offended by Ali and rightfully so. He clearly has a right to remain offended, whatever is said to explain what Ali said and did. Frazier had a hard time getting fights in the 60's --- he was not a draw, was not considered beatable, and did not promote well. It worked for him after made it to the top because he avoided a lot of guys who may not have wanted him anyway. His reign as champ is a little sketchy, but his ability is not. I put him on par with Foreman because he beat Ali...

People want to continue to dump on Tyson, which is easy to do. 1985 was a long time ago. Mentally, the guy is a mess, people have known that for years and never cared to help the guy. They just used him and now he's spent. He has my sympathy... Tyson over Foreman in my book... Massimo, I never called Wilt Chamberlain a great champion. Just a phenomenal athlete and a great player --- still the best ever, no matter how many times his teams lost to the Celtics and their seven Hall of Famers. Nobody else beat them either. Thanks. | 6/24/05 03:33:37 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Buster Douglas, on his best night, could beat Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Lennox Lewis---so yes, Frazier, at his best, beat Ali and very well could have beaten most great heavyweights on a great night. The fact, as Kent has pointed out a few times---that Frazier's straight ahead style shortened his career (and probably contributed to his handlers' choice of opponents) doesn't change what I've been saying: A somewhat shorter career and key opponents MIA from his schedule diminish his accomplishments at least a little bit. It isn't that hard to break this down and shouldn't be that hard to understand. Look, Gayle Sayers is a hall of fame running back and was, at his best, brilliant. But there's an asterisk---his career was seven years, 4 1/2 of which were productive. He's not even on the radar of all-time leading ground gainers such as Walter Payton, Jim Brown, OJ Simpson, Tony Dorsett, OJ Anderson, Barry Sanders, Emmitt Smith, etc. He might have been a more exciting and even better runner when he was healthy---but you take a career and look at it as a whole---and the guys I mentioned are more accomplished because they won Super Bowls (OJ Anderson for example, was a Super Bowl MVP who SHOULD BE in the Hall of Fame). Sayers was great, and so was Frazier, but there are factors preventing me from cementing them as the top of the top. In Sayers case, it was a career shortened by major knee injuries. In Frazier's, it was the fact that he never made it into the ring a few key peers that nearly every other champion or contender of his era faced---and the fact that his title reign was cut short by a devastating and lopsided loss to Foreman. Much the way Patterson was shelled by Liston---it literally knocks you down a few pegs. | 6/24/05 05:01:20 PM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|I do believe that Joe Frazier would have beaten Shavers 9 out of 10 times. Earnie even lost against the clumsy Randy Cobb, no Joe Louis in my book. Ok, Earnie might have hurt Joe and even knocked him down but...Everyone knows Joe had the heart of two lions...He would get up (as he did in the first Foreman fight and in the first Bonavena fight) and kicked the hell out of Earnie. Earnie wasn't the finisher Foreman was and had a fragile chin. Frazier's left hook would have knocked him down. Earnie was very dangerous for everyone and a legitimate top contender, but in a Frazier-Shavers fight I would bet on Frazier all the time! But, anyway, I agree that if Frazier had actually fought and beaten Shavers, his place in history would be half a step higher. <br><br>Gerry-<br><br>I love to joke but there's no doubt in my mind that Wilt was a great champion. I am not sure he was the greatest as I never saw him play, but his records and achievements speak for themselves. I also think that he would have given Ali' some trouble, as Ali' was not a big hitter and, in particular, not a big body puncher and...Wilt was just too wilt to be hit to the head!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! | 6/24/05 05:51:14 PM|Forest Ward|NYC||NYC|||10|Angelo, on one of your recent posts you wrote one of the most ridiculous posts I have ever seen. You put Joe
Frazier in the same category as Floyd Patterson. Angelo, let me give you some background on Floyd Patterson as the Heavyweight Champion. I am not going to write about Joe Frazier. Looking at the champions from Dempsey to Holmes, Patterson without doubt was the biggest cheese champion of all time. He won the championship against Archie Moore, no problem with that. Then after winning it he avoided every legitimate contender available. Patterson reinvented the color line, he would not fight black fighters as a champion unless someone put a gun to his head. During the approximately 5 years he was champion he fought two black fighters. One, Patterson had already beaten prior to winning the title, Tommy Jackson. And the other, Sonny Liston, had to wait 4 years before Patterson would fight him. Patterson would only fight white stiffs. But even that was not a foolproof method. Ingo managed to knock Patterson out. It wasn't enough that Patterson fought bums and amateurs, remember Pete Radermacher? His 1st pro fight was against Frazier's fights with white stiffs such as Stander and Daniels. You don't bring those up, and I won't bring up Ali's fights with: London, Coopman, Evangelista, Wepner, Dunn. Although in fairness to Ali towards the end of his career, his manager Herbert Muhammad knew Ali was falling apart and he did not want to risk Ali losing his championship to a white guy. Otherwise, I am sure Ali would have gave Scott Leadoux a chance instead of Leon Spinks. Is your bias against Frazier that overwhelming? Or is your knowledge about boxing and boxing history that limited that you put Patterson in the same category as Frazier? Is it that you read boxing record books and then draw your own conclusions without any historical data to support your conclusions. Angelo, really your placing Patterson and Frazier on the same plateau answers a lot of questions about your judgement regarding boxing. There is no motive alterior behind this Chinese Water torture you put me through every time you write these mostly unfounded remarks about Frazier. You know very little about what you are writing about.

Forest - it's the timing of the fights he had and the timing of the fights he ducked, as well as the quality of the opposition he fought and didn't fight, that matters, but these are just some more points about Frazier you Dead Parroters don't want to accept. When he fought Stander and Daniels he had the title. He was the champion fighting relative nobodies when much better performed contenders were ready and waiting. When he fought Ellis the second time, Ellis hadn't won for over four years. Ellis was completely clapped out. To sell the fight Frazier had to take it to the other side of the planet. Gerry - Ali said offensive things about Frazier BEFORE they fought, not afterwards. It sold tickets and made them the biggest fights in history. Not a hard concept to understand, I would have thought. Frazier dumped on guys before AND after he fought them. The offensive things he had to say about guys were offensive and also personal. He called guys tomato cans and speed humps and punching bags, etc. Given the poor quality of some of the opposition he chose, maybe he was being truthful but it was still insulting. Frazier's hatred of Ali is jealousy. He is jealous that Ali is so widely revered and that most good judges place him as either the best or second best while Frazier was largely ignored, even by his own Eddie Futch. I know that you guys lived through that era, and that you desperately wanted Joe to shut Ali's mouth. But just because it never happened you guys should let go of the grudge - it all happened 30 years ago. The gaps in Joe's resume are obvious.
and Patterson and my putting them on the same level---it's not that I think Patterson was nearly the fighter Frazier was---for God's sakes, I think MARVIS Frazier might take Patterson. I was just saying that Patterson and Frazier had title runs that included defenses against some questionable competition, then the title reigns were ended in KO fashion by big punchers (respectively, Liston and Foreman, who also drew some similarities back then). Please, if I said it wrong, consider this my retraction---Floyd Patterson was NOT Joe Frazier. If these two guys faced each other, Patterson would outbox Frazier for about three rounds, and when the "smokin'" started, Patterson would end up on Pluto from a left hook.

Frazier's hatred of Ali is jealousy. He is jealous that Ali is so widely revered and that most good judges place him as either the best or second best while Frazier was largely ignored, even by his own Eddie Futch. "NOAM, I believe this to be true. I also believe that FRAZIER was hurt to the core, as a human being, by being belittled by ALI over the years. JOE did not have the level of intellect to cope with ALI's attempts at promoting their three fights. I feel that at the same time, ALI was psyching himself up, as he did against many of his top opponents. I've never liked FRAZIER particularly, I was and continue to be a big ALI supporter, but I can't jump on FRAZIER's back over this because I see him as being limited, as far as his understanding of ALI is concerned. FRAZIER was a great fighter in his time and without his input, we wouldn't have seen ALI at his best, post '67. If you consider GEORGE FOREMAN, his two biggest fights were JOE FRAZIER and MUHAMMAD ALI. 1 win, 1 loss. GEORGE went down at the hands of JIMMY YOUNG, but whatever became of him? I don't think that FRAZIER would have had much of a problem with YOUNG, nor would he have had much of a problem, I feel, with RON LYLE, yet LYLE came very close to taking FOREMAN out and it is a tribute to GEORGE that he could get himself up off the canvas and continue on to finish LYLE. It's also a tribute to LYLE for creating one of the most exciting heavyweight contests since FOREMAN/FRAZIER.

Maybe we could bring FRAZIER, LYLE and SHAVERS out of retirement to settle this matter, create a mini tournament with the winner challenging the victor of FOREMAN/HOLMES (I know that LARRY is always ready to go).  

fighters bums, stiffs, tomato cans and those other terms. Look. Anyone with the balls to step into a ring and fight deserves at least some respect. This isn't tennis or swimming that we're talking about, where no one is trying to hit you. Anyone who has a real boxing match with a referee and judges for 3 rounds or 4 or 6 or 10 or 12 or 15 is someone I respect. I will not call him a bum or anything else. OK? I'd like to ask the other guys (and gals) here who have actually had fights -- real boxing matches -- if you agree. I had 61 but no pro fights and it was something. I respected all my opponents and gave them credit, whether their skills were excellent, average or poor. Second, we are talking about the cream of the crop here. Each one of us had known probably 300 or 400 boxers in our time. Somebody like Kent or Jimmy, probably way over a thousand. OK, how many of those guys were even good enough to fight in a semi? Maybe 20% at the most. How many made it to main events, even in small cities anywhere? I doubt if even 10%. From that 10%, not all were consistent winners, guys who actually dominated their cities or states or countries. When we come to fighters like Jumbo Cummings, Ron Stander, Gerry Cooney, Henry Cooper and others that some of you don't think much of, these guys are still in the 98th percentile. ANY CONTENDER IS AMONG THE BEST OF THE BEST OF THE BEST. The top contenders and champions like Ali, Frazier, Holmes, Foreman, Quarry, Holyfield and others are VERY, VERY RARE. A fraction of 1% at the top. Let's use that as a framework, OK? Of all boxers, I was probably in the 8th or 9th percentile!
Outside my own neighborhood, I wasn't ranked! How many of you guys were? Do we have any main event fighters here? I sparred with one guy who sparred with JQ, so that's as close as I ever got. <br>Please, I know I'm sounding like an asshole for lecturing you, but all these fighters are worthy of honor. Let me give you an example. George (Scrap Iron) Johnson was a journeyman LA heavyweight in about 1967, when Joe Frazier was starting to attract national attention. He came out to LA and then signed Scrap to fight him, a heavy favorite. Well, Scrap fought a terrific fight, Joe couldn't put him down, he had Joe in minor trouble a few times, and Joe won the 12 round decision at the Olympic Auditorium. Here's my point: if you see that fight listed in Frazier's record, you're likely now to think, "Hmmm, another opponent, a ham and egger, a setup for young Joe." WRONG! Scrap fought a great fight, did his best, showed courage. How many of us would have the hair to mix it with Joe or the ability to go 12 with him? I rest my point, friends. Floyd Patterson may not be your favorite champ, or the best, but you'd have to say he was better than 99.99999% other heavyweights who laced on the gloves. I am sure JQ would agree in a minute. <br>Thanks for listening! (You agree with me, Massimo?)

| 6/24/05 11:05:01 PM | Gino M. | San Leandro, CA | gmast49@juno.com | 10 | I more idea, please. I know plenty of you are young Turks who could my ass with one hand tied behind your back, but young or old, we do need to know the context of any fight and the history around it when it was signed and fought. Brian London was a leading heavyweight in the UK when Ali fought him. Karl Mildenberger was the European champs. Zora Folley was a #1 to #5 contender for years before he got his shot. Jimmy Young stayed in the top 10 for probably 8 or 9 years. Once in a while there is a Butterbean or a Lyle Alzado (please that bi gman's heart) who gets a match, but usually the guy chosen has superior ability. Now the real problem is when top contenders don't get the shot, and somebody much lower --or even a newcomer with a big name -- does. I don't know if we can blame that on boxing, guys. That's life -- that's reality -- that's just the way the world is. You can work someplace for 20 years and never get promoted to VP because when there's an opening, they hire some young kid with a fancy MBA from Harvard. I don't see a problem like that ever disappearing from boxing. OK, I'm done. |
| 6/25/05 01:31:19 AM | Ed | Cicero N Y | mooseygoop@aol.com | 10 | Forest, Your comments about Floyd Patterson ducking top fighters during his reign certainly is true. Also did you ever see his title winning fight against Archie Moore? Moore seemed to go down awfully quick against 2 left hooks by Patterson..the same Archie Moore that took what seemed like hundreds of punches in a losing effort against Marciano. This was an era where according to what i read,where there was a lot of fixed fights.<br>But putting aside Floyds safety first management policy, how do you think he would have done against the toughies of his era i e Zora Folley, Cleveland Williams, Eddie Machen (who Floyd did beat after he lost title)ect.? Floyd did have a very exciting style and a very hard punch. His fights after his title reign were better then during his prime years. I think hes underrated as a fighter mainly because of his two 1 round loses against Liston. |
| 6/25/05 01:59:53 AM | Noam | same | same | 10 | I think Patterson did well with the tools he had. He was prepared to take chances and fight the top guys, unlike some. Not bad for a relatively small guy who wasn't a heavy hitter. People can say he was scared against Liston, but he was courageous enough to get in there (twice) and that deserves respect. To say that he was a "cheeseburger" (or words to that effect) is very disrespectful to a decent human being and fighter and I'm surprised that Kent - who was keen to protect Jimmy Ellis from similar harsh words - hasn't jumped in.<br>Joey, you are right with your intellect comment about Frazier and Ali (of course, people can't help that).<br>I suppose the most well known example was when Ali (before a fight) was teasing Frazier about being an "Uncle Tom". Frazier believed that Ali was calling him a "Peeping Tom". I've often wondered whether Joe knew what
"Uncle Tom" meant.<br>Joe fought some great fights against Ali but, take<br>those fights out, what have you got? I would have liked to have seen Frazier,<br>after the first Ali fight, in against Norton, Shavers, and Lyle.<br>Sure, we'd all make Frazier favourite, but there are no certainties with big punchers.<br>With Frazier in the damaged state he was in, vulnerable to big punchers as<br>Foreman (and even Bonavena proved), I think there'd be an upset or two in<br>there.<br>I'm confident that Larry Holmes would have beaten Frazier without<br>too many problems. The jab would have kept Frazier away and Holmes would have<br>convincingly outboxed him.<br><br>Noam, you are right, no one should say anything bad about Floyd Patterson as the man had guts to<br>even get in the ring with Liston and also by taking a rematch with Johansson after<br>being knocked down seven times in their first fight. I must have missed the<br>comment about Floyd.<br>I was at a fight card last night. It was a good<br>card but off the top of my head, I can't remember who fought. I have to do a<br>report on the card in the morning but I hadn't heard of anyone, the information is in my notes. Give me a break it is late at night after a long day and a long drive home.<br>I don't have to know who the fighters are to know there were four out of five fights on the card that were good fights, very competitive with<br>the outcome in doubt during most of the fights.<br>I asked long time referee and official Lou Filipo if Frazier had ever ducked anyone. Filipo said, "Joe never ducked anyone, he was one tough guy and it was the other way around, people avoided Frazier." I also asked some reporters on press row the same thing and the people I talked to, nobody famous or anything but regulars on the local circuit, all agreed with me and Filipo about Frazier.<br><br>I'd like to add something to what you said. I think there was not that much difference between Frazier and Scapriron Johnson. Frazier was better, but not THAT MUCH better. What I mean is that life is a non linear process. Sometimes if you are a bit better you become a legend, if you are a bit worse you get nowhere! I mean, Frazier got 1000 times more respect and glory from boxing than Scapriron did, but he was not 1000 times better! Another example: our friend from California (he really is from there !!!!!) Kent Appel is an amateur (or, at least, I guess so) singer. Frank Sinatra is 1000000000 times more famous than Kent is as a<br>singer, but I'm sure he was not 1000000000 better. Another example: Carl Lewis ran the 100 m in about, what, 9.89 ? How many unknown athletes outta there can run 100 m in, say, 10*30 ? That's a small difference! In tennis the n.1 ranked player in the world is not 1000 times better than the n.1000 !!!! He is clearly better, but not 1000 times better ! There are many important exceptions to this rule, but I think it works most of the times, especially when we are referring to sports.<br>In defense of Patterson, when he was 37 and over the hill he beat quite convincingly a 30 years old Oscar Bonavena. He also beat George Chuvalo in the best fight of 1965. I wonder what would have happened if he hadn't get injured in the first Ali' fight. I think that Ali' would have beaten him clearly, he was too big and quick for Floyd, but maybe we would have had a good fight.<br>A lot of the recent posts make good sense. I think it was Gino who asked how many of us have been in<br>the ring. I've never fought in front of more than 10 people---friends or<br>onlookers in a gym. I've fought against people smaller and without my skills,<br>and bigger and with 5 times my skills. You know what? It's intimidating and<br>scary to be in the ring. I was just messing around for three rounds with<br>friends or guys in the gym. I can't even imagine what it's like to go against<br>someone trying to take your head off, in front of hundreds or thousands of<br>people. So sure, a guy like Terry Daniels or someone like Jumbo Cummings<br>deserves a lot of respect from a layman. No doubt about it---I wouldn't last<br>half a minute with either of them. But we are talking about the very best of
the very best. A high school football team couldn't stay on the field with the worst pro team, but does that mean the top three pro teams deserve accolades for beating up on the worst pro team? In other words, Jimmy Ellis in 1974 might have been better than 99% of the heavyweights in the world, but we're talking about the top tenth of one percent—the top 5 or 10 guys—and Ellis was not in that category. I respect him as being much better than most, even when he was shot. But he had declined to the point of not belonging in the same ring as Frazier. No, the public wasn't interested. Even with Ellis having a name and being a former Champion, the public at large smelled rotten eggs and had zero interest. So the fight was sold to boxing starved fans an 18 hour plane ride away and actually, for a few rounds, it wasn't bad. Order was restored and Frazier did what every single boxing fan knew he would do—the same thing he did years earlier when Ellis was a live fighter—he landed heavy leather and dropped Ellis like a 50 pound sack of beans. Hooray. Aussies got to see a KO! Great tune-up guys. Without it, maybe Ali would have pitched a shut-out in Manilla.

Kent, by the way, before you chastise me for not knowing enough about boxing to understand the need for tune-ups leading up to a big fight—yes, you've explained it and I know. But Frazier fighting Jimmy Ellis, at that point in their careers, was not even a tune-up. That was an exhibition or sparring and the same thing could have been accomplished in a gym with no-name partners. A better tune-up for Frazier with a little intrigue would have been Jimmy Young, well known in Philadelphia, ranked, accomplished—but beatable in 1974. He was young, crafty and might have actually had a chance—a formula to offer U.S. fans something to buy tickets to, something to turn the television on for. Ultra conservative/ultra cautious doesn't even begin to describe the selection of Ellis. And by suggesting Jimmy Young, I'm not even suggesting Lyle or Shavers—I think most of us are confident that Frazier wouldn't be knocked out by Jimmy Young, but the fight would actually hold some drama.

Angelo, there was no money for Frazier fighting Jimmy Young. Jimmy Ellis while on the down side, was a name fighter who promoters could still make some money off of. I tend to agree with Kent and Forrest on Joe Frazier...we've all argued the merits of Frazier's career here before and seem split into two camps. I will say this though, at the time Ron Stander was no stiff. He built his record the same way Ernie Shavers did and knocked out Shavers to earn a shot at Frazier, who I believe actually signed a tentative contract to fight Shavers before he contracted hepatitis, and Shavers was KO'ed by Stander. I do also believe in 73-74 Frazier could have beaten Ron Lyle, Kenny Norton would have been no contest for Joe and he would have followed Jimmy Young out of the ring in to the third row to knock him out.

I think the jealousy issue is a good and valid point. Frazier was built to be the blunt object he was and must have seen in Ali not just things to dislike. But to brush off Ali's comments and actions as simple fight promotion is a big stretch, it just doesn't fly. Ali may not have seen the offensiveness or stupidity in his remarks, but many others did, and I'm sure it got back to him. Did he clarify at that time or call Frazier personally? No. He didn't care about Frazier, who he probably saw as another tool to another payday. Frazier did America a good favor by beating this guy, and I salute him ... Massimo, Wilt gets some criticism for his easy going nature in defeat and just two rings, so few see him as a champion. But I can't think of another team athlete who did more to make his team a contender or a winner. Maybe that is the champion you refer to... I agree, comparing Joe to Floyd is also a stretch. I enjoyed Floyd, a class guy and a great boxer, but Joe is several notches higher for his wins and the way he won them, at least to me.
rhetoric---the idea that Frazier "did America a favor" by beating Ali. Why?
How was it a favor? Did the Red Sox "do America a favor" by beating the
Cardinals in last year's Series? Look, we all have favorite teams and favorite
athletes. It's nice if your favorite wins and stings if a team or athlete you
dislike beats your favorite. But it's just old, some would say racist rhetoric
to believe that Frazier was fighting for white America and Ali was fighting for
black America. I don't buy into that. It isn't fair to either of them.
Frazier was fighting for himself and his family, not America. Those who wanted
to see Ali lose got what they wanted. Of course, it burned them to no end when
three years later, Ali was back on top of the world by defeating the
"unbeatable" guy who dropped Frazier six times in five minutes.

Saying that Frazier did America a favor by beating Ali is silly. At no time in history was
Joe ever even 1/1000th as popular as Muhammad. Measured economically, Ali's
fights brought in much, much more business to the USA. Ali single-handedly
enlivened boxing and made it a sport EVERYONE paid attention to, more than any
boxer since Joe Louis. Now if you still think Ali was a draft dodger, then you'd
also have to condemn about 30 million American men who also did what they could
to get out of military service during Vietnam. I was in the First Marines in Da
Nang, and I now wish to HELL I hadn't served. <br>But if you base your opinion
on which fighting style or personality you like better, then you can try to
attach that to which guy is "better for America", but good luck. What is doing
the USA a favor, anyway? <br>Now we definitely know that just by being alive and
pollinating hundreds of thousands of beautiful Italian young women, our own
Massimo has done a HUGE favor to ITALY!!!<br>I strongly suspect that most of you
guys who discredit Patterson or consider him mediocre were not alive as adults
when he fought and don't really grasp the whole boxing scene in those days.
Right, Kent? The heavyweight division was at one of its low periods, maybe in a
let down to the great Marciano Era. There were some good fighters like Polley,
Machen, light heavy Archie Moore (although about 45 years old) and others, but
none with star appeal to bring in the numbers for big profits. Boxing has always
been a promoter's sport and always will be. Patterson measured up as one of the
better ones for quite a while and was fortunate enough to become champ. <br>By
the way, Kent, could you please explain what ducking a fight or fighters really
means? We need to know that the process of putting together a big fight,
especially a championship fight, is a lot more than 2 guys signing a contract
and showing up in their trunks. You need backers, you need a venue, you need an
expectation of people coming, you need a card, your main event fighters must
have some drawing power, and you need positive press coverage. You need a
license for the fight and you need 2 kids who can get licensed. You need
draws for each kid, and they have to pass. You need to find a time when
other things going on will not steal away your crowd. You need to "make a fight"
with guys who will be interesting to watch, if you're a good promoter. In many
cases, you'll have a rising young kid and you want to find an older opponent who
will put up a good fight but probably lose, to boost the kid. Whether we like
'em or not, promoters work hard. Somebody's got to make money for boxing matches
to be put on. <br>So it's oversimplified to think one guy is chicken about
fighting other guys, or wants only easy opponents, or even wants guys who will
throw a match. Sure, sometimes those things happen, but there's a LOT more going
on. Is that fair to say, Jimmy?

Angelo, I am
not saying you don't know boxing. On the contrary I think you know a lot about
boxing and that is why I am surprised you don't recognize Ellis 2 as a tune up
for Frazier. Ellis, in his last chance, fought well, better than he did verses
Frazier in their first meeting and I agree with Bob B that Ellis was still a
better commodity than Young in early 1975 but later made people notice him with
his decision over Lyle in 1975 and again in 1976.<br><br>Lyle to this day thinks
he won both Young fights and I guess it is what the judges like, more punches landed, quantity, favoring Young or harder punches landed, quality, favoring Lyle. <br>By the way, Lou Filippo seemed surprised that some people think Frazier avoided fighters.<br>The card I was at was the NABF bantamweight title between Adam Carrera of California now 18-1, 8 by KO verses Julio Gamboa of Nicaragua 26-10-2, 16 by KO. Good action fight won by Carrera by 7th round TKO. It was shown on cable TV network Hombre TV and is being reshown a couple of more times I am sure.<br>I was sitting to the right of one of the corners, next the ring if anyone happens to catch the broadcast. I am the heavy guy who is taking off and putting on his glasses, I need them to read or write but I don't need them to see the action.<br>I am to the left of the older gentleman ring judge, Filippo, next to two other guys next to the judge. The directions are from my direction, not the TV camera, which would be opposite. <br>On that channel (Hombre) but I do get boxing cards weekly on a Hispanic/Spanish speaking cable channel in the DC area---maybe this is syndicated from Hombre? I will see if I can catch this week's card and see if you're there. BTW, I know you aren't talking down to me/us about boxing---I was just writing "for emphasis" I guess! But speaking of Ellis/Frazier II., if Ellis actually pulled the shocker and earned a decision, what would have become of the two fighters? Would that have blown Frazier's last title shot? Would Ellis, who had been losing fight after fight, suddenly be a hot commodity again? Look, the fight was made because the likelihood of Frazier losing was nil, but anything can happen anytime. <br>How did Mike Tyson try to break the arms and wrists of his opponents? Is that true?<br>Ronald McDonald and Mr Ed could could swear that Frazier didn't duck anyone but when things quack and waddle they are generally ducks. In Frazier's case, it also had a Chinese chef chasing it with a wok, a can of sweet and sour, and chop sticks. Frazier ducked fighters before the first Ali fight and again after it. His career is littered with him picking and choosing who he fought, and let's not forget that he refused to participate in the elimination tournament when Ali's license was pulled. The others were all game to take Frazier on but he didn't show up. Sure, he probably would have beaten them but who can know that for sure?<br>This excuse that "there was no money" for a particular fight is nonsense. The Dead Parroters all say that Frazier didn't fight Norton because they were friends and Frazier liked him too much. In his book Frazier gave a different excuse. He wrote that he didn't fight Norton "because there was no money for it." Yeah, like there was more money fighting blockbusters against Standers and Daniels and the clapped out Ellis in Australia.<br>Gerry, after again reading your remarks about Ali's pre-fight insults to Frazier (which he made with the purpose of promoting the
fights), I repeat that he didn't make those comments afterwards. In fact, Ali was so gracious that immediately after the third fight he told Frazier's teenage son that he should be very proud of his father. May I suggest, Gerry, that you buy Frazier's book. Throughout that book, which was only written a few years ago, he ridicules Ali most ungraciously and even jokes at his medical condition. The book stank of poor sportsmanship in that 30 years on Frazier hasn't got over the losses. Frazier's only purpose in continuing those insults is to demean, hurt and ridicule. There can be no other purpose. At least Ali's insults had a purpose and they stopped when that purpose was achieved. Frazier will go to his grave bitter and jealous and that's sadder than Ali's medical condition. It's funny that Dead Parroters all recall what Ali said over 30 years ago before his fights with Frazier, but their ears are conveniently closed to all the ungracious and bad sportsmanship insults that Frazier has continued uttering to the present day. Sounds like hypocrisy to me.

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Welcome Lee, yes Tyson got both Frans Botha and Kevin McBride in arm bars when he got frustrated. In Botha's case, Botha had won every round through four rounds and Tyson got frustrated. He only beat Botha because he caught Botha with a punch in round five, he bailed himself out with his power in that one. In the recent McBride fight, McBride was fighting back with increasing regularity and Tyson again was frustrated. Tyson also butted McBride and he lost two points on the scorecards as the referee called it intentional. We can also attribute Tyson biting Evander Holyfield's ear as frustration. Tyson just doesn't seem to have the mental discipline to deal with adversity in the ring very well. I not sure if he ever had it.

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Noam, using your logic, because if it works for Frazier, then you must conclude (but I don't, I am just making a point), that George Foreman avoided most big punchers. Where are the names Mac Foster, Earnie Shavers, Sonny Liston, Cleveland Williams, Jeff Merrit, Bernardo Mercado, and Jose Luis Garcia on Foreman's record. If you think your logic makes sense, then you have to conclude that Foreman avoided punchers. If it works for Frazier, then it has to work for Foreman also. My point is, your logic doesn't hold water and we can't just make a blanket statement covering everything. Foreman did not avoid these fighters as the public was not calling for those fights or in the case of Liston, Foreman didn't have the experience early in his career to face Liston, a former champion, sound familiar? When Foreman did have the experience, Liston was already gone from the scene (he was dead but if he had been alive, he still would have not been on the scene at that point). Also, Donald Duck, Ronald McDonald, etc, don't have over fifty years experience in refereeing and judging professional fights and Lou Filippo does have that experience. He is a bona fide expert in the field and he agrees with me that Frazier didn't duck fighters. He has seen everyone from about Joe Louis to the present.

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Ronald McDonald's only experience is hawking hamburgers!!

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Noam: I'll add that in the ring, after the TKO win over Frazier in Manilla, Ali spoke to the world and said "(Frazier)is the greatest...next to me." I face up to the fact that before the first Ali-Frazier fight, Ali crossed the line by encouraging the very thing I criticized a few posts back---making the fight a social battle instead of two guys fighting eachother. He prided himself on being the "black is beautiful" representative and Frazier as Amos and Andy or Uncle Tom. This was uncalled for, unnecessary and hurtful/damaging to Joe Frazier. A few years later, in Zaire, Ali painted himself as a legitimate African descendant, while Foreman was representing America carrying the little flag around the ring in the Olympics. Again, it was vintage Ali, having fun, promoting a fight and angering his opponent. When Ali told Africans to be vigilant because Foreman was going to
leave the country on the back of an elephant before the fight (he was so afraid), Foreman took it in stride and tried to just focus on the fight. But the Frazier pre-fight comments by Ali were far more hurtful and serious and again, I'm the first to admit it. But Ali paid Frazier back and then some, with kind words to his family, more money than Frazier ever would have made without these bouts—and amazing tributes, in the ring, to the guy he beat. Frazier needs to let it go already. It was okay to hold the grudge until, say, 1980---now it's time for Joe to offer an olive branch, to have some sympathy for Ali's condition. If the brain damage/Parkinson's was caused or expedited by boxing, Frazier needs to recognize Ali as a fallen foe, a victim of the sport they both made livings on. He's showing no class by gloating about Ali's poor health and in fact, he's just making himself look really sad.

And regarding the fights that were never made, I think we've all spoken out on it. Some of us here just think it's all too convenient that Frazier flew under the radar for so many years, lining it all up perfectly—and missing guys that every other contender and champion of the era slagged it out with. Others (Kent, etc.) offer logic/reasons why each and every one of the fights just never came off. I'll go along with the guy who said that Frazier's management did him a favor by carefully picking and choosing his opponents, not just throwing him in with everyone, like the others were. This was his defense of Frazier—his management was concerned for Frazier's longevity, health and career, and they put these factors first, over some macho notion that we have to take everyone on to prove something. That's perfect—couldn't have reasoned it any better myself. I'll go along with it.

Whether Joe Frazier ducked the big punchers or not, we'll never know if he could survive to a devastating puncher and eventually beat him. He beat many good punchers (Bonavena, Chuvalo, Ali...) but only fought one ELITE-PUNCHER (Giorgio) and got his ass kicked twice. On the other hand, Giorgio Eduardo Foreman proved he could beat an ELITE-PUNCHER when he knocked Ron Lyle out.

So by your lamentable logic, we can't say that Frazier ducked anyone unless we also accuse Foreman of the same thing. Why must you compare Frazier to Foreman? That's apples and oranges. We're comparing Frazier to Ali. Get with the programme.

Your logic doesn't make sense. You said that Frazier didn't fight Norton because he liked him too much, he didn't fight someone else who just happened to be a big hitter because there was no money for it, with some other heavy puncher it was because it was a lead-in fight, and then with some feathered fister it was because he was allowed an easy fight after winning the title. (It would have been easier for a big puncher to arrange a fight with Hayley's Comet, which visits planet earth every 75 years by last count.)

By coincidence, as Kent would have it, Frazier did manage to fight non-punchers like Daniels and Standers as well as Ellisburger (as opposed to Forest's cheeseburger) in Australia, while studiously avoiding Norton, Lyle, and Shavers among others.

It's really cry baby stuff with you Dead Parroters. Sometimes it's like being transported onto the Brady Bunch set and arguing with Marsha and Cindy about boxing.

And when Kent felt that his opinion could not defeat the logic, he rolled in some supposed expert, who apparently got a Masters in Frazier at Harvard, who Kent claims denied in a private conversation that Frazier ducked anyone. Kent, the boxing community is close knit and Professor Expert isn't going to tell you anything controversial that might annoy others, especially when you are a journalist likely to write about it. Professor will say the first thing that comes to mind that isn't controversial and that will placate everyone.

Anyway, facts are facts. Look at Frazier's resume. Consider the omissions. Compare it to Ali's fight roster. And also recall that a very respected journalist and writer Thomas Hauser, first among equals in the boxing fraternity, says that Frazier DID duck big punchers.

By the way,
you still haven't told me why you Dead Parroters can recall precisely what Ali said 30 years ago about Frazier and condemn him for it, but you can't recall what Frazier said yesterday about Ali ridiculing his medical condition. Ali hasn't ridiculed Joe for more than 30 years, but the Parroters still haven't gotten over it.<br><br>Ali must have whipped Frazier's arse more than I realized!

6/26/05 06:40:09 PM|Steve|nj||nj||||10|Hi, Noam, glad to have you back! I just watched Ali vs Frazier in Manilla. It's too bad that, using your new hero, Thomas Hauser's book, as a criterion for greatness, if fighters are only judged by their hardest fights, and Angelo is also correct. He believes that Frazier's and Norton's careers were defined only by their fight's with Ali, then your both correct. Frazier and Norton were bums. Angelo, I really appreciate you giving Frazier credit for his courage against Ali and Foreman. It's too bad he ducked those immortal greats who really gave Ali a rough time. Liston, Lyle, Shavers. Oh, I'm sorry, he did fight Foreman twice, and Quarry twice. He obviously new that Quarry just got lucky in all his big wins against those guys like Lyle and Shavers, and Mac Foster, so he fought Quarry twice instead.

6/26/05 06:52:23 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fandom@Fandom.com||||10|There are not many in the world that have my knowledge of this period of heavyweight history. I have written articles and been quoted in books, been involved in game production and have spoken to several of the fighters from this time period. Joe Frazier was at his best pre-Ali 1 a top 5-10 heavyweight of all-time. His prime was short because of his all out style and also his other physical problems. Ali was better, there is no doubt. Anyone that says otherwise is ludicrous. However, Frazier never avoided Shavers, he may have avoided Lyle (I doubt it though). Stander was thought of as a decent puncher when they fought he was 23-1-1 with 15 ko's including a 5th round stoppage over Earnie Shavers. |

6/26/05 06:56:03 PM|Steve|nj||nj||||10|Noam, you probably weren't around in the late 60's and early 70's. In that highly charged environment, calling another black man an ignorant gorilla, or an uncle tom, or the white man's nigger, where just about the worst insults you could throw! It was the ultimate humiliation for Frazier. I don't blame Frazier for carrying a grudge!!

6/26/05 07:56:42 PM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Steve: Actually, Lyle did give Ali a very good fight and probably could have continued though the referee stopped it. Shavers gave Ali all he could handle and then some---though this fight took place after Frazier was washed up. Liston? He hit Clay well in the first fight and dove in the second fight, but his track record was that of a fierce puncher. A slow starter (i.e. Joltin' Joe) could face a horrendous disaster against even an old Liston, provided he had some firepower left. Actually, Shavers and Lyle had a slugfest for the ages (like Foreman-Lyle) and if Joe's "team" saw that one, it might have occurred to them that these were much more similar to Foreman than to Ali---Frazier could come forward and absorb Ali's sharp punches, thrown as Ali backed up. The world knew that Frazier seemed to have a more difficult time staying vertical with an imposing brawler in his face, moving forward, throwing bombs. So sure, I don't care if Ali had his way with some sluggers, Foreman included---Frazier's style didn't lend itself to defending against this type of onslaught, even if he performed well against Ali, who beat these guys. As for Norton, he could punch, but I don't think he liked guys who pressured him either. Thus, I think Frazier would beat Norton, but we'll never know since that's ANOTHER fight that didn't happen. As for our own Jerry Quarry, true, Frazier fought him twice. What were their weights? I'd venture a guess that Frazier was bigger? Quarry was known as a puncher, but not a KO artist in the image of Foreman, Shavers or Lyle. Quarry KOed Shavers in the first round, I know. Styles make fights, we all know. Earnie Shavers would have been a problem for Joe Frazier. Ron Lyle would have been a problem for Joe Frazier. We'll never know who would have won these
bouts, but there's not a doubt in my mind that either one of these guys would have presented a "bigger" challenge to Frazier, and a more interesting fight that Ellis II., the "Melbourne Melodrama." Australia---home of Foster's Beer, Rick Springfield, AC/DC, Paul Hogan and heavyweight fights that can't generate a lick of interest in the continental U.S.

Fan and Kent, I respect the expertise of both you guys. Therefore, I'd like your critiques' on what I think I saw yesterday in a replay of Ali vs Frazier. Ali smothered Joe's attack, while taking a lot of punishment in the first six or seven rounds. He only threw his combinations off the ropes at about two-thirds power, and while he danced through the middle rounds, he relied on his surprisingly stiff jab. He started going flattopped and actually outpunched Frazier, alternating power with holding and boxing, from rounds nine through twelve. Then he applied pure power and actually pounded Frazier into a TKO.

Fan, you are a fan of Frazier, so of course you will agree with Kent. No surprise there. I also think Fan and Forest are the same guy. Steve—good to hear from you. You are the only sane Dead Parrot. I wouldn't have called you a Dead Parrot but, if I recall rightly, you asked to be made a member of that nefarious club. I granted your wish. Your welcome.

I still disagree with Kent. Frazier liked eating too many burgers rather than taking on real fights. He had the Standerburger, the...
Danielsburger, and then later the Ellisburger (with fries and supersized) in Australia. While Ali was off fighting Norton (3 times), Shavers, Lyle, and all the other hard punching monsters, Frazier was eating burgers. Another thing. Noticed how when Ali made comebacks he always took on hard opposition. When he came back from exile he fought Jerry. After he retired he came back and fought Holmes and Berbick. Perhaps if he'd had his comeback fight against the Jumboburger (as Frazier did), he may have prolonged his career. Only joking.

Steve, I was wondering whether you were a Tiny Tim fan in the 1970s. I can just imagine you singing Tiptoe Through The Tulips in falseto.

Noam, Frazier didn't take any real fights? What? Have you seen all three Ali fights, the Bonevena fights, the Quarry fights, the Chuvalo fight, the first Ellis fight, and yes even the Stander fight?

I don't know folks, maybe Noam just gets a kick out us responding to his nonsense as he couldn't possibly believe some of what he comes up with. It defies all logic.

I have just discovered that Ron Stander was ranked n.30 when he fought Joe Frazier.

Hi Massimo, are you still up? What's the time in Roma. Did you watch the Tyson fight? The Tzsyu fight? The Mayweather v Gatti fight?

I think Mayweather might well be the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world at the moment. There's talk that Mayweather will fight Hatton soon. That would be a great fight, but only if Hatton can get himself up for it. He has a history of slackening off between fights and putting on heaps of weight.

I'd pick Mayweather to stop him, especially if it's not fought on Hatton's home soil.
Hi Noam,

I did wake up a couple of hours ago. The weather is very sunny in Roma, we all owe a thanks to Linde, the underrated guy (almost unknown) who invented air conditioning!!!!!!!

I didn't see any of those fights, unfortunately. I don't get a lot of the real important fights.

Just to complete the information I gave in my post, Stander was in the top 10 for both WBA and WBC until he lost by split decision to the journeyman Reco Brooks. After the Frazier fight, his career fell apart.

Kent: My bad. I thought the Shavers-Lyle fight was '74, not '75. The point remains---both of these guys showed tremendous punching power in various fights early in their careers and neither of them got a fight with Frazier. And before you tell us again that Stander beat Shavers and Quarry beat Shavers, you know what, Foreman beat Frazier. Norton beat Bobick (and he still got a fight with contender John Tate after the first round KO loss to Norton). Pros, especially back then, suffered early KOs but weren't "damaged goods" and they got right back in the saddle to fight important matches right away. Regardless of what Jerry said following the fight, Shavers hit him with some hard shots in that first round, before Jerry KOed him. I don't think Frazier's management wanted any part of that. In fact, they seemed to have a real comfort level taking on guys Frazier had already knocked out. One or two observations about Frazier---he took a couple rounds to get in the flow of a fight and he didn't do well backing up. Guys like Ali, Ellis and yes, even Jerry, hit him with a lot of punches, but weren't accomplished KO artists in the true sense of the word. Frazier could shake off the punishment and get in his rhythm and when he made it past the first few rounds, he would start to dominate the fight. This is what made him so good---finding that bobbing/up and down rhythm, throwing punches while moving, hooking wildly (at least it looked wild) but landing with accuracy. You take a bigger guy like Foreman or Lyle, or a powerhouse like Shavers, standing their ground and winging A-Bombs, and Frazier would be perplexed. I don't think he would win a slugfest with any of these guys. Against Shavers, he could probably survive long enough for Shavers to get fatigued, then take over the fight and put Shavers away...maybe. Lyle had a bit more stamina (and I'm not just basing this on his fight against Shavers). Lyle would not back down and would not tire as easily. That would be a war. Foreman would...Foreman would...probably drop Joe about six times in two rounds.

Noam, that Frazier always played it safe is nonsense. Fighting Ali three times, Foreman twice, Bonevena twice, and Quarry twice, was not playing it safe. Against Shavers, he could probably survive long enough for Shavers to get fatigued, then take over the fight and put Shavers away...maybe. Lyle had a bit more stamina (and I'm not just basing this on his fight against Shavers). Lyle would not back down and would not tire as easily. That would be a war. Foreman would...Foreman would...probably drop Joe about six times in two rounds. In hindsight, after a couple of difficult rounds, it was an easier fight for Frazier but no one knew this beforehand.

Again, fighting Bonevena a second time was also not taking it easy and not a guaranteed win for Frazier as the first fight was very difficult and fighting Bonevena was never easy for anyone.

You said we are not comparing Frazier to Foreman, that we are comparing Frazier to Ali. You can't compare anyone to Ali as Ali was the greatest and just because Frazier doesn't measure up to Ali means nothing.

One thing no one can say is I have said anything negative ever about Ali I have said he is the best all along. I also can't rate Frazier over Foreman in any all time rankings as George beat him twice. But I stick by my point that if you are critical of Frazier for not facing big hitters, than you have to say the same thing about Foremen also as
there were a lot of them he didn't face either. Lyle and Frazier himself were the only big hitters George fought. Lyle gave Foreman hell before Foreman came back to pull out the win and Frazier never really tagged George with his best shots so we don't know how George would have handled them. I think Foreman's height advantage and his finishing ability would most of the time catch Frazier early before Frazier had warmed up. Lyle, on other hand although he also had a huge punch, sometimes let fighters get off of the hook, he wasn't the finisher Foreman was. Frazier would have been more likely to survive to get into his rhythm and I pick Frazier in this one. Shavers didn't have the height advantage over Frazier that Foreman did so Frazier would have been more likely to get inside to control the fight. Of course Shavers might land some bombs early but I can see Frazier avoiding them, even early in the fight, to dominate Shavers from the third round on. The thing is Noam and other Frazier critics, you seem to be looking at the situation from a current prospective in which fighters like Lyle and Shavers are better regarded then they were early in their careers because the accomplished more later, 1975 and after when Frazier had essentially gone from the scene. But circa 1974 and before, they would have been considered too inexperienced to be put in the ring with Frazier and their losses to Quarry in 1973 bore this out. It is quite possible that their management didn't want fights with Frazier as, why ruin a good prospect by putting him in over his head too soon? The logic could have been, if they can't get by Quarry, then they probably couldn't handle Frazier either and when they were experienced enough, in 1975 onward, Frazier was gone from the scene. The anti-Frazier crowd has solid points, and so does the pro-Frazier crowd. That is why this debate and this site is so interesting.

I actually liked both the Cards and the Red Sox, personally. I think we could see them both again, possibly... Ali, in my opinion, was very good for America, for a while. But he was a belching jackass by the time Frazier lopsidedly beat him. I don't think Joe was ever that popular, no, and there's no question which one meant more to boxing. But Ali was a tired act by that fight. I think Frazier gave boxing and America a much-needed break by showing his Greatness the canvas... I have read Joe's book, a very good read to me. He was very respectful of Jerry, which I liked a lot. Joe does have a lot of venom for Ali, which is a little ridiculous in some ways. But, personally, it is very understandable. Ali was way over the line by any definition of fight promotion. Ali, for all his greatness, revealed a real lack of class. I can't imagine anyone willing to go that low again to promote a fight.

P.S., as someone who still sings rock for fun and profit, my vocal picks are Robert Plant, Steve Perry, Ian Gillian, Freddie Mercury and Lou Gramm. And yes, I do sing all the above, among others. Thanks.

I had you pegged for a Burt Bacharach crooner! Actually, the Burt Bacharach/Elvis Costello collaboration (LP from a few years ago, "Painted by Memory" was quite good.)
Fan, I found your predictions plausible. I disagree with a few. Where I disagree.
Frazier decisions Holmes, probably split decision. <br> Frazier Ko's Frazier 3 rounds <br> Frazier Ko's Patterson 3 rounds <br> Exira: Marciano Ko's Frazier 7 rounds or earlier.<br> Frazier stops Tyson 12 round|

Hi Gerry<br>
I read Frazier's book too, and apart from the venom he has towards Ali, he ridicules fighters like Buster Mathis and several others calling them 'human shock absorbers', 'tomato cans' and all that sort of stuff. <br> And, while maybe we can forgive him for having resentment towards Ali, it shouldn't stoop to making light and joking about Ali's medical condition. After all, Joe has a lot to be thankful to Ali for and his career was much better off because Ali was around. It's surprising that 30 years on Joe feels a need to go on with those insults. It wreaks of insecurity to me. <br>

Kent - sure Joe had the three wars against Ali and those two short fights against Foreman, but the point you avoid is that he didn't go looking for any other guys who could give him a war. Put aside Ali and Foreman after 1971, and Frazier avoided new horizons and big punchers. I'll put it this way, Kent. I think Frazier had a tremendous career. The three fights against Ali were terrific and Joe is legendary because of them. However, his two fights against Foreman were humiliating. Given that performance against Foreman - the first really great puncher Joe faced - we can be confident that huge hitters such as Louis, Marciano, and Tyson would have beaten him convincingly as well. Joe was great against Ali because he hated him so much and he felt that he was fighting for his manhood (if you know what I mean). It also helped a lot that Ali wasn't a big puncher. But when he couldn't muster those same emotions against others, especially big punchers, he wasn't so great. Joe was very vulnerable. It wasn't his fault, but Joe wasn't great physically with his smallish size, limited strength, and constitutional problems such as high blood pressure and sight problems. In my opinion, he didn't have the stamina to do what Ali did in fighting next best after next best after next best. We saw that when it took Frazier so long to recover physically after his first fight with Ali. Speaking hypothetically, had Frazier gone into the ring with a big puncher next fight after Ali 1 then he gets knocked out, in my opinion. He was damaged goods. Foreman would have knocked him out even before the first Ali fight (especially given that Bonavena knocked Joe down easily early in his career). Just say that Frazier had an Ali type schedule, for instance fighting Ali then Foreman then Norton then Ali again then Lyle then Norton and then Shavers. I don't believe that Frazier - the one we saw after Ali 1 - would have had the stamina or physical ability to keep to that schedule. And, if he did, then he gets beaten in the majority of those fights. Look, Kent, even before Ali 1, Frazier's management were careful about who he fought and didn't fight. He refused to go into the elimination tournament for whatever reason. With all due respect to Joe, the fights with Ali flattered his career. Take those fights out and you have the humiliating losses against Foreman and very little else. That's no shame, though, because, hell, Foreman might even have knocked Massimo or Steve out.

For the life of me, some of you guys just don't get it. Ali is the way he is because it was Ali's brain cells and his managers greed when he fought all those tough fighters. Can anyone tell me from looking at Ali today and the way he has been for the past 25 years, that his managers did the right thing by putting him in with all those tough contenders. Frazier's handlers cared about him and made the matches that would get him the most money and the championship. Granted it appears in recent years Frazier is slipping. But I would attribute that more to the booze than the punches. Some of you people write about Ali and all the fighters he
fought and pretend that the effect to his health are not related. He is the way he is because his handlers never met a dollar they didn't want. Really, for the life of me how can some of you people defend all the tough fights Ali had and ignore what happened to him as a result of those fights. It seems like you are blaming Frazier because he was not mismanaged like Ali was.

I can't recall anyone defending Ali's management and I agree with you on that aspect. I believe that Ali had damage even by the Foreman fight and his speech was slurred at ringside afterwards. It should have ended there.

I've long harbored the belief that Dundee, in particular, let him down for allowing it to go on as long as it did. I also believe that Ali's doctor should have stepped in much earlier than he did. Ferdie Pacheco hung in there past the point of no return with Ali's health.

To rank fighters from the same and different eras, we must compare the fighters they fought and didn't fight, the style of boxer they fought well against and the style they didn't, and whether they can take a hard punch and whether they can't. I believe that Ali had the best jaw ever and that was his great strength as a fighter (and his great weakness for his health). If Ali had Frazier's management, he'd probably be healthier today but his legend would not be so great.

However, if Frazier had Ali's management, what would have happened? His health would be worse off, for sure. But he would have had many more fights and many more losses. His legend would never have been as great as Ali's, no matter who managed him. He simply didn't have the tools physically to be as great as Ali.

In my opinion, Joe's biggest weakness was Ali's biggest strength - his jaw. Joe was vulnerable to hard punchers, as we saw early against Bonavena and then had it shown proof positive with his demolition against Foreman. Which brings me back to the recurring theme......Frazier avoided big punchers whenever he could. Forest says that this was smart management and, of course, he is right. But it also meant that he didn't fight all the viable contenders of his era and for that fight fans are entitled to detract points from his legend.

Ali's legend was built on all those incredible fights and they took an unfortunate toll on him, if this is what has caused the Parkinsons. Frazier is better off---but he cannot enjoy the accolades because he did not accomplish what Ali did. In a lot of ways, I think everything Ali did after Manilla was unnecessary---sure, beating Shavers was nice, winning the title a THIRD time was nice---but the loss to Spinks, controversial wins over Young and Norton and losses to Holmes and Berbick were not good for Ali or his reputation.

Had he quit after Zaire, he'd probably still be in the public eye today, at fight cards TALKING, not just an onlooker. Had he quit after Manilla, I don't know how his condition would be---except I think he'd be better off than he is now. But his career was simply amazing and that's why he gets all the praise from me, and I second guess Joe---he did NOT take on the caliber of opponents Ali did and sure, he was smoked twice by Foreman.
But Gerry do you do Gerry S, yourself? One thing I never do is imitate other singers. I actually wrote an Elvis Presley parody but if I ever do a demo of the song, I have to hire a guy who imitates Elvis to do the part. So my secret in a way is I can't do imitations. People get Kent Appel, whether they like it or not but I am also very proud I am unique that I am not just another copy cat. These days, in whatever styles of music there are, everyone sounds exactly the same. Pop singers all sound like imitations of soul singers like Stevie Wonder or Aretha Franklin, or whoever it is they all imitate. Country singers all sound like Clint Black or Sheenia Twain, or whoever it is they all imitate. Rock singers all sound like whatever artist they all imitate too.

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I think that Ali's most deleterious fight was the one against Earnie Shavers. He should never have fought him. He went 15 rounds with the hardest puncher ever and was hurt badly at least 6 times! That hardly helped his health. And this happened after the LIFE AND DEATH fight in Manilla and another war with Norton!!!! Although I think that Ali was probably the greatest, I don't give Ali' too much credit for beating Leon Spinks, as that one was a pretty boring fight and one of the worst (or worse) versions of Ali'. We saw only the shadow of Ali' in that fight! To say that Carl Von Linde was the smartest guy who ever lived is stretching it a little bit I think, but yet (or still) he was a great inventor and someone who deserves an immortal place in the History of Technology. He was a great guy! He gave mankind a HUGE present and, I'm sure, saved a lot of human lives all around the world. Think, for instance, of all the old and ill people who can enjoy air conditioning in hospitals! I'm not sure I understand what you meant with "heat wave" (is that Slang?), but if you were referring to the literary meaning of the expression "heat wave" yeah, it's true, it's hot like hell in Roma in these days!

I add on to my last post to Gerry: Freddie Mercury, Steve Perry, Robert Plant, etc, more examples from a past era when singers had their own individual styles. Gerry, you must have a high voice. I couldn't do songs by those artists unless I took the songs down to lower keys. I can hit the notes in the original keys but I don't have the gruffness that those songs need to be true to the style. Now I don't say there is anything wrong with doing the same style as other artists, it is just that I believe a singer should put his own label, make the song his own, when he or she covers material. Yes we are in a stale period right now where everything is copied from something else. Even the songs themselves in the past few years are just pale imitations of original works. There was actually a hit, and I don't know the artist or the name of the song, that had sampled all the way through, the intro to a Gladys Knight and the Pips 1970s hit. The Group Sugar-ray also ripped off part of their melody hook for their biggest hit from a song, also from the early 1970s, that was called Suavacito by a group called Malo.
of old songs. So even in itself, while there are examples of hip hop and rap music that show lyrical talent and are unique in their own way, there are a lot of examples of "the copy cat syndrome" even in that style. It is universal in today's music, rip off something else if you can. |

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<td>Gerry, you do have a good style then, you are in good company. You are more of a hard rock singer than I am but I can rock out to some up tempo oldies like Johnny B Goode, Great Balls of Fire, and stuff like the Beatles' I Saw Her Standing There, I also do a credible job on White Room by Cream. You are lucky as when I was younger, I wanted to be a heavy metal singer but I was cursed with a baritone voice (or blessed, depending on how you look at it). I do great ballads though and even at my 300 pounds, I can have almost any lady in the palm of my hands for three minutes if I sing to her some love song. The problem is when I walk off of the stage and then I am the 300 pound doofus again. Pity that when I was younger, thinner, and better looking, I didn't know it, I never capitalized on it too much with the ladies. Oh well, I guess deep down I have always been a nice guy. Too bad!!&lt;br&gt;I know we have discussed this before but to those that don't know, Jerry Quarry was one good singer. He was also a handsome guy with Charisma. I think it isn't far fetched that Jerry could have been a star singer. I remember once when Jerry was asked about Joe Frazier's singing, he said, &quot;Joe may have beaten me in the ring, but I am a better singer.&quot; No argument there as even Joe is (was) not a bad singer, he was not a good one either, kind of unique (which of course I like) but mediocre to be honest about it.</td>
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| Kent, I apologize for trying to get a handle on what you are actually saying about Frazier missing all those fights against viable contenders (who all just happened to be big punchers), but could you answer a few questions for me ?<br>Firstly, I know that you don't accept the accusation that Frazier ducked these guys.<br>But do you accept what Forest says ? Forest seems to be saying that Frazier's management deliberately ducked Joe fighting those guys and that it was a very smart decision on their part which has preserved Joe's health. <br>Do you agree with Forest that smart management ducked those fights ?<br>Oy are you still saying that it was a momentous once-in-a-lifetime coincidence, a monumental quirk of fate, that all the guys Frazier didn't fight just happened to be big punchers and that the guys that he instead fought just happened to be feathered fisters ?<br>Also,Kent, can you tell me whether Ali, Foreman, Norton, Shavers and Lyle, fought Standers and Daniels ? If they didn't fight them, do you think they were ducking them because they were so dangerous ? Or was it that they didn't fight them because they were no good ?<br>Also, did Ali, Foreman, Norton, Lyle or Shavers fight Ellis after he hadn't had a win for over four years ? Or was it just Frazier who fought him ? Do you think that Ali and the rest were ducking Ellis ? Or was it that they knew he was no longer a viable challenge ?

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| Noam, you sure do play with the facts. Ellis, did have wins in the four years before the second fight, alot of them! In the period from March 1971 to March 1975, when the second Frazier fight happened, Ellis was 11-5-1 with a win over George Chuvalo included. Yes Ellis was 1-3-1 going into the fight with losses to contenders Ron Lyle and Joe Bugner as well as a loss to prospect Boone Kirkman, with the draw coming against contender Larry Middleton and the win over Memphis Al Jones, but no wins in four years, in this case you don't know what you are talking about, look up his record!!<br>In light of this evidence, Ellis was a viable opponent in the second Frazier fight, who had some recent tough losses
and who fought very well, ahead on the scorecards after five rounds only to be stopped by Frazier in the ninth round. I do acknowledge Frazier, because of his style, only had so many fights in him but I stick by my position that it is entirely possible that the management of fighters like Shavers and Lyle before 1975 could have very possibly avoided signing to fight Frazier as they didn't want to put good prospects in over their heads and that when both lost to Quarry, their managers thought they were not ready for Frazier and when they were ready, Frazier was no longer around. Using expert testimony is an legitimate logical argument and again, long time referee and boxing official Lou Filippo said people avoided Frazier, not the other way around.

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I made a mistake; I wasn't playing with the facts, as you said, imputing that I was somehow telling an untruth. The below was Ellis's record immediately before the second Frazier fight:

March 1, 1975 KO by 9 Frazier
Nov 12, 1974 L 10 Bugner
Jul 16, 1974 L 12 Lyle
Dec 12, 1973 L 10 Kirkman
Jun 18, 1973 KO by 1 Shavers

What I meant to say was that Ellis hadn't won his last 4 fights, not the last 4 years. An obvious mistake Kent, but you took some leap of logic happy to accuse me of "playing with facts". And if you think Ellis was a viable opponent based on the above facts, then give yourself an uppercut. You deserve one. Ellis's record as shown above in the period before the second Frazier fight stinks. He was beaten by Lyle, Bugner, Kirkman, and Shavers, yet Frazier doesn't fight them - he fights the loser. That says it all, doesn't it. You didn't answer my other questions about who fought Daniels and Standers. Lyle and Shavers didn't fight them. Foreman fought Daniels in an exhibition fight but he wasn't matched with Standers. Norton ko'd Standers in 5 in 1976 but he didn't fight Daniels. Quarry didn't fight Standers or Daniels. Ali fought Daniels in an exhibition in 1972 on the same day that he fought four other guys. He didn't fight Standers. So I'm trying to work out why Frazier fought Daniels in January 1972 and Standers in May 1972. Do you think the other guys were ducking Daniels and Standers or was Joe just taking the easy way out. What I said was that Ali was mismanaged. His managers had him taking fights he should have avoided. If I am to believe you, you apparently agree with me. You wrote to the effect that you noticed brain damage in Ali before the Foreman fight.

Noam you and Angelo among others keep using the word "ducked" when refering to Frazier and the list of his possible opponents. You and the others constantly ignore the rankings and the records of the opponents of that time period when you say Frazier "ducked" these opponents. Quite frankly, I find your prattle boring. The only reason I am responding now is because you are attaching my name to things I have not said. Finally, once again even you yourself claim that you notice brain damage in Ali in 1974 yet he continued fighting tough opponents for approximately 5 more years. It does not make sense if he is brain damage...
damaged or becoming so. It was obviously wrong for him to have those fights. Those fights should not have happened.<br>Noam, you just don't get it. It is not that Frazier avoided necessary fights. It is that Ali had to many unnecessary fights. Looking at the heavyweight contenders through 1964 and 1974. Who made out better than Joe Frazier other than George Foreman regarding retiring with money and relatively good health. FRAZIER FOUGHT THE NECESSARY FIGHTS, ALI FOUGHT UNNECESSARY FIGHTS. WHO MADE OUT BETTER. FAZIER HANDS DOWN.| 6/29/05 11:26:43 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Noam, I believe if we go through your posts we will find you have said on several occasions that Jimmy Ellis did not have a win in four years. How am I supposed to know you only meant four fights when you say four years each time?<br>Ellis was headed towards the downside when he fought Frazier the second time but he had the distance with Bugner and Lyle and he gave a good account of himself.<br>If he wasn't still a viable opponent even in the period right before Frazier 2, then why was it considered a good win for Lyle and before that Shavers too? Their wins over Ellis are when they started to make a name for themselves.<br>Another reason Ellis was a viable and even tough opponent for Frazier the second time around is Ellis knew it was a big chance to get back into the picture. He was a former champion with a lot of experience who still might have been able to turn his career around with a win and he fought very well, again, he was winning after five rounds and he might have been ahead at the time of the stoppage or if behind, only by one point. I have to ask again, have you seen the fight? He was a very live underdog.<br>Why couldn't it have been possible Ellis could have had a resurgence in his career? Frazier himself had lost two out of three fights, to Foreman and Ali, with the win over Bugner and he came back to beat Quarry to get another shot at Ali in Manila and he fought great, even if in a losing effort, to test Ali to the limit. <br>One of the reasons the Frazier critics thought Ellis was completely shot by the point of Frazier/Ellis 2 is they believed you Noam continually saying Ellis had not won in four years, not four fights. But they were tough losses and he had a draw with Middleton too.| 6/29/05 03:52:32 PM|angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent/Forrest: I haven't gone through all of my old posts---I don't remember if I used the word "ducked" when referring to Frazier not meeting Lyle, Shavers, Norton, etc. I might have said it, but I think I said his management "avoided" them, which is a little less accusatory. I stand by that. I understand the point that Ali might have stayed around too long and took on fights he "didn't need to" but that's why he's a legend. I understand that Frazier took the very absolute bare minimum of fights against powerful punchers (probably with the exception of Foreman II, which he needed like a hole in the head). He "chose" not to enter the 60's tournament that all other contenders were in. He never fought the aforementioned power punchers and we've all heard the theories why (buddy-buddy with Kenny, Earnie lost to this guy and that guy, Lyle was too mean and a jailbird). He DID fight guys he had already knocked out, including the infamous "fun in the sun/Thunder down Under" against, and I'll say it again, a SHOT Jimmy Ellis. I don't care that he fought surprisingly well for five rounds---he was riding a ridiculous losing streak for a former world class fighter, he was not capable of delivering a knockout against Frazier and it was a matter of time before any reasonable Frazier punch would knock him from Melbourne to Toledo. Plain and simple, Ellis didn't belong in the ring with Frazier, or more to the point, Frazier was too good at that point (even with the losses to Ali and Foreman) to be taking this infamous "tune-up" with Ellis. Leave the tune-ups to an Exxon Station and fight Lyle please. And if Lyle is "unnecessary" than fine, but don't expect to be mentioned in the same library with Muhammad Ali, who lined them up and knocked them down. His poor health is the trade-off then, for being the greatest while Frazier was merely "a good fighter of his era." | 6/29/05 05:34:22 PM|Noam|same||same||10|Forest - my understanding was that
you were implying by saying that Frazier had "smart management" that he avoided certain fighters thereby preserving his health. If you weren't saying that then fine. Now you're saying that it was just "smarter management" than Ali's. Whatever. I agree on both counts.<br>Anyway, all of this is on the record. The facts can't be disputed. There's a common thread to the guys Frazier fought and didn't fight when he had a choice. He avoided/didn't fight/was kept away from/didn't face/etc guys who were big punchers, while happy to fight the feather fisted.<br>This has become another Monty Python's impasse. We couldn't say previously that the parrot was dead. The parrot was just resting or holding his breath. Same with Ellis. He wasn't clapped out by 1975. He'd just been saving himself for Joe. But now we can't say that Joe "ducked" anyone. We gotta put it in politically correct terms to appease the Dead Parroters. We gotta say "Joe and Lyle were never in the same ring at the same time", or "Frazier didn't fight Shavers because they didn't sign contracts to do so", or "Frazier didn't touch gloves in ring central with Norton because Joe only fought guys outside his circle of family and friends", etc. Just don't say the 'D' word. It's unacceptable to Forest.)<br>Anyway, Joe also wouldn't go in the elimination tournament in 1969 because he said that he could beat all the other guys and didn't need to prove it and it was an insult that the authorities wanted him to. (Hey, Kent, we could do away with title fights citing the "Frazier precedent". Rahman says he's better than Klitchko and could beat him easily. It'd be an insult to make him prove it, so let's just give Rahman the title. We could call it 'deeming'. Authorities have deemed the title to Rahman citing the Frazier precedent.)<br>Joe even fought a clapped out Jimmy Ellis in Melbourne WHEN ELLIS HADN'T WON HIS PAST FOUR FIGHTS (read 4 fights, Kent, not 4 years).<br>And Frazier's only title defenses were against Stander and Daniels. In boxing heavyweight history that would be the weakest defenses ever made.<br>Forest - you went to many of the Frazier and Quarry fights of that era. Did you go to the Stander and Daniels blockbusters ? Did you bet on Joe in the second 'fight' against Ellis ? Massive odds, huh. Your house to a cigarette butt on a Joe victory. You must have been excited watching it.<br>I went to "boxing records" and couldn't find an entry for Terry Daniels. I found Stander's record....37 wins and 21 losses. His record before fighting Joe was:<br>May 1972 knocked out by Frazier<br>March 1972 won pts 10 against Boswell<br>Feb 1972 lost to Brooks<br>WOW ! Anyone got it on tape.<br><br>To clarify, going into the second fight with Frazier, Jimmy Ellis had only won once in his previous SIX fights. I believe his record was 1-4-1 heading to Melbourne. He did rebound after the loss to Frazier though, as he scored an impressive knockout over Carl Baker. Does anyone here know who Carl Baker is? I think my uncle had a plumber by that name. I wonder if it's the same guy?<br>Ellis v Frazier (2) in Melbourne, Australia, was a blockbuster. To those who bought ringside tickets, however, it was known as "Suckers borne in Melbourne".<br>Instead of that farce, Frazier should have fought Lyle. Here is Lyle's record in that period:<br>March 1975 Frazier beats Ellis in Melbourne<br>March 1974 Lyle beats Bonavena<br>July 1974 Lyle beats Ellis<br>Sept
1974  Lyle beats Kirkman
Feb 1975  Young beats Lyle
May 1975  Ali beats Lyle

Instead of Frazier fighting Ellis in February 1975, he should have instead fought Lyle. After all, Lyle had only months earlier been Ellis's conqueror. But, then again, Frazier's goal (Ali and Foreman aside) was to fight the easiest and not the most dangerous. Smart management. And Joe wasn't in the same ring at the same time as Jimmy Young, either (the guy who beat Lyle). But let's make Forest happy and call a Young v Frazier a "deeming fight". We'll deem Frazier the winner because Forest says that he would have won. (Problem is Forest probably would have called Foreman v Young a "deeming fight" also and we all know what happened there.) If the fight never happens, how can you ever be entirely sure of the result?

In Frazier's defense, he took a big risk when he fought Oscar Bonavena in his 11 professional fight. In his autobiography Joe said that he was really in "big damn trouble" after the first knockdown! He did get up and won and probably (but of course I can't be sure) he would have done the same against Lyle, Liston, Mac Foster and Shavers. I have just seen again the Ali'-Lyle fight, and I have to question Lyle's chin! Ali' could never beat Frazier up in that way, like he was his daddy (Slang)! Lyle would have never survived the eleventh round if the referee hadn't stop it! In Frazier's defense, he took a big risk when he fought Oscar Bonavena in his 11 professional fight. In his autobiography Joe said that he was really in "big damn trouble" after the first knockdown! He did get up and won and probably (but of course I can't be sure) he would have done the same against Lyle, Liston, Mac Foster and Shavers. I have just seen again the Ali'-Lyle fight, and I have to question Lyle's chin! Ali' could never beat Frazier up in that way, like he was his daddy (Slang)! Lyle would have never survived the eleventh round if the referee hadn't stop it!

Noam, you celebrate Ali's record. But, you basically ignore the fact that Ali has been punch drunk for 25 years. Although you claim you noticed that Ali was becoming punchy in 1974 before the Foreman fight. And yet you celebrate all the destructive fights Ali had. These fights caused Ali to become punchy. And yet you fault Frazier because he did not have unnecessary fights. A fight expert like you Noam can't celebrate Ali's for his great record and then ignore the fact that he punchy. Ali has a great fight record and you admire him for that. The fact that he is brain damage doesn't really concern you. I guess you wished it did not happen, but it is part of the game. With that attitude I can see why you dislike Frazier.

You jump to the assumption that Frazier did not have these unnecessary because his management was afraid Frazier would loose. Frazier's management was more concerned about making money, making Joe the champion, and preventing him from becoming punch drunk. You don't like that do you? Instead, you pretend Frazier ducked fighters. You can't accept the idea that is why Frazier retired relatively healthy and Ali retired with severe brain damage, that only gets worse with time.

Noam, let me ask you a question. If you had a magic wand and if you waved it, Ali would once again be healthy. Ali would be able to talk. He would be able to sing. He could shuffle a deck of cards. His hands would not shake. And he could walk unassisted without somebody by his arm. Noam, you get the picture, but before you wave the magic wand you have remove from Ali's fight history those unnecessary fights he had that damaged him. Such as Bonavena, Norton 1,2,3 Lyle, Shavers, Frazier #3, Holmes, Berbic. These fights were not necessary to prove Ali's greatness. But they certainly contributed to his brain damage. Would you wave that wand, and remove those fights from Ali's history, and make him healthy again?

Noam, the key point your are missing is in June 1974 Frazier beat Jerry Quarry, who in 1973 had defeated Lyle and for that matter Shavers too. So Joe took the winner to earn his title shot, not the loser. It would make more sense if you said Joe should have fought Young, who in Feb. 1975 beat Lyle but since the target for Frazier to fight again while waiting for his shot at Ali was March, it is
doubtful that Young would have taken the fight with only one month to train and only one month after a tough fight with Lyle. Lyle got a title shot later in 1975 and his management knew that a possible loss to Frazier, after losing to Young too, would blow his chance at the title. So in March 1975 Lyle would not have taken a fight with Frazier as he would have been starting training for the title fight verses Ali and also because it was only one month after the Young fight, a tough fight. Lyle did climb back up the rankings ladder in 1974, after losing to Quarry but the fact is he had to climb back up the ladder. Ellis was the available fighter with the right style to prepare Frazier for Ali and Ellis knew it was likely his last chance at the big time and this is why Ellis was difficult at this point. NOAM HAVE YOU SEEN THE FIGHT? ELLIS FIGHTS WELL, HE GAVE FRAZIER TROUBLE. I am not sure of the officials scores but I gave Ellis all of the first five rounds. Joe didn't really start to find the range until the sixth round, late even for him and from that point on he took control leading to a ninth round TKO win for Joe. Forrest, I haven given several reasons why Lyle's management would not take a fight with Frazier, not the other way around but these reasons are ignored. That his inexperience before 1974, which was exposed by Quarry, was one reason and that in 1974 he was gaining experience with good wins over Ellis, Bonevena, and Kirkman, which he used in 1975 to fight Ali. In that year it makes complete sense for Lyle not to fight Frazier, especially after losing to Young, as if he lost to Frazier too, he would have likely lost his title shot and isn't a title shot what fighters work for? | 6/30/05 05:23:54 PM|Noam|same|same|10 |Hi Forest|We've learnt from practical experience that when you open your mouth, you're only doing it to change feet (or take another swig from the bottle). Firstly, I never said that damage to Ali was evident before the Foreman fight. I said I noticed him slurring his words immediately after the fight at ringside. It could have been fatigue but I thought I noticed a difference from how he usually spoke. It was a casual observation. In fact, if you go back through my posts, I've never tried to ignore Ali's damage or flaws from his management, etc. If you think that I have, then it's just your jaundiced mind kicking in (again). I don't fawn over Ali's career like you do over Frazier's. Put down the bottle and go back through the posts and read it with a sober mind. It does make a difference; perhaps you'll begin to perceive things accurately. All I've said is that Ali didn't duck anyone and that Frazier did. QUACK, QUACK, QUACK. WADDLE, WADDLE. Get over it. In regard to the "elimination tournament" you say didn't happen. I quote from page 55 of Frazier's book:"The WBA then came up with a plan for a heavyweight elimination tournament to find the successor to Clay as champion: Their top eight ranked boxers were chosen to fight it out. They were Floyd Patterson, Jimmy Ellis, Thad Spencer, Oscar Bonavena, Karl Mildenberger, Jerry Quarry and me, Joe Frazier. The only problem with the WBA's scheme was that Mr Yancey Durham wasn't buying it. "Screw their tournament," he said, " I don't need them. Let them fight it out and I'll fight the winner." Everyone else was prepared to participate in the tournament but not Frazier. Durham wanted to "deem" the title by giving it to Joe. As usual, they were looking for the easy way out. Same with the no fights against Norton, Lyle, Shavers, et al. Forest, you've become a Dead Parrot Society 'hall of famer'. Facts are washed away by wishful thinking and booze when the topic involves your hero Frazier. Other posters who don't entirely agree with your viewpoint become the enemy upon whom you heap emotive insults. When others have the hide to assess Joe's career unblinkinged, we must be politically correct to appease you. We can't say that Frazier ducked anyone; the 'D' word is unacceptable to Forest. Use the pc term that it was just "smart management". We aren't even allowed to laugh when you tell your jokes. For example, you said that Frazier never fought Norton because he liked him too much. For God's sake, Forest, these guys are boxers. Frazier wouldn't
have been fighting his boyfriend. You make it sound like they'd need a prenuptial agreement to fight each other. Then we have tune ups and tune downs and that 'blunder downunder' with Ellis 2. And you deny it. Gimme a break.<br><br>Your theory works both ways. You say that Frazier fought Quarry in June 1974 because Quarry had beaten Lyle the year before and that Frazier had to fight the winner. Well, Kent, in July 1974 Lyle beat Ellis. Yet in March 1975 Frazier fought the loser Ellis. Your theory doesn't cut it. |<br><br>I probably understand his condition more than you. Only last week I viewed a recent interview conducted between Ali and Sir David Frost. I bought it so I could better understand Ali's deteriorating medical condition. Not true. Go through my posts and you'll see that I've repeatedly said that Ali is handling his condition with dignity and courage.<br><br>I agree entirely with you. I suspect that Ali had a pre-disposition to Parkinson's and trauma to the head from boxing probably accelerated it. Perhaps he would have got it later in life even without boxing. In his interview with Sir David Frost, Ali denies that boxing has any link at all to his problem. I think that's probably stretching it. There has to be a linkage in my opinion.
Ali's medical plight). I said that Dundee and Dr Pacheco allowed Ali to fight for too long. I suggested that the Foreman fight should have been his last one.

By the way, Massimo, in his book Frazier says at page 55 that his management refused the offer to be a part of the elimination tournament. Instead of going in the tournament, Frazier decided to fight George Chuvalo. He called Chuvalo the "human shock absorber". I guess he was easier than the tournament. Just because Frazier didn't give his opponents much credit doesn't mean Chuvalo was not a good win for him. Chuvalo was dangerous to anyone who ever fought him. He was very durable and he had a good punch.

Joe stayed out of the WBA tournament because he was already the number one contender. His management felt he had already earned his title shot. The WBA dropped him from number one to number nine without him losing a fight because he didn't enter the tournament. I don't think someone should lose their ranking unless they lose in the ring.

Frazier then won the title sanctioned by the NYAC, along with five other states, Mexico, and parts of South America, a group that would later call itself the WBC, the rival to the WBA with his win over Buster Mathis.

Both titles, back at that time, were considered equal and Frazier unified the title with his win over Ellis in 1970. Ellis was not considered the universal champion at all during that period and he would have if he had beaten Frazier. Frazier ended up defending against Quarry and Bonevena and along with his win over Ellis and his win over Ali in 1971, he beat the best around at that time. The finalists in the WBA tournament had two fights with top contenders to gain the title shot within a year's time and Frazier defended against two fighters who were in the tournament plus Mathis in about a the same amount of time. He also fought Chuvalo not too long before this.

Frazier was not just sitting back doing nothing. He was fighting and he earned his title.
occasion you claimed to be a NY City police officer. I suppose neither is mutually exclusive, but who are you today? Now, to your question. If I had a magic wand would I wave it and repair Ali's health? Oddball inquiry, Forest, and where is this heading? Do you believe in magic? Are you really a witch today? What the heck. I'll answer your question, anyway. Yes, I'd wave the wand and cure Ali. I'd wave it for Joe, too. And Jerry Quarry and Joe Louis and everyone else who the sport harmed. Wouldn't you? Everyday you have been caught out in the past, Forest, you never apologize and admit error. You usually disappear for a month or so, hoping everyone forgets what a jerk you made of yourself. Probably off on some sort of binge.

Frazier's fight with Mathis in 1968 was for the vacant New York Heavyweight Title. I assume that they had to make it up because Frazier ducked the WBA elimination tournament. It was a face saving exercise. By the way, at page 69 of his book, Frazier says this about his 'fight' against Dave Zyglewicz:"The press made the fight out to be a farce and wondered out loud whether Smokin' Joe was ducking the serious contenders to fight dog meat." Well, 30 years on, Joe, many of us are still wondering out loud! Frazier even acknowledges at page 125 that the press were "skeptical" about his fight with Terry Daniels who weighed only 191 pounds. The press asked Joe, "Is Daniels better than your sparring partners?" Joe answered: "A little." After the fight Daniels complained that "they needed a math major for a referee, he had to count so much" (in reference to how many times he was knocked down). Ron Stander was Frazier's next opponent. At page 126 Frazier said of him, "Stander was known as a beer-guzzling, knockabout character - a kind of midwestern Tony Galento. He said things like, "How much beer do I drink? I lose count after a case". Or: "Have I ever been knocked down? Yeah. By the police with a nightstick." Stander's wife was reported as saying (at page 127 of Frazier's book): "Ron gets hurt every time he goes in the ring because he's never been in shape," she said. "How do I know Ron gets hurt? Because after a lot of fights he doesn't know what he is doing and doesn't remember what happened." That about says it all, doesn't it.

Frazier in the history of heavyweights? Also tell me about the different fights of Frazier you have seen and what you thought.

Remember this. Jimmy Ellis was a blown up middleweight. That ain't saying much for Jerry Quarry when Ellis beat him. Jerry blew the opportunity of his career in that fight.

The WBA tournament took place starting in about August of 1967 and it lasted into 1968. So no there was no elimination tournament in 1969. I am not sure why the NYSAC, the other states, and parts of what would later become the WBC decided on Mathis as one of the contestants for the title but I do know at the time Frazier's title was at least as well regarded as the WBA title and both disputed titles became undisputed when Frazier beat Ellis in 1970. Of course really lifted all doubts to his claim to heavyweight champion when he beat Ali in 1971. Angelo, a good analogy but boxing and basketball are different sports. Boxing tradition has shown that a number one ranking has been a way to get a title shot. It would be nice if an elimination tournament was held each year in each division but in reality, the WBA heavyweight tournament in 1967-68 was the exception, not the rule.

Giacomo Toney is another blown up middleweight, but this doesn't mean he ain't ("ain't" in this case means " is
not", but is way cooler) good as a heavyweight! Ezzard Charles was another. Maybe the best thing to have a great career in the heavyweight division is starting from the flyweight division.<br><br>Even if JQ DID beat almost all the best punchers of his generation (with the exception of Giorgio), I can't rate him higher than Joe Frazier in heavyweight history. Am I wrong? What do you Angelo and Noam think about it?\]<br><br>[7/2/05 04:51:02 AM|Noam|same||same||||10|Kent]<br><br>Forest was either saying that there was no tournament or he was playing with semantics and saying that there was no tournament in 1969. But we all know the tournament that was talked about; semantics don't change the facts.<br><br>[7/2/05 04:51:52 AM|Noam|same||same||||10|Kent]<br><br>Of course, I know the first Ali and Frazier fight which Frazier won. Ali was out of the ring for three years and he was rusty and should have taken another fight before that one. But he lost nonetheless.<br><br>[7/2/05 05:35:56 AM|Massimo |Roma||4||||10|Noam-]<br><br>Fan, in history terms, I have Joe outside the top 10 heavyweights of all time. At the top is Louis or Ali and I change between the two. Sometimes I even think Marciano should be the greatest. I think that Louis and Marciano - with their special power - would have destroyed Joe in a couple of rounds. Holmes would have outboxed him. Joe's head movement was great and the side to side bobbing helped him disguise when he was going to jump up with that great left hook. He liked to work in close and used his head upwards against taller fighters. This was awkward for them. He couldn't do this to Foreman because he was too powerful and too tall.\]<br><br>[7/2/05 05:45:19 AM|Noam-]<br><br>I think Ali'-Frazier 2 was probably a draw. Ali' won rounds 2, 6, 9, 11 while Frazier won 3, 7, 8, 10. Of course, it could go either way, but no way for more than 2 points. \]<br><br>[7/2/05 05:54:24 AM|Massimo |Roma|4|||10|Noam-] I have Ali' ahead by 1 point in Manilla after 14 rounds. He clearly won the last 3 rounds of the fight
(especially 13 and 14). But I think Frazier deffenetely won the third round; it was a present by Ali as Cassio Marcello did let Joe punch him on the ropes with no reaction for about one minute. Ali sometimes liked clowing in the ring (he did so so much against Ron Lyle), I think just to show he was so much better than the other guy that he shouldn't bother about being serious.

Massimo: Frazier ranks higher than JQ all time. He beat JQ twice by TKO, was a Champion and had the legendary fights with Ali. Frazier falls short of Quarry in one regard: Quarry took on everyone, including Lyle, Norton and Shavers (winning two of these three fights rather impressively) while all three of these important heavyweights are missing from Frazier's schedule. This supports the theory that even in losing to Norton, at least Quarry had the guts to get in the ring. But based on Frazier winning head-to-head bouts against Jerry twice, and holding the title, and beating Ali (while JQ lost twice to Ali) you give the comfortable nod to Frazier. As mentioned though, the list of common opponents is shorter than it should be with the curious omissions of Lyle, Shavers and Norton ("conincidentally" three big punchers). Kent: I don't buy the explanation that just because NCAA basketball and boxing are two different sports, my analogy doesn't hold up. But okay, let me try this one: Olympic boxing: The, let's say, Canadien heavyweight gets to sit out the entire Olympics, while all other countries' representatives battle it out, fighting two or three times each. Then, on the last day, for the Gold Medal, suddenly the Canadien guy is "ready" and gets his chance against the Cuban who beat everyone else. It's not a fair way to determine the overall winner because any of those guys the Cuban beat might have beaten the Canadien at the time of the tournament. Guess what? In this context, the Canadien would be out of luck. But "Lucky Joe" got to let everyone else battle it out before taking on Ellis. You know what? Joe was better than Ellis, Joe beat Quarry, Joe might have beaten everyone in that tournament, Patterson included. But he didn't compete and that's the point. He didn't compete then, and he failed to satisfy the requirement of being a GREAT champion or a great contender even, and that's to take all comers, to avoid no one, to get in the ring and give your best against the top fighters of your era. Quarry did it, Ali did it, the other guys all fought against eachother. Kent, I know you've offered some compelling debate about timing and friendships and rankings and tune-ups, etc., but Shavers, Lyle and Norton were all worthy opponents from the early through mid 1970's when Frazier was active. They were top ten fighters at a time when he was fighting lesser opponents like (as Noam so eloquently phrased it) "clapped out" Jimmy Ellis (that term seems to describe a 1962 Rambler with a shot transmission---and hey, that's about right for a 1975 Ellis). Joe was "managed" carefully and we're thankful that he had a lot of good years in retirement and had the mental wherewithal to write books slamming his slower, weaker tomato can opponents. It's nice that his memory/recollection of crystal jaw Jimmy, slow Terry and drunk Ron was so strong 20 years later, he was able to give us those insights. But the book might have been different, or not written at all if he was in against Lyle, Shavers and Norton, with the possibility that those fights would have ended like his two disasters against Foreman. We're all happy for him that his "team" preserved him by keeping him out of the "pre-1969" tournament and out of the ring against brutal punchers of the '70's. That's all good.
been stopped when it should have, no one would have as strong an image of Joe being knocked down six times in less than two rounds. I will use as an example the Quarry/Shavers fight. If the referee had allowed Shavers to continue after being badly hurt by Quarry in the first round, as Shavers did beat the count after being knocked down, and Shavers had been knocked down over and over again, then in your reasoning, Shavers would have been humiliated. But this fight was properly stopped and everyone sees that Shavers was just caught and hurt early and knocked out, which is what happened. You also totally ignore the fact that before 1975 both Shavers and Lyle were not ready for Frazier as they were inexperienced which was shown by them losing to Quarry. They both gained the experience needed in from 1974 onward and that in Shavers' case he started to emerge in 1975 onward as 1974 was a bad year for him with starting in December 1973 with the loss to Quarry and throughout the next year with losses to Bob "The Immortal" Stallings and a draw with Jimmy Young.

Lyle was gaining the experience needed in the rest of 1973, after the loss to Quarry and 1974 but he used the experience to go after the title verses Ali instead of fighting Frazier, a wise move as the title is what fighters strive for. Since it is these two fighters who seem to be the main ones you think Frazier avoided. You ignore the fact that there was a very small time period when fights with Frazier would have taken place, 1975. Lyle might have very well not wanted a fight with Frazier as he had lost to Young and a possible second loss to Frazier would have made him lose his title shot. The fact that both Lyle and Shavers were good prospects and that their managers wanted to protect them by not putting them in over their heads too soon is another reason why fights with Frazier didn't happen.

Fights between Frazier and Daniels and Frazier and Stander did happen as even though Stander was the better of these two, their managers knew that one chance was all they would have as they were not that good as prospects, Daniels because he didn't have much talent, so he couldn't be ruined as a prospect and Stander because of his poor training habits. I also think the same argument regarding Quarry can be made about another big puncher Frazier supposedly avoided, Mac Foster, meaning, if you don't beat Quarry, then you are not ready or don't have the talent to beat Frazier. I think in the case of Foster that yes he would have a puncher's chance against anyone but even though he had that and he had a good long left jab, he had slow footwork and he didn't have a lot of hand speed. I don't think, unless he got lucky, he could have held Frazier off.

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having a tournament every year. Even if they were held every 30 years, the same argument holds up: He who stays out of the tournament shouldn't get the reward of just going after the winner after everyone else has fairly competed. If Frazier was the best, and he very well might have been, he belonged in the tourney to prove himself. He opted out. It was a familiar theme for Joe's team, the path of least resistance. And you know, you keep going back to Joe didn't have to face Mac Foster because Jerry beat him, Joe didn't have to fight Earnie Shavers because Jerry beat him, Joe didn't have to fight Ron Lyle because Jerry beat him—-for pity's sake, why did Joe have to wait for the guy he could beat to knock off the others? Sounds like a classic way to avoid trouble---hide your time and let dominoes knock down other dominoes—you only have to take one of them and by default, you've beaten them all! That might hold water with you, but it doesn't with me. We know that styles make fights and part of the fascination of boxing is when a guy like Ray Leonard gets a decision over Hagler (Forget that the decision was controversial---at best, the fight was a draw or even a very slight Hagler win, but the point is that people expected Hagler to KO Leonard early and because of styles, it didn't go that way.). Champions don't wait for others to do their work for them. Hey, Foreman crushed Norton and Ali KOed Foreman. So that should have taken Ali off the hook from having to give Norton another fight. Guess what? In Yankee Stadium, Ali put his title on the line against a younger, fresher, stronger Ken Norton. Ali beat Quarry twice and Quarry beat Lyle and Shavers. Okay, Ali doesn't have to face these guys. Except, he did, both of them. Was this a case of Ali's handlers being careless? I doubt it. It was a case of a Champion wanting to be a real Champion by taking on the top ten fighters regardless of how they performed against common opponents. Kent, I really doubt that Lyle or Shavers would have turned down a money fight against Joe Frazier, circa 1974. In 1975, Shavers was more worthy of a "shot" against contender Frazier than walking wounded Jimmy Ellis was. I don't think it was Shavers who was afraid of the outcome of a fight with Frazier. We could speculate all day on who avoided who—but when it's ONE MAN who failed to fight everyone else (even though "everyone else" was fighting each other) you walk away feeling that maybe that ONE MAN was the one who was, and I'll go ahead and use the term, DUCKING the competition...the knockout capable, live fighter competition. To form an opinion of who avoided who, I don't have to look further than the fights that Frazier DID take on (Bugner, who couldn't knock out a parakeet, Ellis, who was previously easily defeated by Frazier when he actually could fight and was done by '75, Daniels...you list the rest). Simply put, my opinion is that the only boxer we've been discussing who might have avoided Frazier and not the other way around is Ken Norton, who didn't fare well against strong KO guys himself.

Clarification: In my last post, what I meant to say was that from Hagler's viewpoint, at best the fight against Leonard was a draw or a slight win. I actually scored the fight in favor of Leonard by a point---even considering that Hagler was the Champion, I might have given the nod to Sugar Ray, by a thread.

And Kent, before you bring up that there was "no money" in Frazier-Lyle or Frazier-Shavers, keep in mind that there was LESS MONEY in Frazier-Daniels or Frazier-Ellis II. (held half way around the world it was such a stink bomb). This wasn't about money or about buddy-buddy can't fight that guy (Norton). It seems like a clear-cut strategy to keep Frazier from getting shelled again like he did against Foreman. And one more time, Frazier would have fought whoever they told him to, including King Kong or Godzilla. I don't think it was about Frazier's courage, but it WAS about a smart management team who didn't want to lose title fights against Ali (read,$$$) by walking into a landmine like Earnie Shavers or Ron Lyle. Smart? Yes, but it tarnished Frazier's place in boxing history. His "place" is that he fought Ali in two very exciting fights and one decent fight. His "place" has
nothing to do with clobbering Jimmy Ellis or beating Joe Bugner. It's the notoriety of fighting well against the greatest, Ali, and the notorious "Down Goes Frazier" highlight film of being shellacked by Big George. | 7/2/05 05:22:49 PM|Massimo |Rom||4|||10|Kent:<br><br>Foreman 1 fought 3 hard punchers: Lyle, Norton and Frazier! On the other hand Frazier ducked Lyle, Norton and Frazier? What's the excuse for Frazier not fighting Frazier? | 7/2/05 05:56:34 PM|Massimo |Rom||4|||10|Angelo:<br><br>Bugner, who couldn't knockout a parakeet (I wonder what the hell a parakeet is) actually stunned Frazier in the tenth round of their legendary fight. Bugner got knocked out by Bud Spencer in many movies.| 7/2/05 07:29:09 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Okay, Kent, "humiliating" is not a politically correct word (just like the word "ducking" wasn't) so let's ignore that he got knocked down heaps of times. We'll politely say that Joe kept getting up, which, I agree, was brave and noteworthy. However, his destruction was complete and it left an indelible mark in the minds of people judging his place in boxing history.<br><br>They weren't flash knockdowns. The knockdowns weren't flukes. They happened and they happened with disturbing regularity for someone claiming to be one of the greatest of all time.<br><br>Massimo - I disagree with you about Ali 3. I thought his win was decisive. I defer to your opinion on the second fight as it's a long time since I've seen it.<br><br>It's hard with Frazier to judge some things. Relatively few of his fights are on tape. With Ali we had blockbuster fights against Frazier, Liston, Norton, Foreman. But Frazier's only legendary fights were against Ali and Foreman (and he lost 4 from 5 of them).<br><br>While you can see Ali's fights against London and all the other relative minnows of the era on tape, there's no interests in Joe's fights against anyone outside of Ali, Foreman and Quarry.<br><br>It's like history has correctly judged Joe's fights against the many lesser lights he fought - guys like Stander and Daniels, et al - for what they really were......almost exhibition fights against opposition barely better than his sparring partners.<br><br>We saw that from Joe's own words and it is a pity that he is viewed this way. If only he had taken on all the real contenders of his era than history would have viewed him more sympathetically. As it stands now all his fans can say is that he "woulda" and "shoulda" beat those guys but we'll never know.<br><br>Those other fights he had were such nothings that it appears that no one bothered to archive tapes of them.<br><br>Massimo: A parakeet is a very small ornamental bird people buy at pet shops and keep in their homes, in a very small cage! By flicking your finger, you can knock one out---but I'm not sure if Bugner could. And what you say, Bugner stunned Frazier? It's funny how many times people have referred to Frazier's fights and defended his opponent selection by saying how he was knocked down by this guy, stunned by that guy, another guy "won the first five rounds" (in Melbourne, Austrailia) even though his best years were far behind him and he was 1-4-1 heading into the blockbuster. Gee, maybe all this success against Frazier wasn't because these guys were so good. Hey, did he duck Wepner?| 7/3/05 12:14:26 AM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com|||10|It's not true that Frazier's title bouts are not on film. I've seen most of them, with the exception of the Daniels fiasco, ESPNC has shown the Stander fight several times. Frazier vs Norton, Lyle and Shavers could not have happened before 1974 or 75. By that time Frazier's only target was Ali and nobody else. He didn't
need the money or take the chance of a loss to Lyle or Shavers. I'm not saying Frazier could not have beaten those two, especially Shavers who may have hit hard but had, at the time at least, no jab, slow foot work, almost no defensive skills and his chin was suspect. Lyle on the other hand was the third or fourth ranked contender after Ali beat Foreman and in line for a certain title shot. Even if Lyle beat Frazier he would be putting a title shot at risk to do it. I am not saying Frazier's title reign looks good in retrospect. From 1970 to 73 he could have fought Leotis Martin, Henry Clark, Jurgen Blin, maybe Urtain? or Ernie Terrell, who he looked terrible against in a couple of exhibitions. Let's not forget that at the time '68 through '73 Frazier was being compared to Marciano, Louis and Dempsey by most boxing writers. Only a few, Cosell among them thought Foreman had a chance to beat him. Does that mean that Frazier is not a great fighter because he decided to fight a couple of relative nobodies, Daniels and Stander? Joe Louis fought three years worth of guy's like that. Does that mean the Louis was not a great fighter? I don't think so. At the time Frazier held the title everyone was sure he would have a long reign as champion, had that happened a couple of easy touches wouldn't look so bad. The bottom line is if you compaire all of the heavyweight champions in history they all pale in the shadow of Ali. He fought the best of the best. And beat them all.

| 7/3/05 12:43:45 AM | Noam | save || save ||| 10 | Thanks Bob for the correction. Do you know whether they are available for purchase if someone wanted to buy them. |
| 7/3/05 04:18:41 AM | Massimo | Roma | || parakeet.com |||| 10 | I think that the two Frazier-Bonavena fights were pretty legendary (and they are available on tape, I have seen the first many times and part of the second once). I think the way Frazier dominated Bonavena the second time was worth a clap! Bravo Joe, bravo !!!! But I agree that Joe should have fought at least one among the following names: Lyle, Shavers, Liston, Mac Foster. His place in history now would be a step higher. <br><br> Angelo <br><br> It's not a question of opinions, in the second half of the tenth round Bugner clearly stunned Frazier! But Frazier won the round as he had knocked Bugner down in the first round. <br><br> I think in judging Frazier we gotta consider that the truth is always (or at least often) in the middle! In the middle between what Kent thinks and what Noam and Angelo think. Cheers. |
| 7/3/05 11:17:30 AM | Angelo | dc | || funktron@yahoo.com |||| 10 | Massimo: Oh, I have no doubt it's fact, not opinion. I haven't seen this fight since the year it happened, so I can't comment on how badly Frazier was stunned by Bug's punch. My point was that I still consider Bugner to be a decent opponent, but not any type of knockout threat to most quality heavies. The fact that he "stunned" Frazier makes me wonder if it's that Bugner was that good, or Frazier not so good. Frazier seemed to get stunned or knocked down too often for a "great" fighter. And then there's the fact that as Kent saw Frazier-Ellis II (Rumble Down Under), Frazier gave up the first five rounds to a guy who was at one time, pretty good, but by '75, out of petrol. We've heard (heck, I've been as guilty or more guilty than others here) that Frazier was a "slow starter" so it's okay that he spotted five rounds to Ellis. Don't forget too, that if only Frazier-Foreman #1 had been stopped after, say, the fourth knockdown, it wouldn't have left this image in our minds that Frazier was knocked around the ring like a soccer ball. Kent says that if it had been stopped sooner, people wouldn't feel Frazier was trounced that badly. It's funny how when Bobick-Norton was stopped after just one knockdown, EVERYONE made Bobick the brunt of jokes---boxing fans, people who know nothing about boxing, late night television hosts, even game show hosts (stupid-ass Richard Dawson made some joke about it on Family Feud). So Bobick is caught flat-footed by Norton and the whole world makes him a laughing stock---but it's only because Frazier was allowed to be knocked down six times in 5 minutes by Foreman that we question his management's desire for him to take on big punchers. No, if they had stopped it earlier, I'd STILL argue
that he was then intentionally kept away from other power punchers. I think that Ernie "Clay" Terrell would have given Frazier some problems by using his huge advantage in reach and witness. I have seen Terrell next to Frazier on tape just before the Frazier-Bonavena 1 fight started and Ernie made Joe look very andre'. But I think Joe would have beaten Ernie on points or by late round knockout. If Joe had asked Ernie "What's my name ?" I think Ernie would have given the right answer this time.

Massimo: Joe would have his way with guys like Bunny Johnson, Jody Ballard, Duane Bobick, Scott LeDoux, Leroy Caldwell--- he'd decision Tex Cobb, he'd KO Lorenzo Zanon like JQ did, he'd squeak out wins over guys like Renaldo Snipes, Leon Spinks, David Bay, maybe Greg Page---these were the category of fighters he loved to take on to showcase his talent. He'd probably beat Norton. I think he'd have a very hard time with Mike Weaver. He'd beat Michael Spinks, somehow. He'd lose to Leroy Jones by decision. Jimmy Young could win a tough decision but it would be close. Most of the time, Ali would beat him, Holmes would beat him. Foreman did beat him. All in all, that's about where he ranks: Below the upper crust by a comfortable margin, above the lower guys by a comfortable margin---above the middle layer, but not by a whole lot. I believe Ron Lyle would have knocked him senseless. I beleive Earnie Shavers MIGHT have knocked him out early---or Frazier would have KOed Shavers in the middle to late rounds. However, this is based on them fighting eachother around 1974. If you went prime vs. prime (Frazier, say, 1970 vs. Shavers, 1977) I think Shavers would win. Shavers matured as a fighter---became more disciplined, better trained, more patient---by the time he was fighting Ali and Holmes ('77, '78, '79) he was capable of conserving energy and pacing himself to go the distance. He still packed a powerful punch that could and did get Ali and Holmes in a heap of trouble. These guys could take a better punch than Frazier, especially Ali. Holmes was a more clever boxer than Frazier, and had a knack for surviving a round after someone dropped him, which apparently, wasn't easy for Frazier based on the disasters against Foreman. Make no mistake about it---Foreman was some finisher. But Jimmy Young showed how a slippery boxer could survive after being staggered by Foreman. Frazier couldn't get it done. He was a deserving Champion, not a fluke. But there are a lot of heavyweight champions and contenders would have their way with him. There were too many holes in his game. His handlers knew it and that's why we've been having this discussion about him for it seems like the better part of six months. The fights were never made because he was exposed as being vulnerable to a heavy puncher. I know that there's some esoteric argument about a possibility that they avoided him. I think that's too hard to swallow. They all fought eachother, so if one guy was out of the mix, I point to his team as being responsible for the game of "keep away." I think Noam said it: "If it waddles like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's a duck."

If I recall rightly, the first Frazier v Bonavena fight was a split decision. The result could have gone either way. Joe was lucky not to have been knocked out by Bonavena anyway. Joe was also nearly knocked out in the second fight with Ali, early on when the referee made the mistake. Ali was not that hard a puncher and Bonavena was not renowned as a huge hitter either. My point is, although we think that Frazier would have beaten Terrell and Foster and Norton and Shavers and Lyle, we'll never know because he didn't fight them. I'm confident that at least one or two of those guys would have beaten Joe, especially after the first Ali fight. I mean, if Bonavena can put Joe down twice (showing the first one wasn't a fluke), then TIMBERS when he is in against Shavers and Lyle. My view is that Joe was exposed for what he was when he fought Foreman. He was very vulnerable against big punchers. So, whenever possible, he avoided them. Smart
management, sure, but it leaves a stain on his career.<br>And given his vulnerability against big punchers, then forget him beating Louis or Marciano or Tyson. Therefore, in my view, he is not Top 10 material, even if you revere him as much as Kent and Forest do. <br><br>|7/3/05 08:54:23 PM|Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|I go back and forth on how I feel about Frazier (Joe) vs. Tyson. Young Tyson was a tiger. If he flew out of the gate in round one head-hunting, and Joe didn't answer fast, I could see Tyson ending the fight very early. But Tyson did not enjoy the big height advantage on Frazier like Foreman did. If Joe could survive through a few rounds and start trading with Tyson, and get in a rhythm, Tyson might get discouraged—he showed he could wear down and Frazier had a way of making fighters wear down. But again, I think back to how Tyson demolished guys early in his career, and think back to how Frazier was demolished twice against Foreman. It's a tough call. It's interesting that Joe Frazier helped Marvis with a strategy against Tyson. I think their plan was to have Marvis give a lot of up and down head movement, but not fight going backwards. They were on to something—I think it was proved later that if you came forward against Tyson, you could throw him off his game. The problem is, he got to Marvis very early and panic set in. Before the fight, Joe said "We have something for him (Tyson)." After the fight, I think Marvis' feeling was that "I had something for him, but he didn't give me a chance to deliver it—I don't see how any of the current heavies have a chance against this guy—you can't keep him off of you and he's by far the hardest puncher I've ever seen." Well, what Buster Douglas did was unconventional—instead of doing what every single other fighter did, worry about DEFENSE against Tyson, Douglas was more concerned about how to hurt Tyson. Granted, he had an airtight defense for the first few rounds, but what he did was jab effectively and set up crosses. By the later rounds, he was focused on hurting Tyson as much as avoiding trouble. That became the blueprint for beating Tyson.  

|7/4/05 01:48:21 AM|Noam|same||same|||10|Angelo — putting Marvin in there with Tyson might not have been smart management. And even if Tyson was around in Frazier's day, there's no guarantee that they would have fought.<br>Massimo—I rewatched the third round of the Ali v Frazier third fight. My take on it was this: Ali hit Frazier with three meaningful lefts early in the round before settling on the ropes covering up. Frazier kept throwing punches but didn't really land any. They hit Ali's forearms and some below the belt on the hips. Ali's head lurched back a few times when Joe threw short upper cuts, but they were taken on the gloves and did no damage. Ali then put on a sustained flurry, fighting off the ropes, landing head punches, and then turning Frazier around so that he was on the ropes in the corner. I thought Ali clearly won the round. <br>Of course, everything is subjective. Massimo, how is your work as a physicist? What are you working on now? I had Einstein's theory of relatively explained to me. <br>If you have a pretty girl sitting on your lap for an hour it seems like a minute. However, if you are getting punched in the head by Marciano for a minute it seems like an hour. That is the 'theory', in layman's terms that dopes like me can understand. <br>Massimo, one more thing. A hypothetical question. If Ali had Frazier's management what would have happened and when would he have retired? Likewise, if Frazier had Ali's management, what was his fate (or destiny; which is the right word?)?

Massimo, I am a long time amateur astronomer. I just picked up a vintage Celestron G8 orange tube Schmidt Cassagrain reflector from the late 1970s in almost new condition for 1000 dollars, a great buy as it is the grandfather of all the Celestrons, Meades, etc. I had just given away one of my other telescopes, an eight inch Orion dobsonian to my brother that is pretty beat up, the tube has a lot of marks on it but the optics are still in good working order. But it isn't worth much money. I needed to make room as I have too many scopes and now I have a
new one. Oh well, I couldn't pass up a good deal.<br>I figure that since you know physics, you likely know astronomy too. | <br>|7/4/05 04:28:26 AM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|Noam-<br><br>The Special Theory of Relativity is NOT as trivial as people usually thinks. It took a great genius to think about it! Lorentz (not an idiot himself, he won the Nobel Prize in 1902) wrote the right starting equations but couldn't understand their physical meaning. A huge revolution was needed to understand their meaning and that's what Albert did. I don't think that many persons in history could have thought of it. Maybe Newton, maybe Gauss, maybe only (or just) one: Einstein. The theory doesn't take lots of Maths and is based on an apparently simple but actually very deep (or profound) idea. The GENERAL theory of relativity is MUCH more hard to understand and takes MUCH more Maths. A great genius (such as the American Richard Philips Feynman) once said that he had no idea about how Einstein had thought of General Relativity. It was one of the greatest masterpieces in THOUGHT history. Albert was smart! Very smart indeed! I [it's very embarrassing talking (or speaking) about myself now] have recently taken a Master in Nuclear Physics and I am unemployed, looking for a job. I was thinking about bouncing. At 5'6" 130lbs I think it might work! I think Ron Lyle had holes in his game too. The way he lost to Gerry Cooney and Lynn "Joe Louis, who" Ball was pretty embarrassing. Ali' put "morally" him away with one punch, after all! I don't think he would have knocked Frazier senseless. Nobody couldn't. Frazier would have NEVER lost with his ass on the canvas. Maybe Lyle would have stopped him like Foreman did in Kingston, but never knocked him out. | <br>|7/4/05 04:40:01 AM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|Kent-<br><br>I'm sorry but I don't know that much about astronomy. I know the basics and I read a couple of divulgation books, that's all! Physics is a huge, morally endless Science and everyone usually is specialized in one or two fields. Actually every field is huge itself. | <br>|7/4/05 06:15:59 AM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|Noam-<br><br>If Frazier had Ali's management, he might have a few more losses in his record and a worse health today as well. Very honestly speaking, Frazier never proved he could take a really HARD punch (but not many fighters actually could). I think he had a top heavyweight chin, but not in the same league as people like Ali', Chuvalo, Quarry, Holmes and maybe even Peralta. Even Ron Stander stunned him. I think he would have beaten people like Terrell and Patterson and that his huge heart would have allowed him to beat the big punchers sometimes but not always. So, if he had fought (or fought) all the big punchers of his generation like Ali' did he probably would have a couple more losses in his record.<br><br>If Ali' had Frazier's managent I don't think they would have allowed him to fight after Manilla. And they would have been right! | <br>|7/4/05 08:40:48 AM|Angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Massimo: Younger Ron Lyle was able to take punches and knockdowns and fight back. Look at his fights with Foreman and Shavers. If he opened up on Frazier early in the fight, which I think he would have, we could have another Kingston fiasco. Speaking of which, I don't know if we've talked Cooney-Frazier, but that's another interesting matchup---Cooney was tall and threw punches with leverage and power. No, he wasn't Foreman, but he might not have to be to take out Frazier. | <br>|7/4/05 02:05:17 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Massimo, I don't think the relativity is hard to understand, either general or special. Now to be able to prove that they work, that is hard with all of the math, in both cases, at least not for someone who doesn't have a lot of math background.<br><br>The concepts themselves can be explained as long as I don't have to do the math, which I don't have to do as I am just an amateur astronomer who likely will not even have a degree in the field.<br>I do understand the concepts of gravity can bend time, that is why the planet Mercury was not keeping to its postional schedule according to Newton's theory because it is so
close to the sun, a strong gravity force, they actually thought there could be another planet closer to the sun than Mercury causing it. I also understand that when traveling at a high rate of speed, that time slows down. That if a spacecraft was going at the speed of light, then a lot more time would have gone by on Earth than on the spacecraft. I also understand the concept of $E=MC^2$, I don't know how to write it with the 2 at the top of the "C." That energy = mass times the constant times itself. But to prove it on paper by doing the math, no way. If memory serves me the constant is the speed of light. Now I can plug the numbers in and get the correct energy amount but prove why, again, no way.

\[7/4/05 03:48:50 PM\] Angelo\[dc]\[funktron@yahoo.com]\[10\] Kent: I enjoy reading about astronomy---don't currently own a telescope though. I've noticed that a lot of people who are into astronomy also enjoy shortwave radio (myself included). These days, I don't have as much time as I used to, but it's still fun to pull out the portable shortwave radio on a weekend night and see what I can tune in. A friend of mine told me you can access a lot of these distant channels on the internet (probably not the independent HAM operators though) but what fun is that? The real fun is turning the big rotary dial and wondering what you're picking up. It's easy and cheap to get an old shortwave radio on eBay (they start at about $15.00 plus shipping for a good old one) and range up into the hundreds for a very good name brand old model. It's a fun hobby.

\[7/4/05 04:23:43 PM\] Massimo\[Roma]\[4]\[10\] Kent-<br><br>First of all, congratulations for your knowledge! There are many different levels of comprehension of a subject in Physics. Without using the maths you can get to the level of understanding that the theory is plausible and not completely dumb. This is a first very important step. But being able to perform some calculations make you understand much better how the theory works. Knowledge in Physics is an operative knowledge. You must be able to use what you learnt to solve problems. You can't be sure you have understood (or at least that you have understood at a satisfactory level until you can solve problems). You must be able to use what you have just learnt. Sometimes in college I was sure I had understood a subject until I eventually realized I wasn't able to get through (or of getting through) an exam because I wasn't able to solve (or of solving) the problem the professors wanted me to solve. It happened to me more than once (more, more...). Even Quantum Mechanics can be understood at a first (very low actually) level without using Maths, but using the Schrödinger equation and all the rest allows you to go way further. Another thing: a physical theory cannot be proved on paper. You need the experiment too. You have to perform an experiment, look at the results you get, make (or do) your calculations by using your theory's equations and control that the results are the same in both cases (experiment and calculations). If that's the case it means that your theory works and that you are a good theorical physicist. On the other hand, if that ain't the case it means that you are a bum. In pure Maths you can prove everything on paper and you don't need any experiment. For me it's pretty hard to talk of these things in English; I hope what I wrote is not a complete mess!

\[7/4/05 05:23:54 PM\] Kent\[Murrieta, Ca\] kentallent@aol.com\[10\] Massimo, yes more than a basic knowledge is needed to apply things like relativity. But sometimes when people get caught up in procedure such as math they lose sight of what they are doing it for. Any field, science included, has a certain language you must learn and if the average person knew the language, then the so called experts would be amazed that they really are not that much smarter than other people. It is just the experts know the language they are dealing with. Einstein was unique in that he could see, so to speak, "the forest from the trees," he had the ability to see the bigger picture and he didn't get caught up in the process. I believe that was his brilliance. Angelo, a lot of my astronomy friends are also into shortwave but I don't know much about
it. I do get a kick out of hearing one of my friends talk to someone from far away. |

Noam.Agree.Frazier was good little heavyweight. The greatest little heavyweight of all time was Rocky, who would have treated Joe worse than anybody he fought, including Foreman. | 

Firstly, Rocky was surrounded by mafioso types, yet he never threw a fight. His will to win was so great he wouldn't contemplate it. Secondly, he never succumbed to a bad night. He took no one lightly, always came to fight, and won every one of them. He was also never beaten to the final bell. There were many times - probably the most notable against Walcott when he won the title - when he needed a late knockout to win. He kept going until he got it. And never in the history of boxing did a champion mess the other guy up as much as Rocky did. No one was ever the same after they fought him the first time. They always got smashed in the rematch, as we saw with Ezzard Charles and Walcott.

Rocky had so much power, and such an enormous all-conquering will to win, that he is a chance against anyone in heavyweight history. Perhaps he was the only guy with enough power to put one on Ali's jaw that would actually knocked him out. I think Marciano would have cleaned Tyson up. Marciano was too strong mentally for Tyson and eventually Mike would have surrendered to him. A prime Louis v Marciano would have been very interesting. I'd probably favour Louis but with Marciano's power, how can you be sure? I don't think Marciano would have any trouble beating Frazier because Frazier was vulnerable to big punchers and Marciano was certainly that. Marciano against Foreman would be close. Foreman might have been just too big and too strong. Interesting one that would be.

One more thing; Marciano's elbows were the best in the business.

I used to think Marciano was the "Brigham Young National Champions of Boxing" (The year Brigham Young's football team won the National Championship, they were undefeated---and won the Holiday Bowl against Michigan, who had a record of 6-5-1. Other teams who played a stronger schedule were 9-2 or even 10-1, but Brigham Young was undefeated, so they won the title based on that---I'm not sure if it was both polls or just the AP Coaches poll. Anyway, I used to think that 49-0 is great, but Rocky's small, who did he fight, today's guys would beat him and a bunch of other nonsense. After taking the time to learn about him and watch highlight films of his fights, my opinion now is that very few heavyweights in history would have stood up to his relentless onslaught/constant pressure and hard punches. I could see Ali winning a very close decision. I could see Joe Louis in his prime getting a win. Maybe a couple other guys would give Rocky a tough fight---Larry Holmes comes to mind because he had a very strong left jab and could move---and could also go 15 strong rounds. Foreman and Tyson had the power to KO anyone if they landed. Liston, ditto. But we're talking about a handful of guys with a real chance at beating Marciano, and so many others who wouldn't have a prayer. The guy retired undefeated for a good reason---he was awful good. He combined the toughness and determination of Jerry Quarry, the pressure tactics of Frazier, good power in both hands and a will to win that might be unmatched. He's a top five all time heavy.

Marciano learned how to be a slick fighter. If you look at his films he doesn't get hit as often as people think. He was very good at rolling with punches and had a very good jab.
If a fighter attacked him he would stand his ground and deliver two or three hard body blows before moving out and re-loading. He was also very strong for his size...and unlike Frazier he could also fight moving backwards. No one could intimidate him. He would just give that all knowing smirk and proceed to kick your ass. Although he didn't have the body of a Max Bear or Ken Norton he was probably the best conditioned heavyweight ever. Against the the all time greats, he would more than likely be the underdog but I wouldn't put it past him to beat any heavyweight in history. He didn't have the size, he was smaller than most high schoolers today, but his conditioning and his will would carry him through the toughest opponent. Anyone who can move a 300 pound heavybag with 11 inch fists has to be given his due. That said, the greatest finisher of all time was Joe Louis. You NEVER wanted to fight him twice. Look at his record.

Marciano is a top five heavyweight of all time and even though he was small, he had the strength and punch of a much larger man and the will to win. There have been very few, if any who had more heart than Rocky.

Although he appeared awkward he was harder to hit than a lot of people realize. He would bend down low and he knew how to use his lack of height to his advantage.

I think he would lose to Ali and Louis, prime verses prime and maybe to Foreman and Holmes also but after that, I don't think there are any others who could take him, regardless of his small size.

Why are you so critical about the guys Frazier fought and not about the guys Marciano fought ? Were Marciano's avversari any better than Frazier's ? Gimme a break (sorry, I couldn't help myself...! I know he fought the best of his generation and didn't duck anyone, but were these guys that good ? How many Daniels did he fight ? Marciano was great but I'm not sure I can rate him at top 5. What would have happened if someone as big and powerful as, say, Frank Bruno had hit him with all the power right on the chin ? I'm not sure Rocky could take a punch so much better than Frazier! I think he was very similar to Frazier as a fighter, he had a similar aggressive style and the same heart, but with a difference: Marciano could hit harder than Joe, but Joe was a better defensive fighter (Marciano didn't have any bobbing and waving). Again, Rocky was great, but I would have wanted to see him against powerful guys like Foreman, Lewis, Lyle, 19/23 years old Tyson, Bruno, Boncrusher Smith, Tim Witherspoon, Tony Tucker, Nicolay Valuev, Wilt Chamberlain and many others.

He was knocked down by Walcott and Moore, after all!!

You answered your own question. I wasn't around back then, so it's hard for me to vouch for the caliber of Marciano's competition---but by looking at the rankings year after year when he was active, it appears he fought the guys he should have fought. Again, I'm not an expert, but I can't see anyone who belonged in the ring with him who was "avoided." As for the Rock vs. today's supersized heavies: He'd have a very difficult time with someone as large as Lennox Lewis. I honestly don't think Lewis would knock him out, but Lewis ridiculous height and reach advantage would make it very hard for Marciano to penetrate him. When Lewis had his "A" game, he was well conditioned, determined and able to adapt to his opponents style. Of course, you look at the tape of Willard/Dempsey and you can almost picture Marciano hitting Lewis in the mid section for about 8 rounds, then firing off head shots when Lewis guard came down. But I do get your point---Marciano would be even SMALLER now than he was back then (that theory of relativity again!).
better than Rahman and McCall and more likely to land those finishing head shots. Rahman and McCall could not pull off the feat a second time but they are not in Rocky's league.<br>The key is could Rocky land them? <br>I once did some articles for Eastside Boxing called Wladimir Klitschko verses the all time greats and one of my fantasy matches was verses Marciano. Realize it was before we knew Klitschko could not take a punch very well and I had Klitschko winning by a unanimous decision over Marciano. My reasoning was Rocky would not land many solid head shots due to Wladimir boxing from a distance, using his height advantage. Rocky would land a lot of body shots and Wladimir would know he was in a fight but Rocky would be outlanded as far as punch count goes and the clean head punches from him would be few.<br>A Lewis win could follow the same path but Rocky always did find a way to win, an intangible we can't write off. <br>I am going to do a follow up to those articles and revise them with for example, in my first article about Wladimir verses Rocky, there were a couple of occasions when Rocky did land hard head shots but in my new version, Rocky comes from behind in the eight round to win by knockout. | 7/5/05 10:34:16 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC|funktron@yahoo.com| |||10|Kent: It's a good idea to revise the fantasy matchups. It's funny because until someone's career is over, you don't really know everything about that fighter. Before the Buster Douglas fight, I think peoples' opinion of Tyson was that he was a dynamo who couldn't be beat at that age. After Douglas and Ruddock, there was some revisionist thinking about Tyson. When Frazier bested Ali in '71, there was some revisionist thinking about Ali being unbeatable. When Foreman lost to Ali, especially by KO, there was some revisionist thinking about him--compounded when Young beat him. And it's not just that undefeated guys lose and suddenly they're not so unbeatable anymore--it's how they lose, if they lose a second time (like Ali did to Norton) and how they perform in rematches. Great fighters get a pass if they're fighting past the age they should be in the ring (Louis taking on Marciano was a mistake, as was Ali taking on Holmes and Berbick). Marciano never lost, never. I still think there are ways to beat him, and young Ali might have had the style to do it--staying out of Marciano's punching range, tying him up, holding his head, watching those elbows, giving a lot of foot movement and trying to outpoint him off the jab. I don't care that Ali weighed 215-220---there's no way he'd want to slug it out with Marciano. Ditto with Lewis. Stay outside and make Marciano come in, and batter him with the jab when he tries to get inside. Lewis could keep his head high and away, like he did in Holyfield I. Foreman controlled Frazier much like Hearns did Cuevas---leverage on his punches and devastating power. If Foreman did this to Marciano, I feel Marciano would retaliate better than Frazier could, but it would literally be an uphill climb for Rocky since Foreman was so much bigger. Liston-Marciano, prime vs. prime would be a tough match to call. Same for Tyson-Marciano. I will say, I'm a huge believer in Larry Holmes, but I have to say, if Marciano was able to land on Holmes like Shavers and Snipes, I don't think Holmes would get off the hook. I think Marciano would be like a shark. Of course, I also don't think Marciano would get the flush punch in on Holmes to get him in trouble in the first place--but hell, Snipes did it. | 7/5/05 12:30:19 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca|kentallenent@aol.com| |||10|Angelo, the comparison between Foreman and Frazier and Hearns and Cuevas is a good one but although Frazier did hit very hard, Cuevas, for his weight class, was an even harder hitter than Frazier. The way to beat a big puncher is to not get hit with the big punch and Hearns and Foreman did it the best way, hit and hurt them before they can hit you and they used their height advantage to do it.<br>I can see Foreman/Marciano going the same way as Foreman/Frazier and that is why I rate Foreman higher on the all time list. I think Foreman, at his best, could have likely beaten Marciano in the ring. <br>I think Holmes too but for a different reason could come out on top verses Marciano. He, like Ali, had a tremendous jab and very quick combinations. He also had very good footwork and
defense. I can see him outpointing Rocky but in a very tough fight. But as I said before on the subject of Ali against Rocky, it also depends on who is judging the fights and that they would likely go the distance. If the judges favored quantity of punches, then they would favor Ali or Holmes over Rocky but if they liked the fact that Rocky was always pressing the action and was landing a lot of body punches and enough head punches to be effective, then they could favor Rocky with the harder punches. Another factor is the referees. Rocky had a tendency to cut and Ali and Holmes may have been able to open up cuts on him from their long accurate, quick jabs. Later referees would be more likely to stop a fight sooner than oldtimers. If the fight were held today, there is no way Rocky beats Ezzard Charles in the fight when Rocky had his nose sliced in two. The referee would have stopped it before Rocky could make his comeback, which is what happened in real life. The referees back then let the fights go longer.

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7/5/05 04:24:07 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Kent: Make Joe Louis the referee and the fight would march on, no matter how badly someone was hurt. Yesterday, I pulled out the Quarry tapes and watched some of Frazier-Quarry II. When that horrendous cut opened, Frazier stood back and looked over at Joe Louis as if to say, "Jerry likes a fight as much as anyone I know, and he isn't gonna quit. For Christ sakes, stop the damn fight." and still, Louis let the two of them battle on. It was ridiculous.

7/5/05 04:26:52 PM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 10 | Max, Any recollections of the Tony Danza fight? Also was Sugar Ray Seales the best fighter you fought? I always thought he was very talented, although unlucky.

7/5/05 05:11:16 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Was Seales the '72 Olympic Middleweight? Very good indeed. I thought that on the '76 team, Howard Davis was the most talented, or maybe second to Ray Leonard. Well, Leonard, both Spinks, Leo...forgot his name---these guys all won world titles, but I don't think Howard Davis ever did, which is weird to me, since I thought he was the most polished boxer on the team. Also, there was a silver medalist (Mooney?) who was very good. I think our '76 team would perform very well against some of the Cuban's best teams. I also think Teo Stephenson was the most overrated Olympic boxer. Sure, he won three golds, but he essentially was a paid professional taking on kids. Put him in with a good pro heavy of any year that he won a gold and he would have been crushed. Put Mike Tyson in a three round fight, with headgear, against Teo, and Tyson would need about 25 seconds to make the headgear part of Teo's skull. I look at that slow, careful upright style, with the long reach that could keep guys like Tate and Bobick away, but someone like Foreman would chop him up. Pick any contender we've talked about---Shavers, Lyle, Young, Snipes, Ruddock, Cooney---these guys would walk over him. Take Bobick or Tate with a couple years of pro experience, and they would have their way with him. Berbick---somebody mentioned Frank Bruno---just start listing professional heavyweight contenders of the last 30 years and my belief is that most of them would take Teo without a lot of trouble. Hell, if Puerto Rico wanted a gold medal, they could have sent Ossie Ocasio as a pro!

7/5/05 05:37:53 PM | Forest Ward | NYC | NYC | 10 | Well, Noam, you finally answered my question. Normally, you are as bad with answering questions, as you are with fight data, such as records, dates, opponents, and your all time favorite distorting what people write. You old boy, claim what people write and what they are thinking are not one in the same. Interesting.

7/5/05 05:43:01 PM | Kent | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | I think few people would doubt the idea, that these fights contributed greatly to the brain damage he has today. You said you would wave the magic wand and remove these unnecessary fights from Ali's career. I asked
you twice so there can be no mistake about the question. You admitted by waving the wand these fights were unnecessary, and contributed to Ali becoming punch drunk. Yet, you constantly criticize Frazier for not taking unnecessary fights. How is it Norm, Ali was wrong for taking these fights given his current condition ie. punch drunk? And Frazier is wrong for not taking them. Are they both wrong. Apparently that is how you see it. You would remove these fights from Ali's career as being unnecessary, but yet you say that were necessary for Frazier's career. No, Norm they were not necessary for either fighter. It is too bad you don't have the magic wand. Because as a result of poor management, Ali could sure use it. Frazier on the other hand does not need any help from you with a magic wand.

What about Teofilo Stevenson vs Joe Frazier around 1976 (when Joe was already over the hill)? The legendary and unforgettable Nino Valdes (or Valdez?) once said he thought he could whip Teofilo. "I'm a professional (he said with pride) he ain't, he is an amateur".

Massimo brought up the name of Nino Valdez. The 6'3" 210 pound Cuban was one fighter that Marciano was accused of avoiding during his reign as heavyweight champion.

Sorry, Forest, but I never got to the end of your last post. You have become so boring and repetitive. What is it with you? Out of therapy and off medication? Kicked out of the AA meeting? Oh well, I suppose that while you're typing posts, the glass is out your hand. In case you hadn't noticed, the rest of us have moved on from the last debate in which you again showed the miniscule knowledge you have of boxing. Sure, you attended a few fight nights with your drinking buddies back in the '60s and '70s, but details have long since drifted off in an alcoholic maze. In between last drinks and the slammer, you don't remember much, do you.

Let's get you back with the programme. The current topic is about Rocky Marciano. To refresh your memory, he was the only undefeated champion to ever retire. Why don't you give us your opinion of him and, if you can get by even one post without mentioning either your hero (Joe Frazier) or the arch fiend giving you nightmares ('The Greatest'), then I'll lighten up on you.

In the meantime, try smiling more. It's fun.

Dear me. I've been gone a few months and all hell has broken out. Soon as I read that Forrest had lost his cool, I automatically knew that someone must have said something about Frazier that his number 1 fan didn't like. Noam, you're better off ignoring Forrest. If you came here to debate boxing issues and maybe learn something then forget about Forrest as he isn't the guy. Forrest is expert on Ali's deteriorating medical problem and, judging from his last post, it makes him happy. If you want to learn about boxing then listen to Angelo, Massimo, Steve, Bob, Max, and even Kent (when he's not talking about Frazier). If you want to know about excuses, wouldas/shouldas/couldas, bile, malice and spite and all things not nice, then listen to Forrest. He's good at those things.

Take the tip Noam and pretend that Forrest is not there. By the way, Marciano was too small to worry Ali and Louis too much. I think Holmes would have beat him also. Foreman too.

Oh, Forrest, I nearly forget, you have to stop misquoting yourself and others. Your last post makes it look like Noam was agreeing that a magic wand should be waved and all what Forrest claims were "unnecessary" fights should be excised from Ali's record. But Noam wasn't agreeing to that. He was agreeing to the question Forrest asked on 7/1/05 at 11.55:40AM. Forrest wrote, "Noam you never answered the question I put to you in my last post. I will ask you again. Would you wave the magic wand and make Ali healthy again."
(like everyone else) agreed that he would like to make Ali healthy again, you then twisted your question and his response when you wrote on 7/5/05 at 5:33.53,"Now getting back to my question. I asked you if given the magic wand you could remove from Ali's career some of the unnecessary fights he had."<br><br>Forrest, Noam agreed that he would make Ali's health better if he waved your magic wand. He didn't say he'd remove Ali's "unnecessary" fight.<br><br>Begin telling the truth, Forrest. Quote others and yourself accurately. Thanks. <br><br>|7/6/05 09:10:12 AM|Forest Ward|NYC||NYC||||10|Howard C, you are not being honest regarding my question to Norm. There were no misquotes on my part. Howie you only mentioned the 2nd time I asked the question. When I asked it the second time for the sake of brevity I shortened it. So Howie, if you want to be honest state the whole question as it was origianlly printed the 1st time<br><br>Howie, I think its very generous of you to interpret for the board members what Norm is trying to say. Apparently you feel Norm has difficulty expressing himself, and he needs an interpreter. Norms main problem is he is very loose with the facts. Wrong dates, wrong records... You are probably right he needs an interpreter. I just don't think you are up to it<br><br>Howie, are you and Norm psychics? You always pretend to know what I am thinking? What am I thinking now?<br><br>Norm baby, I have written many times in the past about my thoughts about Rocky Marciano. Also, I did not know that you are in charge of the protocol for this site. I can only write about what you deem necessary? Interesting.<br><br>Finally, Fan, as I told you before I am honored when Norm states that he regards you and me as one in the same. Meaning of course that we are both the same person writing under assumed names. That is fine with me but I am afraid it may be insulting to you.|

Fan.I got shoved through the ropes and on to the judges table in the first seconds of the Danza fight. I got hit hard after that and subsequently was stopped in the first round. When I got back to my dressing room I couldn't take by boxing shoe off of my left foot because my ankle was swollen up that fast. Must have happened when I hit the table, I really don't know. As was my style I also ran into a straight left hand from Seales also in the first round. He still had pipoint accuracy despite the fact that he was nearly blind in one eye.|

Massimo: Frazier would take Teo in '76. Frazier was past his prime, but hadn't forgot how to box! I will say that his slow starting style wouldn't mix well with a three round fight, but I think he'd manage just fine. I think Joe would have more trouble with Antonio Inoki than Ali did!<br><br>Kent: Here is a question about your other passion, Astronomy (sort of about Astronomy at least): Is there an end to the universe, or does it just keep going (Massimo, this is about physics/applied science as well, feel free to jump in). Does space go on forever, with no end, or does it eventually come back to where you started, or is it confined somehow, to a finite state of being. If it is confined by "walls" then what is on the other side of these walls? I don't think I have the answer! Kirk and Spock might have to go out there again to check it out. By the way, what the hell is Tommy Hearns doing? |
quotes, and the dates you made them, are there for all to see. People can check for themselves and they will read that the two questions you asked are different. It's time you grew up. Cheap name calling like "Howie" and "Norm" is childish and you are making a fool of yourself. Granted, you are very good at doing that but it is silly for you to be continually embarrassing yourself like this. You are throwing insults at me and Noam and anyone else who disagrees with you. I've been reading back and you even told Angelo that one of his posts was the stupidist he'd written (or words to that effect). Let me give you a heads up, Forrest. What you are writing is not witty or intelligent. It's childish, stupid and silly. You play right into Noam's hands with that sort of nonsense. People realize that you are ignorant and bereft of humour. Freud wrote text books equating lack of humour with a lack of intelligence and it's relevant to you. So wise up, Forrest, and have a laugh occasionally, even at your own expense. You'll feel better for it and perhaps your posts will become cheerful and optimistic and thoughtful. Others might want to read them. Anyway, you are into questions, Forrest, so let me ask you one. Has anyone ever told you that you are an expert on boxing? I didn't think so.

Massimo | 7/6/05 05:58:07 PM | Italia (s'e' desta, s'e' desta) | 10 | Angelo
What a coincidence! I have seen again the Quarry-Shavers fight on my PC today. That one was the biggest win in Jerry's career in my book! Heck, Muhammad Ali struggled for 15 rounds with this guy! Jerry was even a little overweight for this fight, at 202 lbs, but still (or yet) he trashed Shavers like he was a bum! Earnie hit him about three times, but not with full power! Jerry didn't even blink though. It's one of my favourite fights!

I agree that Frazier would have had a bad time with Inoki, he was too wilt for him. Frazier would have performed much better against Andre', as "The Midget" was much shorter than Inoki and much shorter than Joe Frazier as well.

Regarding the question you asked in your previuos post, nobody knows for sure whether the Universe is endless or not! This is an "everything" question! Sometimes in Physics it's hard to respond (or to answer) to the "small" questions, let alone the "everything" questions...What is really amazing is that to be a good Astrophysician you have to be a master in General Relativity, Quantum Mechanics, Thermodynamics... In so many fields. You have to know ALL the Physics (I'm exaggerating a little bit, but not that much). So much Physics is involved in the Astrophysics field!

Massimo | 7/6/05 07:27:47 PM | same || 10 | Noam
I don't understand how the universe can be endless. If the universe is not there, what is? Even if there is nothing there, then nothing takes up space and nothing could be filled with something if something came along (if you get my drift). Forrest, I'll answer the two different questions you asked. Yes, if I had a magic wand, I'd wave it and cure Ali. And I'd also use it to cure all the other boxers damaged by the sport, including Frazier.

Have you heard Frazier speak lately. He is barely understandable. Commentators have to repeat what Joe says so he can be understood. It is sad and I wish it weren't so. But even with what you called "smart management" (the rest of us call it ducking) Joe ended up with a condition similar to Ali.

Now, regarding the second question you posed. I've written this before. I think Ali should have given it away after he beat Foreman. By then he was 32 years of age and his legend was secure. And, as I said before, when I see film of Ali speaking at ringside after that fight his speech is different to what it was years earlier. I thought I detected damage, but I might be wrong. In your post, Forrest, you mentioned the "unnecessary fights" as being Bonavena, Norton 1,2,3, Lyle, Shavers, Foreman, Holmes and Berbick. He was only 29 when he fought Bonavena. It was his second fight back from a three year lay off. He needed a tough fight to prepare for Frazier 1. It was a necessary fight. The first Norton fight was reasonable. Ali was preparing for another title shot. He needed
a tough fight. However, when he lost Norton 1, Norton 2 had to happen. Norton 3 was the decider and justifiable with that in mind, but I think Ali should have retired 2 years earlier after he beat Foreman. He fought Lyle in 1975. It was a title defense. Perhaps it was mandatory, I don't know. It would have been better if he had been retired by then, but Ali liked challenges and new horizons. He beat Shavers in 1977, lost to Holmes in 1980 and Berbick in 1981. As these fights fell after Foreman, it would have been better if they never happened. HOWEVER (note the upper case, Forest) a distinction needs to be made here. Ali's legend must be judged on who he fought and beat. His medical condition is a different issue. Same with Frazier. You can try and excuse the fights he ducked by saying it was "smart management" or whatever, but the fact is he didn't fight those guys. Therefore, he doesn't get the benefit of the doubt. We can't 'deem' him the result. As I've said before, Frazier only fought 2 guys up there with the greats. Ali and Foreman. He lost 4 out of 5 of those fights. The list of guys he didn't fight is long - Patterson, Terrell, Foster, Norton, Lyle, Shavers, et al. And the low quality of guys he opted to fight instead is just as compelling. Zyglewicz, Daniels, Stander and a clapped out Ellis in their second fight. We then must look at Frazier refusing to fight in the WBA elimination tournament. Joe wanted to be "deemed" the title without earning it. Joe didn't have a lot of fights in his entire career. He was virtually shot as a fighter at age 27 after he beat Ali in 1971. He was fragile and his management were painstaking in avoiding hard punchers he didn't have to fight. He only fought Foreman because he thought he'd win easily. He says so in his book. Joe had just turned 29 when Foreman demolished him. Greats of other eras were in their prime at that age; Joe was washed up. Joe's management were not "smart" as Forest would have it. If they were smart they would have made Joe retire after Ali 1. He spent months in hospital because of that fight. Had eye and blood pressure problems. Was apparently a little blind in his left eye and had partial vision. Yet his "smart" management allowed him to keep fighting... Ali 2 and 3.....Foreman 1 and 2.....Quarry 2. That wasn't smart management. Forest, Joe says that he could barely see out of his left eye before the third Ali fight. He might be making this up to excuse the loss. But let's take him at his word ...... was his management "smart" to let him fight in that condition? Seems to me that they were taking bigger risks than Ali's management ever took! Joe's management were not "smart" as Forest would have it. If they were smart they would have made Joe retire after Ali 1. He spent months in hospital because of that fight. Had eye and blood pressure problems. Was apparently a little blind in his left eye and had partial vision. Every now and then I like to drop in and risk the wrath of a regular or two by talking boxing, often relating actual facts, and - sometimes - even mentioning Jerry Quarry. Re: Marciano and Louis, both among the cream of the crop... about 10 years ago I became acquainted with an old heavyweight whose career overlapped both. He showed me clippings from some of his fights, he fought a few guys whose names I recognized. His name was Ralph Schneider, and he said he had sparred with both Rocky and Joe. He was quite emphatic that Marciano hit harder - much harder. Of course, he had worked with an older Louis and a young Marciano. But this gent appeared to be in a better position to factor age and render judgment than most anyone, and he said it wasn't even close, Marciano impressed him much more. Re: poor Joe's unfortunate and infamous refereeing job in Frazier-Quarry II, there was a positive side to the story which is all but lost. Not only did Frazier show good sportsmanship by letting up on Jerry when it became clear he was in trouble (I recall him saying Jerry was a good guy and he didn't want to hurt anyone) yet Louis had no intention of intervening, but earlier in the fight, after hitting Joe low, Jerry ignored Gil Clancy who was screaming at him to take advantage of Frazier before he could recover from the foul. Jerry wouldn't do it. I don't think Mike Tyson would understand. I submit that
the great Joe Louis' plight was not much different than any heavyweight who fought ring wars, including Ali, Frazier, Ellis, Patterson, or Jerry. I remember my father telling me how sad it was to see Hurricane Jackson stumbling around NYC shining shoes. Is there a heavyweight - at least one who fought lots of rounds - who hasn't shown some signs of dementia?  

| 7/7/05 12:26:41 AM | Brandi Quarry | Linton Indiana | brandiquarry3@msn.com | 10 | REMEMBER HIM WITH SMILES AND LAUGHTER, FOR THIS IS HOW HE REMEMBERED YOU.  <br>IF YOU CAN NOT REMEMBER HIM THIS WAY, THEN DON'T REMEMBER HIM AT ALL...<br>
WE LOVE AND MISS YOU  
JAMES QUARRY  7-07-2002 |

| 7/7/05 01:42:31 AM | Ed | Cicero N Y | Mooseygoop@aol.com | 10 | Fan .. theres one old fighter that took tons of punishment and I read hes as sharp as a tack...George Chuvalo.<br> <br>Noam...Good accurate post. One more thing that didn't help Ali in his later years was his training method of letting sparring partners knock him into a "twilight state" during training sessions. He did this so he would know how to fight when dazed and hurt. Kind of makes you shutter when you think of the brain damage that could do to a person.|  
| 7/7/05 02:57:44 AM | Noam | same | same | 10 | Ed - yeah, I heard that about Ali. I heard that he stopped wearing head gear at training and that he encouraged others to hit him in the head when sparring. Ali said he wanted to experience the "land of the half dream" to stimulate being hurt during a fight so he knew how to react. For a guy who was one of the cleverest and smartest guys in the ring, he certainly did some dumb things too.<br> <br>Fan - I read a book on Marciano recently and he impressed me greatly. Maybe Rocky was the only guy with the punch to stop Ali. I think the three greatest were Louis, Ali, and Marciano, but I keep changing my mind as to the order.|

| 7/7/05 03:26:44 AM | Kent | Murrieta, CA | Kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | MR. JIMMY IS MISSED AND HE ALWAYS WILL BE.  I CAN'T BELIEVE IT HAS BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE HE PASSED AWAY.<br>I KNOW I ONLY GOT TO KNOW HIM BECAUSE OF THIS WEBSITE AND BECAUSE HE WAS JERRY'S BROTHER, OTHERWISE WE LIKELY WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN AQUAINTED AT ALL BUT HE WAS MY FRIEND AND I FONDLY REMEMBER OUR LONG CONVERSATIONS ON BOXING AND OTHER SUBJECTS..<br>BRANDI IS RIGHT, I CAN STILL HEAR THE LAUGHTER IN HIS WARM GRUFF VOICE.<br>RIP JAMES QUARRY 1944-2002. |

| 7/7/05 05:03:08 AM | Noam | same | same | 10 | Just a few observations on Rocky Marciano and I'll do it in point form to save space and time.<br> <br>Marciano had terrific stamina and he was primarily a head hunter. He rarely went to the body. An oddity among boxers, he was also a prolific reader of books and careful with his money.<br> <br>Rocky was also a dirty fighter and perhaps would have been disqualified by today's standards in some of his fights. For example, in round 13 when he stopped Walcott, he hit him with a right hand when Walcott was down on one knee. He also hit Cockell with a left hand when Cockell was down. He also hit Ezzard Charles on the back of the head in the second fight. Let's not forget his famous follow-through elbow with his rights.<br> <br>Rocky's cut nose against Charles might have resulted in a medical stoppage today. Rocky might also have been disadvantaged by today's 12 rounds instead of 15 (given his stamina and the fact that he was behind after the 12th round in some of his fights).<br> <br>Marciano was always very fit to fight and his weight never fluctuated out of the 184 to 188 pound range. He could be caught with punches and Walcott and Moore knocked him down. His manager Al Weil looked very similar to Cus D'Amato. Rocky only had one gear - forward.<br>Perhaps the secret to Rocky's power was that he trained sometimes in swimming pools throwing punches in the water. Rocky said that the first Walcott fight was his hardest. He also said when he retired that he would never make a comeback because "if Louis couldn't make a successful comeback" then neither could he. <br>In looking at his career I think that Roland LaStarza was underrated. Thanks. |

| 7/7/05 09:17:53 AM | Forest Ward | NYC | NYC | 10 | Noam, Rocky Marciano was not a body puncher? Silly me I thought he was. I guess those punches I thought he was
throwing to body of his opponents to bring down his opponents arms were feigns, and not actual punches.

Among your problems regarding boxing is that you may read a book, (personally I think you skim the books, looking for "facts" to back you preconceived idea's). These books you read, what makes the author credible? Where is the author getting his facts from?. Because they are in book form and you agree to them that makes these "facts" legitimate? Rocky Marciano was not a body puncher? Give me a break.

Howie baby, for you to admonish me about my behavior is like Ben Ladin talking about the beauty of brotherhood. You and Norm are two of the most rudest and vicious writers on this board. When someone writes something you guys don't like you attack them personally.

I look at some of the garbage Norm writes about me, calling me among other things: an alcoholic, a homosexual, jailbird, and God knows what else. Actually I find those comments interesting. You know why Howie baby? It is because Norm is projecting his thoughts and actions of himself on me. It gives me an accurate insight to what Norm is all about.

When Norm and Howie baby find someone who disagrees with them they attack the person in a vicious manner. When I first came on this site back in 1998-1999, people actually used their real names and gave their real Email addresses. Sorry to say that is not done anymore except with limited exceptions.

Howie baby, I regard you and Norm as 2 cry babies. Who on occasion are capable of raising a legitimate point. But, all to often you guys are too thin skinned and narrow minded to substan a reasonable debate about an interesting topic.

All this being said, I enjoy reading Norms and Howie baby's posts, especially when they are about me. In my 51 some odd years on this earth, I never dealt with white trash until I encountered you 2 guys. I regard you 2 as lab rats in a controlled environment. And I am the student who is allowed to study your behavior patterns.

Ralph Schneider lost a 10 round decision to him in Miami the year before LaStarza's title shot against Rocky. I also remember he was a minor celebrity in the Bronx when I was a kid. Ralph was still big, about 6'3", and a strong guy when I knew him. He seemed a bit crazy, don't know if this was the reason he fought or the result. He was a real nice guy though, a lot of laughs, he must have been a giant back in his day.

This part, of which I am not positive, may ring a bell to someone: I think Ralph appeared as a fighter in an old Honeymooners episode.

Good point about Chuvalo. He was certainly in some wars (mostly one-sided) with Ali, Frazier, Foreman, and Jerry among others. I just watched his fight against Ali the other night. He was one tough customer.

P.S. Jerry did more damage to Chuvalo in his "loss" than Ali did in his 15 round victory. Hard Luck.

FAN: Agreed---Frazier showed respect for the sport and good sportsmanship by his "cease fire" when the terrible cut opened on Jerry. At that point, any referee should have taken the cue from THE GUY WHO WAS WINNING (Frazier), stopped the action, had a doctor examine the cut and help decide whether to allow the fight to continue. Instead, Louis waved them on and Frazier reluctantly continued.

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The only writings I "skim through" are your posts. They are not informative, interesting or intelligent. Most of what you write is puerile and childish.
the effect that you don't get information about boxers from books. To state the obvious, Forest, that's okay when you are able to observe your contemporaries, however for boxers who fought before you were born, books are the best source of information. There's nothing wrong with books. Reading is good. Regards Marciano. Tapes are a good source of information, too. May I suggest, Forest, that you view the LaStarza, Louis, Walcott, Charles, and Moore fights. They are among Rocky's most famous. He was a head puncher in those fights. Rarely did he go to the body in them. Forest you mentioned Bin Laden. That is silly and disrespectful. You can rant and rave and insult people here as much as you like, and personally it doesn't worry me because people are seeing you in your true light, but trivializing past atrocities by introducing Bin Laden's name is awful (especially after what's just happened in London). Try not to do it again. Anyway, I answered your questions, apparently in a manner to which you are unable to respond with reason or logic or at all. I demolished your contention that Frazier had "smart management". So you ignored my response and moved onto some other nonsense. For you to say that Frazier had "smart management", when they let him fight with diminished eye sight and cataracts, gives us all a sneak preview into how little you really know. And the more you post, the less you are able to preview your ignorance up. Answer a question. If you had a magic wand, Forest, would you wave it and take back all the silly, ignorant, and puerile comments you have posted here?

| 7/7/05 06:31:57 PM | Sabrina Quarry-Porter | Florida | || SabrinaLPorter@aol.com || 10 |
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| I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIM WITH A SMILE.HE IS MY DAD AND I MISS HIM WITH ALL MY HEART.I LOVE YOU ALWAYS IN MY HEART DAD..FROM DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL |

| 7/7/05 08:09:34 PM | Angelo | DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 |
| Sabrina: We miss your Dad too. Somewhere, he's looking down and smiling. |

| 7/8/05 02:51:57 AM | Howard C. | Louisville | howards@louisville | 10 |
| Noam | I enjoyed reading your comments about Marciano. You've been fair with what you've written. Don't listen to the ratbag and keep up the good work. No one ever built a monument to a critic. |

| 7/8/05 06:21:16 AM | Angelo | DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 |
| It's true---if you watch old Marciano footage, he's a head hunter. I think the notion that he was some great body puncher started because he's a shorter heavyweight in the "white palooka" mold---come forward, lean in, bang to the body. But if you watch his great fights, he seems to look for a KO by going to the head. Granted, I haven't watched every round of every fight and maybe the highlights I've seen show the end of his fights, not the middle. On the Frazier camp vs. the Ali camp: The best things I can say about Frazier are that he beat Ali once and beat Quarry twice---two times when Quarry was at good points in his career. The best things I can say about Ali, in terms of winning the title three times and the competition he took on, so far exceeds Frazier's performances, it's not even interesting to go on and on about. Suffice to say, Ali's ring accomplishments dwarf Frazier's---it ain't close. I'd wave Forrest's "magic wand" over every boxer ever permanently injured, over Troy Aikman, Steve Young, Chris Chandler, Al Toon (former Jets receiver whose eyes are probably STILL sensitive to light due to concussions) and hell, if the wand works on knees, I'd wave it on Namath and Gale Sayers (and even Jim Otto, who played for the Raiders while I'm a Chiefs fan). Yes Forrest, we can all agree that restoring health and quality of life to our fallen boxing heroes is a nobel idea and I'd do it. The fact remains, smart management or not: Ali's career and ring victories give him more than an "edge" over Frazier---it's more like an avalanche. And in hindsight, it starts with the fact that Ali took on all those guys we've talked about that Frazier didn't fight---but curiously, it ends with the fact that as a shot fighter, Ali picked on Trevor Berbick---certainly, Berbick was no Joe Louis, but let's just say he brought more to the table than Jumbo Cummings. |
fights are available on tape? I saw his two Walcott fights and the haylights from the two Charles fights, the Moore fight, the Cockell fight, the second La Starza fight, the Layne fight and the Joe Louis fight. I wonder what kind of fighter would have been more likely to beat Marciano. Sluggers like Lyle and Foreman or slick boxers like Zora Folley and Jimmy Young? By looking at his record it seems that the more his opponents were big, the faster he knocked them out. Roland La Starza was a slick boxer with no Foreman like punch and gave him some trouble. But, on the other hand, Walcott and Moore were pretty good sluggers and gave him some trouble too. Thanks.

Rocky would have trouble with any of the top fighters no matter the style. I do however think you would have to get him to respect you or he would just come flying in. A crisp boxer puncher like Holmes or Ali would give Marciano the most trouble because they could get your attention and control the clinches with superior size. Frazier, Shavers, Lyle etc. wouldn't fair very well because you need to have a jab and lateral movement against Rock. Foreman would be the only guy in history I would give a 50-50 shot to as far as standing and trading. I actually think George would massacre Marciano because of his size and strength. Foreman killed smaller fighters, his punches were perfect for them.

Ken, Steve, Angelo, Fan et al. the charade is over. Noam and Howard C. are one in the same person. They are not 2 individuals who agree with each other, but once person pretending he is 2 different people. You only have read the posts of the last 3 days to realize they are both one and the same literally, and figuratively. Just look at the similaraties of their psycho-bable when they attack my "behavior". What really makes this fraud pathetic is that in "their" posts they will compliment each other on what "other" wrote. Finally, Noam or Norm as I call him (like in Norman Bates). Knows little about boxing. It does not take a genius to say Ali was the Greatest, even I agree with. Norm will read a book write down the page # and quote the sentence and believe that makes his point absolute. I mean really to say that Rocky Marciano "rarely went to the body". How ignorant can a so called expert be. The guy is a sham and a fraud.

Marciano was a very good body puncher. Archie Moore said so and since he fought him I take his word. Also many of Marciano's body shots were to the other guys bicep area which
took away their power and slowed down their hand speed. |
|7/8/05 03:08:08 PM|Forest Ward|NYC||NYC|||10|John, mentioning Archie Moore. I remember seeing him on TV talking about his fight with Rocky. Archie talked about how Rocky hit him with a powerful blow to the stomach. Archie then says he raised his arms instinctively expecting the next punch to be to his head. Well, instead Rocky throws another body blow and drops Archie.| |
|7/8/05 03:13:06 PM|Steve|na||na|||10|Hey Noam and Forrest, you two guys have got to back off each other now!! Your both very astute fans of boxing history. You two guys both know your stuff! This site is for fun and learning about boxing history. This site is for honoring Jerry Quarry, he was the man!!! Both of you guys need to step back and relax. Hey Massimo and Kent, you two guys are going to intimidate me right off this site. Massimo, you and Kent are turning out to be ren'naissance men. Kent sings in front of an audience. I wouldn't have the balls to do that, even if I could sing like Freddie Mercury, and I'm an ex drill instructor. Kent says he has a handle on the {special} theory of relativity. That tells me I'm outclassed on this site. Do I understand correctly that 
E=mc^2 means with increased velocity, mass must also increase? Meaning even more energy is required to move more mass? How could anything possibly approach the speed of light? Forrest, Jerry Quarry got a rotten deal in his second fight with Frazier. Joe Louis, god bless him, was totally befuddled, and should have stopped that fight just on the severity of that massive cut Quarry had. Even Jerry knew, at that point, that he was done. You cannot continue to fight with your eye lid slashed open like that.| |
|7/8/05 03:30:52 PM|Steve|NA||na|||10|Do I understand correctly that E=mc^2| |
|7/8/05 03:31:12 PM|Steve|na||na|||10|actually, just from memory, I'm not sure if it was his eye lid or eye brow that was busted wide open.|
|7/8/05 04:18:24 PM|Forest Ward|NYC||NYC|||10|Steve, I agree Joe Louis never should have been allowed to referee that fight. I don't think Joe ever refereed a pro fight in his life. The idea of allowing a 60 year old man in poor health to referee a fight of that importance with 2 dangerous punchers is beyond logic. As was already mentioned Joe Frazier showed a lot of class backing off from Quarry when he was so badly hurt. Frazier always spoke well about Jerry. Joe respected Jerry's courage.|
|7/8/05 05:12:53 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|With regard to Marciano, he was certainly more suited by the era he fought in than today. 12 rounds wouldn't have suited him. He was behind in many of his fights at round 12 and it took a late knockout to win. Marciano had some cuts that might have brought stoppages by today's standards. The example is the one against Charles. Even his corner was worried about it being stopped. In those days it took a partial decapitation to stop a fight, so that cut nose must have been really bad. One of his brothers said that you could peel the nose back and see the bone. Marciano's dirty tactics tried today might have seen some of his fights stopped or at least a deduction of points. He hit Walcott and Cockell when they were down. His follow through elbows were legendary. He hit guys on the back of the head, too. The one that comes to mind was against Charles. I agree with the comment that a young Foreman would have caused him problems. Foreman was so big and strong, and Rocky wasn't all that hard to hit. Even so, the proof is in the pudding. We can speculate all we want. He retired 49 nil and no one beat him. His stamina and power were unparalleled. He was always fit to fight with his weight not outside the 184 to 188 pound range. Rocky beat every viable contender of his era and ducked no one. He was in good health when he retired, wasn't bitter against any of his
opponents (but was against his manager Al Weil), and there was no need for any wouldas, couldas, and shouldas with him. Rocky came, he fought, he conquered. His record leaves very little room for speculation (unlike some careers).

I still say that in his fights with Walcott, Charles, Cockell, Louis, and Moore that Marciano went to the head. That was his primary target in those fights.

Pstst......Forest. None of us hate you. We just think that you carry one like a sanctimonious arsehole, sometimes. Your recent posts are good examples why. Learn to take yourself less seriously. And laughing and smiling and humour is fun. Try them.

[7/8/05 05:33:00 PM] Forest Ward | NYC | NYC | 10 | Noam baby, you don't speak for the board. You only speak for Norm and Howard C. As I said earlier the charade is up you and Howard C are one in the same. Anyone who wants to waste their time can look at recent posts from Norm and Howard C. It all falls into place. I guess you will reinvent yourself with another name. You pathetic chump you invent another name to give credibility to your posts. What other names have you used in the past?

[7/8/05 05:40:42 PM] Massimo Giulio LEONARDO Cini | Roma, not too far from Vinci | movesil'amanteperlacosaamata,selacosaamata....com || || 10 | Steve-

The E=MC^2 equation is written in very particular unities and states that at a small mass corresponds a huge amount of energy. If you want, you can check it out yourselves by making some calculations. It also states that mass and energy are two aspects of the same thing. But what you said is true, with increased velocity, mass must also increase! Keep in mind that mass at rest and mass in movement are two different things and there is a very important equation relating these two things. Steve, don't let yourself be intimidated by me. I'm not that smart, I am just a guy who spent a bit of his life studying these things, that's all! But I am not completely dumb either. If you had dedicated the same amount of time I have dedicated to Physics, you probably would know this stuff better than I do.

[7/8/05 06:52:37 PM] Noam | same | same | same | 10 | Forest, we've all noticed that when you were exposed on the ignorant, stupid comment that Frazier had "smart management", you quickly moved onto something else and promptly got it wrong again. And then to take the heat out of the discovery that you and Fan are one of the same person, you had to go on and (wrongly) accuse me and Howard C. of the same thing. Your silliness is the closest your antics ever gets to humour and as Howard C. said, people relate a lack of humour with stupidity. You qualify on both counts.

You are the "expert" who gave us the bon mote that Joe had "smart management", even though he was allowed to fight with cataracts and vastly diminished eye sight. That's plain stupid, Forest. For a 51 years old guy, you haven't learnt much. Take heart; it's never too late to start. Marciano knocked Moore down in round 6 with an overhand right. The second knockdown in round 6 of Moore was also an overhand right. Moore went down again in the 8th, his right eye badly swollen, and a right hand was the destroyer once again. The fight was stopped in round 9. An exhausted Moore was bludgeoned to the canvass by a series of right and lefts to the head. Sure, Marciano went to the body and arms sometimes, but head punches were 85% of his attack. I'd say that qualifies him as being "primarily a head puncher" in that fight. All the knockdowns against Louis, Cockell, Walcott, and Charles were from head shots. That's why I said he was primarily a head puncher in those fights.

[7/8/05 07:46:35 PM] One thing more Forest. To support your ridiculous accusation that Howard C and I are the same poster, you wrote: "What really makes this fraud pathetic is that in their "posts" they will compliment each other on what "other" wrote." Actually, Forest, I went back through the posts and I only found one occasion where Howard C. complimented me. But let's apply YOUR own logic to YOUR own posts.

On 4/13/05 (pages 601–625) Forest wrote, "Fan, you made a lot of good points."
Forest wrote, "Fan, you are my man. I think you know that by now." On 3/22/05 (pages 801 - 825) Forest wrote, "Fan, I am your #1 fan. I always look forward to reading your posts. They are always sound and reasonable." Forest...stop shooting yourself in the foot, for chrissake. YOUR own logic just proved that you and Fan ARE one of the same poster!

Going back through the posts, I found one from Forest that probably best sums up his twisted, snarled, pathetic mentality. On 6/23/05 Forest was giving great praise to his hero Joe Frazier. Forest then wrote, "Frazier takes great pleasure in seeing Ali stagger around with his hands shaking and not being able to talk. Joe gladly takes the responsibility for a lot of Ali's bodily damage." Well, that comment just about says it all. Not only does it give us an insight to Frazier's twisted mentality, but what does it say about Forest? Forest wrote this comment thinking that he was praising Frazier. Talk about nasty and embittered...... |

7/8/05 10:37:56 PM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Noam I've gone back in the archives and you are right about Forrest alias Fan. In addition to the posts you found, here's some more of Forrest praising Forrest. "Fan you are one of the most knowledgeable and reasonable persons on this site." Forrest Ward 03/16/05 at page 910<br>"Fan, regarding your picks of Frazier against past champs, I am in total agreement with you." Forrest Ward 03/07/05 at page 1001<br>"Fan, that posting was great !!!!!!! You are not only a fan, YOU ARE A CERTIFIED BOXING HISTORIAN !!!!! Fan, don't expect the Ali worshippers to acknowledge your great post and research." Forrest Ward 03/04/05 at page 1016. Forrest, you are getting hammered and it's time to throw the towel in, old buddy. Why don't you fade off the scene for a while, taking your two aliases with you, and come back in a couple of months under a new name. If you don't go making any more stupid comments, we won't know it's you and everyone can get on well again. It's worth considering. |

7/8/05 10:56:12 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com|||10|Weill carefully crafted Marciano's career. Nino Valdez was one fighter Weill avoided as well as Bob Baker and Cesar Brion. Brion was the weakest of them, and I am not saying Marciano could not have beaten all three. But they were all top contenders in the early to mid fifties and The Rock never fought them. Interestingly enough they were all 6'2" to 6'3" and weighed well over 200 pounds. So to say that Rocky fought all top contenders is not true. These men, and they were all excellent fighters, Weill steered the Rock away from. And while Rocky was headhunter he was also a devastating body puncher. His body punching set up his head shots. Yes he was probably the greatest elbow puncher of all time; Mike Tyson took some queues from his films. The photo of Marciano jamming his elbow into Joe Louis' eye socket is one of my all time fav's. The Rock hit Walcott with an almost casual left hook while Walcott was down and he landed a clubbing right hand to the back of Charles' neck as The Ezz was going down. Marciano is fifth on my all time list from 1950 on. Here is my top ten from 1950 to present. Ali, Holmes, Holyfield, Tyson, Marciano, Bowe, Charles, Foreman, Liston and Frazier. I am basing this list on their opposition as champion and the frequency of title defenses, not on who would beat who. As far as who would beat who? Ali, Tunney, Louis, Holmes, Johnson, Dempsey, Foreman, Jeffries, Marciano, Liston. Of course Ali comes out on top in every heavyweight maybe on the all time PFP list as well, he was simply The Greatest.

7/8/05 11:19:50 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|||10|I am not Forest. I never have gotten involved in any name calling or insults, please leave me out of it, let's stick to boxing.|  

7/8/05 11:20:51 PM|Bob Bumbera |NC||renfbera@aol.com|||10|Before anyone accuses me of being crazy, I'm not I'm just mildly intoxicated right now, the last three on the list from 1950 on should be Frazier, Foreman and Liston. Foreman fought Joe "King" Roman then Kenny Norton....and Liston fought Patterson
and lost to Clay. Frazier's opposition was from 1968 on tougher, and at least
more frequent than Foreman and Liston.

IF I WAS HOWARD C., NOAM, FORREST, AND KENT OR FOR THAT MATTER, THE KOO KOO KLOCK
AND I HAVE BEEN ARGUING WITH MYSELF THE WHOLE TIME?<br><br>7/9/05 04:09:54 AM|Massimo (you can bet!)|Roma, (you can bet !)|||Shaq Fu.com (you can't bet)||||10|Kent -<br><br>You told us you are from California and your
name is Kent...Maybe that's just not true! Maybe you are actually from Napoli
and your name is, who knows, Ciro, Gennaro or Pasquale! Maybe you never met Mel
Counts, Giacomo Toney and Wilt Chamberlain! On the other hand maybe you met
Maradona in Napoli back in the 80's...<br><br>7/9/05 04:39:38 AM|Kent|Warsaw, Poland||whoknows.com||||10|But I am not the
Muffinman, the Muffinman, the Muffinman!!

7/9/05 06:06:16 AM|Noam|same||same||||10|Kent - I think you are the Muffin Man
but that's okay because I don't have anything against him, whoever he
is.<br><br>7/9/05 07:41:12 AM|Massimo|Roma||ShaqFu.com|||10|Archie Moore was
still a competitive fighter in 1962, when Cassius Clay dominated him in Los
Angeles. He certainly was clearly better in 1955 when he held his own with
Ezzard Charles. Now, imagine how good he had to be around 1948 when he was fighting
Ezzard Charles. I think for Ezzard Charles whipping Archie Moore 3 out of 3
times (and one of them by KO) was really a great accomplishment. I think Ezzard
Charles was the best light-heavyweight of all times (even if he never got a shot
at the title), the second was probably Archie Moore, the third Bob Foster and
the fourth was probably Harold Johnson.
good movie. Does anyone know whether a movie was made about him? He was the real Rocky." <br><br>NOAM, I saw a film on ROCKY just recently. I can't recall the title but if focused quite a bit on him being screwed by his management and his relationship with JOE LOUIS. How much was fact or fiction is anyone's guess. <br><br>[7/9/05 01:23:40 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Noam, alas I am not the Muffinman but I like it when these fringe characters show up here and even I miss the Koo Koo Klock, even if he is a redneck. <br><br>[7/9/05 02:32:45 PM|Fan|USA||n/a||10|Noam, alas I am not the Muffinman but I like it when these fringe characters show up here and even I miss the Koo Koo Klock, even if he is a redneck. A couple of points. There are two "Fans" quoted in the posts re: Forrest. One from Fandom and myself. I assure you I am not Forrest, if anyone really cares. <br><br>[7/9/05 04:48:18 PM|Fan|USA||n/a||10|PS Tony Lobianco portrayed Marciano in a 1979 TV movie, which was pretty bad as I recall. <br><br>[7/9/05 05:51:08 PM|Noam|same||same||10|Massimo, Moore showed incredible courage in his loss to Marciano. He really got a pounding, but he kept fighting and couldn't do any more than he did trying to win. Archie would be looking down shaking his head in disgust at Tyson quitting last month. <br><br>[7/9/05 06:18:36 PM|Massimo |Roma||4||10|Noam--<br><br>[7/9/05 08:47:33 PM|Fan|USA||n/a||10|Re: The Quarrys and The Mongoose: the article was in Boxing Illustrated, post-Ellis and pre-Frazier (so late 1968 - early 1969). Apparently, Archie had made several derogatory remarks about Jerry and the current heavies, including Ellis and Frazier. He had also opined that he could name five heavyweights who could take Jerry at the time. Jack was not happy. <br><br>Years later, there was still bad blood. Moore was running Earnie Shavers' camp for rookie fight manager Don King, when Earnie was preparing for his fight with Jerry. Moore brought in Jeff Merritt to work with
Shavers, and Merritt proceeded to break Earnie's jaw. The July, 1973 date had to be postponed (it ended up taking place in December). Jerry was now unhappy too, and he took Moore to task publicly, noting that, besides making the very foolish decision to use someone as dangerous as Merritt as a sparring partner, Moore had badmouthed Jerry unfairly in the past. He added that he only wished Archie was a few years younger so that he could take Shavers' place, and give Jerry the pleasure of knocking him out.

Wow, from what I've seen and read of Archie Moore, I didn't realize he was an idiot. Until now. What would possess him to pick on Jerry Quarry? When you consider JQ's accomplishments, throughout his career, and the way he handled himself in interviews (respectfully), I couldn't think of a reason why old man Archie Moore would go after him. I would have loved to seen the look on Moore's face when Jerry dispatched of Shavers in the first round. Priceless.

Archie Moore= Hell of a fighter, hell of a mouth.

When Joey Giardello fought Dick Tiger in one of their title fights, he was accused of elbowing, hitting low, and holding. His response was, (Hey, this was for the title, I'd have hit him over the head with the corner stool if I had to.) That pretty well sums it up. A title fight, at least it used to be, was a real war, if you got hit low, you'd retaliate in the next round. Many great fighters followed up on a solid punch with an elbow. Hey, this ain't tennis.

Fan, thanks for that info on Archie Moore vs the Quarry's. I don't know how I managed to miss that stuff, but I was in the military during those years. Still, in all the years I've been on this site, I never heard that story before. Archie Moore definitely loved the sound of his own voice, and a master of the malapropism.

It was a clear decision win for Ali, but not an easy one. At least twice and maybe three times, Shavers stunned Ali with full blown hammers. Ali's chin was the best, bar none. For once, Shavers actually paced himself and had plenty of firepower left, even late in the fight. But in that 15th round, Ali finished with a flurry---opening up on Shavers. If there was another half-minute, I believe Ali would have won by KO. Shavers was spent.

Massimo - I am going to have to do some research on Layne and Johnson. Will get back to you on it.

I haven't heard from you for a while and I was starting to get worried, what with your advanced age and all (you know that I'm joking).

I only beat up on Forest when he beats up on me and wrongly accuses me of being someone else. In fact, I usually enjoy reading Forest's posts, especially when he talks about how he met Jack Dempsey twice and stuff like that.

However, the problem is that whenever someone has a different opinion, Forest lectures and calls us idiots. And he gloats about Ali's poor health. That's bad. I'd rather not argue with him, but if I am to uphold myself as the baadesst man on the planet then I can't turn the other cheek, ever, unfortunately.

Now, regarding that list of boxers. I'd have Moore in that list. Also Jerry Quarry (never quit). I'd also think about Thomas Hearns (always gave his best), Sam Langford (5'7" and a heavyweight), Azumah Nelson and Evander Holyfield (ultimate warriors), Fighting
Harada (Japan's best?), Dwight Quawi (made good after being in jail), Buster Douglas (his one and only good night slayed the unbeatable dragon), Khosai Galaxy (Thailand's best), Primo Carnero (for Massimo), Sir Henry Cooper (probably came the closest of anyone to knocking out Ali), Max Schmelling (for paying for Louis's funeral).
Steve, that is a great tune but I have never done it. Maybe I will learn it. Art Garfunkel did a pretty good remake of it, I think back in the 1970s or maybe it was on one of the Simon and Garfunkel albums, I don't remember which.<br><br>I remember I lived at an apartment complex near the beach and there were some New Yorkers, straight off of the boat so to speak from Brooklyn, who always asked me, "how come you don't have blond heaaarr (hair) and how come you don't suuuuufff (surf)?" Other than I used the term "bitchen," which they thought was funny, I didn't fit their impression of what they thought California should be like.<br><br>I thought it was funny they used to term "yoooooos guys" instead of saying "you guys." Sorry New Yorkers out there, but those guys were the loudest people I have ever met.<br><br>Kent, just when poor old Forest thought the war was dead and over and lost, you go getting him all excited and hopeful again. Japanese soldier wandering around aimlessly the jungles of Borneo 60 years after WW11 ended. Sound familiar?<br><br>You want me to answer a question regarding Shavers, Kent, when you didn't answer the questions regarding all the others. You seem to think that arranging a fight between Shavers and Frazier had to have a certain time frame, only slightly less restricted than the periods Haley's Comet visits our solar system (ie every 75 years). By returning to this subject all the time Kent (one loss after another), talking of tune ups and tune downs, who Joe liked and didn't like, who were cheese champions or bums, and who were dead or really alive and breathing, would give a pain killer tablet a headache. Kent, have you no charity in you? You've got me reaching for the reference books, Forest reaching for a bottle, and Steve reaching for bird seed. Get a soul, man, and leave history alone. Frazier didn't fight those guys and the reasons are obvious to logical persons of sound mind and fair heart. Make this site the 'no spin' zone. Admit the unpalatable truth. Frazier's management wasn't smart and Joe ducked fighting plenty of viable opponents.<br><br>That said, I'll consider your question when I get time and I might even have one of my own coming back at you.....

Yamamoto Fusisaki: YOU MEAN TO SAY THE WAR IS OVER AND WE LOST?

Yamamoto-<br><br>Yes, that's the truth! I was (-27) years old in 1945, really very young, but I am pretty sure that Japan, Germany and Italy lost the war. My legendary grandfather, Francesco Cini (Pisa 1909, Roma 1976) from Pisa fought in that war, even if he told me he never shot anybody. But he told my father he kept having nightmares for many many years after the war was over " THE GERMANS!!!, THE GERMANS". He was scared shitless of te Germans in the last years of the war (for obvious reasons). Benito Mussolini screamed on 10 June 1940: " VINCERE...E VINCEREMO !!!!!", but that didn't happen in reality. If that had happened I am almost sure that we would be all slaves of Germany in this very moment (Italians included). I think is not very important whether Frazier really ducked those guys or not! What really matters is that Frazier didn't fight these guys and so we'll never know how he would have performed against them. Joe Frazier one of the greatest heavyweights of the 70's in my book but...
is missing from the equation. Where was George Foreman? Wouldn't it have made sense for Frazier and Foreman to have a rematch with the winner taking on Ali? Ali had beaten both of these guys in 1974. I think a natural eliminator would have been a Frazier-Foreman rematch, with the winner to face Ali. In fact, a good scenario would have been Ali defending against Quarry in the same time frame, and the winner of that fight would take on the winner of Foreman-Frazier. Another option would be the winner of Foreman-Frazier against Ali and the winner of that defending against Quarry. Gee, do you think Foreman ducked Joe like you think Shavers did?

| 7/10/05 08:57:45 PM | steve | na | na | 10 | Hey Kent, I remember talking to you on the telephone. You are a natural baritone, or the type of voice that comes right before it. Hence I don't think you could cover Jimmy Beaumont in his style. Perhaps in your own style. I remember you said you are not trying to sound like the guy whose song you are singing. You probably do a lot of Beach Boys and Jan and Dean material. I don't picture you as a Philly Do Wopper. Kent, on the East coast, you must speak as loud as you can, because there are 10 MILLION PEOPLE PER SQUARE METER OUT HERE! |

| 7/10/05 09:39:51 PM | steve | na | na | 10 | Noam, all I can base my opinion on is what I actually have seen take place. Jerry Quarry did knock out Shavers in one round. I wouldn't have bet that way, but it happened. Joe Frazier did beat Jerry pretty badly twice. I lost a lot of money on the second fight. Shavers did manage to hang in there with Ali, and give him a decent fight. Ali, however, was in control all the way. He was never in any real danger of losing that fight. You know, Shavers has this huge reputation. Who did he ever flatten in the top ten guys besides Norton. Holmes got up and whipped him. Based on all this, I think Frazier, had they met at their peaks, would have had a very good chance of getting to Shavers early. I don't think Shavers was anywhere near as complete a fighter as was George Foreman, who KO'D a much higher caliber of opponents over the length of his career. |

| 7/10/05 11:48:06 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Angelo, you miss the point that Shavers, starting in Dec. 1973 with the loss to Quarry had a bad year in 1974 and his marketability went down. I include the Quarry fight as it came at the end of the year. He lost to Bob Stallings and had a draw with Jimmy Young in a rematch and if I was Shavers management, I would have done exactly what they did. Use the first half of 1975 as a rebuilding time, the time you speak of. The losses to Quarry and Stallings and the draw with Young showed he was not ready for the big time and he needed to regroup, hence his management likely avoided Frazier at this time, not the other way around. He in fact beat three unknown fighters in 1975 before taking on a world class opponent, in this case Ron Lyle who knocked out Shavers in a slugfest in September. A Frazier/Shavers fight at this time was also highly unlikely as Frazier was preparing for his title shot, which happened in Oct of that year, only one month after Lyle/Shavers. Shavers would have been ready for Frazier after around the middle of 1976 when he had beaten quality opponents Henry Clark (twice), Howard Smith, and Roy "Tiger" Williams but Frazier was gone from the scene, except for his comeback verses Foreman and Cummings five years later, fights that should not have happened. Frazier would have fought Foreman if Foreman had beaten Ali in his title defense. If would have made sense for a Foreman/Frazier title elimination fight to have taken place sometime around early to mid 1975 but Foreman was not available and he took the whole year off in 1975 after his tough loss to Ali. Foreman didn't fight again until early 1976 verses Lyle (except for exhibitions such as his fight verses five opponents). Since Foreman was not available in 1975 Frazier got his title shot based on his win over Quarry in June 1974. Steve, I would do the tune you speak of in a key that is right for my voice. Not only do I don't do imitations, I can't as I am stuck with my own style, like it or not. Most singers do not mimic well and it takes away from their performance. A voice
coach I once had said it is because every person's vocal chords are different and it hurts the voice to an extent to be too much of a copy cat. It is much easier to find your own range and I believe more creative as well ot make a song your own. That is why there are so many bad imitators out there. The real good ones are few and far between.

Steve, you gotta lighten up on the bird seed. I'm not making a big deal out of Shavers. He's just one of many (Lyle, Foster, Terrell, Patterson, Norton and......you get the drift) who Frazier never touched gloves in ring central with (can't say ducked, not allowed to, it offends sensitivities). Shavers' legend was with his punching power, not his win/loss record. He was a danger to someone with a vulnerable jaw (psst, here's a clue....think Frazier).

Now to Kent's question. Praise the Lord that he's moved away from Forest's magic wand obsession. Kent writes that "Shavers had his jaw broken in 1973 which meant he was out of commission for half the year after his win over Ellis in June. That shows there was even less time when a Shavers v Frazier fight could have happened." Answer: In March 1973 Ali also had his jaw broken (by Norton). Even so, before year's end, Ali had another two fights (against Norton and Lubbers). Broken jaws aren't the end. Doctors can fix 'em. Even in 1973. Ask Ali.

Frazier was a very inactive champion. On his tax form he listed Boxer as occupation but he had so few fights this is arguably incorrect. He fought so few times that if he had an employer he would have been sacked for not turning up. Consider this. Frazier had 37 fights all up. Ali had 56. Lyle 43. Ellis 40. Holmes 67. Norton 42. Quarry 53. Shavers 73. Foreman 76. Liston 50. Patterson 55. Bowe 40. Dempsey 64. Louis 69. Walcott 53. Marciano 49.


Yet Frazier, who fought less fights than just about all other champions, still opted to fight Ellis twice, while having a closed appointment book for even one fight against all the other viable guys out there (who all "just happened" to be heavier hitters than the by then hapless Ellis). In 1971 Frazier was 27 and he had just beaten Ali and was in his prime. He had 10 more fights, only winning 5 of them (the vanquished were Standers, Daniels, Bugner, Quarry, and a barely breathing Ellis). He lost 4 out of his last 10 fights, and was stopped 3 times. Joe had 9 fights in his last 6 years of fighting, averaging only 0.6 fights a year. Frazier had more fights out of the ring with his girlfriends.

Frazier is a very relevant boxer in history. His relevance comes because he beat Ali once. But there is a difference between being relevant and an all time great. He only fought two great fighters - Ali and Foreman - and lost 4 out of 5 against them. He was stopped 3 times against them. Against Foreman he set a world bouncing record.
liking the sport.<br>And, Massimo, you still didn't answer my question about nothingness. If the universe ends, what is there on the other side? Nothing? And isn't nothing space that could be occupied by something? So nothing is something and the universe. It can't end. I mean, if a room ends there is something on the other side of the wall.

In 1973 Ali had his jaw broken in March verses Norton and the second Norton fight was in September, so Ali was out about half of the year for a broken jaw too. Shavers was out for half the year the same year with the broken jaw suffered in sparring as he fought Ellis in June and Quarry in December. So yes there was less time when a Shavers/Frazier fight could have happened.

In both cases a minimum of four months was needed to heal before training could begin, a time when each could have had one more fight. In Shavers' case he was a marketable fighter for another big name fight after his win over Ellis and his management chose Quarry, a big test, which he failed by being knocked out in one round. Again Noam, you ignore the fact that he followed this up with a loss to Stallings so he was hardly lighting the world on fire at that point.

Both fighters could have only taken one fight during the six month period as the Lubbers fight happened more than six months after the broken jaw of Ali. I am only using Shavers as an example as to why Frazier didn't avoid him and I can use similar logic for others that you named also. Also, you can't put people like Terrell in the same catagory as punchers like Lyle, Shavers and Mac Foster. Frazier faced harder punchers in Quarry, Bonevna, and Chuvalo than Terrell. Terrell was a boxer who boxed from a distance and he relied on a good left jab. Did Frazier avoid boxers who relied on a jab? I don't think so as he fought both Ali and Ellis. Yes Frazier had only so many fights in him because of his style but did he avoid certain fighters because of their style? No, there is no proof this is so just because of one fight, Foreman number one. If he did avoid punchers than he would have never fought Foreman a second time.

I didn't answer your question soon because it's a very profound and complicated question and would require a lot of time and space in this site and a better Physicist than I am! And a better English speaker, as well! You know, speaking in English of boxing (bum, ducked, chump, hell...) is one thing, speaking of Science is another! As far as I know, people who think the Universe is NOT ENDLESS (finite) mean that if you "traveled, traveled, traveled, and keep on travelling for a VERY long time, there would be a moment in which you 'd realize that you are back in the place where your trip started. These guys think the Universe is some kind of a sphere. Anyway, if you think about it, if the Universe really started from a single point 15-20 billions years ago and nothing can go faster than light, how can it be endless? Its diameter should be at most 15-20 billions light-years in length. Another profound unsolved question is: is the Universe gonna expand forever or is it going to collapse in a single point? It all depends on how much matter there is in the Universe. This is the DARK MATTER problem and I had a female Prof. in college who spent many years working on this subject (and at a very high level too).
selection" (Noam, instead of dwelling on the guys Frazier didn't "touch gloves
with" and notice I didn't use the offensive term, "duck" instead, we need to
stay positive and politically correct by looking at the glass half full---the
guys Frazier DID take on, including battle scarred Ellis in '75). I will use
the term "Smart Management Opponent Selection" as the positive term to describe
Yank's "tuner" against Jimmy Ellis. Even the commentators talked about Ellis'
1-4-1 record coming in. The whole scene was surreal. It was broad daylight
(probably so the fight would be prime time in North America???) it was held
outside under a canopy, in a small venue. As such, you could see buildings in
the background. There wasn't much of a crowd, and they were very close to the
action, yet a lot of them were viewing the fight through binoculars, which I
also found odd (given how close they were to the ring). Maybe binoculars were a
hot item in '75. I used to bring them to baseball games all the time. One
thing that I had all but forgotten is that Ellis was NOT knocked down in the
fight. He finished on his feet, but was absorbing punches like a live punching
bag. Dundee had seen enough and Ellis' corner stopped it. Kent---a final point
on Shavers-Frazier. I stand by my assertion that if anyone avoided anyone here,
it was Frazier's camp steering clear of Shavers. I go back to the most basic,
most practical reasoning, which is that over a period of about 4-5 years, most
of these guys we've been discussing fought against each other, like a round robin
tourney. Missing was Frazier. It doesn't make sense to me that management
would stick Shavers in with Quarry ('73) and Lyle ('75), but not with Frazier at
any time between '72 and '76. Once again, over his career, Shavers took on
Quarry, Lyle, Ali, Holmes, Norton, Young, Bernardo Mercado for crying out loud.
Some of these fights were before Frazier retired, others after he retired. If
you run down a list of fights for these opponents (not including Mercado),
you'll find that in many cases, at some point, they fought against each other,
and against Foreman too. Frazier did fight Quarry and he was 1-2 against Ali.
Kent, say what you will about his "style" shortening his career. He had under
40 fights and "carefully selected" around the big hitters. He was "carefully
maneuvered" to stay out of the heavyweight tournament and the gang that would
become the WBC (gee, how much integrity did Jose Suliman have when he led the
WBC) invented a title for him to win. Essentially, he avoided the hard knocks
of three consecutive fights in that tournament and fought Ellis and Quarry on
his terms. Hooray for "smart management." Lots of fighters in history have had
straight ahead styles that result in being hit to come in and deliver and it's
never been an excuse for ducking an opponent. When you're fighting once or
twice a year, you ought not to be taking on Terry Daniels or a mummified Jimmy
Ellis----at least not if you expect history to judge you as an all-time great.

| 7/11/05 08:52:42 AM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|||10|Noam, Earnie Shavers
retired for 5 months after losing to Jerry. From the period between 1974-1975
Earnie was a complete non-entity.|

| 7/11/05 09:25:04 AM|Forest Ward|NYC||NYC|||10|Norm aka Howard C. Quit the BS.
You and Howard C are one in the same. Any fool can see that. You know little
about boxing. You interpret facts and records to suit your own purposes. You
ignore questions that are put to you as a result of your unfounded remarks, and
then you have Howard C agree with your ideas, and jump to your defense as a way
to give your remarks credibilty, and answer the questions you refuse to answer.
You do this all the time to Kent.<br><br>Norm baby, you are the one that brought
these posts down into the gutter. Calling me an alcoholic, a homosexual, a
jailbird. I think you also made remarks that I was a pedophile. So don't try and
pretend you are some innocent victim above the fray. Personally, I believe you
are projecting your own psychological problems on me. Norm baby, your bully
tactics will never work with me <br><br>Norm the so called boxing expert. Who
remarks that Rocky Marciano "rarely" punched to the body. Who else agrees with
that remark?<br><br>Norm baby, I have been on this board for 5 years. A punk
like you will never run me off.

Fan: No, Shavers did NOT retire after losing to Quarry. If he genuinely retired, we would have never seen him fight Ali for the title, never seen him fight Holmes twice, never see him flatten Norton in one, or battle Tex Cobb. He might have PLANNED to retire, but low and behold, a new challenge and more money got him out of "retirement" and he went on to fight for many, many years. You want to know when Ali retired? After he lost to Berbick. Ray Leonard retired after losing to Camacho. Point is, you can say you're retiring, but if you go back to work, you didn't retire, you just stopped working for a while. When you retire for good, you're done. Foreman did not retire after losing to Jimmy Young. He just stopped fighting for an eternity. The bigger point in your context is that Shavers was very available during this "retirement" and if the opportunity was in this time frame, he would have gladly "come out of retirement" to fly 13-16 hours to Australia for a $75,000 fight against Frazier (This is the amount Jimmy Ellis' ghost was paid.). In 1975, $75,000 was a big fortune to a guy like Earnie Shavers. He would have fought Foreman, Frazier, Ali, Norton, Quarry again---maybe even fought a shark in deep water for a $75,000 payday and the chance to move to an even bigger fight with a win. The phone didn't ring. Earnie's phone didn't ring. Jimmy's did.

Fan: Retirement—Withdrawal from one’s occupation, business, or office. That is actually what Shavers did. The fact that he came out of retirement does not mean he wasn't in it. That is why people say "He came out of retirement." It does not have to be a permanent place, it can be temporary.

Fan: Earnie Shavers retired for a period of five months.

Fan: I see your point, but I just don't know exactly how this thing works! You need to ask some good Physicist. But the experts don't consider obvious or trivial that the Universe is endless. I'm sure they have their good reasons! Sometimes the reality is more complex than we can think intuitively.

Of course I understand that people retire and unretire, but my point is that "unretire" is sort of an oxymoron/paradox. In boxing, and in many sports, it seems as though retirement is another word for taking a break, like when Micheal Jordon retired to play baseball. And I stand by my assertion that Shavers retirement would have been five hours, not five months, if he had a high profile money fight offered to him. I also stand by my assertion that anybody can use Kent's rationale to dismiss any boxer in history ducking any other boxer in history. You can always find the long way around to rationalize why a fight didn't take place. And to be sure, I totally believe the fact that Shavers-Frazier might
not have ever been presented to either camp back in the early 70's. These two guys were at different points in their careers and Kent is correct that one was losing when the other was winning and vice versa. But Shavers is just one example of a Top Ten fighter who was active during 1970-1976 that Frazier as Champion, then challenger, then opponent never "touched gloves" with. There are a whole lot more. They all fought eachother, none fought Frazier. No, I don't think THEY were avoiding Joe...not after watching Foreman smack him around like a ping pong ball and Ali decision him in the following year. I don't think guys like Lyle, Shavers, Young, et all were terrified after watching Frazier handle Terry Daniels either. Kent, what string of wins did Frazier put together to get the shot at Ali in Manilla? Are you going to say that by beating Jerry Quarry, that alone was enough, and once again say that Jimmy Ellis (by 1975, relegated to hitting about as hard as a miniature poodle) was a tune up? In other words, it's okay in your world for Frazier, as Champion, to be abused by Foreman in losing the title, then lose to a former champion (Ali)---manage to win a rematch against a guy he knocked out already, Quarry (granted, he waited for that guy to knock off power punchers so he wouldn't have to face them), then take a tune-up against another guy he knocked out years earlier, who is now punchless and 1-4-1 in half a dozen fights---and in your world, that paves the way for a title shot? Lucky Joe.

| 7/11/05 12:42:55 PM | steve | na | na | 9 | Massimo, dark matter, if it' ever actually proven to exist, isn't doing a very good job so far in slowing expansion, or is it? I believe the universe is infinite. There is no "other side of the sphere"15 OR 20 billion years ?! As far as you and I are concerned, Massimo, that is infinity. God didn't design or equip us with an intellect that can comprehend these vast measurements in space and time. I'm giving this site a nine rating today because I'm just getting tired of this endless Frazier ducking everybody debate. Kent, Forrest, vs Noam and Angelo, it's gettin real old to me. |

| 7/11/05 01:07:44 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Steve: The Frazier "Quacks Like A Duck" debate has taken on a life of it's own. All of us are too stubborn to back down and having too much fun to let it go. If all of us (even Massimo from Italy) had put this much brain power and effort into solving some contemporary issues, the U.S. would have no deficit and terrorism would be dead. Instead, we've all decided to focus on a small moment in time about thirty years ago and with nothing more than instincts to go on, we've staked a firm position and won't budge. Did Frazier duck Shavers? Did Shavers duck Frazier? Was Jimmy Ellis alive or running on batteries and remote control? These are the important questions we refuse to leave alone. But I'd still rate the site a 10. |

| 7/11/05 01:28:56 PM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 10 | Frazier didn't duck Shavers. However he could have fought Lyle. Earnie Shavers is looked at a lot differently today than he was in 1974ish. In 1974 he was called a one-hit wonder. Lyle on the other hand was a viable contender for Joe to fight. |

| 7/11/05 02:28:00 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Fan: You're correct in that Shavers improved like fine wine. Though he lost the biggest fights of his career, he made very respectable showings against the Greatest, Ali (15 rounds), two good, long fights against Larry Holmes, the slugfest with Lyle too. Was he the only person to KO Jimmy Young? He put Norton out in one round too. Yes, in '74, he might have been viewed as a one hit wonder, and even going into the fight with Ali, he was hardly a household name. But that showing made him a very steady contender through the end of the 70's. But Fan, let's put it in perspective: If Frazier only wanted to take on legitimate, deserving, proven heavyweights, and that's why Shavers never managed a fight with him, how did Terry Daniels end up fighting for the title? Why was 1-4-1 Jimmy Ellis flown to Australia for "Melbourne's Kangaroo Kourt" in 1975 (after Earnie Shavers flattened him in one round? I have that fight on my Earnie Shavers VHS tape and it's something to see---Ellis (and Kent) thought
Shavers was ready to go and instead, he looked for an opening and delivered a short little uppercut that put Ellis down. Watching Ellis try to stand up but unable to because he was so dizzy---maybe this sent the message to Yank that Frazier should fight the loser instead of the winner. Seems to me Frazier was more than willing to take on some not so worthy opponents, except these opponents couldn't deliver the "ONE PUNCH WONDER" threat that "rough around the edges" Shavers could. And yes, if we rule out Shavers because he wasn't worthy (That's questionable because he was in the Top Ten), then you're right about Ron Lyle being more polished and ready. Kent has pointed out that Quarry beat Lyle and Shavers, and Joe beat Quarry, so that excused Frazier from having to meet these guys. By that logic, a whole bunch of historic fights would have never been made. If fighter A beats fighter B, and fighter C beats fighter A, then C and B never have to fight eachother. Forrest would call this the "Smart Management Clause" in handling a fighter. I call it quack-quack. 

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Lyle was always viewed as more legititome than Shavers. Shavers was a better puncher, but less skilled. Shavers could have knocked out anyone in history in one round. He also could have been knocked out by a ton of guys in one round. That is why he has aged well, his fights were incredible. How about Roy "Tiger" Williams? That 10th round makes Rocky look like a John Ruiz fight!! |

| 7/11/05 04:54:45 PM | Noam | same | same | ||10 |

Hi Forest - you are deluded again. Not only am I not Howard C. (like you and Fandom are one), but I never called you a pedophile. I can't recall calling you a homosexual, however if I did maybe I was just counter punching you calling me "a joke", "a blowhard", "a jerk" and "boring and rude". And that was just on 7 January 2005.<br><br>Anyway, you are Fandom's "number 1 fan" (3/33/05) and on 4/12/05 you told Fandom that "Fan, you are my man, I think you know that by now." How sweet. In light of your unusual devotion to Fandom, I'm not prepared to rule anything out. Not that there's anything wrong with that, mind you.<br><br>Kent - just because Shavers lost his last fight, doesn't mean that Frazier would have necessarily ruled him out. Remember Ellis 2 ? This is Ellis's record before Joe fought him a second time:<br><br>loss to Bugner<br>lost to Lyle<br>drew with Middleton<br>lost to Kirkman<br>beat Memphis Jones<br>knocked out by Shavers<br><br>I'd say the fact that Shavers lost his last fight should have made it more likely that Frazier would fight him.<br><br>Angelo - what is "vegamite" ? You speak of someone named "Dundee" in the Battle of the Undead (Frazier v Ellis) in Australia. Is that Crocodile Dundee ? You are right about Spok and Kirk.<br><br>Back to Forest. I think you are a very nasty, spiteful, bitter person. Your hatred of Ali is obvious given you gloating about his injuries. I remind everyone what you wrote on 6/23/05:<br><br>"God Bless Frazier's managers. Frazier takes great pleasure in seeing Ali stagger around with his hands shaking and not being able to talk. Joe gladly takes the responsibility for a lot of Ali's bodily damage."<br><br>You proudly wrote that of Frazier like Ali's injuries were some grotesque symbol of triumph. You are a nasty man. Apart from the abuse and name calling you directed at me and Angelo because we disagree with you, you also called Patterson the "biggest cheese champion of all time" who "fought "bums and amateurs (6/24/05)". You also accused "Cooney of running a hustle (4/12/05)." Your posts reveal someone with little useful knowledge of boxing. Forest, if you think Frazier had smart management, then you are ducking truth and logic. You are just plain dumb. |

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Tiger Williams vs. Shavers was simply ridiculous. How could those guys stand and deliver that type of punishment? Williams just collapsed from exhaustion at the end. The Shavers vs. Henry Clark fights were good as well. Didn't Jerry Q. do the commentary for the old CBS Sports Spectacular boxing and Shavers fights? |

| 7/11/05 05:06:34 PM | Noam | same | same | ||10 |

Angelo, you are right about the "Frazier quacks like a duck debate". It's fun looking at all the different

No one has addressed the possibility that it was Shavers management in the 1974-75 period who didn't want a fight with Frazier as they needed to rebuild him as a contender after two losses, to Quarry and Stallings or the fact that it was Ellis' last chance, Frazier two, while Shavers was still a good prospect for the future that didn't need to be put in over his head too soon. The loss to Quarry followed by the loss to journeyman Stallings clearly shows Shavers was not ready yet for Frazier and when Shavers was ready, in 1976, Frazier was essentially gone from the scene.

I personally believe that dark matter exists. If not, you couldn't understand how some clusters of stars stay together and other things. Many physicists say that not only dark matter exists, but it's more than 90% of the entire mass of the Universe! Probably neutrino (now people propend to thinking that neutrino has a mass) and WIMP (Weakly Interactive Massive Particles) are two good candides. As far as I knowAstrophysicists still change their minds very often on the issue whether the Universe will expand forever or not. I have been listening either (or both) versions since I got involved in Physics. I personally like better the small problems in Physics than the "everything-problems". With the small problems, you can create a mathematical theory, make a smart experiment and check if your theory fits the results of your experiment. If it is so, you can be sure that your theory works well and that you have really learnt something. On the other hand, even if I certainly admit that the everything questions are fascinating, there is always the risk of getting nowhere...

PS: ah, I almost forgot, I don't understand how an infinite Universe can be compatible with the Big Bang Theory.

Forest Ward was a good amateur in New York in the mid-late 60's. He was actually thought to be a big-time prospect. He didn't translate that well into the pro ranks. maybe he was still a little young. He lost by TKO to Chuck Wepner in his 7th fight. He did score a good knockout over prospect 17-0 Pedro Agosto. He ended up 9-2-2 7 KO's and retired at the age of 20. I don't know how good he was, but I am not him on this site or in reality. This will be my last denial of that fact, back to boxing please.

Jerry Quarry and Joe Frazier. Quarry was born in 1945 and Frazier in 1944. They both turned professional in 1965. Consider the guys Quarry fought that Frazier didn't: London (x 2), Patterson (x 2), Lyle, Shavers, Norton, and Mac Foster. In the meantime, Frazier found time to be fighting Standers and Daniels and Zyglewicz. Mac Foster fought from 1966 to 1976. Had 36 fights and won 30, all by ko. He was 6'3" tall, same height as Foreman. Mac Foster fought from 1966 to 1976. Had 36 fights and won 30, all by ko. He was 6'3" tall, same height as Foreman.
5'10" tall and wasn't a KO specialist.<br>By the end of 1970 Foster had fought 26 times, for 25 KO wins and one loss (to Jerry Quarry). Frazier still didn't fight him. Rather than face a knockout specialist, he fought Bob Foster the light-heavy. Perhaps Joe got Mac and Bob mixed up.<br>By the end of 1971 Foster had had 29 fights, for 28 wins (all by KO).<br>By the end of 1972 Foster had had 30 fights, for 28 ko wins and 2 losses. Ali fought and beat him that year. Frazier instead fought Standers and Daniels.<br>Mac Foster never got to fight 'Quacking' Joe Frazier. The reason? He punched too hard.<br>By the end of 1971 Foster had had 29 fights, for 28 wins (all by KO).<br>By the end of 1972 Foster had had 30 fights, for 28 ko wins and 2 losses. Ali fought and beat him that year. Frazier instead fought Standers and Daniels.<br>Mac Foster never got to fight 'Quacking' Joe Frazier. The reason? He punched too hard.

| 7/11/05 07:11:34 PM| Howard C.| Louisville | howardc@louisville| ||10| Fandom says that Forrest Ward was a good amateur in the mid to late 1960s.<br>By the end of 1971 Foster had had 29 fights, for 28 wins (all by KO).<br>By the end of 1972 Foster had had 30 fights, for 28 ko wins and 2 losses. Ali fought and beat him that year. Frazier instead fought Standers and Daniels.<br>Mac Foster never got to fight 'Quacking' Joe Frazier. The reason? He punched too hard. Yet Forrest told us the other day that he is 51 years old. That means he was born in 1954. In the mid 1960s he was 11. Yeah, sure......good amateur boxer.<br>Now we can add budding champion boxer, jailbird, and policeman to Mrs Forrest Fandom-Ward's burgeoning resume. Wacko.

| 7/12/05 07:56:00 AM| Angelo| dc| funktron@yahoo.com| ||10| Howard C: Tyson was probably pretty good at age 11, so why not Forrest? Oh, and Vegamite is a sandwich spread popular in Australia at some point (maybe still!). Remember the Men At Work song, "Down Under" when they talked about a Vegamite sandwich? That was why Joe Frazier's huge triumph over Ellis has been coined as the "Vegamite Victory" for Joe.

| 7/12/05 08:55:00 AM| max hord| fernandina bch, fla| maxhord@adelphia.net| ||10| Back to my favorite of all time. I was watching Frazier/Ali three. If Marciano and Ali ever fought I just don't think Ali could take the shots to the arms that Frazier hit him with. Ali would probably wilt. He didn't do much to keep Frazier at bay. Rather just try and cover up and take the shots to the arms and body. Rocky would have ended that foolishness early.

| 7/12/05 10:44:41 AM| Kent| Murrieta, Ca| kentallenent@aol.com| ||10| Angelo, Mac Foster lost to Jerry Quarry in 1970 otherwise he likely would have gotten a title shot against Frazier.<br>Of course Frazier could have chosen Foster instead of Foreman but he chose Foreman, the better known fighter because of his olympic gold medal who was undefeated. Foreman was a better pay day for Frazier, a bigger gate than M. Foster would have been. Who did Foster ever beat? Yes he had all of his wins by knockout and he did have a respectful showing verses Ali, which Ali won by a large margin, but Foster's biggest wins were over very faded Cleveland Williams and equally faded Zora Folley, as well as fellow Quarry victim Thad Spencer.<br>It seems that Quarry was a measuring stick on who would climb up the ladder and most of the prospects put in front of Jerry failed the test. Also regarding Bob Foster, a lot of heavyweight champions have fought the light heavyweight champion. Dempsey had Charpentier, Louis had Conn, Marciano had Moore, and Holmes had Michael Spinks (but it that case it backfired for Holmes). It is kind of tradition to defend against the light heavy champ.
Champions often take a couple of easier title defenses in between tougher fights. Frazier had Ali 1 and then the easier fights and then he took on Foreman, a higher caliber opponent than Stander and Daniels. Joe Louis, one of the two best heavyweights of all time, Ali being the other one, had a lot of easier title defenses. Louis had many fighters of the caliber of Stander and Daniels in between the Schmeling, Conn, and Walcott fights. Of course Frazier took on Foreman thinking he could beat him. The heavyweight champion thinks he can beat anyone, that is why he is heavyweight champion. It seems the knock on Frazier is he didn't take on Foreman and M Foster after all, Ali did. But that is not a fair comparison as the reason why Ali is the greatest is he did things other fighters didn't do. I have never said anything other than Ali is the best, better than Frazier, who he beat two times out of three in the ring.

And Primo Carnera defended his title against the light-heavyweight champion Tommy Loughran back in 1934.

Wow Kent, now you've REALLY convinced me that Frazier made a career of beating Ali once and Jerry Quarry twice. By beating Ali, he upset the Greatest, when the Greatest was undefeated. By beating Quarry, at least in your world, he was "off the hook" to have to ever fight Shavers, Lyle and now Mac Foster. Hell, if only Jerry had beat Ali, Joe wouldn't have had to fight him either! This is a sensational concept. Next year, if my Kansas City Chiefs beat the Chargers and the Chargers beat the Broncos, I'm going to petition the NFL to declare that the Chiefs won't have to play the Broncos since they beat a team who beat the Broncos. This is tremendous. If only Penn State can beat Michigan, and Michigan can beat Ohio State, Penn State won't have to play Ohio State. Yank and Joe's "deferral" policy is really something else.

Kent: Who did Mac Foster ever beat? Well, for one, he never beat Frazier. A lot of guys never beat Frazier since the fights never happened. Quack Quack.

Norm baby, I see you posted under Howard C. again. And Howard C is answering the questions you ducked. You called me a alcoholic, homosexual and a jailbird. Then you denied calling me those names and so I printed the dates you made those posts. Norm you and Howard C are so similar it is not an accident. With your slash and burn style, your take one or 2 sentences someone wrote and quote them out of context to suit your needs. And them you attack them. Only Norm aka Howard C do this. You both quote book names and page numbers when you try to refute someone. Only Norm aka Howard C do this. When Norm is asked a question he does not like he will not answer it but instead Howard C will step up to the plate and answer it with a BS remark. You want some more similarites of Norm/Howard C? How about this one almost everyone who is a regular on this site has given some personal background about themselves. Norm aka Howard C have given none. We don't even know where Norm is from. Others on this site have given their military background, residing state or city, hobbies... Norm aka Howard nothing. They both like to call me a homosexual, an alcoholic, and a jailbird. Only Norm aka Howard C do this. Finally only Norm and Howard are the only 2 who use psycho-babble talk when attacking someone. Regarding the Name Forest Ward. Someone else asked me on this site a few years ago if I was Forest Ward the fighter. I told that person I was not. But as a kid I followed Forest in the amateurs. I saw him fight in the Polic Athletic League and the Golden Gloves in NYC. Incidentally, Forest Ward beat Kenny Norton for the Heavyweight National Golden Gloves title. Forest Ward was another of boxing's many tradgies. In honor of him I took his name on this site. Which as I said already was already known on this site some years ago.

And now, the latest episode of "Did You Know?" Did You Know, Terry Daniels: Did you
know, Terry Daniels was not quite six feet tall, and weighed about 190 lbs. Did you know Frazier outweighed him considerably, by about 20 pounds? Did you know that after losing to Frazier, Daniels had four more fights in 1972 and lost all four? Did you know Terry Daniels career record was 33-25-1? I thought you'd like to know. Kent, the "tradition" of a couple easy defenses in between tough fights shouldn't wave in a stiff. Come on now, you know better than that. This is clearly ridiculous. A slow, 22 year old, unaccomplished, unknown fighter outweighed by 20 pounds? Frazier had him in every single category. What a crock. One "Did You Know" question that I do not have the answer for---apparently, Daniels "earned" this shot at Frazier by beating the #9 ranked heavyweight. Who the hell did he beat? Who could this have been?

"You don't take a Volkswagen into the Indianapolis 500 unless you know a shortcut." Did you know, the person credited with this quote is Mrs. Ron Stander. Did you know, Ron Stander was ranked # 30 in the world (no Kent, that's not # 3, please add a zero, it's # 30) when Frazier granted him the title shot? Did you know, Stander finished with a career record of 36-21-3? Now, another question I DON'T have the answer to: Is the combined won-loss record of Frazier's title defenses the worst ever? What about the career won-lost record of all of Frazier's opponents, title defenses or not? This guy fought some very questionable competition, that's for damn sure.

--Forest Fandom-Ward, I think your problem is that you read half the post and then make assumptions, which usually turn out to be wrong. I didn't call you a homosexual; I said that your abused and erratic behaviour was consistent with that of a repressed homosexual. Given your subsequent announcements of dedication and affection for Fandom, my comment was prophetic. Not that there's anything wrong with that, of course. Now regarding Quackin' Joe Frazier. I was going to say that Howard C. made some very insightful comments, but Mrs Fandom-Forest gets upset when I praise Howard. So I can't do that. Quarry and Frazier, same age, turned pro same year. Yet they took different paths. One explored new horizons and took risks; the other doubled up on fighters he'd already beaten. One fought often; the other didn't. One didn't duck hard punchers; the other.....oops, not allowed to use the 'd' word. It upsets the Dead Parroters. Mrs Fandom-Forest: do you deny that you once said that you'd been absent from this site for months as there was no web in jail? Do you also deny on another occasion that you said that you were a
police officer who worked 9/11? And why have you assumed the identity of an actual person (Forest Ward) when you are not him? It's okay to have an alias like you've done with the Fandom tag, but taking a real person's name is sick. You've been doing it on this site for five years? Wow. I thought there are laws against doing this type of thing.

If he can be Forrest Ward, than I want to be...let's see...okay, I'm now Joe Namath. If Chamberlain could challenge Ali, then I should have challenged Frazier. Signed, Joe "Willie" Namath.

Yesterday ESPN Classic spoke (or, at 35% talked) about Jack Dempsey...I see many analogies between Dempsey's and Frazier's career. After winning the title against Willard, Jack didn't fight very often and didn't probably fight always the most dangerous opponents. He fought only twice in 1920 (against Miske and Brennan, two very good fighters), then in 1921 he fought twice (Gibbons, who was a light heavyweight and Firpo), then in 1921 he fought once against unknown journeyman Jimmy Darcy, then in 1924 he fought 0 times, in 1925 again 0 times and then he lost the title against Tunney in 1926. Apparently Dempsey was very mad to his manager (Jack Kearns) because he would have wanted to fight more often and against better opposition, but Kearns was too cautious and prevented him from doing so (or even didn't allow him to do so). Maybe the same thing happened to Joe "The big ducker :-) " Frazier. Maybe Frazier would have wanted to fight Lyle, Shavers, Norton, "wrong name" Terrell, Jimmy Young etc. but his managers weren't of the same idea. I think Frazier showed in the first Foreman fight that he was one of the bravest fighters ever. I don't think he was afraid of those guys!

Generally, if a boxer, especially a top ranking boxer won't get in the ring with someone who is a legitimate contender, when the other top guys in the division do, then the suspicion is valid that they are worried. Excuses don't cut it. Personally, I think Frazier's confidence was diminished by the first Ali fight. Yes, I know he won, but he was fighting someone who'd been out of the ring for three years. He hit Ali with his best and Ali got up. Frazier was very knocked around and took much longer than Ali to recover after the fight. To me, he was walking on egg shells and his management became extremely choosy. They were dumb in taking the Foreman fight. For some reason Joe didn't rate Foreman - huge mistake - and he thought himself a shoe in. The extent of the loss shocked Joe. It drained his confidence. He knew he was vulnerable. And so did his management. But his management thought they could squeeze some more money out of Joe by avoiding the dangerous fights and only taking the ones he really had to have. They could manage his constitutional health problems like high blood pressure and eye cataracts. Hey, they thought, these problems will affect Joe in the long term, not the short term. So lets make a quick buck off of the guy. There was no avoiding the Ali fights. Hatred lifted Joe for them. But the first Ali fight and the Foreman thrashing unnerved him so much that no way was he thinking of Norton, Shavers, Lyle, Foster or any of those scary guys. Why fight them when Standers, Daniels, and Ellis were available? Massimo says that Frazier was brave. Yes, he was. But he was more careful than brave, mainly because he was more vulnerable than bulletproof. He didn't have the luxury of Ali's fabulous jaw. Nor did he have the comfort of Foreman's power. And his health was no good. So he took fewer fights, fewer risk, fought the easy guys, and saved himself for times when his hatred of Ali would lift him or his fear of Foreman would motivate him. In the end, the cream rose to the top. Ali beat the field. So did Foreman. But we don't know who comes next, because Joe wouldn't fight those other guys. After the flogging he got from Foreman, I'm not deeming him the fights against those other hard punchers. As Bonavena proved, Joe was there for the taking, even in his prime, against someone who could
Another good fighter Joe Frazier didn't fight was Al "Blue" Lewis!

You're correct that the win over Ali came with a price attached---Frazier was hospitalized (and he was not comfortable talking about that, as if in some way, he thought it diminished his win) and the fight took some of the fight out of him. But don't forget, prior to beating Ali, there was some history of "being careful" by not accepting the challenge that was issued to enter the Championship Tournament. As for giving Foreman the title shot, I truly think Joe's camp convinced themselves that Foreman was rough around the edges, easy to hit, lacked stamina, and was given trouble by Piralta---so how could he earn a win over a world class fighter like Frazier? I think they felt that Frazier could pressure Foreman, get inside and use quickness to throw Foreman off his game, pummel Foreman and get a middle round knockout. By the time Foreman's punches lifted Frazier off the floor for one of the six knockdowns, I'm sure Yank and Futch were saying something to the effect of "Houston, we've got a problem." By the way, look up Ron Stander and Terry Daniels on search engines. One of the articles talks about how Frazier claimed to "have trouble with shorter guys" which is puzzling to me since after Foreman dispatched of him, all we've heard is that Frazier has "trouble with taller guys." Which is it then? Does he have trouble with shorter AND taller guys? Maybe today, Yank would use a computer to find guys who are exactly Joe's height, but 20 pounds lighter, a little slower, preferably white, and preferably with a record just over .500. Perfect.

Joe Frazier was a great fighter. He didn't fight everybody, but he fought a bunch of good fighters. He had four losses in his career. They came against Ali and Foreman only. He would have been a big favorite over Shavers, Lyle, Norton. He would have been a monumental favorite over Mac Foster. He never fought these guys though. It does damage his legacy slightly, but in reality the fans that have seen most of his fights and truly know the scene in the 70's put him in his rightful spot. Nearly on par with Holmes and Foreman. I would rate Joe slightly behind Foreman and Holmes, but above everyone else between 1965-1980.

Kent, why do you think the second Quarry fight was an easy fight that Frazier's management knew was a sure win? He was taking a big chance and Frazier was the underdog going in. Their first fight was a gruelling match, hardly easy, with Frazier winning by wearing Quarry down in a war of attrition and going into the second fight Joe had lost to Foreman and Ali along with a win over Bugner so he needed a win over a top rated contender to get back in the title picture. It wasn't guareenteed as Quarry had won six fights in a row including wins over Lyle and Shavers, Jerry was on a roll. We Quarry fans were confident of the fact that Jerry had a very good chance of avenging his earlier loss to Frazier. Nobody who was around when the second Frazier/Quarry fight happened knew it would turn out to be an easier fight for Frazier than the first one before it happened and we can't say Frazier wasn't taking a big chance going in by looking at how it actually turned out. One thing I agree with Noam and Angelo is that Frazier's camp thought he could beat Foreman going into the fight. So beforehand, how would they know Frazier might be vunerable to big punchers as he was beating everyone they put in front of him including hard punchers like Bonevena, Quarry, and Chuvalo. Yes Bonevena did put Frazier down but Frazier got up and pulled off the win. I don't think we can count Joe getting knocked down in about his third pro fight by an unknown as any fighter can get knocked down at any time. I doubt his management gave that much thought later on as Joe got up to
Is there any proof Frazier got hurt in sparring with someone who could hit hard so his management knew he should stay away from hard punchers?

As far as I know he sparrred many times with Ken Norton and Frazier got the better of him most of the time. Norton may not be in the catagory of Foreman and Shavers but he was a hard hitter in his own right.

I thought you guys' argument was Frazier avoided hard punchers so why is Ernie Terrell's name brought up? He was a good boxer but not a hard puncher. I am suprised you don't bring up Eddie Machen's name either. Oh that's right, Frazier did fight Machen.

Norm baby and Angelo, regarding Forest Ward somehow you missed the sentence where I said I took his name to honor him.

Regarding the jail remark that was made in jest to I believe Everen (who no longer posts on this site). And it was apparent to anyone who read the post that the remark was made in jest. But Norm with your slash and burn style of writing you take one sentence and use it out of context regarding the whole post. Your a funny guy Norm. Most of the time you ignore what I write and claim you know what I am thinking only you and Howard C do this. I asked you once before can you tell me what I am thinking now?

Norm aka Howard C you never answered the question I asked. Why is it on this site we know a little about each of the regular posters such as their nationalities, there favorite music, their age, their weight, their location, occupation, military history. But with Norm aka Howard C we know nothing.

And in a post you said to Steve I was not calling you (Steve) a homosexual I was calling Forest Ward a homosexual.

Forrest: I didn't miss that point about you honoring this guy by using his name. Joe Namath was my first football idol.

I never said Frazier's second fight with Quarry was easy, or that going in, they thought it would be easy. Quarry had just beaten Shavers and by my sense of reasoning, he was in a much better position than Frazier and in fact, Quarry should have been in the ring for a title bout with Foreman, not this "eliminator" against Frazier. It was Quarry who was taking an unnecessary chance if you ask me. We do know that Frazier had already beaten Quarry, by KO, so that probably gave Joe a comfort level. He seemed to thrive on rematches against opponents he had already knocked off. Of course, the one time he tried to avenge a loss, Foreman handled him easily again. I believe that Jerry Quarry should have gotten a title chance after his win over Shavers. I don't see why Joe Frazier, who lost to Foreman and Ali, was able to stake claim to being in the thick of the division---or why Quarry had to fight him. Jerry was too eager for a fight---should have sat back and let others battle it out for a change. For crying out loud, Frazier let others do his work throughout his career. Wait long enough, and someone you can lick will beat the guy you can't. If Jerry bided his time, and Frazier had to take a fight against Lyle, Shavers, a rematch with Foreman....he would have been blasted into orbit and Jerry would have had a clear path to another title chance. Also, in '75, he should have put a condition on accepting a fight against Norton---that condition being a couple months to get ready, not a couple weeks. Even in 1975, I believe a well conditioned and well trained Quarry with adequate time to prepare would have beaten Norton or at least given a much stronger effort. That "Paint Job" Norton supposedly did might have been some paint spilled on Norton, similar to the the paint Foreman, Shavers and Cooney were able to splash the cockey bastard with.
dishonor. You shouldn't be using a real person's name when you are not him. So, hence forth, I will call you Dead Parroter - Impersonator (DP-I for short), unless you come up with a new name, like Oscar or something.<br><br>Regarding the jail bird comment. You initially denied any knowledge of this. Now you admit making a comment you were in jail, but say it was written in jest. Everytime you get caught out, you say you were only joking. Psst.....DP-I, I think YOU are a joke.<br><br>Kent - given Frazier's vulnerability to big punchers, we can't 'deem' him any of those fights against guys he didn't fight. If history has taught us only one thing, it is that heavyweight fights are unpredictable.<br><br>Clay was a huge underdog against Liston but he won. Norton was huge underdog against Ali...Norton one. Ali and Foreman. Who was the favourite and who won ? Ali and Spinks. Young and Foreman. Schmelling and Louis. Frazier and Norton. Frazier and Lyle. Frazier and Shavers. Frazier and Foster. Frazier and Lewis. (Okay, I'm getting ahead of myself here.)<br><br>TYSON AND DOUGLAS.<br><br>The point is, Frazier didn't take those fights. He made the decision to fights guys he'd already beaten, guys who couldn't punch, and a guy who'd won one of his last six fights. History can't 'deem' those fights to Frazier just because his fans want history to do that.<br><br>Besides, I believe that Frazier probably would have been stopped or beaten in at least one or two of those fights. Joe was a slow starter. Just the appetizer for a big puncher highly motivated.<br><br>You must realize, Kent, Frazier had THE reputation, like Ali did. When lesser lights fought them, the lesser light trained much harder and were much more motivated than they were against fellow 'nobodies'. And they've got nothing to gain. Like the title. They can make their fortune in one night, one fight. Set for life. Little wonder they try much harder.<br><br>That's why you get upsets in title fights, especially against legendary fighters. Lyle might not have been motivated against fighters X, Y, and Z. But fighting title holder A he will be motivated and probably scared. A motivated, scared fighter with a huge punch is a HUGE danger. The type of danger Frazier avoided at all costs.<br><br>How can you guys 'deem' Frazier fights against the guys he dodged, when history shows that upsets are a dime a dozen. Frazier wouldn't have beaten all those guys. History teaches us that. Learn the lesson or maintain your blind ignorance. | 7/13/05 05:14:13 PM| Angelo| DC| funktron@yahoo.com||| |10| I don't like deeming fights to anyone either. Larry Holmes is one of my alltime favorite fighters. He never fought John Tate---no one's fault, because the fight was inevitable if Tate had beaten Mike Weaver. But Weaver beat him and of course, Holmes beat Weaver. Still, I don't "deem" Larry Holmes the winner over a contemporary champion he never met, Tate. Instead, I'll say that I believe Holmes had plenty of weapons and experience to take Tate, but we don't know for sure. Tate was looking very strong and very good, beating some decent heavyweights, before Weaver upset him and took the (WBA) title away. But some of the posts here seem to dismiss Shavers, Lyle, Young, Foster as not being in Frazier's league. "The fights weren't made because these guys weren't ready for Frazier." Baloney. The fights weren't made because they were MORE than ready for Frazier, or at least they were legitimate threats to throw a wrench in the path to another big money Frazier-Ali fight. Guys like Ellis and Bugner were nice names, but they did not represent a viable challenge to Frazier. A 1975 Ellis would be an even match for a 2003 Christopher Reeve. Yes, I suppose this really was a tune-up for Frazier heading into the Ali fight. Kent, I respect your explanation that Ellis was a boxer type, similar to Ali and it was just some work for Frazier to get ready for Manilla. I wish Quarry had taken a tune-up instead of being forced into the '74 Frazier fight. I stand by my argument that Frazier shouldn't have been "deemed" worthy of this eliminator. It's funny how we've heard that after bad losses, other guys had to rebuild their careers and reputations. Let's not forget that after Foreman stomped on Frazier, Frazier lost to Ali too. Okay, without rebuilding his own career, suddenly he's thrust
Strange. 

[7/13/05 05:22:22 PM]Mark Eaton|not Calaniello||dunk.net||||10|Joe-
<br>That's exactly what Ali' told to "The Big Ducker" just before their 
first fight! He also said:"Tonight is the night of truth and I will show you 
tonight, I will show you tonight (he said that TWICE, ask him why) how good I 
am! I have a lot of speed, I have a lot of endorse (I don't know what endorse 
is) when...(I didn't understand)...he'll be one inche shorter (if I have 
understood well). I can't wait, I wanna fight now, this fight will be no 
contest! Joe Frazier is no champ, he whipped nobody... I know that Ali' said 
these things because they are on (or in) a DVD of mine. He also said: you are 
gonna see a good amateur verses a true professional! But a few hours later "the 
big ducker" beat him. 1971 was the year. |

[7/13/05 05:29:50 PM]Forest Ward|NYC||NYC|||||10|Norm aka Howard C. Lies, Lies, 
Lies. Don't you ever get tired of your slash and burn BS. I never tried to 
impersonate Forest Ward. As I explained in the recent post, I had previously in 
the past told the board about Forest Ward and my feelings about Forest Ward. 
He was a great amateur boxer. Who became a typical boxing tragedy.<br><br>You of 
course ignore this, and print lies accusing me of impersonating him. You who 
does not even know who Forest Ward was. Any front runner can rave about the 
winter of this world. But I will tell you, I would never depend on a front 
runner. Because like you they are weak. And when the going gets tough they 
break, or lie to save their ass, But they can't save their dignity. Because they 
don't have any.<br><br>I never denied that post regarding jail, no surprise 
there you are lying again. Quote the post. Isn't that one of your favorite 
gimics. Going back to old posts and taking one sentence and using it out of 
context and attempting to change the whole meaning of the post so you can 
attack the person<br><br>Norm aka Howard C you never answered the question put 
to you twice already. Why is that your whole background is mystery. Other 
regulars on this board have given glimpses into their background but not 
you.<br><br>Finally Angelo, if you feel it is necessary to honor Joe Namath 
that's your business. I am sure he has been honored his whole life. I would guess 
that he has probably been honored over a 1,000 times in his life since he was a 
teenger. Forest Ward who achieved great heights as a teenager probably has not 
been honored since he won his last fight which was back in 1969. Maybe you and 
Norm aka Howard C only honor winners. Well, each to his own |

[7/13/05 08:30:49 PM]angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||||10|Forrest:  If I honor 
Wepner and Bobick, will you leave me alone?  Also, Mr. Mark Eaton, I'm not 
questioning that "Quack Quack" beat Ali in 1971. Beat him fair and square. Shut 
Ali up for a while. He had a style (so did Norton) that gave Ali fits. What's 
your point? My point is that Lucky Joe's style wasn't nearly so effective 
against big power hitters. Foreman spanked him like Daddy spansks a bad little 
girl. After he was knocked around for five minutes like a rag doll, dropped to 
the canvas like a bad habit, he, his handlers--Futch and Yancee---as well as the 
world at large---put two and two together and figured that if Foreman could do 
it, so could any big guy with a hard punch. So he took on a littler guy with NO 
punch left in Ellis, and a littler guy he had already knocked out, our own 
Jerry---and skimmed over big, bad power hitters. Get over it. Quack Quack. |

[7/14/05 12:26:41 AM]Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||||10|Dead 
Parrot - Impersonator (great name, Noam, by the way). Whatever you are on, DP-
I, get off it. Trust me on something else. You are dishonoring the read Forrest 
Ward with your rants and abuse here. No one wants their name associated with the 
crap you write.<br><br>Noam, something else about your comments. Guys like Lyle 
and Shavers can bring themselves up to fight champions like Ali and Frazier. But 
once they have that big one night, they tend to go back down a level again. 
However, the deposed champion, after losing his title, gets serious in training
and goes all out for the rematch. The result? Ali beats Norton and Ali beats Spinks in the rematches.<br><br>DP-I. The reason people don't like to give too much background information is because of whackos like you. You get on here impersonating someone who is actually alive. If that's not bad enough, you then start talking about pushing Jane Fonda under a train and hoping that she dies a slow and painful death. In the same breath you say you've just got out of jail and then you were a police officer working 9/11.<br><br>And, to take the whole cake, you gloated about Ali's tortured medical condition and how your hero Frazier is happy that he contributed to it. Like anyone sane with a wife and family are going to give you clues as to their lives. I'd rather give Charles Manson a homecoming than have you visit. Get over it.<br><br>Fan: Please rate the heavyweights in history better than Joe Frazier. Thank You.<br><br>Angelo: This is a very interesting question. There are more heavyweights in history who could have beaten Joe Frazier, than there are who are BETTER than Joe Frazier. The distinction is that Joe Frazier held the title for a number of years, accomplished a lot by beating an undefeated Ali, and did manage two very impressive wins over Jerry Quarry, at high points in Quarry's career. Also, Frazier beat Jimmy Ellis when Ellis was good—we won't talk about the rematch, which was ridiculous. I will tell you, in my opinion, somebody like Riddick Bowe would have a chance to beat Frazier badly, but I would not say he was better than Frazier. Okay, off the top of my head, here are the guys I consider "better:" Ali, Joe Louis, George Foreman, Larry Holmes, Sonny Liston, Rocky Marciano, Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey, Mike Tyson, Lennox Lewis, Evander Holyfield (wasn't afraid of anyone), Scott LeDoux...okay, just joking there! I will tell you that Leroy Jones (undefeated until he lost to Larry Holmes, then, reportedly due to the "Holmes thumb" didn't continue his career) was a better fighter than Frazier, but didn't accomplish as much so he doesn't rate as high. I'm sure Noam and Howard C. will think of people I missed. Guys who did not make my list, but who at their peak would beat Joe Frazier are too numerous to mention, but here are a few: Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers, Jimmy Young, Riddick Bowe, Primo Carrera, Gerry Cooney, possibly Michael Weaver, possibly Mike Tyson, Lennox Lewis, Evander Holyfield.
and was deceptively quick. Jones managed to double and even triple up on jabs when he won over Mike Weaver and when he lost to Holmes. He was undefeated (with a draw) when he met Holmes. He held his own for a few rounds, but the second best fighter of our time, Larry Holmes, figured him out and took him apart just past the halfway point as I recall. I don't know if it's true that Jones retired because of an eye injury suffered in the Holmes loss—-but I can tell you that if Holmes wasn't on the scene, there's no telling how high Leroy Jones would have risen. Quite frankly, I feel he would handle Frazier and earn a decision. Frazier would be like a buzzsaw coming in on him, but Jones would close Frazier's eyes with his jabs and use his height and weight (taller and heavier than Foreman) to wear Frazier down. This guy was much better than he'll ever be given credit for. Hell, the "NABF" title he held was as legitimate as the funky New York State nonsense that Frazier was "deemed." Ask Noam.

Can I get anyone to agree with me that Ali was a draft dodger and not such a great person only a great boxer.

I have seen Jones-Holmes and Jones-Weaver. I have also seen Lovell in a different fight who he drew with. Jones was a worse version of Mathis in my opinion. He was light on his feet, but had very little power and would have had NOTHING to keep Joe off him. I would put Jones on par with fighters like Boone Kirkman, Larry Middleton, Henry Clark etc. All good fighters, but limited. Joe Frazier would have demolished Leroy Jones, I bet even Leroy would say so. Just my opinion however. If you brought that idea to BOXREC or other boxing sites you would have to duck for cover though :).

Hey!!!;....Don't be scared of me just because i'm from New Jersey. ali was not the great person everyone thinks he was.

In his younger days, Clay (and then Ali) wasn't the same person he is today. The modern Ali bravely and with dignity battles his disease, is a voice for moderation in the Islamic world, and does not have a bad word to say about anyone. If everyone in the world was like the modern day Ali, then we wouldn't need armies or police forces. As a youngster, he was an unsophisticated person quickly thrust into a sophisticated world. He wasn't surrounded by good people in the Black Muslims and wasn't getting good guidance (even though he his longevity has since proved that his dedication to his religion was sincere and not feigned to avoid drafting). Funny thing though, people look past Ali the boxer - the guy who almost singlehandly resurrected the sport and raised profits for fighters enormously - to Ali the person and his private life. I suppose that's fair enough because Ali publicized his views in politics and religion and unwisely allowed himself to be used by some zealots. But people don't seem to examine the private life of other boxing identities, boxers such as Frazier, with the same zest they apply to Ali. Anyway, Les, Clay/Ali the person wasn't so great at times. More recently, he is, in my opinion anyway. Fan - I am just leaving home to keep an appointment and I will have to get back to you with a list of better boxers than Frazier. Also, I agree with the calls to stop the name calling, etc. I'm puffed out.

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Hey Les from New Jersey, I've got to agree with you that Ali probably wasn't a great guy.

Noam; How you doin?. Ali was, in my humble opinion, (VERY AFRAID) to enter the U.S. Military and i don't (buy into) that he did not want to serve because of his religion, he was just (faking it) if you ask me. I just don't understand how so many people can have such high regard for Ali when all he ever did besides boxing was cause problems everywhere
that he went. Yes, Ali bravely fights his illness just as Lance Armstrong has bravely fought his cancer. Lance Armstrong is a person that everyone should say is, "THE GREATEST". Remember, stay out of trouble, also, when you hear all those jokes and other things that people say about New Jersey just remember, it's okay, because there all true as hell. see ya!!!!! | 7/14/05 08:24:02 PM|Les.|[N.J.][N/A]|10|So, How's everybody doing?? I just thought that I would leave all of you with this little tid-bit. How bout the "Bayonne Bleeder" hey!, another Jersey guy, who would you like to have covering your back in an all-out (Dark Alley) fight, Wapner or CANDY ASS Ali????????......Later!! | 7/14/05 08:39:17 PM|angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Les: Ali made some mistakes when he was younger. Most of us have. I will tell you though, that he was assured that he would NOT see anything resembling front line duty in Vietnam. It would have been a piece of cake assignment for him. A tour of duty, a couple years away, and if he even went to Vietnam, which isn't a given by any means, he would have been kept out of harm's way, boxing exhibitions and generally being used as a tool to boost morale. Had I been Muhammad Ali, I would have honored my duty to my country, and I would have gone into the military. Alas, he isn't me. He had strong convictions against the war, based on social beliefs and religious beliefs. He opted out, was banned from fighting for three years (his best three years as an athlete by the way). He returned to lose to Frazier and then Norton, but we all know that he came back after that, held the title a few years and certainly did more for his sport than anyone else I can think of.<br>On Leroy Jones, no way he was a bad version of Mathis. The record simply doesn't reflect it. That's nonsense. He was well above guys like Clarke, Kirkman, etc. This guy earned a title shot, was undefeated, and beat a future Champion in Mike Weaver. He suffered the loss to Holmes and packed it in. He's underrated---still had a lot to prove. But to think Frazier would walk through him, I think, is a bad miscalculation. It's true that he didn't have a big punch, and that's why I think the fight would be very tough for Jones, as Frazier tended to get stronger and braver as the fight wore on. But make no mistake---Jones stiff, quick jab, huge size advantage and air tight defensive skills would give Frazier fits. Keep in mind, Larry Holmes penetrated Jones with a boxing arsenal that Frazier simply didn't have. Holmes used his own piston left jab and quickness to undo Jones---Frazier was more of a worker bee who would have to take a lot of punishment to land on Jones. He was much wilder than Holmes---as Kent has said, his style shortened his career. Jones could stick and move like Ali did. Close, but I think he'd have a chance to win. | 7/14/05 08:43:12 PM|angelo|dc||funktron@yahoo.com||10|Les: I'd have Wepner cover my back anytime! That guy is as tough as they come. Did you see his loss to Liston? He didn't back down! By the way, my brother met Wepner way back in the 70s or early 80's, in a bar, I think in Atlantic City. Wepner was apparently a really great guy to the fans---very patient, talked boxing, gave everyone his time and attention. He's a regular Jersey guy! | 7/14/05 09:06:34 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|The comparison between Buster Mathis and Leroy Jones is a good one. Both were not great fighters but they were good fighters. <br>Both were big heavyset guys who were surprisingly fast of hand and foot and both were not exceptional punchers. <br>Jones lost to a great fighter in Holmes and he had to retire early because of eye problems while Mathis had a good win over George Chuvalo and he only lost four fights in his career, to Ali, Frazier, Quarry, and Lyle. No shame in this as all four were from very good to great fighters. <br>Comparing Jones' NABF title to Frazier's first title recognized by NYSAC, five other states, Mexico, and parts of South America is nonsense. Anybody who was following boxing at the time or who has done an extensive study of boxing history knows this as Frazier's title at least rivaled Ellis' WBA
title and this dispute was cleared up by Frazier's 1970 defeat of Ellis.

In fact if you have read the magazines from that time, Frazier was the considered the consensus, the stronger champion of the two, which he proved in the ring. There seems to be a lot of hatred and bias against Frazier by some who visit this site. Believe me, you are alone in your opinions as most people out there elsewhere have a higher regard for Frazier. Jones over Frazier, no way! I see the fight has being difficult for Frazier, especially in the early rounds, but with Frazier prevailing very much like he did over Mathis, by mid to late round knockout.

| 7/14/05 09:25:24 PM | Angelo | dc | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Kent: Frazier was indeed better than Ellis and proved it twice (and the first time, Ellis was actually breathing). My point was that "deeming" Frazier the new WBC title with one win was a cheap way to crown a Champion. The tournament was more equitable. I was being facetious (spelling) by saying Jones' NABF title was as important. But I still think Leroy Jones had better skills than Mathis and would have given Frazier a battle with a chance to get a win by decision. |
| 7/14/05 09:51:08 PM | Angelo | dc | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Kent: Also, regarding the posters here who are "alone in our opinions" about Frazier, I might point out that at one time, the consensus was that the world was flat and that the Earth was the center of the solar system or universe. I don't hate Frazier, I just join Noam and Howard C. in pointing out that his reputation as a "great" fighter is a lot of hype and malarkey largely based on a single victory over Muhammad Ali—-a decision win and one that landed Joe's ass in the hospital for a while. Yes, he was a good, strong fighter. Yes, he had other nice wins in his career. But to put him anywhere close to Ali, Louis, Marciano, et al, I take exception with. It's not hatred, it's an opinion. If the rest of the world wants to believe that Frazier is an upper, upper crust all-time heavyweight, that's their business and maybe they've been suckered into believing a myth. I'm from the Round Earth Society. We believe this planet is round, not flat and we believe Lucky Joe's "Careful, Smart Management" can be translated this way: "Quack, quack." We also believe JQ did Joe a few favors, namely, beating Lyle, beating Shavers and beating Foster. Frazier should have split his earnings from Manilla with Jerry! |
| 7/14/05 10:01:42 PM | Steve | na | na | 10 | Angelo, regarding your post on 7/11/05. Maybe you're right. Maybe I should just lighten up. You guys seem to be having a great time debating Fraziers' worth as a fighter. So who am I to complain about it. All right, Angelo, lets you and me talk boxing and music. First, who do you like, Marciano vs Frazier, Marciano vs Ali, Dempsey vs Ali? Do you remember the Flamingos, The Skyliners, Dion and the Bellmonts? Freddy Mercury had the best voice, in terms of range and power, and just a unique, one of a kind sound, of any pop singer from 1970 to 1991. Did someone refer to me as a homosexual? I must have missed that post. |
| 7/14/05 10:09:40 PM | Steve | na | na | 10 | Angelo, last I heard, Chuck Weper was a successful whiskey and beer distributor in north Jersey. |
| 7/14/05 10:25:29 PM | Bob Bumbera | NC | renfbera@aol.com | 10 | Hey Les, it's nice to have another Jersey guy on this site... keep 'em coming. Did Ali duck Shavers from '72 thru '75? The reason Frazier was able to get a title shot in '75? Frazier vs. Ali = BIG MONEY. Frazier could have had the same record as Jimmy Ellis going into Manilla and and still made millions for Don King. It's also NOT true that Frazier's backers thought he could beat Foreman. Frazier had to fight with them tooth and nail to get that fight. They thought he would lose to Foreman... they were right. The other thing about the Frazier debate over the last month or so, is that very few people here are placing the events of Fraziers career in historical perspective. It is easy to look back and say he didn't fight this guy or that guy. Why didn't Joe Louis or Jack Dempsey fight top Black fighters of the day. Did they duck them because they were afraid of loosing the title? And Les, the only thing Ali would have gained from going into |
the military was a few extra pounds hanging out with Bob Hope, Anne Margret and Raquel Welch on the USO tours. He would have never seen a Viet Cong soldier or the front lines, he had nothing to fear. He said it best when he said "No Viet Cong ever called me Nigger" He was making a political and socical statement, again it's easy to call him a draft dodger in hindsight. Now Jack Dempsey, maybe a different story.....

| 7/14/05 10:33:55 PM | Steve | nj | na | ||| || 10 |
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| Noam, I don't know why you continue to make fun of my status as a member of the "Dead Parrots" society? Remember, you put me there! I feel you owe the Monty Python legend an apology. |

| 7/14/05 11:05:18 PM | Fan | USA | n/a | ||| || 10 |
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| I only wish Ali had been faking. I agree that he made mistakes when he was young, although I would suggest that becoming the poster boy for a violent racist cult is a rather substantial mistake. And one he has never recanted, as did Malcolm X. <br>However, if he's not a hate monger himself, perhaps the lesson of Malcolm's demise is precisely why Ali never spoke up, as a moral person would. <br>I agree that Ali would not have been exposed to any combat in Vietnam. But he may well have been the next target of the Black Muslims (not to be confused with Islam) had he renounced their myths. That would have taken real guts. <br>You can devise any snappy epithet you like for those who are in denial; we hear plenty of them on this site. The fact is, any minimal research effort into Ali's "religion" will readily expose it for what it is. But that would require a bit of objective thought, and a lot less hero worship. <br>He may have been a great boxer, but he is far from a great man. |

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| 7/15/05 12:23:17 AM | steve | nj | na | ||| || 10 |
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| Hey Forrest. I didn't even know there was a fighter in the sixties named Forest Ward. I just got back from an eight hour car trip with my wife to Garret, PA., to pick up a red Siberian husky puppy. He is nothing but attitude!!! My wife and five dum Irish sons and my daughter have raised Siberian Huskys for years. I just thought I'd drop you this post to help you lighten up and know that all this posting is just a bunch of bullshit. You and Noam are both entitled to your opinions, and I respect them both. Even though Noam constantly makes snide remarks about my foundness for birdseed, which is a very nutritious snack. |

| 7/15/05 09:21:44 AM | LES. | N.J. | n/a | ||| || 10 |
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| Good mornin and how yous doin on this fine day?? (Fan), i pretty much think you hit the nail on the head with your post about Ali, wish i was deep like you, thanks. (Bob Bumbera), Yo!, whatsuppeeeeee?? Nice post to what i had to say <br> bout Ali, he gone to Nam he would have never seen any combat duty of any kind well, maybe a few American sniper rounds in his direction. (Angelo), nice story bout your brother meeting Wapner and i agree with your post, thanks. (Noam), is it true what (Steve) says bout you messin with the great (MONTY PYTHON)?, wow!!, you should be ashamed and make an immediate apology OR!! get into (WITNESS PROTECTION) system, let me know, me and the (BOYS) got some conections. If America was like the modern day Ali, i'd kill myself!!, hey, Steve, another left wing tree hugger!!, Noam, you
I need to listen to my man (RUSH) i can't spell his last name but you know who i mean. (Steve), you eatin bird seed again??Whats this shit bout Fred Mercury?? I'm sure you ment to say you drive a Mercury right?? Get real and leave the (SISSYS) out of this, got that?? Now, you also mentioned some great Doo-Wop groups in your post, the Skyliners, wow!!, the best. Hey Steve??, name the (3) three lead singers of (Billy Ward and the Dominos) also, i'm a member of (UGHA)and (PGHA)so becareful, you got a firm hand shake???.. Later!!.

Steve: Queen was fine, but 'Radio Ga Ga' sucked.<br> I liked 'Under Pressure' with David Bowie.<br> If the fights you ask about were officiated under 1970's rules, with 1970's referees, Ali would beat Dempsey like he beat Frazier in Manilla (or he'd win by disqualification!!) and he would likely get a decision over Marciano---I actually think he'd have an easier time with Dempsey. Put Ali in Dempsey's era and it would be a much different story. I will say this though, if Ali "came close to quitting in the 10th round" in Manilla, I have a feeling Marciano might have pushed him over the edge. Really, this is a toss-up for me because I don't think Clay or Ali had enough power to take out Marciano, but Ali's chin was strong enough to withstand Marciano---it would come down to conditioning for rounds 12-15. Yes, this was often referred to as "Ali's Alley" but then again, sometimes, he came into fights over his ideal weight, or taking his competition lightly. Marciano was the picture of consistency, always very well conditioned. In fact, for that computer fight he had with Ali, Ali said that Marciano seemed to be very close to real fighting condition, which totally surprised Ali since between fights, he let himself relax. Here, Marciano was long retired and Ali thought he had a lot of wind and was solid.

Welcome Les, I have one question. What does having a firm handshake have to do with manhood?

I think this is only important to some "average Joes" who somehow think it is important.<br> I have met many professional boxers and the majority of them do not have firm handshakes. Jerry Quarry did not have a firm handshake and neither does James Toney. The reason, their hands are the tools of their trade and they don't want to damage them by foolishly squeezing hard on someone's hand.<br> I hardly think Jerry's Quarry's masculinity was ever in question.

On a lighter note (I hope), I am pretty sure that Forrest Ward, the fighter, appeared on one of Jerry's undercards at MSG. I've got to believe that Forrest the poster knows whether this is so.

Forrest, you've got me curious, what is the story of Forrest Ward? It's not one I am familiar with. I just remember him as a young heavyweight in the late 60's or early 70's.

Ali's politics/religion are completely separate issues to his boxing. I don't like his religion and I didn't agree with his politics in the late 1960s and early 1970s (as I read about it
However, how many guys were there that ducked drafting using other excuses like shonky medical conditions or whatever? They weren't all brave like our very own Steve (and I DO mean that sincerely) who went and fought. Frazier didn't go to the Vietnam War either. Yes, I know he was married, but he still could have gone if he wanted to. By the way, how many kids did Frazier have to how many different women? There were more than a few. If we want to examine Ali's personal issues, perhaps we should go there as well. I never heard of Ali bashing his girlfriend either, not like some. Now, to Fan's question about Frazier standing in heavyweight history. Let me firstly say that the Vietnam War was the luckiest thing that ever happened to Frazier's boxing career. Why? Because it took Ali off the scene for three long years. It made him rusty and beatable. Without the Vietnam War, Frazier would have fought Ali in 1968 or 1969 (if he didn't have fights arranged against Daniels or Stander or John Lennon). In 1968 or 1969 Ali wasn't ring rusty. He beats Frazier convincingly. Frazier becomes another Mathis or Ellis or speed bump in heavyweight history. He would have been some boxing trivia question. Only hard core boxing fans would have remembered him. Of course, after Ali's three year lay off, Frazier beats him. His legend is set. On one fight. Angelo did better than I can in listing the heavies who would have beaten Frazier, if not every time, but most times. There are even a few that would have beaten him every few times, if not most times. I'll add another one. Jersey Joe Walcott. He was beating Marciano after 13 rounds. Marciano had to knock him out to win. Frazier not even on his best night would have pushed Marciano that far. Walcott was a very good heavyweight. In my opinion, he beats Frazier convincingly, most times. I think Jack Johnson would beat Frazier also. Frazier had trouble fighting 15 rounds (and even 5 rounds against big punchers). Johnson (when he wasn't throwing fights) just kept on fighting. 15 rounds and more and then some more. He was good enough to see Frazier off somewhere along the way. You'd have needed a calculator to count the bumps on Joe's head and he might have run out of skin, too. And remember this when you are scoffing at my prediction. Johnson was much more dominant in his day than Frazier ever was in his brief period in the sun. Translate Johnson's dominance to Frazier's time, and it's good night Joe, in my opinion. We have to stop people having selective memories about Frazier. Look at his first fight with Bonavena. Oscar knocked him down twice in the second round. With a minute to go he only had to knock Joe down a third time for the fight to be stopped (3 knock down rule). Over that last minute Joe held on like hell. Much worse than Ali ever did. Without the holding down, Joe gets stopped. As it was, Frazier got a (disputed) split points decision. Oscar proved Frazier's vulnerability. Frazier earned his place in history on one close win against a ring rusty fighter. Put that fight aside, and what was his next best win? Against Jimmy Ellis, that's who. Disagree with me? Okay, let's say Buster Mathis. Wow. Fan, and everyone else, please answer me a question. Was the quality of opposition Ali fought better in his 'first' or 'second' career? ('first' being pre-draft and 'second' post-draft). Thanks.

While there is no doubt the Nation of Islam was a "White" hate group and Ali became it's poster boy being sucked in by the racial divide in this country at the time, Ali has long ago renounced the "White Man as Devil" theory of the Nation. Also, I am not under the delusion that Ali is worthy of "Hero Worship" either. He was a man full of contradictions. A member of the Nation of Islam he kept a white trainer and personal doctor through out his career, much to the dismay of Elijah Muhammad and his gold digging son Herbert. Ali was a flawed individual, as most of us are, and although many of his choices in life may be viewed as suspect, there is no doubt he was one of the most compelling figures of the Twentieth Century. Ali was a flawed individual, as most of us are, and although many of his choices in life may be viewed as suspect, there is no doubt he was one of
the most compelling figures of the Twentieth Century. Nobody has answered the
question I posed about Ali ducking Erine Shavers from '72 thru '75, the same
time frame many of you say Frazier ducked him. Ali fought everyone, Jurgin
Blin, Al Lewis, Buster Mathis, Bob Foster, Mac Foster. He was fond of shoving
that in the face of Frazier. And still no Erine Shavers. An Ali fight with
either Dempsey or Marciano would be totally different than a the Frazier
affairs, neither one had the same style as Frazier. I think Ali would have a
tough time vs. both Dempsey and Marciano at the peak of their careers. I
believe Marciano to be the easier touch. |
| 7/15/05 08:40:15 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com|||10|Noam, I agree
completely with what you say about Frazier vs. Ali in 1968, if there was no Viet
Nam. Ali would have destroyed Frazier within 10 rounds in 1968. No doubt in
my mind.| 
| 7/15/05 08:58:27 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|||10|There is no doubt that Ali
fought better fighters in his second career. He fought Frazier three times,
Foreman, Norton three times, Quarry twice, Lyle, Shavers, Bonavena as some
notables. In his first career his best opponents were Liston twice, Patterson,
Cooper twice, Terrell. Really there is no comparison.<br>If Ali fought
Frazier in 1968 he would have won. It either would have been a late knockout or
10-5, 11-4 type decision. Ali in 1968 would have been at his physical and
mental prime. Frazier would never have been champ until Norton beat Ali (which
would have still happened in the seventies) and Frazier knocked out Norton
unless Foreman got to him first. If Foreman got to him first Frazier would have
never been champ. If Frazier got to him first in about 1974 Ali would have won
a decision against Frazier and there would have been no Manila. Another
possibility is Norton giving Ali another shot right away. Ali probably wins
then Foreman and Frazier are both never champs.| 
| 7/15/05 10:41:54 PM|steve |nj|na|||10|Noam,you know,I didn't like Ali's
politics or ,religious believe,based on hatred.I didn't even like Ali as a
man.However,I think he was just like me in 1966,67,and 68,young,dumb,and full of
come.I'm sure he was manipulated by the Black Muslims,and all the white
promoters and handlers who knew a gold mine when they saw it.So he stayed out of
Nam.He paid dearly for his decision.However,I think he might have been
right.Nothing good ever came out of that bad place.Just 58,000 broken hearted
families,and about 200.000 crazy fuckers like me.Pardon my French.| 
| 7/16/05 12:47:10 AM|Kent|Murrrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Les, by
saying fighters don't have firm handshakes is not implying they have limp
wristed ones either.<br>But I have met George Foreman, Jerry, Mike, and Bob
Quarry, James Toney, Vassiliy Jirov, Chris Byrd, Kirk Johnson, Sean O'Grady,
Terry Norris, Cornelius Boza Edwards, Gabriel Ruelas, Alex Ramos, Carlos
Palimino, Danny "Little Red" Lopez, Bobby Chacon, and many others and all of
them put very little pressure in their handshakes. It is only "average Joes"
who don't use their hands as weapons that think firm handshakes are
important.<br>I am around boxers a lot as I attend at least 25 fight cards a
year.| 
| 7/16/05 02:22:36 AM|Noam|same|same|||10|Kent<br>One of the reasons is
that boxers have damaged hands and they don't like to have their hands squeezed
hard in a shake so they don't squeeze hard themselves.<br>The hand has
hundreds of little bones that boxers break at some stage in their careers. Ali
had brittle hands and was getting needles in them before fights. The problem is
endemic in lower weights.<br>Fan - I agree. There is absolutely no doubt
that Ali fought better fighters in his 'second' career. That's what makes it so
impressive. He fought them all.<br>Bob - while Ali fought regularly in the
period you mentioned, Frazier didn't. Ali's time was at a premium; Joe's wasn't.
Ali would have fought Shavers in that period if he had the time. Also, Ali was
better physically in the period you mention so, if he was ducking him, why did
he fight him later.<br>Where's Massimo ?|
Ali fought Shavers in 1977 when he (Ali) was slower, much more worn out after battles with Frazier and Norton—and Earnie Shavers was a MUCH BETTER fighter than he had been in '72-'75—still plenty of dynamite in his fists but was a much smarter and durable boxer. Ali ended up fighting Shavers when he (Ali) was slipping and Shavers was improving. When did Frazier fight Shavers? Oh, that's right---quack quack.

Fan: First off, I support the police and think they typically get a raw deal from the media and also from brain-dead idiots who would be crying for their Mommy if they had a 15 minute taste of the life of a big city cop. With that said, do you have any idea how many cops and other people of the "establishment" were responsible for the persecution and murder of hundreds of innocent blacks in the 50's and 60's? Do you have any concept of the civil rights struggle? Do you understand the backdrop for the rise of Malcolm X and his followers? Millions of people got caught up in the chaos that was the 60's in America. Hindsight is 20/20 vision, and you're doing a great job of playing Monday morning quarterback, but what Ali did at the time was applauded by millions—and some people still admire him for it. Me? Like I said in a previous post, I might not have been in favor of Vietnam, or maybe would have been (I was too young at the time to get drafted.). But I believe stepping forward when your name was called was the right thing to
do. Lots of people disagreed with that and Ali was one of them. He wasn't alone.

I think the police of today are 100 percent better than they were in the past and while there are still some bad ones around, most of the time they do the right thing.<br>I just get sick of certain groups saying that every time a minority person gets shot by the police it is racism. I think that most of the time when police shoot someone it is because the police are defending themselves or they are defending innocent people of all races from criminals.<br>Are there still times when the police perform unlawful shootings? Yes I am sure there are times when this occurs but they are much less prevalent than they were even thirty or forty years ago.

Ali recanted his 'white men are devils' statement as recently as in an interview with Sir David Frost earlier this year. I saw it about two weeks ago. Ali said that devils "can be white, black, and yellow" or words to that effect. Ali acknowledged that it was silly that he'd made that comment all those years ago.<br>Now I must ask you, Fan, to comment on Frazier gloating about Ali's injuries. Forest quoted him on it and I repeated Forest's quote recently. Frazier said that he was happy to take the credit for Ali's condition. What say you, Fan? Frazier has never recanted that comment. Don't you think that Frazier is a callous, cruel, sadist? Do you agree with Forest that what Frazier said was cool? To me, Ali was wrong with the devil comment and was then right to recant it. But Frazier was wrong to gloat about Ali's injuries and is doubly wrong for not admitting that error.

I will accept that Ali made the comment attributed to him, although I did not personally hear it. However, saying devils come in all colors is hardly a repudiation of Farakhan and the rest of the Nation of Islam and their ideology of race hate. I often wonder whether Ali's fans would be as open minded of a Caucasian celebrity who publicly endorsed say, the Aryan Nation.<br>Yes, I am well aware of the context in which the NOI was formed. If you would like to be similarly informed, I suggest you start with The Black Muslims in America, the seminal treatise on the subject by noted (African-American) sociologist C. Eric Lincoln. You probably know that their mother load for new recruits is the prison system. That's where Mike Tyson got "religion". The anger of disaffected young black men is deftly exploited the way pimps prey on runaway teenage girls. And the Man - the Devil - is offered as the convenient blame for all evils, real and perceived. <br>I have never quite understood how it was that Ali was so full of venom as to buy into the NOI myths, as he reportedly grew up in a middle class part of Louisville. Perhaps Howard C. can provide some insight in this regard.<br>I repeat my view that Ali would not have seen combat had he chosen to serve. I also think that people of good conscience still legitimately disagree on what was right concerning the War in Vietnam. (I happen to believe the War in Iraq is similarly ripe for vigorous - but respectful - debate.)<br>But in my own opinion, the Vietnam question is a red herring re: Ali. The burning issue, in my view, is his signing on with the NOI. They are hardly pacifists, and I don't
accept for a minute that Ali's refusal to be inducted was a consequence of such a philosophy. I submit that were Ali to clearly and unequivocally repudiate them in his lifetime, it would add immeasurably to his stature. He was certainly an entertaining fighter of enormous skill, and, as someone said, a compelling figure. I just can't ignore his association with Elijah and his protege, Minister Farakhan. Facts are stubborn things. Re: Frazier: I know someone who knows him. He is indeed very, very bitter toward Ali, and I think we all understand his reasoning. Obviously, the things he said are not very charitable. But I am much more concerned with hate mongers who attempt to divide our country than individuals with personal grudges. Re: Frazier: I know someone who knows him. He is indeed very, very bitter toward Ali, and I think we all understand his reasoning. Obviously, the things he said are not very charitable. But I am much more concerned with hate mongers who attempt to divide our country than individuals with personal grudges.

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Frazier won the heavyweight championship in pieces beating Buster Mathis and Jimmy Ellis (both of whom also lost to Muhammad). After he beat Ali (which was when Joe truly became champion), his only successful title defences were against Terry Daniels and Ron Stander. Then he knocked out by George Foreman, who knocked him out a second time three years later. Take away the three Ali-Frazier fights, two of which were won by Ali, and what have you got."

We should contrast Frazier's jealousy against Foreman's magnanity. This is what George said about Ali, "After Ali beat me I was bitter for a while. But then I realised I'd lost to a great champion; probably the greatest of all time. Now I'm proud just to be part of the Ali legend. If people mention my name with his from time to time, that's enough for me."

Frazier and his loving fans should take a leaf out of George Foreman's book! George and Muhammad rid themselves of hatred and petty jealousies decades ago, but Frazier still carries the hatred and resentment to this very minute. Fan, it's not Ali doing the hating; it's Frazier.

I do agree Ali was no saint. But then again how many of these guy's are? Marciano had ties with the Mob along with Jake LaMotta and Frank Sinatra. Sonny Liston was a strong arm guy for mobsters and may have been killed by them. Evander Holyfield has had at least 7 children by five different women. Riddick Bowe beat his wife, Joe Frazier at the '96 Olympics, said if he were up there with Ali when he was lighting the flame he would push Ali into the fire. In the forties, fifties and sixties, many Black folks in this country did view Whites as devils. In many parts of this country Blacks couldn't vote, even after 1965. The resentment towards and many cases hatred of the White race, put into context, are understandable. The things Ali said as a spokesman of the NOI, the position of the NOI and Black Panther Movement, were needed then for change to take place in this country. Sit-ins and marches through Selma can not change everything. A few Whites may have died at the hands of these radical groups, and while I do not endorse their actions, just as I deplore the actions and attitudes of White hate groups. Which by the way completely baffle me, many more Blacks have died at the hands of White people with the blessings of the local and state authorities. As I said earlier, it is understandable why these groups rose in numbers during the sixties. Shamefully, under a thin surface, these issues are still with us today. I was in Batesville Mississippi not to long ago and I saw a bumper sticker with a confederate flag on it that said; "I have a dream too". Very scary.

Angelo, even 1981 Frazier would knock out Jones in round two. Jones barely survived the sixth and final round versus a journeyman cruiserweight named Yaqui Manneses and although the judges gave the verdict to Jones, Manneses clearly scored the most damage. Too Tall Jones couldn't fight even if he won all six of his fights. Ali "clearly" repudiated 21 years ago the beliefs which offend you, so I hope that he has "gone up immeasurably" in your opinion as mentioned in your recent post. Let me know, please, if Noam has reassured you.

I support Ali 'the boxer', not the young Clay and Ali the 'person'. There was nothing in Clay's middle class upbringing that should have pushed him to those absurd beliefs. I guess he was just a young guy overwhelmed by the situation and the more wordly adults around him. But that doesn't excuse it. However, Ali has moved on to be a wonderful human being, in my opinion. He has done far more positive things for the world than negative acts. He has more than made up for the stupid beliefs and statements he made four decades ago. I lived through the Vietnam era and I never agreed with Ali's stance. Perhaps I'm wrong, but I still think the Vietnam War had to be fought. If it hadn't of been fought, Thailand and even Malaysia probably would have fallen to the communists. Was it worth 58,000 lives? Nothing is worth that awful cost, ever, but at least something
was salvaged from it.  

Wasn't that Jones' first fight (Yaqui Meneses)?  I think Jones probably peaked around his fourth fight!  No wonder he went back to football. I guess Frazier would have still had an easy time with him, even when Frazier was done!!!

Howard: I am gratified that you would deign to quote me, thank you.  And thank you for your explanation.  

I was thinking perhaps the guy with the bumper sticker whom Bob saw was just a young man overwhelmed by his own situation.  Maybe, although he's a member of a group like the KKK, he doesn't actually blow up little girls at church himself.  He's just a bit confused right now.  I suppose that would not preclude him from being considered, in the future, a great American by some.  After all, everyone makes mistakes.  I think the modern cliche for such thinking is moral relativism.  

I have tried to be honest.  Now I ask you to be.  Did you know in 1984 that Ali had clearly repudiated the NOI (if he did)?  I was a pretty avid student of boxing back then, yet I somehow missed it.  If it happened, it was a well kept secret.  The effect was kind of like the noise a tree makes falling in the forest if no one is there to hear, no?  

But maybe I just missed it.

Fan, if the tree falls and no one is there to hear it, maybe it doesn't make any sound but who cares?  There's still no doubt that if fell.  If the guy with the bumper sticker changes his views in a few years, tells his friends and family that he was wrong "back then" and throws the bumper sticker away, that's all we can ask for.  He doesn't have to go on Maury Povich to tell the world.  Remember George Wallace?  He changed his views and didn't have to broadcast it.  When he died, some people were very puzzled when high profile black Americans (I still prefer this term over "African American" since not all black Americans are from Africa) showed up at his funeral.  Anyway, they said that he had changed his views, had moderated, had become a plus to the black community.  People change.  If their heart changes they don't need to tell the world.

Fan: a lot of people don't hear or see the tree fall because they deliberately close their eyes and ears.  They need a reason to dislike someone and they don't want to discover that the reason is false.

Initially, Fan, you asked for someone, anyone, to provide you with credible evidence that Ali had renounced the views and teachings of Louis Farrakhan.  You asked for evidence that Ali had renounced these views then he would go "up immeasurably" in your estimation.  However, the proof HAS been provided by Noam on BOTH counts, yet you are still arguing against Ali.  You went back on your word.  Which brings me back to the start.  Some people don't hear or see the tree fall because their eyes are closed and their ears shut.....
been a "complete" turnabout. Like anyone else, his positions have changed and evolved, so have mine. True, he's a public figure, but that shouldn't hold him to an impossible standard. Also, he had cameras and reporters following him everywhere in the 60's and 70's, when he was on top. Now, he's only out in public once in a great while. He doesn't rate routine "coverage" like someone such as Tiger Woods does. What's Ali supposed to do, call a press conference to announce that he's changed his mind about something? That would smack of narcissism if you ask me. Back then he was relevant and now he isn't. And regarding role models, Charles Barkley was right on target when he said, "They pay me to dunk a basketball, not raise your kids." Parents are role models. You know what, it doesn't "take a village" to raise a child, it takes (preferably two) involved, caring parents, or guardians. In the absence of two parents, one parent households have been known to raise some great adults too, without help from athletes and celebrities. A strong homefront keeps outside influence to a minimum. If adults bought into the fact that Ali joined a radical group as a reason that they should too, I don't have a lot of respect for them.

| 7/18/05 05:34:25 PM | Steve | NJ | na | ||| 10 | Noam, Fan, and Angelo, I'm a Frazier fan. I don't like Ali's so called politics. I never thought he was as good a man as Frazier. In terms of just being a man. You know what, everyone from that time period got drafted, or when your neighbor friends started getting sent home in aluminum boxes marked [contents not viewable], enlist. If you were lucky enough to have had a wife and kids, or where in college, you didn't have to go. Conscience objectors are not acceptable! You three guys are misinformed about Ali and Frazier never having buried the hatchet. Frazier actually did say, on a TV interview, that he was sorry for all the hurtful things he said about Ali.

Les, from New Jersey, I wish I was as good with my mouth, and typing, and spelling and grammar, as I am, or used to be with my fists, or a blunt object. No one who is in tune with real life should be knocking the police. I agree with Kent, the police are 100 percent better trained, and more professional, than they were in 1966.

| 7/18/05 05:44:46 PM | Steve | NJ | na | ||| 10 | Noam, you made a good point about the fragility of the hand bones, especially on a smaller than true heavyweight fighter. I've broken the small bones behind the pinkie and ring finger twice on both hands. Doctors do call them "boxers' fractures".

| 7/18/05 06:25:29 PM | Noam | Same | Same | ||| 10 | Steve <br>Re police. People talk about the 'rotten apple' theory on corruption to say that most police are honest. I believe that to be true. In my opinion there would be a far higher percentage of honest people in the police than any other profession. <br>What are you gonna do if you are getting mugged? Call a lawyer? When you need urgent help and the police turn up that's the nicest sight in the world. If you can't trust the cops then you can't trust anyone. <br>The other thing is that the cops try far harder than other professions to find the bad ones. Lawyers and politicians ALWAYS cover up and look after each other. I think it was Julius Caesar who once said that he was going to clean Rome up and he was going to begin "by killing all the lawyers". Caesar for President! |

| 7/18/05 06:41:43 PM | Les. | NJ | ya right! | ||| 10 | Steve; (AKA-Oil Can Harry) speaking of grammar, if you actually speak the way that you use your grammar on this site then we are all in trouble, check your commas. Kent, okay i'm sorry, you are just the type of guy to educate me about Jerry Quarry and the rest of the Quarry's if you would?. Hey Oil Can Harry, ya, you Steve, did someone mention in a posting that you are a Nam Vet??, if you are, welcome home brother. |

| 7/18/05 06:48:12 PM | Les. | NJ | NO! | ||| 10 | Noam; Thanks for the good words about Police Officers, it needs to be said more, just a "Thank You" to most Police Officers goes a long way, i know because i usta was one........!! |
Acknowledging that devils come in many colors is not a complete turnabout at all, does not approach the clear and unequivocal renunciation that would elevate Ali, in my humble opinion. So I haven't broken my word, Noam. (Did I actually make some pledge to you, I don't remember that). And such a complete renunciation would certainly have been big news in 1984. Still would be today. I am not the one being result oriented here, or ignoring the facts. You can't have it both ways. Either he did renounce the NOI or he (allegedly) made a rather innocuous and obviously true statement to the effect that not all devils are white. If the former were true, which I wish were the case, that would have been newsworthy 20 years ago, and he should have taken ownership, not whispered it in the dark. If the latter is true, he really didn't say anything, did he?

Re: Frazier, just like anyone, he may have made some statement or another for public consumption, for whatever reason. I only related to you what someone with personal knowledge has told me about his attitude toward Ali. And I am sorry to say it ain't pretty. I hope what I have heard is wrong, and that he has put the past aside, if just for his own sake.

PS Howard - if you believe "a quote from a published book" (as opposed, presumably, to an unpublished one?) really proves anything...there's not much else to say to you. I guess I just don't have a problem being "judgmental", whether it's about Black Muslims or the KKK, as some others. I think it's high time people take stands, as long as they can be intelligently and honestly articulated. I think I attributed Howard's reference to "my word" (was I under oath at the time as well?) to Noam, I am getting you guys mixed up. Assuming I've got it straight now, my apologies to Noam. Les, you sound just crazy enough to have been on the job. I have a feeling that perhaps you understand my sentiments about the NOI.

I can only tell you what has been published in a book by a credible author. He says that Ali renounced all those things in 1984. I also saw Ali interviewed by Sir David Frost. This occurred earlier this year. Once again, Ali renounced those beliefs. He admitted he was wrong. I suppose it's convenient for you to dispute these facts and let's not forget that it took some people a long time to believe that the world isn't flat. But the fact is that Ali doesn't hold those beliefs and he renounced them. That doesn't get away from it being wrong that he said those things in the first place. Perhaps he over-reacted to racist insults and pressures he was getting from elsewhere. I've read that the 1960s was a hotbed of racial and political discontent and that people took sides with each side
hating the other. The good part is that what Ali did wrong was only words. He never acted on those words. And he's since retracted them. 40 years on and people still can't forgive. They only remember the bad parts even though the good parts far outweigh them.

|7/18/05 10:56:39 PM|Steve|nj||na||||10|Fan, your eloquence is impressive. So is Howard C's. This new tough guy, Les, an ex cop and apparently an ex vet, has got me nervous about my way of expressing myself. I'll eventually get to him and find out who the real "oil can harry" is. Your points are well taken. I have to agree with you in my humble, inarticulate way. Ali was way to late in his heartfelt apologies about the fact that devils come in all colors. I know he must have suffered horribly during those three years he was forced to live on his meager ring earnings to date. Thank God us mixed race devils, white, black, hispanic, native american, who did the for real fighting, in, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70. didn't have to suffer like Angelo and Howard C's courageously politically incorrect hero Ali did. He should have apologized a long time before 984. So what if Frazier does dislike and desrespect the man? So what if he only apologized for public consumption? They tried to kill each other for 41 rounds! Ali used every racial and personal slur he could think of. His childlike, crowd pleasing antics didn't fool or lesson the insults Joe Frazier's camp had to endure. |

|7/18/05 11:28:46 PM|Bob Bumbera|NC ||renfber@aol.com||||10|Another point. Fan Does not give an e-mail address. n/a is no excuse. My e-mail address has been posted for five years on this site and I have received mail from Mr. Jimmy, Sonja, and the ever entertaining Jimmy Dorsey. And I will continue to do so as long as I post here. Anyone here can contact me if they so desire. I am not a fly by night poster. |

|7/18/05 11:29:54 PM|Steve|NJ||na||||10|Hey Les, the ex cop, and Vietnam vet, don't wellcome me back, brother. I'm not back yet! I can tell from your tone, your not either! |

|7/19/05 12:10:24 AM|Fan|USA||n/a||||10|Bob, I have my reasons for not sharing my address. That should have no bearing on your evaluation of my posts. BTW, I too have posted here, on and off, for years. I hesitate to get involved in a competition with you, but I met James and Jerry several times over the years and I contacted James when I read that Jerry's condition was so poor. I sent James a modest donation for the JQF and a personal gift for Jerry, of little monetary value but one which James later told me meant quite a bit to him. That still means a lot to me. If I were nasty or vulgar I could understand your criticizing my desire for privacy, but I am not. I find it curious that you do not level the same charge against some of the low blow artists around here. Is it only those who dare cast a critical eye upon the great Ali who are required to identify themselves, or does disagreeing with you on any topic make full disclosure mandatory? |

|7/19/05 12:11:26 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|It is good Ali renounced his beliefs on NOI but it was easier to do so in recent times than it was in the 60s. Malcolm X did so and look what it got him? It got him dead! Malcolm found out we can't judge a person by the color of his skin and his own people killed him for stating the truth. Same with Ghandi. One of his own people, a hindu, killed him because Ghandi was trying to unite hindus and muslims. I get a kick out of some bigoted white person saying us white boys got to stick together as if he saw some of my siblings, he would know that I have un pure blood in me (according to him, not me). Two of my grandparents were non white, while the other two were mixed european (German, English, and French). What other race am I? Hint to those newcomers who have not read some of earlier posts on the subject, part of my family are not foreigners. |

|7/19/05 03:28:19 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Here is my list of all time nuts who have posted here. 5. The Muffinman 4. Brother DKS 3. Looney Toons 1. Foolface 1. Koo Koo Klock
A tie for first place!! I keep hoping the Koo Koo Klock and/or Foolface show up here though.

HEY BOB B AND FAN, MR. JIMMY LIKED ME BEST!! NANA NA NA NA NA!! JUST KIDDING, EVEN WITH OUR SOMETIMES BICKERING WE ARE ALL FRIENDS HERE.

Steve: Ali didn't "dodge" the draft. He didn't go to Canada or Mexico. The Authorities knew right where to find him. Refusing induction and staying here to fight it is not the same as hightailing it out of the country. I've already stated that I don't agree with his decision not to step forward when his name was called. I've also stated several times that the vast majority of law enforcement are very good, hardworking people, doing a job that most of us wouldn't have the guts or patience to perform. The 60's were a turbulent era, when the Beatles alienated millions by practicing eastern religion and saying they were "more popular than Jesus..." when millions rioted, millions bought, sold and used illegal drugs, millions joined counter-culture and radical movements. Ali was part of the era--a huge part of the era. Like many others, he's moderated. It seems as though the people who can't dispute his greatness in the ring end up reaching for ways to assassinate his character. By any expert's reasonable measure, he's a top three all time heavyweight. Socially, he was a product of his times. Again, I've read his account of being in a dressing room before a fight and having a man brought in to meet him. The man, a black man, had been targeted by several whites who identified themselves as police (They were lying.). He was picked up, beaten, burned and castrated by them. I won't go into more detail than that, though Ali's book certainly did. This was the backdrop for the period---this is what affirmed Ali's beliefs. I know that these guys who assaulted the man did not represent most white Americans. But had I been an influential black man, I could see reacting to society the way Clay/Ali did. Millions around the world love this man, still. Steve, he must have done something right other than winning fights. Lots of guys have been champions and have had great fight records. It's funny that this one, Ali, became the most recognizable living face on the planet, loved in so many places.

Steve: I never said i was a tough guy, you did. I am not an ex-cop i am a retired Police Officer also, i'm a Vietnam veteran who served in Vietnam all of (1967) and i have been awarded the (Combat Infantry Badge) and the (Purple Heart) yes, there is not a day that goes by that i do not think of Nam in some way. Anyway, the welcome home still stands......

Ed "Too Tall" Jones... TSK!TSK! He was listed at 6'9" which means he was probably about 5'9"...I read he was eye to eye with "The Midget" at Wrestlingmania 1 (or maybe 2 or whatever) and this confirms my guess: about 5'9". Joe Frazier himself was probably wilter than him. If you guys wanna really see a tall guy, that's for you!

Bill looks to be about the same wiltness as Kareem, not as my mother, but as Kareem!!

Fan, I left myself wide open for that; that's why I prefaced my comments with admitted hesitation. However, I think it was an invited response as I felt my "credentials" as a JQ fan were being challenged. I am confident James liked you better.

Fan, I don't
know who James liked better, I just couldn't resist saying something.<br>How
do you like my all time list of nuts? I can't remember some of the other fringe
characters but it would be funny to have a top ten list.<br>Hey fan, are
you, "you ain't nothin but a hound dog?" If you are who I think you might be, you
would know what I am talking about. If not, then never mind. If you are who
I am talking about, then I won't reveal who you are as that is your choice.

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characters but it would be funny to have a top ten list. Give
Spinks a few months to train and get in good shape. Now that he probably
wouldn't have the fear of God in him that Tyson could kill him---since club
fighters seem to be having their way with Tyson lately, I wonder if Spinks could
take him?

The worst anyone's got on Ali is a
few unwise words some 40 years ago. He called people a few names and upset the
apple cart. So what? It used to be sticks and stones will break my bones but
names will never hurt me. I wonder how many of you guys slagging him can
see things through his eyes. Are any of you guys black? Was he subjected to any
racism? If so, was he entitled to react to it. I don't like what he was saying,
but it doesn't hurt me that he expressed an opinion differently to mine. He
never raped anyone, either. It's not like he was out there bashing old
ladies, burning babies, and robbing people. He was just out there expressing a
different political and religious opinion than the mainstream white guy. And he
was a loudmouth, and what's worse than that is that he was a black
loudmouth. Les and Steve - you two guys were in Vietnam. Did you go to a
horse race track there called Phu Toey (or something like that). It is in Saigon
and they race ponies there and of course they bet on them. Apparently a big
battle in the Tet offensive happened there as well. Massimo, welcome
back. I was about to send out a search party. Kent, what do I have to do
to make your list?

Why Jumpity Bruce is not
in your list? This site would be nothing without Jumpity Bruce!
Jump, jump, jump, jump! I think "The Italian Stallion" is a funny and good
character and will bring something to the table (it's Nevada Slang) for the
future. As far as I am concerned, I have nothing against
people from New Jersey! I have nothing against people from Arkansas too! But,
sincerely, I don't know about people from Oregon...I have a lot of friends from
Oregon, almost one half of my friends are from Oregon! Hi! I
don't agree with Muhammad Ali' not going in Vietnam, I think he should have gone
first because the war was a war against comunism and second because it was his
duty and he wasn't any better than all the Joe(s) who went there! But, on the
other hand, I think he had some scusanti...You call me nigger, you don't allow
me to use busses, you don't serve me in restaurants, you treat me like a beast
and then...Abruptly...When you need me, you want me to fight for you? I know
what it means to feel you don't belong...Being white in Italia in 2005...All
jokes apart, the sensation you don't belong and you are a second class citizen
has to be awful (even if I have never lived it personally) and, even if, as I
said, I think he should have gone, I also understand that black people in the
60s were very angry and insoddisfatti.

Well said Masimmo, Ali should have gone to the war. Perhaps he had problems because he was
black but this country also gave him lots of privileges and protections as well.
When it came time for Ali to repay, he wouldn't go. He didn't pay his dues. Ali
said "no Vietcong ever called me nigger". True, but Vietcong were killing his
countrymen and that should have been enough to make him want to fight, because
This was worse than just calling him names. He never abused the Vietcong for killing his brothers that I remember. There were more than enough black guys fighting in Vietnam, yet Ali placed himself about them by not going. People around him were filling his head with crap. He was so naive he sucked it all in. It wasn't until he got away from those lolly brains that he realized what nonsense he'd been spuikring and then he apologized - too late as someone said. My views on all this have changed recently, when I really stopped to think about it. There were white guys in Vietnam fighting for Ali's way of life against communism. He shouldn't have called them devils. They didn't deserve it, no way did they. That's all a long, long time ago. I'd much rather dwell on the good things he did in the ring and more recently out of it. Guys from that era who still follow boxing probably do so because of him. He made a lot of boxers very wealthy just by the standards he set. I still think he's done more good things than bad. But Vietnam and the events surrounding were a stain on his character, no doubt about it. People who fought in Vietnam when he didn't and who listened to some of the crap that was spuikring have a right to be angry at him if they need to be. I probably would be if it was me.

Noam, you have to be a nut to be on my list so I guess you don't qualify. OK Massimo, Jumpity Bruce jumps all the way to number six on my list.

Howard C, it's never too late to seek treatment from qualified professionals. It usually helps. Think about it. Ali wasn't letting anyone down by not going to Vietnam. His religion compelled him to refuse the draft and that was that. He didn't go and his sincerity can't be questioned given that he is still a Muslim 40 years on. He was wrong with the statements he made, but he admitted that error. What more can he do? We're all being more than a little precious blaming him for words that he spoke in his youth. Let he who has not sinned throw the first stone.

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Noam, either do a little research re: the Nation of Islam or just admit that you do not want to know what they are about. The group is a bit more complex than sporting bow ties and saying things to "upset the apple cart"; their philosophy has never been about pacifism (quite the contrary); and an informed person wouldn't use the word "religion" in the same sentence. You've taken great pains to make a case that your hero renounced them, yet, paradoxically, you imply that they were harmless. Why, then, did the Great One bother, when there was really nothing to renounce at all? As I've said before, you can't have it both ways, facts are stubborn things.

Everybody has the right to their own religion. I have the right to think that religion is a pile of crap. Somebody brings that crap onto S. Broad Street they end up with an American Salute up their ass. You want to honor somebody that won't fight for your country that's fine. That's your right to, and I have the right to think it's a pile of crap. Aint America Great!

Senator Byrd from West Virginia---a former Klansman?---have you heard him denounce his ties to the Klan? I haven't. This is a politician, representing a state, and he has a pretty big voice in the Senate too (long standing member). Ali is a former boxer for crying out loud. Ali was and is a private citizen. He doesn't owe you or anyone else an explanation or an apology for what he did in the 60's. I think Ali still believes in some of the mission he was involved with in the 60's but has serious issues with certain aspects of the means to the end. It was 40 years ago, not two months ago. His statements have served to renounce the aspects of their activities and beliefs that he now feels to have
been wrong. The spirit of rising up against a repressive system, he probably still believed was the right thing to do. Honestly, I have some problems with what he said and did in the 60's, but I have no issue with how he's expressed his changed views. Clearly, the guy is sincere about his religion. He's turned down some Parkinson's treatments that somehow violate his beliefs. I don't understand it, and you might not, just like he wouldn't understand some of my religious practices. The more I think about it, the more you win Fan. That's because you've managed to put Ali's fans on the defensive, talking about his religion, draft evasion, etc. You can't possibly win any debate over how great he was as a boxer (certainly no prayer of Frazier rating a favorable comparison to "The Greatest") , so this red herring has served you well.

Okay, back to real boxing: Prime vs. Prime, Dynamite Dokes vs. Chris Bird---who would win and how?

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Byrd dances circles around Dokes. Dokes was always a bit overrated in my book. Good to be back to boxing!

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On 7/16/05 at 8:58pm Fan wrote:<br><br>"Talk is cheap. I would appreciate a reference supporting the assertion that Ali "renounced" the NOI mythology, aptly summarized as The White Man Is The Devil. Please direct me to a quote, a taped interview etc, which will demonstrate that this is more than wishful thinking on the part of an Ali worshipper."<br><br>Of course, everyone would immediately notice that Fan uses exactly the same insults practised by Forest, who has mysteriously disappeared. We all know that Fan has replaced Forest (who made a fool out of himself with all that "Frazier had smart management" junk). Fan and Forest are one.<br><br>Anyway, I then directed Fan's attention to quotes in which Ali renounced the offending comments. The quote was contained in the book Brutal Artistry, showing that Ali retracted the statement in 1984 (21 years ago). And then I directed Fan's (read Forest's)attention to the Ali interview earlier this year with Sir David Frost.<br><br>Of course, Fan/Forest ignored this proof. He wouldn't come good with his promise that if someone could show that Ali renounced these comments, he would go up "immeasurably" in Fan's/Forest's esteem.<br><br>Fan/Forest, I am not an Ali "worshipper". He is not my "hero". I just happen to think that, however flawed personally, he just happened to be the greatest boxer of all time. You might like to recall that this is a boxing site, not some religious depository to discuss 1960s politics and religious beliefs.<br><br>Fan/Forest, I think you are probably a racist, who despised Ali back in the 1960s. Your hatred of him today is deepened by the fact that much of the world holds him in such high regard, whilst your hero, Quackin' Joe Frazier', haunts bars and police station charge rooms. You asked for quotes, Fan/Forest, and I gave them to you. I compellingly showed that Ali renounced those views. As everyone can see, my talk wasn't cheap. But your honor and your word is.

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I'll add that to my knowledge, Ali has never been accused of "whupping" one of his broads. The same can't be said for another early 70's champion who he lost to once and beat a couple times.

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I have seen Michele Dokes only once, when he lost to Ruddock by knockout in 1990. It was one of the most brutal and impressive knockouts I have ever seen! Ruddock could punch like hell! But one fight is not enough, I don't know who would have won a Bird-Dokes fight. You gave a very good definition of religion. Religion is exactly what you have just said. If this religion was written in every dictionary probably the word would go better! Immagine there's no Heaven, PAN PAN PARAPARAPAN, nothing to killor die for, PAN PAN PARAPARAPAN,
and no religion too, PAN PAN PARAPARAPAN, immagine all the people, living for today, IUUUUU-UUUU, you may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one, I hope someday you'll join us and the world will be as one...Yeah!!

| 7/20/05 05:33:40 PM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 10 | Noam, there are two different Fans. Now you think Forest is both Fans? Maybe Forest is everyone on the site except for you. |

| 7/20/05 07:56:54 PM | Fan | USA | n/a | 10 | Noam, Noam, Noam...am I the only one who feels this is getting tedious? You quoted me accurately - I asked for a reference re: whether Ali had in fact "renounced the mythology of the NOI". But you haven't delivered. Instead, you proffer one author who claims Ali "retracted" - your words - one facially absurd statement (the one about the white devils). "Retracting" a sentence is hardly "renouncing" a belief system, which is what I requested proof of. The NOI mythology (of which you seem blissfully unaware) is a bit more expansive than the "white devil" synopsis. The volume which you have cited is merely some evidence that Ali retracted one statement, (that's all one as informed and committed as yourself could unearth?) which Angelo astutely observed did not approach a turnaround in his beliefs. Noam, I am not Forest, I am not Fandom, I am not a racist, and I have to wonder what Steve and Les have done to "earn" the freedom of speech I thought we Americans all enjoyed, but you have denied me. Please reconsider your decision! What are you, the Minister of Free Think in your little world? I note that after berating Forest (whom you apparently see lurking behind every post) for name calling, you have stooped to just such conduct yourself. A poor debater and a hypocrite to boot - and now a budding psychiatrist referring other posters for professional care! I for one think we've about covered this now. Just remember Noam, if Forest is really out to get you, you're not paranoid. |

| 7/20/05 08:52:21 PM | Angelo | DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Tony Tucker vs. Chris Bird? |

| 7/20/05 09:02:25 PM | Howard C. | Louisville | howardc@louisville | 10 | Forest (oh, I mean Fan) you really are a goose. Noam provided you with what you wanted and like the idiot you are you went back on your word. You must really hate Ali to be filled with such jealousy and resentment. You can't get it through that thick head of yours that people here who praise Ali for his boxing and are critical of some of his personal statements are not hero worshippers like you say. That is Forest shining out of you when you said that. Funny thing, Forest, you can't forgive Ali for some of the things he said and then retracted in 1984, then you never mention Frazier bashing women. I guess that's okay with fools like you. I really have to laugh. You always get it wrong. The funniest example of your dumbness on boxing was when you said that Joe didn't fight big punchers because of smart management. As if fighting with cataracts and partial sight was somehow "smart". What baloney. Every time you get pulled back into line you move onto some other subject to make a fool of yourself again and again and again. Thomas Huaser wrote a book called Brutal Art on boxing. He quoted Ali retracting the statements that so offend you. Huaser is a very respected journalist. YOU YOURSELF FOREST HAVE QUOTED HUASER IN YOUR PREVIOUS POSTS HERE. YOU QUOTED HIM BECAUSE HE WAS CREDIBLE. But now, because it doesn't suit your purposes, you don't accept him as credible. Forest, keep posting please. The comic relief you provide is invaluable. I would miss it if you stopped posting. |

| 7/20/05 09:41:42 PM | Bob Bumbera | NC | renfbera@aol.com | 10 | I agree with you Fan, this is tedious. Byrd kicks Tuckers ass. Calvin Brock would too. |

| 7/20/05 09:50:55 PM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 10 | Tony Tucker vs Byrd would be interesting. Tucker however never really proved to me that he could win coming forward with mean intentions. I think Byrd would probe him enough to get a 7-5 type decision. Tucker was a good fighter although Byrd is very good in my book. |
Okay, gotta work late, setting these Dead Parroters straight. Again. Oops, gotta stop mumbling to myself out loud.)<br>PSST.....LISTEN UP DEAD PARROTERS. Thomas Hauser wrote a book titled Brutal Artistry, published in 2002 by Robson Books. Inside the front cover it reads: "Over the years, Thomas Hauser has earned recognition as America's finest boxing writer. Now the best of his articles on the sweet science have been gathered together in one book." Get the drift, Parroters....the book contains articles Hauser wrote that were published over the years in newspapers. The book was praised by publications, including: Ring Magazine - "No one has done it better"; Los Angeles Times - "Fascinating, very good writing"; Washington Post - "Brilliantly crafted"; Newsweek - "Thought-provoking and engaging." And this is what Hauser wrote about Ali renouncing previously held views: "Ali's views on religion have changed considerably since he was young. IN 1984, HE PUBLICLY REPUDIATED THE SEPARATIST DOCTRINE OF NATION OF ISLAM SPOKESMAN LOUIS FARRAKHAN, DECLARING, "WHAT HE TEACHES IS NOT AT ALL WHAT WE BELIEVE IN. HE REPRESENTS THE TIME OF OUR STRUGGLE IN THE DARK AND A TIME OF CONFUSION IN US, AND WE DON'T WANT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT AT ALL." Later, Ali acknowledged, "WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I FOLLOWED A TEACHING THAT DISRESPECTED OTHER PEOPLE AND SAID THAT WHITE PEOPLE WERE 'DEVILS'. I WAS WRONG. COLOUR DOESN'T MAKE A MAN A DEVIL. IT'S THE HEART AND SOUL AND MIND THAT COUNT.' Dead Parroters: it couldn't be clearer. If you don't understand that, then words have lost all meaning. Angelo - if you go to a site called The Smokin' Gun, you can see a mug shot of Quackin' Joe Frazier when he was arrested by police earlier this year for bashing his girlfriend. The site has photos of Tyson, too. I couldn't find one of Ali there. Noam, it is good Ali said those positive things in 1984 as if he had said them in 1964, he may have wound up dead at the hands of NOI assasins just like his buddy Malcolm X. Those extremists didn't like desertion in their ranks. Kent, I agree. But it wasn't a Black Muslim who shot JFK. Same with Bobbie Kennedy. And Lincoln. Everyone has its ratbags, for whatever dumb reasons. Are you going to tell me that a young Cassius Clay wasn't exposed to racism? Hey, what he said wasn't right, but none of us lived in his shoes. The important thing is what Ali's like morally today. What's Quackin' Joe Frazier like now? He didn't look too good in that mug shot I saw taken earlier this year. Hey Joe, LEAVE THE GIRL ALONE! If "The Big Ducker" did beat his girlfriend it means she wasn't a big puncher! Otherwise he would have ducked her...Just joking! :-) I meant "only joking". Or not maybe "just joking", I'm not sure, sometimes I get "just" and "only" mixed up! Parrots, Quackers, racists, multiple Forests - even Joe Frazier (whom this NOI discussion was never about) I am glad you are here to protect us from them Noam. They're probably all White Devils anyway! Even Joe. But you haven't answered, among others, my question re: selective free speech, Noam. Do you feel a sense of accomplishment in that you apparently chased a regular poster away from the site? Why not try making points without resorting to epithets, but rather by relying on facts and logical inferences drawn from them? As Fandom (you know, AKA Fan, AKA Forest, AKA The Eggman, AKA The Walrus) has agreed (with himself!), let's move on and stop the the name calling if we happen to disagree with someone. Kent, I am not the guy you were thinking of. I think. But check with Noam just in case. You never know.
like Bird by a close, maybe split decision.<br>Massimo: If Joe's "significant other" was Norton, both of them might have ended up with bruises. Norton was a good puncher, but not on the level with Shavers, Cooney and Foreman! Of course, if they were a couple, there might not have been a fight in the first place. Good buddies, you know. | 7/21/05 02:23:02 PM|Italian Stallion|Philly||Unknown|||10|Bernard going to take take that hick to school next time. Bernard made his bones when that kid was in daipers. That kid is going to get knocked out and never fight again, watch| 7/21/05 04:55:31 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Fan, there's a difference between free speech and assuming someone's identity and then posting nasty and malicious celebrations of Ali's deteriorating medical condition and, at the same time, gloating that Frazier feels good about it. Same with wishing Jane Fonda a slow and agonizing death and wanting to push her under a train. This was the nonsense someone assuming the name Forest Ward was spruiking and it's not free speech - it's dangerous speech. <br><br>It's stuff written by a jealous, hateful whacko, a chronic Ali hater, not under his own name, but under the name of a real person named Forest Ward who actually does exist. The real Forest Ward might not share those nasty almost insane views, so why should the imposter be free to suggest otherwise.<br><br>I didn't chase the person who falesly called himself Forest Ward away. When I called him to account for his stupid, hateful comments, he went away.....and then came back under a different name.<br><br>Anyway, Fan, I see you are still avoiding the Thomas Hauser book and Ali's retraction. Are you saying that Hauser is not credible ? Did Hauser lie in his book about Ali changing his views and retracting his statement ? Have The Ring Magazine and all those other publications been duped ?<br><br>Something else. Frazier and his Dead Parrot worshippers think that Joe could walk on water. But his record shows he rarely ventured out of the boat. The times he did - against Ali and Foreman - he lost 4 out of 5 times (and was stopped three times). Hardly something worth worshipping.<br><br>Hey Noam - unless you're really Minister Farakhan, who has mysteriously not been around lately - how 'bout them Yanks! <br><br>Another way of saying I choose not to give you further excuses to name call. (I think everyone will thank me for this.) My point, that Ali is no hero, has been made. Have a good one.<br><br>(No offense to JQ, the ref finally deducted a point for Noam's repeated low blows.) | 7/22/05 06:24:39 AM|mark|sargeant||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|When is Byrd fighting next? Isn't he supposed to be fighting this month against a guy called Sergei something who beat Dominic Quinn on points in December?| 7/22/05 10:05:03 AM|Italian Stallion|Philly||Unknown|||10|One time I seen this 280 pound dude walk up on Bernard. Dude took a swing at Bernard and Bernard threw a compact left hook. The dude crumbled like an accordin. That's street cred.| 7/22/05 10:05:22 AM|Massimo |Roma||fica@fregna.com|||10|I have just seen the
Carlo Monzon–Emilio Griffith legendary fight fought on 2 June 1973. I think Emilio won quite clearly that fight! It was really a great performance for (or by) the 35 years old Emilio. He beat no bum, he beat Carlo Monzon, one of the greatest middleweights ever! But the judges scored the fight in favor of Carlo. It was a very good fight. Carlo disappointed me a little bit in this fight because he didn't show a good use of the jab and he wasn't able to take advantage of his superior wiltness.

7/22/05 11:08:53 AM|Charles Anderson|Arkansas||ctjjandfam@aol.com||10|Stallion, Hopkins don't want no more from Jermain! 4 rounds don't win a fight. If it did they would have had a 4 round championship fight. Get real!!

7/22/05 01:25:55 PM|Kent|Murrieta, CA||Kentallenent@aol.com||10|Charles, last I heard the book on Jerry was put on hold as the author (authors) ran into some possible legal difficulties.

7/22/05 05:20:33 PM|Italian Stallion|Philly||Unknown||10|Bernard is going to end the guy's career. For real you gotta know Bernard is going to knock him out and the guy will never be the same. Think Chavez–What's his name last round. Dude was NEVER The same.

7/22/05 08:08:25 PM|Charles Anderson|Arkansas||ctjjandfam@aol.com||10|Stallion, I like your style, but sounds like you caught one too many from Apollo.

7/22/05 08:20:36 PM|Steve|N.J.||NA||10|Hey Italian Stallion, the fighter your referring to was Meldrick Taylor.

7/22/05 08:50:22 PM|Les.|N.J.||GRUNT9@yahoo.com||10|Boy, it has been and it is, HOT!!! here in the great state of New Jersey. Noam, the race track in Vietnam that you mentioned in one of your post is one of the places that I never saw while I served in the Nam, I spent all of my time in the (Delta) area. I see Steve is back for a visit, hey Oil Can Harry is it hot in your little part of New Jersey!!!. As I stated in one of my last postings, I have very little knowledge about boxing so, as soon as I can come up with a good question I'll ask it. Oil Can Harry, can you teach me anything about boxing?.............

7/22/05 08:56:54 PM|Les.|N.J.||GRUNT9@yahoo.com||10|Hey Oil Can Harry where are you??, not in bed already are you sweetie?? (XOXOXO).............

7/22/05 09:59:20 PM|Steve|NJ||NA||10|Angelo, Ali should have stepped up and gone into the Army. He never would have gone to that bad place. His life would have been much easier. However, had I known what those years would be like, I'd have probably punked out myself. I guess he was just much smarter than I ever was.

7/22/05 10:21:52 PM|Steve|NJ||NA||10|Hey Les, you've got three things going for you. I know you've got a Purple Heart! (Although how you got one in the Delta is a mystery to me.) I know you have the wisdom that our age can provide. And third, I know you were really there in the shit.

7/22/05 10:45:53 PM|Steve|NJ||NA||10|Hey Les, do you remember the old James Cagney movie? The girl says, 'I wish you were more affectionate.' Cagney says 'I wish you where a wishing well so I could stuff you in a bucket and drowned you!'

7/23/05 01:12:02 AM|Oil Can|Cosmos||NA||10|Always jab....Jab....jab

7/23/05 02:41:33 AM|Hulk Hogan|Los Angeles and stick here||Hulkster@Hulkmania.com||10|...I gotta be the best, I am a real American, I have all the rights of every man, I am a real American, I have the rights, I have the rights!!!! Greetings to all you brothers, Hulkmania will live forever, God bless America!

7/23/05 04:09:09 AM|Noam|Same||Same||10|Les, I heard that there was a major battle at that race track called Phu Toey offensive. They still race ponies there and bet on results. I might go there. Is the Vietnamese beer any good? I'd ask Steve but he only drinks whiskey and lots of it.

7/23/05 04:27:05 AM|Jumpity Bruce|Jumpville||Jumpity.com||10|EEK eek eek a eek eek, eek eek a eek eek. Jump Jump jump jump jump jump jump jump jump jump
Hey Jumpity, you're the n.1 in my book! Kent needs a bit more time to understand how great you are.

An in prime Holmes vs Foreman (1974), who would have won?

I have just seen on ESPN Classic Holmes vs Frank and the fight was interesting. Larry dominated Scott for almost the entire fight even if, at the end of round 2 Scott DID hurt Holmes with two consecutive hard right hands (Larry admitted he was hurt). Holmes was a great fighter, he had all the tools, he was a true master, but Scott Frank was not that bad too. Scott was a good fighter with a good punch.

Hey guys, I have just found something interesting in the Larry Holmes's site. A guy asked Larry Holmes the following question: LARRY, I READ ONCE THAT YOU SPENT SOME TIME SPARRING WITH JOE FRAZIER. HOW HARD DID HE HIT IN COMPARISON TO OTHERS LIKE COONEY AND NORTON? And Larry Holmes answered (or responded):

Joe Frazier hit harder than Cooney and Norton. In fact Joe broke my ribs while sparring and wouldn't let me take any time off. if I took time he was going to fire me. Joe was tuff, he would come at you to knock you out. I always had to be prepared to spar with Joe, you couldn't relax in the ring with Joe.

But still the hardest puncher was Shavers. When Earnie missed, the wind of his punch could knock you out. Cooney had a hard left hook that was devastating at times and Norton tried to knock you out from the first bell.

Maybe Joe Frazier was a ducker, but he certainly wasn't too bad as a fighter!

Hey Stallion, I pity the fool who messes with Clubber Lang!

Hey! I pity the fool who messes with Clubber Lang!

Massimo, I've been visiting Holmes's website without posting for a long while and it is very interesting over there. Larry answers questions personally and he doesn't like George Foreman.

Holmes v Foreman would have been very interesting. At first glance I would have said that Larry would have outboxed Foreman and have been able to stay away from him using his jab. George would have tired mid-fight and Larry cruises home to win on point. But the other side of the coin is that even with all his tremendous boxing skills, what would have happened in the likely event that Larry got hit in the early rounds. Larry's jaw wasn't as reliable as Ali's and that would make him more vulnerable to George's power.

Add other factors (ie, not fighting in Zaire in the suffocating heat) and you can expect that George would be stronger and be able to fight longer than he did against Ali.

So, the result? Either Larry outlasts George and wins on points, or George pounds Larry early and stops him cold before his jab takes charge.

I think if this fight happened AFTER Foreman got beat by Ali, then Foreman would have been sufficiently wised-up to avoid all the pitfalls and he beats Holmes.

However, if the fight happened BEFORE Ali beat Foreman, then George wouldn't have known his weaknesses and Larry would have been smart enough to fully manipulate those defects to win on points.

I can't tell you about the beer that we had in Nam because, Nam is where I learned to drink
whiskey at the age of (18&19), up until about (5) yrs. ago it was always, "Makers Mark" or "old Grandad". Yo!!, Stevey boy, now you know that the Delta was, (No Picnic), just as i'm sure were you served was the same. I'm sure that both of us did our fair share of the fighting. Oil Can, have i ever arrested you?? I sure do miss Frank Rizzo, now there was a cops cop!!, i'd put Rizzo in the ring with anyone when he was in his prime, even you Oil Can......... | 7/24/05 05:41:30 AM|Noam|same|same|same|||10|Les - the whiskey in Vietnam, I think, is called Mekong Whiskey and it is made from rice and, obviously, named after the great river. I'm told it knocks your socks off and I'm looking forward to drinking it if I ever go over there.<br><br>General Westmoreland died a day or two ago, aged 91. What is your take on him, having served under him in Vietnam ? | 7/24/05 07:28:09 AM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|I don't know much about what happened in Vietnam, I was only (-4) years old in 1968. But I know that that was a particularly rough and tough war. Nobody enjoyed himself there. Steve, did you enjoy yourself there in Vietnam ? Are you still missing Vietnam ? I am not trying to be unrespectful, I am just kidding (even if probably I shouldn't on such a subject). I have seen the Rambo movies, but actually they don't seem very realistic to me. Sincerely I don't think a man alone (even if pretty good with weapons) can beat an entire army. Maybe only Hulk Hogan could.| 7/24/05 01:44:06 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|Just re-saw the Bonavena-ALI match, as usual clutchess Clay held Bonavena like a long lost ant, And not so much as a warning, Kind of frustrating to watch, he'd been great at the WWF! Bonavena did a great job and like Frazier never complained. Quarry-Bonavena old topic? I read John Gerards version, And I agree totally, Gil Clancy trained both, Clancy and Quarry where going after the title in 73'(champion-GEORGE FOREMAN) and they would not have took a match with Oscar, if they were not very confident of a QUARRY VICTORY.JERRY HAD A BETTER "COMMON OPPONENT RECORD" And beat more world-rankers 8 to 4 for Bonavena. But its hard to say, Bonavena reminded me of a Giant Art Hafey, as they loaded up every punch. Little Canadian Art would try to Ko you with a jab. Read an old Los Angeles times article ON QUARRY'S BROTHER IN LAW middleweight Mike Nixon, the times said Nixon had everything including a chin MADE IN A CHINA SHOP. I wouldn't tell Mike that!ha. APRIL 22 1977 WAS JERRY'S CELEBRITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS, Jerry looked like a million bucks. It was in Anaheim Hills I believe. They sure had a lot of big names, I think Jerry liked the common folk better. I know he could'nt believe the egos! When he competed in the "SUPERSTARS"! 7/24/05 03:31:18 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Jimmy D, you haven't been around for a while.  What do you think of my revised list of all time nuts that have posted here?  A TIE FOR FIRST PLACE!<br><br>1. Koo Koo Klock<br>1. Foolface<br>3. Looney Tunes<br>4. The Muffinman<br>5. Jumpity Bruce<br>6. Brother DKS<br>More to follow when I remember more of the kooks.| 7/24/05 05:03:26 PM|Massimo|La citta' dei Cesari|||10|The fight against Ali' was Bonavena's greatest fight! He gave Ali' hell for 14 rounds and a half. At the end of the fight he was so tired that my mother could have whipped his ass. But Bonavena was just too tall ("tall" means "wilt") for the WWF. In the WWF they don't want people over 5'9", they love (the) midgets! Let alone Ali'! I would bet on Jerry against Bonavena, if Jerry don't get stopped on cuts, he beats Oscar. Close to call tough(spelling).| 7/24/05 05:05:25 PM|Massimo |La citta' dei Cesari|||10|I meant Ali' was so tired that...| 7/24/05 05:14:13 PM|Noam|same|same|||10|Hi, Jimmy, interesting comments on Ali hanging on like a big ant to Bonavena. But I have to say that Frazier out did Ali for hanging on. <br><br>Frazier fought Bonavena in December 1968. In the second round Oscar knocked Frazier down twice. Frazier wrote of the first
knockdown, "I was aware of my surroundings, and conscious of being in big damn trouble, as I got to my feet...." Frazier then wrote at page 50 of his book, "The challenge became to survive the round. But when Bonavena knocked me down a second time, pushing me more than punching me this time, it added to the pressure I was under. I was this close, now, to being beaten....." The three knockdown rule applied and Frazier had been knocked down twice already. So what did he do? I'll let Joe tell the story, "With more than a minute left in the round, I did what I had to. I grabbed Bonavena and drew him into a clinch. He couldn't push me away quickly enough, desperate-crazy as he was to land that punch that would put me on the canvas a third and final time. But I had enough survivor's instincts to stall him...." And later, "But I stayed close to him, trying to smother his punching room. And when I could, I grabbed his arms and held him until the referee broke the clinch." Frazier held on and won a controversial split decision! He looked like a Preying Mantis he held on so much. I have to make the point that Ali held on to Bonavena because he was tired in his second fight back from a three year layoff. He then stopped Bonavena. On the other hand, Frazier held on for desperate survival. He had nothing left except the "instinct" to hold on. While Frazier has always whinged about Ali holding on, truth is holding on saved Frazier from being stopped against Bonavena in 1968. Holding on saved Joe's career and the fact that it was Bonavena - who was not a big puncher - who did the damage, put Joe on alert that he was vulnerable. That's why the very next fight after Bonavena he fought Dave Zyglwicz. Who ?, I hear you saying. I'll let Joe tell you himself. "But Ziggy, as they called him, wasn't getting up on this night, not with what I'd laid on him. It was the second-fastest knockout in heavyweight-title history - thirty-six seconds of the first round. A forty-thousand dollar quickie payday for me." The press made the fight out to be a farce and wondered out loud whether Smokin' Joe was ducking the serious contenders to fight dogmeat...." Frazier actually gave 'Dogmeat' a shot at the heavyweight title. Imagine that. He chose 'Dogmeat' the very next fight after Bonavena knocked him down twice giving him the fright of his boxing life. Do you guys think that Joe chose 'Dogmeat' because he was a light puncher who posed no risk ? I do. Thanks. | 7/24/05 06:11:41 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Once again Noam is playing with the facts. Noam you don’t know what you are talking about half of the time. You may not be in the top of the nuts who have visited here but you sure are near the top of the posters who play with the facts to back up their illogic. Frazier fought Bonevena for the first time (they fought twice) in September 1966, the fight in which Bonevena knocked down Joe twice in the second round. Yes Joe held on to Bonevena to survive the round but he got up and did enough to pull out the win for the rest of the fight. Following Frazier/Bonevena 1, Frazier took on Eddie Machen in November 1966 and Doug Jones in Februbary 1967, two world class fighters, not push overs. Frazier fought Bonevena a second time in December of 1968 in a title defense, taking a big chance after their tough first fight, and Joe won a fifteen round decision to retain his title. Yes Frazier did take on easy touch Zgilewicz in his next fight in April 1969 but after this one, he fought Jerry Quarry in June 1969, a top rated contender, hardly a push over. Noam, next time recheck your facts before you post misinformation. | 7/24/05 07:37:07 PM|Noam|same||same||10|Kent - there's a difference between "playing with the facts" or making a genuine error. One's a lie, the other's not. You should know as you're experienced at both. Yes, the first Bonevena fight with the two knockdowns was in 1966. That was an error. I wouldn't deliberately deceive you on that as I'd surely know that the error would be picked up, as has now been the case. But the fact survives
that Frazier knew early in his career - in 1966 as Kent correctly points out and not two years later as I stated in error - that he had a suspect jaw. He was knocked down twice by Bonavena and only survived a stoppage by holding on. That was the central point and the purpose of my post. Jimmy indicated that Ali held on to Bonavena. I commented that Frazier did the same. The point was correct even if the year was wrong. To suggest otherwise, Kent, like you have done, is the dishonesty, not citing a wrong year in error. I would have expected better from a serial name-dropper constantly big noting himself as a journalist and philanthropist. (Draw up a list of 'big noters' and put yourself at the top Kent; you win by knockout.) By the way, the point about Zyglwicz is also correct. Frazier fought him in 1969. It was a title fight. Journalists alleged he was fighting 'dogmeat'. The fight was a farce. There was no playing with facts there either, Kent. Argue facts, not cheap shots about a minor honest error that doesn't change the issue involved. Kent, if you want to correct me on dates or whatever then please do it politely. Don't falsely accuse someone of deceit when it was obviously just a mistake. It does your own credibility harm. Thanks. 

Kent - one more thing. It's B O N A V E N A, not "Bonevena" as you incorrectly posted. Spelling is important to budding journalists. Take the time to get it right and you'll do better.

Joe Louis made a career out of it. How come you aren't putting him down too?

Tell me who was available who Louis didn't fight. I've already told you who Joe didn't fight. Let's examine your claim that Frazier didn't take the easy way out after the scare and two knockdowns against Bonavena in 1966. His first fight after that near loss against Bonavena was against Machen. By then Machen was 33 and near the end of his career. He'd won his last three fights, including a split decision, against Johnson, Quarry, and Orbillo. But before then he hadn't had a win in his last five fights. When he fought Joe he hadn't knocked anyone out for 30 months. Hardly frightening opposition. Frazier then fought Doug Jones, who was 30 years old and near the end of his career, too. The fight before Jones had lost to Thad Spencer. The fight before that he'd lost to Ernie Terrell. Once again, not frightening opposition. Not someone likely to test his jaw that was exposed by Bonavena. (Spencer and Terrell were available, by the way, but Joe didn't want them.) Next fight was Jeff Davis. He'd lost 6 of his last 12 fights. Not a danger. I'd have a chance against him. George Johnson was next. Before fighting Frazier this guy had 24 fights. He'd won only eight of them. Johnson wouldn't have scared a old woman off a toilet seat. Then Joe fought Chuvalo, who had lost to Bonavena only the year before. By then Joe had already beaten Bonavena so he wasn't stepping up a peg by taking Chuvalo on. Before Frazier, Chuvalo had knocked out the below household names Ray, Besmanoff, Wipperman, Brown, McCormick, Russell, Avery, and Turnbow. I guess you would have had to have been alive then to have heard of these guys. Either that or been married to them. Next guy was Tony Doyle. He'd had 23 fights before Frazier for 18 wins (only 9 ko's). His two fights before Frazier he'd beat Dave Centi and Clifford Gray (yes, I agree, who ?). Less than a year before fighting Frazier, Doyle had lost to someone named Jimmy James Rossette. Doyle wasn't King Kong. Joe's next fight was against Marian Connors (or Connors). No one
seems certain of the correct spelling of his last name. I can't find his fight record anyway, probably because he is so insignificant. Yet Joe fought him.

Frazier fought all these above guys in 1967. And it was also in 1967 when Frazier refused to fight in the WBA elimination tournament. He'd been fighting losers like Jeff Davis, George Johnson, Tony Doyle, and someone named Marion Connors (not even James Rockford could find him), yet Frazier maintains that he was too good to fight in the elimination tournament.

As I said, Kent, the near knockout loss to Bonavena in 1966 frightened the pants off Joe. We can tell that by the standard of opposition he fought in 1967. Toy ducks are more frightening.

| 7/25/05 04:54:14 AM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 10 | Good post Noam, however I still think Joe was top notch. I will admit that you did a nice job with the record. You can get records for anyone at boxrec.com. |
| 7/25/05 11:10:31 AM | Kent | Murrieta, CA | Kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Noam, in 1966 Frazier was climbing the ladder so taking Machen and Jones, veterans he could learn from but still tough enough that victory had a chance of not happening, after all Machen had recently handed Jerry Quarry his first loss, is a common way to build a fighter. One of your main points was how Frazier had taken it easy by fighting Dave Ziggy after nearly losing to Bonavena but when the truth is he fought Quarry after Ziggy, soon after Bonavena 2 not Bonevena 1. There is a big difference between Ziggy and (Jones and Machen). You have used incomplete or inaccurate information more than once than you get offended when it is pointed out to you. Remember when you posted several times that Jimmy Ellis had not won in four years prior to fighting Frazier for the second time? When the truth is he won eleven fights in that time period. Then you said you meant he had only won one fight in his last four fights to fight Frazier for the second time? |
had to. Consider this. Bonavena knocked him down twice in September 1966. Joe's next fight was against Doug Jones, who had LOST HIS LAST TWO FIGHTS. Next patsy, Jeff Davis. HE HAD LOST THREE OF HIS LAST FOUR FIGHTS. Next patsy, George Johnson. HE'D WON ONLY 3 OF HIS LAST 10 FIGHTS. Johnson had a career record of 8 wins from 24 fights. Johnson had lost to Machen, and Machen had already been beaten by Frazier. Joe was going down in quality, not up. He was fighting guys who'd already lost to guys Joe had already beaten. Frazier then fought Chuvalo in July 1967. In August 1966 Chuvalo lost to Bonavena. And in September 1966 Frazier had beaten Bonavena. Once again, Joe was going down in quality, not up. He never wanted to take the prettiest girl to the dance. Joe only wanted the scrubbers. Next patsy was Tony Doyle. He was an absolute nobody. He'd beaten Centi, Gray, Rossette, Leslie, who probably had day jobs as hairdressers and kindergarten teachers. Joe next fought Marion Connors. There's no proof that Conners actually existed. No one has his fight record. No one saw the fight. There is no film of it. No one knows the correct spelling of his last name. (This might be one for the full mooners.) The point being, Kent, after his near death experience against Bonavena, Joe went into hiding. They wrapped him in cotton wool. His opposition standard went down in quality, not up. It was tune down after tune down after tune down. And then Frazier refused to enter the WBA elimination tournament. He said that he was too good to fight the other seven contenders and that the title should be 'deemed' to him because he'd already proved he was the best. AGAINST WHO - DAVIS, JOHNSON, DOYLE, AND CONNERS? QUACK, QUACK, QUACK.

Kent, you gotta get YOUR facts right. When Frazier fought Ellis in Melbourne, this was Ellis's record in preceding fights:

- Loss to Joe Bugner
- Loss to Ron Lyle
- Draw with Larry Middleton
- Loss to Boone Kirkman
- Win over Memphis Jones
- Knocked out first round by Earnie Shavers
- When he fought Frazier the second time, Ellis hadn't won in his last FOUR FIGHTS, and he'd only won ONE of his last 6 FIGHTS.

And you say that Frazier never took the easy route. | 7/25/05 06:41:54 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Noam -<br>Very honestly, I think there is some exaggeration in what you just said. I have the tape of the Frazier-Bonavena first fight and Joe didn't hold that much, not even in the second round, when Bonavena knocked him down one and a half times (the second time it was more a push than a hard punch). Actually Frazier was always the aggressor in this fight. I think at the end of the 10 rounds he deserved at least a draw (and very likely was ahead by 1 point, maybe even 2). Besides that Joe did beat Oscar again two years later and in a pretty impressive way. I agree with you that Frazier didn't fight many hard punchers and this tarnishes his reputation a little bit, but he was a great fighter in my book (and my book is interesting). |

Not a very good fighter right? Only if you never were in the ring with him!! Ol Scrap-Iron fought hard 100 percent of the time and if Mike Tyson had his heart, Tyson would have been unbeatable. Anybody who ever fought Johnson during his career that lasted from 1958 to 1975 knew they were in a real fight.
5'9" tall but strong at about 210 pounds. He was just a step below the world class main event level and he lost to George Foreman, Sonny Liston, Joe Frazier, Ron Lyle, Jerry Quarry, (three times), Bugner, Eddie Machen, Henry Clark, Thad Spencer, Boone Kirkman, and Duane Bobick. At his own level, as a club fighter, he was 19-9-5, not a great record but respectable. Noam, Frazier fought Bonavena, Machen, and Doug Jones in his 12th, 13th, and 14th career fights, pretty tough competition early in someone's career. It is you who view Frazier through emotion, extreme dislike for the man and the fighter.

Hi Massimo - I quoted on the Bonavena fight from Frazier's book. I used his words. At page 49 this is what Frazier says of the first knockdown: "Bonavena hurt me with that right hand, hurt me like I hadn't been hurt since Georgey Boy had sledgehammered me that first day in the PAL gym....and when I hit the canass it was as though I'd been awakened abruptly from a deep sleep." And after the second knockdown, when there was a minute left to drop Joe a third and final time (3 knockdown rule), Frazier wrote, "With more than a minute left in the round, I did what I had to do. I grabbed Bonavena and drew him into a clinch....I stayed close to him, trying to smother his punching room. And when I could, I grabbed his arms and held him until the referee broke the clinch." Hey Massimo, blame Frazier for exaggeration, not me.

Kent - get your head out of silly, petty, trivial stuff and argue the issues. Look at the facts. Frazier was fighting down in opposition, not fighting up. He was fighting guys who'd already been beaten by guys he'd already beaten. For the entire 1967. No new horizons there. You said that others were ducking Frazier. Yet of the 8 fighters chosen to enter the elimination tournament, only one refused.....JOE FRAZIER ! The others were all prepared to fight Joe but Joe wouldn't enter the tournament to fight them. Joe said he was too good. Have a look at the quality of opposition on which that boast was based. It was BS, big time, but you idolise Frazier that much you can't admit it. Dead Parrot hall-of-famer.

Hey, this is George Johnson's fight record below BEFORE he fought Frazier in 1967: beat Brown, loss to Machen, beat Umek, loss to Quarry, drew with Leslie, drew with Ramos, beat Harryman, loss to Rush, loss to Clark, loss to Lincoln, beat Rogers, loss to Rogers, loss to Spencer, loss to Moore, loss to Kendall, beat Moore, drew with Davey, beat Crear, beat Bennett, drew with Turman, lost to Cab, loss to Fleeman, beat Bowser, loss to Carroll. I got this from Box Rec. Before Frazier, Johnson had had 24 fights for 12 losses, 4 draws, and 8 wins. His record is awful, yet Frazier fought him. You can't avoid that awful truth by averting attention with petty, trivial, meaningless interjections. Next thing you'll have us arguing about what colour shorts they were wearing. Get real for once. By the way, I should say thanks. When the new guy Les came along, I said to my girlfriend, "Watch for Kent jumping in as quick as he can to impress Les by big noting." We had a small wager and you didn't let me down. Ta.

Oh, my apologies Noam, you were talking about Johnson's record going into the Frazier fight not his entire record. But he was still a very tough fighter. Who gave a lot, even in losing efforts. A fighter learns his trade fighting guys like him and any prospect that loses to him is written off. An important test anyway and a way for someone like Frazier to stay active. By the way, the record of Johnson I spoke of was BEFORE he fought Frazier. It was an appalling 24 fights for 12 losses, 4 draws and only 8 wins. His OVERALL record was 47 fights, for 23 losses, 5 draws, and 19 wins. By my calculation Johnson won only 40 % of
his fights, yet you describe him as "one of the toughest fighters of ALL TIME."<br>You are easily pleased. No wonder you adore Frazier. Compared to Johnson, Frazier WAS God. :)

| 7/25/05 08:34:51 PM | Angelo | dc | funktron@yahoo.com | |||10|Kent: I generally respect your opinion, but rather than accuse Noam and other Frazier skeptics of exag errating facts, you should consider the fact that in effect, you are rationalizing Frazier's lack of top opponents in the 70's. You have an explanation for every important contender he "missed" and it sounds an awful lot like rationalizing. Tune-ups, slow-downs, too old, too young, not ready, too good to fight, bad timing, etc. Everyone else managed to fight each other but Frazier slid past the pack. It's old already to talk about how the others weren't ready for him until he was too old. That's utter nonsense. Ron Lyle would have fought him at any point after Frazier lost the title and if you think about it, you know it's true. Shavers took on Quarry---for $75,000 (what they paid Stiff Jimmy in '75) Shavers would have fought Frazier and Ali on the same night. It's really bogus to imply that other guys' management were protecting them from Frazier, especially after Foreman bounced him around the ring like a soccer ball. The mystique was over after the third knockdown and it got downright silly after the fifth one. After the sixth knockdown (in what, five minutes?) Frazier's cover was blown wide open. It took "careful management" to protect him from Shavers and Lyle, not the other way around. Also, one last point, a true great, Ali, came back at an old age to fight a real contender, Trevor Berbick. Frazier came back to fight Floyd Cummings. I rest my case. |

| 7/25/05 09:55:18 PM | Steve | nj | na | |||10|Massimo, yes, you are being disrespectful. I don't miss NAM! Why would you ask me such a question? Have I ever given you the impression that I am a man who would miss or enjoy such an experience? I did not bring this obscene subject up again. Mister tough guy, Les, is just like me. He will keep bringing it up, because he can't let go. |

| 7/25/05 09:58:06 PM | Mike Stevens | Ohio | brownssbright.net | |||10|Angelo, did you ever consider the tax implications of fighting for five or six figure purses twice in one year? Maybe there just weren't enough purses for everybody to fight everybody in the seventies. |

| 7/25/05 10:15:13 PM | Steve | nj | na | |||10|Joe Frazier would not have any reason to duck anyone....he was a great fighter and great champion....you can argue his weaknesses but not his heart or determination. Why duck Lyle or Shavers? Who did THEY ever beat? Neither was in the same class as Frazier. |

| 7/25/05 10:21:41 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | |||10|Noam, have you ever seen a live fight? Even the winners get hit and hit hard. Scrap-Iron Johnson was a step below world class fighters and if you had seen him fight, you would know how tough he really was and he did hang in tough and hit the better known fighters hard. If Jerry Quarry was around today, he would set you straight about Ol Scrap Iron. Was he great? No way! He wasn't even considered good to a lot of people. But was tough as nails with the heart of a lion who would fight anybody any time, often with no notice. He was afraid of no one. I also feel honored that I have met him and no I don't really know him but he seems like a fine man as well. Noam, to you Scrap Iron Johnson is just a name on a list, a record. But he was a real fighter, a warrior in his own right. |

| 7/25/05 10:30:30 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | |||10|Noam, as Les will tell you, he's tried to arrest me on numerous occasions, but couldn't pull it
off, because I hadn't drank enough whisky. So, instead, he'd call for back up, then beat me into what he thought was submission, and leave me laying in the street. You never hurt me, Les!

Kent, Jimmy D., Max, Bob, Angelo, Les, where all either fighter's or were ringside for some great, bloody fights!! So, All I'm asking is don't be so quick to judge if you've never got punched in the face so hard, that your hands and feet go numb and refuse to obey your normal brain commands.

Kent, instead of being insulting asking whether I've ever seen a fight live, and also accusing me of hating Frazier (which is untrue), stop and reflect for a second or two. Any time I have mentioned Frazier's deteriorating speech, I have always qualified the observation by saying that it is "sad". Yet when the person wrongly calling himself Forest Ward celebrated Ali's seriously deteriorating medical condition, you said nothing. You didn't protest. That suggests hatred, because you have the habit of picking everyone else up on miniscule errors.

Dead Parroters then attacked Ali personally. He wasn't sincere about his religion, he was bad for not going to war, blah, blah, blah. I merely replied that Frazier was no role model either. An alcoholic. Father of many children to many different wives. Recently charged by police with bashing one of his girlfriends.

A Dead Parroter challenged someone to bring to notice a credible quote showing that Ali had renounced controversial views spoken in the 1960s, including the 'white men are devils' comment. I did that quoting from a published book (Brutal Artistry), written by a very credible and widely acclaimed author (Thomas Hauser). Once again, you said nothing. You knew that Thomas Hauser is highly respected but you were happy to let an inaccuracy ride, because that inaccuracy discredited Ali, the man you obviously hate.

Next Jimmy says that Ali clinched a lot against Bonavena. You being the self-proclaimed encyclopaedia of boxing, I thought you might come in and balance the issue. Not you. You hate Ali too much to do that.

So I then accurately quoted from Frazier's own book proving that Frazier clinched much more against Bonavena than Ali did. Frazier clinched to stop himself being knocked out. It save his career. He admitted it in his book.

You see, when facts are used against Kent, he doesn't argue them back like a balanced and fair budding journalist would. Instead Kent becomes a nitpicking proofreader. I wrote 1968 and it should have been 1966. I wrote years instead of fights. I left out the word before. Kent went hysterical accusing me of playing with the truth, not researching, blah, blah, blah. Any typographical error Kent could highlight to deflect focus from compelling facts he couldn't answer any other way.

Along the way Kent fascinated us with ridiculous arguments of tune ups, tune downs, couldn't fight him because he liked him too much, Ellis Mach 2 was the meanest guy available, everyone was ducking Frazier and not the other way around, and on it went on its very silly way almost hilarious. Hence the tag Dead Parroter came into vogue. It fits them.

Now Kent, you've outdone yourself. George Johnson - Kent has proclaimed - was "one of the toughest fighters of all time". Really? Johnson only won 19 of his 47 career fights. Alongside Johnson, Ellis Mach 2 even looks like King Kong.

Yes, Kent, I've been to fights. Yes, Kent, I've met fighters, managers, and credible boxing journalists. And yes, Kent, I've even been in fights personally. The difference between you and me, however, is that you big note about your involvement and I don't.

I again say after Bonavena knocked Joe down twice, Frazier went into a shell, wrapped himself in cotton wool, and fought patsies. He fought guys who had already been beaten by guys he'd already beaten. The quality of opposition went down, not up. He ducked the elimination tournament when the other seven guys were all prepared to fight him. QUACK. QUACK. QUACK.
criticize (Massimo and Angelo, too). I was just wise cracking. Teasing you. I've broken bones in my hands also. The middle knuckle on my right hand the worst and at a young age I already have arthritis in it. I've probably had six concussions from contact sports, broken my wrists four times, fractured my skull, various knee injuries, and damaged a disc in my lower spine. I had one leg injury where I was on crutches for a year. I have some allergies and I had a discharge once that.....oops. |  
| 7/26/05 12:18:37 AM|steve |nj|na|||10|Kent and Noam ,Scrape Iron Johnson,a bad ass top twenty fighter during the late sixties and early seventies.Would you put your coming up fighter in with him?|  
| 7/26/05 01:11:57 AM|steve |nj|na|||10|Kent,check out Les Woephle's record,if you can.He was a fair to middling heavyweight in the P.A.L. PROGRAM, in the early sixties.Not a nice man.Then he went to Vietnam.He's a friend of mine.I think.|  
| 7/26/05 01:23:54 AM|steve |nj|na|||10|Noam,you sound like a pretty tough troop.Have you been in the Military?If so,give me your unit.I know you didn't get that many broken bones in civilian life!|  
| 7/26/05 01:42:11 AM|steve |NJ|NA|||10|Kent,man,are you right!Just because you win a fight ,doesn't mean you didn't get hit hard,and hurt!you will be so sore you don't want to get out of bed.When you do get up ,your usually pissing blood.|  
| 7/26/05 04:18:17 AM|Noam|same|same|||10|Steve - the most painful injury I got was one I forgot to mention - a dislocated right shoulder. When it happened the whole arm went numb from the neck down and I honestly thought that my arm had somehow been pulled off and was no longer there. I opened my eyes, saw it was still there, but I couldn't move my fingers or bend the elbow. And when I realized the arm WAS there, that's when it HURT. I shoulda kept my damn eyes shut. I've never felt pain like it. Give me a broken wrist any time. The loss of control of the arm really shocked me, too, and was a terrible sensation and traumatic by itself. I wouldn't let them put it back in without a needle.<br><br>Concussions from knocks to the head are different almost every time. Some times you're conscious but you are dizzy and have a headache and later become very nauseous and vomit. Bright lights make it worse. Other times you are fully awake and look okay to those around you but you don't recall a thing about the incident. You remember nothing at all and there is no pain. It's just like a period of time in your life never happened.<br><br>The worst thing about getting a hiding in a fight is usually not the pain of a black eye or bleeding nose or whatever. It's the physical exhaustion and the pain in your lungs. If you keep fighting when someone is beating you, you spend every last bit of energy and air in your lungs and having nothing left and being virtually defenseless is the most awful feeling. It hurts to breath and even blink.<br><br>Ever been punched on the ear ? That is painful too. You can't bear to touch it. You can't sleep with that side of the head on the pillow. I'd rather have tooth ache.<br><br>Water on the knee is also painful. I began getting that playing golf. A bug was annoying me while I was trying to play a shot. So I hit the bug with my nine iron. Problem was the bug was on my right knee. It blew up all swollen and the doctor had to drain it with a needle. That hurt. It also felt like there were small crystals in the knee and when you moved it there was excruciating pain. I'll put up with the bug next time.<br><br>The four broken wrists I got, one was at home when I was about five years old. My sister promised to catch me if I jumped from a balcony. She lied. The other three breaks were from sports. My memory is that apart from the first one, the other three breaks didn't hurt much. <br><br>The broken right knuckle was from punching the wrong part of someone's head. I got his forehead and not his nose and it drove my big knuckle back into my hand. If you do it enough, the knuckle becomes very hardened, much harder than before, and swells right up. The nerves around it seem to die over time and that big knuckle makes a punch much more
effective. It's different if you break the little bones behind the knuckles. They never grow back over stronger and hence cause you more problems. | 7/26/05 08:22:24 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Noam, when you keep posting inaccurate information and then writing it off as being unimportant as if we think you should be right just because it isn't a big deal that the statistics or quotes you use are not completely right.<br><br>But how can anyone prove a point if he often misquotes stats or misquotes someone?<br><br>Once again, I posted George "Scrap Iron" Johnson was one of the toughest fighters from his time, not all time as all time is too long of a period to claim and you misquoted me a second time.<br><br>Does it change your arguments? No, in this case not much but it makes me wonder what else you are getting wrong.<br><br>The reason I wondered if you have seen live boxing is because you would see journeymen fighters like Scrap Iron battling it out and losing rounds, even most of the rounds in the fight, to headlining fighters but often not by much, maybe a few telling punches, but the blood, sweat, and guts are very real, much more than on television and the loser of a round in most cases does land hard shots himself.<br><br>I figured a veteran fan such as yourself would have more respect for the journeyman than you seem to have.<br><br>Steve, lets not give Ol Scarp Iron too much credit as he was never anything close to a top twenty fighter but he was one tough cookie and no one can take that from him.<br><br>Once again I am not a journalist here, just relaxing. I do think in the near future I will submit an article to Eastside Boxing about Frazier's place in history and it would be interesting to see what the fans think about Frazier, they can write in and instantly make comments on the subject the articles are about.<br><br>I think both Noam's and Angelo's comments will be very short (or brief, I mean "breve", "succinto", "lapidario"):...OOOOOOOHMMMMMM....OOOOOOHHHH....OOOOOOOHMMMM....SUSPENSE......IT'S ALMOST TIME...NOW IT'S TIME:QUACK,QUACK!!!!<br><br>This place has gotten a little weird lately. However I do have some tape of old Scrap and I will say this for him, he was game. He was tough, took on all comers and his record reads like a who's who of heavyweight boxing. Was he a good fighter? No, however if he was managed differently he could have had a good record. When you fight the guys he fights consistently you lose fights.<br><br>In fairness, you should mention in your article that there are people who question Frazier's place in history—and refute our arguments. It could be a sort of point/counterpoint. All joking aside, it really is fascinating stuff. I think a lot of us here are knowledgable fight fans and it is very interesting how polarizing this argument is. It really goes to show that reasonable people can have opposite points of view (and I think) do a good job of arguing their positions. For me, it isn't all personal issues with Frazier---it's that I think it always comes back to his "shutting Ali up" claim. It bugs me that one win, one fifteen round decision against a guy who had been away too long, waives Frazier into the all time greats category. Aside from that win, he lost the rest of his fights to the two best guys he was matched against, Ali and Foreman. His best wins were over Quarry twice and the first Ellis win. He looked bad winning some other fights and looked good against stiffs and washed up fighters. By my own acknowledgement, Frazier's close to the Top Ten of all-time heavyweights, at or about #10, which is pretty good. I've never questioned his courage or heart, and I've always said that his management is more responsible for the contenders missed on his record—that Frazier would have fought ANYBODY, but that his management steered him away from dangerous punchers after Foreman beat him.<br><br>Angelo, I think Frazier's second win
Bonavena was a good fighter, but let's not put him on too high a pedestal. He was a tough guy who came to fight—-I don't view him as ever having been a title threat or a premier heavyweight. Jerry Quarry was a title threat who fell just short, fighting in a very competitive era. Bonavena was a great opponent in a very competitive era, but not a title threat. Earning a title shot means that he had a chance---but it would be a big upset, at least in my mind, to see him get the belt. Richard Dunn, Jean-Pierre Coopman, Randy Cobb, Renaldo Snipes, Alfredo Evangelista---go ahead and add some more names---they all got title shots, but it would have been a big upset if any of them won. Ditto for Bonavena. Frazier getting a good win against him was nice, but expected---not any type of monumental accomplishment.

At least Joe Frazier proved he had the guts ("guts" means "coglioni" "palle") to fight (or of fighting) him again after what Oscar did to him in their first fight!

I agree. Frazier also took on Foreman a second time after the fiasco that was the first fight. It's hard to question Frazier's courage, but not hard to question the omission of some of the era's heavy knockout punchers from his record. It was that "smart management" that kept him away from the Ron Lyle's of the world. I picture a Frazier-Lyle fight unfolding. If they both just moved forward and started winging punches from the first round, I don't see Frazier winning. Frazier had a weight advantage over Quarry that wore JQ down after his blazing start in the first fight. I think Lyle was heavier and bigger—-he'd stand and trade with Frazier until Joe was looking up. Same might hold true for Shavers. I look at the Shavers punch that took Ellis out and I'm sure that if he connected like that on Frazier, we'd have the start of a similar situation that occurred in Frazier-Foreman. |
champion), his only successful title defences were against Terry Daniels and Ron Stander. Then he got knocked out by George Foreman, who knocked him out a second time three years later. Take away the three Ali-Frazier fights, two of which were won by Ali, and what have you got?"<br><br>Kent, I don't expect you'll quote Hauser or even Joe himself in the fawning testimonial you intend to write on your all-time boyhood hero. I'm sure you won't remind anyone that Joe was fighting guys who had already been beaten by guys he'd already beaten at the very moment he was telling everyone he was too good to fight in the elimination tournament. <br><br>"You won't talk about Standers or Daniels or even about Ellis Mach 2 and the farce that involved. You won't even mention the world bouncing record Joe set against Foreman. Let's face it Kent: you don't know how to be balanced when you're talking about Frazier. |
wilter than Angelo and John Gerald, 5 inches wilter than me and over 7 inches wilter than Roadscholarette. They shouldn't write that b.s. on box.record!!!!!!|
|7/27/05 09:04:21 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|Angelo-Aug>br><br>This Young was a bad ass, he gave Ali' and Lyle good fights too. I knew that he had beaten Foreman, but I didn't know he gave him such a boxing lesson! This guy fought all the best... But Ducking Joe! |
|7/27/05 10:47:31 AM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com||||10|I am 6'1 which makes me a good height for point guard. Sadly old men don't play point guard. Back when we played basketball they would put half the team on one side of the court and half on the other :)|
|7/27/05 11:04:47 AM|Massimo |Roma||4||||10|Fan (the one from Fandom)<br><br>Wow, at 6'1" you should become a wrestler. WWF has NEVER had a guy that tall!!!!! They would say you are 7'9"...| |
|7/27/05 11:23:22 AM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com||||10|I think my wrestling nickname would be old man. I could have a long grey beard and bring my walking stick then hit people with it. It would show those young punks a thing or two! |
|7/27/05 01:27:59 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|Fan (the one from Fandom)-<br><br>Fan, you might be the wiltest guy on this site...How is the weather up there ? What are you being eating in your youth ?| |
|7/27/05 03:41:32 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Hey, I am proud I haven't been in many fights in my life. It is better to walk away from trouble than to get in trouble. Four in my entire life, three of which I won.<br><br>Who says I can't fight at all? I studied traditional Japanese karate for four years, Shotokan Karate of America (SKA) under students of Tsutomu Oshima, one of the most gruelling training regimes in the martial arts.<br><br>Chuck Norris comments in his book, "Mr. Oshima pushed me to my limits and then he encouraged me to train even harder." Norris, who trained under most of the masters of the arts in his time was right about that. One day I will return to this difficult training.<br><br>I also spent time cross training with boxers, at times sparring with them in the gym. I will admit that I had some trouble with amateurs with some experience and that I had no official bouts as a boxer but I do know what it is to hit and get hit.<br><br>That I can carry as much as 250 pounds and not be too out of shape means I can take care of myself if I have to.| |
|7/27/05 04:04:24 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com||||10|Noam, you probably don't know this but Thomas Hauser is Muhammad Ali's personal biographer. That means he is not the person you want to ask about Joe Frazier. Please use somebody credible to back up your statements not a known Ali shill.| |
|7/27/05 04:08:52 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com||||10|Hauser has written 11 boxing books. Six of them are about Muhammad Ali. Maybe Thomas is a partial observer (yeah right). |
|7/27/05 04:41:57 PM|Les.|N.J.||riotinroom3c@yahoo.com||||10|5:44PM (EST)....YO!!, Beast From Yucca Flats, were are you sweetie?? (XOXOXO). | |
|7/27/05 04:52:31 PM|BOB ROBERTS|N.Y. ||PAPERTRAP@ADELPHIA.NET||||10|HELLO TO ALL THE QUARRY/S AND THERE FANS. LOOKS LIKE FRAZER IS GETTING A WORST BEATING ON THIS WEB SITE THAN IN THE RING( LESS FOREMAN) BUT I LIKE MANY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SEEN HOW FRAZER WOULD HAVE MATCH UP WITH---MAC FOSTER---RON LYLE---SHAVERS AND NORTON?????/ THATS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD AND GREAT ( FRAZER--ALI) AND AS WE ALL KNOW OUR OWN JERRY QUARRY FOUGHT ALL COMERS. IN MY MINE THE FIRST --- FRAZER--QUARRY FIGHT WAS BETWEEN THE TWO BEST HVY. AT THAT TIME,(AS ALI WAS OUT OF IT)---THANKS FOR LETTING ME THROW MY 1-2 BEST REGARDS TO ALL---BOB| |
|7/27/05 04:55:30 PM|Noam|same||same||||10|Just because Thomas Hauser has a different view to you, Fan, doesn't diminish his view. Hauser has written 26
books, been nominated for awards, and his work has been acclaimed by the Ring Magazine, among many others. None of them criticized him for being biased. Unfortunately, while Hauser has written six books on Ali, and other writers hundreds of other books on Ali as well, there isn't a market for books on Joe. He wrote one about himself but that's about all. To put it mildly, Joe hasn't ignited public excitement. Try as I have, Fan, I haven't been able to find any books you've published. Correct me if I'm wrong, though. You might just be hiding your genius from us. By the way, Fan, what Hauser wrote in his book was something journalists complained about when Joe was fighting. Joe even acknowledged himself that journalists were accusing him of fighting "dogmeat" and having "farces" for fights. It's not just Hauser and me that has that view. I accept what you say, Howard, but there is a different side to the story. Many of the guys here claim to be better positioned to comment on Frazier's career because they lived through it. They regale us with insights of their memories. Strange, though, that none have bad memories of Frazier and the low quality of some of his opposition. None of them have made even one criticism. And none can recall what Joe even recalled in his book: that journalists were saying that his fights were "farces" and he was fighting "dogmeat." Sometimes, Howard, people have selective memories. Especially when they are biased and they are dealing with their boyhood hero. They only remember the good things, while hiding memories of the bad, discrediting stuff, hoping that the other guys who weren't there don't find out about it. That's what Kent did. He claims to have lived through it but he didn't give a balanced view. He committed the worst thing that a journalist can do: he suppressed information that didn't suit his agenda and view. In this case, he must have known that there was widespread criticism among boxing journalists about the "dogmeat" that Joe was fighting. But Kent didn't tell us that. He hoped that people had forgotten, so he wasn't going to mention it. Therefore, Howard, sometimes you have to get personal, just to get their attention and get them thinking about the issue from a wider perspective, not only from the boyhood hero view. The real story is now here. Kent's version of Frazier will revolve around his first fight with Ali. Kent won't mention the Daniels and Stander or the clapped-out Ellis in fight 2. Kent won't mention that Frazier was the only one of eight guys who wouldn't enter the elimination tournament. Kent won't mention the patsies that Frazier fought that same year, some who'd lost more than they'd won. Kent won't mention Frazier's controversial split decision over Bonavena when he had to hold on to survive after two knockdowns. Kent won't mention that journalists accused Joe of fighting "farces" and "dogmeat." Kent will give us a sanitized version, like he's done so far here. Apparently, that's good, accurate journalism, suppressing the real facts. I'll say it again Kent: the gangster's mole has seen lots of fights, too, but that doesn't mean that she knows anything. | 7/27/05 07:10:12 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|||10|Noam, you can post whatever you want, but the fact is that Hauser is a close personal friend and personal biographer of Ali. If you think there isn't animosity on both sides still in that rivalry your wrong. Hauser has always been a mouthpiece for Ali. If Hauser was complimentary of Frazier well then that would be a story. Eddie Futch said alot of things about Ali and his holding and gift decisions. Futch is one of the best trainers ever. That is also biased because of his affiliation to Joe. Same thing and both should be given little credence. | 7/27/05 08:42:02 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Noam, you can take all the sarcastic cheap shots at me that you want. I could care less. Of course I would mention Frazier holding on to survive the round verses Bonavena. A smart fighter does what he has to do to make it through to clear his senses if he can. It is what happened in the following rounds. He was able to tear into Bonavena and pound out a decision victory. That he
almost lost means Frazier took a big chance by fighting Bonavena a second time. If Frazier really avoided fighters who could hurt him, then why did he fight Bonavena the second time as Bonavena clearly hurt him the first time out? Or for that matter why did he fight Foreman twice? Frazier is not my favorite fighter of all time. Jerry Quarry is my favorite but Frazier was the better fighter of the two, he beat Jerry twice in the ring.

If Noam mentioned Thomas Hauser, you didn't even know who he was and obviously you hadn't even read his books. Yet, sight unseen, you dismiss his works as worthless and biased. How so? Unless you have some magical extra-sensory ability to know what's in books you haven't read, then it is silly and unfair and dishonest to dismiss them as biased. Much better to rely on people who've actually read those books and have acclaimed them and nominated them for awards. People working for the Ring Magazine and national newspapers. People with more credibility than you. People who actually read the damn things.

But let's forget about personalities and your silly accusation of bias. Let's focus on assessing Hauser's basic premise that you judge fighters by the hard fights they have won, not the easy fights they have won. What's wrong with that logic? It's sane, sound, safe, and sensible. Now let's apply the sensible logic. The five hardest fights Frazier had were against Ali (x 3) and Foreman (x 2). Hauser was right again, wasn't he? Frazier lost four of those five hard fights. He won one by decision, lost one by decision, and was stopped in the other three. Stop me if I'm making any mistakes.

Hauser says that Frazier defended his title against Stander and Daniels. That's correct isn't it? People are starting to shake their heads now thinking about the stupidity of what you said about Hauser, especially when you haven't actually read what he was saying.

Tell me something else. What do God, Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, Dead Parroters who perceive Frazier as being the greatest, and magical Fan with extra sensory abilities to know what's in a book he hasn't read, have in common? They are all figments of the imagination.

Kent: if you were going to mention about Frazier hanging on against Bonavena, why didn't you do so at the very opportune time when Jimmy was talking about Ali holding on against Oscar? That was the moment, Kent. Not promising you were going to do it in the future.

I'll support you when Noam gets personal in his criticisms, even when you've been a bit personal to him. But you haven't been balanced. You've never pulled anyone up in some of the spiteful comments they've made about Ali. You haven't been balanced at all. As such, the bias that Fan nonsensically levels at an author for books Fan has never read, should more fairly be tossed at you.

Time for some of you guys to grow up!
Bravo Ed, good post! I think as always the williams is somewhere in the middle. To say Duckin' Joe fought all comers would be wrong, but to say he never took a risk would be wrong too. Oscar Bonavena was an easy touch for everyone. He gave Ali' one of the hardest fights of his career, knocked Joe down twice, knocked Carlo Mildenberger down several times and gave Lyle a good fight in 1974...I agree that Lyle and Shavers would have been more dangerous for Frazier than Oscar, but Oscar represented a danger for everyone. Giorgio was obviously dangerous and Duckin' Joe fought him not once, but TWICE. And the second time around he at least proved to Foreman he was a legitimate professional heavyweight.

I think Lennox Lewis would have given Ali' a hell of a fight, anytime in Ali's career. By using his great boxing skills, his superior size and power, his great jab and his bigger shoe size (15 1/2 against, I believe 13) he would have represented a big risk for Ali'. I rate Ali' above Lewis but since styles make fights, I think Lewis would have had a very good chance at beating Ali'.

Fan: just when I got to my feet after the shocking revelation that you've got extra sensory powers and can review a book without actually reading it, you knock my over again. You said that Hauser's word wasn't credible because he wrote a book on Ali. And then you go quoting Eddie Futch - Frazier's trainer - as holy writ. Like he isn't biased. Good to see you being consistent.

By the way, Hauser's book on Ali, had you bothered to read it, tells the story mainly through the eys of others. Rather than use his own words, Hauser instead lets people who were actually there tell the story in their own way. So much for bias!
from Fandom, 2002 was a good period for posters here. Guess what? Mr. Jimmy agreed with me that it was more likely people avoided Joe Frazier than the other way around. Even though Joe beat Jimmy's brother twice. Jimmy knew what he was talking about and he is a key missing piece around here.

You say you've read his books. Which ones. What was so bad about them that he qualified for your condemning him as biased. But let's forget personalities. Argue the ball, not the man. Hauser's logic is that fighters are judged by the hard fights they've won, not the easy fights they've won. Hauser then asked, take away Ali (and Foreman) from Frasier's career, and what have you got?

I gave you the chance to answer this before. You didn't. Neither did Kent, the budding journalist who wants to write about Frasier. So, come on guys, leaving Ali and Foreman out, tell me from 1 to 10 Frasier's greatest fights.

It should be easy. Like me, you guys come from that era. But just remember, you can't use the Thrilla In Manila. Let's see if Weekend at Bernie's (Frasier v Ellis 2) makes your list.

Hey Kent, you shouldn't verbal dead man. It's so childish, trying to win an argument by verbally dead man and it's loser stuff that let's everyone know you're beaten in your own mind. Besides, Joe Louis told me that Frasier is a ducker. Mathis and did too. And when I spoke to Mr Jimmy he told me that Frasier WAS a ducker. The biggest one he'd ever seen. So there.

Anyway Kent. Tell me Frasier's 10 greatest fights, leaving Ali and Foreman out. Thanks.

Mass,<br>Thanks for the kind words. Yes i agree with you, Lennox Lewis is a very underrated fighter. He only lost 2 times in about 14 years! Plus Tyson in his good years wanted nothing to do with him and neither did Riddick Bowe...and that says a lot.

Which do youse guys think are Ali's 5 greatest fights? Thanks.

Howard - what Hauser actually said was that Ali apart, what were the best and hardest wins of Frazier's career. Massimo, what say you on that? I think this way: Ellis 1 (Jimmy was competent and clever, but it was a toy title without the real glamour, seeing that it had been stripped from Ali). Mathis (Frazier says that Buster couldn't fight and that he was a soft guy, but in terms of importance it probably has to be here). Quarry 1 (a genuine tough guy). Bonavena 2 (Joe managed to get through it without the two knockdowns scare of the first fight). Stander (don't blame me, Joe chose Stander for a title defense). Daniels (ditto). Zyglewyz ('dogmeat' sure, but this was Joe's choice once he was on top of the heavyweight world. Joe wouldn't have picked him if he wasn't tough, right?). Quarry 2 Chuvalo (better than Doyle, Jones, Davis, and Johnson, and at least he actually existed, unlike the Invisible Man, Marion Conners). Ellis 2 (Weekend at Bernie's). Come on, Kent and Fan, argue the merits. What say you guys were Frazier's best and hardest wins, leaving Ali out.

(PS. Kent - frankly, I'm very disappointed in you and Fan. I quoted a well respected writer of 26 books, widely acclaimed by newspapers and the Ring Magazine, and nominated for prestigious awards. And in response you quote a dead guy. You guys aren't debating facts. Kent, your only argument has been that you go to lots of fights and that you are a boxing journalist (but you don't say that you are a non-paid contributor to an internet website where they run volunteer stories. Ask a PROFESSIONAL journalist: quoting dead guys makes you look unprofessional, shonky, and probably dishonest.)

And Fan. You keep saying that you can't tell us who you really are, and that there are very good reasons why you can't tell us who you are but
"trust me" they are very good reasons even though I can't tell you what they are, that you are an important guy who the Quarrys trust, and that you know heaps of important guys, and that you know more than everyone else just because you do and that's that. Come again ?<br>Why didn't you tell everyone weeks ago when it was relevant that you have three books written by Hauser ? What are the titles ? What are they about ? And as Howard asked, quote verbatim the comments from where Hauser proves that he is biased. I'm setting some tough assignments here, guys.<br>Fan, I had to explain to you weeks ago exactly who Hauser was because you didn't seem to know. Now you say that you really did and that you've read him. Well, give us a review on books you actually have read, rather than the review on the one you haven't.<br>|7/29/05 04:57:45 AM|Massimo |Roma||www.frazier'sbestfights.com|||10|1)Ellis 1 (Frazier was very close to his prime in this fight, Ellis was confident and came to fight)<br>2)Bonavena 2 (Frazier did beat with ease a top 10 contender)<br>3)Quarry 2 (Jerry was in great shape and very confident)<br>4)Mathis (Mathis was a great dancer and a big fella. He even beat Joe twice as an amateur. He looked twice bigger than Duckin' Joe).<br>5)Quarry 1 (Just watch this fight, yeah!)<br>6)Bonavena 1 (It was only Joe's eleventh fight. Joe deserved at least a draw against a top tenner. It's the only fight in which Joe actually proved he could recover from one and a half knockdowns to win a fight).<br>7)Chuvalo (Ask Ali' whether Chuvalo was a dogmeat or not.)<br>8)Doug Jones (He was small but very good. He gave Clay a very tough fight and knocked top contender Zora Folley out. He was only 30 when he fought Duckin' Joe, 26 when he fought Cassio Marcello).<br>9) Eddie Machen (He was a little washed up, but still a very good test, especially for a young fighter).<br>|7/29/05 07:21:16 AM|Massimo |Roma|||4|||10|I forgot about the Joe Bugner fight, another good win soon after his first fight with Giorgio.|

I disagree that the site was better in 2002. The only tangible decline of the site was the passing of James Quarry---it was always great when he checked in to give his opinions, or his insights of actually witnessing Jerry's/Mike's career achievements from such a close place. But as far as boxing knowledge, I think the posters here are as strong as ever. Debate is what gives so much passion and life to any sports discussion, boxing included. Comparing guys from different eras, arguing about the merits of Frazier's career, voicing that Jerry would have beaten Ellis if not for an injured back, etc., all are fun to read and think about. I don't think personal attacks against people with different opinions is healthy---but likewise, I don't think criticizing the site because we aren't all generic clones is fair either. We think differently---a little sarcasm is good fun---debate is healthy---from what I can tell, most of the regulars know boxing as well as most sportswriters. It's all good. It's a lot better than a "tribute board" which is what you find on some other sites dedicated to a specific boxer. Here, most of us found the site because we're Quarry fans, but we keep coming back for other reasons. By the way Noam, the same Hollywood insider who told you "Weekend at Bernies" was based on Frazier-Ellis II., told me that "Brian's Song" wasn't based on Gayle Sayers/Brian Piccolo, but actually rooted in the friendship of Joe and Kenny. So close, they couldn't fight. |

I must say that Noam and Howard C and the rest are good posters, however I do miss James alot. He offered a really good perspective. I also miss Evren and Br DKS. DKS would be on the Ali side of this argument, but he was entertaining as hell. |

I make little money doing boxing journalism. I do have some free lance work for some local newspapers that pick some of my articles.
their archives. However, they are not the only place that posts my articles. I have been on dozens of web sites all over the world in the last five years and sometimes magazines will pick up some of my stuff, mainly travel publications that you find at hotels and on airlines. 

Eastside boxing has its own message boards as well and not everybody can get on the main page as the site owners are discreet in not letting just anybody on it. That is what the message boards are for. I am also doing work for The Retired Boxers Foundation and for a spanish cable network called Hombre T.V. If you want to know about me, ask my friend Alex Ramos, he is a good reference for me. I also get all of the press releases from Don King Enterprises and other boxing sources as well as press credential applications from most of the promoters in the U.S., which means I can get into a lot of major events without paying and I sit at or close to ringside and I have more access to boxers than most fans would have.

I also have the opportunity to interview major players in the boxing world, mainly teleconferences where I am one of about 20 reporters who get about two questions a piece. But I also can get one on one interviews too. I do boxing writing part time but because I like to do it. I guess that Noam questions my credentials because he is interviewing me for a job. I don't know why he would care about me so much otherwise. I guess he might think I am some rich man's son who never has had to lift a finger in my life but although I have done well in the last few years as I am part owner of a company that does very well which lets me do my writing part time and other things, there was a time when this wasn't the case. I didn't even have a car for five years and I rode a bicycle, walked, or took a bus to a job I hated and sometimes I had to walk long distances home late at night. I dreamed about getting out of that dead end job and for the last seven years I have been able to do so. Someone mentioned that information comes up on me if you do a google search on my real name, Kent Appel. At least I am a real person who someone can find out something about my activities. Just as Jimmy D and Steve from New Jersey, among others, are real people too.

SO NOAM, DO I GET THE JOB? You couldn't possibly care that much about little ol me unless you are trying to put me down. You wouldn't do that, would you?
credentials of others, they tend to question yours too. Besides, I gave you an
opportunity to bignote again and you took it. Italian Stallion - that's
the problem with Frazier's career. It's all about wouldas, shouldas, and
couldas. If he fought all those guys, we'd know the result. Fact is he didn't
and it's therefore open to speculation especially given the knockdown by Bruce,
the twin knockdowns by Bonavena, and the....the....the....how many was it?
......knockdowns against Foreman. Joe's chin was vulnerable and he was never a
given against heavy punchers. Besides, we don't 'deem' fights
here. Angelo - I take your point. That song fits. The fight I left
out for Frazier was Bugner. That should have made his top time. Kent -
leaving Ali out, what were Frazier's best wins? It's a chance for you to argue
merits, not identitites or perceived standing among the boxing
community. Thanks for doing that Massimo. The 'dogmeat' comment about
Mathis is not my comment. I'm just repeating what is in Frazier's
book. Fan - I'm looking forward to your review on the three Hauser books
you have. I'd like to know what exactly was biased about them. Thanks.

I just watched Ali vs Frazier 3 again. You know, every time I watch a fight I haven't seen in a while, I pick up or see something new. Don't get me wrong, I greatly admire Joe. I wish I was half the man he was. However, I think I saw Ali outsmart Joe in tactics...he fought just enough to keep Joe off him for the first eight rounds. Then, he went flatfooted, and did out punch Joe pretty badly...then he really cranked it up in the last two rounds. Ali definitely had ring savvy. He thought while he fought.

Hey Pete from Cleveland, welcome to this crazy site. Your probably not as old as Kent, Fan, or myself. It's hard to remember everything about every fight from the seventies, but Kent and Fan are usually pretty accurate. They both know thier stuff.

I admit that Frazier's resume will always be opened to the question: could he take a really big punch? I'm sure he could take tons of very good punches but actually Giorgio Eduardo knocked him down 8 times in less than 7 rounds. To me this is a little painful to say as (even "since" would probably work) I am a bit of a Frazier fan, but it's just what I think. But, on the other hand, not many fighters in boxing history could take Foreman's, Lyle's, Shavers's and Marciano's bombs and come back to win or at least survive. I can only think of Holmes, Chuvalo (he lost big time against Giorgio, but never went down) and Quarry. I don't put Marciano in this elite as he was knocked down by the first serious punch Walcott landed and by the light-heavyweight Archie Moore. Regarding Ali', I think he developed
an undestructable (spelling) chin later in his career, but when he was very young he was actually vulnerable. Cooper and Banks knocked him down (not two all time greats) and little Doug Jones almost knocked him down in that first round as well. |

Massimo, some very good observations regarding Ali. His jaw seemed a little vulnerable early on, probably right up to the first Cooper fight. After then his jaw did seem almost indestructible and perhaps it resulted from his training. We’ve commented before here that Ali allowed himself to be hit hard in training so that he could experience the feeling of being nearly knocked out and would therefore know how to react. Whatever it was, however, he could certainly take the punches. And Massimo, regarding Frazier. Given his reaction to the very hard punching Foreman, no one could ever be certain how Joe would have reacted to other very hard punchers who he never fought. We can't 'deem' Joe fights he never had. When people say Frazier would have beaten Lyle, Shavers, Mac Foster, or whoever, they should think about a few upset fights, namely, among others, Tyson and Douglas, Louis and Schmelling, Ali and Norton, Ali and Spinks, and Frazier and Foreman (# 1). Nothing can be taken for granted, especially a fight involving a vulnerable jaw and a big hitter. Hey Fan, where are you? I wonder whether you are buying time and down at the library trying to find them. |

I own the following Hauser books. Muhammad Ali in Perspective, Muhammad Ali His Life and Times and The Lost Legacy of Muhammad Ali. Lost Legacy is basically a Thomas Hauser love fest to Muhammad Ali. Noam please read this book and reply. His Life and Times is a good read. Perspective asserts that Ali might be the most loved man in the world. It's safe to say hauser and Ali were fast friends as they spent thousands of hours together and Hauser remarks about his respects and admiration for Ali. It's safe to say he wouldn't be Frazier's biggest fan. |

Never read no Ali books. Where we are from we burned books to keep warm in the winter. One time there was a huge snowdrift outside the Spectrum. I hear a dude yelling and me and my buddies went over there. The dude is sitting in the snow covered in blood. I says What the **** happened to you. He said he yelled at Bernard and Bernard beat his ass. That's street cred. When you watch Bernard your watching a real warrior who earned his stripes in the streets. The man owns Philly and no one punks him. |

Don't listen to Stallion, I was national hero til he came along. He get lucky once twenty years ago, lucky punches after I picked him up like rag doll and beat em to bloody pulp whole fight. Then everyone, my people, chant his name. HE THINK PHILLY IS TOUGH. HE AND BERNARD NO LAST ONE HOUR IN MOSCOW STREETS! |

Thanks, Fan, but instead of just making the accusation, please provide some accompanying quotes and facts as to why Mr Hauser is biased. At the moment you make the stark accusation but furnish no proof. I must also indicate to you that your prior accusation of bias against Hauser makes no sense as it is flawed in logic. Hauser said that Ali renounced the 'white men are devil' statement in 1984. You tried to discredit what Hauser said by saying that Hauser is biased. Well, Fan, bias has no place in this issue. Either Ali renounced in 1984 or Hauser lied by stating that he did. It's about honesty, not bias. So, if you chose not to believe Hauser on that issue, you have to accuse him of lying. Not bias. Not loving Ali. But brazenly publishing a lie to the boxing world ! The other thing I can't understand is that although you obviously don't like Hauser and consider him biased and a liar and unreliable, you would have us believe that
you've kept buying his books. Not once. Not twice. but THREE times. If I don't like an author after the first book, I don't bother buying his books again. I'd venture that everyone bar you Fan are the same. What was it that Lincoln said? You can fool some of the people some of the time, some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time. Fan's trying to prove Abe wrong. | 7/31/05 12:20:33 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y|mooseygoop@aol.com|10|Mass'<br><br>You mention Sonny Banks knocking down Ali. Did you know the poor fellow died after a bout with Leotis Martin? I think Banks was 24 or so. Leotis was the fighter that lost to Jimmy Ellis in the elimination tourney in late 1960's. Martin also knocked out Sonny Liston for several minutes in a live TV bout back then too. I think Martin had to retire because of detached retina shortly later.<br><br>P S the knocked downs of Ali by Banks and Cooper weren't the same...The Banks knock down was a flash knock down, the Knock down by Cooper was a real damaging shot and Ali didn't know where he was even when he was sitting on his stool for awhile.| 7/31/05 03:21:43 AM|Massimo|Roma|4|10|Ed--<br><br>I knew Sonny Banks died in the ring at 24 after a war with Leotis Martin; one of the many tragedies in the ring. Rino Tommasi, the Italian Howard Crossell thinks that "it's true that many people dies for boxing, but boxing saves even a bigger number of persons from the streets". I don't know if this is true, it's a difficult issue, but maybe it's worth a riflessione.| 7/31/05 03:28:17 AM|Ciro Bonocore|Napoli, viva Ammadona, eh!|www.SanGennaro.com|10|Don't listen to the Stallion and to Ivano Drago, they both wouldn't last 10 minutes in Napoli's street. A Napoli te scippano un core, aggi capito guaglio' ! (Napolitan Slang). | 7/31/05 04:45:44 AM|Howard C.|Louisville|howardc@louisville|10|Steve: as I get older I'm getting crankier, and as my hiatus hernia plays up more, I get crankier still more, and one of the symptoms of the medication I take when my hiatus hernia plays up makes me even MORE crankier. You would be safe in assuming that my hiatus hernia was playing up immediately before the post that seems to have attracted your attention.<br><br>Massimo: all of Ali's knockdowns were flash knockdowns. He got up quickly and recovered quickly (with the exception of the Cooper one). And think about this....I think I'm right in saying that Ali never got knocked down again after the one against Frasier in fight one 1971. That's right, he fought Frasier twice more, Foreman, Norton x 3, Shavers, Lyle, Holmes, Berbick and many more, and none of them ever knocked him down. Some of you guys mightn't like him, but guess what. His jaw was the best of all time. He had one helluva jaw.| 7/31/05 06:56:19 AM|Massimo|Roma|4|10|Howard--<br><br>No one of us ever realized that so far, but maybe Enrico Cooper is the hardest puncher in heavyweight history! But in reality I think that Clay's jaw was for some reason not as good as Ali's joe.| 7/31/05 12:48:31 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|10|HELLO KENT, I HAVEN'T BEEN AROUND A COMPUTER SINCE MY LAST POST, YOUR WINGNUT LIST WAS UP TO 6 I BELIEVE, WE WERE ON THE SUBJECT OF BONAVENTA, ANOTHER FIGHTER WHOM WOULD HAVE HAD A TITLE IN ANOTHER ERA, BUT LIKE QUARRY, CHUVALO, RON LYLE, ERNIE SHAVERS, ZORA FOLLEY, EDDIE MACHEN, AND CLEVELAND WILLIAMS AMONG OTHERS THAT JUST FELL SHORT, I COULD SEE WHY OSCAR WAR RATED SO HIGHLY| 7/31/05 05:10:13 PM|Noam|same|10|Howard and Massimo - I have just been rereading Thomas Hauser's book (Muhamad Ali - his Life and Times). In it Ali says that the young Muhammad who beat Folley and Williams would have beaten the older Ali who came back after being stripped of the title.<br><br>Angelo Dundee agreed with Ali and even went further and said that Ali was never allowed to peak in his ability. Dundee believes that Ali was robbed of that chance because
he was stopped from boxing for those three years. Interesting view.

Fan - on rereading the above book I am even more confused than ever at your accusation that Hauser is so biased that his work can't be accepted (or something to that effect). Take the chapter on the Thrilla in Manilla, for example. For that chapter Hauser interviewed Dundee and Eddie Futch (opposing trainers). He included their comments verbatim and in the first person. There was no leeway in doing that to misquote anyone or take them out of context as your accusation of bias suggests. The words spoke for themselves without influencing commentary from the author. Hauser also included verbatim interviews with Ali and Frazier. Everything they said was included first person with no commentary from the author. What could be fairer and more accurate than that?

One other thing, Fan. You haven't included Brutal Artistry in the list of Hauser books you say you have. I'm therefore at a loss as to how you can write it off, sight unseen, as biased.

I'm only asking these questions as I'm trying to understand your mindset in resenting and disliking Ali for brash things he said some 40 years ago as an immature young man in controversial and confronting times when passions on all sides got out of hand.

Given that Ali has done so many good things for so many people regardless of religion or colour, I can't understand the enduring and abiding resentment of him for something said nearly half a century ago.

[7/31/05 07:21:56 PM] Howard C. (Louisville) | howardc@louisville.com | 10 MASIMMO: how many times was Ali knocked down and by whom. I know he went down against Banks. Ali said it was a slip but it's in the books as a knockdown. The next time he went down was against Cooper and the last time was against Frazier. By my count Ali went down three times in his career. Am I missing any?

[8/1/05 01:01:33 AM] Ed (Cicero N Y) | mooeygoop@aol.com | 10 I think Chuck Wepner scored a knock down over Ali. May have stepped on Ali's foot and hit him but it counted as a knockdown.

Mass, Didnt Wepner fight Andre the Giant? It would have been a $1000 for on pay per view!

Noam, One of the things I loved about Ali was his willingness to exercise his free speech rights. He use to get the best of the "educated" media types that tried to put him down (what did Ali have a 8th grade education?) . He also was denied his constititional rights for not being allowed to ply his trade for 3 years. He was never given due process of law.

[8/1/05 02:56:33 AM] Massimo (Roma) | 4 | 10 Noam- Muhammad Ali' looked superhuman good between 1964 and 1967 (and probably was at his best and the greatest of all time) but I think he was never fully tested. Let's take a look at his title defenses: Carlo Liston was not a real fight (I don't think Carlo took a dive, I think that as soon as he realized he was going to be humiliated he quit), Floyd Patterson injured his back in the first round, Enrico Cooper got cut as always, Brian London was already beaten before the fight started, Cleveland Williams had several bullets in his body etc. What a shame that Ali' in his prime was never tested by devils like Foreman, Frazier, Shavers, Lyle or Norton! It would have been great watching Ali' at his very best against those dudes! I think Ali' in his prime would have performed better than he actually did against all of these guys with the possible exception of Giorgio. Could Ali' have beaten Giorgio Eduardo in, say, Roma, without the rope a dope just by floating like a butterfly and stinging like a bee? It would have been a complete different fight that the one we saw in Kinshasa. I agree that Ali' would have peaked in 1968 or 1969. Ali' went down in the Wepner fight (in the ninth round) but he was not hurt at all. All Wepner achieved was pissing Ali' off (it's Slang for "getting Ali' angry"). Yes, Wepner fought "The Midget" in 1976. Tragically, I have never seen that fight, the biggest event in the history of sport. The comparison between Wepner's and Andre's heights would have been interesting. But who knows what kind of lifts was "The Midget" wearing in his boots? How wilt would have been "The Midget" barefooted? Andre's height listings are all over the place, I have heard
anything from 6'5" to 7'7". I have started thinking his true height was around 5'9". But this is like the secret of COKE, WE'LL NEVER KNOW, that's the legend of Andre'!!

Wepner got back to his corner, he triumphantly boasted to his trainer that he'd knocked Ali down. The trainer answered, "yeah, but I think he's pissed." Okay, so Wepner knocked him down in the 9th. Frazier knocked Ali down. Cooper knocked him down. I can't remember any others. Oh, Banks knocked him down. So that's four. Are there any others? By my count, Frazier was knocked down 11 times - once against Bruce, twice against Bonavena, six times against Foreman in the first fight, and twice against Foreman in the second one.

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Howard C. - you missed the Wepner one.

Yes Ali officially hit the deck 4 times Wepner's should not have counted, for he stepped on his foot and then shoved him down, Jerry Quarry hit the deck 7 times, which is just about how many for Oscar Bonavena, Quarry was knocked down by Roy Crear in San Antonio, Al "Memphis" Jones (TWICE IN SAN FRANCISCO) In the Draw with Floyd Patterson (MORE LIKE A SLIP) George Chuvalo, Joe Alexander, and Joe Frazier (2nd bout) of course Jerry'd knocked his opponents down to more than a 10-1 ratio, which is one of the best.

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Before anyone starts screaming draft dodger, know that President Ford did away with mandatory registration for males when they turn eighteen and this was in effect for about three years when it was reinstated by President Jimmy Carter in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the hostage crisis in Iran.
The law says any male born after 1/1/60 has to register for a possible draft. I was born before this date and I turned eighteen when Ford's restriction was on after the Vietnam war. Believe me, I checked and I made sure I didn't have to register because if I had too, I would have done so. It was perfectly legal for me not to.

What do you think are the criterion for the toughest fighter of the 1965 to 1975 era? Not the best fighter, just the toughest? I'll wait for an answer. Without answering my own question, I'd list Jerry Quarry, Eddie Machen, Frazier, Ali, Chuvallo.

The toughest fighter between 1965-1975 was George Chuvalo.

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Big Steve; Well, it's a small world, so, we do know each other. I would like everyone who knows Steve by way of posting on this site that Steve is really a (STAND-UP GUY) and that all the negative things that I said in my posts are not true at all. From talking with Steve at our weekly Veterans group meetings I know this, Steve served his tour of duty in Nam with the (FIRST CAV.) as a
(L.R.R.P.) aka (LURP'S) aka (Ranger's), Steve is the real-deal a real, (Shooter and Looter) and i would trust him with my life.  Steve, see you at tomorrows meeting...........,

| 8/1/05 04:34:08 PM | Steve | nj | na | 10 |

Kent, I hope you didn't misinterpret my post as saying you where a draft dodger or a pompious sports writer. Vietnam was a fight you had nothing to do with. I was referring to Howard Cosell as a loud mouth, arrogant guy who ran his mouth alot about things he had little knowledge of, like boxing and football. I expect you to disagree with me. You usually do. This does not diminish my respect for you, or your knowledge of boxing. MAYBE Pro football, after all, your from the west coast, and clearly are biased against the Eagles, whom everyone in the country seems to hate! Am I coming off as paranoid?

| 8/1/05 04:39:40 PM | Noam | same | same | 10 |

Gee Fan, you're a hard guy to get some sense from. It's pretty easy to make the allegation against Hauser and his books, but it's much harder to prove it. When put to the test, you've got nothing to say. No proof at all. Oh well. I have some interesting statistics (and hopefully my maths is good). In his career Joe Frazier fought 37 fights, 214 rounds (or 10.7 hours). Ali fought 61 fights, 546 rounds (or 27.3 hours). Frazier was knocked down 11 times, which equates to a knockdown every 19.45 rounds or every 3.3 fight. Ali was knocked down 4 times, which equates to a knockdown every 136.5 rounds or every 15.25 fights. None of the 11 knockdowns Frazier suffered were contested. Two of the 4 knockdowns Ali had were contested (the 'slip' against Banks and the one against Wepner). Ali's statistics are truly remarkable. He sustained a broken jaw early against Norton and never went down. He fought monster punchers like Foreman, Shavers, Lyle, and also Mac Foster, and wasn't knocked down. If you say that the Wepner knockdown doesn't count, then realize that in his 'second' career, Ali recorded only one knockdown (against Frazier fight 1). He therefore had one knockdown in 32 fights. In the last 29 fights he fought there were no knockdowns (if discounting the Wepner one). He fought 352 rounds leading to retirement without being knocked off his feet. Just to repeat: Frazier was knocked down every 19.45 rounds on average; Ali every 136.5 rounds. Now, if we're going to say that Frazier was great, and wow he had courage, then what does that make Muhammad, given he fought ALL the monsters of his era. If you say that the Wepner knockdown doesn't count, then realize that in his 'second' career, Ali recorded only one knockdown (against Frazier fight 1). He therefore had one knockdown in 32 fights. In the last 29 fights he fought there were no knockdowns (if discounting the Wepner one). He fought 352 rounds leading to retirement without being knocked off his feet. Just to repeat: Frazier was knocked down every 19.45 rounds on average; Ali every 136.5 rounds. Now, if we're going to say that Frazier was great, and wow he had courage, then what does that make Muhammad, given he fought ALL the monsters of his era. If you say that the Wepner knockdown doesn't count, then realize that in his 'second' career, Ali recorded only one knockdown (against Frazier fight 1). He therefore had one knockdown in 32 fights. In the last 29 fights he fought there were no knockdowns (if discounting the Wepner one). He fought 352 rounds leading to retirement without being knocked off his feet. Just to repeat: Frazier was knocked down every 19.45 rounds on average; Ali every 136.5 rounds. Now, if we're going to say that Frazier was great, and wow he had courage, then what does that make Muhammad, given he fought ALL the monsters of his era. If you say that the Wepner knockdown doesn't count, then realize that in his 'second' career, Ali recorded only one knockdown (against Frazier fight 1). He therefore had one knockdown in 32 fights. In the last 29 fights he fought there were no knockdowns (if discounting the Wepner one). He fought 352 rounds leading to retirement without being knocked off his feet. Just to repeat: Frazier was knocked down every 19.45 rounds on average; Ali every 136.5 rounds. Now, if we're going to say that Frazier was great, and wow he had courage, then what does that make Muhammad, given he fought ALL the monsters of his era. If you say that the Wepner knockdown doesn't count, then realize that in his 'second' career, Ali recorded only one knockdown (against Frazier fight 1). He therefore had one knockdown in 32 fights. In the last 29 fights he fought there were no knockdowns (if discounting the Wepner one). He fought 352 rounds leading to retirement without being knocked off his feet.

| 8/1/05 05:16:41 PM | Pete | Cleveland | N/A | 10 |

Noam, don't you get bored answering Fan and Kent. Let them have there fantasies, They are old timers. They feed of each other. Lets move on. Noam, how do you rate Sonny Liston?

| 8/1/05 06:24:10 PM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 10 |

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| 8/1/05 06:32:33 PM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 10 |

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| 8/1/05 06:49:11 PM | steve | NJ | NA | 10 |

Noam, what the heck are you, some kind of college statistician who can do math and even spell and do correct grammar and stuff? Liston, dude, are you trying to intimidate me? Well, you have!!! Now, give me the courtesy of listening to this post. I asked for a criterion on what makes the toughest fighter. Please get off your running gun fight about Frazier ducking opponents. If I decide I want to spend time reading Houser, I most probably will. Can't you let go of that subject long enough to actually contribute to this site by answering a legitimate boxing history question?

| 8/1/05 07:06:26 PM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 10 |

Steve, don't let Noam
bother you. He might be a lawyer with arguing tactics, however I don't think he means any harm. |

Steve, NJ, NJ, NA, 10 |

Fan, Noam doesn't bother me at all. I'm just trying to steer this conversation in a more interesting direction. I'd rather hear more about how the Quarry family is doing and handling all their recent family losses. |

Steve, NJ, NJ, NA, 10 |

Fan, Noam, I think even Kent is getting numb and shell shocked over this one subject, you know, about Frazier ducking opponents. I'm at the point where I'd rather post about commodities. Corn and wheat futures. |

Fan, you are being more than a little dishonest about Hauser. You challenged someone to show where Ali revoked his 'all white men are devils' comment nearly half a century ago. I provided a credible quote in a published book (Brutal Artistry) acclaimed by newspapers and boxing journals, but you went back on your word. I invited you to discredit Hauser's basic premise that you judge fighters by the hard fights they've won, not the easy fights they've won. You couldn't answer that challenge. You hid and said nothing.
failed dismally.<br><br>Steve - actually, if you read and digest the statistics I posted, you will find them insightful and extremely relevant. It demonstrates the greatest jaw that ever boxed and how that boast is proved as empirical facts. If you want to learn nothing, then Fan’s your man. He has the words but no substance and no answers. If you want to discuss boxing looking at different angles, and supported by facts, then read me and some of the others here.<br><br>By the way, the statistics I posted were about stamina, longevity, and durability. I didn't mention the 'd' word, but if you drew from those statistics that Ali fought monsters who Frazier didn't, you can't blame me.<br><br>Someone hit me in the head with an axe. The Dead Parroters stopped us using the 'd' word. They took it out of boxing's dictionary. Now they want to ban statistics out as well !!!!!  :) |

8/1/05 09:48:15 PM|steve |nj||na|||10|Hey Angelo, Ali once said, and I quote,"It's hell being black in America".you know what?It was hell being a second generation Irishman, or Italian, who got drafted, or enlisted, against their immigrant parents wishes, and went to Vietnam.

8/1/05 10:14:37 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Sorry Steve, for some reason I thought Jimmy D brought up the toughness question. I still don't know who is toughest for that period although Machen would be more likely to listed in the 1955 to 65 list. Anybody who can hang tough like he did verses Liston has to have been plenty tough.<br><br>Funny, the editor from Eastside asked for a new article this week as it has been a slow week for boxing and I was going to do one on the Frazier subject, like I said. But I am sick of the subject at the moment.<br><br>What do you want to bet that Noam won’t let go of it even for a moment?

8/1/05 10:24:08 PM|Steve|NJ||NA|||10|KENT, just write the damn article! It's what you do best! I’d like to read it! Stop being so lazy and worried about other peoples opinions. Your pieces on that site have been professional and well balanced.

8/1/05 10:32:53 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Kent, one of my sons is in college, with a journalism major. He keeps writing pieces, then he reads them the next day, and tears them up! I keep telling him to send them out. YOU CAN'T GET ANYWHERE IF YOU DON'T TRY.

8/1/05 11:12:08 PM|steve |NJ||NA|||10|Noam, your a very interesting poster. I apologize for my horrible spelling and grammar. I'm obviously not as well educated as you, and ah, duh, I can barely type. Please don't start with the statistics. Post about Quarry. I get the feeling your not as old as me. So have you ever seen any of his fights on film? Now that's exciting! Give me your opinion on Quarry vs Thad Spencer.

8/1/05 11:21:09 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Okay, I get the message. You guys don't like Ali because, brashly, nearly half a century ago, he uttered the words, "All whitemen are devils". Let's look at your resentment by applying the most used and accurate trueism of all time: ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS.<br><br>So let's look at Ali's ACTIONS. Has anyone EVER accused Ali of refusing to sign an autograph for a white person? No, never. In 1974 Ali was named 'Fighter of the Year' by the Ring magazine, and 'Sportsman of the Year' by Sports Illustrated. These awards aren't given to racists.<br><br>Ali travelled to Beirut in 1985 and negotiated the freedom of four American hostages. White guys among them.<br><br>In November 1990 Ali travelled to Iraq and negotiated the release of 15 American hostages, mostly whites. He was there the same month his father died. Ali outstayed the medication he had for his Parkinson's sickness and placed his own health at risk by not taking it when he stayed overseas negotiating the releases.<br><br>Ali helps blacks, too. When Frazier's close friend Ken Norton...
woke from a coma in a Californian hospital, the first face he saw was Ali, who was sitting silently beside the bed after flying in to visit. Frazier was still at home on the east coast. When Michael Watson suffered brain damage in a fight against Chris Eubank, Ali flew over to Britain to visit Watson and comfort his family. Of course, the RECENT good acts of Ali to whites and blacks far outweigh the ANCIENT bad words uttered nearly half a century ago. And sensible, right thinking people have long forgiven him. Ali was chosen to light the flame at the Atlanta Olympics as a sign of appreciation for all the good things he's done. In 1988 the world praised Ali when he received a lifetime achievement award from the United Nations. In 1999 Sports Illustrated named Ali as the 'Sportsman of the Century'. The sporting and political worlds got together to celebrate Ali's life of achievement.

All those awards for a racist who hates whites? Gimme a break. I was told many years ago that some rednecks hate Ali because he didn't conform to the expected standards of a 1960s black athlete: submissively respectful, apologetically subservient, and (most importantly) quiet and humble. Which brings me to the real reason. Ali haters don't want to admit that it's because he didn't act and speak like they wanted, so they try to take the high moral ground by pretending that it's because he made the 'whites are devils' comment. Well, haters, that was said nearly a half a century ago. Since then, RECENT ACTIONS HAVE SPOKEN LOUDER THAN ANCIENT WORDS.

And as Ali himself said to acclaimed writer Thomas Hauser (Brutal Artistry), "When I was young I followed a teaching that disrespected other people and said that white people were 'devils'. I was wrong. Colour doesn't make a man a devil. It's the heart and soul and mind that count."

Kent, when you write your long awaited article on Frazier, you have my permission to use the statistics I compiled comparing him to Ali.

| 8/1/05 11:29:57 PM | Steve | nj | | | | | 10 | Hey guys, don't listen to what Les say's about me. He is a for real P.A.L., EX heavyweight fighter. He just won't stop bringing that big ass knife to our group meetings. He's become my best friend in the VA groups, but he even scares me, for a ground pounder. I think I could have managed him into a decent pro fighter. |
| 8/2/05 12:26:04 AM | Steve | nj | na | 10 | Noam, your missing my point. The good deeds he supposedly did after the insanity of the sixties does not erase or negate his acts or very public words against us. I place him close to Jane Fonda (may she rot in hell)! Vietnam was mishandled by the powers that existed at the time. My men, black and white, were scrambling for our asses to stay alive. We heard about Bobby Kennedy, and Malcom X getting killed back here in the world. We knew we were on our own. We fought for each other, just to survive. We didn't need to hear about Ali's big mouth deriding us. When I was flying home, our flight was diverted from Oakland to Fort Lewis, Wash., because of anti war riots. Ali should have kept his big mouth shut about things he lacked the intellectual capacity to fully comprehend. We sure could have used a little of the support you patriots are heaping on the troops in Iraq. |
| 8/2/05 12:31:51 AM | Noam | same | same | 10 | Hi Steve, I'll get back to you about Spencer v Quarry. You're younger than you and haven't seen that fight. Do me a favour. Tell me what you thought about the following fights: Frazier v Spencer; Frazier v Patterson; Frazier v Mac Foster; Frazier v Liston; Frazier v Mildenburger; Frazier v Cooper; Frazier v Shavers; Frazier v Lyle; Frazier v Norton. Perhaps Hans Christian Appel can write some imaginary endings for those fights. |
| 8/2/05 12:41:11 AM | Noam | same | same | 10 | Hey Steve, yes I can understand that you feel strongly and have a right to. However, what he said were words uttered half a century ago and in 1984 he retracted them and admitted he was wrong. He's certainly done more good than harm since then. You want to give him the death sentence for what, words? You don't want to accept his admission he was wrong. You don't want to acknowledge that he has tried to do the right thing in actions since then. I respect as much as anyone what...
you went through, but you shouldn't hate forever someone who has tried so hard to redeem himself. There's far worse people out there for you to waste your time hating. Anyway, I believe that you are genuine in stating your opinion. I don't accept that of Fan, who is a fake, and Hans Christian Appel, who is a wannabe. In your heart of hearts I'm sure you realize that, too. 

8/2/05 02:10:22 AM|Steve|nj||na||10|Noam,your absolutely correct about hatred. It will destroy anyone who can't let it go. I didn't mean to imply that I still hate Ali. Make no mistake, I do believe he was the greatest prize fighter of all time! He never did me any real harm. I sometimes get carried away with my anger. I guess I just need to blame somebody. On the last day of my life, I'll be thinking about that bad place. I'll have a lot of explaining to do when I meet my maker. Ali probably will too.

8/2/05 02:29:53 AM|Noam|same||same||10|Steve, I'm not blaming you for anything. There weren't a lot of rational things happening in the era when you fought in Vietnam. I can't criticize you for anything; all I can do is try and balance your view with facts. That's what I've tried to do.

Frazier has played the race card, too, and he did it recently. With his daughter as his lawyer, Frazier sued some 450 home owners from a mostly white neighbourhood of Hundred Acre Woods for fraud.

8/2/05 03:41:35 AM|Steve|nj||na||10|Noam, I'm ashamed to say I'd forgotten about that land deal. It was in all the Philly newspapers. I admit Joe's not the same guy he used to be. He's apparently a very sick man now with diabetes, high blood pressure, and delusions of grandeur. He's also pretty damn punch drunk. Those three fights with Ali didn't do either one of them any good. Again I say, getting punched in the face is not a good way to make a living. If you really want to fight that bad, join the Army, become a Ranger. Of course, you could get shot. However, I think I'd prefer that to the kind of slow death Ali and Frazier are suffering. At least I'm still in command of my mental faculties, well, sort of.

8/2/05 04:17:11 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|It might shock and amaze ya, but Muhammad Ali', the guy who fought everyone with the exceptions of Andre' "The Midget" Rousimoff and Wilton Norman Chamberlain (a basketball player back in the 60's) said that Duckin' Joe Frazier was his toughest opponent. Like ( "as" would also work well) I said, I admit I'm a bit of a Frazier fan. I like his fights, his power and his relentless style. His resume his far behind Ali's, but when I watch his best fights I can't help rating him as "A GREAT FIGHTER". I think if Joe Frazier had never become a boxer boxing fans would have lost ALOT !!!!!!!!

8/2/05 04:19:52 AM|Noam|same||same||10|Actually, Steve, if you want to be punched in the face, and shot at and abused, spat at, and maybe even stabbed...
with a blood filled syringe, join the police department. The way things are, you don't have to go to Iraq or back in time to Vietnam, to be targeted. It's happening here. At least with Ali and Frazier, apart from punching each other, their only insult to society was words. That's my point. They're only words. Actions mean more. Would you trust Ali or Frazier to mind your children? Of course you would. So what's the big deal about what Ali said nearly half a century ago. Ali was young and brash when he said it. Frazier was sick and perhaps impoverished when he played the race card. Same thing, different reasons and times. In the end, it doesn't matter. They are basically good people, who are flawed. Just like us. But when it REALLY counts, we'd all be on the same side....you, me, Frazier, Ali, Fan, and even Kent. At least I hope so.

8/2/05 04:52:40 AM|Steve|nj||na||||10|Noam, listen up, young Hero, I agree with you. The Police, and Fire fighters, are the real civilian hero's, as they have always been in my book. As far as the military, I was also an Army drill instructor, and I can tell you, the Rangers are the best conventional forces we have.

8/2/05 05:03:12 AM|steve |nj||na||||10|Noam, yeah, all the people on this site are basically good, decent people. That's why the civilized disagreements are so much fun.

8/2/05 05:13:00 AM|Massimo |Roma||4||||10|I have seen the highlights of the Quarry-Spencer fight and it was one of Jerry's best fights. He knocked Spencer down twice, the first time with one of the best left hooks I have ever seen!

8/2/05 09:46:02 AM|Fan|USA||n/a|||10|I will attempt to explain why "mere words", spoken long ago, continue to offend some of us so deeply. Jane Fonda never killed any Americans. However, she emboldened those who did, and was properly villified for it. (Incidentally, she has apologized, repeatedly and quite publicly, for her misdeeds. We are free to accept or reject her new position. I choose to reject it as much too little much too late.)

Ali never conspired against any police officers. However, either foolishly or maliciously, he emboldened those which did. If you lived through those times or are a student of unrevised history, you would understand how offensive Ali's actions were. Particularly to members of law enforcement. Judging from the number of posters on this site of boxing fans who witnessed it, his repudiation of those people, if it happened, was hardly public. He therefore still owes a profound and public apology to (among others) every police officer, black and white, in America, particularly those who served at the time Ali's "mere words" endangered them, to any degree.

It is obvious that the "mere words" of public figures can be quite powerful. Anyone who professes to support and respect our police would, it seems to me, expect that Ali would have performed a public service by shouting such a profound change of heart from the rooftops, and encourage all people to back the Thin Blue Line. He didn't.

Perhaps this gives some insight into the perspective of some of us "old" guys.

8/2/05 01:52:58 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca|||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I knew Noam couldn't stop talking about and finding negative things to say about Frazier.

"Find the Dirt on Frazier," is a one topic warrior. I just saw Joe Louis verses Buddy Baer, all 6'6" 250 pounds of him, both fights on ESPN Classic. Baer didn't have great boxing skills but he was very strong and he drewed the 200 pound Louis. Louis dominated Baer except for a moment in the first round when Baer caught Louis with a tremendous right hand and left hook combination that drove Louis down and through the ropes. Louis ended up knocking Baer down 3 times in the seventh round but he didn't win this first fight by knockout because Baer's corner ran into the ring to rescue their fighter and the fight ended up a disqualification.

Louis destroyed Baer in one round in the rematch and although Buddy Baer didn't have the skills of say the Klitschko brothers, Louis' fights with Baer shows that Joe was strong enough to hurt someone much bigger
than himself and he could hurt the Klitschko brothers, especially Wladimir.<br>

I also think Louis had the skills to actually beat both Klitschko brothers.<br>

I had another on going argument on a another site where my opponents said someone like Louis was not strong enough to hurt the big heavyweights of today, that he was just too small. Well the fact that Joe dominated and hurt B. Baer, as well as Abe Simon, about the same size as Buddy Baer, and Joe also dominated Primo Carnera, the same height as the other two but heavier, shows that Joe could hurt today's fighters.<br>

Of course Noam will start arguing that Joe couldn't hurt today's bigger fighters because he will see the first name Joe and think I am talking about Frazier, not Louis as Frazier is all Noam can talk about.<br>

I have the first Louis-Baer fight and I think Buddy did a nice job in this fight. Joe Louis dominated most of the fight but Buddy managed to hurt him badly in the first round and even threw a bunch of good punches a few rounds later. I have no doubt Joe Louis would have beaten Wladimir Klitschko 9 out of 10 times, but I am not sure about Vitali. Vitali is still unbeaten in my book (he actually lost a couple of fights, but not in my book) so we still don't know exactly how good he is.

I think that Joe Louis would cream EVERY single heavyweight fighting right now. Joe Louis had balance and technique that these big guys just don't have. Joe Louis was a superior athlete who could do it all in the ring. Klitschko wouldn't have a prayer against Joe Louis.

I glad to see that we are moving on. Personally speaking I was getting tired of this high tech lynching of Ali and Noam by Kent and Fan.

Fan - you haven't debated anything. In fact, all you do is make some stark accusation and then run. When called to provide proof, you hide. And when pressed again to produce substantiation, you say that you're done "debating" that subject (and Hans Christian Kent gives you a pat on the head).<br>

There's a big difference between Fonda and Ali. Fonda became Hanoi Jane because she went over to Vietnam to support the enemy. Ali didn't. And since then Ali has spent his life helping people and getting (mostly white) hostages released - 19 in total. Fan's abiding hatred runs too deep to take that into account. Forest Ward would be proud if he and Fan weren't one of the same.<br>

Poor old Fan is caught in a 1960s mindset. Ali didn't conform to white man Fan's standards for a black athlete and Fan will never forgive him for that. To hide his racism, he wraps his hatred in the high moral ground seeking excuse that Ali said (half a century ago) that "white men are devils". It doesn't matter to Fan that Ali retracted that statement in 1984 and many times since. Recent good actions count less with Fan than anciently spoken bad words. Credible published retractions by an acclaimed author doesn't hold water for Fan because he needs a reason to justify his hate. But Fan treats Frazier differently, given that old Joe played the race card as recently as 18 months ago.<br>

This was the editorial in the Bucks County Courier Times on 3 October 2003: "RACISM CHARGE DOESN'T HOLD WATER. We don't know what Smokin' Joe's been smokin'. But the former heavyweight champ and his supporters are mired in some really foggy thinking. We refer to charges of racism growing out of the ex-champ's legal efforts to recover money he says he lost to swindlers...."<br>

This is not finding dirt, Kent, this is balancing the issue by demonstrating that Frazier played the race card (last year), against Ali doing it nearly half a century ago. Pretend journalist Kent holds Ali to account for something he said nearly 50 years ago, but calls it muck racking if something is mentioned that Joe did 18 months ago. Balance and fairness? Not with Kent.

The only arguments that Fan and Kent can muster are these: Fan
"I lived through that period and I can't tell you who I am but I can assure you that the Quarrys know me and I'm an expert", and Kent "How many fights have you been to?" (to which the gangster's mole replied: "More than you, upstart").<br><br>Well, I've done debating that subject because I've proved my point. Kent - I noticed you haven't picked holes in the very telling statistics I provided on Ali and Frazier. Did you detect any errors? I would appreciate knowing if you did as I want to make sure the list is accurate, especially if you are going to quote them in the testimonial you are writing on Frazier. |<br><br>8/2/05 05:14:05 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|10|I'm sure the Frazier debate will recycle, especially if Kent publishes that article on East Side Boxing. For me, the only debate was about whether Frazier "should have" fought some of the big hitters. Yes, he "should have" if a historic legacy of greatness was to be untouchable. No, he "shouldn't have" if the guy using Forrest Ward's name is to be believed, because it would have been too risky to Frazier's record and his health. Both the point and counterpoint are legitimate. Now, for those of us who have tried to make the debate Frazier vs. Ali, there simply isn't a debate to be had. Ali beat him two of three times, including the only KO in the trilogy, and Ali's career is just so far and above Frazier's, there's nothing to argue. As for Joe Louis, he beats all of today's Top Five fighters in a one year period, basically beating one every other month. Guys like Holmes, Ali, Louis---they would laugh at today's silly notion of having to wait a year and a half between fights. |<br><br>8/2/05 06:09:34 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same||9|I agree with Angelo's general assessment on Frazier. Sure, it's easy to argue that Frazier should have boxed some guys he didn't fight. But, again, it just doesn't detract from his ability overall.<br>I will debate that Ali did legitimately beat Joe twice, theirs was a tremendous matchup that gave Ali alot more than he wanted.<br>But Ali clearly had the better career, the much better list of opponents.<br>If you are going to razz today's fighters for Joe Louis, I'd like you to include Lennox Lewis and Vitali Klitschko in the Brown Bomber's 'Bum of the Month' tour thru today's heavies...<br>Noam, you remain priceless. Jane Fonda went to Hanoi because she midguidedly believed he celebrity could aid the cause of peace. She didn't hate her country or want to aid America's enemies, no matter what your Archie Bunker handbook says. She was a famous dopey kid with too much money. Now she's much older and has apologized profusely for it, which is all a wiser person can do.<br>At least give her the credit for seeing Vietnam for the bullshit it was, just as this war is in Iraq.<br>If it would end all the crap there, I'd send her over to Baghdad for photos today.|<br><br>8/2/05 06:40:36 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|I agree that most of the top contenders today ain't good but what makes you guys think (or what does make you guys think, or gets you guys thinking etc.) that Vitali Klitschko is a bum? I realize that he has a clumsy style but he has been beating guys like Corrie Sanders, Danny Williams (not a monster, but a good fighter) and many others. He is strong! His style is clumsy but very effective!! I know that Joe Louis was an all time great and probably would have beaten Vitali most of the times (or time), but Vitali Klitschko is a damn good heavyweight. He got size, power and heart (he proved it in the Lewis fight). I'm so damn tired and I gotta go to my 6'2" 1/2 long bed. Ciao.|<br><br>8/2/05 06:50:30 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|10|Hello Pete, high tech lynching of Ali? I have never said anything about Ali other than he is the greatest heavyweight of all time.<br>I have stayed out of others' assessments of his character and behavior during the 60s and today.<br>Don't think that just because I have defended Frazier's abilities as a fighter that I have been negative towards Ali. It is just not true.|<br><br>8/2/05 06:54:13 PM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville||9|Slow down Gerry. Where were you when the person calling himself Forrest Ward wanted to
push Fonda under a train, wishing her a painful and slow death. I guess it's easier to put the boot in to a 'soft' target like Noam rather than Forrest who Kent looks after. Personally, Gerry. I think Fonda is the lowest form of life in the universe. Did you know that she's about to embark on a magical bus trip to protest the Iraq War? It's a bit late to protest, isn't it? The wars over. Its an insurgency now. The reason she didn't protest earlier when the war was on was because Jane was launching her book. Gotta put commercial needs in front of saving Iraq, I suppose. Prioritize, I say. What's Jane protesting against about Iraq? The fact that its citizens can vote? That women are no longer second class citizens? Bad America, removing a murderous tyrant and installing democracy and rights for women. Gerrys throwing his handbag around in protest. 

Noam: I enjoyed your stats. They do tell a story. I did a rough calculation of career rounds fought by a few boxers - Holmes 575 rounds, Ali 546, Louis 429, Patterson 420, Quarry 415, Bonavena 409, Terrell 375, Shavers 364, Ellis 342, Norton 314, Liston 271, Foreman 255, Marciano 241, Lewis 225, Douglas 224, Frasier 214, Bowe 175, Lyle 169. These might not be precise because I did it in a hurry and used Noam's stats for Ali and Frasier. Still, its interesting. Lyle only fought 169 rounds. I guess because most finished early with his big punch. Holmes fought more rounds than Ali. Jerry is right up there in history.

Whilst the other guys were busy, Joe Frasier didn't fight a lot. Boxing was more than just money and celebrity for guys like Holmes and Ali. They loved the sport and couldnt get enough of it. Hey Pete, Kents being sneaky here. He never says bad things about Ali because he lets others do it for him. When the person calling himself Forrest rejoiced in Muhammad's poor health and the fact that Frasier was boasting and taking credit for it, Kent didn't say anything. Yet if anyone says anything about Frasier, Kent jumps on top of them. Its open slather with Kent on Ali, but its mud racking if you post something on Frasier. Kent is sneaky and smooth.

I too have questions when our leaders commit troops in some foreign war thousands of miles away but it still doesn't take the harm, no matter how naively she did it, that Fonda did. She needed to direct her protests at the leaders of our country not the troops. The troops don't set policy, the leaders do. I will say it again here, a lot of the war protesters of the 1960s owe a collective apology to our troops. It is one of the most shameful periods in our history the way the returning troops were treated and Fonda's actions in North Vietnam were along the same lines, shameful.

Fonda opposed the war and actually supported the Vietcong when she went to Hanoi. Clay opposed the war and did not support the NVA. Thats the difference. Is Gerry saying troops should pull out of Iraq. We have tossed its government out and replaced it with a new one, and ruined its infrastructure. We have a duty to stay until we restore order and fix it. Pulling out as Gerry wants would be cowardly.
I totally understand why Ali or a lot of black people did not want to serve in the military in the 1960s as "no Viet Cong ever called them niggers" and they were denied even basic freedoms in many parts of their own country.  I don't have ill will towards anyone and I don't waste time with such nonsense so no one does dirty work for me as I don't do dirty work.  I can't resist a dig at Noam every now and then as he does it to me.  But I don't have any ill feelings towards him or anyone else here.  Howard, since I have never said Ali is anything other than the best heavyweight of all time, then there is no evidence to show that I believe otherwise.  You will just have to believe me when I say I have no bad feelings in my heart for the man.  

Gerry from Clevland, I don't give a rat's ass about how young and rich Jane Fonda was! She was savy enough to use her money and Stardom to be a political activist. (I'm using that phrase kindly) She fully understood what she was doing when she posed on that 37MM WEAPON. Maybe you should go over to Iraq, and pose where Saddam's statue used to be? You know, just to make a political statement against all war. Or maybe at the site of the twin trade towers. It would really help out the troops, moral wise. Jane Fonda has in fact gotten older, to bad the guys in my platoon didn't. That woman's apology means nothing to me, or the 58,000 guys who never got to grow up and have families. So every parent who just wanted their 19 year old son to come home, is a reader of the Archie Bunker handbook. Next time you post, baby girl, make sure you know what your talking about!

Howard, you have no idea what is in my heart. Who are you to judge me? Even most of my posts about Frazier have been about his boxing ability. As I remember it, I said Noam likes to dig up dirt about Frazier, otherwise I have not commented on Joe other than boxing. If you notice a while back people were commenting that Joe beat up his girlfriend and I didn't defend or condemn Joe. I just said I don't know if it happened or not as he wasn't convicted of a crime. The same with Ali, I haven't commented on him other than boxing except to say I understand why he didn't want to fight in the military. I would count that as defending Ali's position. It is not my place to make a judgement on him as that was a different time. Jane Fonda is different. She gave aid and comfort to an enemy in war time.

Howard, I just went through all of my posts for the past few months and by far my posts concerning Ali and Frazier have been about boxing only. I have stayed out of any character assesments about either man. I only mentioned Noam's inability to let go of the Frazier subject in saying he digs up dirt on the man and the Ali comment about me understanding his not going into the military is not a dig at Ali but a positive comment. Otherwise others have debated the character of the two men, not me.

Kent, stop carrying on like a dickhead. You allowed comment about Ali's personal life and cruel barbs about his poor health to pass without comment. But when Noam balanced the issue mentioning recent stuff involving Joe, you accused him of mud racking. If you can't be balanced, then shut up. Simple. You kept having your little digs at people in your little asides with Fan. As I remember it, too, you were asked questions by Noam about Frazier but never responded. Stop carrying on like Shirley Temple and get back to talking about boxing. You and Fan are two of a kind.
career 575 rounds and Ali 546. It says a lot about Holmes's defense that he appears undamaged by his long career. Holmes had 73 fights involving bangers like Shavers, Norton, and Cooney. I'd say that all the sparring he did with Ali helped him immensely and it's no coincidence he and Ali have the best jabs ever. I like Holmes a lot and always have. I honestly think he's probably #4 of all time heavyweights.

I think that Sonny Liston had a better jab than Ali', it was much more powerful. Joe Louis's jab was better than Ali's and maybe even Lennox Lewis's. These are my top 6 best jabbers ever.<br> Larry Holmes<br> 3) Joe Louis<br> 4) Lennox Lewis-Ali'<br> 6) George Foreman

On the war/military topic, I've stated before, several times, and I will again now---the men and women (including one of the young Quarry boys who has posted here) who represent our nation in the military are the bravest and best young people we have. They don't make the political decisions---they just put their lives on the line, for too little pay, to protect the U.S. and our interests. I never joined the military---never had to---because a lot of very capable and very courageous men and women have formed a great volunteer army while I and countless others have had the luxury of pursuing other interests. These people deserve to be thanked, not spit on, when they come back from combat. When I see these people arriving back from Iraq at the Airport (I do some work there), I thank them. They're out fighting to protect me and my family, our nation and our friends around the world. They generally go about their work quietly and competently. In a lot of ways, they remind me of our best police and firefighters---two more groups who lay it all on the line everyday and basically aren't respected the way they should be.<br>The amount of rounds Larry Holmes fought, as a younger man in with tigers like Norton and Shavers----and as an older man, taking on Mercer, Holyfield, etc. is amazing. He bridged two generations and even stepped in with young, strong, ambitious Mike Tyson.
though. But we should not have helped him solidify his power by giving him aid to begin with, which the U.S. did. But once someone like him is entrenched, how can you reverse that? Not very easily. But if we didn't give him aid, than he would have gotten more from the Soviets (he got aid from them too, he knew how to work both sides). Ironic in that especially during the Cold War we were willing to back terrible leaders around the world just to keep them from going to the Soviets for support. For those who equate my being critical of the initial military action in Iraq as putting the fine troops down, nothing could be further from the truth. God bless the fine service men and women of the United States military! I am critical of the Bush administration for not being strong enough on protecting veterans after they have served. But the democrats also who are to blame on this. Visit any veterans hospital and ask the staff and the patients if they have everything they need and sadly, the answer is no! W. Bush has done nothing to improve this situation, Clinton did nothing, H.W. Bush did nothing, Reagan did nothing, Carter did nothing, etc.

Is your problem with Noam that he has called attention to Frazier allegedly slapping women around? Why is it okay for people to launch personal attacks against Ali, but the alleged smokin' chick beater gets a free ride from you? I know you're a Philly guy, so keep it real. If one of your own has some baggage, just admit it and move on. I know it was hard for Fraier fans to see him TKOed in Manilla---and it added salt to the wound when his only action after that was getting rocked by Foreman again and the ill-fated comeback against Floyd Cummings---while Ali had another whole career after Manilla---but let's be honest with ourselves here: "Heavyweights of the 70's" starred Ali, while Frazier was an extra or at the most, minor co-star.

You can't be against the war but for removing Saddam from power. The two can't be separated. People who are against the war are admitting that they would like to see Saddam still ruling Iraq. You can't have one without the other. Over, and over and over again, for about a decade, Saddam violated the 1991 agreement to allow weapons inspectors 100% access to his storage facilities or potential storage facilities. He also rewarded the families of terrorist suicide bombers paying bounties. He also gassed thousands of his own citizens, including children. He rattled the sabre and wouldn't allow the weapons inspections he agreed to. In the aftermath of 9-11, Bush would be very irresponsible to ignore this. The U.N. was punchless and also they were not showing regard for U.S. security. As well, U.N. officials were cashing in on weapons for food allotments---an arrangement with the Tehran government (Saddam). If Bush did nothing and Saddam backed terrorists hit us on our soil, or hit our citizens around the globe, Bush would have been guilty of neglecting his first duty---protecting America and Americans. If you are a pacifist who is opposed to war and killing for any reason, I can accept that. But if you say "We don't belong in Iraq, but good thing we removed Saddam from power" it's a ridiculous paradox/oxymoron that the Democratic party was/is guilty of. It cost them the election.

Kent, no I am not a pacifist. I don't support the use of military force unless we are attacked and Iraq did not attack us and there was no indication that they were going to attack us. However, it is a good thing Saddam is gone from power and as I said I don't know how we could have gotten rid of him without force unless we hadn't helped him in the first place but only a complete moron or an evil person would say they would rather have Saddam still in power. Other countries support terrorism such as against Israel and we don't attack them and the so called weapons of mass destruction, a major reason for attacking Iraq, were not found. Don't you think Iraq would have used them against our troops if
they still had them? There is no direct connection between Iraq and Al Qaida, the people who attacked us unlike the terrorist training camps in Afghanistan that were directly responsible for 911. However the mission in Iraq must be completed as it has been started and to leave now would cause great harm. I am a democrat but I didn't vote for my party's nominee for president as Kerry and his VP candidate Edwards both voted to give Bush the authority for war but they then voted against certain key supplies the troops needed in the field. That was irresponsible. If I had been a senator, in absence of more information than I have, I would have voted against the initial military option but I would have voted in favor of the troops getting the supplies they need in the field once the decision had been made. It is the job of congress to scrutinize military action as it is their authority because "congress shall declare war." They don't just rubber stamp what the president wants to do. But once the decision is made and it is for war, congress needs to not be critical of the president's policies as it undermines the mission.

Samuel Peter has just signed to fight Wlad Klitschko on Sept 24th. This fight will be for IBF #1 and will be very interesting. Peter has a huge punch, but his chin has never been tested. Wladimir has proven that his chin is weak but he has tons of offensive firepower. I think Peter will land a punch and it will be over in the first 4 rounds. He is one of the best pure punchers in the last 20 years of the heavyweight division. I'm merrily on to other subjects, let's see who has the knowledge to join me.

One more time, either going to Iraq was the right thing to do, or it wasn't. If removing Saddam was the right thing to do, then we were right for going to war. If NOT removing him from power and letting him continue his regime was the best path, then we made a mistake by invading. Once again, we cannot be wrong for going to war but right for removing Saddam from power. You can't have it both ways. John Kerry, who was for, then against, then for, then against (depending on what audience he was speaking to and the mood he was in) tried to tell us it was the wrong war, in the wrong place at the right time, but it's a good thing Saddam is out of power. Joe and Agnes Average America, smarter than most give them credit for, smelled a rat and they didn't vote FOR Bush, they voted AGAINST Kerry. Kent, I'm registered Republican and usually lean that way, though I've voted for Democrats and Independents. Lately though, the Democratic leadership is so out of step with what I know to be common sense, I don't see myself voting for them in a National election anytime soon, unless major changes take place. Solid centerist Dems like Sam Nunn, Morris Udall, etc., seem to have been overrun by looney tunes.

Italian Stallion = Fan = Forest Ward. You won't answer reasonable questions asked of you, but please, if you want to slag me, deliver it personally. It's more than mere coincidence that as soon as you had the need to slag someone, this Italian Stallion guy was created. One of the most intelligent and knowledgable posters on this site is the complete gentleman Massimo. He never blows his own trumpet, and unlike Kent, he isn't a know-it-all. On the one hand, Massimo's knowledge is thorough and, guess what, he's probably never been to a fight in person other than in Rome. (Using Kent's yardstick that means he knows nothing.) On the other, reading Kent is like being hit with a wet, warm lettuce wielded by someone desperate to project his own perceived self-importance. I've learnt things on this site reading Massimo, Angelo, Steve, and a few others like Howard. Being honest, I've never learnt anything from Kent. Nothing. Some of Kent's comments are so silly they defy logic, especially regarding the fights Frazier ducked. I've learnt from Fan that ignorance is more widespread than I had feared. I've also learnt from Fan
some people make accusations they can't prove and that they refuse to answer questions they can't answer. Notice how if Kent picks someone out on a mistake, he takes great pleasure in mocking them as if they know nothing. But Massimo politely advises that the mistake was made and he corrects you. (Same with Steve.) Massimo has a reason to be so confident that he doesn't need to belittle others to make himself feel more knowledgable and important. Kent doesn't. Simple, really.

Anyway, Massimo said that Liston probably has the best jab and that is a very smart comment. I remember reading Foreman's book and in it he said that he used to spar with Liston. He said Liston's jab was the hardest he ever faced. Given that he fought Ali, that is huge praise. Liston's career comprised 271 rounds with each fight lasting an average of 5 rounds. Ali's average rounds per fight were 8.9, Marciano 4.9, Quarry 6.2, Patterson 6.5, Norton 6.28, Lyle 3.3, Louis 5.9, Lewis 5.1, Holmes 7.8, Foreman 3.1, and Frazier 5.7. Frazier's is relatively low, but the two early stoppages against Foreman are reflected here, not only the early knockouts he got himself. Foreman's fights lasted 3.1 rounds on average and Lyle's 3.3 on average. This shows that the statistics are accurate. The two renowned hard hitters are lowest.

Massimo - how many times were Louis, Foreman, Marciano, and Holmes knocked down in their careers. I'm going to begin some research.

In every sport there is a plethora of statistics. Boxings different. I wonder why.

8/3/05 05:37:33 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Can I say something on Iraq, seeing others have. Before Iraq, Saddam used WMDs in his 10 years war with Iran killing a million people. He gassed the Kurds, ruined the environment by draining the marshes, slaughtered the Swamp Arabs, and then invaded Kuwait, took American diplomats hostage, held hostage our pilots, and lobbed scuds on Israel while also setting fire to oil wells to further vandalize the environment.

Saddam then withdrew from Kuwait under treaty when he lost the war. He then promptly went back on the conditions of the treaty, one by one, paid $25,000 cash to the families of suicide bombers blowing up school buses in Israel, tried to kill former President George Bush, boasted that he had WMDs, and then refused unfettered searches by weapons inspectors which was a condition of the Kuwait treaty. Saddam's government was overthrown. The war is now over and a new democratic government installed. Arguments about the war ended two years ago. It is now an argument whether we stay and finish the job or cut and run. It is no longer a war argument. It is now about a struggle with insurgents. Infrastructure is being rebuilt. There is a moral and legal responsibility to stay and fix the problem.

When we cut and ran in Vietnam because of silly, stupid Jane Fonda types, more than half a million south Vietnamese people (our allies) were interned or murdered. The Killing Fields then happened under Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge in Cambodia where millions of innocents were killed. Cut and run from Iraq and watch the slaughter. Watch militant Islam spread across that area. And you'll eventually you'll get to personally watch them use WMDs.

If we listened to the peace niks, Saddam would still be in power, Syria would still be in charge of Lebanon, Gaddafi would still be making WMDs in Libya, and the dark ages Taliban would still be running Kabul plotting Sept 11 attacks with its Al Qaeda buddies.

Thanks.
Thanks for the very nice words! No, I have never been to a fight for 2 reasons: I would feel somehow guilty if I did even if probably there is no reason. There have never been real important fights here in Roma probably since Nino Benvenuti, especially in the heavyweight division, my favourite division. I see all the fights at home. I'm a big boxing fan because boxing gives me emotions and adrenalina as NO other sport. As far as I know, Marciano has been knocked down twice (Walcott and Moore), Foreman 3 or 4 times (Ali', Lyle 2 and there is people including Wepner). Most of the boxing fans states there was NO knockdown in the Wepner-Foreman but I just don't know (I haven't seen this fight). I don't know about Joe Louis. Let's see, Buddy Baer knocked him down and out of the ring, Marciano knocked him down twice, Walcott knocked him down... I think 3 times in 2 fights... PS: let's try to be all friends regardless of our incompatibilites! Nobody is a bad ass in this site!

Massimo - the praise was sincere. When I ask a question, trying to learn something I don't know, you venture an answer straight away, same as Angelo, and even admit if you don't know the answer. I asked about the hardest fights Frazier won (apart from the Ali win) and you gave your opinion straight away. I really appreciate that. Thanks for the comments on those knockdowns. It's funny how the record books merely tell us when a fight ended, but they usually have nothing about the important content of the fight - like knockdowns. Perhaps if someone compiled all that data in the one book there would be a dollar or a lira (is that the Italian version) in it ....... 

Previously, I couldn't split Louis and Ali for the greatest ever tag, with Marciano up there, too (although I know you have reservations on Rocky). But when I assessed the stats on how few times Ali went down - four times in his long career against monster punchers - it puts him on top, in my opinion. You could even argue he was really knocked down genuinely only twice - Frazier and Cooper. The Banks and Wepner ones may not have been knockdowns and Ali wasn't hurt, anyway. I don't think we've lost anything not personally attending fights. Watching tapes of them are usually better in fact. The atmosphere doesn't affect you, you haven't imbibed (alcohol) with your mates, you are less distracted, and you can watch frame-by-frame replays. If being there was what counts, then no one is alive credentialed to pass judgment on Louis, et al. And notice how no one ever praises Jack Johnson? Can't work that one out. Pete - to be honest, I've never seen Griffiths fight, but apart from silly rumours about his personal life that dont matter, I've only ever heard good things about his ability. Of course, there was the tragic fight against Benny Paret. He had three great fights against Benvenuti, according to a book in front of me. Regarding Kent, I think he's a good guy, heart in the right place, etc, but with Frazier he can't be fair. He's dug in on his point of view and can't admit he got it wrong, despite the long list of facts listed on this site.

The Banks knockdown was legit. I have the fight. I actually own every fight that was ever on film from Ali's career. His toughest fights as far as struggling are in this order in my opinion. I am not counting any fight after Earnie Shavers because he should have never fought after that and he was a shell of himself. 1. Frazier 2. Norton 3. Norton III 4. Frazier III 5. Norton II 6. Cooper 7. Lyle 8. Jones 9. Shavers 10. Bonavena


Good post, Fan, and you are right about the Banks' knockdown of Ali. On page 45 of Thomas Hauser's book on Ali (His Life & Times), Gil Glancy stated: "Banks was a puncher. That's all; he didn't have much else, but he could punch. Halfway through the first round, he nailed Cassius on the chin with a left hook, and Cassius went down like a sack of wheat. Angelo Dundee turned pale..." Dundee told Hauser on page
“Banks hit Muhammad right on the jaw, and on his way down, his eyes were closed. But when he hit the canvass, he woke up. That's when I saw his recuperative powers. . . .”

Banks nailed Ali with a left hook, so did Cooper, and so did Frazier, for a legit knockdown each. The punch from Wepner to Ali's chest immediately before Ali fell to the canvass was a right. I think it is generally believed that Ali overbalanced even though it was called a knockdown by the referee. But the three legit knockdowns were left hooks. I wonder whether Cooney could have landed his.

Fact: in the late 1960's and early 1970's, NYPD officers were marked for assassination by radical groups such as the Black Muslims, the Black Liberation Army, and the Panthers. Black/White partners were specifically targeted and killed.

Fact: In April, 1972, NYPD officers were lured into a Black Muslim mosque at 102 West 116 Street in Harlem via a false 10-13 (officer needs assistance) call to 911. They were ambushed, overwhelmed by 20 men and Officer Phillip Cardillo was murdered.

Query: Was Ali a member of the Black Muslims in 1972?

For those who are not at all bothered by the answer, save the hollow praise and crocodile tears you express for the police. With friends like you, cops don't need enemies.
notebook in. How long were you in the police, Steve?

8/4/05 12:36:32 AM|steve|nj|na|||||10|Noam, I don't know what I posted to make you believe I was ever a cop? Just ask Les. I was definitely not a candidate for the police force.

8/4/05 02:09:26 AM|Steve|nj|na|||||10|Noam, maybe your just being facetious with the cop remark. I thought you wanted to talk about boxing history. I was just trying to offer you some old stuff I know about. With my history, I'm probably as far on the other end of the spectrum as a man can get. Call it irony, but my best friend, and I don't make friends easily, is a big, bad ex-cop. I anticipate with glee his response to your post.

8/4/05 03:03:46 AM|Noam|same||same|||||10|Steve - sorry, but when I read the word 'instructor' you used in your post, I related it to a police academy and thought you must have been a cop. I like cops. Always have, even if you weren't one. I like vets, too.<br><br>When I first read the accusation about Ali, the Black Muslims, and the death of police officer Phillip Cardillo, I got quite angry. But having settled down I think the guy who posted it is sincere, which makes it understandable.<br><br>His problem is he's talking from his heart and not his head. If you really think about it, the post reads that if you like Ali, then you are incapable of being sincere in expressing gratitude, admiration or sympathy for police. That's not right. Plenty of Ali admirers would be police. Perhaps I am, or was, or wasn't. You can be sincere in your admiration for police AND Ali at the same time. I know I am.<br><br>If it was Forest who posted, I'd ask him to think with his head. How many Black Muslims killed the officer? Do we blame them all for the actions of a few? If we do that, then we blame all cops, for the corruptness of one or two bad apples. We'll blame all Catholics for the actions of a few in Belfast. We'd blame all whites for the KKK. And did Ali condone what happened to officer Cardillo? I've never heard anyone accuse him of that.<br><br>Anyway, if it was Forest who posted that stuff about Ali, then I suppose it makes lots of other stuff he has written understandable. Makes me feel guilty that I put the boot into him, figuratively speaking, of course.

8/4/05 03:34:11 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||||10|Fan-<br><br>Which Ali's professional fights are not available on tape? Thanks.<br><br>There's no doubt in hell that Emilio Griffith was a great champion. He fought 339 rounds in world title fights (this is an all time record). He won 16 out of 24 of these fights. He fought as a welter, a superwelter and a middleweight. I think he was at his best as a welter. He was great even in defeat. I have seen recently his second fight with Carlos Monzon which Emilio fought at the age of 35 and I think he won that fight quite clearly. I have also seen his first fight with Paret and the highlights from the 3 Benvenuti fights. Emile Griffith was 5 times world champion in 3 different weight divisions!

8/4/05 06:04:11 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||||10|I think the 3 Frazier fights are among Ali's best fights, especially the third one.<br><br>How is Griffith? He is listed at 5'7" 1/2.

8/4/05 12:45:59 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||||10|Kent: Were you against the '91 gulf war too? We weren't attacked, you know?

8/4/05 01:02:54 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|||||10|Ali wasn't taped against Herb Siler, Tony Esperti, Jim Robinson, Alejandro Lavorante, Duke Sabedong.

8/4/05 02:02:50 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|||||10|And Donnie Fleeman

8/4/05 02:03:26 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|||||10|Steve, I appreciate your empathetic thoughts. I don't let such things cloud my life. I just have a strong preference for a truthful rendition of history.
in the movie). Sadly, it is anything but fiction.<br><br>I take exception to the sanitized, romanticized, idealized incarnation of Ali because is not truthful. I have said all along that, in my opinion, his draft evasion was the product of neither cowardice nor pacifism. Ali was no pacifist, and I doubt he was a coward. He just hated America. You can argue until the cows come home about why he did, or whether his views were justified, but lets start with the truth. That's why, as I recall, he boasted about having thrown his Olympic gold medal in the Ohio river. In a later effort to reinvent himself, he recanted the story. So he either did it, or lied about it.<br><br>I can't help but wonder to what extent Ali's example bolstered the ranks of the Black Muslims. Is it unrealistic to consider the possibility that others joined because of him? Perhaps one of the killers of Officer Cardillo, or of some other cop? If he has truly repudiated the Black Muslims, wouldn't it be great to see Ali use his influence and step up and condemn today's scourge, radical Islamic fundamentalism? Perhaps this time he could use his influence for some major good. Part of the tragedy of the Cardillo murder was the politics involved. The NYC pols, afraid to offend anyone, has regulations in place in 1972 prohibiting officers from entering a mosque. Sound familiar?<br><br>This topic is certainly not a pleasant one, and has nothing to do with Jerry Quarry. I have tried to proffer the unpleasant facts without resort to personal attack and sarcasm. My intent is not to offend. But for the sake of all the Phillip Cardillos (and he wasn't the only one by any means) the truth will be told. |
endgame have to be angry that we shouldn't have been there in the first place, and those feelings will not go away. I have friends in Iraq, guys I served with. There question is: what the hell is the program here? Their words, not mine. I just agree with them. I also enjoyed the stats. Sorry I have to spend so much time defending myself instead of on boxing. Freedom of speech is still legal, at least until the Patriot Act says otherwise. Incidentally, I voted McCain and Kerry. There's no question we'd be better off with either. And, I'd take a dopey hippie like Fonda over those scumbags torturing prisoners in Guantanamo. At least Democrats are anti-torture. Insult me if you must. The majority of Americans are clearly against this president and this war. Sorry to say I told you so, but I did.

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Gerry: First, thank you for your service to our country. Second, I'm amazed by how ignorant you are of American foreign policy, American security, middle-east regional strategy, use of military intervention, etc. It sounds as though you are a conspiracy nut of some type. Do you really believe George Bush is sending our men and women into combat for some esoteric, inexplicable reason that has nothing to do with safeguarding the interests of our country? This is stuff that high school juniors and some college kids looking for a cause are supposed to believe. It's bizarre. You sound crazy. Bush is responsible for killing thousands of Iraqi families? Excuse me, but his policy is responsible for ridding Iraq of the tyrant who actually committed those crimes, Saddam. Get a clue.
in that war. Pretty dumb.<br>

And when we were on better terms with Bin Laden, what was he doing? Fighting the Russians in Afghanistan. Remember the USSR, Gerry? You should because they had in excess of 10,000 nuclear missiles aimed at us. (Here's a hint, Gerry: the guys trying to kill you are generally your enemies, and that's not the republicans and the Bushes.) Sometimes, Gerry, you have to sort out who your biggest threat is before prioritizing the order of your enemies. In the above cases, Iran and the USSR were the biggest threats and, therefore, the greatest enemies. So we supported THEIR greatest enemies. That's the way it has worked, ever since Nero wore mini skirts. Bin Laden became a growing problem on Clinton's watch. Oh, you forgot that too. Democrat Bill's attention was elsewhere (Monica, impeachment, seminal stains, take your pick) and the monster Bin Laden was running around blowing Americans up. It took a republican to confront him instead of just deferring the problem by firing cruise missiles into sand dunes as Clinton did. Same with Saddam. It was a republican president who threw him out of Kuwait. And it was then a democrat president - once again Clinton - who let the Saddam problem grow and grow and grow until, once again, a republican president opted to confront it rather than leave it to future generations. And Gerry, who got us into Vietnam? Kennedy (democrat). Gerry spits out words like republican and Bush with such venom. He hates them more than Saddam and Bin Laden. Just like Jane Fonda does.

8/4/05 07:01:37 PM|Fan|USA||n/a|10|Noam, please stop distorting what myself and others have said. I didn't accuse Ali of being a cop murderer, or say he was "involved" in the Cardillo murder. I explained quite clearly why I think he was very wrong to join the Muslims, and how I believe his celebrity contributed to their cause. Are you aware that, ironically, there are those on the left who despise Ali for his attempt at reinventing himself? They give him more "credit" than he probably deserves for tearing the country apart in the 60's. The point is, some of his own friends, or former friends, paint an even worse (from my perspective) picture of the Ali of the past than do I. As you have been told umpteen times, I am not Fandon, he is not me; I am not poor Forest, who you apparently finally harangued away; not the Italian Stallion, etc. Not Kent, whom you have mercilessly ridiculed, despite his best efforts to avoid being "judgmental". I must add that I am disappointed that the new, kinder gentler Noam is no more. He was much more palatable, for a couple of weeks, than the original. I thought maybe you finally caught on that insulting virtually everyone on the site was winning no allies. Is there a single poster on this site who has not either been a victim of your attacks or taken you to task for attacking others? Noam, you have criticized others for not revealing themselves. I respect the privacy of everyone, and maintain my own, so if you don't want to answer, I'll understand. But, if you're so inclined, do tell us a bit about yourself. You seem to have suffered more injuries than Evil Knievel. What is it you do for a living (when you're not posting here?) You have "wise guy" associates; you seem to have an interest in things military; and you use that precocious British spelling. You call people who are my age, or what you have surmised is my age, old. And of course, you idolize Ali, and to a lesser extent, the objective Mr. Hauser (thank you for recently declining to use the word "acclaimed" when referring to he or his work. We get it.) An intriguing mix, to be sure. A few day ago we were all free to express ourselves and disagree, knowing we'd all stick together in a pinch. The tenor of your posts suggested that the personal attacks were over (with the possible exception of Kent). What happened? | 8/4/05 08:35:20 PM|Noam|same||same|10|Knock yourself out Forest saying whatever makes you feel better. It doesn't offend or upset. I'd simply remind that you are no longer posting under the imposter name Forest Ward because you made a fool out of yourself and became isolated from the bunch with your
nonsensical arguments. Have fun anyways, whatever you want to call yourself. Thanks, big ears (warm chortles). Boxing trivia: who was the tallest opponent Joe Louis ever faced ?

| 8/4/05 10:56:35 PM | Steve[nj]| na| |10| Massimo, I was just bragging about meeting Emile Griffith. I used to always try to get tickets for the eighth row. It put you enough above ringside, but still close enough to get a perfect view. [If you could see through the cigarette smoke.], He came down the walkway, which was slanted downwards. I was sitting in the end seat. I just stood up and offered him my hand and burbled some fan talk. He actually stopped for a second and shook my hand. I couldn't judge his height. He did have on a perfectly tailored suit. He looked as broad as a barn door. I asked if his suit was tailored in Italy. He then punched me in the face, and screamed, [Italian tailors are worthless!]|

| 8/4/05 11:49:33 PM | steve | nj| |na| |10| Massimo, what dialect do you speak. Your not from Naples, not a flourintine, do you speak the old Roman ? |

| 8/5/05 12:00:40 AM | Howard C. | Louisville | | howardc@louisville|||10| Having gone back through the posts, Fan and Fandom are separate guys, as someone, I think Angelo, said. Fandom tries to be fair. I agree with Noam that this other Fan guy is the one who used to call himself Forrest. Fan only posts occasionally and they are all bitter against Ali. Looking at it from Fan's (Forrest's) point of view, I suppose he's just letting off steam. It is certain that he hates Ali. No doubt about that if you go back and read the posts and the hatred that steams through. I agree with Fan that Ali did wrong, but that was 40 years ago. Most everyone else has moved on. Fan hasn't. That tells me something about him. The other telling thing is he only gives Ali brickbats, never praise. All those awards and getting the hostages out overseas doesn't mitigate anything, is how Fan would have it. Hating like Fan does isn't constructive and clearly isn't doing him any good. Fan, can we break the hatred down a bit ? Whose your 10 greatest heavies of all time, please ?

| 8/5/05 03:18:46 AM | Massimo | Roma, aho! | |4| |10| Noam- I think the wildest guy Joe Louis ever fought was Buddy Baer. Buddy was at least 6'6", maybe 6'6" 1/2. Primo Carnera was at least 6'5", but probably 6'5" 3/4. Many people in Italy still think Primo was over 2.00 but this is what the fascist government in the 30's used to say... I think it's b.s. Normally I speak Standard Italian with no dialectal inflection. People usually can't understand what part of Italy I come from. But when I get angry sometimes I use the Roman dialect, aho! Anyway, the Roman dialect is very close to Standard Italian, less beautiful than Standard Italian but funnier. Usually I understand better the dialects in South Italy than those in North Italy. Lombardo, Veneto, Friulano are hard. Fortunately they all can speak Standard Italian, but when they speak in Lombardo or whatever it's quite a mess! |

| 8/5/05 04:30:29 AM | Noam | same | | same| |10| Massimo - yep, you're right. Buddy Baer, younger brother of Max, was 6', 6.5" tall. Now tell me, Massimo, when 10 Ton Galento fought Louis, what did he say that upset Joe so much ? And what false allegation did promoter Jacobs make to promote the fight and sell more tickets ?

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Please explain because, if it's not any of the above, then I don't know why you'd mention it. One bad apple doesn't make an entire police force bad so why condemn Ali because he was a member of a group where a minority did bad. You also said that there were some on this sight who had "crocodile tears" about police. If I misinterpreted that, please explain again. My regard for police is not feigned, same as it is for vets, if that's what you were questioning. As far as Hauser is concerned, he is an ACCLAIMED writer by the Ring magazine and he has been nominated for awards. That's a fact and it's not just me saying that.

Regrets you're other questions - no, I've never been in the military; yes, I did sustain the injuries described in ways you'd probably relate to; and no, I am not friendly with any 'wise guys' (I was being facetious on that). You can keep guessing on the rest of your questions. If you want to call a truce, Forest, then fine by me. I only ask because it's annoying the others. If not, then you can say what you want and I'll do my best to ignore you.

If you go back to the archives you will see a gruesome twosome Foolface and the Koo Koo Klock were relentless in their putting me down at every opportunity and I don't think the Muffinman is a big fan of mine either, whoever he is.

I knew the answers but I don't remember them anymore.

I am relieved that you were kidding about the wiseguys, I think you were getting some of us a little nervous.
regarding the first Persian Gulf war, I reluctantly did support this action. We can't just let some country invade one of its neighbors but even this exception to my rule of never using military force unless we are attacked is a bitter pill for me to swallow. The reason is instability in the region can be directly attributed to mendling and imperialism of the western powers, in this case our good friend Britain. In the early 20th century, Britain redrew the maps of the region to create Iraq in the first place. Historically there is no such country as Iraq, there were Kurds, Sunnis and Shites who lived in what is now that country. Britain all of sudden put these different groups together as part of an effort to control the region and the valuable oil supply. That these groups could not get together easily except under the rule of one dictator of another is easy to see and something we will always have a problem with as far as having a government. A democracy involving these groups is a good idea but will it work? Who knows? Did Iraq actually have a valid claim that Kuwait was supposed to be part of their country in the first place? Who knows also, but it is better to have some somewhat benevolent capitalistic dictators in Kuwait to having a maniac like Hussein in charge. But where do we draw the line on using force when we are not attacked? Why are we always doing most of the work as the world's policemen by attacking this or that tyrant? We go into the former Yugoslavia and intervene because of the Serbs abuse there, by the way Yugoslavia was another thrown together country by outside powers that was bound to fail as the separate groups, the Croatians, Serbs, Bosnians, etc, could not easily be one country except under some hard line dictators rule, in this case Soviet backed communists before the war in the 1990s, and without that hard line rule all hell was bound to break loose. But we don't go into some African countries when atrocities just as bad as what happened in Kosovo and Iraq happen because this area is not as important as having a stable Europe and a stable Persian Gulf area, which in the second case is mostly because of the oil supply.

Angelo, should we be a military equivalent of Amnesty International and attack every two bit thug dictator who abuses innocent civilian populations?
everything and anything associated with Bush or the Republicans. And deny reality.<br>Gerry, I suppose a hero of yours is Senator Byrd. Byrd is called by democrats "the conscience of the senate." He is not only a former member of the Klu Kluck Klan, he was a "Kleagle." Kleagles are in charge of recruiting new members. Senator Byrd filibustered for 14 hours in the senate attempting to prevent the passing of the 1965 Civil Rights Bill. Not surprising only democrats call him "the conscience of the senate." I wonder why?<br>What President was an ally with Stalinn. Yes, the same Stalin who killed 20 million people during his reign of terror. I will give you a hint he was a democrat also. President Roosevelt.<br>And finally, what President signed an agreement with North Korea's dictator Kim JongIl. The basis for the agreement was this, if North Korea promise not to build nuclear weapons the US would give Korea tons of food and billions of dollars. for doing so. Democratic President Clinton signed this agreement. And guess what? Korea kept the money and continued to build nuclear weapons. And now we have to deal with him, and the treat posed by the nuclear weapons.<br>Gerry why don't you stick to boxing, and quit trying to lay your cancer on this board. The election is over, your side lost.| 8/5/05 02:30:41 PM| Angelo| Washington, DC| funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Battle of the Sexes, 2005: Forget tennis. Forget Billie Jean King vs. Bobby Riggs. I've got something better: Joe Frazier vs. Leila Ali! If we gave Frazier 3 months to train and put him in against Leila Ali, who would win? Who would win a three round fight, who would win a six rounder and who would win a ten rounder? I'm not sure of Frazier's physical condition. Leila is in great shape, but if Frazier delivered the type of hook that dropped her dad, could she get up? If Frazier trained for three months and actually took it seriously, could he do damage? | 8/5/05 03:34:43 PM| Kent| Murrieta, Ca| kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Pete, that while you were correct that President Roosevelt and the United States were allies with Stalin, you are leaving out an important fact, that the reason was we were allies is because it was during world war 2 against Hitler and Nazi Germany and it was an extraordinary circumstance. Any president of either party would have done the same during those trying times. Also I doubt anyone knew the extent of what was going on internally in Russia as we had other things to focus on, namely survival. I believe the west didn't really know what Stalin had done until later. | 8/5/05 03:46:10 PM| Angelo| Washington, DC| funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Kent: And that supports the arguments that others here have made, that sometimes things change. We've had our reasons for being aligned with some pretty bad people, including Saddam. Hindsight is 20/20. Live and learn, grow and change. By the way, some people "accuse" Bush of "going to war over oil." You know what, I don't know if I believe that, but if it's true, I agree with the decision. Uninterrupted flow of crude from the middle east is vital to our economy and national welfare, even world economic stability. Wars have been fought over far less important things. I wouldn't even disguise why we're there if that's the reason. Also, being an armchair warrior is easy after the conflict is in progress. John Kerry had the worst case of "Monday Morning Quarterback" I've ever seen in a politician. He had a better way to do everything---except he told us the better way AFTER THE FACT, not before or during. Again, Joe and Agnes America figured him out as a big phoney and voted against his ass. Leila Ali vs. Joe Frazier, December 2005: Who wins? | 8/5/05 04:29:18 PM| Massimo | Roma| 4.com | 10 | Angelo<br>I'm not an expert of American foreign policy, but I can't believe he is doing the war in Iraq for the oil. Would he sacrifice billions of dollars and thousands of American young lives for two drops of oil? He ain't stupid! <br>Duckin' Joe would NEVER fight Laila Ali!! Laila is a way harder puncher than his father was... | 8/5/05 04:42:26 PM| Angelo| Washington, DC| funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Massimo: I
think we could talk Frazier into it. It would be like Bobby Riggs vs. Billie Jean King all over again, updated because women have come a long way since 1973! Laila would have more speed and possibly more endurance than Frazier. But Joe might still pack a powerful hook which could ice her if he lands. Plus, she's an Ali, so he'd be motivated. Leila might get a decision win.

Two Ton Tony Galento's manager was a guy called Joe Jacobs and he accused Joe Louis have having held a metal bar in his right glove the night he knocked out Max Schmeling. Louis made Jacobs retract the allegation under threat of legal action.

Galento was a brave/crazy guy. He went out of his way to tease Louis before they fought and he actually made comments similar to what Duran made about Leonard's wife before their first fight. When they were being given instructions from the referee, Galento said to Louis, "I am going to .... your wife." Louis went out and let himself get caught up in a good old fashioned brawl.

Roosevelt knew what was going on in Russia, but at the time he was knee deep battling the great depression.

Regarding any President would have done what Roosevelt did. Do you think President Reagan would have given eastern Europe to Russia? Do you think President Bush would have given eastern Europe to the Russians? Do you think President Nixon would give eastern Europe to Russia? Roosevelt and Truman would. President Carter would. And I have no doubt Clinton would.

Supporting both Frazier and Ali are not contradictory.
move on from it. But you weren't even handed and that was my point.<br>Can anyone tell me whether this is true? I am told that Max Baer was in a hotel room when he suffered a heart attack. He phoned the receptionist for help. She replied: "Do you need the house doctor?" "No," Baer replied, "a PEOPLE doctor." He then died. Is any of this true?<br>Pete - I'm with you on everything you are saying. Absolutely. Some liberals have very short memories. They hate President Bush more than the lunatics trying to kill them. It's all political with them; it's got nothing to do with morality or honesty or human rights or real dangers to our way of life. <br>And if you read the tone of Gerry's post you can see that. Gerry was telling us "I told you so" and that's why he wrote it. His problem is that he wasn't correct in the first place. If the planting of democracy eventually takes root in Iraq, then it might spread and bring peace to the rest of that place, which has had turmoil and war for thousands of years. That's the big picture about what's happening over there. The narrow minded political hippies like Gerry only look at what's happening today and tomorrow, not next week, next year, and next decade. <br>\[8/5/05 09:19:47 PM\Kent\Murrieta, Ca\kentallenent@aol.com\]\[10\Noam, the only time I ever said anything about Frazier other than boxing was recently when I pointed out that you can't let go of the Frazier subject, that you can't stop talking about him even if only to dish out dirt on Frazier and one other time months ago when I said I don't know if Frazier beat his girlfriend or not as I wasn't there and he wasn't convicted of a crime.<br>The only time I have said anything about Ali other than boxing was to say I understand why he wouldn't want to fight for a government that at the time couldn't even guarantee his basic rights.<br>So I have made a total of three posts, about either man, other than boxing, one for Ali, one neutral, as saying I don't know if someone committed a crime or not is neither supportive nor against him and in the other one, I didn't say whether I was for or against Frazier.<br>Noam, you really are a judgemental person. As I told Howard and I am sure he can see it now, you have no idea knowing what is in my heart.<br>It is not up to me to control what others say about Ali and I am not defending Frazier's shortcomings as a person. In fact I didn't even comment if I agreed or not on your recent comments on Frazier's behavior. I just said you can't resist bringing bad things up about him.<br>Clearly the facts show that I have, by and large, only talked about boxing about Frazier or Ali but you won't be able to see it as your mind is already made up about what you think I believe.<br>Oh I forgot, I did say something about Ali, that it was a good thing he denounced his former beliefs about all white people being evil. I did say if he had said those things in the 1960s, he might have wined up dead like Malcolm X did. That is totally understandable why he would not be too public if he had those correct beliefs earlier. I would count this as a positive statement about Ali.<br>Go ahead and get the last word in as I am not talking about this subject anymore.<br>\[8/6/05 02:50:48 AM\\Noam\same\same\10\Kent - even when I apologized you had to come back with all the infuriating crap. Now you do it again, lecturing people. As I said, you criticize people for criticizing Frazier but you say nothing when Fan/Forest or whoever criticizes Ali. Fact. Please stop talking about it because I am certain that I am not the only person here you're annoying. By the way, I only apologized so that you'd stop it, but you haven't. And if you really want to check, it wasn't me who brought up the Frazier subject again, it was one of the people you don't criticize. In fact, on numerous occasions you've done it yourself. I've done the right thing, so you do the same. I know you hate Ali, even if you haven't the guts to admit it. \[8/6/05 03:47:03 AM\\Massimo |Roma\4\10\Noam-\br\I'm sure Tony got Joe Louis pissed off by saying he wanted to .... his wife!\] \[8/6/05 04:21:19 AM\\Howard C.\Louisville\howardc@louisville\10\Noam and Massimo: interesting story about Galento. I haven't heard the yarn about Baer.}
Noam - you apologized to Kent and so did I. Obviously he wants to just keep it going on. I don't know why. I'm going to ignore him and I suggest you do the same. |

| 8/6/05 04:24:59 AM | Massimo | Roma | cini_massimo@libero.it | 10 |
| Noam - | I know for sure that Massimo Baer died of heart failure but I don't know any (or the) details (where he was, what he was doing etc.). |

| 8/6/05 02:03:30 PM | Italian Stallion | Philly | Unknown | 10 |
| I used to know a guy named Don Warner that talked about fighting in the past. Now I see the dude fought Muhammad Ali?? Maybe I should have listened to him!! |

| 8/6/05 05:48:35 PM | Noam | same | same | 10 |
| Massimo - thanks. I am trying to find out whether the story is true about Baer, or whether it's just an urban myth. I've seen it printed in newspapers a couple of times. |

| 8/6/05 06:11:15 PM | Pete | Cleveland | N/A | 10 |
| Kent I have to correct you. You chastised Gerry the vet for applauding Jane Fonda. But you chastised me for leaving historical information out of my post. And you were wrong anyway in your historical assessment (read my post again if you want, I am not going to reprint it) Kent, you don't believe in war unless we are attacked. How did you feel about Germany in World War II? Germany did not attack us. Was democratic President Roosevelt being a policeman for the world? Kent, this is the reason you have people on the board getting upset, you write posts that are lacking objectivity, and your posts are flawed because of that. Evertime Noam and Howard C reach out to you you bite their hand Kent you are becoming another Forrest, and you know what happened to him. |

| 8/6/05 06:15:53 PM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 |
| Noam - | I haven't seen much of Larry Holmes in his prime, only the Frazier fight (Marvis not Duckin' Joe) and the Scott Frank fight so I'm not a big expert on this subject. But, anyway, the impression I got is that he was one of the greatest, obviously in the top 10, maybe in the top 5. But to be sure I should see some of his greatest fights against Shavers, Weaver, Spinks, Norton etc. He was one of the best technician ever, with a marvellous jab. He had huge heart and huge recovering ability also. I have seen him against Tyson, Mercer and Holyfield (a synthesis) when he already was his own uncle. |

| 8/6/05 06:30:54 PM | Fan | USA | n/a | 10 |
| So much for the "truce". For my part I'll keep on trying. Howard, as you can see, I took the time to respond to you. Was your invite less than sincere? Pete, please share. What did happen to Forest? |

| 8/6/05 08:55:11 PM | Angelo | dc | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 |
| Massimo: Holmes takes Frazier in your dream matchup. Holmes by unanimous decision or late round KO. Now, in my 2005 dream matchup, I'm taking Leila Ali by decision over Smokin' Joe. |

| 8/7/05 12:24:31 AM | Noam | same | same | 10 |
| Holmes with his tremendous jab |
probably outpoints Frazier, but an early stoppage isn’t out of the equation. Holmes won 64% of his fights by kayo. Of his 43 kayo wins, 17 of those were knockouts usually in round 4. Joe was a slow starter, so Holmes would have pressed for a stoppage early (especially if this fight happened after Foreman stopped Frazier when it was thereafter obvious that Joe’s chin was vulnerable). Holmes certainly wouldn’t have been intimidated having fought big punchers like Shavers (twice) and Norton. Big names didn’t worry him either. He fought Ali, and he wasn’t too frightened to face Tyson at age 38. He also showed that he could beat fighters with big left hooks when he stopped Cooney, so Frazier’s left shouldn’t have proved a problem. Holmes could take a punch, too. And let’s not forget he won 20 successive title defenses. In my opinion, Holmes was in the top 5 heavies of all time. I haven’t been able to find yet a heavyweight champion who fought more career rounds than Holmes. Larry fought 575 rounds (average per fight of 7.8 rounds). Ali fought 553 rounds and Frazier 214. Holmes is right up there with the elite. Just think in his career he was in the ring fighting the best for 28.75 hours and he never made a fool out of himself. It took an in prime monster like Tyson to stop him when Larry was 38.

Pete, some of us have said some things we shouldn't have and we apologized but Noam really didn't apologize, he continued to take a shot at me by keeping with the Dead Parrots society title, I take it as he is being smug and acting superior and saying I am stupid. This was something he kept saying before you were here. It is insulting and something he thinks is funny at my expense and it is mean spirited. Noam kept the feud going by saying this. I wouldn’t be surprised if he calls me a crybaby or some other disrespectful comment for saying he really didn't apologize and that I don't like the Dead Parrots comment.

Ironic, I am sorry for some of the things I said to him and I don't call him a crybaby for taking offense. Pete, if you have the time to go through the archives you will see that others have been harder on me than I was ever on them. But I am not innocent either but none of us are who have been involved in our little feud. Funny, I agree with Noam about Frazier and his land deal if he played the race on this. That if Joe played the race card because he made a bad deal, then that is wrong. But I thought we were beyond the Frazier topic when he said this. Until this time I have not commented on Ali or Frazier's character or behavior. in the vast majority of my posts I have talked about boxing regarding them, except Ali’s stance on not going into the military, which I agree with Ali on this and him taking back negative things he said earlier in his life about white people, which I also agree was the right thing for him to do. I did say he could have winded up dead if he had said so in the 1960s but I don't blame him for that. After all, his friend Malcolm X ended up dead for speaking the truth during that time period. Ask Steve, Angelo, and Jimmy D, long time posters, and they will tell you I have never put Ali down as a person. People just assume it because I seem pro Frazier, more so than Ali. I also have never put down Ali as a boxer. I have always said he is the greatest heavyweight of all time, better than Frazier. You may be right about Roosevelt knowing that terrible abuse was going on in the Soviet Union but I would have to do some more research to verify to myself you are correct. But I think it is entirely possible that he didn't know the extent of what was happening as we didn't have the instant or as good of intelligence as we have today but either way, as during world war 2, during the depression we were in survival mode, hard to push for changes beyond our borders at that time. We were also, republicans and democrats alike, in the isolationist mode. A lot of Americans just wanted to ignore, rightly or wrongly, what was happening over there during the period leading to World War 2. Nazi Germany declared war on us right after Japan attacked us at Pearl Harbor. So yes I would have to support military action versus them as declaring
war is paramount to attacking us.<br><br>I pointed out that you left out the fact that we were allies with the Soviets during World War 2 as believe it or not, some people might not know that was when we were allies and it is an important fact that was left out.<br><br>We really don't know how other presidents would have handled the post WW2 situation as Truman was president, not them. We can speculate they would have handled things differently but we don't know for sure.<br><br>Pete, I am a life time democrat who hasn't voted for my party's nominee for president since 1992. Surprised?| 8/7/05 04:47:17 AM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Pete: I wouldn't bother responding to Kent. He's a good guy gone silly. Wait until he comes out of whatever mood he's in this time.<br><br>Noam: good post. Holmes had one of the best educations in boxing. When he was 21 or 22 he trained with Frasier and this was in the lead-up to the first fight with Ali. Frasier used to beat-up on his young training partners and Holmes got a busted rib and left.<br><br>Holmes ended up being a longterm training partner of Ali and this is when the polish was applied. Holmes actually travelled to Zaire to spar with Ali for the Foreman fight but got home sick and left. He continued as a training partner for a while longer but, worried that he would be stereotyped, and convinced he couldn't learn any more from 'The Greatest', Holmes left to go it alone. And what a stupendous career he carved ! 48 successive wins. 20 successful title defenses.  Holmes had the jab, stamina, mental toughness, and a wonderful robust jaw, to beat Frasier. Quite easily. No doubt in my mind about that and your statistics Noam bear that out. Holmes was probably the second most intelligent in boxing history. Behind Muhammad only.<br><br>Nice thing about Holmes. He admitted he loved Ali and was sorry he had to beat him. Shavers loved Ali. So did Norton and Foreman and all the others. The only one who hates Ali is Frasier. That tells me something. And notice how none of them ever speak of having the same affection for Frasier ? I've noticed.<br><br>Also, notice how Holmes and Shavers and Norton fought Ali even though they had great affection for him. Business is business. To some. To say otherwise is clutching at straws, looking for excuses. Like Joe has. For Shavers, Lyle, Norton and the others.<br><br>The Ali v Shavers fight confirmed Ali's jaw as the greatest ever. Early on Shavers hit Ali with the best right hand you'll ever see. It shook me out of my seat. Ali withstood it. Fooled Shavers that he wasn't really hurt. Had that punch hit Frasier, goodnight, lights out, see you tomorrow scamboogah.<br><br>A friend of mine who's been going to fights for over 60 years is critical of Joe. He says while Joe was over cautious about who HE fought, he threw caution to the wind when tossing poor young Marvis in there against Tyson. What was good for Frasier senior didn't apply to Frasier junior when matchmaking. Hindsight gives us all 20/20 vision, I suppose. | 8/7/05 04:49:16 AM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Pete: I wouldn't bother responding to Kent. He's a good guy gone silly. Wait until he comes out of whatever mood he's in this time.<br><br>Noam: good post. Holmes had one of the best educations in boxing. When he was 21 or 22 he trained with Frasier and this was in the lead-up to the first fight with Ali. Frasier used to beat-up on his young training partners and Holmes got a busted rib and left.<br><br>Holmes ended up being a longterm training partner of Ali and this is when the polish was applied. Holmes actually travelled to Zaire to spar with Ali for the Foreman fight but got home sick and left. He continued as a training partner for a while longer but, worried that he would be stereotyped, and convinced he couldn't learn any more from 'The Greatest', Holmes left to go it alone. And what a stupendous career he carved ! 48 successive wins. 20 successful title defenses.  Holmes had the jab, stamina, mental toughness, and a wonderful robust jaw, to beat Frasier. Quite easily. No doubt in my mind about that and your statistics Noam bear that out. Holmes was probably the second most intelligent in boxing history. Behind Muhammad
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Concerning your past question regarding the CAT scan exam, here is an attempt to explain it. That medical technique consists of taking a black and white xray/picture of an object. In applying this definition to the examination of a person's brain, the photographer/technician "photographs" primarily that part of the brain which looks similar to a butterfly, and which surrounds its central cortex. When the
examining neurologist evaluates that picture, that person tries to determine if there is a considerable amount of black coloration in and around the "butterfly" configuration. A large amount indicates the deterioration/shrinkage of the brain and thus the presence of some degree of dementia. In 2002, the late U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan introduced a bill in Congress mandating CAT scans for all active fighters as part of the re-licensing process in all political jurisdictions. And the AAIB and TJQF both supported the passage of this legislation. Unfortunately, U.S. Congress did not pass it. However, the New York State Athletic Commission does require it of all fighters who apply to compete in that state. Finally, thanks for the kind words regarding my writing.

| 8/7/05 09:49:10 AM | KENT | MURRIETA, CA | KENT_ALLENENT@AOL.COM | || 10 | HOWARD, AS IF I AM ALL TO BLAME AND NOAM CAN BE DOWNRIGHT MEAN AT TIMES. HIM CONTINUING WITH THE DEAD PARROTERS COMMENT WAS A SMUG SLAP IN THE FACE, NOT AN APOLOGY. I SAID I WAS SORRY FOR COMMENTS I MADE, WHAT MORE CAN I DO? NOT TO WORRY, I AM TAKING A BREAK FROM THIS PLACE FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS. IT HAS NOT BEEN MUCH FUN LATELY. BUT NO ONE IS RUNNING ME OUT OF HERE LIKE FOREST. SAD, FOREST HAS BEEN A GOOD FIGHTER FOR OVER FIVE YEARS AND I DO KNOW WHAT HIS NAME IS, OTHER THAN FOREST. BUT HE LIKELY WASN'T ENJOYING COMING HERE ANYMORE. WAS FOREST INNOCENT OF SAYING THINGS HE SHOULDN'T, NO BUT NEITHER IS NOAM. BUT YOU HOWARD ARE ALWAYS DEFENDING HIM LIKE HE DOES NO WRONG. |
| 8/7/05 10:27:18 AM | FAN | FANDOM | FAN@FANDOM.COM | || 10 | Kent, relax buddy. The reason this silliness keeps up is because you actually let it affect you. I have known you as a poster for 4 years and you are a fine poster and boxing scholar. Relax. |
| 8/7/05 10:33:53 AM | FAN | USA | n/a | || 10 | Pete, don't get too worked up about Sen. Byrd and the Klan. He bears no responsibility for his past, or the acts of an organization of which he was a member. You can't hold all Klansmen accountable for the acts of a few, you know. It's actually kind of hateful for you to even bring all that up (even if it's true). An electronic lynching of sorts. I am sure you understand that. By the way, I'm still wondering, Pete, what exactly did happen to Forest (you evidently know). I hope the wiseguys weren't dispatched to silence him. Howard, as I suspected, you were just hoping I'd say something you could jump on. Sorry to disappoint. Kent has the right idea. |
| 8/7/05 11:12:35 AM | Massimo | Roma | || 10 | Regarding(or on, or about) the Laila-Joe fight: If Laila survives the first 4 rounds she retires Joe Fregia !!!!! |
| 8/7/05 05:11:03 PM | Noam | same | same | || 10 | Howard - I'd heard the same comment about Frazier letting Marvin fight Tyson. It was too rushed. Kent - you shouldn't take it to heart. The Dead Parrot Society stuff was something brought up by Howard, I think, from an old Monty Python skit. Apparently there was a dead parrot hanging upside down with its feet nailed to its stand and the pet shop owner was trying to sell it as being alive and healthy. The parody was that Frazier admirers were doing the same with many of Frazier's opponents, particularly Zglwicz, Daniels, Stander, and Ellis when he fought Frazier in Melbourne (you know, the 'Weekend at Bernie's' fight). Given that even Frazier acknowledges in his book that journalists were accusing him of fighting 'dogmeat' and 'tomato cans', our comments weren't far from reality. You guys just didn't want to admit it. Anyway, The Dead Parrot Society stuff was an attempt at humour. No insult was intended and it is a pity you took it that way. If I remember rightly, Steve even asked to become a member. He joined in the jocular sense of fun the Society topic injected into the debate. Sometimes, Kent, you can have humour mixed with facts in discussions. It is good simple fun, except when people assume the identity of someone else, like Forest Ward did, posting offensive rubbish such as "pushing
people under trains", hoping they "die slow and painful deaths", and then writing stuff joyful of Ali's deteriorating health. That's not free speech, as Fan stupidly argued, as it actually comes at the cost to the reputation of the REAL Forest Ward who wouldn't enjoy those whacko beliefs being attributed to him. (Imagine if someone was posting using YOUR name Kent without your permission.) This aspect was explained to Fan by Howard and Fan's failure to respond tacitly indicates his acceptance of that obvious notion. The callous and spiteful stuff from Forest is what is offensive and wrong, Kent, not attempts at humour like The Dead Parrot Society. If during your vacation you come across the person using the name Forest Ward - you say you know him, you might explain that aspect to him. I remind you, Kent, this is what the imposter calling himself Forest Ward wrote on 06/23/05 in praising Joe Frazier: "Frazier takes great pleasure in seeing Ali stagger around with his hands shaking and not being able to talk. Joe gladly takes the responsibility for a lot of Ali's bodily damage." Of course, you said nothing to him Kent about this disgraceful post, and that is why others fire up when you have the gall to criticize them for comments far less offensive. What is more offensive: The Dead Parrot Society stuff or taking "great pleasure in seeing Ali staggering around with his hands shaking and not being able to talk." Far from being the victim, Kent, your silence tacitly endorsed the cruel spiteful callous jibe from Forest at Parkinson's Disease victims like Ali. By comparison the comments that followed about Frazier were tame.

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\[8/7/05 05:20:28 PM\] Noam\|same\|same\|10\|Massimo - I know I'll be accused of being biased here, but I think that Laila Ali is way better looking than Joe.<br><br>Kent - despite my comments about you, I do sincerely hope that you return here with a clear head ready for some enjoyable and insightful debate.

\[8/7/05 06:34:48 PM\] Howard C. |Louisville|howardc@louisville||10|Kent: I've said it before but I know you are a decent, upright individual, who brings knowledge and experience to this site and that's why it genuinely bothers me that you are upset. However, there is a perception of double standards and that's what Noam took a long time to say. Fan: If you can give me a reliable quote from a published book or acclaimed writer (vis a vis 'Brutal Artistry' and Thomas Hauser) that Senator Robert E. Byrd has completely renounced his KKK membership, beliefs, and sympathies, then I will change my opinion of him.

\[8/7/05 10:29:25 PM\] Howard - let's look for a Hauser analog (i.e. a Byrd "flack", as someone else described the Acclaimed One). Wait - who better than Byrd himself? We're in luck, his memoirs were just published, in June! But you knew that. Unlike you-know-who, Byrd has been apologizing, ad nauseum, for decades. He must have figured his constituents would be a bit more discerning than the Champ's. Is he acclaimed enough to change your opinion of him? Not mine. Noam, your concern for the reputation of the real Forest Ward (it must be hard to keep track, there are so many - including me) is touching. Here I thought you rode "Forest" like Zorro only because he was a Frazier fan. But all along it was the identity fraud that set you off. My apologies. By the way, I think the real Forest fought on one of Jerry's undercards. Jerry Quarry. Remember?
Was that the source of all those concussions? That was a joke. Just trying to show Steve that I have a sense of humor. Oh, sorry Noam. Humour.

Some interesting trivia on heavyweight world champions:

- **Heaviest**: Carnera 260
- **Lightest**: Fitzsimmons 167
- **Tallest**: Willard 6-6 1/4
- **Shortest**: Burns 5'7"
- **Longest reach**: Carnera 85.5
- **Shortest**: Patterson, Tyson, Seldon 71
- **Biggest chest normal**: Carnera, Foreman, Bruno
- **Smallest chest normal**: Johnson 37.5
- **Biggest waist**: Foreman 39.5 (38 Tubbs, Carnera, Appel, Smith)
- **Smallest waist**: 32 Holyfield, M. Spinks, Fitzsimmons, Marciano
- **Biggest bicep**: 20 Foreman, Carnera 18.5, Smith and Douglas
- **Smallest bicep**: 12 Fitzsimmons, 13 Braddock
- **Neck biggest**: 20 Moorer and Foreman, 19.75 Seldon and Tyson, 19.5 Holyfield
- **Smallest neck**: 15 Fitzsimmons
- **Biggest wrist**: 12 Patterson, Johnson 10.5, McCall
- **Smallest wrist**: 10 Miller
- **Biggest ankle**: 13 Frazier, Charles, Holyfield
- **Smallest ankle**: 8.25 Fitzsimmons and Burns
- **Biggest thigh**: Carnera 30, Smith 29, Foreman 28, Willard 26
- **Smallest thigh**: Charles, Walcott, Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Baer
- **Biggest fist**: 15 Liston
- **Smallest fist**: 11.25 Tunney and Dempsey
- **Biggest forearm**: 16 Carnera, Sharkey
- **Smallest forearm**: 11.5 Corbett
- **Biggest intellect**: Ali, Corbett
- **Smallest intellect**: Tyson

Thought you guys might find this stuff interesting.

You forgot about shoe sizes:

- **Carnera**: 17
- **Lewis**: 15.5
- **Bruno**: wears 14 and Ali' 12 or 13.

Some people think Willard was more like 6'5"+. I think Vitali KLitschko is the wiltest heavyweight champion (I think he is about the same height as Warren Coolidge). If I remember correctly Ernie "Clay" Terrell owned a belt (I think the WBA) and he was, at about 6'6", way wilter than Ali' but way andreer than Wilt Chamberlain. I'm surprised that Moorer and Foreman have bigger necks than Mike Tyson!

I have just discovered that legendary Vince Miller (Wilt Chamberlain's best friend for over 50 years) revealed that Wilt Chamberlain wore a shoe size 15.
is, I observed long ago that the remarks about Ali's health were certainly less than charitable, and I've never said anything of the sort. I see you've picked up on Noah's in depth analysis of free speech. The one in which he so eloquently characterized my view, that Forest is free to comment as he likes on this site, as...... "stupid". Flash: in this country, citizens are free to say things you and I may disagree with. Controversial things, unpleasant things, offensive things. Even Forest and Noah enjoy this privileged. You and I, in turn, are free to disagree. Isn't that great?

Your freedom of speech only becomes limited, as someone once summarized, where your fist ends and my nose begins. You know, yelling "fire" in a crowded theater (theatre for Noah), that sort of thing. Last time I checked, the Supreme Court had not yet ruled that insulting Ali, or Noah, or me, is prohibited by the Constitution.

I don't remember what you asked me about Hauser, the (acclaimed) professional Ali biographer. I do remember you unjustly taking Fandom to task for lack of objectivity immediately after he explicitly acknowledged that both Hauser and Futch should be presumed biased. Your question was so completely off base that he then asked if you even bothered to read his post. I wonder the same thing. Not very fair, Howard.

You recently asked me about the all time greats, in an attempt to change the direction of the dialogue (or so I thought) and, silly me, I candidly responded. You ignored my response, going back on the attack instead. I inferred that you really just wanted to argue. Then Kent was again savaged. And I am the pain in the ass?

Do you really wonder why many people prefer to post anonymously? | 8/8/05 08:43:04 AM|Fan|USA||n/a|||10|Hey Noah, I see I am now ranked among the World Heavyweight Champions, albeit, the one with the "smallest intellect".

Please remember, you accused me of being Forest The Imposter. (Of course, I'm not). But even the real Forest Ward was never Champ, was he?

That joke was a bit of a stretch. Still, it was really witty. Ouch.

When Fan/Forrest wrote something about pushing someone in front of a train, and dying a slow death, he was referring to Jane Fonda. What's the big deal no one else complained?

Bernard was over the other side of the tracks and yelled over at us. I said what's up before I could see who it was. Then I saw it was Bernard. I said Bernard what you doing out here. he says he is out running for next time. It was 2:15 am. Someone is gonna get hurt.

I got to ask you what you are talking about?

Just for the record, I never applauded Jane Fonda, not that matters I guess. I just tried to relate to some of the small minds here what her motivation was, which was peace, however clearly misguided her approach to it.

It was a very, very offensive thing to do, and always will be.

Robert Byrd has been around quite a while. I wouldn't call myself a fan, though.

Pete, maybe you can explain to me how we can give something to the Russians that they already had?

Weren't the Russians already knee-deep in Eastern-Europe when the Americans hit Berlin?

But don't let facts like that fool you.

Actually, I doubt even the Republicans of the day would have been as stupid as you, attacking an entrenched ally after the greatest exhausting war in the history of the world.

This is why you are on a boxing site and not at the UN. Thanks.

Some pretty good inductees at the Hall of Fame this weekend, QBS Steve Young. While the game isn't much, it's a fun weekend in Canton every year.

Tough news about Ruben Contraras. More proof the sports NEEDS head protection.

Tommy Hearns fought again. He's 46 years young, right? What is the latest on Rahman-Barrett and Klitschko-Brock? These are both going to happen?

Is Klitschko still the best out there
after all his injuries?<br>
||8/8/05 02:59:59 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same||||10|Sorry, forgot to add Dan Marino's name to that last post. Great passer, one of my favorites.

|8/8/05 04:07:49 PM|Pete|Cleveland|N/A|||10|Gerry the vet, you are ratbag. Fortunately, cancer is not contagious. When you wake up tomorrow. Both house of congress are still going to be Republican, And George W will still be a Republican. <br>Get over it jerk. You know nothing about current events and less about boxing. Stalin is responsible for the death of 20 million.

|8/8/05 04:42:03 PM|Italian Stallion|Philly||Unknown|||10|Gerry and Pete meet each other on Market Street or something. Fan, Bernard is the man.

|8/8/05 04:52:54 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Massimo - I don't have feet measurements for the heavyweight champions. I also must confess that I don't have the stats for Vitali Kilitschko, so he might be in some of the categories I mentioned.<br>I have two sets of data on George Foreman, relating to his two stints as champion. It wasn't only his weight that changed. In his first stint George was listed as 6'3" tall. Second stint 6'4". He stretched. His reach shrunk, however, from 82 to 79. How does that happen? His chest, biceps, thighs, etc, got much bigger. His ankles (a part of the body I didn't think carried fat) grew from 9.5 to 13". I wonder how he was affected in other places, if you know what I mean.<br>The intellect part I ad libed. I accept your word, Massimo, that Tunney was the smartest, by far. Ali was smart in the ring, but not so smart out of it. A lot of what he said was rehearsed lines that we all heard repeatedly.<br>Fan - I was trying to inject some humour with the miniscule intellect comment. Since then you've gone about proving me right.

|8/8/05 04:55:38 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Italian Stallion - didn't we see you in Deliverance?

|8/8/05 05:27:24 PM|Italian Stallion|Philly||Unknown|||10|Noam I don't know what the hell your talkin about. Maybe you should explain what you meant. Bernard once had someone talk out of the side of their mouth at him. He took the guy over a car and nearly broke his back.<br>If you look at the video, when Ali' and Foreman are staring at each other at the center of the ring in Kinshasa, Foreman looks taller than Ali'. My best guess is Ali' 6'2" 1/2 and Foreman 6'4", but who knows. Ali' has been listed anywhere from 6'2" to 6'3" 1/2, Foreman anywhere from 6'3" to 6'4", Andre' anywhere from 6'5" to 7'7". I like this new caracter "Italian Stallion"! He is bringing alot(or a lot) to our table.

|8/8/05 05:33:44 PM|Massimo |Roma||4|||10|Noam -<br>Massimo - I like Italian Stallion, too, and his cryptic posts. They've got me thinking. Regarding Ali. I have him listed at 6'3" tall and weighing 210.5". Weights might fluctuate, height shouldn't, unless someone has a really big afro that gets cut.<br>Italian Stallion - I'm not sure what I meant. All I can say is that when I've been reading your posts, I get these really weird flashback thoughts, one of which involved the movie Deliverance. I don't know why. I'm searching for the answer. I'm trying to understand. I really am.<br>

|8/9/05 12:42:46 AM|Tony Rodgers|Riverside, CA||to many stray dogs@gmail.com|||9|I lived across the street from Jerry back in the early 70's. On Ronald Circle in
I was only about 6 or 7 at the time but I remember what a great guy Jerry was. Always helpful when the family needed something. Here are a few of the other things I remember: Wife at the time (forget her name) had a cauliflower ear. Little Jerry was around. Mike was jumping of the second story of Jerry's roof into the pool. My dad was quite good around the yard, had a great lawn. Jerry asked him for advice. My dad explained fertilizer, manure, etc. Jerry ended up putting a ton of manure on his lawn and burned it to a crisp. My dad was building a patio once. Need a huge beam lifted into place. Jerry lifted it like it was nothing. I saw Jerry doing a commercial for mobile homes on the mid 80's. I think it was in Stanton. I went for a visit one day, he still remembered me and my family. Sorry to hear about his passing, he was a good guy.

Tony: It seems as though most people who knew Jerry and know the Quarrys on a personal level have only good things to say about them. I liked reading your recollection of growing up in Jerry's neighborhood. It doesn't surprise me that Jerry was strong enough to lift the building materials—did you see him compete on ABC's "The Superstars?" Good athlete.

Noam, the way you snuck that barb in, I thought you were testing my small intellect for reading comprehension. I almost missed it. But you know I hang on your every word. The joke was bad, but better than your civics lesson re: the meaning of free speech. I guess I have to cut you some slack, considering all the head trauma you suffered in whatever sport it was that you obviously excelled in. (Humor)

Stallion might be borderline genius. There are subliminal messages in his posts. If you go back and read, and re-read, you'll start to get the vibe. He's painting quite a picture. I can say with 100% certainty that if I came face to face with Bernard in a dark alley, I would step to the side and let Bernard pass without incident. Bernard rules his environment. Treat Bernard with respect, and you'll survive, even thrive. Give Bernard a hard time, and you'll pay with your dignity. Bernard rules.

I do think the Italian Stallion should write a book: "Philly streets". Hey Stallion, what do you think of Mitchell "The Blood" Green ? He against Bernard who is gonna win ?

Terry Daniels: After the loss to Frazier, Terry Daniels fought 24 more times, and compiled a record of 4 wins and 20 losses. This might be a record in futility for anybody who has ever fought for a World Title. It's almost unbelievable.
Either Frazier really ruined a good fighter with his dominating performance over Daniels, or maybe, just maybe, Joe lacked a "quality opponent" here. Dogmeat? I'll let Joe be the judge of that. Of course, one of those last 20 losses was against Ron Stander, who also fought for the title against Frazier. | 8/9/05 03:59:14 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||9|Stalin was a brutal dictator, but an ally in WW2.<br>Mao was worse. Nixon shook hands with him. Bush loved China. Repubs still don't care what goes on there. <br>Sorry, Pete, you can't have it both ways.<br>It may sound like I'm here to stir up trouble, but I'm just answering my hate mail, and it's obvious I know alot more than some of you.<br>Ball's back in your court, or we can get back to sports. I did. | 8/9/05 04:06:36 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Incidentally, it's not a competing website. I'm not sure I'd call it a website at all. It's a small thing in Yahoo for the Quarrys, which I'd think Quarry fans might appreciate...<br>From what I've read, Marciano was the shortest reach at 68". He took a lot of punches on the way in against most of the guys he fought. None could match his stamina. I love to rewatch his fights with Walcott and Moore. | 8/9/05 04:14:19 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|||10|This is all quite interesting, but this place is really losing control lately. One guy posts in riddles, another wants to talk about homosexual impulses. There has even been a Deliverance reference. I know this a boxing site, at least I thought it was? Let's get back to boxing before this place shuts down for good!! | 8/9/05 05:36:27 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|John - you are right, Marciano's reach at 68" was shorter than Tyson's at 71". Please, if you detect any other errors, tell me as I'd like to have an accurate list for my 'stats' file. Thanks.<br><br>Angelo - you know I agree with you on the Frazier subject.<br><br>Pete - no, I wasn't accusing Stallion of repressed homosexuality. With Forest it was obviously that something was bugging him, given his a brooding hatred of Ali and intolerance of other posters, and I was guessing what was bothering him (after, I think, he gave a character assessment of me).<br>Putting my profiler's hat on regards Stallion, it is something different. He's someone we already know on this site, upset at the way an older guy here got treated by a younger guy. Stallion is of an earlier generation when settling disputes was nobler and fairer and less violent than it is today.<br>The 'street cred' of which Stallion speaks is, sadly, outdated. If an older boy knocked on the window of a younger boy today, with 'attitude', he'd better take a knife and a gun, even if he is Bernard. Otherwise, it'd be HIM getting slapped around. I like Stallion's world better, even though I'd guess his message is aimed at me. | 8/9/05 06:16:37 PM|Massimo |Roma||ApolloCred.com|||10|What does it mean cred, Roadschoolarette ? I couldn't find that word, not even in the best dictionaries!!!!!! I guess it's slang.| 8/9/05 10:07:30 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Massimo - 'cred' means something like 'law of the street'. Rather than laws that are actually legislated and policed, 'cred' is the rule that applies among the polulace, usually petty street criminals, not 'cosa nostra'.<br>Italian Stallion is a guy in his 50s. He drew the name from The Rocky era (if he was younger he'd probably call himself 'Doggy Dog Do' or similar). He comes from a trained and disciplined background - military but more likely law enforcement - because he can suppress anger even in the face of insults and he doesn't use foul language. <br>He had an old style education where you spelt correctly without needing a computer spell check and you take pride in the presentation. Notice how he uses good grammer; not the deliberately bad stuff of today's youth vandalizing our language. <br>His use of the term 'street cred' points to a law enforcement background because he has knowledge of such things as a street cop would. He believes in good guys and bad guys (just like cops do; military guys are good versus evil guys). Being middle aged, he believes in old style discipline where the father makes the son face up to his mistakes. Justice is meted out by the older youth to the younger
one using fists (not knives and guns like today). His sense of fair play is what makes cops feel good about themselves. Stallion is trying to make himself spookier and more intimidating through the subliminal and seemingly erratic way he writes, but he deliberately leaves his message obvious (so that we can see the forest for the trees). This is typical criminal and whacko m.o. (as cops know). He is not a new poster (he has knowledge of past events here), and is on the side of the older guy (Forest) against the younger one (me). Obviously, he is unhappy the way Forest Ward was treated. Because Forest (or friend) thinks he has lost face and can't come back here in person, he returns in the form of the spooky Stallion to strike fear into the soul of the perp. The matter is not closed, he threatens (as would be the case with Forest gone, never to return). You haven't won, is the spin side of his message (just in case we were thinking in terms of win/lose).

Considering the black tone used by the Stallion, he is unhappy in middle-age, probably retired as a cop, bit of a loner after being divorced, perhaps drinks too much. Takes things to heart very easily. Stews and broods and boils. Small problems become big ones. Minor slights grow into huge insults. More of a danger to himself, than anyone else, I would think, even with the great Bernard by his side.

Hey Stallion, am I getting close? | 8/9/05 11:36:30 PM|Steve|na|10|Toney Rodgers, if your memories listed in this post are accurate, then I thank you. I love to hear any true stories about Jerry's life. Anything else you remember, please post it. I know that Jerry could militarily press his own bodyweight. This is quite a feat for a 200lb man. For a non weightlifter, this takes a very naturally strong man. I remember him in the "Superstars" competition. He was a natural home run hitter, and did very well in the obstacle course. He could have been an Army Ranger. | 8/9/05 11:56:39 PM|steve|N.J.|10|Fan, I'm starting to think your the last remaining above average intellect left on this site who doesn't have some argumentative agenda. YOUR POST OF 8/9/05 cut right to the heart of the matter. If we get any more posters who think their Edgar Allen Poe, or experts on the sexual proclivities of the people who inhabit the more sparsely populated areas of our south eastern states, then we probably will lose Kent, and other posters who are interested in rational debate about the Quarry's place in boxing history. I trained in North and South Carolina, and Lousiana. Their just people, like us. |

| 8/10/05 12:14:12 AM|steve|nj|10|Noam, the Italian stallion is just talking his stuff. I don't have your skills as an FBI profiler, but he sure sounds angry. I can only surmise he's talking about Bernard Hopkins. I grew up in Camden, N.J., just across the Ben Franklin Bridge from Philly. Yes, those streets where mean. However, I grew up with guys who couldn't fight a lick. They still grew up to be good men. I'm not sure who Bernard is supposed to be, but if you strut your stuff in Philly or Camden long enough, you'll meet a bad end. |

| 8/10/05 01:29:14 AM|Noam|same|10|Hi Steve - I like Stallion and I'm just trying to interpret what he is saying. He's playing a game and I'm just trying to be a part of it. Bernard might be Forest, or Hopkins, or ...... that is the exciting part. I hope Stallion continues to post. His style is interesting and different. | 8/10/05 03:26:07 AM|steve|nj|10|Hi, Noam, My absolutely favorite heavyweight tough guy was Stanley Ketchell. I like tough guys. Stanley was too tough for any middleweight of his era. So, he fought Jack Johnson for the heavyweight title. He gave away about 50lbs. He knocked Johnson down in one of the early rounds. Johnson got up, and ko'd Ketchell. Knocking out several of Ketchell's teeth. One tooth remained imbedded in Johnson's glove. I think Ketchell would have
beaten Roy Jones Jr.!
| 8/10/05 03:41:23 AM | steve | nj || na ||| 10 | Noam, as an afterthought about tough guys. Stanley Ketchell was shot dead in a dinner by a jealous husband for flirting with a woman. I think he was 23 yrs old.
| 8/10/05 07:03:00 AM | John Gerard | NYC || rock289z@yahoo.com ||| 10 | NOAM: I don't know what height you have for Tyson, but he is about 5'9 maybe 5/9 1/2. I stood right next to him and I am only 6' and he was up to my chin. Even my wife was surprised at his height. By the way, when I met him in the streets of NYC he was really, really nice to my wife and I. Very patient.
| 8/10/05 07:40:02 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC || funktron@yahoo.com ||| 10 | Noam: With Stallion, it appears that you can see the "forest" through the trees. Has it occurred to you that this "retirement" from police work might have been forced?
| 8/10/05 08:49:48 AM | Fan | USA || n/a ||| 10 | Today was the first time I actually laughed out loud while on this site. It was when I got to the part where our boy divined that Stallion, the old, divorced, retired cop, drinks too much.
<br>The only information Noam lacks re: Stallion seems to be his all-important shoe size. <br>The truly bizarre thing is not that Noam has now revealed the uncanny power to predict employment status, sexual preference, etc. from these short, anonymous blurbs. (They could use you at Quantico, Noam, it is your patriotic duty to volunteer.) <br>It is that he enjoys a small but loyal cadre of acolytes who buy into this insanity. Priceless! <br>I suppose now the Conspiracy Theorists are implying that Stallion is Forest is Fandom is Fan is......
<br>{I am surprised that John Gerard is among them. He used to offer some very insightful thoughts here. I seem to recall he and Forest exchanging solid info and opinions about boxing. It sounded like they both knew boxing. But he apparently isn't bothered by the Web Master of Free Speech harassing the poor guy away, along with Kent.}
| 8/10/05 11:30:34 AM | Italian Stallion | Philly || Unknown ||| 10 | Last time they laughed and said he was done, too old to be any good anyway. Don't mistake activity for progress, words for thoughts. Bernard will be quick to remind us all that the end will come quick next time. There is no other way now for it to end.
| 8/10/05 12:01:09 PM | John Gerard | NYC || rock289z@yahoo.com ||| 10 | FAN: Please understand, I still to only one topic on this site: boxing. I do have opinions regarding politics, religion, and other important issues, but quite frankly, I don't think anyone gives a darn about them. Really why should they? I know no more than anyone else, perhaps less on those matters. But I do know boxing a little and I just stick to it. Read any of my posts over the past few years and you will see they are limited to just that. Be well and enjoy the board.
| 8/10/05 05:09:55 PM | Noam | same || same ||| 10 | John Gerard - I downloaded the statistics on Tyson's and other champions' dimensions from a site called Boxing Insider (http://www.boxinginsider.com) I suspect that some of the information - like you said about Tyson - might be inaccurate. As I said to Massimo before, they have two sets of stats for Foreman (for the two times he was champion) and he grew from one to the other in height, but shrunk in reach. <br>Boxing Insider has Tyson 5'11.5" and I accept what you say about him being smaller. About him being a nice guy, I don't know. Perhaps he has huge mood swings from being nice to road rages, etc. I hope there is some good in him and that he gets his act together. <br>A Angelo - that's why I said "forest for the trees" and I was being oblique, like Stallion. <br>Fan - I'm thankful that I got a laugh from you. It made it all worth it. I know you see yourself as being the wise moderator on this site, but where were you when the guy calling himself Forest was going off on his anti-Ali and everyone else rants. Perhaps that was the time things needed moderating. Could it be that Forest calling you his "no.1 man" had its desired effect, or, heaven condemn me for raising the possibility, was it just you talking to you. All your posts seem to revolve
around Forest Ward and people are asking why. Going back through the posts, Fan, you don't talk about boxing. I'd like to think I've contributed on boxing subjects with statistics (that took time to research) and sometimes with thoughtful comments. I accept that at times I've deviated when I shouldn't have, and I have twice apologized for comments I made. But I'm struggling to find your contribution. And from Forest, the poster you are going out of your way to avenge and defend, I can only find insults with no apologies. You keep talking about "free speech". Please answer whether you consider it acceptable for someone to fraudulently assume the name of another person, then post on a site using that assumed name making hateful, offensive comments that have not been endorsed by the person genuinely holding that name?

Would the real Forest Ward like his name being used to laugh at Ali because he can't walk and talk at times and has awful shakes? I doubt it. Would the real Forest Ward like his name associated with statements that he hopes someone is pushed under a train and dies a slow and painful death? No. 'Forest' wasn't a victim hounded away from the site. He was an imposter making hateful comments. It might not have happened if you had intervened and pulled him into line. It's not a difficult concept to understand, Fan, even if you have been trying your hardest to ignore it whenever it's mentioned to you. Fan, you not only tell people what they should and shouldn't write, you are now chiding writers as to who they should and shouldn't converse with. You remind me of a schoolmarm.

Steve - I got a book on Jack Johnson and it mentions Stanley Ketchel. He was the middleweight champion, only 5'9" tall, weighing 160 pounds. A reporter who knew him said, "Ketchel was an exception to the human race. He was a savage. He would pound and rip his opponent's eyes, nose and mouth in a clinch. He couldn't get enough blood. His nickname, 'the Assassin', fit him like a glove." He fought Johnson in October 1909 and movie cameras filmed the fight. They say that Johnson and Ketchel both agreed that they would not knock the other out in the early rounds so that there was more film to watch. In the 12th round Ketchel hit Johnson with a roundhouse right and knocked him down. (Johnson later claimed he faked the knockdown for the movie but nobody believed him). Anyway, furious at being double-crossed Johnson then broke several of Stanley's teeth and knocked him out cold for several minutes. That night Ketchel and Johnson had a "rollicking good time" together gambling, and Ketchel took Johnson for $700 shooting craps. That was Ketchel's last fight. He was 24 years old when shot in the back by the husband of a woman cooking Ketchel breakfast.

You're right, Steve, Ketchel was a tough guy middleweight fighting a heavyweight champion. Sort of like a Roy Jones Jr of those times.

Another unbelievable guy was Sam Langford. He was only 5'7" 160 lbs and fought and gave hell to all the best heavyweights (Joe Jannette, George Godfrey, Jack Johnson, Sam Mc Vey etc.) of his time. George Godfrey was included by Ring Magazine among the 100 hardest punchers of all times and divisions. At 6'3" 6'4" and with a weight varying from 220 to 260 he was a powerhouse. Well, Sam fought him 3 times: a draw, a KO win in the first round and a KO win in the 2...Just unbelievable! Can you imagine Sam Langford vs Vitali Klitschko?
said that it was the "only real beating" he ever got to that time. Johnson then ducked Langford for the rest of his career and this caused friction between them and they hated each other. Johnson once tried to run over Langford in his car, he hated him so much. Later on, Langford was still fighting, almost blind, and guys still wouldn't fight him.}

[8/10/05 09:42:21 PM]Noam|same|same|10

Massimo - I remembered that you previously mentioned The Ring Magazine Rankings for the late 1960s and early 1970s. I found them and I think Angelo would probably find some of the details informative:<br>1969: Mac Foster was 5, Liston 6, Cooper 9<br>1970: Mac Foster 5, Cooper 6, Liston 8<br>1971: Mac Foster 5, Ellis 6, Patterson 7<br>1972: Ron Lyle 4, Patterson 5, Terrell 6, Bugner 8, Norton 9

Norton 2, Quarry 4, Lyle 5, Shavers 6, Bugner 8, Ellis was 9 (the final time Ellis appeared in the rankings)<br>1974: Lyle 3, Norton 6, Quarry 7<br>1975: Norton 1, Young 2, Lyle 5, Shavers 6, Bugner 8<br>1976: Norton 2, Young 3, Lyle 5, Holmes 6, Bugner 10<br>Stander, Daniels, Zyglewicz and Cummings NEVER appeared in the Ring Rankings. Interesting. <br>

[8/11/05 12:19:36 AM]Steve|nj|na|10

Fan, I sometimes think Jerry Quarry had a dark cloud hanging over his head. His father had "hard luck" tattooed on his knuckles. His father and Johnny Flores didn't seem to agree on anything pertaining to Jerry's career. I've heard that Jerry was hard to shake out of the rack in the mornings for roadwork, and whoever was responsible for getting him up, often slept in himself. I just think it's too bad Jerry didn't have Gil Clancy at the beginning of his career. <br>

[8/11/05 01:31:25 AM]Steve |NJ|NA|10

Fan, the site. I'd be surprised if Forrest and Kent were chased off this site by Noam, Rhoads Scholerate, Angelo, or C. Whoever they where probably bored off this site. I'm starting to lose interest myself, and hell, I'm not even all that intelligent. <br>


Noam, I don't know if Sam Langford was the best fighter never to win a title, but his record is impressive:<br> W 181 (130 ko's) (+ 16 news) &124 L 34 (+ 12 news) &124 D 34 (+ 10 news) &124 Total 314 <br>Heck, he fought more often than Joe Frazier!!

[8/11/05 02:43:22 AM]Brandi Quarry|James Quarry Family|

I've been sitting here reading all the letters posted for the last couple of weeks. I'm really shocked, that you have nothing better to do on a site that has been kept out of love for my late husband, James (Mr. Jimmy) and his great brother, Jerry, to fuss and fight over nothing, except to get attention, and or, to cause others to want to leave this site that they have enjoyed for years. I pay for this site-not you, and if all this doesn't stop, I'll pull the plug on it. I don't care who's who, or who they like, or don't like, this site is for everyone, not just a few. Then some of you, that think you run it, are wrong. This is a boxing site, not a chat room, for fighting. People enjoy the stories and the commits about all boxers. you know who you are, and if you don't stop, I'll close it down. Or I'll block you, so you can't come on the site. Now lets stick with boxing/sports. Thank you. Brandi Quarry

[8/11/05 10:50:17 AM]Pete |Cleveland|N/A|10

For days now I have been reading old posts and it is very interesting and confusing. I have to make notes on the side to remind me of who is who. As a result let give some of my observations.<br>Noam did not run Forrest/Fan off the board. Forrest left on his own account read his last post.<br>Noam did not run Kent off the board. Kent is taking a rest. Kent says he will be back.<br>In the interest of fairness I have to correct Noam. Forrest/Fan never pretended to be the fighter, when asked by someone if he was the fighter he said no. Most of the people on this site never heard of the fighter named Forrest Ward. My reading on the situation is that Forrest/Fan was not an imposter but an oldtimer living off memories. At least that is my take.<br>
Noam, who are your top 10 lightheavyweights of all time.

Right before he died, Jack Dempsey said that Sam Langford was the best fighter he ever saw. He added that he is not sure he could have beaten him even at his best.  

We have to respect the host/hostess of the site and that means, let's talk boxing!  Brandi did what James would have done---got on here and straightened us out.  Noam:  I did find those year-by-year rankings interesting for obvious reasons.  Contrary to what others have said, these guys we've talked about (Foster, Shavers, Lyle, etc.) were ranked in the top ten from the late 60's through the mid-70's and they were ducked.  It's interesting that the contender Jerry Quarry found time to fight each and every one of them, as did Champion Muhammad Ali.  But Champion/then Challenger Smokin' Joe is missing them from his resume.  A matter of timing?  Maybe, but that's hard to swallow.  I watched the JQ tape again a couple weeks ago.  It's amazing that he got in with these hitters and tamed them.  Jerry's wins against Foster and Lyle were masterpiece.  His first round KO of Shavers was astonishing---it would have been a very interesting fight if he didn't get out of the gate so fast.  If Shavers actually fought into the second or third round and settled down, Jerry would have had his work cut out for him.

To the extent that my posts have caused you any grief, I sincerely apologize.  <br>My intentions have been honorable, and I've tried to remain respectful to others in expressing my opinions.  However, in deference to you and the memory of James and Jerry, I will comport myself accordingly.  Offending you is the last thing I would want to do on this site.<br>

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You have made it clear that it is still unwise to mess with the Quarrys!!

Thanks Brandi.  Here is a list of Jerry's top 10 performances.<br><br>1. Ron Lyle-- A complete performance that showed are great Jerry truly was. <br>2. Earnie Shavers- Bombing out the bomber in a spectacular way.<br>3. Mac Foster- Mac would have beaten almost any heavyweight in the world that night, not Jerry though.<br>4. Floyd Patterson II- Beating Floyd after Floyd was all ready for him really put Jerry on the map.<br>5. Thad Spencer- Destruction of number two ranked contender.<br>6. Buster Mathis- From all accounts a whitewashing of the formidable Mathis.<br>7. Joe Frazier I- Showed the heart of a lion despite loss.<br>8. Floyd Patterson I- Jerry bursts on the scene while drawing with Floyd.<br>9. Jack Bodell- Destroyed the ranked Bodell in 1 round!<br>10. Larry Middleton- Beat tough Middleton when Middleton was a coming contender.

Noam - I agree entirely.  Excuses can be made for just about anything but, in the end, facts are facts, he didn't fight those guys and the common thread was that those guys were heavy punchers.  If you want the full list do a google search on The Ring Magazine Rankings 1960 - 1980.  The other thing is notice Mac Foster's rankings, and his ko %.  He was there to be fought if someone wanted to.<br><br>Pete - lightheavyweights ? I'll have to do some research on that.  By the way, admitting that he wasn't the real Forest Ward came later.  For people casually visiting this site, they wouldn't know he wasn't the real Forest Ward unless they saw that one entry.  A bit like looking for a needle in a haystack.  We've moved on but his comments laughing at Ali's condition, especially on this site, was appalling.  I'm confident people won't let that be repeated.

I appreciate your list.  Jerry and Frazier were the same age and comparing the two just lets us know that Jerry took everyone one.  Shavers, Lyle, Mac Foster, et al....Jerry just went down the list of who was available and got in the ring and fought them.  Seeing the names on your list makes us all realize that.
A wise and instructive post followed by some insightful and informative ones. I've always considered that the fight that confirmed Jerry Quarry's standing as boxing's 'braveheart' was his win over Mac Foster in 1970. Consider this. Before that fight Foster had won all of his fights by knockout - 24 in a row. In the year before he faced Jerry he had six fights and none of his opponents lasted more than five rounds. In that period he had knocked out Cleveland Williams twice and Thad Spencer in the first round. This guy was a looming monster that few wanted any part of. Jerry beat him in six rounds. Foster didn't lose again for two years and that was a points loss to Ali. In his career Foster had 30 wins, all by kayo. The ONLY kayo loss that Mac Foster ever suffered was against Quarry.

There's no doubt in my mind that JQ in his best nights was formidable! If he had fought against Ellis the way he fought against Mac Foster he would have been heavyweight champion. It literally hurts me that I never saw the Quarry-Lyle fight, one of Jerry's best fights. Fan (the one from Fandom) -- How good was the Quarry-Lyle fight? Decent, good, very good, a classic? What's your opinion? Thanks.

Jerry is the night, what a night it was.

Massimo: I wouldn't call Quarry-Lyle a classic, but instead, a great performance by Jerry Quarry. Lyle was competitive, but Quarry outboxed him, outthustled him and had an energy burst at the end of the fight, still moving very well and still throwing combinations. His experience overcame Lyle's size and power advantage. Lyle gave Quarry a lot of respect at the end of the fight. He knew he was beaten fairly—and he learned a lot that night.

Massimo: Thanks. Jerry did beat someone who was bigger and stronger than him (or himself). So, as far as skills go, he proved he was the better fighter.

Massimo: I see that your buddy Oliver McCall is fighting on Saturday night! Also on the card is Hasim "The Rock" Rahman against Two Gun Barrett.

Bernard got sent to prison. He took dance and singing lessons. Some guy asked him why the hell he was learning sissy stuff. Bernard said that he wanted to know how to walk the walk and talk the talk. The guy then knocked the singing and dancing sissy out. That's prison cred.

Talked to my mom, she remembers it. Was a big beam, couple hundred pounds, needed lifting up to the ceiling in the living room, not patio as I said before. My dad and uncle could not do it. My mom said 'Go get Jerry'. He came over, picked it up by himself, went up the ladder with it.
and said "where do you want it?". <br>Mom said he had the biggest neck she had ever seen in her life. <br>Also remembers when he came back from the Ali / Vegas fight with stitches. <br>Wife was Kathy (fist wife), already had little Jerry and Carrie. <br>Thats all for now. | 8/13/05 03:45:50 PM | JIMMY DORSEY | VENTURA CALIFORNIA | RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM | | 10 | HEY FOLKS: there is some great pictures of Jerry on ebay -Negatives of a pre-bout party of Jerry's signing for Jimmy Ellis, I think the pictures have Chargins wife whom was a one of the promotor's with Don (an attractive blonde) and the others besides the celebs I believe to be Jerry's sister, Brenda maybe Sonya? anyway that was 1968 and the photo's were great! No wonder Jerry received some acting parts. take care. | 8/14/05 10:39:24 AM | Massimo | Roma | oliver mc call.com | | | 10 | Oliver "The Atomic Bull" Mc Call did beat (impossible name) Saleta by KOT 4 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!<br>What have I been saying (for) all this time ? Oliver Mc Call is the greatest. His chin is as good as Alli's but he hits harder. | 8/14/05 01:22:56 PM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | | | 10 | Rahman-Barrett was a snooze. Pity that I paid actual money to watch that nonsense. Two 220+ guys that would rather hug than anything else. At least the crowd boomed the whole fight, it made me feel like I wasn't alone in thinking how bad this all was.| 8/15/05 02:04:27 AM | steve | nj | na | | | 10 | Thanks Brandi. It's about time somebody took control. You pay for this site. If you get a nutbag, then by all means, BLOCK HIM OR HER OFF!!! Now you sound like a real Quarry. Mr.Jimmy wouldn't have stood for half the crazy, bullshit, pretender conversations that have started taking place here lately. Where sarcasm and insults seem to mean more than meaningful content. | 8/15/05 02:28:53 AM | Steve | nj | na | | | 10 | Massimo, maybe a real tough little guy, like you or Stanley Ketchell, with about a size ten shoe, could get underneath the Klitchko brothers long jabs and right hands. Afterall, I've never seen either one of them bend at the waist during a fight. Perhaps a little guy could run into one of them, and trip him up. This could cause him to fall down, and injure one of those big, fragile muscles. I think George Foreman would have KO'D either of them early. | 8/15/05 03:30:11 AM | Massimo | Roma | 4 | | | 10 | Like the legendary Rino Tommasi uses to say, we can't know one fighter's limits (I could have used "flaws") until his first loss. In my mind Vitali is still undefeated, as his first loss was due to an injury and against Lennox Lewis. He was winning on all the scorecards and I think the fight has been stopped too soon. Anyway, by watching Vitali in the ring, he looks far from being unbeatable. He doesn't seem so scarier and impressive like Sonny Liston and George Foreman did seem (even if for a very short time). But I think in this moment he is the best in the business. I doubt that Giacomo Toney can beat him, maybe yes, but I would bet on Vitali. I have never seen this famous new fighter Samuele Pietro, though. Regarding Stanley Ketchel, I just don't know. I have seen him fight for about 4 minutes against Jack Johnson... Too little to judge him. By the way, I have never wore a size 10 and I never will. I wear a size 40-41 in Italy (it depends on the kind of shoe) which corrisponds I think to about 7 1/2-8 in Wyoming. A size 10 in Wyoming corrisponds to about 44 in Italy, I think. | 8/15/05 01:58:33 PM | steve | nj | na | | | 10 | Fan, it's too bad you wasted your money watching those two dancing bears. However, I've wasted alot of money myself on lousy fight cards. I knew they would be lousy, but I just had to see them. If you ever see Samuel Peters on a fight card, pay to see it. You will get your moneys'worth. | 8/15/05 02:13:35 PM | Steve | nj | na | | | 10 | Peters reminds me of a Joe Frazier on sterosids. He can be hit, but has a knack for rolling with and deflecting punches. He hits harder and throws a greater volume of punches than anyone I've seen out there lately. He does however, make that power puncher's mistake of trying to load up on every punch. So far though, he seems to have the
conditioning and stamina to get away with it.

Steve, Peter is going to
Wladimir Klitschko in Sept on HBO. That should promise some serious fireworks.

Massimo - I hear that Mike Tyson is holidaying in Italy and he has been misbehaving. Shock, horror!!

I read that too. He is misbehaving!! Unbelievable!! I'm so upset!! His behaviour has always been so sweet throughout all his life! A true example, in and out of the ring (or inside and outside of the ring)! If he is smart, he'll stay away from me. If Kenny Mc Bride could beat him, I could spank him all the way from Italia back to his native New York. What's my name, Mike? I have also read that Shaquille O'Neal has been in Italia as well. Seriously speaking, this is really a good guy. He helps children all the time, he is a kind hearted big fella with a shoe size 22 (59 in Italia).

Massimo - I solved the Max Baer issue! The World Encyclopedia of Boxing, under the heading Max Baer, states....."Baer died in a Hollywood hotel room on November 21, 1959: his last words, to the hotel operator who asked if he wanted the house doctor, were "No - I need a people doctor.""I remember someone saying that Baer's son played Jeffro in the Beverley Hillbillies. Is this correct? Was he known as Max Baer junior?

I have a couple of trivia questions. A) Who was the first southpaw heavyweight champion? B) Who was the first Italian world champion? C) What was the smallest attendance ever at a heavyweight title fight and who were the boxers involved?

Correction-
Carnera vs Loughran was fought in 38 B.M. (1934 A.C.).

A) Michael Moorer was the first heavyweight champion southpaw. B) Frankie Conley was the first Italian world champion in 1910. C) The heaviest combined total fight was in Rome on October 22, 1933 when Carnera (259.5 pounds) outpointed Paulino Uzcudun (229.25 pounds) for a total weight of 488.75 pounds. Too much spaghetti! Try these ones:

A) Who was the first American world champion?
B) Who was the oldest light-heavyweight champion of all time?

(Again) What was the smallest attendance at a heavyweight title fight?
Clay-Liston II Lewiston Maine

Very good try, though. Answers:<br><br>1) The first American champion was Paddy Duffy in 1888.<br>2) Bob Fitzsimons was the oldest light-heavyweight of all time at 40 years, 5 months, and 30 days.<br>3) The smallest attendance at a heavyweight title fight was in 1965 between Ali and Liston (2) at Maine - only 2,434 were there.<br>More trivia ? Okay.<br>A) What do Henry Armstrong, Bernard Hopkins, Benny Leonard, 'Bonecrusher' Smith, and Mike Weaver all have in common ?<br>B) Who holds the longest title reign in the lightweight division ?<br>C) Who was the first black referee in a world title bout ?

Hi Noam, who was the inept referee who couldn't pull Emile Griffith off Benie Paret, while Griffith beat him to death in a corner? Who was the inept ref. who didn't stop the second Quarry vs Frazier fight until Jerry was bleeding to death from cuts?

Steve, I don't know the name of the ref that did the fatal Griffith/Paret fight but one thing I recently learned is that Parets fatal injuries were most likely inflicted in his previous fight with Gene Fulmer. People that seen it said he got the worst beating in a fight they ever seen. Paret was rushed into a fight with Griffith just for the money.<br>Trivia question....who was the only fighter to cut Ali in a fight?????

Bob Foster was the only fighter to cut Ali in a fight.<br>Are you sure about Fitzsimmons ? Archie Moore was 91 when he defeated Yvone Durelle for the second time in 1959 for the light-heavyweight title.<br>Steve - I'll try and find the name of the ref. But I can give you some trivia from the Benny Paret v Griffith fight in 1962. After the fight they increased the number of ropes from 3 to 4 because Paret got caught in the 3 ropes. I would have thought 4 ropes would be more easily to tangle, but there you go.

Archie Moore was 47 when defended the title against Guilio Rinaldi. In common- Lost their debut First Black- Jack Johnson

You've got another one right. I think you and Massimo are the best students - the Gene Tunney - of boxing on this site. The answers:<br>1) All those guys have one thing in common - they all lost their first professional fights.<br>2) Roberto Duran (who I'd have in the Top 10 pound-for-pound of all time) held the lightweight title for 6 years and 7 months - the longest reign.<br>3) Zack Clayton was the first black referee in the Jersey Joe Walcott v Ezzard Charles fight on June 5, 1952.<br>I have over trivia questions, but I won't post them if I'm annoying anyone doing it.

Did Ali bleed from the mouth in the Holmes fight? Would this count as a cut the same way a facial cut would? I see that NY suspended Holyfield's license to fight and now they're trying to line something up in Europe for Holyfield. Massimo, please stop them! This is getting ridiculous. I remember when Holyfield beat Tyson---he was really credible and a legitimate Champion. He was fairly well spoken, well liked and a good guy. His earnings were spectacular. EVERYONE said that he would know the right time to quit---and he'd stay around boxing as a commentator, trainer, etc. Well, instead, he's 42 years old, I believe has won twice in his last nine fights, and continues to get in the ring. This one is hard to figure out. He could have walked away with loads of money, body
intact, respected and full of other potential. Instead, he's starting to look silly.|
|8/17/05 03:33:21 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|||10|Ali didn't bleed noticeably against Holmes. He was cut against Bob Foster pretty badly. | |8/17/05 04:03:54 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Let's see if anyone has the answers to these:<br><br>1) What was the first million dollar gate fight ?<br><br>2) Who was the first fighter to win three world titles in different divisions ?<br><br>3) What fight had the first woman judge officiating ?<br><br> You guys might answer one of the above, but not two or three.| |8/17/05 04:15:02 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|It seems the reason Barrett-Rahman was such a dud is that the two are such close friends neither wanted to hurt the other, according to what I've read. Seems a little bizarre that they got matched at all...<br><br>The idea of Tyson on a jetski is pretty funny to me, almost like a cartoon or a Chris Farley movie. Just another classic moment for the guy, I guess ...<br><br>Klitschko - Peter sounds like it has the makings of a decent fight. I guess it's just as plausible that both Klitschhos could lose as it is that they might both win. It at least puts a little interest back in the division ...<br><br>Ali should never have seen Spinks, let alone Holmes. After Foreman, and the third Frazier fight, he had nothing left to prove, and nothing in the tank. Again, a mandatory retirement age would have helped him here, perhaps...<br><br>Holyfield is now banned in New York State. Boxing bodies may finally be paying attention. | |8/17/05 04:51:38 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|After his humiliating loss to McBride, Tyson said he wanted to become a missionary. Imagine being some poor hungry guiy in Zambia needing help and there's Mike standing there smiling at you. Even if Mike had ten roast turkeys with him, you'd still run for your life. Tribes getting around with half chewed ears if we send Mike over there. Mike the Missionary !<br><br>Perhaps Mike could go into movies, like doing something with Steve Martin and those vacation flicks. Travelling around with Mike and the kids. Here's Mike beating up on the motorist who cut him off. There's Mike biting that guy on the leg for not putting enough fries on his plate. People would pay to watch it, too. | |8/17/05 04:58:28 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: Ali should have quit after Manilla. If not then, maybe after his last KO win, over Richard Dunn. After he lost to Spinks, he HAD to come back to beat Spinks. After that, there was no reason I could think of, other than another pay day, why he would take the fight against Larry Holmes, himself a great Champion, in his prime. Then, Trevor Berbick was just another really bad decision. But the age restriction/mandatory retirement is a slippery slope. Some guys are 33 and they shouldn't be fighting. Others, like Foreman, competed safely and very effectively into their 40's. Ask Michael Moorer if Foreman could still fight. For that matter, ask Evander Holyfield if Larry Holmes and George Foreman could still fight in their 40's. It's a case-by-case call in my opinion. Bernard Hopkins is okay to fight and he's aging. | |8/17/05 05:37:11 PM|Massimo |Roma|||10|I have recently read on Internet and on newspapers that Tyson wanna play in movies as a porno-star(erotik movies). Being a porno-star is slightly different than being a missionary...I don't think that anyone has ever considered Mother Theresa (as) a porno star... | |8/17/05 06:15:59 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Massimo - very good point but it remains to be seen how much Mike would bring to the table ! Iron Mike Does Dallas doesn't really appeal, though. | |8/18/05 12:05:10 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|Good one Mass (Foster cuttin Ali)! Is there anything you don't know???????<br><br>Noam, Dempsey/Carpentier first million dollar gate..I knew it but had to look up spelling... and Henry Armstrong first to win 3 titles?? | |8/18/05 12:26:42 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|Noam, I beleive it was after the Ramos/Moore featherweight title fight that a fourth rope was used. |
Moore died from hitting the bottom rope. I think they also started padding the ropes too.

Ed - yes, the first million dollar gate was Dempsey v Georges Carpentier in Jersey City on July 2, 1921. 80,183 fans paid $1,789.28. The first guy to win three world titles was Bob Fitzsimmons - middleweight 1891, heavyweight 1897, and lightweight 1903.

Ed, my information is that the four ropes came into being as a direct result of the Paret v Griffith fight. The book I got it from might be wrong, I suppose. It reads:

"Paret had been unable to extricate himself from the ropes, a tragedy which led to the introduction of the four-roped ring. Just under a year later, featherweight champion Davey Moore lost his life against Sugar Ramos in Los Angeles...."

More trivia:

1) What was the first movie of a fight?
2) Who had the longest heavyweight reign?
3) Who were the first brothers to retain world titles on the same show?

Joe Louis had the longest heavyweight reign since 1937 to 1948.

Massimo - Joe Louis is right! 11 years, eight months, 18 days, to be exact. Who had the longest title reign in the light-middleweight division? (If you get this wrong you should be ashamed.)

By the way, what do you call a green vegetable that falls off your dinner plate? An escapea. :)

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Willie the worm Monroe?

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the Betterment of Boxing. This eleven-page writing outlines much of what Mr. Steve Acunto presented in On Banning Boxing, and then some. The first section outlines the history of the AAIB in terms of its efforts to alter the sport for the better. The Manifesto then lists and discusses twelve important concepts concerning the sport, many of which have never been appeared anywhere else. The first one includes expanding the legislative content of the Professional Boxing Act of 1996 and the Muhammed Ali Boxing Reform Act of 2000 to encompass the many laws adopted by the New York State Athletic Commission in October of 2000, and the recommendations put forth by the National Association of Attorney Generals in their Boxing Task Force Report as published in May, 2000. Such a response would ensure safety and equitable commercial practices in the sport. A second concept states that since boxing is experiencing significant growth internationally, it must be promoted and regulated as such. A third concept suggests that boxing's litigious nature demands that fighters have access to inexpensive and helpful legal expertise to defend their financial interests more adequately against unscrupulous promoters, managers, and advisors. A fourth principle is that the findings and conclusions from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Act, as written on 1 June 1998, should be made available to every trainer, handler, and any physician who works in boxing. The next principle states that universities, colleges, and other medical facilities should be encouraged to research the various health issues, both underlying and predisposing, concerning fighters. These should focus on the causes and results of boxing injuries, the development of protective equipment, and any other concerns addressed in the NIOSH study mentioned above. Sixth, boxing should continue to be regulated as locally as possible, i.e. by the states. Also all commission workers should be appropriately trained to carry out their duties. The next letter will list and discuss the remaining principles, raising specific standards and establishing uniform rules. The final part will cover stopping bouts and participants. Since the AAIB has published and distributed this document, it also has served as the source of many ideas and concepts to reform the great sport of boxing. Finally, The Jerry Quarry Foundation has repeatedly supported the passage and implementation of all of these suggestions when presented as legislative items. If you want to provide feedback or ask questions concerning this letter or any other related subjects, I can be reached at ehnpbsa@aol.com, 330.743.2898, or 142 Upland Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44505. Furthermore Mr. Stephen Acunto, Sr., Co-Founder of the AAIB, and other individuals connected with that formidable organization, also stand ready, willing, and able to help with these legislative matters concerning this great sport. I am Sincerely yours, GEORGE L. OTTO, BCD, ESQUIRE, ICADC, LICDC, LISW, MSUS, SAP Chief Counsel/Legislative Consultant Cc. Other members of Congress | 8/19/05 01:46:48 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||mooseygoop@aol.com||||10|Noam, Can't argue with your lightweight champ picks, one I might add is current (jr welter?) champ Floyd Mayweather. I think he was super lightweight champ at one point and looks like an all time great to me. I'd also say we got more talent in lighter weights, from welter on down, then any time ever. <br><br>Mass, How much is gasoline in Italy? Its getting near $3 a gallon here. You drive an economy car with small shoe size??? Your into physics so why don't you invent something to replace gasoline?? You'd end up richer then all your sports heros put together!!!!!! | 8/19/05 02:53:58 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|Ed-<br><br>I don't remember the exact price, but it's surely higher than 3$ a gallon. Unfortunately, Italia is getting every day more expensive. I don't travel much so I can't compare Italia with other countries, but I can compare Italia of 2005, with Italia of 2000, 1995, 1990 etc. and all the prices are getting much much higher. There are lots of thieves in Italia. Getting richer than Shaq ? That's a good idea, why didn't I think of that myself first ? Money can be useful in life!!}
Ed - Mayweather is 28, won all of his 35 fights (24 ko's). I'd probably consider him more of a super featherweight, given that he won the world title in that division in 1998 and had something like eight defenses of it. He won the lightweight title in 2002 and defended it three times. Now he's moved up to light welterweight and stopped Gatti to win the title recently. Mayweather wants to move up again and fight De La Hoya. He certainly has courage and confidence. The Ring Magazine ranked Mayweather second pound-for-pound to Hopkins last year and wrote: "Relinquished the lightweight championship after a third and final defense and performed well in his first outing at 140 pounds. Fought in a more aggressive and entertaining manner in those two bouts than in some previous fights, and barely lost a round. Has the speed, boxing skills, and confidence to beat anyone his size, but might be pushing the limits of his slender body too far if he persists in gunning for Oscar De Lay Hoya, who is now fighting at middleweight."So, Ed, firstly, I'm wondering whether Mayweather has done enough in the lightweight division to be considered in the top 10 all time, given that he only had three defenses of that title. Probably, if we want to rank him as an all time great, we'd have to fit him in the super featherweight division, in my opinion.

Yes I agree not enough fights as lightweight to be considered with the greats that made that division there home. Also considering how Shane Mosely and Roy Jones have fallen apart (esp. Roy) its premature to speculate like that I guess. I mean Roy Jones went from being the greatest fighter of all time, in some peoples books, to who knows what now. One negative about Mayweather is his hands. I understand they are very brittle and that's why his ko ratio has fallen off...that plus hes fighting bigger guys.

1) Whos the first fighter to stop George Chuvalo?
2) Whos the only fighter to win a world championship as a substitute for a substitute? In other words the first guy had to cancel then the second guy canceled and this guy filled in and WONT...
man in history to hold three world titles simultaneously, but he almost won a fourth when held to a draw by the then current middleweight champion. Armstrong won the featherweight, welterweight, and lightweight titles in a period of only ten months. If Armstrong was fighting today, he'd be heads and shoulders above everyone else, an absolute superstar, and a freak to boot! With Roy Jones jnr, it makes you wonder whether going up in weights and then back down again effected him. Now I'm not saying that he used steroids to put on muscle, but athletes who have allegedly used them and then come off them (ironically someone else named Jones, first name Marian) never came back the same. Who knows with Roy, although he certainly dropped ability suddenly. Gerry - we'd need confirmation from Massimo, but it seems that Italy lets anyone in. Tyson's a convicted rapist so what's he doing over there. Many countries wouldn't allow him in. Perhaps we should call him Mike 'The Pontiff' Tyson, given his aim to be a missionary (or a porno star). I agree with what you say Gerry about Tyson's standing in boxing history, despite his sad and humiliating exit from the sport. I can't help but like Tyson. Whatever we think of the guy, he is completely natural, warts and all. He says exactly what he's thinking, doesn't try the spin or hackneyed boring cliches like so many other stars. I saw an article recently where Tyson stated that he considered himself an abject failure, a rotten person, etc. I feel sorry for Tyson. With his great ability the story should have been so much better. Where careers of guys like Armstrong and Louis provide the inspiration, Tyson's career sadly only provides a warning to novices of what can happen if you go off the rails. You win a spaghetti dinner at Mass's house, but you got to bring your own cheese! Joe Frasier was first to stop Chuvalo. He broke Georges cheekbone and George said it felt like his eye exploded. Willie Pastrano beat Harold Johnson as a sub for a sub... Ali credits Willie for a lot of his boxing techniques, he says Willie taught him a lot. They had the same trainer, Angelo Dundee. Noam, Thats an excellent point about Jones possibly being a victim of steroids. I thought about his moving up to heavys might have been too much for him but didn't consider the steroid angle. Also from what i've read about exercise conditioning .... exercise is a double edge sword, over exercising (and being in top shape all the time) can cause an athlete to age rapidly. and we all know Roy is always in top shape. So "body wise" he might be older then his actual 36 years.

Si, unfortunately Italia lets everyone or almost everyone in. We are too generous, actually. Regarding Tyson, I think he got confused. He doesn't want to be a missionary. He wants to be a porno star in the Third World! Pete very good! You win a spaghetti dinner at Mass's house, but you got to bring your own cheese!

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robustness of a boxer's chin. If the rest of his body is not handling the stress as well, as might happen if the boxer stopped taking steroids, then psychologically it defeats him as well.<br>

If steroids, or the lack of them, was Jones's problem, then I suppose this might explain it. | 8/21/05 05:29:42 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|I have just discovered that when Frazier fought Foreman in 1973, George was the n.1 contender. Joe deserves credit for that! He didn't take the easy way that time (he did it when he fought Terry Daniels and Ron Stander). I wonder what did Foreman do to be the n.1 contender. The only big names in his record were George Chuvalo and Gregorio Peralta.| 8/21/05 06:08:24 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Massimo - Frazier thought the first fight with Foreman was going to be a walk in the park! George wasn't given a snowflakes chance in hell in that fight and Joe was the heavy favourite. Just goes to show that you can never guess outcomes, especially when big punchers like Foreman, and even Lyle and Shavers are involved.<br><br>And Massimo, what's Tyson up to over there. Any more reports about him? Things seemed to have gone quiet around him.| 8/21/05 06:59:27 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|I don't know much about Tyson's holyday in Italia. I read a very small article in a newspaper 2 or 3 days ago in which there was reported that Tyson is now in Sardegna (I have never been there) and that is behaviour was not good. In particular he was frightening people (around) by driving a motor cycle into the sea too close to the beach (where the water's level is not high enough). Of course, this is not a small (or little) fault, this behaviour can be very dangerous.| 8/21/05 08:22:42 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Massimo - it's time you went down there and straightened Mike out! By the way, when you look at the cold hard facts of Jerry's career, it is nearly mind blowing the calibre of guys he fought......Ali x 2, Frazier x 2, Norton, Shavers, Lyle, Mac Foster, Chuvalo, Mathis, Ellis, Patterson x 2.<br><br>Jerry posted wins over Patterson, Mathis, Mac Foster (Quarry was the only guy to stop him), Lyle, and Shavers. He certainly didn't retire wondering what might have been.| 8/22/05 11:42:04 AM|Pete|Cleveland||N/A|||10|I have been on and off this site for a number of years. I always found it interesting. But now it is like a desert. It's so dry and vapid. What happened? Did all the oldtimers die off?| 8/22/05 02:58:44 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|||10|Many regular posters have left recently including Kent and Forest Ward.| 8/22/05 03:04:01 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Noam: It's like my old analogy about college football. If you play an easy schedule and finish 11-0, the whole world will bicker about the fact that had you played in the Big 10, Pac 10, etc., you'd have had 3 or 4 losses. Ditto for a boxer who plays it close to the belt. "What might have been" is viewed as a negative by people like you and I, and written off by others. Sorry, I can't write it off. To me, if the big hitters are left off your schedule, I deduct a point. If you're an olympic skater and you skate a relatively easy program and don't make any mistakes, that doesn't cut it. I'd give more credit to the skater who tries the impossible jumps, makes most of them---even if they miss one. It's called accepting the challenge. The greats accept challenges.| 8/22/05 04:18:19 PM|Italian Stallion|Philly||Unknown|||10|Rest in peace Ella. You will not be forgotten here.| 8/22/05 05:08:48 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|I agree Angelo. That's why I mentioned Quarry's career and the fact that he fought nearly all the big names of his era and even doubled up on some. The only big names he missed fighting were Liston and Foreman. Given that he fought everyone else, he couldn't fit these guys in and there was certainly no pattern there as there was with others.<br><br>The other thing with Quarry is that as a challenger he really wasn't in a position to pick and chose. He had less influence. He fought matches when they were available, usually picked by others. Whereas, a champion CAN pick
that's what makes Ali's career so great. There was no one from that era of any credibility who he didn't fight. He took them on one after the other. It would appear now that he was prepared to risk his health to bolster his reputation. Others didn't want to take that risk yet they didn't want their reputation to suffer either. They can't have it both ways. You can apply any test to the careers of Ali and Quarry and one thing really stands out: they fought the best, one after the other. Some people don't like to hear that because they believe it detracts from the exploits of their guy, who didn't do the same. But the yardstick of that era was Ali and you have to compare contemporaries to him when discussing their respective places in history. There's no other fair way of doing it. And Quarry compares favourably. When he hit the big time in 1967 he fought Jones, London, Patterson x 2 in that year. The second Patterson fight was the WBA elimination tournament. Jerry didn't hesitate in entering it. In 1968 he fought Spencer and Ellis. In 1969 Mathis, Frazier, London, Patterson x 2 in that year. No rests or tune ups or downs for him. In 1970 he fought Mac Foster and Ali. He fought Ali again later. He then fought Lyle AND Shavers in the SAME year. No problem scheduling them in. Frazier and Norton followed. See Jerry's pattern.....fight the best, whoever they were, one after the other. Quarry (same age as Frazier) had 53 fights and only 9 losses. If you apply the test of judging him by his hardest win (not his easiest ones) we come up with names like Shavers, Lyle, Mac Foster, Mathis, Spencer, Patterson. Jerry's one guy who comes up looking good if he judge him by his losses, too. Ali, Frazier, Norton. No shame there. His win/loss list is so powerful that it has to qualify him as perhaps the best heavyweight not to win a world title.
been Jerry's finest hour, even if he didn't get the win. In my mind, yes, he should have beaten Ellis and he didn't get it done against Frazier---but to me, the Foreman fight would have been one of those cases where no one would think Jerry had a chance. He seemed to thrive in these fights. Barring early cuts around his eyes, this would have been a flat out war. Quarry would have done a little boxing and a lot of punching. We learned later that Foreman's stamina was suspect---who knows how this would have played out if it went to the later rounds?

It seems our numbers are thinning. | If the numbers are thinning because people are upset over the name calling, that's a bad thing---no one likes to be disrespected. But if the numbers are thinning because people are bored or disagree with others' opinions, who cares? I do hope Kent comes back soon.

Ironically, the numbers have thinned since the name calling stopped. Steve seems upset because there have been posts praising Jerry, other posts talking about lightweight champions like Armstrong, and also a couple of posts laughing about Tyson. That's what the recent posts have been about by me. Nothing else. I can't understand why that would upset Steve or how Fan from Fandom can blame those posts for turning people away from here. 

When Brandi told us a few home truths a week back, I know I heeded what she said and changed my ways. I've conversed civilly with everyone, but it seems that others are just intent on sniping. If my presence is unwanted here, as it seems, then I'll happily go away and leave Kent and Steve and whoever to go back to referring to each other by affectionate 'three stooges' names and talking about everything else but boxing and Jerry.

Anyway, Angelo, my point with Jerry was that comparing him to other greats of that era - particularly Ali and Frazier - we see that he fought every credible opponent. Fight fans agree that Ali fought the best out there, but so did Jerry. It is also instructive that Jerry was the only guy to stop Mac Foster. If he survived the early rounds against Foreman, then Jerry becomes a chance after perhaps round 7 or 8. Surviving to that point would be the problem though.

Hey, what the heck is going on? This is an exodus (esodo)! Is anybody going to stay? This is an exodus (esodo)! Is anybody going to stay? I have just seen again the Primo Carnera vs George Godfrey 1930 fight. That fight is what the legend is all about. Anyone who never saw that fight knows nothing about boxing.

Massimo - there are a number of books out there on Primo Carnera and I might buy one soon and read all about him. I've just ordered the Larry Holmes book and the Ken Norton one. I don't know why I didn't get them earlier. There's a new book out on Ernie Shavers and another one called Night Train - The Sonny Liston Story. I don't believe it, but James 'Quick' Tillis has also written a book about himself.

Steve - I apologize if I've upset you in some way. I don't understand how though. I've never criticized you; actually I've only praised you if you go through the posts. As a Vietnam vet, I've only got respect for you. So if you tell me I'm the problem, then I'll go and you stay.

Noam: Don't go away altogether---you could always adopt the name of a boxer from days past like "Forrest" did. If I see any posts from "Jumbo C" I'll know it's you.
heavyweights. I struck by how articulate he is in the interviews and what a bulldog he is in the fights. He always did a good job of adjusting for his competition save for Frazier. He might have been well served to counterpunch Frazier more and not spend himself on the attack.

| 8/23/05 05:50:50 PM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 10 | Noam, there is no reason for you to leave. |

8/23/05 06:06:07 PM | Gerry | Cleveland | same | 10 | JQ, as I've said before, was very, very close to being a World Heavyweight champion. Yes, Ali and Frazier had too much for him, but it still almost happened. I think he had way too much soon. He had 14 fights in 1965, but didn't start the year until mid-May! I think he was rushed into Boyle, Alongi, and Machen, all of whom he would have beaten under more relaxed conditions, I think. Instead, he got three draws and a loss. He got back on the horse and proved his talent after that. But I will never quite get what happened with Ellis and Chuvalo. Those two fights really skewed his career. I agree, he never dodged anyone, and had the talent to beat anyone. It takes a lot of confidence to challenge Ken Norton on two weeks notice. But Quarry fans have to wonder what could have been. Jerry and Mike were terrific to watch, they both should have had belts, in my opinion. |

8/23/05 06:22:43 PM | Noam | same | same | 10 | I don't want to think my staying here has anything to do with Steve, and Kent, not being here, because they are both integral parts of the site. I apologized to Kent for things I shouldn't have said and there's been no nastiness since Brandi's warning. I can't apologize for Forest, though, as I truly think he did the wrong thing, especially with the comments about Ali's health. But if my being here means that Kent and Steve won't return, then I'll happily go because they are guys who should be here. |

8/24/05 02:00:23 AM | Ed | Cicero n y | mooseygoop@aol.com | 10 | Noam, Hope u decide to stay here. You ever check into ebay for old fight magazines? They aren't expensive and give a different view from books because they're from the actual time of the fighter, before they became legendary. <br>http://search.ebay.com/boxing-magazines |

8/24/05 05:01:38 AM | Noam | same | same | 10 | Ed - the sorriest thing I've done was allow hundreds of The Ring magazines and other journals I had to be thrown out. They were stacked high on the floor of a cupboard. At a time when boxing wasn't high on my agenda, I let them go. I'd give anything to have them back now. The only one I kept was the 20th anniversary edition of the Ali v Frazier first fight. How stupid was I not to safeguard the rest of them. The best boxing book I've read was on Rocky Marciano. It not only had boxing facts but also stories about his family and friends. The book really flowed and put a face to the legend that raw statistics can't do. I tried to read one on Jack Dempsey and some day I'll finish it. But the way it is written is difficult to get in to. Same with one I have about Jack Johnson. I have plenty about Ali, however sometimes they are not really objective. I'm not saying this to agitate with Fan who doesn't respect Thomas Hauser, but the best Ali book was 'Muhammad Ali - His Life & Times' by Hauser. Each episode in Ali's life is told in first person by those a part of it. For example, the Ali v Frazier fights were discussed not only by Ali and his entourage, but also by Frazier in the first person. Same with the Ali fights against Quarry. There was no room for bias generally because each person who was a part of the story, told their own story as they perceived it. The result was that it didn't sanitize Ali's life, as has become more the practice than the exception. It had the good with the bad, Faruqhan, Black Muslims, etc. |

8/24/05 07:33:11 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 | Noam: I have some Ali books too. One that I really like, though it surely casts him in the best light (biased), is a mid-70's paperback, "The Greatest, My Own Story." I'll have to re-read it. There are some really interesting chapters and you
get some insight into Ali the man, not just Ali the boxer. You see how some of his beliefs were shaped, for better or worse. There are some very emotional parts of that book that don't have a lot to do with boxing. It's easy to digest—probably written for highschool aged readers but still a good read for a more sophisticated audience too. To piggyback on Gerry's comments, Jerry Quarry won some fights in surprising fashion, that maybe he "shouldn't have" like his shutout over Lyle and walk over tough Earnie Shavers. He lost some that he should have won—those early fights, including Machen. He performed admirably against two great fighters in Ali and Frazier—didn't have enough to win but didn't back down either. And yes, Chuvalo was puzzling and Ellis was just frustrating to watch—still is. Jerry wouldn't have held the title long had he beat Ellis, because Frazier was in line for the fight after opting out of the tournament (where he might have drawn Thad Spencer, who could have been trouble at that point). But still, Quarry had everything he needed to beat Ellis and let is slip away. It's still a fight that could have been judged in Jerry's favor. | 8/24/05 12:41:26 PM|Pete|Clleveland||N/A||||10|Noam, I don't think you are the sole reason for people leaving the site. But from reading past posts over the weeks I did see a pattern emerge. It seems that you, Angelo, and Howard C are going a bit overboard about Ali on this site. You guys keep writing the same things over and over again and again. It is like you guys can't write about anything else. It does get quite boring. Ali is the most written about boxer in the world. You guys are not telling the people on this site anything they don't already know. As far as personal attacks go, to be fair about it, you are alone in that category. I mean you labelled Forrest am alcoholic and a homosexual. That is pretty heavy stuff. By doing so you insulted all the homosexuals and alcoholics who read this site. But, I think the main thing is people are getting bored with all this Ali stuff. Kent: Noam can post here if he wants to. He is welcome here as much as anyone else. I said I was taking a break from posting here for two weeks and my two weeks were up on Sunday. I didn't say I was leaving. I hope Steve stays as well. I am out of the loop so I don't know why Steve would be leaving or anything that has transpired since I took my break. I haven't been hanging around on the Internet as much in the last two weeks and I have actually got off of my "fat can" and I have been exercising and eating better and I have lost five pounds, only 100 more to go!| 8/24/05 01:33:26 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Noam can post here if he wants to. He is welcome here as much as anyone else. I said I was taking a break from posting here for two weeks and my two weeks were up on Sunday. I didn't say I was leaving. I hope Steve stays as well. I am out of the loop so I don't know why Steve would be leaving or anything that has transpired since I took my break. I haven't been hanging around on the Internet as much in the last two weeks and I have actually got off of my "fat can" and I have been exercising and eating better and I have lost five pounds, only 100 more to go!| 8/24/05 02:28:05 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Pete: It's true that this is a Jerry Quarry site first and a boxing site next. I talk about Ali a lot as he is my all-time favorite boxer. Often, I've written posts about Ali as a reaction to other people attacking him—or I've written about him to debate others who assert that he wasn't that great, he isn't a good person, etc. He's an important figure of the 20th century that frankly, transcends boxing and sports—an interesting cultural icon who was divisive and controversial, yet loved by millions around the world. In contrast, Jerry Quarry had a much smaller but fiercely loyal following of hardcore fight fans. I think of Jerry and Mike Quarry and I think of solid, lunchpale carrying, blue collar fighters of the highest order. Jerry didn't get distracted by the parade of politics and controversy that Ali was drawn to—Jerry just worked on his craft. Just like people say "John Wayne, America.", I say "Jerry Quarry, Fighter." One word descriptions that characterize these guys like volumes of adjectives can never do. I think it's a tribute to Mike and Jerry that we regulars carry on about the best fighters of their era, including Ali. It's putting the Quarry brothers in boxing's most elite company. | 8/24/05 04:44:45 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same||||10|The Ali/Frazier thing here is a little intense. But if people have left here, that's not the reason why. It's all the unregulated namecalling. Simple as that. I never came
here to duke politics with anyone.<br>I came here as a Quarry fan, boxing fan and sports fan, and it's been good to chat with like-minded people.<br>I don't begrudge anyone's politics. Most people believe something, and there are two major political parties in America to choose from, right or wrong.<br>It's not that you disagree with someone on this very personal item, it's how you do it. That's where guys have flunked here ....<br>Massimo, still carrying the torch for Primo!<br>How would Carnera have fared against Gerry Cooney, I wonder. Both 6'6, both can box and move a little. Hmm ...<br>Kent, be glad you can exercise. I'm pretty active, but have been sidelined by a bad Achilles tendon the last six weeks. Man, I get restless.<br>Thanks. | 8/24/05 04:53:35 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Pete - I thought we'd put all this behind us, but you say I was the only name caller. I've been called plenty of names by Forest. For example, on 07/01/05, in just one post, he called me "a joke", "a blowhard", "a jerk", and "boring and rude." He accused Angelo and me of being "very loose with details" and Angelo of making "ridiculous posts". The name calling was NOT one way. We were also numerous times told, quite insultingly, that we didn't know anything about boxing (as if he was the font of all boxing knowledge and wisdom).<br>His name calling went further. Forest called Patterson "without doubt the biggest cheese champion of all time", a fighter who "fought bums and amateurs" and who "avoided every legitimate contender." He said that Cooney is "running a hustle" with his charities (even though Larry Holmes is involved) and, of course, the comments about Ali's health. That was the stuff that upset me. I responded in kind, wrongly, at times, I confess.<br>Regards Ali, a lot of the stuff written defending him was in response to stuff written attacking him. It's also hard not mentioning Ali when he was the most dominant fighter of the era of Jerry Quarry, the hero of this site.<br>A Angelo - I have the Ali book you speak of. But you really have to get Hauser's book on Ali. It is the best.<br>Anyway, Pete, as far as I'm concerned the name calling is passe, but, given you said that I was the only name caller, I had to respond. Thanks. | 8/24/05 04:58:36 PM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Yeah, better to put the insults aside. Some of them were funny and I got called a pathetic chump, sham and a fraud, a kool aid drinker. Some wisecracks were misguided and silly like the repressed homosexual and alcoholic insults should never have been said. Gerry even questioned whether Steve was really a Vietnam vet. I thought Steve would explode when that was said and he didn't to his credit. Some of you guys were talking trivia. Heres one. When was the first time that Ali fought a guy younger than himself? | 8/24/05 05:05:58 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Howard C not counting Ali's younger brother. The answer would be Jerry Quarry! | 8/24/05 07:03:24 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Thanks, Pete. I shouldn't have said some of the things I said, particularly to Kent, but that's in the past, and I'm glad he's back. Hopefully, Steve won't be far behind him. You beat me to the punch with the Jerry Quarry answer to the trivia question. | 8/24/05 08:15:31 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|As far as Gerry Cooney doing something unethical regarding his charity, I don't believe it is the case. There are some in the helping end of things in the boxing community that don't like it that he takes a fairly high salary for himself but I can't really say he is doing anything wrong. A lot of people in the charity
business make a living helping others so why not Cooney? To the best of my knowledge Cooney has done nothing illegal and if he had done so, I am sure his organization would have been shut down and he would have been in trouble with the law.

There are other people who help fighters who are down on their luck or who are in need of assistance in landing on their feet after their careers are over who do it for the pleasure of helping others. There is room for these people but their is also room for Gerry Cooney as well.

Hi Kent - keep that exercise going. I did some new exercises recently and am as sore as hell. If you haven't used certain muscles for some time, and then you overdo it, like I did, look out.

By the way, Larry Holmes said on his site that he and Gerry Cooney are, to quote him, very close friends. Holmes says that he helps Cooney with the charity. Holmes said that he sees Joe Frazier about once a month and that Earnie Shavers is now living in England. Larry said that he gets on well now with Ken Norton, and that he saw Ali a few months back. The only guys that Larry bad mouths is George Foreman and Scott LeDoux. There is genuine animosity between Holmes and those two. Holmes also said that things have smoothed out between Ali and Frazier as they've grown older.

I wonder why Holmes doesn't like Foreman. George seems like a nice guy but of course I only met him briefly and you can't know someone by just their public image, as that is really all of the information I have about him.

I have never met Ledoux and I don't know much about him from public knowledge as well other than I remember him as a boxer.

I exercise five days a week: I walk 45 minutes Monday through Friday and I add 15 minutes of swimming and 15 minutes of karate punches and kicks on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

This will increase as the weeks pass and I will be working out at the karate dojo three times a week, hour classes, starting in September.

I don't exercise on the weekend at all as I am sore as well, mainly my ankles hurt from walking, and I need a couple of days to rest up.

My diet is much less carbs than I used to eat. Breakfast cereal, no sugar of course and low fat milk. I also drink a glass of cranberry juice and a glass of tomato juice in between meals. I have a piece of fruit with breakfast and lunch and some fresh spinach plus half a tomato to go with my dinner.

For protein I eat two pieces of broiled chicken for lunch and dinner. I do substitute a couple of hamburger patties for a one or two dinners during the week but no buns or breads to go with them.

In addition to the above, I don't eat after 6 PM. No late night snacks is a key to the routine. I sure do miss them though!

I have used this diet to success, one time I lost 60 pounds doing it. It works for me if I stick to it.

Once I am in to the routine for about six weeks, I can go off the program for a day or two on the weekends and have a couple of beers or snacks but until then, I have to be somewhat bored. Too bad but I need to do this.

I wonder what my buddy James Toney will say if he sees the new leaner me (actually the old me, the way I used to be) in about six to eight months?

IF ANYBODY FROM THE QUARRY FAMILY CAN E MAIL ME ABOUT HOW TO CONTACT MY FRIEND BOB QUARRY IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. I LOST CONTACT WITH BOB ABOUT LATE LAST YEAR AS THE NUMBER I HAD FOR HIM DIDN'T WORK ANYMORE.

I ALSO HAVE MOVED SO HE WOULDN'T HAVE MY NUMBER ANYMORE EITHER.

It's correct when you say that Shavers lives in England, Liverpool to be precise. He met his current wife (his 5th!) whilst doing some promotional work here and this is how he earns his money now. But an interesting point is that when he moved over here, earnie actually worked as a doorman at a Liverpool nightclub! Just imagine seeing him deal with with someone-that's one confrontation you don't want to be anywhere near! This story
was part of an article on him in the English Daily Telegraph so the authenticity is pretty reliable."
[8/25/05 09:36:56 AM] Massimo | Roma | 4 | 10 | Kent-

If you want to lose weight, you have to hit the heavybag! Hit it, hit it again and keep on hitting it until there is (or there will be) a hole in the heavybag, a big hole of the size of a melon! When that sucker Giacomo Toney will see you in top shape he will be scared s$$tless of you and will treat you with great respect! As (or like) the Italian Stallion would say...That's street cred ("cred" is Slang for "rules of the street" or "street's rules")!
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I didn't know you met another legend over there, in California, Foreman! Now the question is obvious: how wilt is he ?!
[8/25/05 02:57:55 PM] Gerry | Cleveland | same | 9 | Sorry, Noam. Most of what I said, nearly all of it really, was in response to others, and very often you. Don't lay your stuff off on others.<br>As for me questioning anyone's Vet status or whatever, Howard or whoever, that's a lie.<br>I'm a vet myself, why would I do that?<br>See, this is exactly the nonsense that is the trouble here. Get over yourselves and move on.

I met Foreman during the 1980s when he was in retirement from boxing and preaching in churches. <br>It was at a small church service so I got to speak one on one to him, didn't speak to him about anything significant though. <br>I would say he is tall, about 6'4", but what I remember most about standing next to him is how big he was, his shoulders and arms were huge. I thought, this is a very big man.<br>Unlike my experience in seeing our Jerry Quarry, who had big arms and who looked very strong, Jerry seemed the same size as me (back in the 1980s), but it was obvious Jerry was stronger than me even if I hadn't known he was a professional boxer.

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start more problems. Noam has been adding a lot lately and is a valuable member of the site. I know you are a rational poster and can see the point I am making.

8/26/05 02:33:50 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Kent-<br>Thanks! So George is not a joke, he is andre' and wilt, that's good for us boxing fans.<br><br>BOXING TRIVIA-<br>Which was Ali's most lucrative fight?| 8/26/05 07:46:31 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Massimo: Ali's most lucrative? Could it have been the Holmes fight???<br>fan: Let's get one thing straight: The people who like Ali on this site are not the ones who are obsessed with him. It's the people who dislike or hate Ali who are obsessed and keep bringing him up in a negative light, and I respond in kind. Example: Gerry just implied in his last post that Ali was able to absorb punishment from Foreman because he was on drugs. He stopped short of accusation, but wrote, "DRUGS?" Gerry, maybe, just maybe, Ali could take a harder punch than Frazier and remain upright because he was a better, superior fighter. THAT'S the explanation, not drugs. Other than the fact that he performed so brilliantly in so many fights, what evidence do you have that Ali used drugs to enhance his ability? Like I thought, none. You know, Leon Spinks seemed to have super-human energy in his 15 round win over Ali and took a lot of hard punches. Also, his trainer (Sam Solomon) was feeding Spinks from a black bottle with an unknown substance in it. Why aren't you doubting Spinks win over Ali--that seems to be more damning than anything you have on Ali. Fan, once again, it's the Ali haters who are obsessed with bringing him down due to petty jealousy and envy over his success.

8/26/05 10:27:14 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo is right regarding Ali being able to naturally take a great punch. Did George Chuvalo take drugs to be able to take a great punch. No way, he didn't even get knocked down in his entire career. Some fighters just can take a punch better than others.<br>I am not trying to start the feud again but one thing that really pissed me off is some of the guys assuming that because I am pro Frazier that I have to be anti Ali.<br>Yes I am a bigger fan of Frazier than I am of Ali but Angelo you know I have never said anything bad about Ali in all of the time I have been posting here. You and I have debated, peacefully I might add, about certain topics but I was never one of the ones who bad mouthed Ali.

8/26/05 12:00:05 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same||9|Guys, I was kidding about Ali and drugs. Watching him absorb George's best body punches was really an amazing thing, I think. The guy unquestionably took a tremendous punch. He had to, he took on almost everybody.<br>I'm not an Ali fan, but I sure do appreciate the guys's talent and social impact.<br>Sorry, just a weak attempt at humor ...

8/26/05 01:01:42 PM|Fan|Fandom||Fan@Fandom.com|||10|I am a huge fan of both Ali and Frazier. I don't like some of Ali's fights because they are very boring, but that is just because he could dominate so easily. My favorite fighter of the 70's is George Foreman. I really liked his all out aggressive style. Ken Norton is another fighter I always liked watching. He had entertaining fights throughout his career. A lot of the fights nobody sees are the fights that are fun to watch. Norton-Jose Luis Garcia II, Shavers-Roy Williams, Ali-Blue Lewis, Frazier-Mathis are all great fights.

8/26/05 01:17:10 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Kenny Norton once said that hitting Ali' to the stomach was like hitting marm. Ali's abdominals were better than mine. Two days ago I bought a DVD which contains the first Ali'-Liston fight and the Ali'-Foreman fight. I had already seen those fights but this is a very cool DVD. I can even listen to Joe Frazier's commentary (in English!) of the Ali'-Foreman fight. By the way, I noticed that Joe Frazier speaks very good English, he even taught me a new verb "GOING BY", very useful, I had never heard that verb so far! Ali' was fantastic in both of these fights, two of his best performances in my book. I'll give very soon the answer of my TRIVIA QUESTION. I want to let a little more suspense, maybe someone else is willing of trying to
respond (or to answer) the question. I'm a fan of both Ali' and Frazier, I have
Ali' above Frazier in my ratings, but my opinion of Frazier as a fighter is very
high.<br><br>PS: I'm sad to see(or of seeing) that Steve is not come back. Come
on, Steve, let's talk about something!

A few posters recently had
mentioned Earnie Shavers. This is a guy who, like JQ, never got his due. Not
winning a belt is probably part of that. But, like Quarry, he was better than a
lot of guys who did.<br>Only a year or so younger than Quarry, he was active
well into the early 1980's.<br>He had two wins over Jimmy Young, and also
beat<br>Jimmy Ellis, Ken Norton and Joe Bugner among others.<br>Both he and
Jerry beat Dick Gosha.<br>Shavers did have some funny losses, like most I guess.
His losses to Ron Stander and Quarry stick out hard against a rack of KO wins
early in his career. He also lost to Tex Cobb and James Tillis.<br>He fought two
title fights back-to-back, Ali and Holmes.<br>His first match with Holmes is a
great one to see. I remember Holmes hitting with everything he could, he even
tried a two-hand baseball punch, but no luck. Then Shavers dropped him like a
sack of spuds with one punch for a knockdown.<br>Shavers, like Quarry, was very,
very close to being champ. <br>His last fight, just ten years ago, was set in
Wisconsin. <br>It's amazing, if he had finished off Holmes, this is a former
world champion with everything that comes with it.<br>But since he wasn't, many
casual sports fans don't even know his name. A real shame.<br>The guy was a huge
puncher. Thanks.

Gerry: I think Shavers second fight against Young was a draw, wasn't it???
Shavers got better with age as he learned the craft. He still had plenty of power but
also improved stamina and patience. He fought very well against Ali and Holmes, two
of the best ever. He crushed Norton, a very good fighter. His loss to Lyle is
nothing to be ashamed of---and it was before he was at his best. 

Page 226 - 250, Gerry, 08/04/05 at
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Gerry, get a life.

Angelo, I stand corrected, the
second Shavers-Young fight was a draw, I had it as a decision for Shavers,
thanks.<br>Young was quite a 70's fighter also, his fight with Ali was just
great, I never saw Ali more frustrated.<br>But again, with Shavers, more proof
of that guy's talent in that great era. Thanks.

When Noam was
having his battles with Forrest and it got nasty no one told Noam he was out of line. Why all of a sudden in recent weeks has he become the bad guy? And in perfect fairness to Noam if he feels he is being insulted then is going to respond in kind. As he should, unlike Ali during the Viet Nam war, Noam never pretended to be a pacifist.

Pete, none of us are in charge of this site but the stooges will always be special here as Mr. Jimmy himself was one of us, an original stooge. A lot of us, in the heat of a few moments, posted things we regret and should not have posted. Let's leave it at that.

Guys, Earnie Shavers was amazing as we were never sure how his fights were going to turn out. He could be almost out on his feet, about to go down to defeat and out of nowhere he could win with just one or two punches he hit so hard. His fight with Lyle was one of the best I have ever seen. I don't know how this thing lasted into the six round as both fighters were throwing bombs the entire time.

Ray Mercer tried fighting kickboxers awhile back.. he tells how brutal it was...

Ali's most lucrative fight was... DRUMROLL... The Thrilla in Manilla. He earned 6 millions dollars for that fight! I have learnt that in a book on Ali' I found in a bancarella in the street in Roma. I also learned that Ali' earned about 30 million dollars in his overall career.

It is hard for some boxers to adapt to different rules and it isn't surprising that Mercer could be caught by a kick to the head, Mercer in the article admits to not even knowing how to block a kick or how to kick himself. He wore boxing shoes, which made it illegal for him to kick in kick boxing while his opponents fought bare footed.

There have been boxers who have had at least limited success in other fighting sports. Tex Cobb had a winning record in kick boxing, he fought for the United States heavyweight title but lost, while former cruiserweight champion Al Cole has won some matches in "no holds barred" fighting.

Cole finished second in at least one of the Ultimate fighting tournaments he entered. He defeated all of his opponents to reach the finals but lost his last match from a submission hold.

You forgot the greatest of them all: PRIMO CARNEKA. He became wrestling heavyweight champion of the whole wide word1 in 1957. Primo made way more money with wrestling than with boxing! On the other hand, Chuck Wepner lost to "the Midget" in 1976. Please get some honor and principles. You called me a liar and you were proved wrong. Apologize please. Noam identified the time and date you made the statement about Steve. Apologize to him also, please. Come to think of it, you owe Steve an apology also.

Just watched Ali/Quarry 1 on ESPN Classic. Ali won all three rounds but Jerry was hanging tough and it is a shame he got busted up. I think Jerry would have likely gone the distance if not for the cut and it would have been interesting to see how much Ali had left going the distance after the long layoff. Jerry seemed to be finding the range just a little bit more each round and it would have been more competitive as the fight went on but Ali likely would have won by decision.

It is pretty impressive that Ali would take on Jerry in his first fight back after a long layoff as most fighters would have taken an easier opponent. That he took on Bonevena not long after this is also impressive but I don't think this was the wisest move to take on tough competition so soon as maybe two lower ranked opponents would have been better followed by Quarry and Bonevena before going after the title.

But I have heard that not many
people were willing to fight Ali at the time because of the politics involved. So Ali had to take fights he could get. | 8/28/05 05:44:10 PM|Massimo|Roma|4||10|What a coincidence, I have seen Ali' Quarry 1 on ESPN 2 days ago. I think JQ had a good second round (I scored it even), but Ali' won the first and the third. The turning point was a jab by Ali' in the third round that opened the cut on JQ's sopracciglio. I think Ali' would have won even without the cut, but yes, the fight was getting interesting. PS: as the time goes by Steve is missed on this site! Where are you Steve ? In New Jersey ? In New York ?| 8/28/05 09:30:53 PM|Fan|Fandom|Fan@Fandom.com|10|Over the weekend they showed a bunch of Tyson fights. He was so quick and powerful that all of his early opponents had no chance. As he started fighting better fighters like Ferguson and Tillis they actually hit him, but were both floored although Tillis made it the full 10. The was to beat that early ferocious Tyson was to tie him up on the inside. Even at his best he allowed himself to be tied up too easily. Also you had to get his respect early and not just run. Tillis did a great job doing both of those things and lost a real close decision. Mike's favorite move was to duck under the jab, throw a hard left to the ribs then a right uppercut. He sure was an offensive juggernaut at his peak.| 8/28/05 11:01:10 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca|kentallenent@aol.com|10|Recently Kevin Rooney, Tyson's former trainer, was on a show with another guest, I don't remember who the other guy was, but the host asked who would win between Tyson and some of the greats such as Ali, Marciano, and Dempsey. Rooney picked Tyson to beat all of them while the other guest picked the others to beat Tyson, prime verses prime. Rooney's argument was Tyson at his best was so fast, strong, and such a hard hitter that he would be hard to beat but the other guest pointed out how Tyson never really overcame adversity in the ring in his career, an important intangible. Could Tyson at his best have come back to win when things weren't going his way? Except for at least some difficulty with fighters like Frank Bruno, Pinklon Thomas, and Tony Tucker, Tyson, even at his best, never answered that question.| 8/29/05 04:30:02 AM|Noam|same|same||10|Pete - I'm at least four or five down the pecking order here and that's the way I'd prefer it. I'm no leader (I get myself in enough trouble without guiding others into it) and there are better minds about boxing than me here. I have views, but I'm also here to learn. The guys I bad mouthed (from memory) were Kent, Gerry, Forest, and his man Fan. I regretted what I said to Kent (still do), what I said was wrong, and I apologized accordingly. I never said a bad word about Steve. The archives here will show that I only ever praised Steve and showed him respect. If my disappearance would make Steve return, then I'll disappear, pronto. Until then, I have some Tyson trivia. After Tyson was released from jail in 1998 for kicking a motorist in the groin, his first port of call was the slave section of Baltimore's Mount Auburn Cemetery. He visited the grave of Joey Gans, lightweight champion of 1906 who fought 42 rounds against Battling Nelson in a magnificent fight. Tyson (perhaps revealing he respects some others more than himself) cleaned the grave up and made it look respectable. Tyson next visited Joe Louis's grave in Arlington Cemetery to pay his respects there. Tyson is as mixed up about himself as we are confused about him. Consider his public utterances. After he lost to McBride he said at a news conference, "You can't take away what's happened to me. I've been abused in any way anyone can be abused. I'm not used to sensitivity any more. Don't cry. I don't know how to handle people crying anymore. I've lost my sensitivity." A couple of days later, he said, "No one's ever had the life I've had. Regardless of what you might think, that it's been grim and gloomy, I've had a tremendous life." I suspect that the former is the truth, that his life has been more abusive than tremendous. Childhood abuse of whatever type may explain a few things about him.
Howard, the archive quote proves nothing. Why?<br>Because I didn't know he was a vet. So how can I question something I didn't know?<br>I did hold him accountable for his remarks and do not apologize for doing so, they were ridiculous.<br>If he is a vet, he should act like one.<br>Speaking of which, where does Noam get the license to judge anyone on this site?<br>That's like putting Terrell Owens in charge of NFL Player Behavior.<br>I have nothing to lie about here and never will.<br>I've asked you to move on, guys, and Brandi Quarry has also. Get a clue.

I remember the first Ali-Quarry fight too. It did seem like a natural because Quarry was highly ranked and a top draw, while Ali was just returning.<br>I agree, minus the cut Jerry probably does go the distance, but Ali gets the clear decision.<br>It's too bad Quarry couldn't get Ali coming to him after connecting early. Then the fight would have gotten very interesting with Quarry's counterpunching, which Ali was very mindful of.

Noam, I am not talking about boxing expertise. Outside of Ali, you comments are limited. I am talking about being the Captain of the ship. You keep the rest of the crew in line. If not you make them abandon ship. Some of these guys are far out, and need to be kept in line.

Amy, I sure did! Jerry got knocked out Norton. Man did those two hit each other HARD!!!

Anybody notice how many times Quarry had Norton hurt in their fight? If Jerry just would have been a little better defensively that night he may have stopped Norton. Man did those two hit each other HARD!!!

I have never seen so many highs and lows in a fighter than I have in Jerry Quarry. My biggest disappointment being the Ellis fight. He had won he would have had a right nice reign as the champion of the world. I loved his fights with Patterson and the thumping of Spencer!

That third round of Norton/Quarry is one of the best I have ever seen. Jerry got cut early in the round and he tried to knock out Norton. The two traded bombs for almost the entire round! Jerry could have gotten just a few more punches in to Norton when he had Norton hurt against the ropes, he would have knocked him out. Jerry, in better shape in his prime could have very well landed those shots and he would have been more likely to avoid more of the shots Norton hit him with. I have always said Quarry verses Norton, prime verses prime, is a pick em fight. I lean towards Jerry but Norton had a good shot with his accurate jabs and right hands, he might have opened up cuts on Jerry like he did in their actual fight.

The V.Klitschko vs Sam Peters fight is coming up in Sept on HBO. I looked at a couple of Peters fights and hes tough as long as his opponent stands in front of him. Klitschko
has his faults and might self destruct but if he can keep himself together I
dont think Peter can win. IMO, unless Peter has been holding something back, he
lacks the mobility to beat the top guys. <br>Let's hope both fighters stay
healthy and fight comes off...its been ages since i've seen a good heavyweight
fight. <br> <br>Lets hope both fighters stay
healthy and fight comes off...its been ages since i've seen a good heavyweight
fight. <br> <br>Kent...hows the working out/dieting going? |<br>8/30/05 03:34:02 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|Ed<br>Are you sure about the
Vitali-Samuele Pietro fight ? I think that Vitali is gonna fight Hasim Rahman on
12/11/2005 for the WBC title. |<br>8/30/05 09:01:12 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|It is
Wladimir Klitschko who is fighting Samuel Peter, not Vitali. Interesting fight.
Is Peter ready for the big time and can Wladimir's fragile chin stand up to
Peter's power if he gets hit hard?><br>Ed, I lost three more pounds last week
and last night I put in 10 laps of swimming, one = up and back, right after
taking a 40 minute walk. I did this without stopping in a pool about 2/3 the
size of a regulation pool.<br>There was a young man in the pool at the same
time, someone who looks in better shape than me about fifteen years younger than
me, who tried to keep up with me and he couldn't do it. In fact he told me he
got light headed trying to keep up and he had to stop, big victory for me, not
over him as he could do what I do once he gets used to it. But the win for me
was a step for getting my health back to what it should be. |
Maybe even leaning toward Quarry a bit. Thanks.

8/30/05 06:27:36 PM | Noam | same | same | 10

Gerry - that's the great thing about swimming for exercise. There's no concussion effects on joints. Someone once told me that you burn more calories swimming than you do walking. I forget the reasoning, though. Swimming can be good exercise for your eyesight, too, depending on who is swimming in the surrounding lanes.

Kent - leave Toney alone. He's got enough problems without you on his case.

8/30/05 08:08:24 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10

Noam, I doubt James Toney gives me much thought. It would be cool to show up at a fight card he was at and show him a slimmer me.

I am sure he would remember our conversation regarding weight and I would tell him he was a positive influence on getting me back into shape.

For those who don't know, even though I haven't been active lately, I write about boxing part time, mostly for internet sites, and I interviewed Toney and I mentioned that I thought his weight was too heavy for a fight he had recently fought. He didn't like what I said (see "My answers to James Toney's challenging Comments," October 2004, I believe, on Eastside boxing.com).

I believe me, I have never been a match for Toney, a real professional. These guys are so far ahead of people like me it is not even funny.

8/31/05 01:56:29 AM | Massimo | Roma | 10

Kent -

To beat Toney you must dance, dance and jab. Float like a butterfly and sting like a bee! I know that Toney hits harder than you, but he can't hit what he can't see. I'll be in your corner yelling "you're looking good champ!". I wanna be your manager and your corner man. You need a manager, Kent.

8/31/05 01:37:21 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10

JQ had some opportunities in the mid-70's to fight for the title, and the chances slipped away. I don't think he should have signed for Frazier II.----based on his dramatic win over Shavers, he could have bided his time and looked for a title opportunity. He shouldn't have taken the Norton fight on short notice either. If Norton was serious about wanting to fight Jerry Quarry, he could have waited a few months for an in-shape and mentally prepared Jerry and we'd have had a real fight. Was Jerry a last minute replacement for someone else? Who was supposed to fight Norton? I believe that Quarry might have been a lot more competitive had he trained appropriately for the Norton match, and if could have pulled out a win, he'd be in line for a title shot.

8/31/05 05:17:42 PM | Noam | same | same | 10

Roy Jones jnr is refusing a WBC demand for him to undergo a neurological examination before his approaching fight with Tarver. They want him checked out after his two knockout losses but he is refusing. Stupid. The guy's got money and if his health is no good he can retire wealthy.

8/31/05 08:18:56 PM | Charles | ark. | ctjjandfam@aol.com | 10

Did Jerry take the Norton fight on short notice? like maybe three weeks? I hope a book on the Quarry family would come out. More important thanks to you all for the prayers for my son while he was in Iraq. He made it home safely and now has been deployed to New Orleans to help out there after this dreadful storm. Pray mightily for our soldiers and our great nation.

8/31/05 08:43:27 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10

Charles, God bless your son in his current assignment. It sure is a mess down there.

I hope everyone here can send what they can to the Red Cross or
similar relief agency. Help sure is needed there.

8/31/05 09:15:33 PM|Ed|Cicero N Y|mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|Kent., Mass, Thanks for correcting me on Klitschko fight. There's a big difference between the two.

9/1/05 09:45:19 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC|funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Charles: Your son is a hero. Regardless of where anyone stands on Operation Iraqi Freedom, we all must stand in awe of these young people who answer the call of duty and represent our great nation. Now, this soldier, with hardly a break, is going into a disaster area to continue to serve right here at home. I've said it before and will say it again---the men and women of our military are the best we have.

9/1/05 10:17:00 AM|Charles Anderson|Ark.|ctjjandfam@aol.com|||10|Thanks angelo and kent. they are all very special people. thanks again.

9/1/05 01:23:19 PM|Peter|Cleveland|N/A|||10|I was never too impressed with Nortons victory over Quarry. Quarry took that fight on 2 weeks notice, and was fat and out of shape. What did Quarry weigh for that fight 206? That weight was ridiculous, it showed he did not train at all. Joe Frazier, took all of the fight out of Quarry in their prior fight. Jerry was just picking up a payday by fighting Norton.<br><br>What I find amazing is how relatively easy Frazier handled Jerry Quarry when Quarry was in shape and in his prime. Frazier pounded Quarry in both fights. Frazier had Quarry's number.

9/1/05 03:23:27 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC|funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Peter: Quarry started well against Frazier in their first fight, but quickly tired of Frazier's relentless pressure and weight advantage. Frazier was a very good fighter, one of the best of his era, so it's not surprising that Jerry fell short of beating him. I'm not sure why Jerry took the second fight.

9/1/05 04:44:08 PM|Noam|same|same|||10|I wonder who promoted the Quarry/Norton fight. Larry Holmes says that one of Don King's tactics, to protect one of his own fighters, was to approach an opponent on short notice and get them to accept the fight. The result was usually an easy win for King's fighter who was fit and ready, while the opponent was less fit on a short preparation. As an example, Larry says that this happened to him against Tyson.

9/1/05 10:59:38 PM|EX PUG|The Blue Horizon|RingMyBell@braindamage.com|||10|Ok just in case any of you think us ex-pugs can't think straight i jotted down some thoughts.....<br>1. If you are choking on an ice cube, don't panic. Simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat and presto. The blockage will be almost instantly removed.<br>2. Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the while you chop away.<br>3. Avoid arguments with the little woman about lifting the toilet seat by simply using the sink.<br>4. For high blood pressure sufferers: simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure in your veins. Remember to use a timer.<br>5. A mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.<br>6. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you will be afraid to cough.<br>7. Have a bad toothache? Smash your thumb with a hammer and you will forget about the toothache.Sometimes, we just need to remember what the rules of life really are: You only need two tools: WD-40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape. Remember: Everyone seems normal until you get to know them. Never pass up an opportunity to go to the bathroom. If you woke up breathing, congratulations! You get another chance. And finally, be really nice to your family and friends; you never know when you might need them to empty your bedpan. Ding there's the bell got to go punch somebody.

9/2/05 01:46:50 AM|Kent|Murrieta, CA|KentAllement@aol.com|||10|Wow, there sure are some sick people in the world! Ex Pub, whoever you are, you are not half the man Jerry Quarry was and Mike Quarry is! To make fun of Dementia
Pugilistica on the Quarry's own website is beyond poor taste. WHOEVER YOU ARE, YOU ARE NOT THE LEAST BIT FUNNY. WHAT AN IDIOT!  Of course I meant to type Ex Pug, not Ex Pub. Add on to my last post: Whoever wrote such trash in an attempt to be funny, I hope you are good to your family and friends, if you have any friends, as you never know if someday you may need someone to dump your bed pans. Such hatred, disguised as humor, can have a way of coming back on you. What goes around, comes around. Add on to my last post: Whoever wrote such trash in an attempt to be funny, I hope you are good to your family and friends, if you have any friends, as you never know if someday you may need someone to dump your bed pans. Such hatred, disguised as humor, can have a way of coming back on you. What goes around, comes around.

Kent: At first, I was ready to take you to task for overreacting to this. Then, I went back and read it again---saw that line "Ding Dong, got to go punch somebody." Whoever posted this is a complete idiot. It's so disrespectful and crude on so many levels. What a moron. I guess anyone who practices a risky occupation, be it boxing, football, coal mining, construction---all must be stupid in this guy's eyes. What a jerk.

Ex-Pug thinks he's funny, what he is is sick. News is full of events regarding the massive crisis in 'Norlins ', which is beyond imagination. Basic necessities there have led to looting, with martial law likely to be imposed, stay tuned. New Orleans has a tremendous boxing history, perhaps as gambling there predates much of America, some great early fights there. Cleveland apparently has a rising heavy, Ray Austin, a big kid with some natural ability. He's to be on a bill here with cruiser Wayne Braithwaite on the undercard. Speaking of the cruisers, an interesting division with a lot of world faces, including France's Jean-Marc Mormeck, who just beat Braithwaite in a title match, O'Neil Bell, Alex Gurov and others. I think some thought this might be a more competitive division than it is. Can you imagine the sensation JQ would be as cruiserweight champ today? Thanks.

Kent, what is sick about the idiot's comments is consider that Mr. Jimmy, Brandi, Brenda, and other family members took care of Jerry when he couldn't care for himself so the comment about being nice to family members and friends because they might have to empty your bed pans is the meanest thing that has ever been posted here. Ironic that if the idiot was in trouble somewhere like in the disaster area in the hurricane area, Louisiana, etc, I would probably try to help him as he is a human being still, even if he is worthless. This is one thing all of us can agree on, Ex Pug is a moron.

Did Don King promote any of Jerry's fights? I don't think he did, given that one career was ending when the other was beginning. As far as Ex-Pug goes, I found it so hard digesting every point he was making that I never got to the end part. Perhaps the guy thought he was being funny and didn't realize he was actually being offensive. But I absolutely agree that jokes should not be made about medical conditions, ever. There's never anything funny in that.

I also thought Kent was over reacting till I read last part about bed pans and stuff...having have to take care of someone now, let me tell you its no joke...lets just hope it was some kid using dads computer and didn't realize what he was doing. Also i saw a skit on Saturday Night Live a few years ago that was much worse then this persons idiocy. They were making fun of Ali's condition. Also i remember another comedy show ( I not 100% sure so i wont say name)that made fun of brain damaged fighters. If you want to be funny EX-PUG theres sites for that..this was a very inappropriate place for it. Noam, Not sure if King promoted Jerry's fights. I think he broke into the big time with the Ali/Foreman fight. Don't think that Don King ever promoted Jerry Quarry's fights. I know for sure that he was involved in the Quarry-Shavers fight (I think as Shavers' manager) and that Jerry's
sensational win was very painful for him back in 1973. What's amazing about Don King is that if you see pictures of him in 2005 and pictures of him in 1974, he is not changed much. | 9/3/05 05:58:09 AM|Noam|same||same|||10|Thanks Massimo and Ed. Massimo - you recommended Larry Holmes's website some time ago and it is very good there. While it seems that he doesn't actually like Don King, Holmes believes that King is good for boxing and has made lots of boxers wealthy. <br><br>Again, in regard to Ex-Pug, I don't think he realized he was being offensive as it turned out. It's a pity it ended up the way it did. | 9/3/05 10:46:49 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||Kentallenent@aol.com|||10|EX PUG, IF YOU EVER DO POST HERE AGAIN, REALIZE THAT JERRY QUARRY DIED OF CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IN 1999 AND FAMILY MEMBERS TOOK CARE OF HIM WHEN HE WAS UNABLE TO CARE FOR HIMSELF. IT IS POSSIBLE YOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS.  <br><br>IF YOU DID KNOW THIS AND YOU POSTED YOUR DRIBBLE ANYWAY, THEN YOU REALLY ARE THE PIECE OF CRAP I TOOK YOU FOR. <br><br>IF ANYONE THINKS I OVER REACTED TO EX PUG'S POST, UNDERSTAND THAT THE QUARRY FAMILY ARE GOOD PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED A LOT OF TRAGEDY THEY DON'T DESERVE AND I TAKE OFFENSE WHEN I SEE ANYONE ATTACKING JERRY AND THEM. | 9/3/05 11:29:36 AM|Paul|Maduros||pama42@yahoo.com|||10|I have not visited this site in a long time, the reason there to many nuts. I felt that i had to respond to this fool. Listen fool you are not the first that has tried to diminish belittle Jerry Quarry. That last statement shows you are a coward, like many that hit and run on here. THE NAME OF JERRY QUARRY STANDS ON IT'S OWN, A TRUE HERO TO ALL OF US THAT UNDERSTAND WHAT HE STOOD FOR , COURAGE BEYOND BELIEF ! GOD BLESS YOU JERRY ! | 9/3/05 05:46:49 PM|SABRINA QUARRY-PORTER|FLORIDA||SABRINALPORTER@AOL.COM|||10|WELL SAID PAUL...I SECOND THAT, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THAT IS MY FAMILY HE IS TALKING ABOUT...GO AWAY YOU JERK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! | 9/3/05 05:58:29 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Kent - mocking the disabled or the ill is never acceptable and that's why some of us took exception when Forest did just that with Ali. Can someone be of so perverse a nature that they get pleasure out of the suffering of others ? It would seem they do. When Forest wrote that Frazier gets pleasure out of Ali's inability to walk and talk properly, mocking Ali's shaking hands, that made me want to puke. Same thing with the cruel comments by this ex-Pug guy. Jerry Quarry and Ali have more courage in their little fingers than guys like ex-Pug and Forest have in their entire bodies. That they have to pick on something that others can't change or control, like an illness, is cowardly. And that applies equally whether we're talking about Jerry Quarry or Muhammad Ali or just some plain ordinary guy. | 9/3/05 08:16:20 PM|Ed|Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@AOL.COM|||10|ok, i re-read ex-pugs dum ass thing and i really dont think he intended it as a slur to Mr Quarry..The reason i think this is even though the last thing mentioned a bed pan, it fit in with the rest of the dumb stuff he mentioned which was pretty harmless...I think if he meant to be malicious there would have been more pointed things in rest of his list. I'LL give him the benefit of the doubt. Maybe if he'll want to post and clear himself??<br>The overall tone of it though was a mockery of boxing, so this being a boxing site, was out of place. | 9/4/05 12:59:36 PM|George Otto|Youngstown, Ohio||ehnpbsa@aol.com|||10|AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF BOXING, INCORPORATED, <br>86 FLETCHER AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK 10552, 914.664.4571, www.aaib.org | 9/3/05 08:16:20 PM|Ed|Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@AOL.COM|||10|THE JERRY QUARRY FOUNDATION FOR PUGILISTICA DEMENTIA, INCORPORATED <br>389 10TH STREET, NORTHEAST, LINTON, IN 47441, 812.847.4810, www.jerryquarry.com | 9/3/05 08:16:20 PM|Ed|Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@AOL.COM|||10|3 September 2005 | 9/3/05 08:16:20 PM|Ed|Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@AOL.COM|||10|The Honorable Bill Frist | 9/3/05 08:16:20 PM|Ed|Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@AOL.COM|||10|Majority Leader | 9/3/05 08:16:20 PM|Ed|Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@AOL.COM|||10|United States Senate | 9/3/05 08:16:20 PM|Ed|Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@AOL.COM|||10|Washington, DC 20210 | 9/3/05 08:16:20 PM|Ed|Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@AOL.COM|||10|Dear Senator Frist: Below is the fourth in a series of letters concerning the past accomplishments and current positions of the American
Association for the Improvement of Boxing (AAIB) and The Jerry Quarry Foundation for Pugilistica Dementia (TJQF). The purposes of these letters are to inform you of these items. This letter initially covers the final six principles of Manifesto 2001, Toward the Betterment of Boxing. In its seventh principle, the AAIB supports all current efforts to establish and maintain pension plans and charitable trusts for retired boxers, to include the support for and creation of international trust funds and a charitable trust for the financial support of boxers from other countries. Next, the AAIB supports the other not-for-profit organizations that have for their purpose the goal of assisting active and retired fighters. Thus, the Association believes that such organizations as The Jerry Quarry Foundation for Pugilistica Dementia, FIST, the Retired Boxers’ Foundation, the AAPRP, the proposed union for boxers, and the Ring Association Chapters together with the AAIB must help in addressing the solutions mentioned in this Manifesto. Ninth, all fighters should be encouraged to pay their taxes and create a profitable investment plan. Individuals managing fighters who do not attempt to help their boxers carry out this responsibility should be punished for their negligence and malfeasance. Tenth, all fighters, active and retired, should have access to ongoing medical insurance covering physical, mental health, and substance abuse problems which may befall them during their careers. The eleventh principle states that all efforts should be made by the advisors or agents or managers of the fighters to ensure that the fighters attend school or complete on-the-job training classes to concurrently secure a second career while boxing. The AAIB believes that such an approach can help fighters more adequately prepare for their future while helping them avoid future financial/emotional/mental problems. And finally, the AAIB favors the establishment and implementation of governmental or private contractual mandates to ensure that each fighter has a specific plan created to ensure that he or she has a successful life after boxing. To implement this principle, each plan should guarantee that a retired fighter be made aware of all educational/social services programs that can help him/her adjust to life after his/her retirement from the sport. The second major section of the Manifesto200, Toward the Betterment of Boxing, covers the raising of specific standards through the efforts of that Association of Boxing Commissioners. These include uniform contest/safety/contractual/promotional rules covering the following topics: weight classes, title fights, knockdowns, fouls, scoring, medical standards, following knockouts, gear, gloves, head gears, women boxers, rings/ringside, tough man contests, financial statements, suspensions/revocations/permanent revocations, contracts, promoters, advise regarding dangers, information, management choices, medical “triggers” regarding retirement, professional boxing gyms, science, governance, image, curfew, national anthem, standards of taste, tournament format, the abolition of unjustifiable title bouts, and the establishment of a national federal boxing commission if these rules do not improve boxing. Finally, this document includes the issues of Stopping Bouts and Participants. The AAIB, in conjunction with its Advisory Medical Board, views the matter of stopping bouts and disqualifying participants on two levels: one, the acute in-fight decisions about whether a boxer should be allowed to continue, and second, the between-bout decisions about whether a boxer should be permitted to return to the ring. Since the AAIB has published and distributed this document, it also has served as the source of many ideas and concepts to reform the great sport of boxing. Copies of this critical document can be found on the 2 web sites listed above. Finally, The Jerry Quarry Foundation has repeatedly supported the passage and implementation of all of these suggestions when presented as part of legislative items. If you want to provide feedback or ask questions concerning this letter or any other related subjects, I can be reached at ehnpbsa@aol.com, 330.743.2898, or 142 Upland Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44505. I am Sincerely yours, GEORGE L. OTTO, BCD, ESQUIRE, ICADC, LICDC, LISW, MSUS, SAP Chief Counsel/Legislative Consultant Cc.
Other members of Congress:

I agree with Ed and tend to believe that Ex-Pug didn't mean to convey an insult, but it would be helpful for Ex-Pug to clarify the situation. It might be an attempt at humour gone awry.

There are double standards involved, though. Without trying to open old wounds, was there the outrage when the guy calling himself Forrest Ward stated the following on 06/23/05:

"Frazier takes great pleasure in seeing Ali stagger around with his hands shaking and not being able to talk. Joe gladly takes responsibility for a lot of Ali's bodily damage."

This rant was far worse than anything Ex-Pug wrote. What Forrest said was disgraceful and intentionally cruel. Yet, even though Forrest's insults are incapable of misinterpretation like Ex-Pug's comments, there was none of the contrived outrage that we've seen now.

Paul - where were you when Forrest demeaned the impaired and the ill with his comments about Ali? Remember: sometimes the 'nutters' sit back and say nothing. Anyway, it would be better if we all put these double standards behind us, ditch the contrived outrage, and start being fair to all boxers. At least Ex-Pug's post might achieve that. Thanks.

It was wrong for anyone to make fun of Ali's condition but was Forrest just repeating something Frazier had said, bitter feelings for his old rival, or was he making fun of Ali also? Both Ali and Frazier over the years said some hurtful things about each other but it seems they have softened the bad feelings in recent years. I hope this is the case.

The reason I was especially offended by Ex-Pug's comments is because they were here on the Jerry Quarry Foundation's website and because Jerry died of the condition Pug was making fun of. What could be worse than dying of something?

I did acknowledge that Pug might have not known Jerry had died of the affliction. I doubt whoever this person is will post here again.

The founders of these organizations created them to improve boxing for the fighters, the fans, the promoters, the managers, the physicians, the cut persons, and all other concerned individuals. As I may have indicated in an earlier letter to you, the AAIB came into existence more than 39 years ago; the Quarry brothers, James and Jerry, established TJQF in 1995.

Working in tandem, the AAIB and TJQF have frequently contributed to the betterment of boxing from a preventive standpoint. These not for profit, state and federally tax exempt organizations have contributed much over the years. For example, in the past decade they have provided written and oral comments and suggestions concerning the following proposed and/or approved pieces of federal legislation: the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, the State Safety Reciprocity Act of 1997, the Traumatic Brain Injury Amendments of 1999, the Muhammed Ali Boxing Reform Act of 2000, the National Boxing Commission Act of 2001, the Professional Boxing Amendments Act of 2002, and the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 2003.
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Improvement of Boxing (AAIB) and The Jerry Quarry Foundation for Pugilistica Dementia (TJQF). In the text below, I have below provided further comments on behalf of both organizations regarding S.148, The Professional Boxing Amendments Act of 2005. Having re-examined the above-mentioned bill in light of other proposed changes that have been recently made concerning it, we support this legislation. However, we believe that Congress should amend this proposed bill in the following three areas prior to its passage. First of all, this bill should define term “Promoter” as follows. It should mean the person(s) and/or legal entity(ies) responsible for organizing, promoting, and producing a professional boxing match, to include a television network, premium, or other cable or satellite program service, hotel, casino, resort, or other commercial establishment hosting or sponsoring a professional boxing match, regardless of whether it or they has (or have) a promotional agreement with a boxer in that match or engages in promotional activities through an affiliate. As indicated above, the adoption of these changes would result in the television media, hotel, casino, resort, and all other types of commercial organizations to include sponsors being considered as “promoters.” Thus these entities would assume more involvement in terms of monitoring the quality of the matches, the safety of the fighters, the conduct of the fights, and the money earned by the boxers. Currently, in the major fights, a barrier or firewall exists between the fighters and the media outlets, casinos, hotels, resorts, and other commercial establishments that largely fund these pugilistic events of a short-term nature. This arrangement permits the latter organizations from soiling or sullying their hands with many of the nasty aspects of professional boxing. First and foremost are the many unconscionable/one-sided aspects of the contracts that frequently occur just before the matches begin. These include: bait and switch; now you see it, now you don’t; we’ll take care of that for you later; I am your promoter, and my daughter is now your manager; there are many versions of that agreement; you owe me interest on the last advance that I gave you; there is no such thing as a written agreement; you are not allowed to have your lawyer look at this agreement before you sign it; if you don’t agree to this change, you won’t fight for another year; you can win the next one; you didn’t do enough to promote the is fight; yes, oral changes can be made right now; I know you can’t sign this new contract right now because your hands are taped, but you can do it after the fight; and the many other such ways of minimizing any semblance of fairness and propriety. Other deplorable aspects of the sweet science that have historically been avoided by a premium or other cable or satellite program service, hotel, casino, resort, or other commercial establishment hosting or sponsoring a professional boxing match have been the deaths and injuries suffered by the boxers in the ring, the seemingly endless problems that the fighters have faced outside of the ring (legal, mental health, emotional, physical, substance abuse, financial, relational, and medical difficulties), as well as the frequently occurring infractions involving the physical examinations, the weigh ins, the allowable conduct of the boxers in the matches, the work of the seconds in the corners, the quality of refereeing, and the scoring of the matches. Ensuring the increased involvement of entities and individuals who currently operate under some sort of scrutiny or on some sort of radar screen of oversight (eg. HBO and Showtime by the Federal Communications Commission) while acting in many ways like promoters can only help move boxing to a higher level of accountability to the paying fans and the fighters themselves. Also, these changes would add an element of fairness to this proposed bill that presently does not exist because it currently excludes the very entities that fund the majority of the big fights and earn the largest profits in doing so. The adoption of this proposed amendment (which is somewhat favored by you, Senator Reid) would provide a sense of equality and similar treatment for all entities acting as promoters in that it would include within the jurisdiction of the United States Boxing Administration everyone involved in
the promotional aspects of professional fights. Thus the bill would be treat all the same, and the greatest beneficiaries of the current business practices would not be exempt from regulation. While many of the entities presently excluded from this bill (eg. the cable networks) have not engaged in the bulk of the wrongful acts negatively impacting the fighters and the fans, it is important to note that the implementation of this bill as currently proposed will not significantly alter the landscape of boxing unless it brings together all the important parties to this billion dollar enterprise under the single rubric of federal regulation. Then again, another important consideration is whether the major players, HBO and Showtime, would simply move their operations to overseas sites to avoid any federal oversight. However, major drawbacks in adopting that strategy would not only be a lessening of interest in paying for and in watching the fights overseas, but also the presence of fewer wealthy people playing the casino tables and attending the fights themselves. And thus the important site fees might provide less revenue—a significant incentive to continue to stage the fights in the United States.

Secondly, Congress should amend this proposed bill to include a provision that forces the United States Boxing Commission (USBC) to describe all of the financial, safety, administrative, and promotional terms of each contract governing all such aspects of each match that it regulates both in writing and in English. However, if one or both the fighters involved does not write and speak that form of communication, the USBC should then use another language or languages understandable by both fighters regarding all of the above-mentioned provisions of the contest. The main reason for the proposed changes as described above is to help resolve one of the major issues in professional boxing, namely the unfair bargaining position of the fighter in terms of negotiating for his/her best interest. If a fighter receives copies of the information above in writing and in a language that he/she reads, then the boxer can better fend for his/her rights. By including these provisions in S.148, and by passing the balance of this bill as it is presently written, the other Congressional members and yourselves can greatly assist the fighters in better managing their financial interests and moving towards more effectively setting up a union, eliminating from their ranks boxers who do not have the pugilistic skills to begin or continue boxing, getting pensions, and qualifying for both unemployment and workmen’s compensation benefits when such circumstances arise. Furthermore, it is significant to note that the other major sports never began to care about their athletes until the athletes themselves organized on behalf of their own best interests and thus overthrew the chains of exploitation that bound them.

Thirdly, the bill should contain a provision directing the issuance of permanent administrative retirements by the USBC to fighters who are unable to defend themselves in the ring any longer. This section would apply to fighters who are physically and mentally healthy, but whose skill level is too deficient and inadequate for them to successfully compete in a professional boxing match. One recent example of this having occurred has been the administrative suspension of former Heavyweight Champion Evander Holyfield by the New York State Athletic Commission because of the deterioration of his boxing skills, and his resulting poor performances in recent matches.

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| 9/5/05 02:27:34 AM | Ex Pug | The Blue |
Hello Friends!

I would have wrote sooner but i've been sniffing glue like 24/7 and well have u ever tried to type after that? Its seems ive made a new friend by the name of Kent. Hi Kent, Sorry you're so uptight about things but I got a suggestion...how about u and me sniffing a tube of airplane glue together? I know you're trying to lose weight and its a great way to do that. But hey if you want to sniff paint thats kewl too or even gasoline ($3.00 a gallon gasoline...count me in!!), its your call.

the Quarry family came on the site and asked for all the pettiness and bitterness to stop. Noam, Kent and some other of the veterans of this site also called for an end to the hostilites. And here you are bringing Forrest up again. It makes no sense. What are you trying to accomplish?

Returning to boxing who are your top 10 lightheavyweight champions of all time?

Peter, I dont have a list for top ten mainly because I dont follow that division as closely as the heavys...But my top 2 picks would be Bob Foster then Archie Moore. Foster could whiplash a punch out like no fighter I ever seen.


Hey Ex Pug, why don't you just go away. It's like this you have no idea what Uncle Jerry's life was like, he was well liked by all, loved by all, and admired by all. In all honesty he was a blast to be around, funny, oh so strong, my kids loved the way they could punch him in the stomach (he used to have them do that) and him say I Still Got It. Anyways you should just go, cause if you don't then we'll all just ignore you like we have a couple times in the past. Dad, Uncle Jerry, Aunt Brenda, and Mom, you are missed every day, and always will be loved. Keep coming back all! Don't sweat the small stuff.

Peter, I think you're getting mixed up. I also called for the fighting to stop, if you'd like to look back. However, I am entitled to draw parallels between the behaviour of Ex-Pug and Forrest and, thankfully, I don't need your permission. It would kind of be fun if you did discuss boxing yourself, without trying to pull everyone else up on what they say and what you want them to say and what you don't like them saying. Thanks.

I just got a copy of Adam 12 TV show, the First Season from 1968-69. Guess who's the guest star in one of the episodes - you guessed it, Jerry. He's the tough guy in the crowd at a college where students are having a protest. Pete & Jim have to arrest him.... Good show. I wished Jerry had moved on from Boxing around 1974 and done more TV work - he had great charisma on the screen.

One of my favourite light-heavyweights of all time is Harold Johnson; he fought all the best and beat most of them and he had some legendary battles with Archie Moore. Probably if he was around today he would whip most of the heavyweights of today. SHANNON BRIGGS b RAY MERCER by KO 7. Why don't Mercer quit is career? He was born in 1961 for God's sake, it's time to quit!

Regarding light heavies -- I would call it too close to call between Roy Jones and Archie Moore. Bob Foster a close number 3.

I think Archie Moore was a better overall fighter than Bob Foster because he beat several very good heavyweights, while Bob Foster always lost against heavyweights (Diego Jones, Zora Folley, Ernie "Wrong name" Terrell, Ali' and Duckin' Joe). This is the biggest difference between these two guys in my book (I have a beautiful book!). But stylistically Bob was probably better than Archie.

It was hard to leave Roy Jones Junior off of my light heavyweight list but I did because although he had great skills, I believe he is well past his prime even if he does fight again, he fought in an era with not much competition and his chin
wasn't really tested until he lost some of his skills of avoiding punches but when it was tested, we found he can't take a punch well. In a stronger era he would have been hit more and he would have had some more losses. <br><br>The 70s and 80s were great periods of light heavys with champions such as B. Foster, Galindez, Saad Muhammad, Mustafa Muhammad, M. Spinks, Qawi, Marvin Johnson, Mike Rossman, John Conteh all holding titles at one time or another plus talented contenders like Jerry Martin, Yaqui Lopez, and our own Mike Quarry there as well. Jones would have been tested more than he has been in the 90s and 2000s. We will never know if he could take a punch in his prime, because he never did. But from what I saw, quite frankly, I would have bet on him against a lot of heavyweights of the past. In all honesty I don't know who I would pick in fight between him and JQ. It would be a matter of what would give out first -- his jaw or Jerry's skin around the eyes. | 9/6/05 12:43:43 PM|Professor |Iceland||soontobe@ic.edu||||10|Howard, are you from Louisville originally and have you ever spent time in the UK? Kent, you are a good man, you put up with all kinds of stupid stuff yet stay civil. Iceland is cold.| 9/6/05 12:44:00 PM|Professor |Iceland||soontobe@ic.edu||||10|Howard, are you from Louisville originally and have you ever spent time in the UK? Kent, you are a good man, you put up with all kinds of stupid stuff yet stay civil. Iceland is cold.| 9/6/05 12:44:10 PM|Professor |Iceland||soontobe@ic.edu||||10|Howard, are you from Louisville originally and have you ever spent time in the UK? Kent, you are a good man, you put up with all kinds of stupid stuff yet stay civil. Iceland is cold.|
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My top ten light-heavyweight Champions

1. Archie Moore
2. Billy Conn
3. Michael Spinks
4. Bob Foster
5. Tommy Loughran
6. Harold Johnson
7. Maxie Rosenbloom
8. Eddie Gregory
9. Saad Muhmmad
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Oh, I didn't notice that we were talking about light heavyweight champions not just light heavyweights, which Charles was in part of his career. I will have to re do my list. Jones might very well be on it. Have to think about it.

If we are talking about light-heavyweights and not light-heavyweight champions, there's no doubt in my mind that Ezzard Charles was the greatest. He beat a "young" Archie Moore 3 out of 3 times and one of them was by KO. He was clearly better than an in prime Archie Moore as a light-heavyweight!

Kent Mass everyone, Do any of you ever have thoughts like maybe the old timers could never compete with a modern fighter? By modern I mean Ali's era and up. I know the old timers were great and all but somehow i got this little thing that tells me maybe fighters today are faster and better trained. I know when Wacott refereed the Liston/Ali second fight he said there was no way old guys in our prime could have stayed with him, of course that was Ali he was talking about. Don't get me wrong i am not putting down the old timers but i just wonder if gaps in time have changed everything and made fighters from different era's non-competitive with each other.

Ed, I think for example what might have happened say if Joe Louis had fought Muhammad Ali can be seen in Ali's fight with Zora Folley. Folley was about the same size as Louis and he had a similar style, a standard stand up boxer, except Folley didn't hit as hard as Louis. Still, even though Folley was a little past his prime, he hit an in prime Ali with a lot of good shots, he was competitive but he ended up losing to Ali by a seventh round knockout. Ali didn't move as much verses Folley as he did against other fighters during his prime but maybe he felt he didn't have to. But I hardly think he meant to get hit with good right hands especially on purpose and Folley did tag Ali and not just a couple of times. An in prime Louis with a similar style to Folley's would tag Ali but with harder punches and test Ali to the limits, there would be a lot of doubt as to who the winner would be. Regarding heavyweights especially, some people claim Louis would be too small to compete with the huge heavyweights of today but as I have pointed out before, Louis defeated three fighters who were at least 6'5" and 240 and above, Abe Simon, Buddy Baer, and Primo Carnera. Louis also defeated Tony Galento, who at 5'9" fought weighed in the 230 pound range compared to Louis' 200 pounds. So it is clear Louis' skill could overcome a size disadvantage. In most cases the greats could compete in any era.

Joe Louis rolls any heavyweight today. Sonny Liston and George Foreman dismantle any heavyweight today. These guys don't have skills anymore. Back then the best athletes became boxers, now they are football players or basketball players first. Could you imagine a young George Foreman coming up against these heavyweights? I mean seriously he would kill all of them save maybe Byrd. Could you imagine John Ruiz against prime George Foreman. I mean it would be disgustiing. You gotta
talk about the past when the present smells like ****.]
[9/7/05 11:55:33 AM|John Gerard|NYC||rock2892@yahoo.com|||10|Size means nothing when there is no skill. Archie Moore easily handled Nino Valdez who was about 6'5" and 245 pounds of solid muscle. Louis destroyed Abe Simon and Buddy Baer. Even though today's heavies are bigger than Foreman in his prime, not one can come close to his hitting power as seen in the Frazier or Norton fights. <br>
[9/7/05 12:46:03 PM|John Gerard|NYC||rock2892@yahoo.com|||10|KENT: Regarding comparing Louis to Foley. We should note that not only was Louis a much harder hitter, he also had much faster hands and the ability to finish off an opponent that Foley lacked. Louis was funny in he fact that he had somewhat slow feet but very fast hands. | 
[9/7/05 01:40:51 PM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|I have some doubts on (or about) Joe Louis, yes, he was a great champion but he was far from being unbeatable. Billy Conn and little known Tommy Farr gave him very tough fights. Jersey Joe Walcott clearly had his numbers and knocked him down 3 times in 2 fights. Max Schmeling beat him fair and square the first time. Yeah, he was the perfect fighting machine, he was powerful and had huge skills, but he could be put in big trouble and his chin wasn't chuvalian. I think he was vulnerable to big punchers. Anyway, he was a great champion.| 
[9/7/05 04:38:32 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Pete Some other lightheavy champs worthy of contemplation: <br><br>Thomas Hearns - 2 times champion who beat Andries for WBC title in 1987 and also beat Virgil Hill in 1991 for WBA title.<br><br>Virgil Hill - had 17 successful title defenses and unified the WBA and IBF titles in 1996.<br><br>Michael Moorer - won WBO title and had 9 winning defenses before relinquishing it to fight as a heavyweight.<br><br>Apart from Hearns, there were other lower weight guys who briefly but successfully visited the division....Sugar Ray Leonard to win WBC title from Lalonde in 1988, and Roy Jones junior, of course.<br><br>My best is Archie Moore. Trivia: who was the first lightheavyweight champion to take the jump and actually win a world heavyweight title ?| 
[9/7/05 04:53:26 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Ed Instead of taking fighters of past eras and injecting them into the present and wondering how they would go, perhaps it's more insightful to take current day fighters and injecting them into the past. Past fighters fought often and usually with little notice and short preparations. Fights were less likely to be stopped on cuts. There were more fixes, too. <br><br>The fights were longer, often much longer. Could Lewis go 25 rounds against James J. Jeffries or Jack Johnson ? Could he perform all 15 rounds against Ali, Frazier and Foreman ? Those three extra (championship) rounds - 9 minutes - is a long, long time with Foreman and Frazier are throwing bombs. It gives the mentally timid an extra excuse to quit.<br><br>Alternatively, let's take Johnson and Jeffries and tell them to pack the 25 plus rounds endurance into 12 rounds. They'd fight much harder. Have more energy. Same with Ali and Frazier over 12 rounds, instead of 15 rounds.<br><br>Today's fighter are trained for 12 rounds and less, not 15 to 25 rounds. Old time fighters tended to be tougher mentally than today's, too.| 
[9/7/05 06:22:18 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||Kentallent@aol.com|||10|Noam, Michael Spinks was the first light heavyweight champion to jump up to the heavyweight division and win the title.<br><br>Way back at the turn of the 20th century, Bob Fitzsimmons dropped down to the light heavyweight division and won that title but he had held the heavyweight title first.<br><br>Technically Fitz was a light heavyweight when he won the heavyweight title as he weighed less than the light heavyweight limit when he defeated James J. Corbett, 195 pounds, for the title but he hadn't at that point won the light heavyweight title yet.| 
[9/7/05 06:40:56 PM|Pete|Cleveland||N/A|||10|Noam, you made some good points. The old vs. the new so to speak regarding the length of fights.|
of Fame in 1991. And he related how someone asked him if he (Foster) was sad because Hill broke his record for title defenses. Foster shook his head and said Tommy Hearns beat Virgil Hill. Does anyone think Tommy Hearns would stand a snowballs chance in hell against Bob Foster. The champions from the older days had much stiffer competition than modern champions have. Hence, that is why so many of these guys are undefeated and reign so long.

9/7/05 11:55:18 PM|Ed|Cicero N Y|Mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|Kent,<br><br>Yes, Ali did get tagged a few times by Foley but he was never hurt. Foley was a very good boxer and was probably more determined then Ali had planned for but he was disposed of very easily with Ali hardly breaking a sweat. Ali also wanted to put on a show because it was his last fight before being barred from fighting because of draft issues. The fight was also on live tv.<br>When you consider how much trouble good movers like Conn gave Louis I am not sure how Louis would have done with an iron chinned and much harder punching Ali. Louis is one of my favorite fighters to watch but his field of fighters for the 12 years he was champ were very poor. To Louis's credit though he did just what a champ should do no matter what level the competiton, demolished them (or almost all of them). Do you think Louis could have beaten Foreman, Ali, Lewis or Frasier? I am not so sure a top trained current champion could possibly be in better shape then they are. I understand your point that a fighter with 25 or more rounds in front of him will fight at a more sluggish pace thus making them look unimpressive compared to a fighter going 12 rounds. The fighters in the old days were tough no doubt about that. My thinking though is that theres subtle differences between the fighters now and then and that the TOP current fighter in most divisions would be too much for the old timers. Nobody can know for sure though so its just for fun to try to figure it out.....I'll ask you to stick you neck out on the upcoming W.Klitschko/Peter fight. No waffleing please (if this happens or that happens so and so will win) just who is going to win. <br><br>Mass,<br><br>Your right on your appraisal of Louis. Joe was getting old though when he had disappointing fights with Walcott. Like several other people on here you know your boxing, Mass!|

9/8/05 01:56:03 AM|Noam|same||same||10|I'm just on here to say that I miss my good friend James Quarry. I somehow bumped into him on a website that I posted something about Jerry on. That was in 1998, we became friends quickly once he realized how strongly I felt about his brother. As of late I have read that Brenda and Jerry's mother have passed. Unbelieveable what the Quarry's have had to endure. Last I heard Mike was not doing well. i f any of the Quarry family could update me, please contact me anytime or post on here. This site is such a great thing and fitting tribute to Jerry, HE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN !!! WE LOVE YOU JERRY|

9/8/05 01:56:03 AM|Noam|same||same||10|Ed - I'll go for Klitschko. Regards the other, I think greats from any era would have success in any other era. Greats from the past - guys like Henry Armstrong, Ali, Carlos Monzon, Sugar Ray Robinson - would fight today and still be great.<br><br>Kent - you are correct with your answer. Fitzsimmons was an interesting character. He was the first guy to win three world titles - middleweight 1891, heavyweight 1897, and light-heavyweight 1903.<br>He was also the oldest man to ever win the light-heavyweight title - 40 years, 5 months and 30 days. And he and James J. Corbett in 1897 were the first to have a movie made of the fight. Pete - that list of the best light-heavyweights, did any of us put Fitzsimmons in there ? |
because a style that is perfect against fighter A may be a disaster against fighter B who has a different skills and weaknesses set.|

| 9/8/05 03:54:10 PM | Noam | same || same || | Arche Moore once said that if Louis and Ali fought five times, Ali would win four of them. Moore was well placed to offer that opinion. Interestingly, Moore then went on to pick Jack Johnson to beat Ali. I don't think that would be the case, but I'd certainly have Johnson up there with the very best, just behind Ali, Marciano, Louis, Holmes, and Foreman. | 10 |

| 9/8/05 05:58:13 PM | Gerry | Cleveland || jerjets11@yahoo.com || | I have a lot of respect for Joe Louis, who may be the greatest champion ever. Certainly in his time, his combination of speed, skill and power had no real peer. Ali pointed out his lack of movement as a fighter, which goes back to the general timeline of the sport. Louis did not fight moving back on his toes like Ali or some since have been able to do. | 10 |

| 9/8/05 08:03:58 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca || kentallenent@aol.com || | Mike Quarry, I think, did not have Rossman's popularity to get the belt that seemed to be within his reach. I think he paid a little for all of Jerry's ink, which is a shame. More than a few people thought he beat Pierre Fourie, Kevin Finnigan and Yaqui Lopez. | 10 |

| 9/9/05 03:39:59 AM | Ed | Cicero N Y || Mooseygoop@aol.com || | Actually I thought Mike Quarry was doing very well against Bob Foster until he got caught. It was a scary sight with him unconscious for quite awhile, even Foster bent over to check on him. | 10 |
just read the first fight ever broadcast was the second Joe Louis vs Billy Conn heavyweight title fight. It said 140,000 people seen it mostly in bars. The following year the Louis vs Walcott fight was broadcast and about 1 million people seen it.

Pertaining to Jerry's Mother dying, No she did not die, she is alive and doing well.

Some, uh, title bouts coming as well as Peter- Klitschko. Chris Byrd, the top-rated heavy at boxrec.com, gets LaDarryl Williamson, who has been stretched out several times in recent years. When Joe Mesi KO'd him, he looked trashed. James ' Roids Out' Toney is up against a pretty decent young boxer, Dominick Guinn, that could be a very interesting bout.

Then it's Rahman against the tougher Klitschko, which could generate a lot of interest.

Yes, Foreman/Ruiz would be sick, maybe even now.

I wonder if 'champ Ruiz' will be bold enough to really unretire.

I'm sorry if I neglected to mention any other current heavyweight champions. There are so many, they need a zip code.

Hello, i know i haven't really been on this page much in the past. to be honest with you all it has really been a hard year for me. most of you know i am brenda quarry's daughter. and most of you know she died 11 months ago. my mom wrote on this page often. she loved this page and what it stood for. i was a very young child when my uncles live in the sports world so i don't remember much. i did go to a few fights but could not tell you much about them but just running around the areas with my cusins' getting the perks of being jerry quarry's neice. but hell i sure did not know what that meant back then....LOL. well i just wanted to let those of you who may or may not want to know that the past year has been hard for me but i am doing well. you may or may not know i have two small children ages 4 and 3. my son, peyton, was very close to my mom. he was having a very hard time with the death of my mom but we have been working though it nicely. so i just wanted to thank you all for your prayers, love and continued support to this site and what it means. i know it meant the world to my uncle jim, and my mom. GOD bless you all.

Sheri, peyton and hailey.


Sheri - anyone from stock as good as yours has no need to explain herself to anyone, particularly us. Thanks to your family we are all having fun here. You have our gratitide, not the other way around.

Gerry - was Bob Fitzsimmons a Brit, a Kiwi, an Aussie, or an American? A book I have reads:

"He was born in Cornwall, England, raised in New Zealand, spent the first seven years of his career in Australia, and won two of his three world titles as an American citizen. His career started when, as an apprentice blacksmith, he won a competition organized by the old bare-knuckle champion Jem Mace."

Regardless, Fitzsimmons was one of the most interesting boxers of all time. The guy switched between countries, weight divisions, and championships and, generally, came out on top.

He died aged 54 in 1917, only two years after retiring at age 52. Fitz was world middleweight champion 1891 – 94, heavyweight champion 1897 – 1899, and light-heavyweight champion 1903 – 1905.

If he was fighting today, he'd be a star.

Massimo - where are you? You'd better have a note!

Two of my friends told me that Mike Quarry was given "a gift" against Jimmy DuPree. I never saw the fight. Can anyone explain exactly what they mean? I remember DuPree was a very good lightheavy.

Hi Noam! I have not being posting in the past few days because I had nothing to say! What can I say now? A couple of things! I can greet friendly all (of) the posters and I can say that we haven't got many tools to judge (or for judging) people like Fitzimmons as there are not many tapes of him available. All everyone can do is reading(or to read) books about him and reading(or to read) his boxing record. But most of his opponents
are totally unknown, at least to me. I know he was famous for his punching power and, if my memory serves me well, he fought many people in one night once, and beat them all. He certainly was an interesting subject.

As far as Mike getting gift wins, I find that hard to believe, personally. But wins in boxing can be very subjective. If a close fight goes to a decision, there's always the chance someone will get jobbed. Invariably, someone always feels they were, and for all kinds of reasons. For instance, Ken Norton could never win a decision against Muhammed Ali without breaking Ali's jaw, or so he felt, because of Ali's popularity. Floyd Patterson and Jerry Quarry disputed a great deal in their fights.

I don't know much about Jimmy DuPree, but I imagine his complaint regarding 'gifts' is not original. As for Fitz, the British Commonwealth guy, stories about the early days can be pretty entertaining stuff. Like stories of the Old West where gunfighters were built into legends, stories about guys like Fitz have few boundaries to imagination.

Hi Massimo – sometimes when someone hasn't posted for a while the reason can be something other than they have nothing to say. Thankfully, in your case, your absence was only that you had nothing to say, if you get my drift.

Massimo: Don King did promote One of Jerry's bouts 11/5/77 vs one of your countrymen Lorenzo Zanon who was once ranked as high as #6 by RING MAGAZINE. And did not look to awful bad vs Ken Norton and his title tiff with Larry Holmes, a very agile and quick boxer who owned Alfredo Evangelista. course he had the China Chin. That Jerry was able to findly find in their bout. he was ranked in the top 20 when Quarry ko'd him. I talked to MR.KING a few times in Las Vegas.

Hey Jimmy, you met Don King? That must have been something. Not one of the former Clevelanders people here celebrate, for obvious reasons.

I remember Quarry-Zanon, I was excited for JQ's comeback, then saw how little he had in the tank. Zanon won nearly every round, as I recall, JQ chasing much of the time. Then Quarry finally caught him and it ended quickly from there.

I remember the fight guys asking Frank Sinatra about the fight, he was in attendance.

He spoke very respectfully of Jerry, then said he hoped Quarry would soon retire. Tough fight to watch, actually. Thanks.

Interesting stuff regarding past and present day champs. I don’t think the disparity in size would be as much a factor as, someone else mentioned, the mental toughness of past greats. Style would, as it usually does play a role as well. Ali vs. Louis, even if they were the same size, would favor Ali. Foreman was the same size as Ali and was certainly stronger and hit harder as well. We all know how tough Ali was; he could take a tremendous punch. Although Louis would be in the fight for the full 15 rounds, as he was not prone to exhaustion after five or six rounds like Foreman; I could see an Ali KO over Louis. Fighters such as Jeffries, Johnson, and Corbett did train for 25, 30 or even 45 round fights but fought at a much slower pace than the modern era fighters. Could they make up for the difference in speed? One fight I have always been intrigued with would be Ali vs. Dempsey. Dempsey was a tremendous puncher, with quick hands and feet. He had a style that gave Ali fits, much like Frazier or Norton. Also lets not forget, with few exceptions, that the old time heavyweights were, as they are today, much bigger than the average sized man. So if you took a Dempsey or Louis tossed them into today’s mix they would not be any smaller than a good sized heavy of the current era. Jack Johnson at 6’0” 195 was considered to be a big man by the standards of the day and if you look at photos of him in a crowd he was indeed much bigger than most. Another great Light heavyweight was the much

Noam, one more thing... who were the fighters involved in the last scheduled 20 round heavyweight championship bout?

Bob - I'm guessing on your question. I know that Willard beat Jack Johnson over 26 rounds. Just before then Johnson won on points over 20 rounds against Frank Moran. So I'll go with Johnson and Moran.

We compare Ali with lots of old fighters. I think Holmes is ignored too much. Perhaps he wasn't popular with some as a person, and he had a mundane personality, but he was a great fighter. He'd hold his own against any great of any era. Maybe Holmes is the fighter who had the style to beat Ali prime v prime (although I doubt it).

Gerry - about Fitzsimmons. He worked as a blacksmith in New Zealand and that's where he developed the big shoulders and strong wiry arms. His legs were very skinny and so was his torso.

He then moved to Australia but I can't find any reference to him boxing a kangaroo. In his fight with Gentleman Jim Corbett he concentrated on hitting him to the head until the 14th. By then Corbett was holding his hands too high and he was stopped with a right under the heart and a left to the solar plexus.

When he fought Jeffries, Jeffries visited Fitz in his dressing room before the fight for the reading of the rules. Jeffries picked him up in a big bear hug and it's legend that he squeezed all the strength out of him. Jeffries battered him over 11 rounds. He had his last two fights aged 51 and died two years later from pneumonia in Chicago. His build was similar to Tommy Hearns. Bob Fitzsimmons was a true warrior.

Thanks for the interesting information! I have never seen this Lorenzo Zanon fight. It's too bad, but nobody remembers of this notable heavyweight in Italia. This is odd even considering (or taking into consideration, or taking into account) that Italia haven't had in history many notable heavyweights. I can remember a few names: Primo Carnera, Lorenzo Zanon, Franco Cavicchi, Francesco Damiani and the gold winner in the heavyweight division in Roma 1960 Franco De Piccoli (a big puncher with a weak chin). In Italia, everyone remembers Primo Carnera, many remember Francesco Damiani, very very few remember Franco De Piccoli and no more than 4 or 5 people remember Zanon or Cavicchi. Fame is a strange thing! Of course Primo Carnera was the only one of them to win the undisputed heavyweight crown. But probably he wasn't better than most of the other Italian heavyweights I just talked about.

Bob, the last scheduled 20 round heavyweight boxing championship match? I will take a guess. Joe Louis vs Bob Pastor in Detroit.

Massimo: Zanon was a clever boxer of the "stick and move" variety---sort of a Jimmy Young but without the defense and chin that Young had. Zanon gave Norton a few problematic rounds before Norton landed hard on him and crumbled him. With Jerry Quarry, Zanon fought brilliantly, until he finally got caught toward the end of the fight. Of course, Jerry was years removed from being his best.

Kent - how is the exercise progressing? How many laps of the pool did you do last week? Are you in sight of your best fighting weight? When are you going to make James Toney eat his words? The world waits.....
know if you're interested in a ranking, just kidding. Here's a thought .... maybe we can have all the current heavyweight world champions seeded into a tournament? Donald Trump could do it, I know he could. Thanks.

9/13/05 07:56:01 PM|bob bumbera|nc||renfbera@aol.com|||10|Yep Pete, Louis-Pastor. Noam, your right about Holmes being ignored by some. I believe he would give Ali a lot of trouble. A prime Holmes was the same size as Ali, could go a full 15 rounds and still have full power and movement ... and he could also shake off a KO blow, Ali would never have him in trouble. He was one tough man. I also think Holmes would kick George Foreman's ass had they ever fought each other. Larry is third on my all time heavy list. Yeah, Kent how is your weight loss program going? I weigh about 255 right now and saw myself in my wife's full length mirror on Saturday and said "Holy Shit"! She said I ought to come up here and look more often. Maybe your progress will inspire me to get off my butt!

9/13/05 08:37:26 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I lost three more pounds last week but over did it on eating over the weekend so this Friday will show me if I can get away with it as Fridays are weigh in days. I give myself a day or two on the weekends when I don't exercise or diet. I am doing fifteen laps, up and back is one lap, without stopping right after a one hour walk. I worked the heavy bag hard the other day. I was really pounding it hard. J.T. is in trouble?

9/14/05 03:59:14 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|Nobody ever could hit the heavy bag like you do, not even Sonny Liston and George Foreman. I bet you need a new heavy bag every day. If Giacomo Toney saw you hitting the heavy bag, he would be scared s==less and wouldn't want any part of you. Dick Sadler would be impressed too!

9/14/05 04:19:51 AM|Noam|same||same|||10|Kent - keep it going. You've inspired me and I'm swimming laps every day now, trying to trim up from 235 pounds. I haven't decided on who my comeback fight will be against yet. JT is out of my league.

9/14/05 04:19:51 AM|Noam|same||same|||10|Bernard went and helped in New Orleans. He saw his people crying and cried with them. There are few men brave enough to take action, many brave enough to tell others to take action. As you were.

9/14/05 02:00:48 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|More praise for Holmes---I think he's top three all time as well. He had one of the best jabs ever, good foot movement, a legitimate if not overwhelming knockout punch--but most importantly, the heart of a champion. He could get up after being knocked down and come back to win. He did it more than once.

9/14/05 05:10 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Some more interesting trivia on Bob Fitzsimmons. This one is VERY interesting. When Fitz lost on a foul to Sharkey in San Francisco, he stopped his protestations abruptly after the referee pulled a gun on him. Who was the referee?
trivia of when the last scheduled 20 round heavyweight title fight took place. But I've got another one. When was the last world title bout (of any weight) to go more than 15 rounds? 

Re Holmes. I'd also pick Holmes to beat Foreman. Holmes showed he could handle big punchers by stopping Shavers in 11 rounds and his boxing skills were certainly superior to Foreman's. Holmes was also a smart fighter like Ali and could adapt to anything Foreman put on. Don't forget that Holmes had something like 20 successful defenses of his title, while Foreman had just three. I think Holmes would withstand Foreman's full-on attack over the first six rounds before taking charge. George would fall over from exhaustion about round 9, in my opinion.

There's a lot you can say about Larry Holmes. Fought in four decades, master boxer, very good guy, good champion. He's not top three in my book. I'd put him on par with Frazier, just inside the top ten or just outside. Don King cleaned out the division for him by ruining the careers of Witherspoon, Page, Tucker et al. Foreman, who would have knocked him out, was also gone. Holmes did not turn pro until age 24, but did beat some decent second-tier heavies on the way to Shavers. His performance against Shavers in their first fight was hardly dominating, but on the basis of this win alone, he was matched with Norton, a champ no one wanted, for the title in his very next fight. I scored that fight for Norton, but it was a popularity test with King in charge. I will say this, he did beat guys I'd heard of during his reign. But to say that they were top-tier opponents or that his wins were dominating is a good stretch, in my book. Shavers and Witherspoon were decent wins. Cooney boxed very well with him for most of their fight. He was plain knocked out by Snipes, was dominated by Williams. Sorry guys, not Top Three stuff. Spinks was very good when they met, and he did beat Mercer, so he clearly was way above most. But given the reigns of Tunney, Marciano, Liston, Tyson before jail, Lewis, Jack Johnson, and Jeffries, I can't call him that high no matter how easy to like he is. Trained in Cleveland by Richie Giachetti and occasionally seen about town. I would have liked to have seen him arrive about 5-6 years earlier. Then we'd see how good he was. Thanks.

Wasn't Jess Willard vs. Jack Johnson the last title fight of ridiculous length? That's my guess to the question. Thanks.

Sorry, not to be posting to much here... Thanks Massimo for the heads-up on Brewster's title opponent. He sounds like he'll be around for a while. Brewster, though, has improved, based on his last fight. Sounds like a pretty good match, at least as they go these days. Thanks again.

Noam, That trivia question about the last 20 round heavyweight fight wasn't mine, sorry. I do remember where Max Baer was scheduled to fight 20 rounds (before he was champ) in the early 1930's. But that's not much to go on. Its hard to find anything bad to say about Larry Holmes. He never cut, never was intimidated, recovered very quickly when hurt and best of all had a telephone pole jab. He also beat an in prime Ray Mercer when Larry was in his 40's. Plus as a 50 something beat Butterbean in 10 rounds.

Sorry Ed, I knew it was either you or Pete and I picked the wrong guy. Did you know who the referee was in the Fitzsimmons v Sharkey fight? It was Wyatt Earp. He pulled a gun on Fitz to put an end to the protests. I find it hard to say a bad word about Holmes. He did it all. It's difficult to compare him with Frazier as Gerry has done. Larry successfully defended his title some 20 times. Frazier only four times. Larry had longevity in spades; Joe didn't. Larry faced and beat ever contender of his era; Joe didn't. Larry didn't shy from big punchers (Shavers) and guys with a great left hook like Joe had didn't worry him too much (Cooney). Larry
didn't get knocked out until middle aged; Joe got knocked out in his prime. One had a great jaw, the other's was very vulnerable. 

As I said, it's difficult to compare fighters from different eras, but in this case I'm supremely confident about Larry's chances. 

Yes, Max Baer lost on points in 20 rounds against Paulino Uzcudun in a fight described as one of the best of the 30's in the heavyweight division. Primo Carnera beat Paulino Uzcudun twice: once in Barcellona in 1930 before a huge crowd (the fight drew $110000) and the second time in 1933 in Roma for the title. If my memory serves me well (or right) Pete already revealed the answer to that trivia question: Louis-Pastor was the last heavyweight title fight scheduled for 20 rounds.

I haven't seen Larry Holmes much when he was in his prime, but take in account that George was a much better overall fighter than Earnie Shavers. So a Holmes-Foreman fight prime vs prime would be very interesting and hard for both fighters, but I'd bet on Foreman. Holmes's jaw and abdominals were good, but not as good as Ali' and this fight wouldn't probably organized in Africa with thousands of people yelling: "Holmes booma ye".

PS: "booma ye" means "kill him".

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Larry Holmes didn't fight every contender of his era. He didn't fight Michael Dokes, Greg Page, Gerrie Coetzee, and Pinklon Thomas. I seem to remember he signed to fight Coetzee but there was an injury to one of the fighters during training so the fight didn't happen. Still between 1978 and 1983, Holmes was great and he dominated most of his fights. It wasn't until about 1984 that Holmes started to have more difficulty in his title defenses although the Witherspoon fight did happen during his prime and it was a difficult fight for Holmes. Holmes verses Frazier would likely be similar to Ali verses Frazier because of styles. I would pick Holmes by a narrow decision in this one but Joe would give Larry hell on the way. I rate Holmes over Frazier all time because Holmes would likely win this one, even if only by a slight margin. I rate Holmes top five of all time because at his best he had the skills to beat almost every fighter of any era. He was really something special to watch. I would even pick Holmes over Foreman, prime verses prime as Holmes' very hard jab would land often and disrupt Foreman's timing. Holmes would also land enough hard right hands to keep Foreman honest. Defense and movement would also be a key as Holmes was one of the best defensive heavyweights of all time. Only Ali, Jimmy Young, and maybe Chris Byrd might be better. Good defense would give Foreman trouble as shown by Ali's and Young's wins over Foreman. Another key to beating Foreman at his best was to hit him hard to show him he was in a real fight and not just a walk over, something Frazier and Norton didn't do, neither landed their best punches before they were badly hurt and knocked out. On the other hand, Lyle and Ali did hit him hard, with their best punches and Ali beat Foreman and Lyle came very close to winning. By the way, Frazier had nine title defenses as the NYSAC world heavyweight title was considered equal to the WBA title, which Frazier got when he unified the title with his win in 1970 over Jimmy Ellis. So Frazier had four title defenses of the undisputed title. Frazier's NYSAC title was also recognized by five other states in the U.S. as well as Mexico and parts of South America, part of the group that would later become the WBC.

Mike Tyson rates Jack Johnson (as) the best defensive fighter ever. Mike once said "he was a genius in defense". I haven't seen enough of Jack Johnson in the ring to judge whether this is true or not.
face puncher who ate or dodged three to give you one. Holmes was a moving boxer with a tremendous jab, like Ali, his model. Then there's the quality of opponents. Frazier - wins over Bonavena, Machen, Chuvalo, an undefeated Mathis, Quarry, Ellis, Poster, Ali and Bugner. Not a bad list for 32 wins. Holmes - two very good ones vs. Shavers, Berbick, a split win over Witherspoon, Mercer, Ribalta. His reign impresses with length, but not as much with quality of opponents. Sorry, but wins over Evangelista, Zanon, LeDoux, a fat Ali, Cobb and Frank, among others just do not impress. A number of champs would have defeated that roster of opponents. I do not give him Norton, and Spinks, at best, was a toss up. Does that make Michael Spinks Top Five also? No, not in my book. Consider this as well. Frazier had a small number of fights which were very competitive, Bonavena, Quarry, Ali among them. He gave rematches against each. Holmes had very sketchy performances versus, Cooney, Snipes, Witherspoon and Williams. How many combined rematches did Holmes offer to this group? Zero. Does this suggest something? I think it does. Consider that Frazier also just plain fought in a better era overall. All of this then puts them much closer together. I'd pick both Frazier and Foreman to beat Holmes. Frazier was KO'd earlier, yes, by Foreman. George got a lot of guys, didn't he? Holmes was gone against Snipes. None of this is a bag on Holmes at all. He was an outstanding fighter, a solid champ, a real credit to the sport. But I think all of this should be considered before ranking him Top Ten or better all-time. Thanks.

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<td>Kent - the New York title wasn't a world title. Frazier got this 'title' when he refused to go in the World Boxing Association tournament. Holmes was a very robust fighter with plenty of stamina and enthusiasm. He loved to fight. From 1978 to 1985, while champion, he had 20 fights. Every one of these fights was a title defense. He fought more fights and rounds than Ali. Does anyone recall how many times Holmes was knocked down?</td>
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<td>Holmes takes Frazier by a late round TKO or relatively easy decision. Sorry Kent, Frazier wouldn't give him the brutal fight you envision. Larry Holmes fought everyone he should have with the possible exception of John Tate. That fight would have happened if Tate didn't get iced by Mike Weaver, who Holmes then beat. That's ridiculous, saying that Frazier's level of competition or his title defenses were better quality than Holmes. Don't forget Ellis II., Stander and Daniels for crying out loud. His highest level of competition (Ali and Foreman) had a record of 4 wins and 1 loss against Frazier. Holmes fought and defeated Norton as well as Shavers twice, Leroy Jones, the aforementioned Weaver, a very dangerous and undefeated Cooney (Make no mistake, Holmes was never in trouble in this fight, won most of the rounds and won by KO---let's not rewrite history guys.). Holmes came out of retirement to beat highly ranked Mercer and gave in-prime Holyfield all he wanted. No, Larry Holmes does not belong on the &quot;second tier&quot; with Smokin' Joe. That's crazy. Holmes held the title about seven years and fought every relevant heavyweight in a position to fight for the title. He also stayed busy against guys like Ocasio, Cobb, Evangelista, Marvis Frazier----for my money, these and many others Holmes took on had better careers and records than Ron Stander and Terry Daniels and weren't riding losing streaks in against Holmes either. Ocasio beat Jimmy Young twice in row and Young was at or near the top of his game at the time, having beaten Lyle and Foreman and for my money, Norton too. Don't forget how well prepared and efficient Larry Holmes was, especially between '78 and '83. Holmes ducked no one.</td>
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| Hello Folks; I was curious about Jerry's involvement with the military - ever close to being drafted? Anyone know what his thoughts were in "general" about serving? Several good fighters came out of the services during the 1960's (Ken
Norton, Mac Foster, etc). It would be interesting to hear about any info someone might have. Thanks.

Hello Folks;

Just a quick additional note. I read some of the messages below, and I thought I'd just pass on a thought. Mathematics and Boxing DO NOT mix well. Boxing simply does not follow the laws of arithmetic - and mistakes are made when it is attempted. Example: Fighter A Beats Fighter B. Fighter B beats Fighter C. Clearly then, it's often "assumed", Fighter A will beat Fighter C (eventhough the fight was never made). This is quite different than simply rooting for a fighter to win, some folks take this logic and apply it as fact. You see this when someone says something like:....Nick would have beaten Dave EASILY, because Dave was KO'd by James and Nick delivered a devastating KO to James. The problem is, anything can happen and often does, in heavyweight fights. Fighting styles play a big role in defusing mathematical myths in Boxing. Fraizer Beats Ali in 1971. Foreman destroys Frazier in 2 rounds in 1973. So, clearly, Foreman beat Ali handily in 1974 (correct?). I could have easily used a similar scenario with Ali-Norton-Foreman. I'm sure you can think of other examples of this anomaly. Good day, Ty

Sorry Pete, the last 20 round heavyweight championship bout was Louis-Simon in 1941. I think the last scheduled 20 rounder was a lt heavy bout, Alonzo Harris vs Brian Kelly.

Noam, you can say all you want about Frazier avoiding people but you cannot rewrite history. The NYSAC title was recognized as a world title. <br>If it wasn't, Ellis' WBA title would have been an undisputed title. Frazier did subsequently defeat the winner of the WBA tournament, Ellis, the runner up, Quarry, and a semi finalist, Bonevena. In looking back, Frazier was considered the stronger of the two champions back at the time the title was in dispute by most of the fans and the press. People respected Ellis as a good fighter but they didn't think he could beat Frazier and he did end of losing to Frazier.

Noam - best not to open old wounds, but it was called the New York Title, not the world title. It came into being because Joe wouldn't enter the WBA tournament. An unfortunate but true. Luckily, San Francisco, LA, and other cities didn't decide to start their own version of titles, too, because that would have made it a real mess.

Holmes-Frazier is damn difficult to predict. Both should be in the top 10 of all time and I think Holmes sneaks into the top 5. With both fighters being so good I think any prediction would be subjective. Frazier at his best was so good though. If he fought Holmes in the manner that he fought Quarry, Ellis I and Ali, particularly with the ferocity that he did in New York and Manila, then I don't see how Holmes could automatically be declared the winner. Saying that, seeing the way he recovered from Shavers' torpedo in the 7th round of that 2nd fight, I think Holmes would be ok to win a very tight decision. I think his chin and ribs would just about survive the assault, but his inability to punch like Foreman, and Joe's toughness would ensure no KO win. I saw Foreman's dismantling of Frazier not so long ago. Frazier showed a couple of things here. His inability to deal with a explosive starter and in particular a weakness for well placed uppercuts. But having got up 6 times he showed what a hell of a man he was. Along with in New York and Manila Frazier's heart was enormus. I take Holmes to win, but only just...if he makes frazier mad like Ali did then he's in trouble.

The New York State Athletic Commision back in the 1960s and
before was a very powerful body who's champions were recognized far beyond its borders. That five other states, Mexico and much of South America and other foreign countries, again part of the group that formed the WBC, recognized this title shows this. Boxing historians also recognize this title as a world title and Frazier was not the first fighter to have this title so it wasn't created for him. In fact the NYSAC stripped Muhammad Ali of their title just as the WBA had. Again, you can say Frazier couldn't take a good punch, etc, but the fact remains his title was a world title just as much as Ellis' was, which Frazier unified by beating Ellis in 1970, and he didn't lose this title until he was beaten by Foreman in 1973.

Larry Holmes deserves to be in the top ten heavyweights of all time. I don't know if he could match up with Ali, who I thought was faster and had a better chin.

Some real good exchanges here on Frazier-Holmes. Angelo, do you recall Stander's KO of Shavers? This is important here because Shavers was the best guy Holmes ever defended his belt against. Yes, you can say Joe was not taking on tough competition as champ, and you'd arguably be correct. But there's no question who fought better guys overall, who was tougher, and who wasn't afraid of rematches. Holmes matches with Norton and Witherspoon were virtual draws. They demanded rematches. Cooney won several middle rounds vs. Holmes. If you don't believe me, watch the fight and check the scorecards yourself. He deserved a rematch. Snipes had Holmes totally KO'd. Their fight went to the 11th. Again, no rematch. Williams flat out owned Holmes. The scorecards showed a blowout. No rematch again. That's five guys. That, and the caliber of opponents overall as champ, suggest alot to me. Kent listed guys Holmes could have defended with as well. Sorry, I have Ali tougher than Holmes. Frazier took Ali to the edge of death. Frazier wins versus Holmes, who could show up fat on occasion. Frazier did not dodge the WBA tournament. He was actually the first fighter named, according to the NY Times. He simply took a belt that was offered, and as Kent has said, it was recognized in areas inside and outside the United States. More importantly, Joe was better than anyone in the tournament and that was proved with wins over Bonavena, Quarry and Ellis --- the class of that tournament. To remove further doubt, he then thumped Ali. Joe dodged no one. Thanks.

I just can't say how Holmes would handle the Frazier of 8 March 1971 easily. Hey guys, that Frazier was a "beast"! Ali fought that night one of the best fights of his career but just couldn't make (or do) it! An in prime Holmes MIGHT have beaten that Frazier but with lots lots lots of sweat! Again, I haven't seen Homes enough in his prime to have a precise idea, but I have seen Frazier in his prime and if you hadn't Foreman's punch you were in big trouble against him. I see Holmes-Frazier very close.

Correction - I meant "I just can't see how", and not "I just can't say".

When the uneducated are given too much information they mistake it for being an expert. Then begins the helicopter effect. They hover over you spouting off comments based on nothing and mistake it for wisdom. Bernard knows that these people make the world foolish.
Gerry, but as I pointed out to Noam, Frazier's NYSAC title was considered a legitimate world heavyweight title but it like Ellis' WBA title was disputed. Frazier cleared up the dispute with his win over Ellis in 1970. It has nothing to do with the old Frazier debate about whether he could take a punch, etc, it is just an historical fact that he held and defended a world title nine times with four of those defenses being of the undisputed title. By the way, Jerry Quarry fought for a world heavyweight title twice in his career, once verses Ellis for the WBA title and once verses Frazier for the NYSAC title. Every biography of Jerry's career states this and if Frazier's first title wasn't a world title defense against Jerry, then Jerry would have fought for the title only once.

Hi Kent

I understand all that, however when Joe refused to enter the WBA tournament (the only guy who refused by the way), the New York Commission wouldn't accept that winner and named it's own version vacant. That's how Frazier v Mathis came about. It was the world title you have when you don't really have a world title. The WBA didn't even rank Mathis as being in its top 8 to be in the elimination tournament. In fact, the Ring Magazine didn't have Mathis rated in its Top 10 for the years surrounding 1968 when Joe fought him for the vacant title. With due respect to all concerned, the New York title at that point was a makeshift reaction to the more credible 8 man WBA elimination tournament that Joe refused to enter. All 8 guys in the WBA tournament were ranked higher than Mathis. Kent, I know this isn't about Joe, and I am not criticizing him for it. That was the politics of that time. However, the New York title meant nothing and wasn't accepted by all of the boxing world.

Hi Gerry - in his book Joe acknowledges that he refused to enter the WBA elimination tournament. At that point he hadn't been offered the other fight. I don't doubt that Joe was better than the other guys in the tournament. He eventually proved it by beating Ellis. However, I do say that Joe lacked some stamina and didn't want consecutive hard fights. He wanted things on his terms. The other fact is that Joe got the easier fight by only taking Mathis on. He only had to take one fight not several. And Mathis was wasn't ranked in the Top 10 by Ring Magazine or the Top 8 by the WBA. Joe was taking the easier course and I suppose one point of view would be that this was the smart way to go. But it was still the easier way. Good luck to him.

As far as the NYSAC, that it was a nothing title is proven untrue, any title is only as good as the guy who holds it. Mathis was undefeated, was certainly on par with much of the WBA field, and was one of the top guys left not claimed by that field. If Joe was not in the tourney, I don't know what he was expected to match with if not the guys not in the tourney. Joe lacks stamina? I'll let you reel that one back in. I know Ali would disagree there with you. Again, Joe had beaten Bonavena, Machen and Chuvalo prior to Mathis. Who did Holmes beat for his titleshot? Just one guy - Shavers. Not much of a comparison. You might also want to compare opponents winning percentages. If you do, you'll find Frazier in front there as well. The NY State title was very disputed, but so was Holmes' IBF belt. The title has not been unified more than a few times since 1967 and still is not today. So it's always disputed. Consensus, though showed both Frazier and Holmes as the top dogs of their days. In fact, that is why Frazier was offered a belt in the first place... As for the uneducated, I can only guess I.S. is speaking from personal experience. Information is never an expert. But a person with information can be. Expertise does not equal wisdom, either. Sadly, there is little wisdom in boxing. Those helicopters you hear may be flashbacks of Apollo Creed pounding your face in, or , it may be a reason to see a pharmacist. Either way, I can only hope Bernard is not your dog. Because then you'd have real issues. Thanks again.
Hi Gerry - Joe lacked stamina in so far as putting together back-to-back TOUGH fights. Regards Mathis. At the time of the WBA tournament Mathis wasn't ranked by the WBA in the Top 10. He wasn't ranked in the Ring Magazine Top 10. No one ranked him. The other guys in the WBA tournament Joe wouldn't enter were ranked thus by the Ring: Joe (1), Spencer (2), Ellis (3), Bonavena (6), Terrell (10), Mildenburger (9), Quarry (5). As I said Mathis was unranked. And he didn't deserve a title shot. In his book Joe said that Mathis "fought guys that get carried into the ring on crutches." Mathis had never fought a boxer current in the rankings. Ever. Joe wrote, "His opponents included Tom Swift, Everett Copeland, Charlie Chase, and a Waban Thomas, names that did not exactly ring bells in the boxing hall of fame." Joe's words, not mine. Then Joe wrote of Mathis at page 57: "In actual fact one opponent of Mathis did fall down in anticipation of punches, then asked Buster for his autograph after the bout. Mathis' defense of his reputation was to point to a knockout he scored over a Gerrie De Bruyn, who had battled ninth-ranked Eduardo Corletti to a split-decision loss. Talk of a roundabout ways of establishing your credentials. Mathis' people had struggled to get their man taken seriously. There were still questions about whether Buster could really fight." As can be seen, no one - not even Joe - ranked Buster. Therefore, he had no place fighting for a 'title' and that's why the WBA didn't pick him for the tournament, and that's why the Ring magazine didn't rank him. Now, in regard to the New York State Athletic Commission (note the word W O R L D is not in the name). The Commission's chairman, Edwin B. Dooley declared Joe the Commission's top-ranking heavyweight contender after Joe refused to fight in the WBA tournament. Joe instead opted to fight the unranked Mathis. Dooley (somehow) agreed to sanction the fight as a title bout, the winner to be recognized IN NEW YORK as a heavyweight champion of the world. At that time ONLY New York recognized that title. In the months that followed, ONLY five other states decided to recognize the title - Pennsylvania, Texas, Illinois, Maine and Massachusetts. The rest of America and the rest of the boxing world DIDN'T recognize the title. So come on guys, it was a nothing title. Only 6 places in the world recognized it. And Joe only had to beat an unranked fighter to win it. Noam, you're right that the NY tourney was far below the one set up by ABC Sports. The Frazier/Mathis fight was interesting though because of Mathis's victories over Joe in the Olympic fight offs. Joe ended up getting a gold medal because Buster dislocated his thumb I think. A lot of the sports papers I looked back on thought Buster would "smother" Joe with his style, just as he did when they were amateurs. Frazier's people tried to get fight with Earnie Terrel too but Big Earnie turned it down. And Terrel was the favorite to win the 8 man tournament but Thad Spencer knocked him off in the first bout. But all in all I don't think anyone cared that there were 2 tournaments, it just gave the promoters another title fight to promote after all the dust settled. This has spawned a trivia question, who was in the previous fight off for a heavyweight title? (previous to the Ali elimination tourneys)
the NYSAC named Frazier and Buster Mathis to fight for their title.

One thing, I have always wondered how could the WBA all of a sudden drop Frazier from their number one contender to number nine without him losing in the ring?<br><br>I know how Ali got stripped his title without losing in the ring, Ali couldn't get a license to fight in the United States and the government wouldn't let him get a visa to leave the country to fight somewhere else, so with Ali unable to fight anywhere it was because of the politics of the time even if it wasn't fair.<br><br>But Frazier dropping all of the way to number nine when he could get a license to fight anywhere? Just sour grapes that his management felt he should get the first shot at the title as he was already the number one contender.<br><br>People can argue Frazier avoided this or that guy or that he couldn't take a good punch, but the fact remains the number one contender usually gets a mandatory title shot.

9/17/05 05:50:29 PM Noam same same 10 Hi Kent - the WBA dropped Frazier because he wouldn't enter the elimination tournament to decide Ali's successor. They really had no choice, given that all the other top contenders were prepared to be in it. Joe wanted to keep his cake and eat it too. Joe’s case was that he should be given the title. The WBA didn’t agree. And I think that based on the opponents Joe had fought in the prior 12 months the WBA was correct. Joe had fought Jones, Davis, Johnson, Chuvalo, Doyle, and Conners. In 1967 none of these guys were rated in the top 10 by the WBA or the Ring magazine. They were tough, sure, but they were not Top 10 contenders.<br><br>Joe should have entered the tournament to fight whoever he had to fight, and win the title if he was good enough. Certainly he was the best fighter in it. But I think his problem was that he didn't want consecutive hard fights. To win the WBA tournament, he would have had to win three consecutive fights against three Top 10 contenders (when he hadn't fought even one ranked contender in the prior 12 months). In quick succession Joe might be called on to fight, say, Bonaventura (who'd knocked him down twice in their first fight), then Quarry, and then Ellis in the decider.<br><br>He was to be paid $175,000.00 (a lot of money then) if he won the tournament, but he knocked it back. At that point Joe would not have been certain he would win. Far easier and less risky to fight the unrated Mathis for a title only recognized by six states. While I agree WITH HINDSIGHT that Joe was better than the WBA tournament guys, I don't know that his body would have stood up to three consecutive hard fights with his health problems (high blood pressure, etc).<br><br>Ed - the Frazier v Mathis fight did have the gimmick that Mathis had beaten Frazier twice in the amateurs. However, Joe's description of Buster's professional career was accurate. Buster was not rated in the top 10 by either the WBA or the Ring. He shouldn't have been given the shot at a title. Fighting Mathis was the path of least resistance and, from Joe's point of view, it was the smart way to go.

9/17/05 06:57:28 PM Pete Cleveland N/A 10 Noam you are the 1st person who ever wrote that Frazier lacked stamina for consecutive hard fights. It is my belief that Frazier was heralded for his stamina.<br><br>With the exception of Bonevasta who else in that tournament was capable of giving Frazier a hard fight? Frazier walked through Quarry and Ellis. Terrell, Spencer, Mildenberger? Patterson was offered countless fights with Frazier (and Foreman), and he always turned them down.<br><br>Why was Frazier obligated to fight in that tournament? This is not amateur boxing it is professional boxing. You fight for money not for medals.

9/17/05 07:24:31 PM Pete Cleveland N/A 10 Ed, I almost missed your question. The answer is Floyd Patterson.<br><br>Strangely enough, Archie Moore who Patterson fought for the vacant title did not have to take part in the elimination tournament, because he was considered the #1 challenger. What do you think about that Noam? lol.

9/17/05 08:46:32 PM Kent Murrieta, CA kentallenent@aol.com 10 Pete, Frazier did not walk through Jerry Quarry in their first fight, he wore him down over
seven gruelling rounds, a war of attrition on the way to a TKO win for Frazier. In fact, the first round was listed as one of the twelve top rounds in boxing history by Ring Magazine.

In their second fight, Jerry gave Joe two tough rounds but from the third round on until the fifth, in which Joe was awarded another TKO win over Jerry, Joe was in control. Joe's control in their first fight was not so clear cut. He gained momentum over Jerry as the fight went on but it was more gradual than in their second fight.

You're right again Pete. Of course when a fighter retires with championship he sets the necessity of a tournament. Patterson/Moore was for Marcianos retirement. Before that I believe it was Schmeling/Sharkey for Tunneys retirement. Before that Marvin Hart/Tommy Burns for Jefferies withdrawal. Correct me if I am wrong this off top of my head. Oh yea, don't ask me who took over from Lennex Lewis. I can't keep track of the modern day champions.

Pete - had Frazier entered the WBA tournament as all the others did, he would have had consecutive hard fights...something like Bonavena, Quarry and then Ellis. Not Doyle, Conners, and Mathis (the path of least resistance). As I said, prior to fighting Mathis, he hadn't fought a ranked fighter in his prior seven fights. None of them were Top 10 guys. Of the 7 other guys selected to fight in the WBA tournament, Joe had only beaten Bonavena (in a split decision). As it turned out he was better than those other guys but at that point in his career he hadn't proved it. The proof is in the pudding when you assess the rankings. Facts not opinion. Thanks.

By the way Pete, the winner of the WBA tournament got $175,000.00, a fortune at that time. He got considerably less to fight Mathis. Regards stamina, Joe only fought 214 rounds in his career against Holmes 575, Ali 546, Louis 429, Patterson 420, Quarry 415, Bonavena 409, Terrell 375, Shavers 364, Ellis 342, Horton 314, Liston 271, Foreman 255, Marciano 241, Lewis 225, and Douglas 224. Joe only fought 37 times. Holmes fought 73 times. I'm struggling to find the stamina bit. Thanks.

Noam, Frazier had stamina as that is how he was able to fight so hard verses Ali, Quarry, Mathis, etc. He was hard to beat when he was at his best as he would be fighting just as hard in the later rounds as in the earlier rounds. Of course he did wear out late in the third Ali fight but that had a lot to do with the punishment Ali was giving him and Frazier was past his peak at that time. Someone could say, "well Ali outlasted him and he was past his peak too." but that just shows how great Ali was, what sets him apart from other fighters. Both of them showed great stamina in the "The Thrilla in Manila." What Frazier lacked was longevity. His management likely knew this and that is why he didn't have as many fights as other fighters. They knew his all out style meant he would probably burn out quickly relatively speaking over the long run. But to say Joe lacked stamina is inaccurate as stamina and longevity are not the same thing.

On that we must disagree. Fighters lack longevity when they don't have stamina. Some fighters use up all their reserves of stamina on a couple of hard fights and have none left, while others are bubbling over with it. Fighters like Holmes and Quarry. Sorry to repeat myself, but Joe didn't want to enter the WBA tournament because winning it would have involved three hard fights against three ranked contenders. He hadn't fought even one ranked guy in the previous year, so he instead opted for the unranked Mathis.

There's no argument from me that Joe fought his hardest whilerever he was standing in the ring. He had courage in spades, but not stamina, and you are confusing the two. One hard fight generally led either to a long period of inactivity or to tune downs against relative
nobodies. When thoroughbred race horses do that it's an acknowledgment that they lack stamina. The trainer micro-manages the horse, careful what races they accept. Same with boxers, in my opinion. Longevity and stamina go hand in hand, as guys like Ray Robinson, Henry Armstrong, Bob Fitzsimmons, and Jake La Motta proved. Thanks.

| 9/19/05 02:17:01 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|Noam, I agree with Kent about longevity and stamina. A fighter can take long breaks between fights for any number of reasons (taxes, time for body to heal, just plain doesn't want to fight for awhile, etc.). But stamina is a trait the same as speed or power...if Ali didn't fight often would he lose his "speed rating"? Of course not. Frasier had stamina in spades and how often he fought is immaterial to that. |

| 9/19/05 04:28:56 AM|Noam|same||same|||9|Thanks for the comments Ed, but I still disagree, I'm having trouble identifying an all time of any division who can be separated between longevity and stamina......Ali, Louis, Marciano, Holmes, Johnson, Foster, Carlos Monzon, Ray Robinson, Henry Armstrong, Bob Fitzsimmons, et al. They ALL fought many more fights than Joe, they ALL fight consecutive tough fights, and they ALL had longevity AND stamina. These guys didn't need to space fights, pick and chose, micro-manage, refuse elimination tournaments, etc.<br>I still say longevity and stamina go hand in hand. There's never been an all time great that has one without the other. In my opinion, anyway. Thanks.|

| 9/19/05 08:06:47 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Gerry: I know that Stander took out Shavers and that Shavers was one of the best fighters that Holmes defended against---but Shavers was a different fighter when he took Ali to 15 rounds and fought Holmes twice. Also, based on your logic, since Shavers KOed Ken Norton in one easy round, does that mean having a win against Norton is meaningless for Ali, Foreman, etc? My real point was that as Champion, Larry Holmes took on everyone, highly ranked, not highly ranked, home and away, black and white, power punchers and boxers---if there was a fight to be made and money to be paid, Holmes was there, in shape, no excuses, ready to rumble. The same can't be said of Joe Frazier. Frazier had some great wins, including the historic dismantling of my guy, Ali, but by and large, Frazier's climb to the top and stay at the top lacked the highest quality opponents and sheer number of fights. Noam, I don't say this often, but one of your recent posts missed a big point as well----staying out of that tournament wasn't only about not wanting to take on three fights in a relatively short period of time. Really, I think the biggest issue was the uncertainty of who he would be matched against. If nothing else, Frazier's management wanted total control over the type of fighters they'd allow Joe in against. In an elimination or even a round-robin tournament, there's a great unknown of who you fight next. Upsets happen and you never know who will advance, or how.<br>The random nature of the tournament is what kept Frazier out of it. Sure, he was better than the other fighters, but again, his management wanted to dictate when he would fight, and whom, and did not want to leave it to chance. |

| 9/19/05 08:41:51 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, Holmes did not take on everyone highly ranked. As I pointed out before, Holmes, for whatever reason, missed Gerrie Coetzee, Michael Dokes, Greg Page, Pinklon Thomas, and someone I forgot about, John Tate.<br>A lot of it had to do with who these guys were promoted by, some of them were Don King fighters who held the rival WBA title at the same time Holmes held the WBC or the IBF title, so the BS politics of the time likely kept some of these fights from happening. But to say Holmes fought every highly ranked fighter is just not true.<br>Still I rate Holmes very high on the all time list for the same reason I rate Frazier high on the list. Both fighters would have been very hard to beat by the vast majority of fighters from any era. Holmes and Frazier, at
their best, were something special to see.<br>I know the longevity issue makes people rank Frazier lower than I would rank him but I go more by how good a fighter would be at his very peak and not how long that peak lasted.<br>An exception to this rule would be James "Buster" Douglas as his peak was just one fight, his win over Tyson. One fight is just not enough to establish greatness."

Kent: I'd have to look back at old rankings to see if there's an explanation as to why Holmes missed these fights. Weren't some of these guys most potent at the tail end of Holmes' career? Tate wasn't, but I thought Greg Page came later. Coetzee was beaten by Tate, wasn't he? Then Weaver beat Tate. It seems like the guys you mentioned had losses on their records that were bad timing---keeping them out of a match against Holmes. I'm foggy on this and don't feel like checking, but did Holmes fight Witherspoon? Witherspoon came late in Holmes' career as well. Don King prevented Witherspoon from being a great fighter/great Champion.

Something Noam said made me think (or got me thinking). He is right when he says that Buster Mathis was not ranked in top 10 by Ring Magazine at the time of his fight with Frazier. He actually was NEVER ranked in the top 10 by RM, anytime in his career. Buster Mathis proved to be a very good fighter in 4 fights: Wipperman, Lincoln, Chuvalo and Frazier. But my point is that he had never proved it before the Frazier fight. What had Buster ever done to deserve a fight for the NYSAC title against Joe Frazier in 1968? I know he did beat Joe twice in the amateurs but this is not enough to deserve a title fight. Al Blue Lewis was rated in the top 10 by Ring Magazine in 1968. He would have deserved a shot at Frazier for the title more than Buster Mathis. Sonny Liston was rated in the top 10 by Ring Magazine in 1968 but I think he had been banned from fighting in the USA at the time. Again, why did they think to the unranked Buster Mathis as a challenger to Joe Frazier for the NYSAC title?

Anyway, I remain of the idea that Joe Frazier at his very best (first Ali' fight and first Ellis fight) was a real bulldozer, very hard to beat for any fighter (mostly if this fighter wasn't a devastating puncher).

Mac Foster vs. Frazier, 1969----outcome????

Kent: Ido know Coetzee lost his belt to Page but I forget who the others beat for their titles. It does get confusing after a while as these guys didn't hold their titles for long.<br>Witherspoon fought Holmes for the WBC title in 1983 and came very close to winning when Holmes was still near his peak. Of course Spoon later joined the "alphabet soup" title game.

Some excellent stuff on Frazier and the tourney in 1967. Noam makes some very good points. Joe did take, we might say, a smart road which allowed him to fight at the top of the sport without having the attrition of rounds that most other top heavies had. I still argue that because of the way he fought, Joe still got away with very little. He had to chase, with short reach, and take punches on the way in, and he clearly did fight at least most of the top guys of his day. I guess if it can be argued that Holmes missed opponents, so did Joe. I do not dismiss the NYSAC title because of the guy who held it, we'll just have to disagree there.

Holmes did fight Witherspoon, the first judge gave to Holmes 116-114, the second was for Witherspoon by the same score, the third judge was apparently for more whiskey sours, perhaps writing Holmes name on the score card every
round because it was easier to spell. Hey, this is part of boxing. Still, while it be argued that both men missed opponents, Frazier did post consistently better performances against the top guys he did fight.

Good points have been made about Holmes, unquestionably a top guy, but matches with Norton, Witherspoon, Snipes, Williams, and arguably Cooney, were close enough to demand rematches. Show me a Frazier fight that fits that description that did receive a rematch. While both guys arguably did miss opponents, Holmes clearly had very questionable performances against the guys he did face.

I don't hear this being addressed. Noam has some very good points on Mathis, who was probably top fifteen, but not top ten. He did beat Wepner and edge Lincoln. Believe it or not, Mathis dominated Chvulo before being trashed, in succession by Frazier, Quarry, Ali and Lyle. He was, apparently, a good second-tier guy. It's a wonder Holmes never faced him, given all the second tier guys he did face on the way to Shavers and Norton.

All the dialogue here only further proves to me that these are two very top notch former champions with similar standing all-time. Angelo, you are right, Stander caught Shavers in a shocking upset. Still doesn't explain all the sketchy performances without rematches. Thanks.

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<td>Frazier-Foster, good bout. The rule with Frazier was get him early or learn to live with the suffering. Foster could KO Joe early. From Round Three on, I'd take Frazier to pound away at the large target until he fell or quit. Frazier only lost to the very best. Thanks.</td>
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<td>Kent, I like Quarry. But the fact remains Frazier walked through him in both fights. Frazier came out of both fights unmarked and unscathed. Granted Quarry was tougher than Ellis. But Jerry was not a difficult fighter for Frazier. Noam, I know how much Frazier got for the Mathis fight. But, I am going to have some fun. Since you are an authority (you say that Frazier got considerably less than $175,00). Noam, tell the board what Frazier got paid for the Mathis fight. Noam, you mentioned that prior to the Mathis fight Frazier had not fought a ranked fighter in his last 7 fights. That is interesting as far as it goes. Can you tell the board the opponents the entrants in the WBA Tournament fought in their last 7 fights prior to the tournament?</td>
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<td>Pete: True, styles make fights and Jerry had a style that was perfect for Frazier to exploit. Jerry wasn't a classic power-puncher and wasn't &quot;stick and move&quot; like Ali either. In a lot of ways, he was a guy who mixed it up, like Frazier, except Frazier had a weight advantage and Frazier also had superhuman endurance----if you couldn't knock Frazier out, he just got stronger as the fight wore on. As Cosell said, many people believed a good counter-puncher could give Frazier trouble, and in the first round of their first fight, that seemed to be the case as Quarry beat Frazier to the punch and was clearly fighting better. Then Frazier started to smoke. But what's your point in questioning Noam about the participants in the tournament? The real issue at hand is that Joe stayed out of the tournament, giving him a free pass. While these top contenders were cancelling each other out, he was under the radar, waiting for the opportunity to beat just one of them. The fact that he methodically took on participants on his own time, his schedule doesn't diminish the fact that he skipped the tough part----fighting three times in a row against ranked fighters with the pressure of an elimination. Good management I guess.</td>
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| Angelo, regarding the 1st point Frazier-Quarry. I don't understand what your point was or what you are writing about. My thoughts were that Frazier walked right through Quarry and Ellis. both were finalists in the WBA Tournament. Once in the ring with Frazier neither were a threat to Frazier. Regarding my questioning of Noam, I think Noam can
speak for himself (although his opinion of Frazier's stamina is different from yours).

Regarding Frazier entering the WBA Tournament, I have read many of the past posts on this subject. They are quite lengthy and at this moment in time quite boring. You have your opinion and others have their's. But unless some of the regulars on this board change their opinions on this topic or bring up new information, I think it is a waste of time to discuss.

9/19/05 04:57:00 PM|Noam|same|same||10|Pete - I understand that Frazier got $150,000.00 for the Mathis fight, but I could be wrong (as Kent can vouch). I know it was less than the $175,000.00 he had won the WBA tournament. Rich pickings either way.

9/19/05 05:20:12 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same||10|Pete, on Frazier-Quarry I have to disagree. Quarry was clearly the better boxer and was faster than Frazier. Quarry was an expert counterpuncher, guys, he had showed that against Patterson, Spencer, Foster, Shavers and Lyle, among others. You didn't charge Quarry because he made you pay coming to him.

9/19/05 05:34:10 PM|Pete|Cleveland||N/A||10|Noam, I find you to be one of the most forthright guys on this board. And I have defended you on more than 1
occasion. Don't embarrass me now. Being that you raised the point on more than one occasion about the inferior opponents Frazier's faced leading up to the Mathis fight. I think it is only right you name the opponents that the entrants into the WBA Tournament fought in their 7 fight prior to the Tournament. Besides I don't want to be accused of putting words in your mouth, or misquoting you.<br>Come on Norm name the 7 opponents that qualified: Patterson, Martin, Terrell, Spencer, Bonevana, Quarry, Ellis, Mildenberger before they entered the Tournament. I will make it easier for you. Just name their opponents leading up to 1 year before the Tournament began. Really, this one of the main stays of your argument. Let's see if it holds up? I don't think it will. But, maybe I am wrong.<br>Regarding the opponents you mentioned capable of giving Frazier a tough time in the Tournament: Bonevana, Quarry, Ellis. The record shows only Bonevena gave Frazier any difficulty. Just because Quarry won the 1st round in the Frazier fight, I don't think on that basis one can say that Quarry gave Frazier a tough time.<br><br>Gerry, what I said regarding Quarry is being misconstrued. I never doubted Quarry's talent or gameness. All I am saying about Quarry is that Frazier walked right through Jerry, and it was not one of Frazier's toughest fights as far as punishment or damage that was layed on Frazier.<br>Gerry, it was a great fight the (the 1st one anyway.) But Frazier was not staggered, cut up, or tired. I mean compared to the Ali, Bonevena, Foreman fights it does not rank as hard. Forgive me for saying this, but Manuel Ramos, Ron Stander, Joe Bugner, Eddie Machen all staggered Joe. And while I don't consider these tough fights for Frazier, Quarry could not do that. On paper Quarry was a great opponent, but in the ring Joe had Jerry's number, bigtime.<br>The point I am trying to make someone suggested that maybe Joe did not go into the Tournament because he was trying to avoid 3 tough fights, Bonevena, Quarry, Ellis. Frazier beat Quarry and Ellis easily. And besides if he was trying to avoid Bonavena why did he give Oscar a rematch?<br>Okay Pete. I'll have a look at your question and provide an answer.<br>But remember something. It was Frazier who claimed to be the best heavyweight in the world. That was the reason he used when refusing to enter the WBA tournament. The guys who entered it weren't making that claim. Thanks.<br>There will be many interesting answers now that I'm researching recent claims.<br>Pete - During the year before Frazier fought Mathis, Joe had six fights ...... Jones, Davis, Johnson, Chuvalo, Doyle, Connors. None of these guys were rated in the Top 10 by the Ring Magazine. It was on these fights that Frazier based his claim that he was the best heavyweight in the world, too good to have to be in the elimination tournament. So now for the others. Patterson - his last six fights ....Ali (for heavyweight title), Cooper, Willie Johnson, Bill McMurray, and Jerry Quarry. (Better quality than Joe's by far.)<br>Jimmy Ellis ...... Hilton, Waqua, Daniels, Embry, Sims, Persol (not much quality there).<br>Thad Spencer ...... Bodell, London, McMurray, Jones, Lincoln, Terrell. (Better quality than Joe's.)<br>Oscar Bonavena ...... Amos Johnson, Benassi, Veliz, Hilton, Sagrispanti, Pires (looks like Oscar had a rest after knocking Frazier down twice in the first round of their fight). Ernie Terrell......Machen, Chuvalo, Jones, Ali, Spencer, Ramos. (Better quality than Joe's.)<br>Karl Mildenberger......Machen, Prebeg, Ali, Tomasoni, Walker, Lincoln. (Better than Joe's.)<br>Jerry Quarry......Orbillo, Al Jones, London, Miteff, Patterson, Daniels. (Better than Joe's.)<br>Pete - I still say that there was nothing in Joe's resume prior to the WBA tournament entitling him to the claim that he was the best heavyweight in the world, too good to enter the WBA tournament. Most of the other guys had fought better opposition and they deserved a shot at the title. All these guys were rated Top 10 by the Ring Magazine.
Joe fought Mathis, who wasn't. Joe was smart getting a 'partial title' recognized only by six states by beating an unranked guy, rather than take three hard fights to win a more respected version of the title. Still, he eventually got there and won the lot. Thanks.

| 9/20/05 01:04:02 AM | Noam | same | same | 10 |
| Hi Fan, welcome back. The spectre of your research and pending answers hang like the Sword of Damocles over my head, ready to lop it off should wanton error be exposed. Hurry up! This sort of thing can keep me awake at night. |

9/20/05 02:16:56 PM | Gerry | Cleveland | same | 10 |
| Noam, I'm not seeing your point in this. Frazier fought Jones, Doyle, Chuvalo and others, and you're saying there's no quality there. The first two are respected second-tier heavies. Chuvalo is a former top-five contender. How you can dismiss him, I have no idea. If Mathis was so bad, why did Frazier, Quarry, Ali and Lyle all match with him? On the WBA list, you have two guys, Patterson and Mildenberger, whose lists are much the same as Frazier's, except they fought Ali. There were some who suggested Ali was dodging Frazier in 1967. Frazier was ranked higher than either of these two also. I'll give you Terrell without question. Spencer's list is greatly helped by the fact he fought Terrell, otherwise, it is very similar. Quarry, God bless him, was barely ranked high enough for this field. He fought more good guys than Joe, but better is not really shown here. Leotis Martin is not shown. I believe he had beaten Sonny Liston to gain entry to the field. All of this to prove what? That Joe loafed? Joe fought some pretty good guys from what I see. I'm not getting the wide disparity you talk of, sorry. And, as you say, it washes out in hindsight. He beat Bonavena, Ellis, Quarry and Ali. Let's give Joe a break on this. |

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| Sorry, my mistake ... Martin had beaten Daniel and Johnson in his last six, a less than stellar group overall. He would later beat Mildenberger and Spencer before beating Liston in his last bout in 1969. He took such a beating himself winning that fight that he had to retire himself. |

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| Gerry - thanks for your comments. My point is that none of those guys were currently rated, either by the WBA in the Top 10 or by the Ring Magazine in its Top 10. As I wrote, I know that these guys were tough, and as you say experienced, but they weren't contenders at that point in time. None of them were selected to enter the WBA tournament. My point is that for Joe to be correct in boasting that he was the best heavyweight in the world, and therefore should virtually be given the title and not have to go through the elimination, he needed more runs on the board. He needed to have beaten Top 10 guys over the prior year. And he hadn't. Same with Buster Mathis. He wasn't Top 10. He'd never ever been in the Top 10 of the Ring Magazine. Yet he was being given a shot at the New York version of the title. This was virtually handing the thing to Joe. Mathis didn't deserve a shot. Joe even implies that in his book. But guys like Quarry DID DESERVE A SHOT and that was what the WBA were doing - giving ALL the worthy contenders a chance. That was fair, wasn't it? The only guy who wouldn't play ball and participate was Joe. If he was the best as he was boasting, what the heck. Just go in the tournament and whup asses! Tough fight after tough fight. Easily done. I must add that by that stage the only guy in the tournament Joe had fought was Bonavena. Oscar knocked Joe down twice in the first round. Joe had to hold on to beat the three knockdown rule. He barely survived to win a disputed decision. Hardly overwhelming authority to boost his claim of being the undeniable best. I'd better say it again, too. I'm not doubting that Joe was the best heavyweight out there with Ali out; he ended up proving that. However, that's with the BENEFIT OF HINDSIGHT. At the time of the WBA tournament nobody knew that for sure. It was only a boast not at that point in time supported by deeds. In my opinion,
anyway. Thanks.

It is true in both directions: Joe fought some good guys, and clearly some second-tier guys, just like all the fighters compared in the WBA field.

But, as stated before, Joe had a hard time getting fights. He was not a charismatic draw, he was very tough to defeat. Heck, he barely had management, interest in him was so low.

This has to be considered with him. Even Ali had trouble, until he became the Louisville Lip, in getting interest in him, as did Norton, who was much like Frazier on the way up --- a very tough fighter who does not draw crowds.

Rank is not black and white. After the first half dozen, it can be very subjective. Quarry, for instance, got the better of it, then the worse of it as his career progressed. It can come down to a matter of saleability for a fighter or whether a big wig has paid for it.

Either way, I don't dismiss guys like Chuvalo or Mathis, who proved their ability at least early in their careers, for meeting contenders like Frazier, Quarry, Ali and others.

Also, the WBA tourney, while very key to the careers of Ellis and Quarry, was not a perfect thing. The fighters got their ranking AFTER they were entered in the field by the WBA.

Could a few other guys have been chosen for that field than the eight that were? You bet.

It was not that cut-and-dry that these eight were WAY better than everyone else.

And that is my point.

Having had every Ring Magazine from 1965 to 1975, yes Buster Mathis was ranked No.6 World Heavyweight Contender by both the World Boxing Association and Ring Magazine.

The same night he fought Jerry Quarry, Jerry was ranked No. 4 by the Ring, and No.2 ahead of both Liston and Bonavena by the World Boxing Association, you guys do have a very valid point for I do not think he was in the Top Ten for either one, when he took Frazier on in 1968, take care!

Hi Jimmy - thanks for the comments. I got the information that Mathis wasn't ranked in the Ring Magazine's Top 10 directly from the below site:

http://www.boxrec.com/media/index.php/The_Ring_Magazine's_Annual_Ratings_Heavy...

It shows that each year from 1960 to 1969 The Ring published its annual rankings. Mathis was never in them. He may have appeared fleetingly in a monthly rating, but he was never included annually, for any year, according to that site anyway.

Gerry - I guess we're not going to convince each other. I can only say that Joe opted to fight the unranked Mathis for a title only recognized by six states, rather than fighting seven ranked guys for a version of the more widely acclaimed WBA title. For fighting Mathis he got $150,000.00 when he would have got $175,000.00 for the WBA one. If Joe was really confident he was the best in the world at that point, I know what path he would have taken. Thanks.

One other thing Jimmy. As Mathis wasn't selected to fight in the 8 man tournament, it seems he wasn't ranked in the top 8 at that point by the WBA. When Frazier withdrew, another boxer entered and it wasn't Mathis. So I take it that he wasn't in the top 9 at that point, also. Thanks.

For me, it's not really doubting that Frazier was better than the guys in the tournament---but sensing a certain arrogance his team showed to stay out of it. One thing absolutely can't be disputed: It was easier to wait for the dust to settle and fight just once against the winner, Ellis, than to start from scratch and go through three ranked contenders, not knowing who you would draw as the tournament wore on. No argument there---he took the path of least resistance. He was the best active heavyweight---but could have been upset by someone in the tournament. I've given the analogy before: If you're the top ranked college
basketball team at the end of the regular season, you have to start from the
beginning and play through the tournament to prove it. You can't wait for all
the other teams to knock each other off and only play once to earn a title. But
that's exactly what Joe was able to do in the world of boxing. I will say on
his behalf, he did take on some of the talented guys who fought in the
tournament as time wore on, and he beat them. | 
| 9/21/05 03:44:38 PM| Pete| Cleveland|| N/A || || || 10 | Angelo, you got it all wrong. It
was not arrogance on Frazier's part. It was good business sense. This is not
college basketball, or amateur boxing. This is professional boxing Frazier was
not fighting for medals he was fighting for money. "SHOW ME THE
MONEY." | 
| 9/21/05 04:03:33 PM| Angelo| Washington, DC|| funktron@yahoo.com || || || 10 | Pete: That's actually a very good point about Frazier wiping out his future paydays
all for the tournament. I hadn't thought of that. He was able to win the title
and still have some of these guys to defend against. Still, I think his
participation in the tournament would have been better for boxing and also
better for his legacy. But you are correct, it was good business sense----I
can't blame him for looking out for his financial future and taking care of his
family by having title defenses later on against guys he would have probably
whipped in the tournament. |
| 9/21/05 04:43:51 PM| Noam| same| same| same| same| same| 10 | Pete - the only reason we're still on
the subject is that you demanded that I answer your question about it. When I
didn't, you again told me to answer the question. So I did. Now you're demanding
that we get off the subject because it's boring you. Heaven forbid! I'm
scratching my head. If you've got no more questions Pete, let's move
on. | 
| 9/21/05 04:46:06 PM| Gerry| Cleveland|| same| same| same| same| 10 | It can be construed as
arrogance on Frazier's part, sure. The guy sure proved his point in any case.
Given that he also soundly beat Ali, Joe proved his worthiness as a champion
during this period with any question...| 
| 9/21/05 10:34:08 PM| Kent| Murrieta, CA|| kentallenent@aol.com | || || 10 | Pete hit the
nail on the head regarding Frazier and the WBA tourny guys. After all, as Pete
says, this is professional boxing. The fighters are in it to make money and
Frazier's management gave Joe the chance for bigger paydays by not entering the
elimination tournament. Rahman is an enigma, one time he can look good
and next time he "stinks up the joint." Rahman versus Barrett really
stunk and the reason Rahman gets to fight Vitali is because he stunk less
than Barrett. Today I had my half hour private karate lesson followed by
a one hour walk and some swimming laps. I have lost about 3 inches on my
waste but today I got weak (after my workouts) and I had a very big hot dog with
cheese, french fries, and a regular coke. My weigh in day is Friday so I hope I
didn't wipe out my progress for the week in one swoop.
To the really great champions, the ones who love the sport and take the risks, boxing means more than just money. It was about PROVING themselves the best by beating the best, not making excuses, overcoming obstacles, accepting all challenge, testing limits, and exploring new horizons. That's why guys like Duran and Monzon and Ali are held in such high esteem. They had the Who Dares Wins mentality. That's their legacy and the reason they are remembered and revered. Study the careers of the truly greats and one thing stands out - there's no need to make excuses for them. And they don't need to make excuses for themselves, either. Great stuff!

You're right, my boxing knowledge has some big and wide holes! I know very well the history of the heavyweight division (even the details) and I hold my own with the middleweight division, but I basically don't care about any other weight division. I think that Bud Spencer (Carlo Pedersoli) movies are way more funny than Gianfranco Rosi's fights.

I don't think the only reason a champion fights is the money. Champions often have a huge self pride and fight to prove they are better than their opponent. I think that Ali would have probably accepted to fight the second fight with Joe Frazier for free, just to prove that Joe was not better than him and that what happened on 8 March 1971 was due to Ali's long layoff.

I forgot to say that another division I care about is the light-heavyweight division: Bob Foster, Michael Spinks, Archie Moore, Harold Johnson etc. That's another cool weight division!

Duran's legacy as an all time great is tarnished by the fact that he quit in the ring verses Ray Leonard in their second fight. Up until that time I had thought he was the example of a warrior but the image of him waving Leonard and the referee off and saying "No Mas" and of him walking away from the fight is one that just won't go away. Say what you will about Joe Frazier being carefully managed, but inside the ring Joe never quit. He would have gotten up a thousand times after being knocked down before he would have admitted defeat.

I have heard people say Joe quit in the third Ali fight but that was his corner's decision and the right one too. Joe would have fought on if Futch hadn't stopped it.

What you say is true. I maintain that it's perfectly fine that Frazier stayed out of the tournament, possibly avoided Lyle, Shavers and other power punchers in the early 70's. If his mission was to prolong his viability as a Champion and contender and maximize his earnings to take care of himself and his family, I can't fault him. That's business. But the trade-off, as I have always maintained, is that guys like me get to second guess him - we get to say Shavers would have bombed him out or Lyle would have gutted him. Would have, could have, should have - as they say, "If ifs and buts were candy and nuts oh what a party we'd have." There are a lot of ifs, should haves and could haves surrounding Frazier, that detract from his overall place in boxing history. A strong champion? Definitely. Involved in a few great fights? Certainly. On a level with the "no excuses" group? No, not by a long shot.

Hello Noam, those annual ring ratings are a little bit tarnished for they only show the December top ten of that time which come out in February of the next years issue, case in point Jerry was
RANKED NO.2 IN AUGUST OF 1972 RING MAGAZINE, YET WAS NOT EVEN IN THEIR TOP TEN IN THE ANNUAL RANKINGS, WHY? BECAUSE AFTER HIS SECOND LOSS TO ALI HE RETIRED, I HAVE AN RING MAGAZINE ISSUE IN MY CLOSET DATED MAY OF 1969, THE MONTH ENDING (FEBRUARY 15 IN THE TOP TEN RANKINGS) BUSTER IS RANKED 6TH JQ 4TH, AND THEIR BOUT WAS COVERED THE NEXT MONTH IN THE JUNE 1969 ISSUE, JERRY QUARRY WAS IN THE RING MAGAZINE TOP 1 TO NO. 8 A GRAND TOTAL OF 87 MONTHS, AND WOULD HAVE BEEN 93 HAD HE NOT TOOK 6 MONTHS OFF IN RETIREMENT 1972, BEFORE HE BEAT LYLE, TAKE CARE!

9/23/05 12:48:03 AM|Noam|same|same|||10|Massimo - I was only joking. You have a great knowledge of boxing, although I was surprised that you didn't know much about Rossi.

Jimmy - my understanding was that the annual rankings by The Ring were a compilation of the entire year. But if you say that this is not so, then I accept your word.

Kent - I wouldn't dispose of Duran on just one fight. The rest of what he did was great. He just kept moving up the weights taking fights, looking for new challenges, constantly raising the bar for himself, stroking his ego... and not worrying too much about money. I'd rather appreciate his whole career on the fights that he took, rather than the one fight he walked away from. Think of it this way - whenever anyone challenged Duran, he took the fight. No excuses. No easy paths. He didn't refuse fights on the basis of money. There's plenty of fighters we can't say that about. Duran isn't one of them.

9/23/05 10:40:55 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Noam, Sonny Liston also quit during the first Ali fight, just one fight in a career and it does tarnish his standing as great but it was less clear cut than Duran walking away in the middle of the round because it was claimed Liston injured his shoulder. Yet people still have doubts about Sonny's heart. But at least Sonny didn't walk away in the middle of a round.

Duran claimed to have stomach cramps but the look on his face when he quit was one of frustration, not pain, at being unable to hit Leonard.

I am assuming Ali's knockout of Liston was legitimate and if so, then Liston only quit once, like Duran.

Duran had an amazing career and he should be ranked high in several divisions but not as high as he would be if he hadn't quit in the ring.

If Duran had won the distance and had he lost every round verses Leonard in their second fight or even if he had been knocked out, a clear cut loss in either case, it wouldn't effect his status as a great if he hadn't quit.

Example, Duran suffered a devastating second round knockout loss to Tommy Hearns. Hearns literally demolished him but it doesn't take away from Duran's other accomplishments. Quiting in the ring in the heat of battle does take away from his accomplishments.

9/23/05 03:04:55 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|HELLO, KENT (AKA CURLY) AND NOAM, HERE IS THE TOP TEN FIGHTER'S JERRY BEAT THAT WERE RANKED AT THE TIME BY RING MAGAZINE. FIRST THE DRAW WITH PATTERSON WHO WAS #3 PATTERSON AGAIN #5 SPENCER #2 AND #1 W.B.A. MATHIS #6 FOSTER #1 BODELL #8 MIDDLETON #7 LYLE #3 AND SHAVERS #6, THE W.B.A. ALSO HAD ALL THESE FIGHTER'S IN THEIR TOP TEN WHEN JERRY DEFEATED THEM, ACTUALLY RANKED A FEW EVEN BETTER (SPENCER FOR EXAMPLE #1).

9/23/05 05:12:03 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Jimmy: Jerry was a stopper, no doubt about it. This list is really impressive. To me, his masterpiece was the win over Lyle. At the end, Lyle just look confused and tired. To his credit, Lyle really gave Quarry credit for the win and seemed to get better with the experience he gained in that one fight.

9/23/05 06:14:33 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|thanku Angelo, Jerry himself was ranked no. 1 contender by ring magazine a total of 4 months in 1970 (before his first bout with ALI). AND THE W.B.A. had him NO.2 Bonavena no.1 And I thought that was rather odd considering Bonavena had just got himself DQUED against Miguel Paez. and Jerry had just beat 24-0 Mac Arthur Foster. The W.B.A. did have Jerry NO.1
after he beat Spencer in 1968. Where as ring magazine had JQ NO.2 citing Ali as the undetroned Champ and Joe Frazier the no.1 contender, Kent( Curly Q. Link THEY GLUE of the original defunct fearless leaders club). I agree with Noam and Duran was an alltime warrior. I can forget New Orleans, When past his prime he takes the most feared pound for pound fighter of the time Marvin Hagler, and loses by 1 point, and I believe a draw on 1 card, Duran was an alltime great, I very much felt for the fans in New Orleans on that one, But I also have to believe there was a lot more to that situation then Duran taking a walk (DON KING MAYBE???)

9/23/05 06:49:28 PM|Noam|same||same||||10|Hi Kent - with Duran, just remember that he was fighting out of his natural weight division against Leonard when that happened. Duran claims that Leonard was fighting like a sissy (or similar) and he'd just had enough and waved him away with 'No mas.' Doesn't excuse it, sure, but it adds context, especially seeing that Duran wasn't physically injured. He claims he was merely exasperated at Leonard's style in that fight. It was more a protest about Leonard, rather than quitting because he was beat. Duran was one of the greatest warriors of all time, any division, no doubt. <br><br>Using your Duran rule, Kent, we must also rule Tyson out for quitting. How many times did he quit ? The last guy he quit against, McBride, wouldn't have held a candle to Leonard, despite the weight difference. But I don't think you're writing Duran off entirely, Kent.<br><br>Jimmy: re the Ring magazine, they do call it the annual rankings, and they make a point of doing that. I still suspect that the annual rankings are a compilation of all that year's rankings. What do you think, Massimo, since you put me on to that site ? Are they annual rankings or just the rankings for December ?<br><br>Trivia, this time on anatomy. Which part of the human body is capable of predicting the future ? I don't think any of you guys will get this one. None of you guys are doctors.

9/23/05 06:58:44 PM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM||||10|I very much understand yur thinking Noam, but it is kinda funny how the December current rankings of the magazines, are they exact same as the years annual rankings I can send you the lists for i have done a ton of research on the rankings for ring magazine, for overall they were the best, One underrated (and very good) were they old top 15 for world boxing and international boxing of the 60's and 70's which were actually the same thing|

9/23/05 10:44:51 PM|Noam|same||same||||10|Jimmy - I take your word for it, of course. It looks like The Ring has placed its final rankings of the year - the December ones - as its annual ranking. While it seems a bit strange, December is the finish line for each particular year.<br>So therefore my past posts have stated on good authority that Buster Mathis was NEVER in The Ring rankings for the month of December, EVER. Seems like Buster closed down the year early approaching December. Perhaps he snacked up on turkeys way before Xmas. Probably explains his weight problem.<br>Thanks for the info Jimmy.

9/23/05 10:47:31 PM|Noam|same||same||||10|I'll end the suspense on the trivia, which you were all falling over yourselves to answer. Probably the nostrildamus ! Sorry.............!

9/24/05 05:01:38 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|I didn't even know that the "nostrildamus" is a part of the human body. Anyway, I have some serious doubts that Nostradamus could actually predict the future. Regarding the Ring Magazine subject, listen to what Jimmy Dorsey has to say, he knows his stuff.

9/24/05 10:18:24 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Noam, I don't agree with Duran's assessment that Leonard was fighting like a sissy as Leonard was hitting him with good shots even if he was moving a lot. There is nothing wrong with him fighting his fight and hitting and not getting hit.<br>In their first fight Leonard stood in and fought toe to toe with Duran and he lost
a close decision. Which is the better plan? Fight the other guy's fight and lose, even if it was a close fight or fight in your style and win easily? No contest, the second plan is the better one.<br><br>I don't agree Duran was fighting out of his weight class as even though his best years were at lightweight, he had outgrown the division. <br><br>Also, not only did he win a decision over Leonard in their first fight, Duran had beaten a very good former welterweight champion in Carlos Palimino to get a shot at Leonard's title.<br><br>In addition to his success at welterweight, Duran did come close to beating a great middleweight champion in Marvin Hagler and he also would go on to win titles in the junior middleweight and middleweight divisions.<br><br>Still, quitting in the ring tarnishes his status as an all time great somewhat. A warrior doesn't quit.
Were the 3 knockdowns all in the same round or were distributed in different rounds? It's quite uncommon in boxing being knocked down three times but still winning a fight! It reminds me (of) Moore-Durelle and Mesi—a guy whose name I can't remember in this moment. Thanks.

I wasn't overly impressed with either fighter. Klitschko was his typical self, lacking balance, lacking confidence getting knocked down a lot. Peter, well I feel that he is somewhat over-rated this early in the game. If Klitschko was able to tie him up and keep him in the centre of the ring for the entire fight, not to mention survive a number of his powerhouse knockdowns... well give me Lamon Brewster. He's got it over both of these fighters. What is the next big heavy contest for us to look forward to?

The decision was fair as Peter just didn't throw enough punches in the other rounds and Klitschko scored more points. All three judges scored it 114 to 111. Joey, you are right, it showed the flaws of both fighters, but I do believe Klitschko gained confidence by surviving the knockdowns and fighting back. It was an important fight for Klitschko though as he was able to overcome a lot of adversity and he came out on top. A lot of people didn't think he could do it. Peter is very strong and he hits very hard. He does need to work on setting up his punches better and he needs to throw more of them but like I said, at twenty five years old there is time for him to improve these skills. Peter himself takes a hell of a punch as even though he was wobbled in the last round he took some hard punches from Klitschko and he was still standing, impressive.

Very interesting heavyweight fight Sat night. I thought Peter fought pretty well considering his lack of experience with top fighters. Going 12 rounds should help season him and he certainly wasn't disgraced. You've also got to give credit to Klitschko for taking on such a tough fighter as Peter. Seeing Peter stalk Klitschko around the ring, well it gave me the feeling one mistake by Klitschko and its over for him. I thought the knockdowns by Peter were kind of cheap though...back of head punches and some were punch push type. There were times where Klitschko was in big trouble though. And Klitschko does have a big lapse during fights where he is vulnerable...if he fights though it he seems to get a second wind which is exactly what happened during fight. ON the plus side for Peter he has an iron jaw. He also is resistant to cuts and eye swelling...very tough guy. He took everything Klitschko could throw and laughed at it, except for sneaky left hook in last round that staggered him. The fight kind of reminded me of Tua/Ibeabuchi slug fest of a few years ago. Ibeabuchi won on close decision. If Ibeabuchi had he stayed clean he probably would have wiped all these current heavys out. This post below seems to indicate that Tua fight damaged Ibeabuchi and caused him to act bizarre.

One day probably this Samuele Pietro is gonna fight Vitali and it will be interesting. Vitali can take a punch much better than his brother, but probably is not as powerful. It's probably a better matchup than Vitali-Rahman (TSK,TSK). Rahman would have a much better chance against Wladimir. Yesterday I have seen (or saw) for the first time the legendary Ali'-Folley fight. I was impressed by how good Folley performed. He hit Ali' to the head many times, not many fighters ever could hit Ali' to the head so often (not even George Foreman). And that was Ali' at his very best while Zora was a little over the hill. Zora Folley had good power in his punches, he was really good. Ali's win was very clear, but not an easy one. Angelo Dundee said "the greatest fight he ever looked was against Folley". Well,
I don't agree with him, Ali' looked pretty good, but was not dominating in that fight. I think his most impressive fight remains the Cleveland Williams fight, regardless of Cleveland's conditions.Interesting that just before the Zora Folley fight, Ali' said in an interview: "I'll retire tonight and I'll never come back". Is this true? Noam, claims the Foreman quit against Ali? I thought Foreman got counted out. Did I miss something over the years. Is this a common belief that Foreman quit against Ali?

Pete: "Quit" could mean a lot of different things. If you ask me, Michael Spinks "quit" against Mike Tyson in the first minute. Duran literally quit against Leonard, by withdrawing from the fight and deciding not to continue. Did Tyson "quit" against Holyfield by biting his ears and forcing a disqualification? Maybe. Did Frazier "quit" against Foreman? No way. I'm one of the guys who has taken Frazier to task for not fighting certain opponents, but I'll never say that Frazier quit against anybody. Quit was not in Frazier's vocabulary. He would have come out for the 15th round in Manilla, unable to see Ali. He would have fought blind in that round if his trainers let him. Against Foreman, he would have continued to get up after each knockdown until he simply couldn't. Did Shavers quit against Quarry? No, even though Norton accused Shavers of quitting against Jerry, in my opinion, he was simply unable to continue. Conversely, Norton quit against Shavers in my opinion. He started getting hit in the opening moments of the first round and decided to pack it in rather than go through an evening gut check. Norton showed a lot of heart against Ali and Holmes, both tacticians who weren't known for a big punch, but Norton showed very little heart against guys like Foreman, Shavers and Cooney, who could land hard and often. As for Foreman vs. Ali, I don't think Foreman quit---and I don't think he was squarely knocked out. I think he was exhausted. My impression is that Foreman was counted out too quickly(or too fast) in Kinshasa. Very honestly, I don't think the count lasted 10 seconds...It was kind of 1,2,3,10. Anyway, George was already a beaten man. That one was Ali's greatest performance. Angelo, and Massimo that was my impression also, Foreman was counted out. When Noam said that Foreman quit against Ali I thought I missed something. I cannot imagine comparing Duran and Tyson's defeats to Foreman's loss. Foreman did not quit or get disqualified. Foreman was counted out.

Pete - what I wrote was that in my opinion (I can give my opinion, can't I ?) Foreman was dispirited and fatigued. I believe that he could have beaten the count, had he wanted to. Foreman himself says that he could have beaten the count but had wrongly interpreted what the count was and in error rose late.

Fan, how are you going with your expose ? I can't wait ! Anyway, Pete, who are your favourite lightweights ?

Angelo - you described the situation aptly and fairly, especially regarding Foreman. He was exhausted rather than hurt. The punches Ali hit him with wouldn't have knocked him down earlier in that fight. Regards Duran, there were certainly more highlights than that one low point. Duran won four world titles, with each title taken from an outstanding champion. He won the lightweight title at age 21 from Ken Buchanan. Roberto defended it 13 times against the very best. The number of title defenses equaled the record for that division. Duran moved up TWO divisions to beat Ray Leonard for the welterweight title. He then moved up to light-
middleweight and won the title from another outstanding champion Davey Moore.<br><br>Pundits consider Duran arguably the greatest lightweight of all time. He was the ultimate warrior who loved the thrill of battle. If you wanted someone beside you in a war then the legendary Duran fits that bill despite that single moment of madness against Leonard in the 'No mas' fight. <br><br>Fight fans of all divisions, rather than just the heavyweights, have Roberto right up there with the pound-for-pound legends. You've only got to examine his record to understand why. It's a great pity that it has that one stain. <br><br>There is no way Earnie Shavers quit against Jerry Quarry. He beat the count when he got knocked down but he rose on very unsteady legs and the referee made the correct decision by stopping the fight as Shavers didn't know where he was. Shavers could have been seriously hurt if he had been allowed to continue.<br><br>I also don't believe Norton quit when he got knocked out by Shavers. Sometimes a fighter just gets caught early. I am not sure why Norton said Shavers quit when Jerry knocked him out. Sour grapes for people pointing out Norton got knocked out early a few times himself?<br><br>The next Ali'-Frazier fight in the heavyweight division is Lamon Brewster vs Luan Krasniqui! People is already talking in the streets about this fight..."Brewster is gonna win!", "Krasniqui is gonna win!". People just can't wait!!

Kent: It was the prefight nonsense before Shavers-Norton when those comments took place. Shavers said that he would KO Norton because he questioned Norton's heart, pointing out that Norton "quit" against Foreman, rather than mix it up. Norton countered that "Shavers quit against Lyle and he quit against Quarry." Shavers had the last laugh as the fight didn't make it out of the first round. He was gracious to Norton in victory though. Noam: I agree with you that Foreman probably could have beaten the count and continued against Ali, but he was spent. Ali would have gotten to him and put him away within seconds. | Pete: Actually, I don't think Duran quit on his stool---he quit during the round by waving Leonard away and turning his back to Leonard. It was a bad night for Duran but doesn't take away from his many great wins, titles and overall accomplishments. "Hands of Stone" is still a legend. As for Leonard, he had already proven himself to the world by the time he met Hearns---but I was stubborn enough to claim that Leonard was just an Olympic/ABC TV darling and that Hearns would expose him and batter him. Well, Leonard was simply amazing
against Hearns—the fact that he turned slugger to KO Hearns blew my mind. I never doubted Leonard again. I actually picked Leonard to beat Hagler and he proved me right. | 9/27/05 02:36:49 PM| Pete| Cleveland|| N/A ||| 10 | Angelo, sorry about that mistake regarding Duran. Regarding Leonard I was never a big fan of his. But as far as being a fighter he is among the best. Leonard was a true warrior he let it all hang out. In this sense he was like Ray Robinson he was the ultimate warrior. He was willing to make any sacrifice when it came to winning a fight. <br> <br> Strangely what people sometimes forget about Leonard is that yes he lost the 1st fight with Duran. But even though Duran won a unanimous decision it was a close fight. If I was in a war, I would want to be in a foxhole with Leonard because I know he would fight until death. |

9/27/05 03:57:46 PM| Noam| same ||| same ||| 10 | Gerry - Leonard and Duran were both great. I agree that Leonard was outclassing Duran the second fight, but don't forget that Duran was a originally a lightweight who'd risen two weight divisions. <br> <br> Also, remember that Duran won that first fight against Leonard. Even so, I'm more of a fan of Leonard than I am of Duran. <br> <br> Pete, who are your top 10 lightweights? |

9/28/05 08:44:41 AM| Pete| Cleveland|| N/A ||| 10 | Noam, regarding my top 10 lightweight. I base my selection on fighters who fights I have seen. Meaning someone such as Benny Leonard I cannot rate because what films I saw of him were of poor quality or of short duration, the same can be said about Ross, Canzoneri, McFarlin... So of the ones I have seen on tape here goes:<br> 1 Ray Robinson<br> 2 Carlos Ortiz<br> 3 Pernell Whitaker<br> 4 Roberto Duran<br> 5 Ike Williams<br> 6 Hank Armstrong<br> 7 Joe Brown<br> 8 Jimmy Carter<br> 9 Julio Cesar Chavez<br> 10 Ismael Laguna<br> <br> I include Ray Robinson as a lightweight because when he turned pro he fought as a lightweight. And in less than 1 year as a pro he beat the lightweight champion Sammy Angott in a 10 round decision. Robinson was denied a shot at the lightweight championship because he was too good, if given a shot he certainly would have won that title too. |

9/28/05 01:53:48 PM| Angelo| Washington, DC|| funktron@yahoo.com ||| 10 | This is some list. I might flip-flop Sweet Pea Whittaker and Duran---maybe---but from the fighters I'm familiar with on your list, it's pretty damn accurate. I must say, Duran vs. Robinson would have been something to see. |

9/28/05 02:45:21 PM| Pete| Cleveland|| N/A ||| 10 | Angelo, if we removed Robinson from my list and just included from Ortiz to Armstrong there is little to choose from regarding each fighter's greatness. If they all fought each other 7 times the end results would probably be something like a 4-3 win loss record they are all so equally great. |

9/28/05 03:36:59 PM| Noam| same ||| same ||| 10 | A good list from Pete. Another excellent lightweight, although I've never seen film of him (probably because he fought in 1902) was Joe Gans. He held the lightweight title from 1902 to 1908 when he was beaten by Battling Nelson. Gans was black and because he so thoroughly dominated the division, whites set up their own version of the title (a white lightweight championship) because they couldn't beat Joe to get the real one. |

9/28/05 11:41:33 PM| Kent| Murrieta, Ca|| kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10 | A recurring theme on this site is us Quarry fans complaining about programs like ESPN Classic just showing Jerry's losing fights. They never show Jerry's biggest wins such as over Patterson, Lyle, and Shavers. They just showed for the 100th time Jerry's loss to Ken Norton. But rather than rahash that Jerry could have beaten Norton or he would have had a much better chance prime versus prime, I would like to address the fact that the Norton fight lasted way too long because after fighting effectively and competitively for three rounds, Jerry took a terrible beating in the fourth and fifth rounds, leading up to a late fifth round TKO loss to Norton. So from early in the fourth round to the ending Jerry had very little chance of winning and the fight should have
been stopped much sooner than it was stopped.<br><br>Jerry took an unneeded beating for almost two whole rounds, he was bleeding badly and getting pounded from post to post. Just because he was throwing punches back doesn't mean the doctor, the referee, and Gil Clancy should have let him continue.<br><br>Jerry wouldn't have been happy if the fight was stopped sooner but as it was he protested the stoppage near the end of the fifth round anyway. He can be seen pushing the referee away when it was stopped.<br><br>Sometimes fighters need to be protected from themselves whether they like it or not and the Norton/Quarry fight is an example of this.| 9/29/05 08:24:33 AM| Angelo| Washington, DC || funktron@yahoo.com ||| 10 | Kent: I think we can agree that both the Frazier II and Norton fights should have been called earlier. Both were a little ridiculous, for different reasons. But it is legitimate for Quarry fans to complain about ESPN bias—not showing any of Jerry's great wins and perpetuating the myth that he was some sort of punching bag. Even some astute younger boxing fans have no idea about his big wins—only the damn losses that keep being shown over and over. It is frustrating. Also, I'll add that yes, the fight against Norton would have been different prime vs. prime but most like, JQ would have lost to Frazier nine out of ten times. |

9/29/05 09:37:00 AM| Kent| Murrieta, Ca || kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10 | Angelo, but I hear so often what a great trainer Gil Clancy is but I don't see it as in both Frazier two and the Norton fight he didn't protect his fighter.<br><br>Never mind that Joe Louis in the Frazier 2 fight was a lousy referee who let the fight go on too long and the same can be said about the referee in the Norton fight. That although this is true, Clancy could have insisted the fights be stopped sooner. A good corner man does this, he protects his fighter no matter what.<br><br>I remember years ago when this or that football player was thinking about boxing and fighting Muhammad Ali that I would tell my friends, avid football fans, that these players, no matter how strong, wouldn't last two rounds with Jerry Quarry let alone Ali and my friends would laugh at me and say, " Quarry, he is terrible, all he ever does is lose." They really believed that some "Joe Footballer" with no boxing experience would destroy Jerry.<br><br>I would then ask my friends, "have you heard of Floyd Patterson, Ron Lyle, and Earnie Shavers?" Most of them would say yes and I when I told them Jerry fought all three of them they would assume Jerry got beat up badly by all of them. They would be surprised when I said that Jerry beat these fighters, two of them quite convincingly.<br><br>I also believe that Jerry would have knocked out Wilt Chamberlain. Chamberlain would have never taken a fight with Jerry if he was trying to get one fight with Ali as Jerry would have been too dangerous for him for less money.<br><br>9/29/05 01:21:23 PM| Ben Swaab| Seattle || ben.swaab@nordstrom.com ||| 10 | Kent, Do you remember how Eddie Machen and Zorra Folley died. Also I emailed ESPN Classic on showing more of Jerry Quarry's wins instead of the losses. Would love to see Jerry's fights against Mac Foster, Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers on ESPN Classic.<br>

9/29/05 04:12:29 PM| Fan| Fandom || Fan@Fandom.com ||| 10 | Folley hit his head on a swimming pool at the age of 40 in 1972. Machen "fell" out of a window at the age of 40 in 1972 as well. Eddie had problems in his life and sadly never conquered all his demons. God bless both of them, they were great fighters that should have gotten a shot in the late 50's. I will never forgive Cus D'Amato for turning the title into a joke for 3 years. |

9/29/05 09:11:17 PM| Kent| Murrieta, Ca || kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10 | Fan from Fandom, thanks for handling that one. It is sad how Folley and Machen died so early in life.<br><br>Both were excellent heavyweights who did deserve a shot at the title| 9/30/05 01:28:19 AM| Massimo| Roma || 4 ||| 10 | I read a couple of days ago that Zora Folley was a very nice person. When he died in the swimming pool he was playing
with a friend ("who throws who in the swimming pool"). What a tragedy. As a fighter he was so good he gave Oscar Bonavena a boxing lesson and gave an in prime Ali' a fight.<br>

I agree with Kent that Jerry Quarry would have knocked out Wilt Chamberlain. Since styles make fights, I think that Jerry would have had an easier time against "The Stilt" than Ali'. I think probably Jerry punched harder than Ali'. Wilt Chamberlain vs Shaquille O'Neal in a boxing fight? But don't forget that Calvin Lane is the man: 7'5" 1/2, over 400 lbs. Nobody in this world can whip Calvin Lane.<br>

I think Ali actually had a higher knockout percentage than Jerry but that doesn't tell the whole story as Ali would punched in large numbers and no individual punch was as hard as a Quarry left hook or Jerry's hard right hand.

By way of example, I note that an inordinate amount of time was recently devoted to denigrating Buster Mathis, in an apparent effort to diminish Joe Frazier and the "NY" version of the title (actually several states). The fact is, most fans in 67-68 knew Frazier was the best around, and that he would destroy Ellis, when they met, which he did. Even after Ellis beat Jerry for the WBA title, many still considered Jerry the top threat to Frazier. Although Jimmy was the WBA Champ and a very skilled fighter, he was generally dismissed as merely an Ali sparring partner whom Quarry should have beaten. Which is why those who considered the deposed Ali the best found little in Frazier's demolition of Jimmy to suggest that he could take Ali. <br>

I might also add that, at the time, the Quarry-Mathis fight was huge. It was so big that it co-headlined the very first card at the "new" MSG. Irrespective of the (often bogus) rankings by the various organizations, Mathis was a top heavy in the public's eye, or the fight would not have been picked for the MSG debut, and it would have received little attention. This was not the case. I still have many pre-fight clippings from the NY papers. Denigrating Mathis does an injustice to Jerry (a la ESPN), and one of his biggest victories, certainly the one that made him a life long fan favorite in NY. This was a critically important factor in Jerry's career. The California kid was often referred to as the "house heavyweight" at MSG, something Jerry truly appreciated after the shoddy treatment he got in his home state.<br>

Re: Fights that should have been stopped early: In Frazier-Quarry II, as I've observed before, the only guy who tried to save Jerry from injury in that fight was, ironically, Frazier himself. And not in an offensive display of mean spirited, self aggrandizing showmanship either, he wanted Joe Louis to step in and stop it. When asked about it afterward he was quoted saying "Jerry's a good guy. I don't want to kill no one." Conversely, I don't think Norton could have cared less had he killed the grossly undersized, shot, and unprepared version of Quarry he was lucky enough to draw.<br>

Getting back to Frazier-Quarry II, perhaps Joe was just returning the favor from earlier in the fight when Jerry would not take advantage of a low blow he inflicted accidentally, despite Clancy exhorting him to follow up against the stricken Frazier. You can see this on the video, it does not speak well of Clancy, but speaks volumes about Jerry's sense of fair play.<br>

(How many heavyweights did Clancy bounce to and from anyway? He was certainly no Angelo Dundee or Yancey Durham.)<br>

I see one poster mentioned an upcoming "Beyond the Glory" segment about Frazier, then no one commented on it. Didn't anyone tune in?<br>

The Frazier-Ali I stuff was pretty good, after that they kind of sped through the rest of his life. Good interviews with his son Marvis too. They were certainly kinder to Joe than ESPN has been to Jerry, whose career has been literally distorted by the network. The Stuart Scott segment on Jerry's passing, which is included on the JQF video, is journalistically irresponsible and borderline slanderous. You know what they say
about the winners writing history.<br>Regards to all.|<br>9/30/05 11:16:30 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Hello USA Fan, I had forgotten about Clancy telling Jerry to go after Frazier when Jerry hurt Frazier with a low blow, that by the way referee Louis didn't notice. It was an obvious foul by Jerry but accidental and Jerry, the true sportsman he was, backed off.<br>That low blow by Jerry in Frazier/Quarry 2 and Clancy telling Jerry to follow up on it is another example on Clancy's character not being very good.|<br>9/30/05 12:34:08 PM|Ben Swaab|Seattle||ben.swaab@nordstrom.com|||10|ESPN forgets how popular Jerry Quarry was. Between 1968 and 1974 he was all over T.V. Remember their was no cable no ESPN.<br>The first time I saw Jerry Quarry was on I Dream of Jeannie the second time was on Batman after that I was hooked on Boxing. I remember when he went into the first Frazier fight wearing a baby blue golf hat I ran out and bought myself one. I was so bummed when he lost, I was so sure he was going to win.<br>I met Jerry in Seattle in June of 1970 right after his knockout of Mac Foster. He was such a class act I was 12 years old and he knew I was a big fan he took his time with me and answered all my questions. I remember telling him he should always wear white trunks it seems to bring you luck.... he said he would think about that. <br>I just wish Jerry had better mangement in 72,73,74 they should of waited for Foreman I don't understand why he had to go into the second Frazier fight. I believe he would have taken Foreman! Jerry would have used the same game plan like in the Lyle fight, in the later rounds you would see Quarry take Foerman out. Frazier and Norton had sharper faster punching power which gave Jerry problems. Foreman had heavy slow punches you could not take Jerry out with those type of punches. <br>To me Jerry Quarry will alway be a Champion!! |<br>9/30/05 02:21:49 PM|Nickory|U.S.A||Nickory@hotmail.com|||8|The death of Leavander Johnson should change the way we look at boxing.<br>There have been many recent, tragic deaths in the ring.  Levaender Johnson's is just the most recent and high profile.  Ref's are not stopping fights when they should. Guys are being let up at the 8 or 9 without anything solid underneath them just to get KO'd severly by their opponents. If you suggest that there is no room for improving the safety of the fighters, then you are in fact saying that their lives are less important than the perpetuation of the sport. You may not think that is what you are saying, but it is the simple logical conculslion of that line of argument.<br>I'm not saying stop the fights based on the volume of punches. I'm just saying that fighters are clearly being allowed to get up and keep fighting long after they could even hope to mount a reasonable offense, defense, or even offer a cry of "No More." Not all fighters know the risk or proffesional fighting. If Holyfield knew the risk he would not be trying to fight still. He's so damn stupid now that he doesn't realize that he is killing himself. Promoters force fighters to go in against better fighters and get knocked out. They push them to fight too long, too often. Managers abuse fighters' dreams of winning championships and getting set for life. Fighters often don't know the risk or are not given the option to protect themselves.<br>And let's say that someone dies even after more stringent rules are put in place. Would that not indicate that there is something fundamentally wrong with how the sport is played? Are we no better than the Romans that expected their fighters to die for their entertainment? <br>This is a sport! Sports do not matter in any way that should affect people! If they do, too much value has been placed on these sports. It is a game, no more important to life than checkers. One man dying in the ring is one man too many for something that really doesn't matter.<br>I say if men keep dying in the ring, go ahead and beef up the gloves, make head gear, whatever it takes to stop desperate young men from dying for our amusement. <br>Nick|<br>9/30/05 04:24:18 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Nick:  We
need to keep working to make boxing safer and to eliminate or at least greatly reduce the number of severe brain injuries and deaths. This does NOT mean the sport should be abolished. No need to throw out the baby with the bathwater. But we do need to take practical steps to implement reforms that will prevent these tragic ring deaths/injuries to the best of our ability. Yes, it's one of the only sports where the intent is to harm the other person, but last I heard, it is not the sport where the most serious injuries and deaths actually occur. Every year, high school, college and even some pro football players die during training camp or practice. Mountain climbing----people die. Hang gliding---people die. Diving----people are paralyzed. Auto racing----deaths are routine. You feel terrible everytime you read about these things. I was shaken after reading about Greg Page's injuries and now Leavander Johnson's death. It really is a brutal sport that needs to be regulated carefully to give the participants their best chance of competing hard without dying or suffering brain damage. I would not want my son to take up boxing, yet I watch other peoples' children fight and sometimes seriously hurt themselves. I have mixed emotions---some guilt probably. I do love the sport, especially my memories of the great fights past.

| 9/30/05 09:47:42 PM | Kent | Murrieta, CA | kentallenent@aol.com | | 10 | Nickory, the problem with banning boxing is boxing would not go away, it would become an underground sport with no regulations, much more dangerous to the contestants. Improvements can be made by following existing regulations to the letter of the law and by passing additional safety regulations. James Quarry, brother of Jerry and CO founder of this site, pushed for a number of improvements in safety such as a stricter mandatory three knockdown rule in which a fighter is declared knocked out if he is knocked down three times in a fight, not just in one round. He also was for fighters taking routine MRI brain scans and if any brain damage is present, then that fighter would not be licensed to fight anywhere regardless if any outward symptoms are present. Another reform he supported is perspective fighters taking a blood test to see if they have a gene that predisposes them to conditions such as Alzheimer's disease as the so called Punch Drunk Syndrome can have symptoms like those in Alzheimer's or in some cases, Parkinson's disease. If this test was readily available, potential boxers could make a more informed choice about competing or not. The Jerry Quarry Foundation has helped pass some legislation towards improving boxing safety but more work needs to be done. I understand all of the regulations in the world cannot stop a tragedy like what happened to Lavander Johnson from happening but at least others who might otherwise be damage can avoid or at least lesson potential damage. |

| 9/30/05 11:57:38 PM | Noam | same | same | | 10 | Fan - the point you are missing is that the New York title was ONLY recognized by five states other than New York. That's a fact. Out of the whole world only six states of the USA recognized the title. Don't shoot the messenger, please, for relaying facts, which, by themselves discredit that partial version of the title. Thanks. |

| 10/1/05 08:32:21 AM | Kent | Murrieta, CA | kentallenent@aol.com | | 10 | Noam, you continue to miss the point that the NYASC title was recognized outside the U.S. by other nations that were part of the group that formed the WBC, the rival organization to the WBA. In fact the fight for unification of the heavyweight title between Frazier and Ellis was for the WBA and WBC titles. Since Ellis was never recognized by the WBC as heavyweight champion, only by the WBA, shows Frazier was recognized outside the U.S. The point is, both Frazier and Ellis' titles were disputed titles that is why they fought to clear up the dispute. I just saw highlights of Frazier verses Mathis and Mathis fought very well. He was acutally even on the scorecard of one of the judge's and one point behind on one of the other judge's card's at the time he was knocked out by one tremendous left hook in round eleven. That effort and |
his winning effort over George Chuvalo in a very hard fought contest shows the
man could fight. Mathis was 30-4 in his career and his four losses were
to Frazier, Muhammad Ali, our own Jerry Quarry, and Ron Lyle, no shame in losing
to those guys. You can question Mathis' ranking as far as deserving
a title shot but the fact is he got the title shot and he came close to winning
it. You also can't judge his ability by Frazier downplaying it as Joe
rarely gave other fighters any credit. In fact Frazier also said the Ellis
fights were easy but the tapes show differently, that he had to come from behind
in both those fights to win, as they do in the Mathis fight, a brutal hard
fought contest. |

First off - civility is the new
watchword, and that is a good thing. For all of the younger
fans, the MSG connection was truly a lynchpin in Jerry's career. The role of
MSG (Harry Markson and Teddy Brenner) in Jerry's sustained public prominence
cannot be underestimated. His biggest wins, Mathis, Foster, Lyle, Shavers, were
there in NYC. Without the support of the New York fans, I respectfully submit, Jerry would not have gone as far as he did. He always
seemed to get another shot. And as often he made good on it. It is
an odd circumstance that the West Coast fans did not appreciate Jerry Quarry the
way the East Coast did. For a time he was damn close to being a
"Superstar"......whatever that is. |

Yes Kent, he had the fans out West, as
you said it was the press who hounded him unfairly, and still do over at ESPN.
But NY loved him. even in his Garden losses - Frazier I and II, Chuvalo, Norton.
The only fighter who got louder ovations at MSG was Floyd Patterson, I guess
because he was actually from NYC. At his height, Jerry even made many
television appearances incuding roles in "I Dream of Jeanne", "Adam 12" and
"Land of the Giants", and, as I recall, he sang on the Hollywood Palace variety
show (I think the song was Glen Campbell's "By The Time I get To Phoenix"). Not
to mention the "Superstars" and some announcing. He was very good at just about
anything he tried. Jerry would have been one popular champ. It
just wasn't meant to be. I get a little sad whenever I see Randy Nuemann
(another MSG Quarry victory) refereeing, thinking it could have been Jerry. |

I used to think Jerry would lose hands down to Mike Tyson, prime verses prime but although I
think Tyson's accurate power punching could also bust up Jerry's tender skin,
the intangibles such as heart would be in Jerry's favor. Consider that
James "Quick" Tillis at about 207 gave a near title winning Tyson all he could
handle and Jerry wasn't that much smaller than Tillis and Jerry was stronger and
he hit harder than Tillis. If he didn't get cut and if he lasted out of
the early rounds, which is a good bet as Jerry could take a great punch, Jerry
had something that Tillis had which could give Jerry a win over Tyson and almost
gave a win to Tills, and that is Jerry, like Tillis, would not be afraid of
Tyson. Jerry did take some bombs from some big hitters like Shavers, Mac
Foster, Lyle, Frazier, and Norton without, except for a knockdown in the second
Frazier fight from a body punch, going down. I think Jerry would have his hands full with Tysons quickness, even if he could
absorb Tyson's power. An in-prime Tyson was an attack pit bull, hard to fend
off. I agree with you though, that if Quarry avoided cuts, he'd have a chance.
Jerry was better than most of the guys Tyson ever fought. Quarry would stay
upright, no doubt about it. Quarry would make it into the middle and later
rounds if he didn't cut, and that would present problems for Tyson.

The Klitschko Brothers, especially Vitali, would give Jerry huge, no pun intended,
problems. Because although they appear to be lumbering, clumsy fighters, they
have accurate fast combinations with both hands and they both work well off of
the jab. Wladimir K seems to get knocked down or out by anyone with some
power. He was down recently verses Sam Peter and in his previous bout against
Davaryl Williamson and of course his knockout losses to Sanders and Brewster.
Jerry would have the power to hurt Wladimir. Chris Byrd might land enough
punches to steal a decision away from Jerry and James Toney has very good
overall boxing skills to give Jerry a lot of trouble. I know a lot of people
are put off by Toney's bragging but the man knows his boxing, he really is a
smart fighter who knows all of the tricks of the trade. The other
contenders: I would give the edge to Jerry due to his speed and accurate
punches, including Hasim Rahman. Jerry could take his power and outbox him,
like he did verses Lyle. Regarding Sam Peter, the same scenario for a
fight with Rahman with Jerry outboxing him. Of course Peter is still young and
he has time to improve his skills. I also think Jerry could out box Lamon
Brewster, another similar fighter to Rahman and Peter. John Ruiz would be
a win for Jerry also as even though Ruiz would try and get rough with Jerry, it
wouldn't work as Jerry could get rough with the best of them. I think
Jerry Quarry would be a good bet to win at least one of the titles out there
today and maybe even more than one title.

I don't think that JERRY, God bless
him, would have survived TYSON '88-'90. TYSON was just to fast and powerful.
There is the argument "WHO DID HE FIGHT?" Well that's a legitimate question but
really who did any of the great modern heavies fight? MARCIANO fought a washed
up JOE LOUIS, LISTON fought ALI twice and lost both times, ALI fought LISTON,
FRAZIER and FOREMAN(losing 1 of 3 to FRAZIER, winning all others), FRAZIER
fought ALI(winning 1 of 3)and FOREMAN(losing twice), FOREMAN fought FRAZIER
twice, ALI once(lost the title), HOLMES fought a washed up ALI and lost to
TYSON, TYSON fought a washed up HOLMES and lost to LEWIS, LEWIS fought a washed
up TYSON. There were a lot of good fighters throughout this era(MACHEN,
PATTERSON, CHARLES, CHUVALO, QUARRY, LYLE, NORTON, SHAVERS just to mention a
few) but none of them were fighting at quite the level of the previously
mentioned. Typically there is 1 dominant heavyweight, who defeats most of the
contenders, during his brief reign as champion.
That's why a guy like Quarry, in my opinion, would have his way with the heavyweight division, 2005. | 10/4/05 06:21:26 PM| Joey|T.O.||a|||10|"The Klitschko Brothers, especially Vitali, would give Jerry huge, no pun intended, problems. Because although they appear to be lumbering, clumsy fighters, they have accurate fast combinations with both hands and they both work well off of the jab."<br>

KENT, I don't think that the KLITSCHKOS measure up to LENNOX LEWIS, as far as big heavies are concerned. Granted VITALI gave LENNOX a run for his money, but LENNOX was pretty much done by that point in time and LEWIS did bust him up pretty good. Don't misunderstand me I'm not a LEWIS fan and really had a personal distaste for him as a fighter but I do feel that the KLITSCHKOS are vastly over rated simply because as ANGELO suggested, there isn't much out there currently.<br>

Joey, you are right, the K brothers are not as good as Lewis was but at least Vitali, is the best we have right now and it would be a difficult task for Jerry to beat him.<br>

Vladimir K. has excellent boxing skills and it is possible he could bust up Jerry's tender skin but he usually starts to go down hill by round number five and I don't think Jerry would let him off of the hook like Sam Peter did. Sam had Wlad ready to go in round five of their fight but when he came out for round six, he didn't do anything of note and Wlad was able to recover. Jerry would have jumped on him and finished him if he didn't get him the previous round.| 10/4/05 08:04:48 PM| Noam|same||same|||10|Kent - the New York version was only recognized by six states in the US of A. That's a fact. Even Frazier acknowledges that in his book. Joe didn't want to fight the other guys picked for the WBA tournament and that was his business, even though it tarnishes him. However the title meant nothing until he beat Ellis. Before then he didn't want the hard lead-up fights the WBA tournament would have given him. All the other ranked guys were ready to fight him. Fan - I appreciate your civility, too, and that's what Brenda was asking for. It's good to see it's picked up. Thanks.| 10/5/05 10:52:29 AM| mark sargeant| uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|Concerning the Klitschko's, I think that the younger and more criticised Wladimir has the better record by far. He has beaten Byrd which by today's standards was a top win, Botha, Mercer, McClane, Barrett, Williamson and now the big current danger in Samuel Peter which was a very big points win. Vitali, on the other hand, put in an impressive but ultimately losing battle against an underprepared Lewis a good win win against Sanders (as did Rahman) an Kirk Johnson of note. At the moment the likes of Tua and Rahman have better names on their list. The two of them are probably the two best fighters of that era.| 10/5/05 11:51:06 AM| Gerry|Cleveland||same|||10|Noam is still going on about Frazier? How many converts does he have now? Let's just agree to disagree on
that tired subject...<br>I'll take Vitali out of the two brothers, even though Wlad does have more talent. Vitali is a proven commodity. In fact, Vitali could very easily be undefeated.<br>His loss to Byrd, due to injury, happened when he was seven pints ahead on all three cards. Byrd can't fight that guy. The other was to Lewis, where, again, he was ahead.<br>I agree Lewis was done at that point and better overall, but he would have had a very hard time with Vitali at any point.<br>It may be time to consider Vitali Klitschko, the dominant heavy of this decade, as a top 20 all-timer ...<br>More Super Fights lately, Brewster overcame his low blows and was trailing Krasniqui when he finally won his title match.<br>I would love to see Jerry and Brewster, who should just hand his belt to one of the four or so guys above him.<br>Toney dismissed Guinn as a future contender with his lopsided win.<br>Byrd walked thru his title bout and became the latest to defeat Williamson.<br>Tarver also beat Jones, possibly spelling the end for Jones there.<br>OK, at least a couple of these were very dull matches. For Byrd, it was his first fight in a year.<br>This is why guys here still talk about the good ol' days. Thanks.<br>Vitali, Top 20 all time? Hardly. I don't see it. I'm not saying he won't end up there, but at this point, no way. Until proven otherwise, I'll hold to the opinion that Vitali would be dismantled by many, many golden era (70's) contenders, much less Champions.<br><br>If Vitali can beat most of the notable heavyweights out there in his era, than we can talk top 20 all time but he still has a ways to go before he can be considered.<br>Yes Wladimir has talent but his main flaw, his chin, makes him suspect every time he faces a puncher. His win over Sam Peter was a huge win but I feel Sam would have won if he just let his hands go more.<br>Sam reminds me of Tua, big power but relies too much on one punch. Tua when he fought Lewis just followed Lennox around and he took a "shellacking" Great word, right Massimo?<br>I remember Tua had a hair doo that made him look a lot like a pineapple. I remember yelling at the television at Tua, "come on pineapple head, throw some punches!"

I ran across this article and it puts a very realistic view on martial arts and street fighting. I know its not a boxing topic but I found it very interesting. Check it out.<br>I have never heard the word "shellaking" here in Roma, but I guess it means something very close to "whupping". "Whupping", another great word.<br>I think Vitali still has a chance to be remembered as a top 20 all time. If he makes 5-6 other (or more) title defenses and then retires, how to deny him a top 20 rating ?<br>I have some martial arts training and I have fought in light contact points tournaments. I never won a lot those matches but it wasn't important to me as points are counted according to what judges think would be effective if they were used in full force.<br>I considered those tournaments to be just another training exercise, useful if you just use it in the proper context of throwing kicks and punches and blocking those in return.<br>I never thought those tournaments were a measurement of true fighting ability.<br>I also did some sparring with boxers in the gym, a useful cross training tool to enhance my training.<br>What is good about that article is it points out that if someone gets in fights, he is, at some point, going to get hurt.<br>The problem with a lot of martial artists who don't participate in full contact fighting is they learn to dish out punishment but they don't learn how to take punishment.<br>It is good for safety in training but it can limit how effective a defense can be.
actually READ the posts. I was RESPONDING to what Kent and Fan said a few days earlier. I'm allowed to do that, aren't I? I hadn't read their posts earlier than that because I was tied up with a death in the family. And what I said was that the New York title was only recognized by six states. It might not fit agendas and blinkered views of the past, but that is a verifiable fact. Sorry for speaking the truth. |

|10/9/05 04:40:43 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Joey I take on board your comments but I am at a disadvantage because Gerry doesn't want me talking about it. I'll be brief, though. I don't doubt that Frazier was better in one-off fights than the other guys in the WBA tournament. But I think he was worried about putting in back-to-back hard fights against genuine tough guys. He didn't want Bonavena then Quarry then Ellis to win that tournament. Much easier to win a version recognized by just six states by fighting the unranked Mathis. Even Frazier acknowledges in his book that Mathis was easy. <br><br>Think of this, too. If Frazier had entered the WBA tournament like all the other ranked guys did, then there would have been no disputed title. It would have been an undisputed title. Frazier was the only guy who wouldn't enter it. <br><br>Regards Norton. Frazier says in his book that he didn't fight Norton because there was no money in it. Others say it was because they were buddies. Lots of disseminating there. I don't know which explanation to believe.| 

|10/9/05 11:22:22 PM|Ed|Cicero N Y||mooseygoop|||10|Kent,<br>Yes, that article pointed out what we all know but don’t consider when dealing with a stranger...That they might do something that we’d never consider doing to a person such as shooting them or sticking a broken bottle in an eye or any number of brutal things. Thats why his advice (and hes suppose to be street smart) is to deflect any attack and get away. It might be a hard thing to do if actually confronted but I agree with him that its the smartest.<br><br>| 

|10/10/05 04:47:59 AM|Massimo|Roma ||4|||10|Sincere condolences Noam.|

|10/10/05 10:21:52 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Ed, yes the best defense when confronted with a street fight is to get away. There are too many crazies out there.<br><br>I also let everyone know that I am trying to walk away and not fight. This has two benefits, one, if I do walk away and avoid the conflict, always the best choice, and two, if I have to attack this person, it is clear to the witnesses that I was acting in self defense. The law doesn't always see who the true aggressor is.<br><br>But the article is also right about getting hit and hurt. Years ago I was acutely attacked without warning and "sucker punched" by some crazed guy.<br><br>It was something the karate dojo didn't prepare me for, taking a punch, and even the limited sparring I had done with boxers, didn't help as much as one would think as this guy really hit me hard and I didn't see it coming. They always say the one you don't see coming knocks you out.<br><br>Well he didn't knock me out but he dazed me but for some reason he didn't follow up on the punch and I was able to recover and take him down.<br><br>I was lucky he hesitated after he hit me because if he had been able to follow up on it, I would have been knocked out or worse. It was the hardest I have ever been hit and hurt in my life.| 

|10/10/05 10:34:16 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: Of course, if the attack occurs in your home (i.e. intruder), basically, you should not only knock the person out, but follow with blows to the head with an iron skillet, until the person isn't breathing. If you have a gun, you shoot to kill. Basically, as you said, the law is a little peculiar in terms of what is self defense---so you only want one story coming out of the house, and that's your story. And besides, anyone who would break into my house is a threat to my family---I wouldn't have a lot of guilt ending it for that person. | 

|10/10/05 11:35:38 AM|Joey|T.O.||a|||10|I think Vitali still has a chance to
be remembered as a top 20 all time. If he makes 5-6 other (or more) title defenses and then retires, how to deny him a top 20 rating? "

MASSIMO, it would depend on who those 5-6 title defenses consisted of. VITALI didn't dethrone LEWIS. If he had, he would probably be viewed differently by many fight fans. VITALI will have to reach into his hat and pull out some big time talent to compete against within the next few years, which judging by what is out there currently, may be a difficult task.

I can't believe people are still droning on about Frazier "ducking" the WBA Tournament. Over the weekend I watched Terrell-Spencer, and Quarry Spencer. Frazier would have destroyed Terrel or Spencer at that time if they fought. It would not have been a hard fight for Frazier. Patterson, Mildenberger would not have been a hard fight. I doubt if Martin would have been. Regarding Quarry and Ellis being hard fights for Frazier, give me a break. Frazier beat them both handily and came out without a mark on his face. Bonevena, would have been a hard fight. But Joe fought him a year later and won an unanimous decision. Who did Ellis fight after the Quarry? Floyd Patterson and Ellis was lucky to win that fight. Patterson by the way was offered fights with Frazier more than once and he turned them down. One can look at a fighter's record and try and decide why one fighter did not fight another at a given time. But the record books do not tell you why. If you want to gage the skills of a fighter at a particular period in his career who at the films of the fight. This Frazier crap and the WBA tournament is boring. And as someone else said on the site, "I am entitled to my opinion."

Pete: "Would have been, would not have been, if..." All the would haves, could haves, should haves and ifs are only out there because Frazier wasn't in the tournament and didn't fight the 70's contenders that have been mentioned a couple hundred times during this debate. What do we have on his contemporaries? Okay, Ali ducked Terry Daniels and Holmes ducked Jumbo Cummings. The point is, this debate, which is boring you so much (but which you have continued in your last post) is possible because Joe stayed out of the tournament when every single other contender was in it, and Joe "overlooked" some big bangers and clever boxers of the early-mid 70's when they all fought eachother and every other Champion (ummm, Ali?) defended against them. I'll admit that Frazier was one of the best of his era, and was unquestionably the best while Ali was retired, and did beat Ali---but there's no question that he took an easier path than he might have taken to win the six state title and unify it by beating Ellis---and he "missed" a number of savage power punchers that might have put him down on his seat like Foreman did nine times. I say "might have" because again, the fights never happened. He ended his career with fewer fights and fewer defenses than the all-time greats and for this reason, I think he lands in the second group (albeit high in the second group) when a discussion of the best ever is had. Against Lennox Lewis the fight was stopped too soon, Vitali would have probably won it. He is beating all the guys they are putting in front of him. What else can he do? It's not his fault if there aren't big talents (or there are no big talents) outta there. At the end of his career we'll have to use our immagination to know how he would have done against people like Frazier, Ali', Bonavena. It will be a matter of opinions. 

Howard C.: Everytime I read someone saying "they're still going on about the WBA tournament and Frazier" I know that that guy is about to go on about the WBA tournament and Frazier. Thanks for proving my theory, Pete and Gerry. Some of you guys are facts sensitive. Someone posts a fact and you respond with your hearts and prejudices rather than your brains and logic. Noam posted the fact that Frazier refused to enter the WBA tournament, even though the other seven ranked
boxers did enter. He posted the fact that Frazier instead opted to fight the unranked and underperforming Buster Mathis rather than face tough ranked fighters. He posted that the New York title was acknowledged only by six states and no where else in the world. Sad, yes, but nonetheless a fact. (I'd add that the New York Commission is a bunch of cronies and show ponies. How many of you guys like me who've been around would trust those turkeys?) Noam also posted that Frazier avoided having consecutive tough fights. Look at his record. Look what he did after Bonavena knocked him down twice. Look at Daniels and Stander and all the other patsies. So, again, fact.

Noam also posted that Frazier avoided having consecutive tough fights. Look at his record. Look what he did after Bonavena knocked him down twice. Look at Daniels and Stander and all the other patsies. So, again, fact.

No one is arguing that Frazier wasn't better than the other guys in the tournament. We just say that he hadn't proved it by then. It was a woulda, coulda, shoulda situation once again featuring Joe where he wanted to be deemed the title instead of earning it. He wanted it the EASY way. There's inferences to be drawn from the facts. Use your brains and logic to assess them. Not your hearts and prejudices. Some of you guys even tried to justify Frazier's second fight against Ellis - the infamous 'Weekend at Bernie's' showdown - as something to cherish. Some noses are growing longer out there.

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flies with a jar of honey. The name of the game is PROFESSIONAL BOXING. They were not amateurs fighting for medals they were pros fighting for money. It is not that hard to understand.

One more thing a while back after much prodding Noam published the records of those fighters in the WBA Tournament prior to the Tournament. Most of them fought beat stiffs leading up to the Tournament or were soundly beaten Ali. Come on guys loosen up and get real. Frazier beat Ellis, Quarry, Bonevena after the WBA Tournament and made a hell of a lot more money than if he fought them in the Tournament, and so did they.

I guess eventually we would run out of topics. Maybe we are there now. Kent, thanks for your sentiments. I only mentioned the deaths when I first did to explain why I was delayed in responding to other posts. As you say, memories live on. The distressing time would be when you have more memories living on than living relatives. If we are lucky enough to live long enough, we’d also be unlucky enough to experience that change in balance. Every silver lining has a cloud, I suppose.

Fan. What do you want to talk about? Have you run out of ideas?

Since i have not spoken on this site for a while i kind of feel left out of the loop and am not real sure where to start on this topic, anyway in the past tarver jones fight, jones was very tentative and afraid to throw punches mainly due to the fear of getting hit with that left hand again, but when he did open up in the 4th and 5th rounds he was scoring and hitting tarver well, my question is do you believe it is possible for jones to still be a serious threat if he can just get over the fear of a knockout, he still has the hand speed and he still has the power, he is just afraid of that big punch... id appreciate some input on this subject if anybody would be willing to share their opinion, other than that i appreciate everyone who keeps coming to this site and sharing their opinion, i have not been able to get on to much because i am constantly training to go overseas again, but just letting everyone know that this site helps pass the time while i am gone, again thanks for supporting my father everyone and i hope to get more involved in these discussions later on.

Welcome back Johnathan and thanks again for your service to our country. I don't believe Jones is afraid of getting hit, it is just his style and he doesn't match up well with Tarver, who he did beat once by a close decision before he was knocked out and before losing their third fight recently by decision. Tarver, due to his left handed stance and also because he too is very fast, along with him being a tall fighter would be a hard fight any time they fought. I thought the fight was closer than the announcers were saying it was and even closer than the judges scored it as Jones was counter punching well in a lot of rounds but Tarver had the edge so the decision was fair. Tarver did enough to win by about two points. I don't know how it was scored without looking it up but I felt a lot of the rounds were close.

I really think that if Jones was afraid of getting hit, he wouldn't have fought Tarver again after getting knocked out. Remember too Jones was also knocked out by Glen Johnson before his second loss to Tarver. He showed a lot of heart by taking on a dangerous fighter like Tarver again.

Jones still has a lot of skills left but I think he should retire as he has accomplished a lot in his career so why risk getting hurt by continuing to fight? He has nothing left to prove.

Pete hit the nail on the head with his (latest) Smokin Joe Frazier post. Frazier had the smartest pound-for-pound money man in boxing history. Getting Joe only $20,000.00 less for fighting the easy Mathis than the $170,000.00 for fighting the WBA's Quarry, Ellis, and Bonavena, was pure financial wizardry.
was the same guy who made Joe lots of dosh out of the 'Weekend at Bernie's' fight against Ellis in Australia. Not even Don King could have sold that lemon. Joe's money guy is so good he could sell Gerry the Iraq War and Republicans.<br>However, even Wall Street putting Joe's face on its version of Mt Rushmore together with the accompanying motto 'Easy Is Good & Profitable', doesn't get him a birth in my Top 10 heavies. Financial smarts doesn't matter for my list; the quality of opposition the fighter faced and didn't face does. The way Pete tells it Smokin Joe was competing against Bill Gates and Wall Street's Gordon Gekko instead of trying to be an all time great fighter.<br><br>Howard C, what's wrong with you guy? Your post's drip of anger and sarcasm when someone writes post's you don't agree with. Loose up fella. Throughout life you are going to meet a lot of people who may disagree with you about something. When you react with sarcasm and anger it reflects poorly on you. There is nothing wrong with disagreeing with someone, but Howard C when someone disagrees with you take it personally. This board is not life and death, it is supposed to be interesting and entertaining. Ease up guy.<br><br>I think a lot of the reason Frazier took certain fights and not others is because of his management structure. Realize that while his manager of record was Yank Durham and then later Eddie Futch, financially his career was run by a company called Cloverly. His career was financed by a group of investors, this company, and they had a lot to say about who Joe fought as they were in it to make a profit for their investment in Joe's career. Sorry Noam, but you sometimes use selective information to make some of your points. You did a list of the fighters Frazier fought before his fight with Mathis but a more accurate list would be to list who Joe fought for the year before the WBA tournament, which started in August of 1967, which earned Joe his number one ranking, which he lost in the WBA rankings for not entering the tournament. The fighters he fought for the prior year before the WBA tournament were as follows: Oscar Bonevena, Eddie Machen, Doug Jones, Jefferson Davis, George Johnson, and George Chuvalo. A more impressive list than the one Noam used for prior to the Mathis fight and I have a feeling a stronger group of opponents, except for Davis and Johnson, then a lot of the WBA tournament guys. I will have to take the time to do the list of the other fighters to see if this is true or not though. Also, if you consider that Frazier in the period after the WBA tournament took on Mathis, a strong opponent no matter what Joe says about him as Joe often would never give his opponents any credit, Bonevena (again), Jerry Quarry, Bob Foster, Jimmy Ellis, and the great Muhammad Ali. Again, as Pete pointed out, Joe beat three of the WBA guys for more money for him and his investors. Pete, Pete, Pete. I was replying to your post with humour. There was no anger in my post. I was focusing on you talking about Frazier being a smart money man when the debate was about his worth as a fighter. Some of you guys really do need to get some humour in your lives. Smile occasionally. Laugh. Have fun, Pete. Try not to take everything the wrong way. I was agreeing with you. Frazier was a wonderful money manager. He employed a wonderful money guy. I think Frazier was a wonderful fighter overflowing with courage. I hope he has a wonderful life and that the rumours about his health are wrong. But I believe he had flaws - particularly about who he fought and didn't fight - that places him below my top echelon. I can tell you this, too, Pete. There is much more anger towards Ali on this site than Frazier. The personal attacks on Ali were disgraceful. They went unprotested. One guy even laughed at Ali's medical condition and celebrated his shaking hands and slurred speech by congratulating Frazier on causing it. Want to talk about anger ? Well, nothing surpasses that for vitriol and hate. Now, can we get back to normal programing, Pete, by
turning away from Frazier before we all cry with boredom. If it was me, Pete would come out in his monodrome tone, "Why are you talking about Frazier again" and then Pete would talk about Frazier (again and again and again). By the way, Kent, I can't accept your reasoning. Tune ups. Tune downs. Smart management. Cluey money guys. Couldn't fit the fight in. Ellis was in his prime down under. Marion Conners was a naturally born killer. Joe and Ken were best buddies. There was more money fighting Stander....... I've heard ALL the excuses for Joe not fighting certain guys. It doesn't cut it with me. It cuts it with others. My view is no more superior than yours. But repeating excuses time and time again won't change my view. And I've given up changing your view. I'm going to play one of my Carpenters records. Karen Carpenter is the only thing I like to hear over and over again. 

I agree with every one of your arguments, Kent. I was misleading by saying that Joe didn't enter the WBA tournament and didn't fight Shavers, Norton, Lyle, et al. I was changing facts saying he fought Stander, Donald Duck, and Conners. Haven't you and Pete humiliated me enough with your steel trap minds and bulletproof logic ? Can we now move onto something else ? Please ?

As Jimmy Dorsey pointed out, Mathis was ranked by Ring Magazine when he fought for the title but some of the people here have said he wasn't ranked by the WBA or Ring Magazine in the top ten all. Lost, and rounded out the end of his Ring Magazine top ten tenure 7/69 #7 8/69 #7 9/69 #7 and 10/69 #9. he then dropped out of the ratings and stayed that way for the rest of his career. so he was in the Ring's World top ten a grand total of 11 months. take care!
Even Frazier ridicules the credentials of Mathis and Stander and Daniels and the others. So what does Kent do? He says that it doesn't matter because Frazier ridicules everyone. Frazier, like the Ring Magazine, like me, like Howard C, like Angelo, are all misleading (according to Kent). Kent doesn't believe any of us. I guess Kent doesn't want the truth. Kent thinks that Mathis and Connors and Stander and Daniels and all those others were killers. Whatever. Kent will believe what Kent wants to believe. Forget the Ring Magazine and Frazier's own recollections. Doesn't matter. Listen to Kent instead of them.

Mathis wasn't in the WBA tournament because he didn't deserve to be and wasn't ranked highly enough. Frazier chose to fight him, not the highly ranked guys. Perhaps it was smart money wise, but that doesn't detract from the FACT that he declined to enter the tournament to have three TOUGH elimination fights in a row against guys like Bonavena (who knocked Joe down twice and was unlucky to lose a disputed decision - hear that Pete?) and Quarry and Ellis. I don't doubt that he was better than them in one-off bouts, but I do doubt how he would have stood up fighting them in quick succession.

Kent plays woulda, coulda, and shouldas. He demands that we 'deem' unfought fights to Joe. If you listen to Kent, monumental upsets like Tyson and Douglas, Schmeling and Louis, Ali and Liston, Ali and Foreman, never, ever happen. So let's 'deem' Joe all of the many tough fights he never took and say that monumental upsets NEVER happen and Joe WOULDA beaten everyone without raising a sweat. Joe even handpicked his opponent for the New York State Title (the one recognized by only six states of America out of the entire world). He chose Mathis because, as Joe admits, Mathis was easy. Little wonder the New York Commission is in so much corruption trouble today that no one respects it. Letting contenders choose their own opponents. I'm surprised Bob Hope didn't get a shot.

When you get away from the Frazier topic you write with clarity and insight. I enjoyed reading your stories. So let's get away from the Frazier thing before it all boils over again.

In fact, I have to make sure my media application is sent by Friday for a card featuring former welterweight champion Vernon Forrest, so you kind of reminded me to take care of this or I wouldn't be able to attend.

What is strange is when someone at a fight card will look at my name tag and say, "oh, I have heard of you, I have read your stuff." It doesn't happen very often, but every once in a while. I still am suprised when it happens.

I've read some of your stuff too, Kent, and it's good reading. I can see you're a fan. It must be cool to be acknowledged in that sense, at least occasionally...

Mr. Noam, guy, you've made your argument regarding Frazier and the NYSAC in stone. What else can there be to say? I understand your point, I just don't agree with it. Is that allowable? Why rant, what purpose does it serve? ...

Some interesting stuff about Don King this past week. First, Rahman has declared bankruptcy coming into his fight with Klitschko. King wants half of his purse and is suing Rahman.

Second, Chris Byrd complained that King is preventing him from fights. Byrd and Toney are tentatively set for late January, I guess. Isn't it something that this guy King, who began sharking fighters in the early 70s, is still shaping careers, usually in a negative sense, more than 30 years later? ...

Jimmy D, the Quarryologist. Always good to see your posts. I think Ring Magazine owes you a research grant ...

Lastly, I thought it was very cool for Jonathan Quarry to put up a post. I remain a very big fan of the family, and one of the best things here by far is that they occasionally post. Good luck to you,
Again, anyone interested in contributing photos or whatever, the Yahoo Group is Irish Jerry Quarry. Thanks.

Jon.

Gerry, boy what a piece of you know what Don King is, a real vulture. King owes fighters more than he could ever give back so to sue Rahman for part of his earnings is downright wrong, but what else is new? I have seen King at fight cards but I have never met him. I was sitting next to a local reporter here in California and he was talking to Carl King, Don's son, he asked Carl how much his fighter was getting for the fight and Carl said, "none of your damn business!" Carl then walked away from the reporter.

He could have told the reporter no without being rude, such as saying the information is confidential, but I guess being a jerk runs in the King family.

King reportedly destroyed Tim Witherspoon's career by, in a sense, blackballing him. King has lots of power in the sport, much like agents do in pro team sports. I think Don King is possibly the greatest promoter ever---and I don't just mean boxing---give King anything to promote, and he'll get it done---concerts, sports, etc. I'll be the first to admit that he might not be a "good guy" as he's been imprisoned for manslaughter, brought up on charges for illicit financial/tax transactions, and alleged to treat fighters unfairly. Others have said he is the biggest leech ever. Even if all of this is true, and some of it isn't even disputed by King himself---it doesn't detract from his accomplishments and ability to sell a fight. Yes Kent, King owes more to boxers than they owe to him, by a wide margin. But King was a big part of bringing pro boxing into the mainstream in the 70's---and making fights into "events" like Zaire and Manilla. Without King's wild imagination, I have a feeling things would have stayed more contained and these world wide title "events" would have been in Vegas or New York---not on other continents. I'm not by any means defending King as a person---I don't know the man----but he could sell an event like no one else. When King is dead and gone, I have serious doubt that Carl King will just simply take over. I think it will be a new era in boxing probably.

It's difficult to avoid the conclusion that all of boxing is corrupt in some way. All these titles seem only designed to get their alphabet masters sanctioning fees and five star travel and accommodation. It stinks.

Imagine if there was only one title in each division. There'd be fewer sightseeing tours for administrators, referees, judges, and officials (and boxing writers, too). That's why there's so many titles. Don King and his ilk probably have their fingers in all of their pockets.

Larry Holmes doesn't like Don King. No one seems to. But Holmes also says that King has made many boxers lots of money that they otherwise would not have got. He seemed to be saying that King has helped more than he has hurt. I'm not so sure.

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Noam: I have a feeling people in the boxing circle either love or hate King without much middle ground. As fans, we can take a middle ground because we're detached from
it all. But if you're a fighter, manager, trainer, arena owner, politician who is trying to get a fight in your town---the list goes on---either King has made you very happy or very angry. He has generated millions and millions of dollars, much for himself but a bundle for a bunch of other parties too. Meanwhile, I get the feeling if you're on his "wrong" or "bad" side, he'll screw you like there's no tomorrow. I don't think he's a saint that treats everyone kindly. I think he'll shower you with goodwill if he likes you and make things miserable if he doesn't. If I were involved in boxing as more than a fan, I suppose I'd try to be King's best friend.  

Going over the rankings, of my mags 1965-75. One particular bout really bothered me, The Billy Daniels 1975 heavyweight bout, that was staged with Spider Rico (Pedro Lovell). The damn California Commission fined poor Billy $400, for not putting up much of a match (Which was probably twice $ Billy was getting for the farce!!!) I would have to say the California Commission should have fined themselves three times that much for letting such a match occur in the first place, Daniels was ko'd in One, And luckily he was not killed or permanently injured.

Without having any evidence other than guessing, I'd speculate that boxing is probably the most corrupt sport of all. Of all sports, boxing has the most risks, the most drama, the X factor, and it all ends up to offering the participants the most money. Enter Don King types. I know that he's not the type of guy who you would entrust the life of your most cherished person or the security of your most valuable possession. However, I would speculate that he's made more boxers rich than poor. That is what Larry Holmes says, even though he doesn't like the guy. Larry says that Holmes has done more good for boxers than bad. And he should know. Ali is often merited with having transformed boxing to the money sport it is. But King was there too. Whatever we think of him, he IS a great promoter. I don't think he's ripped me or you off. The boxers he (allegedly) ripped off got rich anyway. Are any of the other promoters more honest? Probably not. Fan of Fandom and the other Fan should be best positioned to offer an opinion. I'd like to know what Massimo believes, too. Where is he?

My last post should read that "Larry says that King" and not "Larry says that Holmes." Kent, how much more weight have you lost? Are you still swimming? Today I swam 20 x 50 freestyle, 16 x 50 breaststroke, and then 4 x 50 freestyle to finish. I've had googgle eyes all day. I'm doing this at least three times a week, usually five times, to lose weight and have been doing it for two months. I've firmed up, but haven't lost weight. I haven't gained any weight either. The reason? I'm eating too much and drinking too much beer. Unfortunately, sadly, regrettably, I'm not going to lose weight by only exercising. I must diet too. That is the hard part for me. I'm a natural born glutton. If I didn't exercise I'd be bigger than Butterbean. And if I didn't eat so much, I'd give Mark Spitz a run for his money. (In my dreams.)

Noam, it is hard to ignore that King's greed has had some positive side effects on boxing but a man is only as good as his name and his word and since King's name and word are "MUD," he can't be a very good man. Noam, I have gained five pounds in the last two weeks as I have not been swimming as they don't heat the pool where I live so I am going to have to find a health club with a heated pool. I have kept up my hour walk, five days a week and my karate lessons twice a week but like you, I recently fell into a trap of not eating right again. Which means I can keep exercising and still not lose weight. Too bad! I wish heavy smokers should have to put up with the attitude people have towards people who need to lose weight. Most automatically assume, if they
don't know someone smokes, that thinner people are in better shape than heavier people, if they look like they are even if they are smoking like a smokestack.<br><br>Luckily, I have never smoked in my life and Noam my guess is you don't smoke either or you smoke very little. I would be surprised that you could swim as much as you if were a smoker.<br><br>Hey Jimmy D, thanks for showing me the picture of Bobby Quarry on E bay.<br><br>Hey Bob Q, where are you? I don't have your number anymore and I have moved.<br><br>Funny, I once asked Bob Quarry what kind of diet did he have when he was fighting and he told me, "I never worried about having to lose weight as I was a heavyweight and I didn't have to make a weight limit."<br><br>Bob is lucky though that even into his forties, he doesn't have to diet and he still doesn't weigh more than 220 pounds at about 6'1", at least the last time I saw him, about ten months ago.<br><br>I'm quite sure that soccer is corrupt, at least in Italia, certain teams (especially Juventus) are always treated much better by referees than other teams. There is huge money involved. Regarding boxing I'm optimistic about the honesty of the fighters. Maybe I'm ingenious, but I don't think there are fighters payed to lose (or fighters get payed to lose). Sometimes I see farces (Tyson-Etienne, Tyson-Savarese), but I don't think this has to do with the regularity of the fights, but with the heart of some fighters. On the other hand, I have often doubts about the honesty of some judges. For instance, whoever saw the Ali'-Bonavena fight knows that it was close. Well, two judges had Ali' ahead 12-2 and 10-3-1 at the time of the stoppage !!!!!!! How is that possible? The other judge had it 8-5-1 for Ali' and this is still hardly acceptable in my book, but at least I can give this judge the benefit of the doubt! |
that replaces eating, or maybe the cigarettes kill their taste buds and they
don't enjoy food—but anyway, women smokers I've talked to told me they gain
weight when they quit. My wife (who is thin) is not a smoker, thankfully.
Neither am I. We hope to grow old together. Of course, everyone goes somehow,
so maybe I'll get hit by a bus or maybe James "Quick" Tillis will KO me in a
bar—but I figure stay away from smoking and at least I reduce my lung cancer
chances!  

Kent and Noam stick to the
exercise program, and try watching you diet it is very difficult to lose weight
if you just do the one and not the other.<br>Noam, regarding your drinking
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Kent, a lot of diseases and health problems are in the genes. Eye
afflictions like macular degeneration are passed from generation to generation.
Same with heart problems, etc. You can pre-empt things with an unhealthy
lifestyle, or delay the onset with a healthy lifestyle. However, morgues are
filled with skinny dead guys who ran marathons every day and didn't drink,
smoke, or take drugs. "There lies the healthiest, fittest man in Orange County,
is something morgue assistants would often say. Pete - my problem is I
like food too much. I don't drink enough beer to be an alcoholic. But the
problem with beer is that people usually have unhealthy food when drinking. I
like healthy food, but too much of it. Exercising make me hungry, too, as does
looking at food on television, or watching someone else eating, or going
shopping, or ..... you've got the idea.  

I read through much of
that whole Joe Frazier ducking debate, and I think you guys need to get off of
Ali's nuts when talking about the Fight Of The Century. Ali was as
prepared for that fight as he could ever have been. His hand speed was
excellent, and he gained a lot of power while exiled. He had only lost a little
bit of speed, but in my opinion, gained more than he lost. The problem
wasn't that he was "rusty", the problem was that he had a prime Joe Frazier in
front of him. And the fight wasn't even that close. Ali lands punches, but
misses quite a bit, while Frazier lands hard shots on a regular basis. It didn't
ever look like Ali ever hurt Frazier once, while Frazier battered Ali all over
the ring on two occasions.<br>I rank Ali as number one all time, but you
guys really need to stop being nuthuggers.<br>

Hey, how about some of
you other guys commenting on Roy Jones Junior verses Antonio Tarver.
IS COOL JERRY QUARRY'S SON, JONATHAN, JOINS US ON THIS BOARD AND HE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT RECENT FIGHT. I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE AVID BOXING FANS SO AT LEAST SOME OF YOU MUST HAVE SEEN THAT FIGHT. HOW ABOUT RESPONDING TO JONATHAN'S COMMENTS. SO FAR I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS.

I didn't see the Jones v Tarver fight, but rematches rarely overturn the first fight result. Usually the loser of the first fight is a bigger loser in the rematch (especially with guys like Marciano). I wonder whether Jones paid the price for playing games with his metabolism - moving up and down in weights - perhaps aided by medicinal substances, that did his body no good.

Willard - I don't know of anyone on this site who doesn't acknowledge that Frazier's win over Ali was his crowning achievement and well deserved. Joe was great in that fight. However, it is appropriate to consider the effects that the three years plus out of the ring had on Ali. Perhaps he should have had another fight under his belt to remove the ring rust before fighting Joe. My guess is that he probably would have lost anyway.

Let's consider the reverse. Frazier is out of the ring for 3.5 years and Ali wasn't. They fight. Who would win? Ali would, in my opinion.

And if Ali was never stripped of his title, I don't think Joe would ever have been the champion. In that event Joe's best wins would have been over Quarry or Ellis. The Vietnam War, some of us believe, had its effects in many ways.

Something else to consider, too, Williard. That fight against Ali was not for Joe. He spent time in hospital and had 11 months off before fighting Daniels and Stander - two unranked guys. After a year off Joe needed two VERY easy tune ups. How would he have coped with over THREE years off!

Well, Ali had 3.5 years off. His tune ups? October 1970 he fought the 4th ranked Quarry. Six weeks later he fought the 3rd ranked Bonavena (I'm using the Ring's annual rankings). Three months later he fights Frazier, the champion.

So, after 3.5 years off, Ali fought the champion and the 3rd and 4th ranked guys in the space of only 19 weeks (133 days). Every six weeks he fought the toughest in the world. He confidently backed his ability and there were no easy Stander or Daniels type tune ups for him, even after 3.5 years off.

With Ali's career, unlike careers of others, there are only two 'woulda, coulda, shoulda' type questions. What 'woulda' happened if Ali was never stripped of his title? And what 'woulda' happened in a rematch with Foreman?

Frazier didn't duck anyone. He fought Quarry over Lyle because Quarry beat Lyle. I don't see the point of him fighting Norton, because Frazier repeatedly KO'd Norton in sparring. The fight wouldn't be that good. And finally, if Frazier ducks fighters, why would he go and get whooped by Foreman AGAIN?

That's a debate that's been had time and again, Willard, and neither side shifts ground. If we haven't been able to alter opinions with all the hot air of the debate thus far, it's a waste of breath trying again. Where some see smoke, others see ducks behind the smokescreen.

Welcome Willard. We've become a tolerant society here with a diversity of views where we all respect each other. There were rough patches in the past, with all of us contributing to that situation, but happily we are trying harder to get on. I'm enjoying it more.

You say that Joe had to fight Quarry instead of Lyle because Jerry beat Lyle. That rule is too simplistic. Lyle and Shavers beat Ellis, yet Joe fought Ellis a second time. Sam Wyatt beat Zyglicwicz. Joe faced Zyglicwicz, not Wyatt. Jimmy James Rossette beat Doyle. Joe fought Doyle instead. Zora Folley twice beat Davis. Henry Cooper beat Davis. Joe fought Davis instead of Cooper and Polley. The list grows and suddenly, before our eyes, the rule becomes the exception.

You also say that Frazier cleaned Norton up sparring and that's why they didn't fight. Joe doesn't use that as an
explanation in his book. He says that there was no money in fighting Norton.
Uhmmm. Was there more money for Joe to fight Ellis the second time? Stander
and Daniels, too? But let's use your explanation, Wilard, and not
Joe's. Wouldn't Joe have cleaned up Stander and Daniels sparring? Yet he fought
them and not Norton. Don't forget that Ali used to clean Ellis's clock
sparring. Yet Ali fought Ellis. Come to think of it, Ali used to clean a guy
called Larry Holmes up when they sparred. Yet Larry beat Ali. If someone
really wants to fight the best, they find a way of doing it. Likewise, if they
don't want to fight the best, they'll always try to find a plausible explanation
to excuse it. Problem is, those explanations don't always hold water. In fact,
Joe's explanations are leaking so much water, ducks could procreate in it.

Someone mentioned that a referee or boxing historian or someone kept saying that fighters were ducking
Frazier. What's Frazier gonna do? Drag them into the ring and fight? If they
won't fight, there is nothing he can do about it.<br><br>Well, Cosell, let's
hear what you have to say about Shavers and Lyle. How would they match up
against Frazier?

Howard, it was pretty clear that Ali was more than finished when he
fought Larry. Had Ali & Holmes met when both fighters were at the top of their
game, I think it would have been a great contest, a classic! As for
Frazier's opponents (Doyle, Zglewicz) he fought these guys on the way up. They
were mid-card players but all fighters, if they are managed properly are brought
along strategically. The fact remains that Frazier fought the two best fighters
of that era...Ali & Foreman and managed to beat one of them, so...

I'm an Ali fan, but I'm the first to say "no excuses" for his loss to Frazier.
Ali had the long layoff, yet he beat a couple very good fighters leading up to
the match against Frazier. My opinion is that Ali underestimated Frazier's
ability. Ali was undefeated—and had a knack for calling the round that fights
would end. He beat the legendary Liston early in his career and beat highly
ranked Jerry Quarry after being out of the ring for over three years. I think
he figured Frazier would give him some resistance, but he would overcome it to
win a very easy decision, or win by TKO. Instead, he found out that Frazier
fought like he was possessed—was harder to hit than the films made it look—
had no quit in him—and was truly world class. Ali had counted on speed in the
mid-60's and now that speed was diminished. Suddenly, he was human and Frazier
was having his way. The cherry on the sundae was that knockdown. Frazier got
it done, no excuses. Now, I do take exception to you saying that Ali didn't
hurt Frazier in their fights. Manilla? Willard, Frazier's head and face were
a different shape at the end of that fight than at the beginning. And watch the
second fight again. Ali might not have "hurt" Frazier, but he clearly
outpointed him.

Howard C, name your top 10 welterweight champions of all times.
on the confidence he had in his legendary ability than anything. Ali underestimated Joe, and also Norton and Spinks and others as well. I don't think he expected Jerry to lift him five feet off the canvas in their second fight when he was trash-talking him either. He had to respect Jerry's ability against the ropes and therefore could never finish him.<br>I would add that Joe had a REAL urge to pound Ali's bones in their fights. But more than that, Joe was truly a big-time talent. When they both nearly died in their third fight, I'm sure Ali was convinced of that... Kent, I responded to Jonathan also.<br>Ali of this talk of exercise has me jonesing to resume myself. I'm a pretty trim 185, but my foot and ankle have been healing slowly now for about six weeks. I'm not a very good couch potato ...<br>I did not see Tarver-Jones, but sure heard Tarver talk about it. There's no question he had the more confidence of the two. Jones looks out of gas mentally and should quit.<br>Considering he's one of the very best in recent memory, I was surprised how quickly he dropped from the high status he had. Tarver, however has proven his talent also, clearly. Thanks.|<br>10/17/05 09:50:04 AM|Willard|There||a@a.com|||10|Angelo, I was referring to the first Ali/Frazier fight. In that fight, it didn't look like Ali hurt Frazier once. |<br>10/17/05 09:54:32 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|I don't agree with Angelo about (or regarding) the second Ali'-Frazier fight. I think Ali' did hurt Frazier in the second round (but Joe was not defenseless) but that after 12 round the fight was very close. Opinions.|<br>10/17/05 09:58:15 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|In Frazier-Ali' 1 I think Ali' did hurt Frazier a little in the ninth round. At the beginning of the tenth round it seemed like Ali' was going to win, but at that point Frazier's heart changed the cards on the table. |<br>10/17/05 11:39:05 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Willard: Agreed, in the first fight, though Frazier absorbed punishment that later kept him in the hospital, he wasn't ever in serious trouble or "hurt" in the sense of being hit by individual hard punches. The cumulative affect was tough on Frazier later, but he shook off the punches the night of the fight. Massimo: The second Ali-Frazier fight was close, but in my opinion, objectively, Ali won it on points. I think it was close enough to be competitive, but not close enough to argue that Frazier won. Ditto for Ali-Norton II. I don't get when people say "Norton won all three fights." Norton won the first one, and you could make an intelligent appeal that he won the third, or that it should have been a draw---but I think Ali did enough to win the second one. Close? Yes, but if you asked judges who have never seen these fighters, and have no bias, who won, my guess is that most would say Ali outclassed Norton and based on ring generalship if nothing else, won the fight. One issue I had with Norton in the trilogy, including in Yankee Stadium (III.), is that he sometimes swung wildly, like an amateur. When I score a fight, this matters to me. Ali always looked very controlled, patient and deliberate. As well, Ali seemed purposeful against Norton---yes, fighting defensively more than I'd like to see, but let's face it--when someone is wild, you tend to have a defensive posture. Ali fought well by covering and backing up, finding Norton with jabs and avoiding Norton's biggest punches. Ali did not ever go down, and I don't believe he suffered any cuts either. He had the broken jaw in their first fight and basically absorbed a lot of body punches in the third fight, and shook them off. I belive he fought about 11 rounds in the first fight with a broken jaw, and Norton couldn't take him out. And no, I don't belive Norton's assertion that the jaw was broken in the 12th round. In any case, Norton did not win three fights against Ali. The record shows that he was 1-2. And Ali haters could make a nice case for "should have been" 2-1, but it's a joke to say Ali never beat the guy. |
far as Norton goes, I think they should have ended 1-1-1 against each other.

10/17/05 04:55:08 PM| charles anderson | ark. | ctjjandfam@aol.com | 10 | great to see jonathan's post. i wrote him a personal note, since my son is in the military, i am so proud of him and GOD is watching over him. roy looked like to me he was to worried about getting hit instead of hitting tarver. both are great champions, i hope roy will retire. now what do you guys think about my fellow arky. jermaine talor's rematch with hopkins. i think it will be a barn burner with taylor by k.o. (what did you think i would say)

10/17/05 05:02:47 PM| noam | same | same | 10 | Joe's doctor might have something to say about whether Frazier was hurt against Ali in that first fight. Frazier spent several months in hospital recovering and he was unable to fight a viable opponent for almost two years. No doubt that Joe won that fight, but he wasn't unscathed.

Frazier v Ali fight 2. Ali hurt Frazier in round 2 and Joe acknowledges in his book (page 146) that "as I struggled to get myself together I caught a break. Perez (referee) thought he heard the bell ending the round, and stepped between Clay and me. Then the timekeeper got Perez's attention and shouted up to him that the bell had not sounded. By the time the round resumed, I had recovered." Anyone who thinks that Frazier wasn't hurt in Ali 3 needs a seeing eye dog. He put in an extraordinarily brave performance but he was badly hurt. Joe admits that himself in his book.

Willard asks about Frazier against Lyle and Shavers. The outcome depends on the circumstances of the fight. If Joe was coming in off patsies like Conners or Zygulwicz or Daniels or Stander or Ellis (the one that was wheeled into Australia) then I'd expect him to win. However, if Bonavena could knock Joe down twice in his prime and nearly stop him, and if Ali was capable of almost stopping him (round 2, fight 2), and if some guy called Bruce could knock him down, then there are no 'givens' with Lyle or Shavers. Both could knock Joe dead - even in his prime.

Upsets happen regularly in boxing and the slow starting Joe was always vulnerable to an early stoppage. If Joe had hard lead up fights before Shavers or Lyle, then I'd expect one of these guys to cause an upset. Joe took a long time to recover from tough fights and he'd come in weakened. As I said, if Oscar caught Joe twice, Lyle or Shavers only have to catch him once and the smoke would be extinguished.

Joe got knocked down 11 times in his relatively short career. once every 19.45 rounds, once every 3.3 fights. Lyle and Shavers were just the guys to test his vulnerability. And anyone who declares categorically that Lyle and Shavers had no chance against Frazier have forgotten the lessons of history, especially the first Foreman/Frazier fight.

Upsets happen, usually when very big punchers are fighting guys vulnerable to knocked-downs.

Howard C. | Louisville | howardc@louisville | 10 | Noam, Joe was hospitalized after Ali 1 because of high blood pressure. He stayed there until the problem stablized. So it was more a constitutional problem (brought on by the Ali fight) than an injury caused by the fight itself. Sorry to be pedantic about it.

Oh, and whilst Joe was hurt against Ali in fight 2, the second round, he wasn't going to be stopped. If Ali couldn't stop Frazier until the 14th in fight 3, there was no stoppage coming in the second fight.

Pete, wants my top welterweights.

1. Sugar Ray Robinson
2. Henry Armstrong.

The rest? I'm not sure about the order but the contenders are Ray Leonard, Griffith, Napoles, Cuevas, Trinidad, Hearns (began as a welter), Basilio, Jimmy McLarnin, Mickey Walker, Kid Gavilan, Vernon Forest.

I consider Barney Ross more a lightweight guy, Whittaker lightweight as well, De Lay Hoya began as a super featherweight, and Duran (while he had highs and lows as a welterweight - both against Leonard), his place in history is more as a lightweight. Thanks.

With the Taylor v Hopkins rematch coming up i was hoping to hear some opinions on how the fight will end up, i am curious as to see if Hopkins will try to start fast
this time, or even go for a knockout as to not leave the fight in the judges hands, or is hopkins at the point where it just isn't there anymore, is this going to be the same situation as jones v tarver where hopkins will come back for the fight and lose convincingly, i am just hoping to hear some opinions on this fight, other then that everyone take care and for everybody that responded to my last post thank you very much, also mr anderson thank you for the e-mail and sorry to drag this on but i still have to say and my dad would probably kill me if he ever had known this, but my favorite baseball team the whitesox are in the world series.... sorry pops i know you are a dodger fan. Take care everyone and god bless.

Jonathan and Charles, I am picking Taylor by decision over Hopkins. Taylor has youth on his side and it is time for a changing of the guard.<br><br>Hopkins has had a great career and he is one of the best the middleweights have ever had but his time, I believe, is past.<br><br>Jonathan, I am a Angels and Dodgers fan but the White Sox are the best team the American League has to offer and quite likely better than any team in the National League as well.<br><br>Just like your dad Jerry would let you know it that you like the White Sox better than our Dodgers. I, a life time Angels fan thought that one play, when the umpire ruled the catcher dropped the ball on a third strike and the batter made it on base and he was able to score, that the catcher really didn't catch it and my fellow Angels fans would not be happy with me saying it but I believe the call was fair and the better team won the right to go to the world series.<br><br>I think it has been over forty years since the White Sox have been in a world series so this is a special event and I will be rooting for them to win.<br><br>The Angels had a good season and it is always worth it if they find a way to be better than the Yankees.

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Noam, first off, he was in the hospital because of his high blood pressure, like that other poster said. And it wasn't several months. It was about one month.<br><br>When he fought Bonavena, he was green. He had something like 11 professional fights. He wasn't in his prime.<br><br>Actually, I believe it was 10 knockdowns, not 11. And 8 were at the hands of George Foreman. To say that he's weak against big punchers is ridiculous. Foreman was one of the 3 hardest punchers in heavyweight history. You also forget the fact that he got up after EVERY SINGLE knockdown. Your boy Muhammad Ali would have had the same fate as Norton and Frazier if he had fought Foreman like they did.<br><br>I'd also like to add that Ali didn't escape unscathed, either. He couldn't walk right, and was urinating blood after their first fight, and was almost killed in the third one. He hit a blind Joe Frazier with 1000 punches in the last 3 rounds of Manila, and HE wanted to quit the fight. He told Dundee to cut his gloves off at the end of Round 14. That fight also is the main reason why Ali is in the condition he is today.

Noam - Joe's high blood pressure was exacerbated by the fight. He says so himself. You should buy your man Joe's autobiography because it's a good read. Joe admits (in the book) he felt exhausted and drained and he lost 10 to 15 pounds fighting Ali. Joe says he couldn't stand and couldn't urinate and couldn't walk after the fight. Blood pressure wasn't the cause of those impairments. His eyes were puffed and sensitive to light. So they kept the shades drawn for him. For relief Joe had to stick his head in a sink filled with ice. His body shut down after the fight. That was the diagnosis. He couldn't leave the hotel room.
Luke's Hospital treated by Dr James Giuffre where he was laid on a bed of ice and where he hallucinated in his sleep. Joe was in the hospital for at least two weeks. Joe even says that he released information saying he was only hospitalized from blood pressure because he didn't want anyone to know he was injured. The book's called Smokin' Joe - The Autobiography. By the way, Joe was knocked down 11 times...once by Mike Bruce, twice by Bonavena, and eight times by Foreman. Knockdowns are knockdowns, green, yellow or blue. Anyways, what are your top 10 heavies, Willard?

Joe should be proud of the effort he put in, and you should be proud of him, too, despite the loss. But Ali won fight 3, same as Frazier won fight 1. It's all in the history books. Regards. 

I'm a lifelong Pittsburgh Pirates fan, and now we have Jim Tracey (former Dodgers Skipper) managing us! I'm not thinking World Series---but it would be nice to flirt with .500 and not be out of contention in June! I think Jim Leyland, one of the best Pirates managers ever, came from the White Sox organization. And if I recall, so did Gene Lamont. Thank you for your service to our country---and that comes from my heart---a sincere thanks for looking out for me, my wife and one year old baby. What you're doing literally means the world to us.


I don't have Liston or Tyson in my top ten because heart is the missing ingredient to go with their great physical skills. Holyfield's superior courage would prevail, even prime verses prime. Lewis' height advantage would give him the nod over the middle of the pack, Frazier, Marciano, and Dempsey but he would not be that much of a favorite as any of them could catch his chin napping with their power. Tunney beat Dempsey twice in the ring, a great feat but Dempsey was on the way down but Tunney might not have been able to do it prime verses prime but it would always be a tough fight for Dempsey. A lot of people don't realize that Tunney only lost one fight in about fifty career fights, as a light heavyweight to Harry Greb, which he avenged his loss later, a great record. Holmes' great jab would get him into the later rounds versus Foreman, so I rate him above George F, and Holmes would wear him down for the win. I don't see anyone, prime verses prime, having better boxing skills and power combined, despite his smaller size than some of the guys on the list than Joe Louis. The only one being Ali, the best of the best. It is hard to leave off someone like Jack Johnson, the absolute best of his era with great
boxing skills.

I don't see anybody better than Charles and Walcott, in any era to take their spots with the best of the best.

Here is my top 10 Heavyweight champs:
#1 Ali
#2 Dempsey
#3 Louis
#4 Liston
#5 Marciano
#6 Foreman
#7 Frazier
#8 Tyson
#9 Holmes
#10 Tunney

I don't include Jack Johnson because I have not seen enough of quality films to make an objective decision about him. Although not a champion, I could say the same about Sam Langford.

I like your lists. I would rate Frazier just outside the top ten, or possibly at #10? I can't see ranking him above Sonny Liston. However, Kent, I think you've ranked Lewis awful high. Devastating KO losses to Oliver McCall and Hasim Rahman??? Higher than Liston? Higher even than Frazier? If Frazier lands the left hook flush on Lewis, they'd be counting to Y3K!

You can always tell a racist. They begin the conversation saying "I'm not a racist but .......", and then they make some racist comment. Same with Ali-haters guys. They begin by saying "Ali is my #1 all time great but ......." and then they make some hateful statement about him like "Ali's got Frazier to thank for his condition today." But there's a new trend. You know when an Ali hater is bursting at the seams to vent some hate. They say "Why don't you stop talking about your favourite subject of Ali and Frazier" and then the hater talks on and on about Ali and Frazier. Sans Pete. Amazing. Funny, too.

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Although Liston destroyed Patterson twice, Foreman did the same to Frazier. I think Patterson would have to ranked higher than Walcott or Charles.

So what if I don't like Ali? You and some other guys have made it very clear you don't like Frazier. At least I give Ali credit, where you guys try and tear down Frazier's career as much as you can. I think it's about time you guys forgive Frazier for beating Ali.

Also, Noam, Ali was worse off after the third fight. While Frazier was singing songs at the after fight party, Ali was in his hotel room bent to one side, saying things like he felt like he was on fire. Here are a few comments from his fight doctor, Ferdie Pacheco:

"It was at the very top, the tip top of a slow murder," Pacheco said. "Do you think after the beating he took that day in Manila he went home happy and had chocolate ice cream? He goddamn near died. It's the reason he's a shambing, neurological wreck."

"He thought he was dying," Pacheco said. "He was at the ends of exhaustion. He was having trouble staying awake between rounds."

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#7 You have no new insights. You have been writing the same BS over and over again and again. It's boring guy
tendencies i knew his style quite well, but i feel that in todays heavyweight division my dad Jerry would have been champ, Vitali yes is strong but after watching him fight i dont think he would have gotten away with those robotic movements, especially against a counter puncher, yes height and reach would have been an issue but vitali in my opinion is a little too plodding and slow i will get more in depth with the rest of the division but i dont have the time, but i will say its not as fun to watch the heavyweight division as it used to be.|10/18/05 05:59:19 PM|Pete|Cleveland|||10|Howard C have you no shame? Don't drag Noam into this. Noam can fight his own battles. I was referring to you as the name caller. Didn't you call me a jerk today? As a matter of fact earlier today I suggested you read Noam's and Kent's posts to learn something about boxing<br><br>Regarding Frazier, I saw a new show about him on TV about a month ago. He was walking okay no one had to assist him. Granted he had a toe removed because of diabetes and he does have a limp. But needing assistance to walk, and a wheelchair to get on and off planes what is your source for this claim? Did you witness it?<br><br>Regarding my top 10 welterweight champions you will have to wait for that. In recent weeks I published my top ten lightweights and today I published my top 10 heavyweights. Quite frankly I regard time spent corresponding with you as less than fulfilling. You are very boring<br><br>Howard C, once more leave Noam out of this. Noam is not a name caller. Don't try and sully Noam's character by linking him with you.<br><br>Charles, Patterson really did have a glass jaw. He was knocked down more than any heavyweight champion. At his best he had skills that approached those of Charles and Walcott but I think both of them could take a punch much better than
Patterson.<br>I doubt if Patterson could have stayed as long with fighters like Marciano and Louis as Charles and Walcott did. Patterson was just not as strong as either of them.<br>Also, hey thanks for the compliments. We have been corresponding for quite a while and you guys here, especially the long time posters such as yourself, are my friends.<br>Your top 15 list is very reasonable, but maybe Massimo Schmeling and Massimo Baer could deserve to be included in it. I'm not sure. Maybe. Which do you think are Muhammad Ali's 5 greatest fights? Thanks. Cheers.<br>Ali is the best heavy I've seen, even if I didn't like him as a person. Louis, the greatest champ ever, I'd put second to Ali. Marciano was a devastating and undefeated champion, as tough as anybody, is top five at worst. Tunney was also undefeated as a heavyweight, and just a class act out of the ring. Ali lauded Tunney for his use of movement, he was unquestionably better than flat-foot Dempsey, so I call Tunney top five also. The last top fiver on my list is Jack Johnson, who outclassed his competition with reach, defense and quicks. He was as much a revolution in his day as Ali was in his.<br>The next five I have include the undefeated champion Jeffries, who was a world-class athlete at 6'3 and 230 pounds, Sonny Liston, the bad Bear, Mike Tyson and his lightning-quick dynamite, Dempsey, the white Tyson of his day and popular superstar, and I guess I'd give the last spot to Lennox Lewis, who in his prime, was clearly the best heavy in the last 15 years.<br>Massimo makes a great case for both Schmeling and Baer, both clearly top 20 guys. Of course, cases can made made, and have been, that anyone of Holmes, Foreman and Frazier could sneak into the top ten, I just don't agree that they do. I'm also not as high on Holyfield, who I put near Norton in the top 20. A lot is made of how newer guys would pound oldtimers, but this is not fair or is it the whole story. You also have to take the new guys back to the past and compare them to the oldtimers in their days and see how they'd do without all their modern advantages, I think. QJ travels well this way, I think. Even though he did not take Ellis when he should have, and Patterson did have belts, I have Jerry better than Patterson, and just outside the top 20. I agree, Quarry was a tremendous counterpuncher, on top of being so quick and tough. I watched him and Spencer again recently, and it almost qualifies as art, it's a clinic on counterpunching. Vitali is robotic yes, but he's also a giant with impressive power and toughness, and he's smarter than people think. I think he'll be top 20 when he's done. Of course, he'll have to beat Rahman first to be on that road. Thanks. Oh, and Howard C., thanks for the chuckle on Frazier's manager, and his alluded salesman skills. I think he'd have to be MUCH better than that to change my views on those items.<br>The films show that Jerry Quarry effectively handled a wide variety of styles and many talented heavyweight fighters of the 60's and 70's. For my money, the men that Jerry Quarry defeated as well as those who defeated him in his prime (I'm thinking Ali and Frazier) run circles around today's heavyweights. It was a totally different era. Title fights were 15 rounds. The competitors, in my opinion, generally had more determination and less quit. There weren't four or five "Champions" in each division so the talent wasn't diluted. Jerry Quarry was relatively small, especially in comparison to today's tall heavies---but he took on guys like Ron Lyle and Mac Foster, and cut them down to size. He could box and counter punch against a very solid opponent like Ron Lyle, and nearly pitch a shut-out---then he could go in against the hardest hitter of all time, Earnie Shavers, and outslug him in one round. Three regrets as a fan? 1) He had an opportunity to beat Ellis, and in my mind was better than Ellis, and he let it slip away. 2) The Foreman fight that never happened. I have a feeling Jerry Quarry had one more upset left in his bag of tricks. He surprised a lot of people by taking Thad Spencer, Mac Foster, Lyle, Shavers, etc.---every time,
he was written off and every time, he rose to the occasion and stunned the boxing world. Against Foreman, around 1973-74, he wouldn't have been given a chance, yet with a few "breaks" (i.e. no major cuts and avoiding Foreman's power for at least 5-6 rounds) I honestly believe he could have run the table in the later rounds and shocked the world. Everything would have had to fall into place, but it isn't that far fetched. 3) He should have retired earlier and stayed retired. The films also show that the man was far more than a talented heavyweight fighter—he was a good all-around athlete, a capable commentator and had fun acting and singing, and could hold his own with either. The interviews showed that even a man ranked at the top of such a violent sport was a gentleman first and a boxer second. He was gracious in victory and defeat and conducted himself with dignity and respect when being interviewed. | 10/19/05 09:42:32 AM|Pete|Cleveland||N/A||||10|Noam, read my post again. I did not bring up the old stuff, Howard did. That stuff you where you had difficulties is in the past, and should remain there. Prior to calling Howard the #1 name caller on the board yesterday, he called me a jerk. I was hoping all the name calling was over and done with. But no Howard has become the #1 name caller on the board. Noam I was not confusing Howard with you. My time on this board I have for the most part been very complimentary towards you. Howard dragged your name into it hoping to deflect attention from himself on to you. Howard is a real standup guy. I asked Howard to name his top 10 welterweight champions. He names 2, Robinson and Armstrong, What happened to the other 8? Is he afraid to name them either because he does not know much about boxing, or he is afraid to be recognized as a person who only babbles about Ali-Frazier? He says the same BS over and over again and again, Frazier-Ali. Then when is called on it by me. He accuses me of bringing it up. Finally I am still waiting for his answer regarding Frazier needing assistance when he walks and a wheelchair to get on planes. He sounds like he is glad about it! | 10/19/05 09:47:43 AM|Pete|Cleveland||N/A||||10|Howard C, I am still waiting for you to document your source regarding Joe Frazier needing assistance walking and a wheelchair to get on and off airplanes. Howard if it is true I find it very sad. But you you seem to be glad about it. Another boxer suffering poor health in older age, and you are gloating. That is diabolical! | 10/19/05 09:53:17 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Jonathan, your dad Jerry would have a good chance verses Vitali Klitschko but it would be a very difficult task. Klitschko does appear clumsy but he is very accurate with his punches but speed would be in Jerry's favor and he could make K. pay for any misses. I see K's long accurate jabs and two handed combinations possibly cutting Jerry but beyond that, even though it would be a hard task beating K, I would bet my money on Jerry, maybe with my heart as his fan and he would be an underdog, but a very live underdog. I think a lot of the fans today would say, "no way that little guy could beat big Vitali," but there is a good chance they would be proven wrong. The missing ingredient? Heart, although Vitali K seems to handle adversity in the ring better than his brother Wladimir, in one of Vitali's losses he quit with an arm...
injury after nine rounds in a fight he was winning verses Chris Byrd.<br>

I can't imagine Jerry Quarry quitting in any fight just because he had an injured arm. He would have endured the pain and fought on one handed even if he was hopelessly behind in the fight let alone leading on all of the scorecards.<br>

I think heart could very well be the deciding factor in a match between Jerry and Vitali K.<br>

As you have been discussing Ali and Frazier, I thought it was worth reposting something I wrote here a few years ago. An analysis of the scoring of Ali-Frazier 1 reveals some interesting things. If you watch the film “The Fighters,” the match seems very close, especially as there is no commentary in that film to bias the viewer. I think that Frazier won the fight by eight rounds to seven, but consider this: The closest scoring was that of the referee Arthur Mercante. He scored it 8-6-1. Had Ali won round 15, he would have had a draw on the ref’s card. The two judges scored it 9-6 and an absurd 11-4. On his website, Joe Kraus, who’s no fool, scores the fight 7-7-1 in rounds, a draw. Here’s the link: http://www.geocities.com/sadmspats/FraziervsAli.htm  In an article written in 1975 by Lou Erskin, who had refereed Ali’s fight with Blue Lewis in Dublin in 1972, Erskin claimed to have scored the fight 8-7 for Ali and he claims that many other ringsider observers had done the same, even though Frazier had two big rounds in 11 and 15. Finally, the most interesting thing for me about the scoring of that fight is that although Ali did not win more than six rounds on any one card, he did win ten DIFFERENT rounds when all three score cards were looked at in aggregate. That means that those rounds were close enough for Ali to have won all of them. Ali said on TV in 1990 that although he wouldn’t accept it at the time, Frazier did deserve to win their first fight. I agree, but the fight was very very close. Any thoughts?<br>

Well, no name guy, I think it's funny that you call Bill Recht's score of 11-4 absurd, but you have no problem when someone calls the fight even. More Ali nuthugging going on that makes me dislike him even more.<br>

You say that their were 10 close rounds that could have gone either way. So why not in favor of Frazier? Why is it okay for Ali to be given the close rounds, but not Frazier?<br>

My point is, maybe Bill saw those 10 rounds going in Frazier's favor. But according to you, it's absurd to think that, while another guy could score all 10 in favor of Ali, and you would have no problem with that.<br>

I know no one gave Ali 10 rounds, but if someone did, I'm sure you wouldn't be calling it absurd.<br>

I might be Ali's biggest fan, yet I watch Ali-Frazier I. and can't make a reasonable case that Ali should have been declared the winner. Frazier forced the action. Frazier had a fight plan and stuck with it. Frazier entered the fight in superior physical condition, ready for a war. It's been a long time, but I recall giving Ali only six rounds. Frazier won at least eight and maybe nine. Even if I watched the fight again and gave Ali the benefit of the doubt, I can't see more than one round swinging his way on my scoring. This would leave the fight at 8-7 Frazier, or with a real stretch, 7-7-1. But honestly, with the knockdown, it was clinched for Joe. I think Frazier won his rounds a little more impressively than Ali's winning rounds. Incredibly, I don't think Ali realized Joe had so much left a few years later, in Manilla. Again, I think Ali underestimated Frazier. And again, Frazier fought Ali with more intensity than he ever fought anyone else. For my money, Ali's most consistent performance was probably their second fight, which I don't think was as close as most people say. <br>

Back on the topic of Frazier title defenses though, I did some research into the boxing life of Terry Daniels AFTER his loss to Smokin' Joe.<br>

Seems that Daniels'
record was 5-25 after the Frazier loss. He was beaten by the likes of Joe "King" Roman, Johnny Boudreaux, Lonnie Bennett, Roy "Cookie" Wallace, Dino Dennis, Jean-Pierre Coopman, Scott LeDoux, Tom Frater, Alfredo Evangelista...and get this...low and behold, Ron Stander, who took out Daniels in one. And these are the biggest names on the list!!! This reads like a "who's not" of important 70's heavyweights, and at 5-25 FOLLOWING the loss to Frazier, I wonder what earned him the title shot in the first place?

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The fight was matched but I don't think that it was particularly close. ALI clowned around quite a bit, which leads me to believe that JOE was a little more than he had anticipated. The knockout clinched it for FRAZIER. I think ALI looked better against JERRY in Atlanta.

Here's my version of the top 10 Heavyweights:<br> 1. ALI<br> 2. LOUIS<br> 3. MARCIANO<br> 5. DEMPSEY<br> 6. FRAZIER<br> 7. HOLMES<br> 8. FOREMAN<br> 9. JOHNSON<br>10. TYSON

Daniels also did a stint in the WWF, now known as the WWE, as a pro wrestler. He was an opponent in that realm as well, taking the three count to the likes of Hulk Hogan, Randy Macho Man Savage, the Undertaker, etc, during the 80s.

I am not sure why Frazier gets so much flak for fighting him though as every champion fights such fighters. Ali had Brian London, Chuck Wepner, and Jean Pierre Coopman. Holmes had Scott Frank and Alfredo Evangelista, Foreman had Joe King Roman, and Joe Louis had his bum of the month club.

Add on to my last post, is it because Daniels lost to some of the other "opponents" of other champions that Frazier is singled out for fighting him?

Still, if "The Fighters" film were to be digitally remastered, it would be a gem. The fight was filmed using a dozen cameras and that was a big deal in 1971. It's a pity that the version available now is so dark and grainy. It was an excellent fight and I find the ref's scorecard is always the most interesting, especially when it's Arthur Mercante's. Again, had Ali won round 15 he would still have lost the decision, but he would have got a draw on the ref's card. Mind you, Mercante also scored round 15 of Ali-Norton III in Ali's favour, which doesn't seem right when you see the tape now. Then again, Mercante was in the ring that day and things must look very different when one is a few steps away from the action. Peace.

Gerry, I like your list and the logic and reasoning behind it, particularly regarding Jack Johnson. Your list has imagination and flair and you weren't afraid to be different. Johnson was very much an unsung hero to my mind and he was definitely just as much an innovator as Ali was. He had front and courage as well. I disagree with you on Holmes. He's in my top 5.

Pete, I've written numerously that I am very sad about Frasier's medical circumstances. And that's the truth. I don't like see any person or animal suffering. Frasier recently travelled to New Zealand for a function. He was loaded on and off planes by wheelchairs and he needed assistance when standing on stage. I read it in newspaper - don't ask me which ones - but if you'll bet your house that I'm wrong, I'll start looking this second. The knowledge is widespread in the boxing world anyway.

You asked me to list the welterweights, without even a please, I should add. So I gave you my list. And then you abuse me. I guess you just wanted to do that anyway, no matter what I wrote.

Still waters run deep, but not with you. Sophistry does. LOL :)
said the opposite. I offered an analysis based on the available evidence. Perhaps the most significant thing is that the judges could only agree on six rounds in their scoring of Ali-Frazier I. Naturally, this also raises the issue of scoring by rounds versus scoring by points. A good example of that is the first Leonard-Hearns fight. I remember Larry Merchant reminding viewers towards the end of the fight (when it appeared that Hearns would win a decision) that though Hearns had won more 10-9 rounds, the hurt that Leonard put on Hearns in around rounds five to seven would have earned him one or two 10-8 rounds, thus closing the gap in the scoring. But as we all know, judging in boxing is often terrible, as in the first Lewis-Holyfield fight which was not closer than 8-4. Mind you, had the rematch been scored a draw, I would not have complained because Holyfield fought very well the second time around. |

The flaw in your argument, Kent, is that Joe's list of the tomato cans he DID fight, and the punchers he DIDN'T fight, are MUCH longer than the respective lists of Ali and Holmes. Given that Joe had a much shorter career with far fewer fights, the lists are VERY telling. The lists of Ali and Holmes and others speak for themselves. You read it and you know the answer straight away. How would Ali go against Lyle ? Or Shavers ? Or Cooper ? Or Patterson ? Or Norton ? Or Liston ? Or Mac Foster ? Et al. We know the answers because Ali fought them in addition to squeezing in a few pasties to please the paying masses. Joe, however, at various points in his career, just fought the pasties without bothering to squeeze in the tough guys. With Joe's career there is need for explanations, excuses, qualifications, prevarications, debates, name calling, and dissembling. And not only did he have fewer fights than the others, he got knocked down more. Joe's career FACTS tell the story. Not opinions or hopes. Facts. Do so the career FACTS for Ali and Louis and Holmes and Marciano and Johnson. Facts, not opinions. Cheers (like Massimo). Pete, putting Ali aside, what were Joe's best victories in order 1 to 10 please ?}
Holmes and Foreman fought a lower percentage of world class opponents than Frazier fought.

There are an awful lot of tomato cans on both Foreman's and Holmes' records.

Ali is the exception to most rules that is why he is the greatest.

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Doubling up on guys already beaten. The second Ellis fight was world class. Ahhmm. Maybe Joe should have fought Ellis a third and fourth time to get Kent's percentages up some more. And forget about the more fights someone has the fewer world class fighters are available, etc. A misleading yardstick.

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I'm outvoted. Democracy reigns. So......

1. Robinson
2. Armstrong
3. Gavilan
4. Basilio
5. Trinidad
6. Leonard
7. Whitaker
8. Griffiths
9. Naples
10. Walker
11. Hearns
12. McLarnin

Will you get off my back now Pete?

Patterson—he may have been knocked down more times than any other champ, but he also got up more times than any other! He was only knocked out by Ali, Liston (no disgrace there) and Johansson who was a huge underated puncher, who of course he came back to defeat twice. Patterson deserved to be beat Ellis and in Johansson, Machen, Chuvalo, Moore, Cooper, Bonavena beat some good fighters. In his prime he may well have beaten Quarry, I'm not sure as he was 34 when he lost to Jerry.

One point to pick up is how Frazier fought a man who is as tough as Bonavena as his 11th fight. Frazier's flaws have been exposed correctly in a few posts but this highlights one reason for a lot of respect for the man, particularly as Foreman only had Chuvalo on his hit list after 40 fights and today's heavyweights need 25 fights at least before approaching anyone in the top ten.

Kent: "Percentage" of world class fights is not valid in my opinion and it borders on ridiculous. How about "quantity" or "number of" world class fights? If a pro tennis player takes on Venus and Serena Williams, Lindsay Davenport, Maria Sharapova and okay, let's add Anna K. for some eye candy—and five unranked players, their percentage of world class opponents is 50%. If another player takes on Anna K. and Venus Williams, and one unranked player, their percentage is 66%. Okay, so what? Who accomplished more? If you have fewer matches, or fewer fights, and you miss a bunch of relevant world class athletes, who cares if your percentage is higher? You haven't taken the risks!

I prefer 'cheers', Massimo, to the other choices listed. I remember that Evren used to use that one a lot when he posted here ...

A lot being made of bums lately. To a point, this is a little curious. A Porsche that goes from 0 to 150 has to briefly do 30, am I right? Ali, during his Clay days, had a hard time getting fights early on, as did Frazier, Norton and Foreman. Why? Because they were tough to beat and they didn't draw. Ali only drew after he became the Lip. Honestly, would you stand against these guys with little pay? I wouldn't. Frazier's manager was given kudos for steering a good course for Joe to smoke thru. Not every manager is of the thinking that he should heave his guy in against Tony Doyle and Eddie Machen in his first full year just because his guy is so good. That fast approach obviously presents risk.

The name of the game is to fight the guys you have to fight, not every badass on the playground, and keep yourself in a place to contend. At least that's my opinion ...
boxer, as I've said before. Great jab and great use of it. Solid defensively. The guy boxed and acted like a champ should.

I just feel he had too many sketchy performances to warrant top ten all-time. I've already posted to death on that, so I'll spare us on that here ... Kudos to the White Sox and Astros for making the World Series. My Indians chased the Sox all year, but they were awfully good. The 'Stros are a pickup to a city needing one, I think, also. Should be a fun Series. Houston also has a solid NBA team. I know Big George will be rootin' for them this year. Thanks. |

I'm sorry but I have to correct you, Paul from Sidney was the guy who used to use "cheers" often in his posts, not Evren. This is history. This is also legend, this is legendary history!

point well taken, Frazier's management selected his opponents and he didn't have many pro fights as his all out style meant he would burn out fast. People can use this to rank him lower than he might otherwise be ranked in all time great lists. I think otherwise as in his prime he was great, hard to beat by most in any era and his prime was at least for a while. It was pointed out that Joe fought more tomato cans than other champions and this just isn't true. I considered a world class fights as against someone who was a champion or contender or near the rankings for at least a couple of years. So I didn't even put a fighter like Manuel Ramos, who I believe was ranked at one time, but only briefly, on Frazier's list. While I put Roy "Tiger" Williams on Holmes' list based on his tough fights with Holmes and Shavers even though Williams was never a ranked fighter. Some may disagree with a fight or two on each list but the fact still remains, Frazier did not fight a higher percentage or more tomato can opponents (non world class) than champions such as Holmes and Foreman. Ali did fight a higher percentage of world class opponents than those other champions, again one of the reasons he is the greatest as he did things other champions, not just Frazier, didn't do.

I think some here go out of their way to be critical of Frazier's career but for what reason, I don't know. I know people don't like it when I name drop but tomorrow night I am reporting on the Vernon Forrest verses Elco Garcia fight and I think Sean O'Grady will be announcing (former lightweight champion). I have spoken to Sean on several occasions and while I doubt if he remembers my name, he always says hello to me. I am going to see if I can ask Sean what he thinks about Frazier ducking people or if I can ask any other boxing experts who may be there, maybe James Toney as his promoter is doing the card, the same question. Realize expert opinion is considered a valid form of information in logical arguments.

Agreed. Frazier at his peak, though his peak wasn't as long in duration as Ali's or Holmes, was more than formidable—he was beatable, but not by many. I've never argued the point that Frazier at his best was truly ferocious. As for Sean O'Grady, I don't consider him an expert on early 70's heavyweights any more than I am. I'm confident I could pull more names out of a hat than he could with regard to heavies of the 60's and 70's and I'm betting that my recall of the fights, fighters, dates is as good or better than his. I do like O'Grady very much though. I think the question of Frazier possibly ducking certain fighters/styles should be asked of his contemporaries. I'd love a CANDID answer from Foreman—"George, after you walked over Frazier, do you think he and his "careful/cautious" team thought twice about going in against Shavers or Lyle?" If Foreman were being honest and open, I wonder what he'd say? Thanks for the clarification, Massimo. Still, it clearly is a better term than some I've been addressed with, no matter who says 'cheers '. And the site clearly does miss Evren and other long-time posters not here today ...
deal regarding 'tomato cans' and 'bums', while some of these second-tier guys are far from either. Longevity is also a big point. For Frazier to have had the career length of an Ali or Holmes, he'd have to be bulletproof. Quarry also. With exception of Ali, and I'll argue, Quarry, the other majors missed a number of top guys that could have been fought. Unless it was someone they absolutely dodged and should have fought, the question to be asked might be: So what?

Kent brought up an interesting point, that some here go out of their way to be critical of Frazier's career. Not surprisingly, Angelo didn't respond to that, and I don't expect Noam or Cosell to, either.

Maybe I've gone a little out of my way to be critical of Joe's career and "handling" but I certainly haven't been critical of Joe himself. He was a top notch fighter in a top notch era. He also seemed to be a decent guy. There are holes on his resume and I've given my opinion that maybe if the holes weren't there, more losses would be. I've stated that I don't think Frazier was afraid of anybody---he'd have fought Lyle, Shavers or King Kong---but his management didn't go after the big guns. Willard, instead of questioning a few of us who have pointed out deficiencies with Joe's fight schedule, why don't you take the Ali haters to task? They've spewed hate and even racism against Ali and admitted to enjoying his Parkinson's suffering. To me, that's a much worse offense than saying Frazier should have fought Shavers.

Angelo - sometimes people hate or dislike Ali so much that they cling to someone they perceive as being Ali's greatest enemy, in this case Frazier. They then perceive any criticism of Frazier, or any praise of Ali, as being somehow hateful of Joe. I can't recall any personally demeaning comments here about Joe or his health. I can recall plenty about Ali. I can recall personally demeaning comments here about Joe or his health. I can recall plenty about Ali. I can't recall you, me, Noam or anyone else saying that they personally dislike Frazier. Yet only yesterday Willard said that he dislikes Ali and plenty of others have expressed the same sentiment time and again.

That leads me to believe this: the criticism of Frazier is about his boxing unaffected by any personal animosity or bias, whilst some (note I said some) of the criticism of Ali is the reverse. In my opinion.

Kent, the percentage of world class fighters Frazier DIDN'T fight would be more appropriate and insightful......Tyson, Terrell, Mac Foster, Zora Folley, Lyle, Shavers, Norton, et al. All are his contemporaries. He could have faced them instead of doubling up on poor 'ol Jimmy in the 'Weekend At Bernie's' fiasco.

Massimo - I agree with Gerry that 'cheers' is more appropriate to sign off on than the other terms you listed such as bum etc. Cheers.

Oops. I wrote Tyson instead of Liston in the list below. One other thing. People talk about how Cloverlay carefully managed Joe's career. I prefer the term 'stage-managed', given that apart from Foreman, hard punchers were so carefully avoided. In reality the management was more hard-assed than clever. Joe's various medical problems - eye and blood pressure - were so pronounced at various points in his career that it was unsafe for him to fight. He shouldn't have been allowed in the ring. Yet Cloverlay let him fight. For the money. When the lemon was squeezed dry Cloverlay deserted him. Cloverlay exited stage right immediately before Joe's 'Weekend at Bernie's' fight with Ellis in Australia. At the point Joe most needed Cloverlay's guidance more than ever, it was time for Joe to say goodbye to boxing, but Cloverlay fled and left him standing alone in the ring.

It was all about money to Cloverlay. Not Joe's health. Not Joe's legend. And by carefully stage-managing the hard punchers to avoid, they brought his legend into question, as the debate here proves. Had Joe faced the hard punchers who were his boxing
contemporaries then this debate here - rightly or wrongly - would never have taken place. The fact that this debate was necessary proves that there are holes and question marks on Joe's career courtesy of Cloverlay. I also believe Joe would have fought the hard punchers had he been allowed. Cloverlay stopped him.

Angelo, who are the Ali haters? And what have they been saying? All it seem to me is the same old prattle about Ali- and Frazier day in and day out. Why does this go on? I have seen countless rankings on this site where Ali is regarded as the greatest Heavyweight Champ ever. I have yet to see one regarding Frazier even in the top 5 all time. There is no problem with that. I have seen: Angelo, Howard C, Noam attack not only Frazier viciously but also Frazier's supporters supporters. For the most part the people who supported Frazier and attacked Ali viciously have left this site. Sadly, some of them were interesting when talking about things besides Frazier and Ali. In fairness to Noam he does not attack Frazier supporters and I think he would be more than happy to move on. Angelo when you discuss other things beside Frazier you are interesting and informative. But God, you have been saying the same stuff about Frazier for over a year now. Regarding Howard C he knows little or nothing about boxing other than name calling and Ali-Frazier prattle. If I could only filter out this Frazier-Ali garbage, I think I could really enjoy this site. Sadly. I can't. Then again if I could, and did, the Ali-Frazier supporters would accuse me of censorship.

I've been saying the same stuff about Frazier, some good and some not so good---but have generally left the topic alone when it died down and only began writing about it again in response to others' posts. It's not surprising that on a Jerry Quarry website, so much has been written about 60'-70's heavyweights and so much has been debated about two of the best fighters who beat him, Ali and Frazier.

In response to your post, if you really think about it, the Frazier supporters have won. Why? We're actually having to make a case and go on the defensive---that Ali was a good and charitable person, that Ali won in Manilla and would have still won had there been a 15th round (Rhodescholarette maintained that Frazier would have KOed Ali in the 15th). In short, it's tit for tat with Ali and Frazier. Frazier's supporters have actually elevated him to Ali's level and have engaged Ali fans in what appears on the surface to be a legitimate debate. The reality is that Muhammad Ali transcends boxing and athletics by a hundred miles. He was an important and iconic figure of the 60's and 70's and for a not so brief period of time, might have been the most recognizable living face on the planet. Depending on who you talk to, you hear many different things about Ali's influence. To me, he was a great boxing champion. To others, he's a political hero. To others, he's a religious/spiritual hero. To others, he's a charitable humanitarian who has shared his own good fortune and wealth. He's not without faults, but his life has meant a lot to so many. Meanwhile, Frazier is a great boxing champion and a nice guy and maybe a good family man and maybe an important guy in his community. That's pretty darn good, but it's not approaching the world figure that Ali was and is. So here we are, keeping Frazier's legend alive by comparing and contrasting him to Ali and for that reason, Frazier fans have won. If not for his relationship to Ali, he'd be forgotten by all but the most informed sports fans.

You have a way about looking at things from a perspective that I do not have. And when you do you have me looking at things in a entirely different way. You made good points.
are the Frazier supporters? I guess I would be among them but as I have stated on many occasions, Ali is the greatest of all time and I have never said anything else. I have also said, more than once, it is unfair to compare Ali's accomplishments to other fighters, including Fraier's. That is what set Ali apart. He did things other fighter did not do. Hence he is the greatest of all time.

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10/21/05 01:38:24 AM | Noam | same | same | 10 | Kent's percentages about the world class fighters faced by Frazier, Ali, Foreman and Holmes are meaningless. Say, for example, Holmes fought 7 world class guys (to use Kent's description). It means nothing. There may have only been 7 world class guys out there to fight. Holmes can't create them. It's not his fault that there were no more to fight. To make it meaningful you must not only list the world class guys he fought, but also the available world class guys he didn't fight. And then reduce it to a percentage. We could say that Holmes fought 17 world class guys and there were 20 available in his career. So he fought 75% of what was available. Same with Ali, Foreman, and Frazier. The way Kent has it doesn't mean a thing and proves nothing. As to the Ali haters, I've heard no one celebrating Joe's bad health. Plenty here gloat about Ali's. Many criticize Ali personally lots. Not so about Frazier where boxing, not personal things, is the main issue. Most of the time people talking about Ali are just responding to something. I've heard Pete, for example, make a point about Ali and then say this is boring and let's move on. However, the next poster is entitled to respond to what Pete said. Or Pete starts the post saying, "It's boring talking about Ali all the time" and then as Howard says Pete talks about Ali. If Pete wants to move on from the subject then he should just move on without trying to make sneaky little points all of the time at someone else's expense. And I guess if Pete doesn't want to talk about Ali then he doesn't have to. If Kent or Howard or Angelo or anyone does want to talk about it then they should be able to do that without Pete jumping down their throats. As it stands if a guy seen as pro-Joe, like Kent, says something about Ali, there is silence from Pete. But if Angelo, or me, or Howard says something (guys seen as pro-Ali) then Pete berates us. No real balance there. (Hey, Pete, I'm being honest in what I'm saying and not trying to antagonize you be saying it.) Anyway, Kent, I look forward to your percentages about the number of world class fighters fought against the number of world class guys available. For Frazier all you essentially need to do is take the list of world class fighters you drew up for Ali and then mark off the ones Joe fought and didn't fight. Simple. Then reduce it to a percentage. I'd call it the Braveheart Scale.

10/21/05 01:51:14 AM | Noam | same | same | 10 | Angelo, I agree with what you say about Ali wholeheartedly. Like everyone, he did some personal things not to be entirely proud of, but he also did lots more good things for people from all other the world. Little acts of kindness that never get praise. And, of course, the dignity he shows with his disease motivates many with the same condition. It must annoy his haters when they witness the universal accolades he gets, opening Olympics, getting prestigious awards, etc. I feel a bit sorry for Frazier. To be fighting in the same era as Ali must be intimidating. Joe thinks he doesn't get the praise he deserves, etc. I don't think Joe did himself any favours with his attitude. Boasting about Ali's medical condition, gloating about it, turned stomachs and made him appear small minded. In his book the way
he criticizes other fighters, calling them tomatoo cans, and that type of stuff,
does him no credit. It's a pity.<br>But I don't think Frazier has been
raised by the debate here. Quite the contrary. Someone asked Pete to name the
greatest victory Frazier had, forgetting Ali. Of course, the question wasn't
answered, mainly because it wouldn't reflect well on Joe. His best victory other
than Muhammad ? Ellis ? Joe actually should be happy he was from Ali's
era, because without him he'd be best remembered for beating Jimmy Ellis.

Now, Angelo, if I say that this is a boring subject, that we speak about
this all the time, and that we should move onto something else, do you think
Pete will let us ?

Oh, one more thing, Pete. I don't agree with you about Howard C. I find his posts informative and insightful. He
obviously knows plenty about boxing even if you don't agree with him. You don't
elevate a debate by accusing someone of being ignorant just because your views
conflict. I've made that mistake previously. Howard probably thinks you know
even less than him about boxing, mainly because you spend your time criticizing
others and telling them what subjects to discuss, rather than actually
discussing an issue and showing you know something about it. Give us facts and
informative opinions, not orders and condemnation. For example, you
chastized Howard for not giving you a list of welterweights. He did that and
then you chastized him for not doing it in order of preference. So he did THAT
and then, rather than discuss the good list he gave in order of preference, you
ignored the list and kicked him for something else. Move on from kicking Howard
and Ali, Pete. Show us that you actually know something about boxing. Time to
prove yourself, young man ! Otherwise you'll always be bleating from the cheap
seats.

I have never made fun of Ali's
condition. Don't put words in my mouth or accuse me of things I didn't
do. Frazier will never be as popular as Ali. Let Ali be as popular as
you want, but don't talk about him like he can beat any fighter in history with
ease. Also, don't call him a role model or hero. Head to head, prime
against prime, Ali loses to Frazier, and maybe Louis. Frazier loses to Foreman
and Liston.

And to the Ali-haters, don't make
fun of his condition. Other than his trash talking and treatment of fighters, he
was a good guy.

I know you'll be shocked ...

but I disagree with you on Kent's list of percentages. I think they are
very telling. Ali fought everyone because of his dominance. Holmes never
had that, Foreman did only very briefly. It also further shows Frazier as a guy
who was dodged, not a guy who dodged others. Did Holmes have contending
opponents he could have fought? Once again, yes, several of them. Some of
them later held belts themselves. Holmes, also, as I've said earlier, owed
us several rematches --- Norton, Snipes, Cooney, Witherspoon, Williams.
These were all undecisive performances for him. Show me an Ali or Frazier fight in
that same category that didn't get a rematch. Willard, I have to disagree
with you also, on Ali the good guy. The guy was a bigot, vocally anti-white,
vocally anti-christian. He's perhaps sports history's most compelling figure.
He was a huge credit to the sport, it's hard to imagine boxing without
him. But Ali the person was a great deal more. And less.

Incidentally, after his
lopsided win over Ali, I think Joe Frazier's greatest win was over our own Jerry
Quarry in their first fight. The first three rounds of that fight are still
among the best I've ever seen.

Noam, lets clear up a couple of
things here regarding Howard C and me. He calls me names, JERK being
the most recent one. I never attacked Ali, where are you getting that
from? I named Ali the #1 Heavyweight Champion of all time.<br><br>#3 I asked Howard for a list of his top 10 welterweight champions of all time. He did not give a list of his top 10 he gave #1 Robinson #2 Armstrong. And he lumped the others all together, until you finally prodded him on to do the right thing. Also, note, I did not attack Howard C for his list after he finally posted them.<br><br>#4 Can you tell tell me 2 significant posts Howard C ever made on this site regarding something other than Ali-Frazier prattle<br><br>#5 Most of the Ali haters have left the site. You and Angelo have toned your anti Frazier attacks big time. This just leaves Howard C stuck in the past.<br><br>#6 Noam, I think your time would be better spent counseling Howard C. And tell him to move on past Ali-Frazier. This BS has been going on for almost 2 years.<br><br>Regarding my boxing knowledge. My post speak for themselves. |<br><br>Why would Holmes have to fight Cooney or Norton in immediate rematches? He beat Cooney by TKO and while Cooney fought bravely, the fight wasn't in question. I believe Holmes would have loved to give Cooney a rematch if Cooney rebounded and fought his way back, which he didn't. As for Norton, he was in line for another shot with Holmes—but it would be the winner of Norton-Shavers to get a rematch with Holmes. Low and behold, Norton didn't make it out of the first round. I believe Snipes should have had a rematch with Holmes. That's valid.<br><br>Ali a hero? To me, he was a boxing/sports hero, like Joe Namath, Len Dawson, Willie Stargell, Ken Dryden, etc. To others, he was a whole lot more. Talk to black people who were intimidated in the early 60s by racists—but by the end of the 60's, they could speak their mind, be their own people, fight the establishment instead of being victims of it. To me, Martin Luther King drove it. But to some others, it was Malcolm X and followers, especially a high profile guy like Ali, who had the *!x!!s to stand up and challenge the power structure. I'm not black—I don't know what it felt like to be a minority in 1960, afraid to get "out of line" and forced to the back of the bus, not allowed in diners, not able to use the same public drinking fountains as whites. I have a vague idea of how that must have felt, but not being in those shoes, how can I really know for sure? By the late 60's, things were changing quickly and many, many black people felt a sense of empowerment by watching Ali and others challenge the establishment and speak out. Please don't say he can't be viewed as a hero. I didn't agree with his stand against the war—but many people did and he was a hero to them. Willard—as a fan of Ali's, I would never say that he's the best ever with ease. If it was easy, Frazier wouldn't have beaten him and neither would Norton. The other losses (Spinks, Berbick, Holmes) don't play into it—but Frazier and Norton had success with Ali and many other fighters gave him tough, hard fought challenges. With ease? Never. I rank him slightly ahead of Louis, Holmes and Marciano, but not by a mile. |<br><br>On Holmes, the fight with Cooney was very much in question if you look at the score cards at the time of the KO. Cooney was leading on at least one of them. It may be that all five that I mention may have had subsequent losses that interfered with rematches, sure. But I find that hard to believe for all five guys. It's interesting, I was reading about Ron Lyle the other day for my Quarry Yahoo site. Lyle met Jimmy Young as an eliminator to meet Ali. Lyle lost, and got to fight Ali anyway in his very next fight. So even the logic that seems to support this, does not always hold up. Again, so many iffy performances by Holmes, to me, diminishes his all-time standing. I haven't heard a lot of response to this here. On Ali, I would never say that he was not a hero. He clearly was to millions. He was iconic to many and has millions (billions?) of fans today. The general statement made was that he was a good guy, and I disagree, however much that actually means. His place in history is certainly solid no matter what I think. I think Noam makes a
good point on Frazier also.<br>It is a shame the guy has been so bitter.<br>Sometimes in life, no matter what you do, the other guy gets the nod anyway.<br>I think he has a lot to be proud of, and I'm sure he is.<br>He came across to me as very likeable, but perhaps he may need to be more philosophical about his view of his tremendous career. I hope he is. Thanks.|<br><br>Guys, my comments on showing that Holmes and Foreman fought a lower percentage of world class fighters in their careers than Frazier was not meant to put Holmes or Foreman down but instead to show that Frazier was not the only champion who could not measure up to Ali, the greatest of all time.<br><br>Yes Ali and Frazier will always be linked by the history of their three great fights and linking them keeps Frazier more in the public eye but just because Frazier wasn't as great as Ali, that he wasn't great himself and Holmes and Foreman were great as well. They all were not as great as Ali.<br>I agree that the so called Ali haters, who enjoy Ali's current ill health, are not here now and to the best of my knowledge, none of the current posters have said any such thing about Ali's health but I am not going to read every single post to prove this. I only know I have never said anything negative about Ali's health or for that matter about him as a person.|<br><br>Gerry: You're correct about Lyle-Young. It's interesting that Ali seemed to take all comers. Guys who won an eliminator got to face him. Guys who lost an eliminator got to meet him. Sneaky boxers like Young, power punchers like Lyle/Shavers, "Rockys" like Wepner, rematches with guys who gave him fits, like Frazier and Norton, Europeans like Dunn and Bugner---you name it. Gerry, I agree that Holmes had some shaky wins, but they were wins nonetheless. Let's not forget that Lennox Lewis was iced by Rahman and McCall. This didn't happen to Champion Holmes. Staggered, yes, but iced, no. Holmes dug deep to rebound and hold his belt. Ali did not give Young a rematch, and some thought Young won that fight. Also, there are similarities between Cooney-Holmes and Lyle-Ali. Don't forget, Lyle was fighting very well before Ali scored the TKO. If Cooney deserved a rematch with Holmes after giving a good showing but getting stopped, then why not Lyle? Williams and Witherspoon seemed to occur very late in Holmes reign. Yes, they fought well, like Shavers fought Ali well. Again, no rematches among these fights either. Holmes missed Tate and Dokes, among others. I can't think of a deserving fighter who Ali didn't get in with. Both Holmes and Ali were great Champs. By the way, since you spell your name with a "G" is this possibly Gerry Cooney? No wonder you're still going on about not getting that rematch with Holmes! |<br><br>Good points on Ali-Lyle, Angelo.<br>One judge called it a draw, one gave it to Ali by a single point. Lyle was a very strong contender.<br>Your case that Ali could have rematched a few of these guys is pretty good also.<br>No, I'm Gerry Cooney. There are more than a few Gerrys out there, contrary to some stupid opinions posted on here a while back.<br>You make a great point on Holmes. He took Ernie Shavers' best shot hard. But he got up and won.<br>There's certainly something to be said for that.<br>I still remember Lewis just decimating Razor Ruddock and was blown away by his talent at that time. Certainly the two, Lewis and Holmes, are very comparable.|<br><br>Lewis and Holmes successes are comparable, but if the two met, prime vs. prime, I'd give a not so small edge to Holmes. Lennox was a long reigning champion and also an honorable one outside the ring---I think he restored some dignity to the title and carried himself well---but I think Holmes was grittier, tougher and more skilled. Lewis had that nice size advantage with the big reach to keep guys away from him. Lewis was a very good looking athlete too, with solid credentials. I just think that Holmes had that something extra that elevated
him to perform well enough to win when it mattered most. Lewis lacked a little bit of that, hence his devastating losses. It's easy to recall Holmes near misses against The Truth Williams, Mr. Snipes, etc., but don't forget his masterpieces against Shavers (almost perfect first fight and shaking off the knockdown in the second) his gut it out war with Norton, handling big, skilled Leroy Jones and some of the easy wins over guys like Cobb, Marvis Frazier, Ocasio, Leon Spinks and others. Ocasio beat a very strong contender in Jimmy Young and Cobb managed to cause trouble for guys like Shavers and Norton. Holmes also had the KO over Weaver. Lewis beat Holyfield with his size. I don't think he'd have it as easy with Holmes though.

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|10/21/05 09:58:59 PM|charles anderson|ark.|ctjjandfam@aol.com|10|how do you get on the jerry quarry yahoo site?|

|10/22/05 03:57:29 AM|Howard C.|Louisville|howarde@louisville|10|Gerry, I gotta agree with Noam. Kent's list was meaningless. Much better to compare who he fought against who was available. It would be very telling. No need for any excuses. Just the raw percentages. It was Kent, by the way, who put Ali, Foreman, Frazier and Holmes in the mix. Let's run with his suggestion and see what comes up. Pete, I tried to accommodate and appease you several times. You demanded a list of welterweights. I gave you a list but you abused me. You then demanded that I do them in order. I then did them in order and you then abused me again calling me stupid. Not only do you take angry pills, but stupid and ignorant ones as well. You behave like a jerk, among other things. Stop being boring by telling me, Angelo and Noam how to behave. We know how to behave. We watch you and then do the exact opposite. That's makes us acceptable and you unacceptable. Anyway, let's play the ball not the man. I gave you a list of welterweights in order just as you demanded. You said that I am stupid and that I know nothing about boxing. Okay genius, show me where. Debate the list I posted. Who shouldn't be there and why. Debate my list know-it-all. Show us how much you know, Pete, because all you've done so far is exhibit your ignorance. Thanks.|

|10/22/05 01:11:17 PM|Pete|Cleveland|N/A|10|Howard C, I never called you stupid, and don't pretend you can read minds. I never addressed Angelo, or Noam and told them how to behave. If they have a problem with me they can speak for themselves.|

|10/22/05 01:12:22 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca.|kentallenent@aol.com|10|Angelo, you are probably right, Sean O'Grady, although an expert at boxing, may not know any more than any of us about the era of the sixties and seventies, James Toney also, an expert about the boxing art itself, might not either. Besides, O'Grady didn't work the Forrest card and I didn't get a chance to talk to Toney. Forrest's fight with a fighter named Elco Garcia had a strange ending. Forrest, in the last round, threw a punch and he fell down from the momentum. The referee signaled it was a slip but before he could get between the fighters and wipe off Forrest's gloves, like they usually do, Forrest nailed Garcia with a left hook, knocking him out. The audience boooed, they thought it was a foul, but I thought Garcia let his guard down. You know, protect yourself at all times. What was the ref. going to do? Lift Garcia's arm while he was on the canvas and declare him the winner after Forrest had won every round?|

|10/23/05 04:53:12 PM|Jerry Quarry|Florida|10|I whooped all those guys.|

|10/23/05 11:10:12 PM|Howard C.|Louisville|howarde@louisville|10|Pete, at your demand I listed my top welterweights from one to 10 and then you said I didn't know anything about boxing. That might be so but please pay me the courtesy by demonstrating your contention. Please go through my list one to 10 and tell me where I got it so wrong that I demonstrated my ignorance of the sport. I'd like your comments on names on the list, rather than your opinion of me. My list is, Pete:<br>1. Robinson<br>2. Armstrong<br>3. Gavilan<br>4. Basilio<br>5. Trinidad<br>6. Leonard<br>7. Whittaker<br>8. Griffiths. |
Naples

Where did I get it so wrong, Pete?

Hi Kent, I still think the list you did should be who they fought against and who they didn't fight - in terms of what you call world class fighters. It's an interesting argument, although there is opinion involved as to who qualifies as world class.

For instance, who were the 17 world class fighters that make up Kent's list of 17 for Frazier are Daniels in July 1966 and working through in chronological order Bonavena (x 2), Doug Jones, Chuvalo, Ramos, Quarry (x 2), Ellis (x 2), Ali (x 3), Foreman (x 2), Mathis, Foster. A few comments: at the end of each year Ring Magazine published its Top 10 heavyweights for the year. They rate on the performance over the year, rather than on a month by month basis. Mathis never made the ANNUAL Top 10. Foster, of course, was a light-heavy, Daniels never ranked higher than 8, Machen never higher than 9, Jones never higher than 8, Chuvalo never higher than 8, Ramos never higher than 8. And, of course, there were guys never ranked in the annual top 10 Joe fought - Davis, Johnson, Doyle, Conners, Zyglewicz, Mathis, Daniels, and Stander. When he fought Ellis in 1975, Ellis hadn't been ranked since 1971 in the top 10.

These are the guys in the Ring Magazine's ANNUAL Top 10 that Joe never fought: Terrell ranked 1 in 1965, 1 in 1966, 10 in 1967, Folley 5 in 1965, 2 in 1966, Spencer 7 in 1965, 3 in 1966, 2 in 1967, Patterson 2 in 1965, 4 in 1966, 7 in 1967, Mildenburger 4 in 1965, 5 in 1966, 9 in 1967, Liston 5 in 1968, 8 in 1970, Martin 7 in 1968, 4 in 1969, Mac Foster 5 in 1969, 5 in 1970, 5 in 1971, Al Jones 9 in 1968, 8 in 1969, Cooper 9 in 1969, 6 in 1970, Lyle 4 in 1972, 5 in 1973, 3 in 1974, 5 in 1975, Norton 9 in 1972, 3 in 1973, 6 in 1974, 1 in 1975, and 2 in 1976, Shavers 6 in 1973, 6 in 1975, Young 2 in 1975, 3 in 1976, Holmes 6 in 1976, Others ranked in the annual Top 10 by the Ring Magazine and not fought by Frazier are Persol, Corletti, Peralta, Urtain, Gracia, Bodell, Roman, Wepner, Middleton, Clarke, Bobich, Nueman, Smith, Boudreaux, Ward....I don't count these guys as they only appeared in the rankings for a year or two at most. I'll give Joe the benefit of the doubt on these.) Please note that the above list has been for the same period as Kent's i.e. from July 1966 when Joe fought his first world class guy Daniels. Kent's list has 12 world class fighters Joe fought: Daniels, Bonavena, Jones, Chuvalo, Ramos, Quarry, Ellis, Ali, Foreman, Bugner, Mathis (to save argument I'll include this unranked guy) and Bob Foster. My list of world class guys he didn't fight is 15 fighters: Terrell, Folley, Spencer, Patterson, Mildenberger, Liston, Martin, Mac Foster, Al Jones, Cooper, Lyle, Norton, Shavers, Young, Holmes. To save argument I'll take Holmes out even though he was there in that era. Kent's 12 and my 14 equal 26. Joe fought 12 out of the 26 world class guys of his era. On Noam's Braveheart Scale (good one Noam), Joe fought 46.15% of the world class fighters available in his era. He didn't fight 53.85% of the world class guys of his era.

Hey Noam, you're the statistics guy. Stick these raw stats in your folder! Phew, now I can go to bed.


It looks like Las Vegas is going to crack down on boxing soon. Or most likely, give the appearance that it is going to...
Annual listings only tell part of the story, as Jimmy D. revealed earlier. Some of those opponents for Frazier, Chuvalo and Mathis in particular were ranked well within the Top Ten for stretches of months. Ultimately, it's where they are ranked at fight-time that matters most, not where the guy was last January. For example, it's October now. That's ten months after the last annual ranking, a time frame in which a lot can happen for today's heavies. A guy who was #1, might be #4 now with a loss in that interim. In your 53+%, you might also consider the subsequent losses of the potential opponents in the time frames you give. Patterson, Spencer and Foster all lost to Quarry; where were they ranked after those losses? Mildenberger was beaten in the '67 tournament. Where was he ranked after that? This is why annual listings don't go far enough with guys ranked 6-10. They can drop out, then pop back in. That's not the same as a guy who was top six for the whole year. What is with the aggressive anti-Frazier thing anyway? He wasn't talented enough for you guys?...

Angelo, I like Lewis with Holmes. Holmes did not have the pop that McCall or Rahman had, so he'd have to box the bigger man. Lewis, with better size and reach, would probably make Holmes come to him, a style Holmes does not fight well in. The bigger Cooney boxed Holmes well with his size. The Truth was 6'4, and also gave him problems, dominating Holmes for 11 rounds. Your point that Holmes was tougher is well-taken. Lewis could be iced, as you say, Holmes got up from Shavers, who hit hard enough to kill. I'm still not as impressed with the names on Holmes win sheet as most. Norton was flat-out robbed another Don King special. It's a wonder, with both Ali and Holmes, that Norton didn't chase down King with a bat. Good discussions, guys. Thanks. |

Another thing to add, sorry. Frazier didn't turn pro until mid-1965. If I'd have been his manager,
I would not have put Joe in with a top ten guy until 1967, giving him time to move up just like anyone else. Some of the 'contenders' listed weren't even ranked after 1967, and others only briefly based on the annual ranking shown. See ing the way Joe went thru the guys he did face, how many of those contenders were lined up to meet Frazier? "Hey Joe, beat the hell out of me next", they might say? I don't think so.

Frazier was still active in 1974, 1975, 1976—Lyle and Shavers were more than just "prospects" by that time. They were highly ranked fighters, going in against the Foreman's, the Youngs, Ali and eachother. I find it hard to believe that Earnie Shavers wouldn't have accepted the chance of a lifetime to fight a former World Champion, Frazier, for more money than all his previous fights combined, instead of someone like Ron Lyle—dangerous, but without Frazier's name recognition. When Frazier took on Ellis on Life Support in Australia, that could have easily been one of the other guys I mentioned. Tune-up, tune-down, whatever, he didn't go head-to-head with the sluggers. After Foreman dismantled Frazier in five minutes, I truly don't think Ron Lyle would have been scared off by Frazier's performance against Jerry Quarry—basically beating a guy he had already beaten previously and had outweighed by a comfortable margin. I don't believe that for a minute. The history shows that Lyle and Shavers weren't shy about stepping in with anybody at anytime. This is why I've never bought your contention that they avoided Frazier and he didn't avoid them. When the entire top ten is facing off against eachother in one 3-4 year period, but one guy is missing—I've got to believe it's him avoiding them, not the other way around. Where was Norton? I'll tell you where he was, ranked high, fighting Ali, fighting Foreman but not fighting Frazier. Lyle: Fighting Ali, fighting Foreman but not fighting Frazier. Shavers: Fighting Young, fighting Lyle, later, fighting Ali, but not fighting Frazier. Young: Fighting Lyle, fighting Shavers (I believe twice each), later, fighting Foreman, but not fighting Frazier. They were all afraid of ruining their "prospect" status by losing to Frazier? Baloney. I look at Joe's competition and number of fights after 1971 and I realize that his management carefully avoided the landmines and cement that were in Shavers' and Lyle's gloves. Once again, for the record, Frazier wasn't afraid of anybody and wouldn't duck anybody either. But maybe his management had reason to "proceed with caution."

Ok Howard lets go. But before I begin are you through with the name calling? I have no problem with #1 Robinson, and Armstrong #2. I have a problem with #3 Gavilan. Great boxer and exciting fighter. But he got a gift against Billy Graham in the MSG. So he was not that great of a boxer. He got a gift against Carmen Basilio in Syracuse. I have the tape of that fight. So he could not out box Basilio as others had done. Also Gavilan was not much of puncher. I would not have Gavilan at #3. I believe twice each), later, fighting Foreman, but not fighting Frazier. Shavers: Fighting Young, fighting Lyle, later, fighting Ali, but not fighting Frazier. Young: Fighting Lyle, fighting Shavers (I believe twice each), later, fighting Foreman, but not fighting Frazier. They were all afraid of ruining their "prospect" status by losing to Frazier? Baloney. I look at Joe's competition and number of fights after 1971 and I realize that his management carefully avoided the landmines and cement that were in Shavers' and Lyle's gloves. Once again, for the record, Frazier wasn't afraid of anybody and wouldn't duck anybody either. But maybe his management had reason to "proceed with caution."

Disagreement's can be cordial.
before 1975 he just wasn't ready. I do think seeing Frazier dominate Quarry would be a good barometer if I was the manager of a Lyle or Shavers circa 1973 to 1974, if I felt they would be ready for Frazier at that time or not. I mean you can be rated and still not ready for someone like Joe. Shavers definitely was not ready for Frazier before 1976 or even 1977, when Frazier was gone from the scene. Remember in 1974 he lost to Bob Stallings and he drew with Jimmy Young after having been knocked out by Quarry. Shavers spent 1975 and 76 rebuilding his career and he also had a knockout loss to Lyle during this period.

I am just saying there is more than one interpretation of the available information and that other champions did not fight a lot of the same fighters Frazier supposedly avoided. But the Frazier critics, mainly Noam and Howard, are singling him out for this. I mean did Foreman ever fight Liston, Mac Foster, Terrell, Spencer, Patterson, Bonevena, Henry Cooper, Jimmy Ellis, Leotis Martin, Joe Bugner, Jerry Quarry, Shavers, and others? No, he didn't but I don't think this takes away from his status as a fighter so why single out Frazier?

I am sure we could make a list for every champion saying the same thing with the exception of Ali, the greatest of all time. One of the few fighters who really did take on almost all comers.

I don't see why some of you guys can't at consider the point that some of the guys who Frazier supposedly avoided might not have wanted to step in the ring with Joe as at his best, he really was a terror.

That is why the world was so shocked when he was knocked out by Foreman. Remember before this fight most people expected Frazier to win.

|10/24/05 04:02:34 PM|Willard|East ||a||||10|Like I said, people need to forgive Frazier for beating Ali in that first fight. Frazier is sorry that he whooped your boy.

|10/24/05 04:20:20 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||||10|Willard: I doubt Frazier's sorry that he "whooped" my boy Ali, but he probably is sorry that he lost the two rematches, including having his face and head grotesquely reshaped in Manilla while Ali was exhaused but unmarked. And he's sorry to have eaten canvas 8-9 times against Foreman, who Ali knocked out in eight rounds. He's sorry two feature movies haven't been made about him. He's sorry he isn't looked up to as a role model and hero by millions. March of 1971 is so far in Ali's rearview mirror, it's laughable. He's moved onto being an ambassador. He also moved on to regaining the title and defending it countless times for a few years, then losing it, regaining it again, and finally failing against another fighter who would have had his way with Joe, Larry Holmes. Of course, Ali's final failed comeback attempt was against a ranked fighter, Trevor Berbick. Far for the course, Joe went in against the scary Floyd "Jumbo" Cummings. It's sort of like defending against Stander and Daniels instead of Lyle, Young, Shavers, Norton, etc. Joe is holding onto that 15 round decision win like an old bag lady holds onto a shiny silver quarter or a picture of her from her younger days. Unable to move on, because there was nothing to move on to save for losses to Ali twice and Foreman twice, Frazier's fans are holding onto that win like it's the golden egg.

|10/24/05 04:44:21 PM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville||||10|Wow, some of you guys are unusually touchy whenever facts are mentioned about Joe. Frazier fought only 44% of the available world class guys of his era - I proved this with facts - and some of you guys respond by throwing hissy fits. It's okay; we're used to it. Same inane excuses and explanations.

Willard - Joe beat Ali fair and square in that first fight. None of us disagree on that. Joe's entire legend is centred on that one fight, so we hardly ever forget it. But psst....guess what? Ali beat Joe in the second fight and Ali then stopped him in the third. And George knocked him down 8 times in two fights. Joe only fought two legends - Ali and Foreman. In 5 fights Joe only won once. He was stopped 3 out of the 5. That wiped the smile off your face, didn't it.

Gerri - The Ring Magazine calls it their ANNUAL rankings. Check the site. It's a compilation
of their ratings of the prior 12 months. That's why they say A N N U A L.<br><br>Kent - I began using the Ring A N N U A L rankings from 1966 onwards. If a guy was ranked in 1965 or prior, but not after 1965, I didn't use his name in my lists. This is a fair approach. After all, Joe fought Daniels in September 1966 and this was the first world class guy you listed for him. I've taken the same approach.<br><br>I've also listed all the names and the Ring A N N U A L rankings and years beside them. Anyone arguing against these names aren't being fair. The Ring Magazine is a fair referee and if it names them as being Top 10 annually then, obviously, they are world class fighters. And the years I listed show that these guys ARE Joe's contemporaries.<br><br>I've been more than fair. And note that I listed all the names. I made full disclosure, which was something Kent didn't do. Kent just gave us the figures and not the names.<br><br>Yet Kent still cries 'foul'. (This is the same Kent who considers Ellis a great opponent for Joe in 1975. Ellis hadn't been ranked in the annual Top 10 by the Ring since 1971 but Kent says he was credible. Ellis hadn't won his four prior fights and had been beaten by Lyle and Shavers, but Joe fights Ellis in the 'Weekend at Bernie's', and Kent says it's okay because Jimmy was a killer!).

Pete - glad to see that YOU'VE stopped the name calling and have FINALLY had the courage to discuss facts. My reasons are as follows:<br><br>Kid Gavilan - pay him more respect. He was never stopped in 143 professional fights. He was the guy of bolo punch fame. He deserves the respect I gave him.<br><br>Whittaker - won titles in four weight divisions. He was welterweight champion from 1993 to 1997.<br><br>Leonard - title holder in five weight divisions speaks for itself.<br><br>Griffith - terrific body puncher, all round fighter, had 23 world title fights when title fights really meant something.<br><br>Basilio - the 'action' man. Was involved in the Ring Magazine 'fight-of-the-year' in 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959. No one else has done that, have they? Basilio also beat Robinson.<br><br>Trinidad - had the longest uninterrupted welterweight title reign ever. Great finisher. Even greater left hook.<br><br>Naples - Made 13 successful title defenses over two reigns. His nickname was MANTEQUILLA. An assignment for you Pete? Why did he have this nickname?<br><br>Ha, look at Angelo, whining like a baby. He can't let it go. He has to piss on Frazier's accomplishments every chance he gets.<br><br>The funny thing is, one of you guys posted something like this about two weeks ago:<br><br>'You can always tell who the Ali-haters are because they say they rank Ali number one all time, and then diss him.' You guys are quite the hypocrites. "Oh, I like Joe, blah blah blah" and then you take every shot you can at him. By the way, I saw the movie ALI, and it wasn't very impressive.<br><br>Angelo, Ali was unmarked in Manila? He had huge lumps under his eyes, a ridge of bumbs across his forehead, he was urinating blood, and he was nearly passing out in between rounds. Holmes would have his way with Frazier? Yeah, like the time they sparred and Frazier cracked Holmes' ribs? Cosell, I still have the smile. I'm proud of what Joe did. He took massive beatings from Foreman and kept charging forward. He was hit 1000 times in the last three rounds of Manila, and kept coming forward. And he did all this with 20/50 vision in one eye, and blind in the other. Lots of reading to catch up on since I last visited here. Pete, you'd do better without the relentless niggling. It's boring. Willard, you've already admitted that you hate Ali so no one pays attention when you rant on against him, which is every day.<br><br>Angelo, I like your rear vision concept. Imagine George looking in his rear view mirror after fighting Joe. What did he see? Speed humps and plenty of them. LOL. Howard, your list was enlightening. You named all the guys, the years they fought, and the rankings The Ring had for them. All above board. Facts that
What you've done shows that Joe's career needs to be bolstered by explanations and excuses. ProJoes can't let his career stand on the facts alone. That's why they've got excuses why Joe fought this weak guy but not this strong guy, why he fought this over-the-hill guy but not this up-and-comer, and that's why they question the credibility of the bible of boxing - The Ring Magazine's annual rankings. We have guys saying that you can't count that guy because he was too much of a force when Joe was just a novice. That knock down against Bruce doesn't count because Joe was too green. That fight against Cummings doesn't count because Joe was over-the-hill. Not fighting Norton doesn't count because they were friends, they were sparring partners, there was more money in fighting Daniels. Yelp, yelp, yelp.

No one in boxing's history has had to rely on more excuses and explanations and qualifications than poor old Joe. What you did, Howard, was record the facts. You've listed the dates, the rankings, and the names. There's plenty to respect Joe for. His one win against Ali. He gets a lot of respect from me for getting up 8 times against Foreman. He stayed out of trouble out of the ring and was a decent guy. However, in my opinion, and the facts support me, Joe dodged plenty of guys, usually big punchers. He took the easy path too often for me. Not going in the WBA tournament and then fighting Mathis, who hadn't beaten a ranked guy for his prior 10 fights, sticks in my craw. So does the ridiculous title defenses against Stander and Daniels.

Hopefully, there's no need to talk about this again. We've all expressed a view and now might be the time to move on. Let's leave it in our rear view mirrors.

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Willard, Holmes won 48 successive fights, he won 20 out of 21 title defenses, and he beat Shavers twice and Norton once. Comparing the careers of Holmes and Frazier is chalk and cheese. Larry's career facts kayo Joe's career excuses, every time.

Noam, I am a man of color, and I resent that remark about "niggling," when you are referring to me. So this is what it comes down to. You slander people and call them alcoholics, you infer people are homosexuals. I've read your past posts, I know your history. And now you are stooping to make racial remarks. What type of miserable human being are you? And don't pretend you could not have found another better suited word. You disgust me. Go ahead Howard C, defend you fellow name caller, you guys make me sick. Somehow turn it around and make me the name caller. Isn't that your method?

Howard, I am not crying foul, I am just saying there is more than one way to interpret the information. That is possible some fighters Frazier supposedly avoided could have not wanted to fight Joe and that is why those fights didn't happen - ie - Patterson and Terrell. Also, why does Frazier deserve all of the scrutiny when Foreman also didn't fight a lot of the same fighters Joe didn't and others that Joe did fight such as Quarry and Bonevena?

No knock on Foreman though after all, he was great but not as great as the greatest, Ali. The same for Frazier. He was great but he didn't measure up to Ali, the greatest. But who does?

Pete, the word "niggling" has nothing to do with race or colour. The dictionary definition of "niggling" is: "trifling; lacking in breadth of view or boldness or effect; cramped; irritable." It has nothing to do with race or colour and your attempt to play the race card leaves you with no credibility. None at all. Can't win the argument with facts and logic; so play the race card. Who cares what colour you are? Who of us here even knew that you are coloured? And Pete, you've chastized others numerous times about leaving the past in the past and now you are doing exactly what you criticized them for. If you have to (hypocritically) go back so far as you have then, clearly, you've run out of logic and ideas. Guys like you are so easy to beat because you inevitably end up...
beating yourself. Like you have here.<br><br>I'll say it again, Pete - please stop the niggling, try debating the facts, and put the race card back in your pocket. It doesn't work with any of the guys here, no matter what side of the argument we are on. Thanks.<br><br>Howard C. | Louisville | howardc@louisville | 10/24/05 07:46:44 PM | Kent - I understand what you're saying but I think you've been mischievous and disingenuous. Your list showed who Joe fought, not who he didn't fight. My list compares the two based on facts, not opinions. It gives it relevance and meaning.<br><br>Pete - perhaps a few days off to clear your head is in order. Your tantrum about Noam was stupid. His comment was not racist. If he calls you niggling, he's not calling you a nigger. If I said that you are petulant, I'm accusing you of being irritable (not being someone's pet or animal).<br><br>You are obviously very confused. Your last post berated Noam for things long in the past. What you said was completely at odds with other comments you've made, such as: 10/18/05 "Howard C, once more leave Noam out of this. Noam is not a name caller. Don't try and sully Noam's character." 10/18/05 "Start reading some of Noam's posts. You might learn something about boxing." 10/19/05 "Noam that stuff where you had difficulties is in the past and should remain there." So why are you bringing it up again Pete. Because you're losing the argument? Because you've run out of ideas? You accuse Noam of calling someone an alcoholic (when did this happen? Last year? The year before? Nothing wrong with your memory.) So what. On 10/14/05 you sarcastically told Noam to watch an Alcoholics Anonymous program on TV, thereby inferring that he has a drinking problem. Be consistent, my friend, or no one will bother reading your posts.<br><br>Anyway, did anyone on this site know that Pete is black? I didn't. Did Pete ever tell anyone on this site he was black? No. Does anyone on this site think that Noam was being racist by saying that Pete is niggling? No one? Obviously not. So Pete, please take a few days off to clear your head, apologize to Noam for playing the race card, stop the silly tantrums, and then let's get in some really good debate about boxing. We'd all appreciate it.<br><br>Hey Howard, I didn't even know that Pete was black. Makes no difference to me what colour he is. I hadn't even thought about what colour Pete is until he accused me of racism. So it beats me how what I said can be construed as racist. My opinion is that Pete is deliberately misinterpreting what was said so he can deflect attention away from himself. Truth is he has just made it worse for himself as he just comes across now as the boy who cried wolf. I won't be bothered conversing with him, unless he apologizes, as he doesn't add anything to the discussions. Playing the race card is the cheapest cheap shot you can take. With your welterweight list I agree with most of them, although I'd juggle the order around a bit. I'd try and fit Hearns in there somewhere, probably replacing Micky Walker who I know virtually nothing about. Naples was called Mantequilla because he was a very smooth fighter (Mantequilla is Spanish for 'butter'). I didn't know that Kid Gavilan invented the bolo punch. Are you sure that it was him? Can anyone else help out here? Ali mucked around with a punch like that.<br><br>I think this latest issue about the use of the word "niggling" is just a misunderstanding and I hope the parties involved can resolve their differences peacefully. Remember our host asked us to stop fighting on these pages and even Jerry's son Jonathan asked us to do the same so please fellows, KNOCK IT OFF!!!!
acted in such a way that you're entitled to tell me to knock it off. 1) Is using the word "niggling" racist (look it up in the dictionary)? If so, explain how. 2) Did anyone know that Pete was black? I didn't. Until this matter is settled fairly, Kent, I won't knock it off.

As someone who has used the English language for six decades, I can say with absolute authority that the term "relentless niggling" is not racist. It is silly to suggest otherwise. Really silly. For those of you with dictionaries, look it up. Kent, if you want to be the moderator then fairness is a must. You had no cause to tell Noam to "knock it off". He has not done anything wrong. Time for strength from Kent. Be strong and direct your edict to the real culprit (the sophist Pete). Say something like, "Pete, your allegation of racism against Noam was ridiculous and stupid. KNOCK THE SOPHIST OFF." Sophistry isn't a racist term, either. A sophist is a captious or fallacious reasoner, a quibbler; someone like Pete, who dishonestly twists the word 'niggling' to falsely accuse some innocent of using the word 'nigger' instead.) Unfairness and weakness is the bolt-hole of unrest and disrespect. Experience tells that rancour never settles until fairness reigns. Time for fairness to reign Kent. Apologize to Noam and then tell Pete to 'KNOCK THE SOPHIST OFF." Over and out.....for now.

Did I not say that Bruce's knockdown of Frazier counted? But all of a sudden I'm saying that it didn't count? When? You guys put words in people's mouths, and I don't like that. Noam, Angelo, and Coesell have made it their personal agenda to bury Joe Frazier and his career. Why Frazier? Why him alone? The guy only had 4 really good years. That's it. 68-71. During that time, he was a wrecking ball. He'd even give Prime Foreman and Prime Liston a run for their money. Are you guys trying to say that he's overrated? Because he certainly is not. I've seen many trainers and boxing fans not include him in their top 10. Is that good enough for you? Or does he have to fall out of the top 20? Angelo, you ever wonder why RAGING BULL was so successful? Part of the reason is because there is not worship in the movie. There are no David Remnicks, Bryant Gumbles, Thomas Hausers, Norman Mailer's, etc. involved with it. It shows the good and bad side. That's why, if someone were to make a film about Frazier, it would be important for them to include him stealing cars as a teen, hitting his girlfriends, and laughing at Ali's condition. Same with Ali. We needed to see him mock his black opponents and humiliate them. But we didn't.

I also don't know why you three get so angry if someone makes fun of Ali's condition. I didn't, but you said I did, accusing me of things I didn't say or do as usual. Ali certainly was stupid, however, so I guess that's why you three are drawn to him. The guy's whole personality was based off a damn wrestler that he watched! Ali was a small child in a 6'3, 210 pound body. He had an IQ of 78, and probably didn't even know what Vietnam is. Ali: Dur dur dur, is it something you can eat? Now excuse me, I'm going to go dehumanize my black opponents and then act like it was all for pre-fight hype. Wow, this Frazier thing has gotten personal and ridiculous. Why don't we just agree to disagree? Good arguments have been made in both directions. I personally stand with the guy because of his talent. Some of you clearly don't. Fine ...

Noam, I am repulsed by you. You pretend that you did not know I am a Black Man. Yet you pretend to know what
members are alcoholics (you who has a problem drinking too much beer, or so you claimed). You who pretends to know what what members on this site are gay. And then you attack them for that. And in each case you never met the persons. You are an evil person

Howard C, I stated you would jump to Noams's defense, and so you did. Howard C have you ever been called a NIGGER? No, but I am sure you and Noam use that repulsive term in your private conversations.

Acusing me for "relentless nigging." When a Jewish person goes shopping do you refer to them as, "trying to jew someone down." Do you consider Joe Frazier a "House Nigger."

You guys should be banned from this site, you are both diabolical people|

Let's give Pete a pass on misinterpreting the word "niggling" as similar things have happened on a larger scale. A couple years back, a member of the Mayor of Washington D.C.s cabinet was asked to resign (I can't remember if he actually did resign or not) for using the word "niggardly" which just means stingy or frugal/cheap. Yet a bunch of people thought he was being racist and ganged up on him. I could see how Pete might have thought the root of "niggling" might be something negative. I don't think any of us knew Pete was non-white though, so even if we wanted to take a cheap shot using the "N" word, how would we know he was a person of colour?

Willard: Believe it or not, I never saw "Ali" all the way through. On a business trip, I saw the beginning of it on HBO late at night, but couldn't stay up for it. I did see the movie Ali himself starred in, which was "The Greatest" (made in the mid-70's). It was far from a great motion picture, certainly no Raging Bull!!! Also, from what I've heard, you're correct about "Ali." It shows us Ali the boxer, but not Ali the man, imperfections and all. You're probably right that it was a lot of fluff and tribute, though as I said, I didn't see it. I can't believe Ali's IQ was accurately measured to be under 80, though I guess anything is possible. Still, he starred in "Freedom Road" a television miniseries, and had to read and memorize lots of lines as he was the lead character. He's also traveled abroad to meet with heads of state, recorded albums of music---and in interviews, he seems bright, not stupid at all. As I said, maybe he has a very low IQ, but my guess is the test was skewed or not accurate for some reason.

As for in-prime Frazier giving Foreman a run for his money. Ummmm, no. Sorry, but styles make fights, and Foreman would have pounded him in like a railroad spike every single time they laced up the gloves. Foreman would never lose. In fact, I'll go as far as saying that Frazier at his very, very best, would lose to an out of shape Frazier or not accurate for some reason.

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Kent: Speaking of Foreman, you keep bringing up the quality of his opponents/title defenses. Are you limiting this to pre-Jimmy Young Foreman? Let's not forget that while Frazier has been in retirement, Foreman came back as a guy in his late 30's, boxed into his mid-40's, fighting Holyfield, Cooney, Moorer, Morrison and others. Kent, he had another whole career. You compare the complete careers of Foreman and Frazier and we're not talking apples and oranges or chalk and cheese---we're talking the Mona Lisa and the back of a cereal box. This is crazy to even be talking about. Foreman's number of fights, opponents, length of career, accomplishments, etc. aren't lacking in comparison with Joe's.
bash people for being alcoholics (how do they know this?). Alcoholism is an illness. Yet, I am now to believe they did not know I was a Black Man. Everyone knows their style, they manipulate words to attack people. The clinical term for it is passive aggressiveness. They repulse me.<br>

Angelo, I appreciate your thoughtfulness and fairness on this whole disgusting matter.<br>

I have just read an interview to Muhammad Ali' (the former boxer) on an Italiano newspaper in which Ali' said that one of his biggest regrets is to have betrayed Malcolm X (who was 6'3" 1/2 wilt) when Elijah Muhammad ordered him to. Not to throw gas on the fire, but why even use such a word, which draws suspicion in any modern context?<br>

Does it matter if anyone knew or didn't know what some poster's race is? A lot of people, believe it or not, read here, some out of curiosity, some are too cautious to post, and sometimes I can't blame them.<br>

Was the use of this word some kind of playground giggle for small minds? Was it meant to offend with some degree of deniability? Either way, yes or no, is does not say much for the user, given that someone has clearly been offended by it.<br>

This kind of thing doesn't just bring this room down, it's just plain dumb. We can do better than this.<br>

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well as I do. Instead of cherishing memories, it has become an insult filled
madhouse. It seems certain people are ALWAYS involved in the angry back and
forth arguments. Look at almost every big argument over the last year and one
name will pop out at you. Maybe every single time it's just bad luck. Yeah
right Noam.

|10/25/05 03:49:20 PM|Noam|same||same||10|Some low person is posting using my
name and it's definitely not me.|
|10/25/05 03:58:32 PM|Noam|same||same||10|To suggest that the word 'niggling',
which is in the dictionary, has any link to 'nigger' is plain stupid and any
person linking the two is insincere. The meaning of 'niggle' is vastly different
to that of 'nigger' and everyone knows it. Pete raised the allegation to cause
the bickering and Gerry is deliberately inflaming it by suggesting otherwise.
Gerry's latest post is stupid. We all recall that this is the same Gerry who
left this site in a tantrum to set up a competing site. When that didn't work
out he came back. We now have the situation where I come to this site and see
others posting under my name with known trouble makers like Fan and Gerry
inflaming tensions. We don't need to be Einstein to work out who is inflaming
the problems. As soon as Fan returned someone started posting under my name. |
|10/25/05 04:02:03 PM|Noam|same||same||10|One more thing. I didn't know Pete
was black. No one here knew. So how was my use of the word 'niggling' in any way
racist. Answer: it wasn't. What Gerry wrote is absolute crap and it is there for
all to see. At least we know now that Gerry has not one iota of sincerity in his
body when he can come out and say what he has. According to Gerry, 'niggling' is
a racist word. A bigger bonehead has never been seen. Back to Dunce's Corner
Gerry.<br><br>|
|10/25/05 04:30:34 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||same||9|Noam, you take the cake yet
again.<br>But it's very
close to one that is, still with me?<br><br>You can call me names again if you like, we both know that's what you're good at,
and that's not just me talking, is it?<br><br>The point is, it did not matter if you
knew somebody's race or not. This is not an enclosed room for Noam and his
fellow posters, is it?<br><br>In fact, it actually represents something.<br>Instead
of issuing foul insults, you need to remember that and be accountable.<br>
|10/25/05 04:49:22 PM|Gerry|Cleveland||jerjets11@yahoo.com|||10|David Tua
picked up a win this week, he has been very inactive since his loss to
Lewis.<br>There was a heavyweight champ, Tommy Burns, who it
was said was just 5'7 and 175 pounds, just barely a heavy after dinner. His big
loss was to Jack Johnson, who was about 6'1 with perhaps 75 inches of reach or
more.<br>Given the success of Ali, Holmes, Lewis, among others, the question to
ask might be: How much does height and reach dictate victory?<br>Short punchers
like Marciano, Frazier, Tyson seem to be more the exception than the rule?<br>
|10/25/05 04:52:55 PM|Pete|Cleveland||N/A|||10|Noam, how did you know the guy
you called an alcoholic was one? How did you know the guy you inferred was a
homosexual was one? You and Howard C are 2 growing cancers on this site,
and you are ruining the site. You 2 love playing hate filled with
words.<br>You and Howard C are 2 growing cancers on this site,
and you are ruining the site. You 2 love playing hate filled with
words.<br>Both of you Noam and
Howard are a disgrace to this site. You take turns heaving digustig names on
people who don't agree with you. And then you defend each other
afterwards.<br><br>Have I made myself clear? Even Angelo does not agree with you
on this one|
single issue or incident even close to this there. Thanks. |

In all of my 60 years I have never witnessed a more shameless abuse of crocodile tears than is being exhibited by Pete and the two usual suspects (Fan and Gerri). What a load of baloney over nothing. Shock. Horror. Crocodile tears. Firstly, to believe precious Pete, we have to contort the language to somehow twist the word niggling to a racial inference that doesn't exist, wasn't intended, and wasn't conveyed. And then we have to pretend that Noam has ESP so that he miraculously knew and guessed the colour of Pete's skin. What a set up! Be ashamed you guys because Pete's allegation never had any legs and you all know it. Hey Noam, what colour dress is Gerri wearing? what brand of whisky does Fan drink by the carton? How much weight has Kent lost? What did Angelo have for lunch yesterday? Name the new star that Massimo discovered yesterday. If you knew that Pete was black then you'd know all these answers, too. Yuri Gela. That's you Noam. ESP. WOW! By the way, Pete, I am deeply offended at your use of the word 'revulsion'. I have a deformed arm from an accident and I am deeply sensitive about it and you knew it and you are laughing at my deformed arm and I've never been so hurt in all my life and I feel terrible about what you said. What sort of person are you to laugh at someone with a deformed arm and poke fun at them. Is there nothing so low that you wouldn't stoop to. Leave my deformed arm out of it and stop using words making fun of it. Geepers. I've honestly never heard of something so ridiculous in my life. Someone uses a dictionary word with no racial overtones and he is then alleged to have racially smeared someone he didn't even know was black. Talk about a fit up. And Kent, the lap dog, plays along with it. Noam, don't worry about Pete and his cheer squad of Fan and Gerri. I suspect that they are probably the same guys anyway. Every time there is a spot of bother, Fan's head pops up and Gerri inflames the trouble. DID ANYONE ON THIS SITE KNOW THAT PETE WAS BLACK? DID PETE EVER TELL ANYONE HE WAS BLACK? ANSWERS: NO AND NO. BS x 1000 = precious Pete's allegation of racism. |

Shut up, Howard. |

Hey Gerri, settle down. Noam can read minds, can't he. He knew Pete was black when nobody told him. So he knows what you're thinking, too. Precious Pete is good at word games. 'Relentless niggling' becomes 'rentless nigger'. Since when, Pete? What dictionary are you reading from? It's so stupid, it's funny. Dead Parroters, the Black Knight on the bridge, and then Weekend at Bernie's. Just when I thought it couldn't get any funnier, Precious Pete comes along with 'relentless niggling' is code for 'rentless nigger'. I just told my wife and she's crying with laughter. She says that the CIA needs Noam NOW. Noam, tell us where Usama is hiding. |

You can go get stuffed Howard Cunningham. I hope you choke on your deformed arm you prick. Remember.....deformed body, deformed mind. |

Gerry, I've never heard of the term rentless nigger. Never used it myself, never heard it used until now. Pete called himself that. I didn't. Please don't use the insult "enclosed room". I have a relative with psychiatric problems in an institution and my family doesn't like people poking fun at her. There was no need for you to say 'enclosed room' and I am very offended at you laughing at my relative. You must have known that enclosed room is street slang for mental institution. Stop your snide cruel insults please. Pete I'm dyslectic. I don't like poking fun at my disability by laughing at me for mixing words up. Laughing at people with reading disabilities like I have is not funny. |

Howard C, answer these questions please. #1 How did Noam know someone was an alcoholic when he put that label
on the person?<br>#2 How did Noam know someone was a homosexual, when he gay bashed that person.<br>His bigoted history on this site is well known, and you defend him what does that make you?<br>

Precious Pete - you demanded before that we forget the past, now you vomit it up at every opportunity. Noam didn't call anyone those names. He said that someone was behaving LIKE an alcoholic, just like I said you behave LIKE a jerk. No one was called an alcoholic or a jerk. We said that you behave LIKE that. It was a comparison, not a title. What is it about the written word that you need to twist the meaning? It's called sophistry.<br>Anyway, go back through the posts and you'll see that Forest used to tell people to "put the bottle down" regularly. It's a manner of speaking. Grow up and stop the crocodile tears.<br>Gerry - I am not "twisted of body, twisted of mind." That was a barb some bigoted teacher threw at me when I was a little boy because of my deformed arm. It seems that it is a standard bigot's insult, seeing you've used it too.<br>Leave my disabled arm out of it, Pete and Gerry. That you'd tease me about it says more about you than me. It was the same with Ali. You guys celebrating his deteriorating medical condition. Poking fun at it. Thinking it was funny. Boasting that Frasier caused it. Well, no one disabled my arm. I was born with it. I don't care if Pete and Gerri keep poking fun at it, thinking a disability is funny.<br>Noam - I'd forget about the bigoted name calling from Precious Pete. Calling someone a racist is insulting, particularly when it's not true and there's no evidence of it. However, I'd just laugh it off. It's so ridiculous that it's funny. The crocodile tears and the insincerity from Pete is pervasive.<br>Change the topic. I remember you did some stats on the heavyweights and how many rounds they fought, etc. It was a good comparative tool. Any chance of you repeating the stats again so I can make a copy.<br>Thanks.<br>

Those of you who have come here for years recall that I call in from time to time and I say sometimes that some of you are white supremists. You guys didn't like it and said so. This time its different. Peter isn't black. If he was black like me then he'd know that making up false allegations of racism does the cause more harm than good. When people hear false reports of racism like Peter is making up here, they pay less attention when real racism occurs. Peter is a crying wolf opportunist telling lies to discredit people he plainly don't like. Believing Peter means you also believe in fairies down the bottom of the garden. Peter if you are a brother then stop harming the cause with made up reports of racism. White folke won't listen when it really happens.<br><br>ONE THING WE ALL HAVE IN COMMON IS WE ENJOY COMING TO THIS SITE AND EXPRESSING OUR VIEWS.<br>JUST REMEMBER THAT IT IS ALL OF YOU WHO ARE FIGHTING WITH EACH OTHER NOW THAT IT WAS ALL OF YOU WHO RUINED THIS SITE AND CAUSED BRANDI TO SHUT IT DOWN, REGARDLESS OF HER HUSBAND MR. JIMMY'S AND JERRY'S WISHES!!!<br>I AM NOT TAKING SIDES IN THIS FUED. YOU ALL AR WRONG AND YOU ARE ALL DISHONORING JERRY AND JIMMY'S MEMORIES.
didn't. So your case is that I'm a mindreader. Yeah, sure you're being fair here. I'm a mindreading racist!  

Howard - I haven't got the stats in front of me at the moment, but I'll get them for you. I watched the Leonard v Hagler fight again and I had Leonard winning it clearly (again). He was much faster than Hagler. I'm sorry about Gerry laughing at your arm. I almost heaved when I read that. I couldn't believe he said it. | 10/26/05 01:19:43 AM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Noam, I still have my notes when I scored Hagler and Leonard. I gave it to Ray 118 - 112. The win was easy in my opinion and I couldn't understand some of the controversy surrounding it. I was very surprised that Hagler's corner didn't instruct him to go for it before the last round. They were so casual about it and seemed not to know that Marvin was so far behind. I'd like to see the judges post the scores at the end of every round but the downfall there would be that we'd have midfight arguments, rather than post fight ones, if connections disagreed with a score. Zab Judah would be attacking referees before the end of the fight. It'd be a good idea to ignore the troublemakers and just discuss boxing.|

HEY, that last post was not me! I don't know who that was, but you better hope I don't find out who you are. That is absolutely sick, to use someone's name and post a piece of filth like that. Wow... if there is a way, Carl or whoever, to find out where that came from, I want to know now. That is the lowest. Unbelievable. This is why I called for registration here earlier. I'm stunned that ANYONE could post such a thing. I will not be posting until I get a response from this website. I want to know who did this, today.|

For lunch yesterday, I had a chicken salad sandwich from Potbellies, with Baked Lays chips and a Diet Coke. Noam: If you can read minds, can you tell us how Frazier thinks he would do, today, against Laila Ali? Back to 70's boxing, prime vs. prime, Norton against Lyle---how would it play out? Based on his shaky performances against guys who could hit as hard as Lyle, I think Norton would have some serious issues. Lyle could take a good punch and come back from it. I might actually give the nod to Lyle.
One more thing Howard C I NEVER COMMENTATED ABOUT YOU ARM, OR ALI'S CONDITION. This is just typical of you lying and name calling on this site. You are a bitter angry old man spawns hate, bitterness, and lies on this site.

No matter how this turns out, and who knows if it will yield anything, I definitely will not be back here after this. Not just because any slug can come on here, pretend he's someone else, and post filth. But because there's just no way to keep a decent discussion going here, at least from my point. There's some real good guys --- Kent, Massimo, Angelo, others, some now hesitant to post. But a handful of cretins bring it down, and that is more than wrong. Not because of me, which is bad enough. But because of the Quarrys and their terrific family. You few, and you know who you are, who write nonsense here, you're not worthy of this site or the family behind it. I had some fun here, and I've had this stuff. My advice to you who are behind this: don't ruin this for everyone else left after I leave today. And, again, you better hope I don't find out who you are. For those interested, my Yahoo Quarry group remains open and available for interested parties.

One more deal about the Buster Mathis/Jerry Quarry bout, and i'll out it to rest. If Big Buster was not at all ranked the bout 1) would not have been a heavyweight title eliminator, and 2) It would not have been scheduled for 12 rounds (think about it). Jerry was ranked no.2 WBA no.4 RING, and Buster, no.6 by both parties.

That's a true point about the fact that the fight was sanctioned as a 12 rounder, and not for only 10 rounds. We're all 12 round fights back then considered "eliminators" or was it routine for matches to be made at 12 rounds between contenders?

yes pretty much, some were state titles, the Mathis match was also in the Garden, so they both had to have some kind of big rating, mathis was 11-5 12-5 favorite too.

Gerry, although I've generally disagreed with most things you say (understatement ?), I've never known you to be spiteful like that last post and I have no problem now in accepting that it wasn't you. Someone is obviously playing games because they posted Noam telling me to shut up and in the current climate I doubt he'd be doing that. Just before then Noam complained that someone else had falsely posted under his name. Anyway, I accept it wasn't you. And, again, you better hope I don't find out who you are.

Oh, and Pete, I just noticed your threat of violence ("you better hope I don't find out who you are") Threats are juvenile and gives us all an insight into your troubled tiny mind and malicious mentality. Can't debate the logic, so you invent silly allegations, play the race card, and when that doesn't work you resort to threats of violence. Crawl back under your rock and take your silly allegations and threats with you.

The message board section of this website will be closing within two weeks if the behavior does not improve. It would be sad to see it end this way, but internet hero's and tough
guys do this at many site. I have enjoyed the GOOD discussions if this is my last post. To those of you that post under assumed names, that was the last straw for this site. Sorry Jerry and James. You deserved better.

10/26/05 05:09:53 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Well, Angelo - Bobby Riggs played Billie Jean King, and Smokin' Joe did fight Jimmy Ellis in 1975. So I wouldn't necessarily rule Laila Ali out.<br>Gerry, someone was using my name to post as well and I don't like it being done to you either. I'd be careful though. There are stern federal laws about threatening violence on the net and you might be shooting yourself in the foot. This is the second time you've been threatening violence on this site. Anger management is needed perhaps. Don't take it all so seriously padre.<br>Pete - your latest looney post sums it all up. I tell Kent in jest that I like drinking beer and you whimsically base an allegation that I am somehow an alcoholic. Very similar to twisting my words to falsely accuse of racism. Mentioning Laila Ali will get me accused of sexism. You are a serial nutcase and, while I'm grateful for the laughs you've given me, you've run out of gags and I've run our of patience. Goodbye.<br>Howard - I gather you mixed Gerry and Pete up. Their rants are similar, granted, but the threats came from Gerry. I'm losing track, too. Hey, we could have a tag team wrestle. Me and you v Pete and Gerry. Only joking guys. I'm not going to answer those guys any more. I'll just stick to boxing.

10/26/05 08:48:45 PM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||9|As you get older it gets harder and not easier to understand humanity. There's Gerry, the most vocal anti-war campaigner, the guy who calls President Bush a war monger. And then someone uses Gerry's name in vain and what happens ? Declarations of war. Lynch mobs and posses until Gerry catches and kills the imposter. Wow. Lucky for Bin Laden he didn't impersonate Gerry, because he'd be lynched before sun up.

10/26/05 11:32:20 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|I'd like to suggest something to return this site to its former glory. The ones in the middle of the turmoil generally speaking are myself, Pete, Forest, Gerry, Fan, Fan from Fandom, and Howard. Forest has gone and Gerry is on his way. If Pete, Gerry, both Fans, and Howard all agree to go, I'll go as well. So how about it guys, all the agitating parties go. Every one of us. Sacrifice something for the good of the Quarrys. Go and never return again. But if one returns, the rest come back, too. I'll do it, how about the rest of you guys ?

10/27/05 07:15:25 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Wow, I cant believe the previous posts that have been posted on this site. Its unbelievable and totally disappointing, I come to this site to view peoples opinions on the sport of boxing, and to remember the memories i shared with my father, but coming here and reading this crap that has gone on as of late is bs. i cant believe the words you say to each other and especially over a public site where you never know who is going to read this stuff, keep it clean men, and get this site back on the subject of boxing. Other than that stay safe men and keep it clean.
think Jonathan's suggestion is better than yours. No reason for everyone to bail on the site. Let's just keep things civil. It's fine to have spirited discussions and disagree with each other. The best course of action is to try to accomplish this without resorting to personal attacks. If that stuff starts up, the best thing is to ignore it instead of escalating it. This is a great boxing site—lots of fine opinions and intelligent banter used to be routine here. I'd like to see it get back to that. Guys like Kent and Jimmy Dorsey have always maintained a pretty high level of respect for the site, the hosts and the visitors. Look back at Jimmy Dorsey's posts and you see intelligent, informative and respectful writing. I'm sure we'll all disagree from time to time and some insults, hopefully humorous and not threatening or bitter, will fly, but at the end, we'll all move on to a new subject.

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'bickering' to imply that I was calling Pete a bitch. I didn't say the word 'contribute' to imply that he is an ex-con. I didn't use the word 'conviction' to imply that Pete has been convicted of a criminal offense. Phew! Do we have to do this everytime to re-assure Pete that we are not being nasty to his fragile sensitivities?)

[10/27/05 04:24:39 PM|Pete|Cleveland||N/A|||10|Angelo, you did not answer the question. Nor did Kent, Howard C, Noam, Jimmy, Johnathan.<br><br>ANSWER THE QUESTION BRAVE PEOPLE! ?????????? <br>QUESTION: If you were speaking to me (a BLACK MAN) FACE TO FACE. WOULD YOU ACCUSE ME "OF RENTLESS NIGGLING." <br>HAVE THE COURAGE AND THE DECENCY TO ANSWER THE QUESTION. SO FAR ONLY ONE PERSON HAS THAT COURAGE AND DECENCY. ALL IT TAKES IS A YES OR NO ANSWER.<br><br>Fan, I thank you for taking a stand on this issue. Time will tell if others can be as forthright as you. I have my doubts.

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[10/27/05 05:21:06 PM|Fan@Fandom.com|||10|I can promise that niggling is not a regularly used word that people know in the United States. I don't think it was meant to be racist to be honest, but I also think Noam was trying to impress us with his vocabulary. When people don't understand you, you get into this trouble Noam. You are a young guy that has a lot of learning to do, I wish you well with your studies in the UK. Figure your about 25, getting things going in life. Full of spirit and vocabulary. I don't like you. I also don't think your a bad guy. You don't care about my opinion though, because you are sure that your right anyways. I have no problem with the U.K, you all paid your war debts. Can't say the same about the frogs to the east.

[10/27/05 05:50:43 PM|Hey Fan, you just finished boasting that you've got two degrees (whooppee) and now YOU'RE accusing Noam of trying to impress us with his vocabulary! All because he used the words "relentless niggling". You're kidding, right? (At least we got the admission from Fan that Noam WASN'T being racist. Hear that Pete? Is Fan being racist by disagreeing with you?!)<br><br>NEWSFLASH: the language we communicate in here is English. E N G L I S H. My English dictionary defines the word 'relentless' as 'harsh intention.' It also defines 'niggling' as 'triffling, petty.' Neither word has anything to do with 'rentless' or 'nigger'. Go look in your dictionaries. Off you go........
degrees, Fan, I HAVE travelled throughout the English speaking world and, guess what? Relentless niggling aren't big rarely used words. Now that that's settled, and Pete's greatest supporter Fan admits it wasn't racist, let's move onto something else. Time to dry those crocodile tears, blossom....

| 10/27/05 05:54:07 PM | Howard C. | Louisville | howardc@louisville | |||10 | One more thing, Pete. LISTEN: NO ONE ACCUSED YOU OF BEING A RENTLESS NIGGER. IT'S YOUR PARANOIA SPEAKING. YOU WERE ACCUSED OF RELENTLESS NIGGLING. JUST LIKE YOU ARE DOING NOW. STOP IT OR YOU'LL GO BLIND. IMAGINE LIVING WITH THIS GUY. RELENTLESS CARPING, NAGGING, NIGGLING DOPE. |

| 10/27/05 06:10:58 PM | American Heritage English Dictionary | America | Fourth Edition YEAR 2000 | |||10 | NIGGLING is defined as "to be preoccupied with petty details. To find fault constantly and trivially carp." |

| 10/27/05 06:12:24 PM | Roget's | The New Thesaurus | America | |||10 | "Niggling" - "inconsiderable, negligible, paltry, piddling, small-minded, triffling". |

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| 10/27/05 06:12:42 PM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | |||10 | Howard, the word relentless is used in everyday conversations. However if you and your friends use niggling in everyday sentences I must say you probably use words like quaint, verbose and melancholy. All other words in the English Language. I travel in all kinds of circles, I do talk with academics, but I also have many blue collar type friends. I have NEVER heard the words niggling before. I have heard Niggardly which was used in a similar context. I think I have heard that word used once or twice. I AM very certain Howard that you haven't heard niggling more than 2 or three times in your life unless your hanging out at Harvard social functions, and that's not happening is it. |

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| 10/27/05 07:07:16 PM | Noam | same | same | |||10 | I'll give you a practical demonstration of what "relentless niggling" means by referring to Pete's own posts.<br><br>10/14/05: "Noam I saw a program on alcoholics on tv recently. They have great success with people drinking too much. You should check it out."...... 10/17/05: "Howard name your top 10 welterweights."...... 10/18/05: "Howard I told you to name your top 10 and you only give me 2 names. You really disappoint me. Are you afraid to commit yourself. Read Noam's posts and you might learn something about boxing."......10/18/05: "Howard if you knew anything about boxing you have not demonstrated it here."...... 10/18/05: "Howard you have no new insights. You write the same boring bs over and over again. It's boring me."...... 10/18/05: "Howard, have you no shame, read Noam's posts and learn something about boxing. Quite frankly I regard time spent corresponding
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I've never heard anyone use the word niggling in normal conversation either!

Angelo, Willard and Fan thank you for your thoughtful reply.

Niggling is a word, hell I don't know, I haven't the time for bickering with people, and as far as face to face goes, that would probably help the Quarry site. ask me something about boxing (mainly 70's) And I'll do my best to answer something. I have a lot on Quarry's career, the most exciting heavyweight bout I've witnessed would have to be Foreman/Lyle Everybody Take Care Would you? What'sniggling.com

Charles: Jerry lost to two of the best Champions of the era, Ali and Frazier, and yes, he did lose a heartbreaking decision to Jimmy Ellis, maybe the weakest Champion of the era (but a good boxer nonetheless). At his best, Jerry Quarry was hard to beat. He mowed down up and coming contenders and often, he was the clear underdog. Matchmakers penciled him in---a name fighter---but one they thought "their guy" would beat. Instead, Jerry ended up with a batch of impressive wins over guys like Mac Foster, Thad Spencer, Ron Lyle and Earnie Shavers. Shavers...
gave Muhammad Ali fifteen tough rounds, and fought Larry Holmes closely twice, knocking Holmes down in a title fight. Quarry knocked out Shavers in one round. Ron Lyle knocked down George Foreman twice in their exciting fight, before Foreman won—and Lyle also fought very well against Muhammad Ali in a title match, yet Jerry Quarry won a very impressive decision over Lyle, one of the most dangerous punchers of the 70's. Quarry is best remembered for the losses to the greats, and also losses later in his career—against Frazier and Norton—and his amazing victories are overlooked by "ESPN Classic" and others who don't know any better. Do some research on his career—try to find his wins on video—you'll see what a great fighter he was. Our own Jimmy Dorsey can give you the blow by blow details on what a great career Jerry had!

Yeah, Angelo brought up a good point. ESPN Classic sucks. They show Rumble in the Jungle, Thrilla in Manila, and Buster Douglas beating Mike Tyson. I have rarely seen any other bouts not involving the guys who fought in those matches. They had Ali/Wepner on last night, and it looks like Frazier/Bonavena 1 will be on tonight. I'd like to see more fights from more weight classes, with much different opponents. The only fighters ESPN Classic honors are Ali and Tyson.

Massimo — come to an English speaking country — America, Britain, etc — and you'll hear 'niggling' used in a non-racial way. Other than silly Pete, no one gets offended. Crocodile tears from him. Pete, how many times do you want it answered. Yes, I say 'niggling' to people, even blacks. The dictionary definition allows me to. Read the dictionary, fool. Now Pete. Answer me questions: 1) Did you tell anyone on this site that you are black? 2) Is the name Pete peculiar to blacks? 3) How did Noam or anyone else know that you are black before you began shedding crocodile tears?

By the way, Pete, stop your relentless niggling. The list Noam posted on your past comments prove niggling, carping, nagging, and petty cheap shots. Everyone someone you didn't like posted you told them to stop being "boring". You stop being boring, you obnoxious fool. (Now that I got that out, I feel much better.)

Niggling is a word used all over the English speaking world and it has no racial slur or meaning. A simple Google check demonstrates that for those wishing to take the time, for those wishing to be fair. Even today this word was used in English speaking newspapers. For example, The Indian Tribune published today: "The niggling detail that President Bush and his White House staff have so far been unable to swat away is Valerie Plum, the CIA agent whose cover was blown..." Was the paper being racist? Of course not. Niggling is a word used regularly in all parts of the world with no racial inference attached to it. Does anyone here believe that the word niggling was used as a racial slur by the poster Noam? There's a difference between not knowing the meaning of this word as pleaded by some Americans here, or using it as a deliberate slur. There are plenty of on-line dictionaries to confirm what I am saying. Try them. Ask Pete to explain away the millions of definitions of the word 'niggling' on-line and none of them allege a racist element. Ask Pete to find just one entry out of the millions of on-line references to the word 'niggling' that alleges a racial slur. There are none. Pete is a word killer. We must nurse and pet the language to appease his feigned sensitivity to every imagined slight, however trivial. Innocently used words are mangled to pretend offense when none was ever intended. His alleged distress at the use of the word is feigned and he uses it as a weapon. Political correctness gone made. Suckers born every second. Take the time and do a google check on the word 'niggling' and see Pete for what he is. I'll give a prize to any of you who can find an entry on the word niggling demonstrating that it is a racial slur.
Peter in all honesty I had actually never even heard the word "niggling" before you mentioned it and it isn't a word I would use period, I am curious at why I was being dinged out as a part of the group to answer this question, I have never even written to you or been involved in any of the past posts that may have caused you to call me out on this one.

Noam, given your love of sports and Italy's involvement in world football (soccer), I'm surprised that you're not familiar with the term 'niggle tactics'. Enter it on a search engine and you'll find it's a common term used in Britain, New Zealand, Australia, and all other English speaking nations that play football, rugby union, and rugby league. You'll also find it mentioned in countries like Argentina.

I think what happens is that some Americans are a bit unworldly and never get out of their home towns let alone their country. They've never travelled internationally, have no interest in sports other than American, and don't use language widely known out of their sheltered and insular environment. 'Niggle tactics' is a term often used in the British House of Commons as well (as the search shows). To twist the meaning of the dictionary word 'niggle', and change the letters to 'nigger', is beyond silly. For someone to suggest that this was a racist inference is ridiculous. And for Pete to pretend that it distressed him so much makes him a big sissy, in my opinion and the opinion of others who can see through the niggle tactics I accused him of. I'd hate to witness his reaction if someone really insulted him. Weep, sob, boo hoo!

Massimo, the term to enter on the google search is 'niggling tactics' and you'll see my point proved. Thanks.

In my last post I was only joking, I'm Italiano, so it's not surprising that I have never heard the word "niggling". I have understood that the word "niggling" is not offensive.

Pete, yes I'd say 'relentless niggling' to your face (x 1000000000000) as it is NOT a racist insult (as can be verified by the dictionary). My use of the term to you was perfectly in context to the definition in the dictionary. And, besides, you were using niggle tactics to annoy Howard and me as the record shows. Alleging it as a racial insult is beyond silly and I think you need professional help with your emotions.

I've never made a racial insult to anyone in my life. Whenever I've stepped over the mark on this site I've always owned up and apologized where necessary. There's no need for me to do that in this instance because I'm not at fault. Pete you are a cry baby and huge sissy who can't admit it when you've got it wrong. In this case, you deliberately misinterpreted what was said to use it as a weapon. You flunked it with your crocodile tears.

Before you came here in August 2005, everyone had put the past problems behind. Since you've been here with your relentless niggling the problem deteriorated and you caused everyone to be at each other's throats. Stop your niggle tactics. Thanks.

Massimo, I wasn't niggling you about being Italian. I was just...
saying that a google check on 'niggling tactics' shows that it has specific meaning to world sports like rugby, football, etc, in the same context I used it to Cry Baby Pete.<br>Build a bridge, Pete, and get over your problem, pal, because you're boring everyone. And pull your head in because we're looking for wood. :)|

Us Americans don't use the word niggling much. As far as being insular, I would have to agree that is true. Although thankfully for you Brits we came out of our borders during WWII.|

As fan pointed out, it is a word that is not in common use in America.<br>Maybe you are not aware but I am not a white man either, at least not completely.<br>I am of mixed race, white European, and Native American. In fact I am a member of a prominent California Indian tribe.<br>As a child some of my so called friends in my mostly white neighborhood would sometimes tell me that I wasn't completely white, that I was part beeper (a racial slur for Mexican) and the more I would tell them that I am not Mexican, that I am Indian, they would call me Beamer or Beamer lover.<br> I do understand how you could misinterpret an uncommon word as being racist and I do understand racism towards me, if not as much as you but at least to a certain extent, about how you feel about it.<br>I also understand how Noam and Howard are insulted by being called racist. BUT LIKE I SAID, I AM NOT TAKING SIDES IN THIS FEUD. I SEE POINTS ON BOTH SIDES BUT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAT WE VALUE THIS SITE AND WE ALL WOULD LIKE IT TO CONTINUE. SO PLEASE SOMEONE TAKE THE FIRST STEP AND MAKE PEACE SO BRANDI DOESN'T SHUT IT DOWN.<br>YOU KNOW, I HAVEN'T EVEN VISITED THIS SITE SINCE MY LAST POST. IT JUST ISN'T FUN WHEN THE FIGHTING IS GOING ON. I AM NOT LEAVING BUT I DID TAKE ANOTHER SHORT BREAK HOPEING THE FIGHTING HAD STOPPED. HOPE IT DOES SOON.<br>

Charles Young, Jerry Quarry had wins over former champion Floyd Patterson and contenders such as, Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers, Buster Mathis, Mac Foster, and Thad Spencer.<br> Jerry was ranked in the top ten for almost ten years and George Foreman called him the best heavyweight who didn't win the title. In fact Foreman said he avoided fighting Jerry when he was in his first stint as champion.|
world as proved by a google search (try 'niggling tactics' - a common term in the sporting world). Just because you guys don't know a word doesn't mean that word is insulting or evil or racial.

I have watched alot of jerry quarry fights and much as i enjoy watching him fight there is no way he would have beaten foreman. He would have been badly hurt. jerry blew hot and cold and was never good enough to been a champion in any era.

Hello Mark from England, regarding Jerry's chances verses Foreman, realize styles make fights and each match up with different fighters is different. So just because Jerry lost to Frazier does not automatically mean he would lose to Foreman.

Consider that Jerry had success with other big punchers such has Ron Lyle, Earnie Shavers, and Mac Foster. He was quicker than them and still strong enough to hurt them. But the key point in his fight with them is in each case Jerry was hit very hard and he was still standing and fighting back hard. Jerry took a great punch, an attribute he would need in a Foreman fight.

In fact, Foreman, who was in the audience when Jerry knocked out Shavers in less than one round told Jerry, "you just blew your title shot." I think at the time people thought Foreman was joking but since Jerry didn't get his shot and Foreman later said he avoided Jerry when he was champion the first time around again his words, not mine, Foreman considered Jerry a threat.

It would be a difficult task for Jerry to make it out of the opening rounds when Foreman was most dangerous and Foreman's bombs could tear Jerry's tender skin but in the later rounds if Jerry did last until the sixth round and later, it is very conceivable that Jerry could take the play away from Foreman when Foreman grew tired.

Jerry Quarry was better than champions such as Leon Spinks, Primo Carnera (sorry Massimo), Johannson, Tommy Burns, Jack Sharkey, and he was certainly better a lot of the more current champions such as John Ruiz, Hasim Rahman, Oliver McCall, Frank Bruno, Gerrie Coetzee, Greg Page, Michael Dokes, and maybe even Vitali Klitschko.

So to say Jerry couldn't be a champion in any era is just not so as Jerry could have a very good chance to beat any and all of the champions I just listed. Mark, I would be surprised if you said you have seen more than the usual fights they show on the Classic channels such as Jerry's losses verses Ali, Frazier, and Norton.

Kent, i have seen jerrys fights against bodell, lyle, shavers, foster, chuvalo, ellis, spencer, norton, ali 1&2, frazier 1&2 so i have a few to say on his day he was a world class boxer but he was to hot & cold. I find him so frustrating, he was fantastic against lyle & shavers & down right suicidal against frazier. I just think he would have tried to slug it out with foreman like he did with shavers. How many fights did jerry have in which he stuck to the gameplan? Lyle i know of,anymore? On a lighter note how are kent? I have not been on this site for 3 years or more but you have always been the first to answer anything i have put down on this site so its nice to hear your thoughts again.

The smart money would be on Foreman to take Jerry Quarry, probably by TKO inside seven rounds. Kent is correct though, that the old saying is true---styles make fights. Not many people gave an aging Muhammad Ali any chance against Foreman, and we all know the outcome of that one. Foreman was beatable. We didn't know that until Ali accomplished it, but whose to say Quarry couldn't have taken the fight into the later rounds and earned a victory? Not likely, but certainly not impossible either. And Kent is right on target with his rundown of the Champions who Quarry could have beaten. He certainly WOULD HAVE been a champion in some eras, including the current one.
Primo Carnera. In a fight with Jerry Primo should have taken advantage of (or for, or from) his bigger size and should have tried to cut Jerry with his long left jab and to hurt him with his powerful uppercut, but I'd bet on Jerry in this one. Jerry wins 9 out of 10 times.

Massimo: Jerry could be stopped on cuts by someone with Primo's reach---but I'd like Jerry's chances because he'd be coming forward and working inside---forcing the action. Assuming he could avoid the pitfall of cuts around the eyes, I have to believe he'd win----maybe not 9 out of 10 as you say---but at least the majority of the time.

Mark: I agree angelo i could not imagine in a million years klitschko being in a fight like the foreman-lyle because yes he has no guts for that type of fight. But then again are there any heavyweights out there today who could drag him into that type of fight? I think not!! Jerry could beat most of todays heavyweights but i would think he would get busted up by klitschko's jab which is very long and very hard. Its not rocket science!
Liston would have busted Jerry up with his jab, Ali did bust him up, even Norton went on his bike and used his jab. Tell me Angelo how would Jerry beat the big fella? As people say its all about styles!

10/31/05 03:27:59 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC|funktron@yahoo.com|10|I'll mostly defer to Kent---but Quarry he could beat Klitscho much the same way you would beat Buster Mathis, another big man. I agree that a good jab might very well "bust" Jerry up, but honestly, I could see Jerry forcing the action against Klitscho, and Klitscho, on the receiving end of the same type of punches that Jerry used to hit Shavers, or even Frazier in the first round of their first fight, would not be jabbing, he'd be running. Klitscho would essentially be taken out of his game plan and would begin to fight in a panic. As for Norton vs. Jerry, give me a break. Jerry took the fight on what, 17 days notice? And for all intents and purposes he was done by 1975---done after the second Frazier fight as a serious contender. Norton was very, very fortunate to draw Quarry at the end of his career, instead of, say, the same Quarry who beat Shavers. If you want to know the outcome of a Quarry-Norton fight in 1973, watch Foreman vs. Norton. That will give you a good starting point.

10/31/05 03:45:37 PM|Howard C.|Louisville|howardc@louisville|10|Poor Pete. Sees things that don't exist. Pete, no one on this site has supported your crazy interpretation that the term 'relentless niggling' is racist. Not one person. Buy a dictionary. The term means that you are a petty, trivial, carping pest. It defines you. PERFECTLY. Also, Pete, people are avoiding conversing with you. That's why they don't answer your questions. It's not support for you. It's more like people walking through a shopping mall looking the other way when they see someone making a complete fool of themselves. They pretend they haven't seen them and hope the person doesn't approach. If they do, they walk faster to get away, sometimes running. When you came here in August, Pete, you wrote that "Noam didn't deter people from coming here, they just decided to leave." Now you allege the exact opposite. I can list many other examples of your hypocrisy and contradiction if you want. Ask me to. It's all in the archives. My personal belief is that you are very lonely, craving attention, yet to be diagnosed and medicated. That I have perhaps contributed to whatever devils are pecking at your mind does me no credit. I usually avoid like the plague interacting with fools. Now I'm arguing with YOU. CRIPES!

10/31/05 04:24:17 PM|Frask|copenhagen|fraskfe@dn.com|5| I want to more about why Jerry Quarry isn't more well known. All people say is that he got beat up by Ali and such. I looked at his record and beat alot of good fighters. I told my friended he beat Floyd Patterson and my friend told me I was nuts. I showed him and he said he didn't even know he fought Shavers. I enjoyed looking through boxrec.com for records, I just recently found that site. Thanks to Olle who helped me English so I could right this. Bye|
We must take the letter K out of the alphabet just in case. All words that start with the letters N I G, too. Have to find some other word for black. Hey, Pete, high time you wrote a new dictionary for mankind. One that won't offend everyone. Our ancestors stuffed the last one up! Pete even accused me of "institutionalized racism". What does he mean? Did I catch racism while doing time in an institution, like a psychiatric hospital or a jail. Can you catch racism like a virus? Does Pete think I'm a whacko and a criminal, as well as an institutionalized racist? The mind boggles so much I can't sleep. Before Pete life was so uncomplicated.

Forest Ward<br>awhile back you talked about being a Ward fan, and that "FOREST WARD THE LAST I HEARD IS STILL ALIVE AND HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF JAIL, AND HAS BEEN DECLARED MENTALLY INCOMPETENT". we're doing a feature length documentary on Chuck Wepner. the Ward fight was a major point in Chuck's career and though the prospects sound rather dim, we'd like to locate Forest and try to get an interview out of him. do you have a way to contact him or know someone who does? re: Liston/Wepner we have the weigh-in and the silent footage of the fight which circulates. I'm looking for any sound from the bout, and film or stills of Ali in attendance. referrals? re: 1964 NY Golden Gloves Chuck was heavyweight champion finishing at MSG. all I've found is film of the National finals. any of the NY finals around? have more questions, but want to keep this post short. can you contact me off the board? thanks a lot.

to everyone here on the Quarry letters page- some great reading to enjoy here. if anyone has photos or footage of any Chuck Wepner fights please contact me. looking especially for home movies, snapshots, etc. - things you don't see every day. email me if you're interested in helping out in this area. thank you all.

Hello Frask, even here in America people are surprised when I say Jerry Quarry beat a lot of good fighters such as Lyle, Shavers, and Patterson. Part of the reason is the media only shows his losses not his wins. But since we are still talking about him shows that Jerry is not forgotten that a lot of people still do know what a good fighter he was. Jerry Quarry was a champion, if not with a title, a champion for the efforts he put out and he always will be.

Regarding Foreman verses Quarry, one of things Jerry would have in his favor is the fact that Foreman would wind up his punches and telegraph when he was punching. Jerry, being a great counter puncher, would make Foreman pay by anticipating Foreman's punches and beating Foreman to the punch. Counter punching is not always punching someone back after being hit. It can be but it is often seeing a punch coming and landing first. Also, as I stated before, Jerry took a great punch which would give him a good chance of weathering the early storm and coming on strong in the later part of the fight.

Well, folks the results of my informal poll are in. Only 2 people on this site would and will use the term, RELENTLESS NIGGLING when referring to me a Black Man. Knowing full well that the term offends me, and I find it racist when used by white people. Of the 2 people I find racist, one is from Europe, Noam. The other is an old man who lives in the deep south, Louisville Kentucky, Howard C. Regarding the term "institutional racism." Howard C does not understand the meaning of the phrase. Well, I will be brief, but let me explain it to him. It is when white people do or say offensive things to blacks and insist they did nothing wrong. A mild example is assuming every black person supports "affirmative Action." A severe example is assuming every black thinks the US Goverment is against him, and out to put innocent blacks in jail. In both cases neither are assumptions are true. But a lot of whites think all blacks feel that way. And it simply is not true.
you understand, institutional racism |

Pete, while I am not jumping on Noam and Howard's side, why can't you just let this subject go, for the good of the site? A year ago in October we got off on a tangent, we were dicussing history and I asked the question, "Who discovered America?" One of the answers was Columbus and I said wrong, that people were already here and one of the posters said, "Well a bunch of savages in loin clothes doesn't count." Which is insulting to my native ancestors as if someone does any research they would find that there were some quite advanced civilizations in the Americas well before Europeans came and besides, it is racially biased to assume that a so called more advanced society is actually better than another society.

Pete, I come from a different perspective as I identify with both white people and native people and my point is I could have made a big deal out of this but this person did not know he was talking to a person with a native background so I let it go. TO THE PERSON WHO CommentED ON NATIVE AMERICANS BEING SAVAGES IN LOIN CLOTHES, I AM NOT TRYING TO START A FIGHT ABOUT IT NOW, I AM TRYING TO MAKE A POINT TO PETE ABOUT STOPPING THIS FIGHT. Pete, Noam had no idea you were black, in fact none of us did until you told us. But to Noam and Howard, you know now the term "relentless niggling" bothers Pete so why keep using it? Can't you just let it go also?

ALL OF YOU WHO ARE FIGHTING, CAN WE PLEASE MOVE ON NOW?

I'm worried about your health, Pete. If you feign outrage for too much longer, it will become permanent. The symptoms for 'outrage permanus' (non-racial Latin medical term) are there for all to see. Pete's face contorted in angry bewilderment (even when he's not angry or bewildered). Brows permanently arched to cap wildly bugged eyes owlishly searching for sinners to accuse and execute with imaginery 'poll trials'. His mouth (through which no vestige of humour ever passes) tightly pursed. Flared nostrils. Bulging forehead veins fueling red cheeks (caucasians only). Embarrassing flatulence. Confusion. Paranoia. And then 'end stage' relentless niggling. Pete's mother asking, "How are you today, Pete?" begets the response, "I'm outraged." She'll sympathetically query, "What about?" and he'll respond, "Everything!" before adding, "and everyone, ESPECIALLY HOWARD C. AND NOAM." A smile from a pretty girl will be met with a furious, "Get outta of my face." Should a puppy dog dare wag its tail displaying happiness and joy of life, Pete will tie the tail to a bus exhaust. Every word, every deed, EVEN SILENCE, will be misconstrued to trigger Pete's 'outrage permanus'. The most famous sufferer (before he got cut down to size) was, dare I risk saying it, the Black Knight crossing Monty Python's bridge. Zab Judah, Russell Crowe, Paula Jones, Gerry Shultz, and Mike Tyson also suffer from it. Sadly, once got, there's no cure. There's a colony of 'outrage permanus' sufferers living in the highlands of Afghanistan. In caves around Tora Bora County. Among the Taliban and UBL. They love unhappy, permanently outraged people like Pete up there. The more unhappiness and outrage, the better they like it. Pete, wake up before it's too late. Have some fun. Think good thoughts. Stop being unhappy and outraged. Don't take offense at insults not given. Otherwise, it will eventually become permanent and all consuming. So excise the demons pecking at your tortured mind. Listen to a wise ol' man with a withered arm from Kentucky. God bless, son. (P.S. and ditch the sophistry and relentless niggling, too! :) )

Pete: Maybe the media is at fault for fueling the stereotype that "all black people" think the government is against them, or "all black people" are in favor of affirmative action. My personal experience is that neither of these statements is true. I've known plenty of black achievers throughout my life, especially post-college. These are people who have gone further than I have--further with their education, further with their careers and they earn more money. I'm doing
fine—I have two degrees (though neither are graduate degrees) from Penn State and I make a half decent living—but there are black people I know who are professionals with towering intellects, and many of them don’t believe in affirmative action and I don’t think any of them think the government is out to get them. Having said that, I believe that on television and in newspapers, all of us white folks see the same nonsense over and over—the ridiculous assertion that guys like Reverend Jackson or Minister Farrakahn are "representatives of black America" and that somehow, these few people speak for all black people. I know that it’s nonsense, but over and over, the media spins it that a few "leaders" can accurately speak for all black people. It’s written and shown so often, people actually start to buy into it.

Why can’t Noam just say "I’m sorry I offended you, I didn’t mean to.” Then Pete says "Thank you for that." Then Howard C. says nothing. I think that would cure all our problems.

Pan, would you apologize for something you didn't do ? I didn't know Pete was black. No one did. So how could I be racist towards him ?<br><br>And, anyway, the words I used weren't racially offensive as proved by the dictionary and a google search. I can't apologize for Pete's ignorance and hypersensitivity. <br><br>Why not ask Pete to apologize to me for wrongly accusing me of racism ? I find that offensive. I can prove my case. Pete can’t. Simple as that.

Fan, simply because I won't apologize for something I haven't done. I can't apologize for Pete's hypersensitivity and ignorance. That's his problem. Not mine.<br><br>I am indifferent to colour. It makes no difference to me. Being called a racist is offensive. Pete ought apologize for that. He might also like to apologize for poking fun at Howard's age and arm problem. <br><br>In the absence of an apology, I vote for moving on to a different subject, hopefully something to do with boxing.

Hello Everyone, I see we are back to fighting again, pretty silly to me. I do think that’s its time to get back to sports again. Kent I was reading back in the Archives, and Mr.Jimmy had asked you to keep up the good work of informing all of us on boxing. and that he had thanked you for the time you have shared with us all. I want to thank you too. I do read the letters on this site all the time. I just wish that all of you would stay on sports. I seen that Jerry's own son asked you to get back to boxing and that didn't work. Then Brenda's daughter. Now again I'm asking you all to get over this trip. Look up the word-read the meaning-and get over it. and this comes from this little half breed, thats what they called me in school.(half Irish, and half Indian.) and very proud of it. Always had the temper to go with it. Understand???? Now, how about those COLTS everyone here tells me I need to be a Colt fan, Naaaaaaaaaaaaaa not me.  Play nice, and have a great day!

Colts are like 0-14 against the Patriots the last few seasons. They aren't going to win this game.

My KC Chiefs take on the Raiders---hopefully the Chiefs will pull out the win at home.

Fan thanks for your considerate words. But fellows I have gone back into the
archives, and anytime there is hostilities on this site those two are involved. They can't be right everytime.<br>Noam, and Howard call people names, take sentences out of context and basically lie about what the person was saying. The quality, the fun that was on this board has disappeared since these 2 individuals became regulars. Does anyone think the site has gotten better since Noam, and Howard C joined? Personally, from reading the archives; I feel these guys should have been put in their place a long time ago. But, the regulars on the board ignored them when they lied, called people names...<br>And what is the end result? More people leave the board and the quality of the board declines. Fan, Kent, Angelo and who ever else is a regular this board, you guys let these 2 guys run a muck. You guys pretty much ignored their revolting behavior, and now what do you have?<br>You have basically daily posts about Ali-Frazier with the same old diatribe, never anything new, and daily posts with Noam and Howard C attacking someone, and calling the person vile and sickening names. Labelling people as alcoholics, or gay; as a way to belittle a person who disagrees with their ramblings. And I am to believe that nothing was meant by the term, RELENTLESS NIGGLING, given their history? Those 2 are hate mongers Then the arguments begin lasting for weeks or months at a time.<br>Well, fellows I am out of here. Sadly I wasted too much time here already. As the expression goes, "you reap what you sow." And the Quarry site members sowed Noam, and Howard C. |11/3/05 11:13:10 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Pete, I hope you reconsider and stay. As you know, I have asked everyone who has been fighting to stop fighting for the good of the site. What else can I do? I can't make someone stop posting what they post.<br>Hey, I have done all I can to try and restore peace here.<br>Thank you Brandi for your kind words. Mr. Jimmy was helpful to me in encouraging me to do my writing and he was always willing to listen to what I had to say and he is still missed around here and he always will be.|11/3/05 11:53:49 AM|Brandi Quarry|Indiana||brandiquarry3@msn.com|||10|Pete- Don't go away, everyone has the right to say and think what they want, but after weeks of the same thing its time to move on to another fight. I'm sure we can all agree to that. We could fight about the Colts, but like I said its not my team. Now Mr Jimmy was a Rams fan, When they left Ca he became a trader, but then they started winning again and he again became a fan. Now I use to tell him he was a trader cause he gave up on the Rams for a while. Myself, I have always been a Packers Fan. no matter if they won or lost. Mr Jimmy and I use to go back and forth about this, wow was it alot of fun. So now its time to fight about something else. Maybe, who you think the next Champion will be? Maybe me! Naaaaa stick around and lets see who wins. Lets see who guesses right. you can never really tell right. strange things happen every day. Have a great day! |11/3/05 01:04:31 PM|mark|portsmouth, england||victoria.knight4@ntlworld.com|||10|Could anyone tell me more about mike quarry? what was he like as a fighter and could he have been a world champion if he was around today? I have only seen mike fight bob foster and that does not really tell me much.|11/3/05 02:50:44 PM|Howard C.|Louisville||howardc@louisville|||10|Pete, move on, please. Ever since you came here in August 2005 you have been a sanctimonious windbag telling us what to talk about and what not to talk about. Know-it-all posts followed by highhandedly berating people for being boring and talking "crap" (your word).<br>When you got some back in return, guess what? Glass jaw. Crocodile tears. STOP CRYING. BE A MAN !<br>Concentrate on what YOU write and leave everyone else alone. And no one is out to get you. That's just your tortured mind and paranoia speaking to you, not us.<br>So, what are your Top 10 bantamweight champs of all time. I can give you a few names to get you started .....Ruven Olivares, Carlos Zarate, Lupe Pintor..... come on, Pete, think up some of your own, son. In order, please.|
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Pete, don't call people liars etc. Your words haven't been twisted. The below words are all yours as everyone can check on the archives:

- 8/24/05: "Noam, Angelo, and Howard go overboard about Ali. They keep writing the same things over and over and again and again. It does get quite boring."
- 8/29/05: "Noam, outside of Ali, your comments are limited."
- 9/5/05: "Howard quit boring us."
- 9/19/05: "The posts are lengthy and boring."
- 10/10/05: "Howard if you know anything about boxing, you haven't demonstrated it. You write the same boring bs over and over again. It's boring me."
- 10/18/05: "Quite frankly, I regard time spent corresponding with you as less than fulfilling. You are a very boring guy."
- 10/14/05: "Noam, I SAW A PROGRAM ON ALCOHOLICS ON TV RECENTLY. THEY HAVE GREAT SUCCESS WITH PEOPLE WHO DRINK TOO MUCH. YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK IT OUT.

Your relentless niggling droned on and one, Pete. The above are all your words. There's more if you want more proof. PETE, PLEASE STOP TELLING US THAT WE ARE BORING OVER AND OVER AGAIN. PLEASE STOP ACCUSING US OF TALKING BS. STOP ACCUSING ME OF BEING AN ALCOHOLIC. STOP ACCUSING ME OF BEING A RACIST. PLEASE STOP CRITICIZING US ALL THE TIME.

Noam, that's not the only time you've been wrong."

I accept what you say Angelo, but it was a bit much. Every time he opened his mouth an allegation vomited out. He called me an alcoholic, a liar, a racist, etc., with no justification for any of it.
The only boxer I know is Muhammad Ali. But then again he transcends the sport so that probably doesn't really count. I just found out that George Chuvalo was the popular Canadian Heavyweight that Ali had beaten twice. Chuvalo had since received hero status. BOY WERE PEOPLE ON MY CASE FOR NOT KNOWING THAT! Growing up here in Ontario I'm a hockey fan myself (I love my Toronto Maple Leafs). If you want to talk hockey then I'm your man.<br>

As for boxing I only became interested due to the tragic death of a boxer named Leavander Johnson. He died just a couple of months ago. I hate to admit it but his death was the only thing that brought boxing to the Canadian media. I myself am researching sports injuries for my thesis and figured that boxing would be a good sport to research since it is a relatively dangerous sport. When I came to this site what caught my eye was the pug dementia article. The term used for people who've suffered from too many blows to the head in a match or over the years. Great I thought. This is what I needed. <br>

I was hard pressed to see any post related to boxing injuries (as I seached past threads) until I saw a post by Nickory. I'll re-read that as well as the couple of responses. I like some of what he said.<br>

I myself am a supporter of visors in hockey. Perhapes head gear in boxing is also needed. I hope Nickory or others have more to add to this discussion.

Hey Mark from England, Kent again, I hope you can read my article about Mike on Eastsideboxing.com, in the archives there from March 2004 called Mike Quarry, A Warrior in his Own Right by me, Kent Appel. If you do a google search on the title, it will come up also.<br>

Out of the at least one hundred plus boxing articles that I have written, it is my favorite piece I have ever done. It is such an honor to know that members of the Quarry family read my article including Arwanda, the Quarrys' mother.<br>

I haven't been doing much writing lately but am planning to be more active shortly.

Noam: No one like's being labeled a racist, especially when they aren't one. That's a dangerous game to play---accusing people of racism/bigotry, when it isn't true. Of course, since Pete is no longer reading or posting, he won't see this and even if he does, he won't respond. He thought "relentless niggling" was some sort of prejudice/racist term.<br>

I love watching the old fights. I still enjoy Quarry vs Billy Daniels when the guy in the crowd yells "let's go home early Jerry." In the next 15 seconds or so Daniels was knocked out in the very first round. Also I re-watched again where Jerry does his Ali impersonation before Ali-Norton III. It is hilarious, I mean hilarious.<br>

I think Pete initially jumped the gun and because he didn't recognize the term 'relentless niggling' he was confused and misinterpreted what was meant. However, it must have become obvious that I wasn't being racist (given the dictionary definition, etc) but he wouldn't admit his error and continued on knowing the allegation was false.<br>

If I thought he genuinely believed that it was a racist insult, I'd apologize for the misunderstanding and move on. But he was using the false allegation as a weapon. You'd remember, Angelo, that when I've stepped over the line previously I've apologized. I've got no problem doing that when I'm wrong. Funny thing, though, is that on the one hand I'm accused of being an Ali lover, yet on the other racist against blacks. The allegations seem to contradict each other. <br>

Anyway, I've heard that Ali's medical condition has deteriorated.<br>

That's a shame about Ali's condition. I hate to hear that. You're correct---it's a contradiction to be a fan of Muhammad Ali and at the same time, a racist. I haven't yet met anyone like that. If Pete were still on the board, he could respond. But he signed off forever at 9:43 AM, Thursday, November 3.
Hey KENT, Massimo, Angelo, Jimmy Dorsey, Thanks for keeping a modicum of logic and sensible posts on the true, not always agreeable, career and mistakes made by the Quarry Handlers.

Hi Steve, welcome back, it's a pleasure to hear from you!

Angelo, one of Ali's daughters launched a book she's written on Parkinson's Disease and she commented that her father's health has deteriorated. It's sad, given that he's only 63, but there's lots of other sufferers, too. The disease isn't all that uncommon, even among non-boxers. Makes me wonder whether Ali was always going to get the disease, but boxing just accelerated the onset and he got it much younger than most.

Nice to see you back Steve. Yes Jerry's management made some mistakes, one was rushing him too fast, tough fights, too soon. But he was a very well schooled fighter with excellent boxing skills so his management and trainers did some very positive things also.

It's possible that the Parkinson's was destined to afflict Ali, in his late 30's/early 40's, had he been a boxer, a dentist, an author or a balloon salesman. It's possible that like Michael J. Fox, Ali would have gotten Parkinson no matter what. My personal opinion is that it was in his genetic code to suffer from Parkinsons. Believe me, getting hit in the head hundreds of times by people like Earnie Shavers, Ken Norton, etc., didn't help matters. But I don't think boxing is solely responsible for Ali's health problems. I tend to agree with your post that maybe the onset happened sooner because of the physical stress he was under, but we'll probably never know. I wish there were advanced procedures and medications that could help Ali.

By rushing Jerry, which fight(s) are you referring to? Machen? I know that a lot of people point to the Machen loss as unnecessary --- that Jerry should have been brought along further before going in against a tough veteran fighter like Machen. But didn't Jerry already have about 20 fights under his belt at that point? I know that he had only been fighting professionally less than two years, but he had managed to fight nearly 20 times and didn't have a loss. At some point, you have to give a fighter a test to see what he can do. If he wins, you move ahead. If he loses, you reevaluate, regroup and start again. Don't get me wrong --- for example, putting Marvis Frazier in against Larry Holmes was silly. For one, Holmes was the baddest heavyweight in the world, bar none. Frazier was inexperienced, and he was put in against the best heavyweight, not just a good one. Secondly, the bright lights, big crowds and nationally televised, prime time event should be reserved for someone who has the experience to handle it --- someone who has been there and done that. Granted, Marvis had probably seen it all before as a youngster, with his Dad fighting for the title and in big money fights. But it's another whole deal when you're the one. But I don't think Eddie Machen was an outrageous opponent selection for someone up and coming with almost 20 fights. Now, the draw against Doyle might have clued them in to work a little more before stepping up in class, but still, I don't think it was terrible management. Also, it did accomplish getting Jerry in the mix with name heavyweights like Patterson --- getting him primed for the tournament as well. Jerry might have been managed more carefully, but his biggest mistake was being part of the same era as Ali and Frazier.

Angelo, the two draws with Tony Alongi, a man with over forty fights that Jerry fought before Machen when Jerry was barely 21 years old were also a clue he was rushed too fast.
23 years old and amazingly the first Frazier fight before he was even 25 years old. While it may not have made his chances of winning the title any better in his tough era, maybe he would not have been shot as a fighter by the time he was 29 years old, still young by heavyweight standards and maybe he would have been as badly damaged in the end. Jerry would have only been 32 in February 1978 and it could have been him to take Ali's title instead of Leon Spinks if he had not been in so many wars early. Something to think about.

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But Tyson was very young when he was put in with ranked fighters, including the former champion Holmes. And of course you bring up Spinks, who was indeed rushed. I truly believe that Spinks would have had a better overall career if he DIDN'T stun everyone by beating Ali. I'm still not even sure how that fight was made--it seems incredible that Ali wanted it, or that Spinks handlers wanted it, or that CBS wanted it. Spinks had less than 10 pro fights--and he's in against Ali? Weird.

Hey Fan from Fandom, could you please tell me where you caught Quarry's imitation of Ali? Your correct, it is really funny. If you have a tape of Ali vs Norton, with the Quarry segment, I'd be interested in acquiring it. Thanks for mentioning that episode. I had forgotten.

Jerry caught the Frazier fight as Frazier was developing into his absolutely wrecking ball prime. I truly believe Frazier, at that one two or three month period, would have given Ali two much pressure and strength and could have taken a decision. If Ali never existed, boxing would have dwindled to the point where no one even remembered Joe Louis or Rocky Marciano.

Hi Steve. I'm glad you're back because I respect you. However, I don't understand your logic when saying if Ali never existed then no one would have heard of Louis and Marciano (or words to that effect and I hope I haven't got it wrong.)

I think that if Ali never existed, then people would have considered the greatest ever probably as Foreman, Louis and Marciano (given the whuppin' George gave Joe in his prime). Ali's legend ought not effect Louis or Marciano.

It comes back to the old criteria....if you take Ali out of the equation (pretending he hadn't existed as you have done), then who was Joe's greatest victory? Ellis, Mathis, Quarry?

On the other hand, Foreman's greatest victory (victories) was/were Frazier. Surely that must put him above Frazier in the scheme of things. I don't understand how any of that effects Louis or Marciano who were, after all, from other eras.

Again, welcome back Steve. I hope you stay. If my being here effects that decision, then I'll go and you stay because, after all, you've been here much longer than me and you haven't upset the others as I have done. I'll happily go if it benefits here.

Steve, on hindsight I think I've partially misinterpreted you. You seem to be saying that the interest in Ali because of his reputation kept boxing alive to the point people remembered Louis and Marciano.

I believe the mid-60's Ali and the late-60's in-prime but inactive Ali would have handled an in-prime wrecking ball Frazier with superior boxing skills, speed and footwork. Ali's speed was diminished by '71. If you watch films of 60's Ali vs. 70's Ali, it's two different men. Frazier, in my opinion, would have never hit a 1960's Ali with the variety of punches that caught Ali in that '71 fight. Meanwhile, Ali's hand speed would have peppered Frazier with stinging punches, earning him a 15 round "hard workout" decision. I could see Ali winning this by 3-5 points on a 10 point must system. Easy? No way. Unless you're George Foreman or another big hitter, there would be no easy fight against Frazier. But clear winner? Yes, I think Ali would have taken him in the 60's by a wider
Tyson was fighting world class fighters at a very young age but he was the exception, not the rule and his situation was different in that he didn't have as many tough fights early as Jerry did. James "Quick" Tillis was about the only one before he won the title but even so Tyson developed much earlier than most heavyweights and probably Tony Tucker was the only other tough fight after he was a champion until the loss to Buster Douglas.

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Mercado-Cooney would have been something.
Who has he ever beaten? World champions have to defend their title against the best opponents in the world. The WBC should strip him of the belt and award it to Rahman. Klitschko should pay Rahman for all of the time he’s wasted training. They had to force him to fight Rahman and he still pulled out. What does Klitschko mean in Russian, chicken? He quit on the stool with a shoulder injury against (Chris) Byrd in the 10th round of a 12-round fight that he was leading big. A doctor gave him approval to fight Rahman, but he chose not to fight. He’s tall, big and may look like a heavyweight champion. But he doesn’t have the heart and soul of a world champ. It’s not what’s on the outside, it’s what’s inside that counts.

I'm really upset by this news about Vitali Klitschko. I consider him a very strong heavyweight champion and I can't beleive he is afraid of Has Been "Who" Rahman. I don't know exactly what happened to Vitali and how bad is his injury. I hope to see him back soon in the ring. The heavyweight division needs Vitali Klitschko.

Promise and potential do not a good fighter make. The guy seems hollow to me. Quarry stepped in with Ellis, presumably with a broken back. Vitali has strung us along now and it's gotten to be absurd. Maybe it's just the era, but my view is you fight the toughest guys out there. You go after the biggest fish, not the little guppy. Prove yourself by taking on the best and do it often. This is a cream puff champion until proven otherwise. Hand it to Rahman for pity's sake.

Well it looks like Vital has retired and the WBC will declare Rahman champion. Maybe Vitali really has some cronic injuries that haven't healed and he doesn't want to fight at anything but his best but who knows? I like the idea of the eight man tournament to get one champion but doubt it will happen that way. Too much money to be made with the split champions, at least in the near future.

King has said he wants some sort of tournament. Will see what happens.

Most fighters and most athletes in general have chronic pain and injuries. Ask Jim Otto. You compensate and you play hurt. Unless the injury is something severe, rendering Klitscho utterly unable to perform, my feeling is that he just doesn't really have the heart for boxing. There's nothing wrong with that---I would never fight professionally even if I had his ability. Some people have the "eye of the tiger" and others don't. It just seems as though it was always something.

Ali update: He, along with 12 others, received some sort of "Medal of Freedom" honor yesterday from the White House and President Bush. I saw photos. He joked with Bush---and appeared to look the same as he has for the past few years. I'm not sure what the daughter's book said exactly, but his condition doesn't seem too much different than it has for several years. He needed escort help to move around and he was gesturing with his hands more than speaking---but looked fine.

Angello and Noam,Noam,you've interpreted me correctly about Ali keeping the memory of other great fighters alive.Angelo, I'm letting you know that I honestly believe that Ali was a better overall fighter than Frazier.However,I still like Jerry Quarry,Joe Frazier, Marciano and Joe Louis as Great representatives of this sport at times when we really needed it.Noam,I sometimes let outside factors,you know ,personal shit,influence my big mouth on this site.I apoligize to you.You are a reasonable, logical poster.Don't bail out because of any disagreements,this site is too important to me.Even when I have to put up with Kent and that Nazi,Massimo. 
Steve the "WISEGUY" is really back. Shut up ya Lunkhead!!

Steve, it must be one of you guys who are taking me to task. I admit I talk out of turn, and I admit it's not acceptable.

One of the Stooges (Stoogeville) (Moe, Larry, etc.)

Knuck, Knuck, Knuck! Steve, just a little Stooge humor among stooges. Don't sweat it.

Steve it wasn't me, thou I'm still quite one of "US" STOOGES, personally I think Jerry was maybe rushed a little bit, Maybe like Norton, where he's not long in the tooth like JQ at age of 29 would have been a little better, where he's had a chance to mature more, it definitely helped Kenny's career. Jerry also at that young age probably could have dropped a few pounds to light heavy. TAKE CARE!

Well I am down 22 pounds since August, three months. My target was to lose 25 pounds in three months so I am near my time table. Now just 100 more pounds to lose. Dieting all of the time sure is boring though, I can't remember the last time I had a beer.

The Klitschko verses Rahman fight was going to be the highlight of the recent two weeks, oh well, as I don't get out much these days.

I have to stick with my program so I won't end up dying to soon, except maybe out of boredom.

Thanks Ed, the holidays don't make much difference as I am giving myself at least two days off from dieting, Thanksgiving and Christmas and maybe New Years Eve. So that is only three days at the most out of about 40 days until the end of the year that I won't be dieting. The rest of the days I am just going to tell people that I can't eat or drink certain things like I do now.

I already told my mother not to cook anything for Christmas and Thanksgiving as I think I should not worry about what I am eating on those days, no one else has to.

I think if Vitali K. really wants to fight, he may, after a layoff of maybe a year or a year and a half to heal up, he then may make a comeback. We will have to wait and see.

A layoff of 1 year, 1 year and a
half?! I didn't know that the injury is so serious! Too bad for boxing!|
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Was George Chuvalo considered a heavy puncher when he was fighting? I know he was known for having a great chin and great heart but I watched his fight against Jerry last night and he was not in the same league as Jerry for six rounds but then knocks him out in the seventh. I know Jerry misheard the count but it never looked that hard a punch to put him down considering some of the punches he took from Lyle, Frazier, Shavers to name a few. Also why was there no rematch between Jerry & Chuvalo? |
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Plenty of men over 6' 7" exercise intensely, year round---they're called players in the National Basketball Association. Running, lifting, strength and conditioning drills, to name a few, comprise their exercise program. All things considered, their joints seem to hold up well. Klitschko "overexercising?" Hardly. Look, if he's injury prone, so be it. But let's not talk about how Rahman "would have" eaten leather for a few rounds. The fact is, Rahman was, is and continues to be ready, willing and able to fight this guy. Instead, Klitschko backed down. |
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I seen a thing about how the Klitschkos trained a few years ago and IMO yes he did shorten his boxing career by overexercising. Football, basketball and all your sports have attending medical help for all the teams. Players are always playing hurt but unlike boxing they can take breaks and aren't going to be beat up should a joint give out on them during a game. "But let's not talk about how Rahman "would have" eaten leather for a few rounds. The fact is, Rahman was, is and continues to be ready, willing and able to fight this guy. Instead, Klitschko backed down". That was my opinion and I have a right to print it. Rahmans not a bad fighter but thats how I think the fight would have gone. Your post seems very unfriendly to me and if i am misinterpreting it I apologize....if i am not don't bother responding to my post because you'll be ignored. |
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Gee, the heavyweight division is so boring. The only guy I like watching now is Butterbean. At least he adds excitement and can punch hard. |
Koo Koo Klock, Foolface, and Brother DKS. We had some lively conversations, maybe more so than the recent feuds. By the way, WHERE IS THE MUFFINMAN of Massimo's hero, JUMPITY BRUCE.

What's the big deal about Klitscho. Bad back, bad leg...who cares. He's got money out the wazoo and can live the rest of his life without financial worry. If I were in his situation I'd probably quit to. Isn't that what everyone wants, to hit the lottery and hang it up. Do what you want to do. He hit the lottery. I really didn't think Rahman would beat him, give him some trouble maybe. I think it would have been a boring hug fest with Klitscho winning with his jab. Some guys need to fight regardless of money or fame, the "Eye of the Tiger" thing someone mentioned. Maybe to Klitscho it was just sport. Who knows. I never thought much of him in the first place.

Thanks for clearing the air Angelo. If we were talking face to face there would have been no confusion about things but you straightened things out nicely. Sorry for misinterpreting things.

I'd like to ask who you'd like to see Rahman fight next but to be honest there's not much to pick from.

Mark,

George Chuvalo wasn't considered a real hard heavyweight puncher. He was very strong and as u said had one of the best chins in history. He was in a lot of big fights and Jerry was his biggest win. I guess you could say Georges chin kept him alive till her got a lucky punch in (or flurry of punches if i remember right).

P S Ali use to call Chuvalo "The Washer Women" because he threw a lot of punches but didn't hurt anyone.

I think Vitali Klitscko has a lot of talent but his desire is questionable.

I can't imagine someone like Jerry Quarry ever quitting because of an arm injury like Vitali did agaisn't Chris Byrd. Jerry would have endured the pain and fought one handed, especially with only one or two rounds left in the fight and it wouldn't have mattered if he was ahead or behind on the scorecards.

I think the Byrd fight is a good indicator of Vitali's lack of desire to do what it takes to be a great fighter.

Fighters like Muhammad Ali fighting almost an entire fight with a broken jaw like Ali did against Norton in their first fight and Floyd Patterson, who fought in terrible back pain for most of his first fight with Ali also wouldn't quit because of injury.

Patterson was hopelessly behind on the cards of the judges yet he still kept on trying the best he could under the circumstances.

Add to that, Foreman vs. Holyfield. I remember talking to some sports fans after that fight, and everyone marveled at Foreman's performance. Finally, someone said---"It isn't that he fought brilliantly---it's just that he tried so hard to win." That's really the point. You watch M. Spinks vs. Tyson, then watch Foreman vs. Holyfield---and you see that Foreman is from a different era. Even in losing, he showed incredible heart.

Yes, e-mail can take on a life of its own. If we had a conversation, you would know that I wasn't being mean.

I think James Toney who is from the old school is the man to beat if age hasn't caught up to him.

Toney tore his bicep and tricep muscles in the first round of his fight with Rydell Booker yet he gave Booker a virtual one armed beating for ten rounds. Vitali and some of the others around today would not have came out for the second round due to the pain.

Say what you will about Toney, his big mouth and everything, but he is well schooled in his art, he really knows what he is doing.

Back in the 1990s when Toney was still a middleweight Toney won a close decision over a fighter named Dave Tiberi. Toney had bad leg cramps almost the entire fight but he fought on and came out on top.

Most of the media thought Tiberi had pulled off the upset win but I thought Toney was...
blocking a lot of the punches and he landed just enough in return to win a close one.<br><br>If people think Toney is on steroids these days and that is the reason why he has a bad temper, consider that after the Tiberi fight Toney yelled at the broadcasters of the fight saying they didn’t know what the hell they were talking about and that they were all a bunch of fools. <br><br>I doubt Toney could have been using steroids when he was a middleweight. The guy just has a temper. |<br><br>With Vitali out of the scene for injury, your brother James is the best heavyweight in the world. When is James going to fight his next fight and against who? Thanks. Toney-Rahman would be interesting, as well as Toney-Vladimir Klitschko or Toney-Nicolay Valuev. I’m sure James would call Nicolay "a big bum". |<br><br>People from all walks of life are prescribed steroids to speed injury recovery. It's not uncommon for an injured athlete either. Just looking at Toney's shape at the time of the Ruiz fight, I don't think he used the type of steroid that would turn him into Mr. Olympia. I think most of his bulk comes from a combination of lifting weights and eating pizza. My wife was prescribed a steroid when she injured her shoulder, she also uses one for severe asthma and she has not turned
into an East German swimmer. There are many types and uses for steroids, the one Toney used was for injury recovery. Should fighters that have their hands injected with novocaine or cortisone be banned? 

Bob: Depends. If we're talking about a banned substance, the punishment should be as I stated. Prescription steroids are not the same as anabolic, performance enhancing steroids or designer steroids. I don't know what Toney took. If it was prescription and not banned, then I don't think he's at fault. But that's not what was reported at the time.

JIMMY DORSEY: I Heard Ali called Chuvalo the washer woman because he had one of his Canadian opponents draped over the ropes and hung out to dry. ALI was very amused when he said it.

Hey, Jimmy Dorsey, regarding your last post about Jerry Quarry vs Norton. I with you agree on the results from these two meeting prime for prime. I know that posters like Kent, [Thank you very much]. Appel and Noam, who always says, what if, if only, when he's busting chops. However, the story I heard long ago, and I think they came from you, Jimmy D., and Kent, was this. Jerry had taken a bad beating from Frazier about eight months earlier. Jerry was taking a much deserved vacation in Hawaii, don't know how to spell it and too lazy to look it up. Quarry got a call, while he was partying from a promoter who offered him Norton at a six figure fee. That was nothing to sneeze at back then. Quarry, always the cocky guy, who thought he could lick King Kong, foolishly took the fight on about three weeks notice, even though he, d not trained lately, and was half drunk when he agreed to this crazy matchup. Norton's vastly clever team had waited for a Quarry fight until they thought Quarry was shot, and out of shape. Norton was quoted as saying he never liked Quarry, and always thought he could beat him. This seems cruelly ironic that he waited until he was absolutely sure Quarry was shot. Even then Quarry hurt Norton before his lack of training, history of brutal fights, caught up with him.

Hello Steve (AKA SHEMP) yes I DID SOME RESEARCH, on the subject, JERRY HAD like 17 days to train from the announcement that he took Bonavena's place, (when didn't Bonavena pull out of a bout!!) its hard to get a training camp even going, on that little time, he'd fought Johnson 10 rounds like 2 weeks earlier, and like you said Jerry probably jumped at the chance, I really believe Jerry was really tired of boxing had a lot of other offers, and took the payday, a very well known light heavyweight in Oklahoma and friend Tony McMinn (THE IRISH EXPRESS) always said only take on a bout you might lose for the money, and besides I make KING KONG 5-2 dog vs JERRY, AND 4 TO 1 A KNOCKOUT, especially after his last dvd movie (a STOOGE DISGRACE!) TAKE CARE SHEMP.

Hey Massimo, and Hey Noam, I'm trying to restore a dialogue with the people I consider as serious and logical posters. Who don't go off with personal insults whenever their opinions are questioned. If you where doing a college treatise on the evolution of the Irish immigrants, during the dust bowl, the depression, the "Oakies" who migrated to California, you could do the Quarry's history, since that's what they evolved from. I know that other ethnic groups had a very bad time trying assimilated into this so called Melting Pot. That's what make's America strong. YOU come here as an immigrant, you learn to speak English, at least as a second language, assuming you want to make a free and safe life here in America. Talk about totalitarianism!, As your attacks on civilian target, which affords you no threat to your Military infrastructure, just some mentally weak or needy housewife, or semi intelligent college student.
opponents draped over the ropes and hung out to dry. ALI was very amused when he said it". That makes more sense, and I think I know the fight they're talking about. Chuvalo fought someone named Dejohn and he draped him over the ropes and k o'ed him (on national tv) and the referee ruled it was a foul and gave Dejohn a chance to recover and they fought on. George ended up winning a decision. Very crude, very strong and very tough is best way I could describe Chuvalo. I don't think even Ray Mercers chin was as strong as Chuvalos.|

Steve, the mother of a friend of mine was famous for complaining about the "bog Irish". Not sure what she meant, but it was intended to be an affectionate insult, rather than just an insult, if you know what I mean. Perhaps "bog" has a different American meaning and I shouldn't use it. I hope not. Regards steroids. Ed mentioned the East Germans. Imagine being an athlete who trained his/her guts out to get to the Olympic final of, say, the sprint. You get beat by an East German and come second. Ten years later you learn that he/she only beat you because they used steroids. How would you feel? Denied a gold medal because of a cheat! Same thing with Toney if he's guilty. Using steroids is a cheating shortcut. Norton didn't need them. Neither did Foreman 1. Hard work in the gym did it for them. Ali and Frazier had more natural physiques. So did Jerry. They had hard punches without the over-developed muscles behind them. Ali, Frazier and Quarry were all natural instinctive fighters, whereas Norton and Foreman were more the 'developed-in-the-gym' types. In my opinion, anyway. |

Mike Weaver looked like Hercules too, sort of like Norton. Regarding Quarry vs. Norton: It's not only ironic, but somewhat shameful and somewhat annoying that Norton made those comments about "always wanting to fight Jerry Quarry" after seizing the perfect window of opportunity to make a fight with an unprepared, past-his-prime Quarry. I heard often back in the 70's about how cocky Ken Norton was and it did show. For Norton to crow about fighting and beating Quarry---it makes Norton look bad, and foolish. It would be like Larry Holmes saying he "always wanted to fight Muhammad Ali" after beating Ali, who was only a shell of his former glory. |

George Chuvalo was only really hurt once in his career. It came against George Foreman in the third round. The most befuddled I ever saw him look was against Ali I in the late rounds and right before he knocked out Jerry Quarry. I own tons of Chuvalo fights and never saw him hurt otherwise. He was stopped against Frazier because his orbital bone was cracked by a Frazier left-hook. He wasn't about to go down though. He actually wasn't going to go down against Foreman either. Foreman was wailing away and tiring himself out while Chuvalo was recuperating. Chuvalo's manager threw in the towel and Chuvalo said "Are you crazy". I would have liked to see that fight go longer as I think Foreman was already tiring and Chuvalo got better as the fights went on. Chuvalo did slip against Bonavena and it could have been ruled a knockdown, however it wasn't. Ellis also hit him with many shots in the 11th round of their fight. Chuvalo was bothered but not actually hurt. Ellis could punch, he is totally underrated in that respect. |
done back then...geez I sound old! Cutting down trees, busting boulders, digging ditches built strength and muscle endurance. Then it was into the gym for the boxing work. Look at pictures of Rocky Graziano, Primo Carnera, or Jim Jeffries just a few fighters off the top of my head. These guys were cut with big thick blocky muscles, Carnera did lift weights in the circus but I doubt he spent much time trying to develop his deltoids.

Steroid testing. It now has a place in major league baseball and in pro football. But Congress voted, along party lines, not to include testing in boxing. Congress also voted, along party lines, not to create a federal agency to do oversight for the sport of boxing. So, who voted for the boxers? The Democrats. Who voted against? The Republicans, who have lowered this country in unprecedented ways this decade in so many areas.

Boxing is a poor man's urban sport with many participants of color, so GOP opposition to cleaning up the sport is understandable. They don't care about people, just money. Democrats however see that this sport is not going away. So it's participants need monitoring for their own health and benefit. In short, they need a 'major league'. I hope that those here see which party they need to back in the future if they want to see this sport elevated back to a position of respect.

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The punch that dropped Jerry against Chuvalo was on the temple, which can cause a fighter to be disoriented. Jerry looked like he shook off the effects though when he went down and then he got up right away only to take a knee. I think Jerry lost track of the count and maybe somehow he forgot that he was down and he had gotten back up, thinking he had one or two more seconds in which to get up. Whatever the case Jerry was not badly hurt and he should have beaten the count.

Your friends mother was correct in that the Irish at the turn of the century were highly and stupidly conscious of their social statuses. Bog Irish refers to the peat bogs and a whole generation of Irish sturdy men and women who spent their lives digging out peat bogs for English commercialism.

Too bad about your Eagles. This year is not going to be the year they will finally win it all.
boxing, it's interesting to note that a heavily liberal organization, the AMA, has pushed to abolish the sport in the U.S.—not reform it or improve it, but abolish it. It's also interesting to note that Muhammad Ali, in a 1980's Ebony-Jet magazine interview, said that "in the days when white people were the only ones profiting from the sport—white champions, white promoters, white trainers—no one talked about getting rid of boxing. Now, with black people empowering themselves to be managing the sport, dominating it and making millions from it, suddenly, people want to get rid of it." So you see, Guess Who, racism here cuts both ways. I sincerely doubt your assertion that Republicans don't want to reform boxing because they don't care about the safety of inner-city black people. I think that's offensive and absurd. I don't see Democrats calling for the abolishment of skydiving and mountain/rock climbing. I don't have statistics to back me up, but I would venture a guess that it's mostly upper middle class white people suffering injuries and deaths to to sky diving, diving, skiing, rock climbing, etc.—since the Democrats are not calling for the reform of these sports, they must hate white people based on your logic. Right? Look, I agree with you in spirit, that things need to be made safer for the combatants. I just don't think politicizing it will help the cause. It needs to be bipartisan. By the way, I thought John McCain was helping with the measures to make boxing safer.

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Steve: Hi Noam, did you ever hear these terms used, (please don't take offence at my language) because it's historically accurate. Once an Irishman attained some wealth and social prominence they where referred to as "Lace Curtain" Irish. Poor Irishman where called "pig shit Irish.

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Steve: Hi, Kent, I'm so appreciative of your concern about the Eagles. I can almost hear you snicker. Kent, I have not been able to get the long, extended Quarry Tape this site used to offer. Can you help me out here?

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Steve: Hello Angelo, I don't feel there's anything wrong with straying off pure boxing. It's keeps the sight a little more varied and interesting. As far as your obvious interest and commitment to boxing reform. It's not only up to political leaders, like McLain, whom I would vote for as President, if I didn't realize there were more important issues pressing. I take your posts seriously, but the only answer I can come up with is two minute rounds, championship fights ten rounds. You would probably get more concentrated, furious action. Man, I know I'm going to get racked over the coals on this one.

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Steve: I haven't heard those terms before. I might not use them, though, when I talk to Irishmen, as they might take it the wrong way. 

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Gerald M. Condon: I'm 75 years of age: which is irrelevant to my question, but it appears to me that many (not all) fighters have been able to handle failure, but unable to handle success.
sport, but we should be fair about our comparisons. Republicans generally don't support John McCain. I wish they did, he's a voice of reason in their party. But where were the rest of the Republicans? And why weren't they there on this vote? They opposed because they do not care about boxers or those who run the sport the way they do. If they did, they would have supported their own man's bill. I also question your comparing both parties as a matter of opinion. We don't start wars for personal or political gain. We don't promote torture. We don't send jobs to China. We don't turn medicine into a cash cow. We don't leave thousands of urban schools to rot. Yes, the AMA tried to ban boxing. Any sane person would ban this sport in its current state, especially when were not allowed to reform it. Isn't this site about boxing's reform? If it is, you need to get with your supporters, and now you know who those are. Thank You.

Steve, yes the entire Norton fight is on the extended video. You would have to ask Brandi how you could get a copy as Mr. Jimmy was the person I got mine from. Well I considered saying Ha! Ha! about the Eagles but I thought better of it. I will save that for my friend from Philly next time I talk to him. Senator McCain has been very helpful in getting at least some boxing reforms passed but the truth is both major parties need to do a lot more for boxing but they often ignore the sport. Some of the reforms Mr. Jimmy was for include a three knockdown rule in which three knockdowns in an entire fight, not just one round would count as a knockout, stopping fights sooner, when a fighter is hurt, not just when he appears to be about to be knocked out, required brain scans where any sign of permanent damage regardless of symptoms, would mean denial of a license to fight, and stricter enforcement of the reciprocity act in which states have to honor medical suspensions of other states, on the books but not always enforced. I would favor thumbless gloves. There was talk about making them mandatory at one time but it was never implemented. These gloves could cut down on permanent eye damage of fighters.

Gerald, it's because many boxers come from a poor economic background and aren't conditioned for success and when it comes (suddenly usually) it completely bedazzles them. Look at how much Tyson wasted and one positive for him having no money now is that the parasites around him will all disappear. Perhaps he'll handle failure better than success because the parasites will go. Some boxers handle success very well. Larry Holmes and Sugar Ray Leonard are two who come to mind. Invested their boxing money very wisely. Lennox Lewis seems well grounded, too. I think Ali handled success just as well as he now handles poor health. Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Ken Norton handled success well. Marciano was doing okay, too, before his life was cut short. Liston wouldn't have been comfortable in this world whatever his circumstance, whether he boxed or not. He was never going to be giant of business, science, music, or the arts. Louis was a sad case. Jack Johnson had lots of fun. So did Max Baer. Hey Massimo Cini, where are you? Tell Gerald and me about Prima Canero. What happened to him after boxing? Did he die rich or poor? How did he die? Did he handle success? Primo Carnera didn't make much money with boxing (his managers stole almost everything) but he made a good amount of money with wrestling in his 40s and 50s. He became CHAMPION OF THE WORLD in 1957. He never became really wealthy like Holyfield or Foreman but when he died he had no financial problems. He had (or owned) a villa (now they want
to transform it in museum) in his hometown Sequals. In his last years he owned a liquor-shop and made good money with it. I think he died of cirrosi epatica (hard to translate in English). |

Another fighter who handled success very well is Nino Benvenuti. Marvin Hagler is another, I think. I don't know about Tommaso Hearns. Evander Holyfield can't handle unsuccess and wrongly keeps fighting. |

Thanks, Massimo. Good to know you're still out there. I think you're saying that Carnera had liver problems like cirrohsis (not sure of the spelling). Perhaps it was because he was drinking his own merchandise. |

This is an interesting site. I've been looking over several posts from the past few days and am making my first responses. First I'll answer David Young. For Your Information: The Chuvalo loss was a bad one for Quarry. George Chuvalo couldn't box oranges. The guy has little skills. More like a glorified punching bag. Not only Ali, Frazier, and Foreman but also guys like skinny Floyd Patterson, Mike Dejon, Edwardo Carletti (who?), lumbering Oscar Bonavena and many more beat Chuvalo. Just about anyone with any skills. What made Chuvalo so popular was his ability to take punishment not his boxing ability. For Jerry Quarry to lose to him was a bad mark on his career. His loss to Frazier the 2nd time was also bad. Though Frazier (unlike Chuvalo) was a top heavy he was still on the decline. After the Ali ko loss Quarry's come back was successfull. He won 7 fights in a row. Some against quality boxers. Frazier on the other hand hardly fought and had a losing 1-2 record over 2 years. Blasted by Foreman and losing to Ali. Had a tough time in beating Bugner. The momentum was clearly on Quarry's side. Taking on Frazier at this point made perfect sense. Revenge and a title shot at the winner of Ali-Foreman. Despite all of this he still got blasted by Frazier and nearly killed in the ring. This proves that Frazier was just too much for Quarry. He was at a higher level than Quarry. This fight started Quarry's slow death. Ref and Quarry corner at fault. A forgotten good win for Quarry was Jack Bodell. Quarry beat Quarry during his earlier comeback (Quarry had a habit of "comebacks") from his first Ali loss. Frazier did in fact hurt Chuvalo. What fight were you watching? Chuvalo wanted that fight to end. Forget the bravado. All boxers claim they were never "really" hurt during a fight. The White Hope Syndrome was revived very heavily during the Larry Holmes vs Gerry
Cooney fight. To a lesser degree it was also present during the Ken Norton vs Duane Bobick fights. Bobick and Cooney were unfairly ridiculed because of those losses. My friends badly wanted Bobick, Cooney and later on Morrison to win.\<br>\<br>Whether we like it or not the White Hope belief still exists even today. They really hyped up Joe Mesi.\<br>\<br>Likewise, Joe Bugner although a decent fighter, was never really embraced by American fans. James Quarry, Jerry's brother and Co founder of this site said Jerry owned Bugner in the gym. This and the fact that Jerry beat a higher quality of fighters than Bugner did makes me think Jerry would have come out on top over Bugner.\<br>\<br>The old saying styles make fights is so true so just because Bugner faired better verses Ali does not mean he would have beaten Quarry. Bugner did fair better against Frazier than Jerry did in Frazier/Quarry 2 but I don't think Bugner fought better than Jerry did in his first fight with Frazier. Frazier/Quarry one was a hard fought contest in which Frazier wore Jerry out over seven gruelling rounds and although Bugner did shake Frazier up late in their fight, the last round, Quarry went toe to toe with Frazier over their entire first fight and he shook up an in prime Frazier up several times. Jerry Quarry also beat a better quality of opponents than Henry Cooper did so you also can't say Cooper would have beaten Jerry just because Cooper was more effective verses Ali than Jerry was.\<br>\<br>Perhaps we should begin the 'great black hope' syndrome for straw-weights, flyweights, and bantamweights. Come to think of it, we should have a 'great Asian hope' syndrome for the heavies, too. We've had white heavyweight champs, but never an Asian one.\<br>\<br>I first saw Jerry Quarry on a video tape at my cousins I think it was the 1st fight with Joe Frazier. I couldn't get over how tough he was. I was interested to find out more about him due to the fact that he was one of the few white heavy weights around at the time. This site has been very informative for me. Thank you very much.\<br>\<br>Just watched Ellis/Frazier. Hell of a fight for 3 rounds. As good as any. Happy Holiday's!
And Henry being from France knows all there is to know about assholes, losing, and not turning up to fight. France excels at it.<br><br>I heard recently that an elderly American tried to pass through customs in France when he misplaced his passport. The French immigration guy sarcastically said to him, "You can't come in here without a passport even if you are American." The veteran replied, "Really? Last time I came to France I didn't need one." The Frenchie said, again sarcastically, "I don't think so. Even Americans need passports to enter France." To which the veteran replied, "Well, last time I was here it was D Day and I couldn't find a Frenchmen on Omaha Beach to show my freakin' passport to." America gave France a gift decision in that war, Henry, so should shut up and take France's usual position ......... HIDING FROM DANGER !

Check out this article.<br><br>"Float Like a butterfly, sting like a flea many bums did whip Muhammad Ali."  <br><br>Let's review Ali's record and briefly the career records of his opponents. <br><br>Trevor Berbick (50-11-1). Berbick had a decent record but lost practically every time he stepped up in competition. He was starched in one round by Bernardo Mercardo before beating Ali. Berbick was also beaten by less than stellar competition such as S.T. Gordon and Jimmy Thunder, but Ali could not beat him. Berbick made Ali look slow and lethargic. Where some all time greats all had their share of journeyman that they faced, they beat them. Ali lost to a number of journeyman type fighters. At a similar age as Ali in this fight, Ray Robinson who was Ali's hero was still beating fighters of this caliber. At age 39 Robinson lost a highly disputed draw to Gene Fullmer in a title fight. Ali lacked the greatness to accomplish the same feat. It was a clear victory over the so called "Greatest." Berbick retired him. <br><br>Larry Holmes (69-6) The best fighter Ali ever faced. What happened? At an age where Lennox Lewis was beating Vitaly Klitschko (32-1), Ali was completely outclassed and dominated failing to win a single round while being stopped by a fighter who could do everything he could do better. Did any heavyweight champion ever look so worthless in a title fight as Ali did against Holmes? Joe Louis, who had only 4 fights in the previous 8 years, at least won some rounds and landed some punches against Ezzard Charles and was competitive at a similar age against Rocky Marciano swelling his eye with his jab and made a fight of it. But Ali, who weighed only a single pound more for this fight then he did for Foreman a few years earlier, could not win a single round against Holmes. The NY Times reported, "In 10 rounds, he (Ali) landed fewer than 10 solid punches." Ali simply did not have the ability to deal with a bigger, stronger, superior technical fighter with a better jab. <br><br>It should be noted that Holmes also feasted on a lot of inferior competition. Look at some of the careers of his title defense opponents; Ossie Ocasio (23-13), Mike Weaver (41-18), Lorenzo Zanon (27-6-3 ko'd 5 times in 36 fights), Scott LeDoux (33-13-4), Lucien Rodriguez (39-12-1), and Renaldo Snipes (39-8) nearly knocked Holmes out with one punch. Unlike Joe Louis and Rocky Marciano who defended against seasoned experienced veterans Holmes (and Ali too as well shall see) fought mostly green, inexperienced amateurs that made them look better than they were and sometimes those kids made them look bad! Holmes defended against such callow opposition as Tim Witherspoon (15 fights), Leon Spinks (14 fights), Ossie Ocasio (13 fights), David Bey (14 fights), Bonecrusher Smith (15 fights), Carl Williams (16 fights), and Marvis Frazier who had only 10 pro fights! How such a fighter could be
considered great beating a slew of inexperienced amateurs defies intelligent reasoning. Yet this same fighter beat Ali 10-0 in rounds and made him quit on his stool. <br><br>Leon Spinks (26-17). The worse heavyweight champion ever. He only won the title because he beat an over-rated Muhammad Ali. This bum Spinks had only 7 pro fights at the time and DIDN’T WIN all of those. Spinks was such a huge underdog that Las Vegas bookies would not give odds on the fight. Yet he gave Ali an ass whipping. He swarmed over him and gave him no room to breathe and won easily proving Ali was not close to “The Greatest.” Ali couldn’t deal with real pressure from a fighter who was not fit to be on Joe Louis “bum of the month club.” Spinks was knocked out 9 times in his career more than either Charles or Walcott and he had half as many fights. He was even knocked out by some guy named John Carlo in one round who was in his pro debut. Yet Ali could not put this hapless china chinned chump down in 30 rounds of fighting in 2 fights? <br><br>There is more to the story. Some will no doubt try to say Ali was old, but he had just turned 36 the month before. To get more perspective on the age issue, consider that at 36 years of age, Larry Holmes stopped David Bey (6’3”, 233 lbs), and defeated Carl Williams (6’4”, 215 lbs), in back-to-back fights. (Note this is quoting Revolver and he is error Holmes was born in ’49 both fights were before his birthday in Nov. of ’85 so he was 35. Math, along with other subjects such as logic, must not one be of Revolver’s strong points) And just shy of his 38th birthday, Lennox Lewis as mentioned previously, beat Vitaly Klitschko (6’7” 248 lbs) who was the number one rated contender. It was Lewis’ third fight since turning 36. His two previous opponents were Hasim Rahman (236 lbs, 35-2) and Mike Tyson (234 lbs, 49-3). He won both of those fights by knockout. But Ali could not defeat an amateur opponent who weighed less than 200 pounds and had only 7 pro fights and not all of those were wins? Losing to a green kid like Spinks proves how truly over-rated and over-hyped Muhammad Ali is to this day. <br><br>Spinks who at 6’1 ½” and a 76” reach beat Ali with a simple plan. Spinks used aggression, jabs and pressure to force Ali to the corners and outwork him. The NY Times reported, “Ali danced and jabbed, danced and jabbed and took Spinks shots in an apparent effort to let the St. Louisian, who at 197 ½ pounds was outweighed by 17 pounds, expend his energy.” But it was to no avail against an inferior challenger determined enough to beat him. <br><br>Of course people will write the loss off as an old, out-of-shape Ali losing to a young, hungry although completely inexperienced opponent. But an examination of Ali’s career reveals few significant wins, a number of defeats, several close calls where he was almost knocked out, many controversial wins, and alleged fixed fights, as well as a fight where he was completely dominated (not winning a single round) and stopped by a fighter who is considered his inferior to this day by those who are blinded by their infatuation for this over-rated, over-hyped media phenom. However, a clear-eyed, realistic boxing historian sees Ali for the phony that he was. <br><br>Before moving on, I must pause and summarize what we have thus far learned: Ali lost three of the three fights discussed so far! He was clearly beaten by Trevor Berbick (a journeyman), completely dominated by Holmes who proved a better technician could not only defeat him, but utterly dominate him Ali failing to win a single round or even land a significant punch in the entire fight, and he was beaten and battered by an amateur with less than 7 pro fights and not all of those wins! <br><br>Earnie Shavers (73-14). Shavers was one of the more experienced opponents that Ali fought, but he was a one-dimensional raw slugger with no chin and few if any real boxing skills. He had a padded record of 54-5-1 at the time. He was knocked out 7 times in his career and lost 14 times. He made his reputation by knocking out nothing but tomato cans. He lost to everyone he fought who could box even a little. His losses include such stellar names as Stan Johnson, Ron Stander, Bob Stallings, Walter Santemore, George Chaplin (some relation to Charlie I think), and Brian Yates. He also lost to every good fighter he faced including Jerry Quarry and Ron Lyle. Hell, even the totally skill-less Tex Cobb beat him.
clearly. Ali proved that he couldn’t break an egg by failing to knock out this glass-jawed winging Neanderthal. Ali was hurt several times in this fight, staggered and rubbery legged but his opponent a one punch at time over-rated shoemaker could not finish the job that a real fighter would. <br>Alfredo Evangelista (62-13), a typical talent-less European fighter with no skills. This bum twice lost to Lorenzo Zanon (27-9-3 with only 9 ko’s). In fact his last fight was a loss to Zanon. Evangelista coming in to face Ali had never before been beyond 8 rounds. The NY Times reported that Evangelista looked “soft” at the weigh in and didn’t look like a real fighter. ONCE AGAIN we see that Ali prefers to defend his title against unproven inexperienced opposition or talentless one-dimensional punchers rather than boxers of any real skill who always troubled him. <br>Evangelista lost to every notable heavyweight he fought. He was knocked out by none other than amateur Leon Spinks in only 5 rounds and was also starched in 2 by Ali imitator Greg Page. Anders Eklund (19-5) also knocked him out. This worthless pile of crap made Ali look like a fool. Although Ali clearly won the Times wrote that Ali “did not look sharp” in this fight. <br>Why isn’t Ali criticized for making such fights? Why is the large number of title defenses in the record book not problematized in such a manner as to raise concerns about Ali’s practice of holding up blatantly unqualified journeymen as legitimate contenders for the crown? It’s not just about the numbers. It’s about the quality of opposition. And we will see many more faces like Evangelista’s. <br>Ken Norton (42-7). Norton was never as good as his reputation. He was in fact “chinny” being knocked out by every big puncher he faced including Jose Luis Garcia, George Foreman, Shavers, and Gerry Cooney. He was even down twice against Scott LeDoux who was not a big puncher. He should have lost that fight but was given a gift draw. Norton ducked Frazier and Lyle because he knew what the result would be. The films prove that Norton won 2 of 3 fights against Ali. Norton broke the big-mouthed Ali’s jaw in the first fight and embarrassed him. He also won the third fight. Everyone knows Norton was robbed in this fight except the hardcore Ali worshippers who think he was a god. Norton was slow-footed, even dragged his rear foot yet he had no trouble hitting Ali, cutting the ring and driving him to the ropes. He even out-jabbed Ali most of the time because he knew how to block a jab and counter-jab while Ali never in his entire career learned to block a jab. Ali in three fights never understood that it was the jab of Norton that gave him so much trouble. Norton was a better boxer than Ali and realistically beat him 2 of 3 times. Norton’s reputation has been enhanced because he did beat the overrated Ali (and of course, out of the need to build up the legend of another overrated heavyweight named Larry Holmes). <br>Richard Dunn (33-12). How did this guy get a title shot? He was knocked out 9 times in his career. His chin was so bad that even a powder puff puncher like Ali was able to floor him 5 times. Of course Ali had to knock him down that many times because he didn’t have a real shock punch. Nobodies such as Danny McAlinden (in his pro debut), George Dulaire (8-18-4), Rocky Campbell (18-11-1) as well as Joe Bugner all had first round knockouts over Dunn. Ali definitely was not as good a puncher as those guys. The results speak for themselves. <br>Jimmy Young (33-14). His record isn’t much better than Dunn’s looking at the numbers. At the time Young had only 17 wins as well as 4 defeats and a couple of draws. Young was such an inexperienced opponent the common question of the day was “Who is Jimmy Young?” Young was a 15-1 underdog in this fight. <br>Young actually beat Muhammad Ali. Everyone knows this. This fight really exposed Ali. This fight proved that Ali did not know how to fight as an aggressor. This was the first time in his career Ali actually fought a boxer with some decent defensive skills and wasn’t just a puncher who came to him. So what happened? Ali did not know how to cut the ring on an evasive opponent and was never able to track him down. Ali simply followed him around the ring and got outworked and out hustled. What Ali really needed in this fight was body punching. Something he did not know how to do. The result was
embarrassing, humiliating. Ali never looked so clueless on what to do in any fight. Young won that fight. No one who saw it live or who watches the film can say any different. It was an out and out robbery and Young was in utter shock and disbelief at the decision. So was the audience. The NY Times reported that the decision was “loudly booed by most of the 12,472 spectators attending the home televised bout at the Capitol Center.” The NY Times scored the bout for Young. The Young fiasco is another loss by Ali to an inexperienced boxer who had semblance of boxing skill. As we will see, Ali’s reputation is indeed mythic, and this construction is in fact just one of numerous reconstructions, as Ali’s penchant for disappointing fans and experts - expressed loudly in boos, jeers, and bad reviews -(as in the Young and Norton fights) had to be continually glossed over in order to manufacture an enduring myth of greatness. Indeed, Ali only appears to us in history as a legend because of the manner in which his legacy has been constructed by certain sportswriters who see their job as manufacturing fables for whom they must believe are the ignorant masses rather than accurately reporting history. Jean Pierre Coopman (36-16). The worst heavyweight title challenger of all time, a fighter who had all of his pro fights in Belgium when he was granted a shot at Ali’s title -undeservedly so. He was knocked out by Ireno Werleman (4-16-1) before facing Ali. He lost to every journeyman he faced. Fighters such as Coopman made Ali look great. The reality is he only looked great because Coopman was a fourth-rate boxer of shoddy skills, and no chin, who beat nobody. Joe Frazier (32-4). The best all around fighter Ali faced, but the reality is Ali never convincingly beat him. That’s right. You heard correctly. Frazier clearly won the first fight and gave Ali the worse thumping of his career. Frazier had Ali down and almost out in the 11th (the knockdown was ruled a slip) and down on his back in the 15th. Ali’s trainer Angelo Dundee even admitted that only the fact that Ali landed on the seat of his pants woke him up. As decisive a victory as any heavyweight champion has scored over another. The simple fact is in the biggest political fight of his career Joe Louis annihilated his opponent. Ali lost the biggest fight of his career. Frazier also deserved the decision in the second fight. The New York Times’ Red Smith and Dave Anderson both thought Frazier had won. Frazier was mugged and robbed by Ali in that fight. The judges gave Ali a gift in this fight because they wanted to match Ali and Foreman for a big money fight for the title. The third fight was a robbery too. If Eddie Futch would have just let Frazier stand up between the 14th and 15th rounds Ali would have quit like he did against Holmes. He collapsed right afterwards. Sports Illustrated reported that he was actually ready to quit after the 10th round against Frazier. He took such a terrible beating he said it was “the closest thing to death” that he ever experienced. Ali’s Parkinson’s was caused by Frazier’s punches. This is not too difficult to see. Frazier is really 3-0 against Ali and “Smokin” Joe believes that in his heart. But there is more to the story. Ali’s fight with Frazier also demonstrated Ali’s vulnerability to left hooks. Throughout his career Ali never learned to block a left hook. This is particularly evident in his fights with Frazier. Ali knew that Frazier was going to throw the left hook and he never did learn to block it! The left hook is the easiest punch to learn to block in boxing. But Ali did not learn how to do it in three fights with Frazier despite the fact that he knew it was coming every time. This shows that Ali’s ability to adapt and learn is vastly overrated. He could not learn the most basic of boxing skills. Joe Bugner (69-13). Bugner could box a little, punch a little but did neither particularly well. Bugner’s career record was that of an erratic journeyman beating third raters such as Manuel Ramos, Chuck Wepner, Henry Cooper, Brian London and Ali’s sparring partner Jimmy Ellis but losing to Dick Hall, Jack Bodell, Larry Middleton, Ron Lyle and even amateur Marvis Frazier. Bugner was not an inexperienced amateur like Spinks and Young who beat Ali, nor was he a one-dimensional slugger like Lyle and Shavers, he was simply a
journeyman who twice went the distance with Ali. Ron Lyle (43-7-1).
Lyle, perhaps a bit like Max Baer, was a big strong puncher but a crude boxer.
Jimmy Young, a smallish heavyweight who had only 13 wins in their first meeting,
twice outboxed him. A loss to Young was Lyle’s last fight before meeting Ali.
One can now see why Ali took the Lyle fight, once he realized the dangerous
hitter lacked boxing skills he figured he would be no problem for an experienced
fighter such as himself and he was right. Anybody with some skill could beat
Lyle. He was outboxed by the smaller Jerry Quarry and besides losses to Ali and
Foreman was knocked out by Lynn Ball who had only 14 pro fights. Gerry Cooney
also dusted him in one round. Beating a fighter like Lyle was a rather hallow
victory because of his lack of real boxing skills. The fact remains as to why
Lyle was granted a title fight off a loss? Only because he looked so raw and was
so easily outclassed by a journeyman boxer that it was figured to be another
easy opponent for Ali. Why do men of logical reasoning fail to see how carefully
handpicked Ali’s opponents were? Where is the criticism? Worshippers cannot see
through the glitz and the myth. But a wise, clear-eyed historian can.
Chuck Wepner (35-14). Is one beginning to see a pattern here? Most of
these guys Ali beat had a lot of losses. They were stiffs. Wepner had no boxing
skills. He was a bowery bum plain and simple. He was stopped in 6 rounds by
brittle chinned Duane Bobick four fights after going to the 15th round with Ali.
Before fighting Ali he was stopped by Buster Mathis, Jerry “Tomato Can”
Tomesetti, a young wild George Foreman, an old decrepit Sonny Liston, Joe
Bugner, and Jerry Judge. He also had point’s losses to Bob Stallings (6-5), Jose
Roman (20-5-1), and Randy Neumann (career record 31-7). That a longshoreman like
Wepner could knock Ali down and make it to the 15th round with a quality
heavyweight champion defies belief.
George Foreman had a grossly padded
career record of 76-5. He was a wild, swinging amateurish caveman if ever there
was one. George, his feet stuck in the mud, struggled with every clever boxer he
faced. He made his career by beating up on nobodies. George opposition was so
bad on the way to the title he didn’t fight any has-beens, just never was’s.
Just look at some of these opponent’s. Roberto Davila (16-15) barely broke .500.
He went the distance with Foreman. Levi Forte (19-21-2) also went the distance
with George. Gregario Peralta, who weighed less than 200 pounds, gave George
fits in two fights. The only significant fighters he beat were a fat, out of
shape Joe Frazier and a glass jawed Ken Norton, who as previously noted lost to
every puncher he faced. Foreman was also outboxed in his career by journeyman
such as Jimmy Young, Tommy Morrison, Shannon Briggs and Axel Schulz; the latter
was robbed of the decision. Ali won this fight because he cheated by
using loose ropes. Have you ever watched this fight on film? It’s ridiculous how
loose those ropes were. Ali was able to pull back so far on the ropes it’s
laughable. The ropes were fixed by Ali’s trainer Angelo Dundee and this is well
known. Foreman, a slow handed, one-dimensional puncher with no stamina at all
was easily beaten because Ali was able to survive the early rounds because of
those loose ropes. Foreman, a free-swinging amateur, virtually collapsed from
exhaustion in the 8th round. Ali could have pushed him over and he wouldn’t have
got up he was so tired. Those are the facts. Foreman did not have the energy to
fight past 5 rounds. To think he could last 25 rounds with a real tough fighter
like Jim Jeffries gives me the shivers.
Ruddi Lubbers (29-8) was knocked
out in early rounds by such household names as Domenico Adinolfi, Mike Shutte,
Gordon Racette as well as Alfredo Evangelista. He is one of the worst fighters
Ali ever fought and looks pathetic on film. But somehow he manages to go the
distance with Ali over 12 rounds. A fighter like Lubbers would have been lucky
to survive 2 minutes with Joe Louis.
Bob Foster (56-8). Not much to say
here other than he was a light-heavyweight who lost to every single heavyweight
he faced. Billy Conn and Archie Moore at least defeated some heavyweights.
Floyd Patterson (55-8). One of the few fighters that Ali faced who
actually had good boxing skills and a good record. But there is more to the
story. For as talented as Patterson was, he had not faced much real heavyweight competition. Indeed, he had faced only journeymen and light heavyweights in defense of his heavyweight title. Patterson ducked Sonny Liston and other top heavyweights for years when he held the title. Patterson spent most of his career ducking the top fighters off his time never facing Cleveland Williams, Nino Valdez and Ernie Terrell. He won the vacant title by beating 43-year-old light heavyweight champion Archie Moore. His title defenses were against guys like Tommy Hurricane Jackson (career mark 34-9-1). Jackson had been knocked out in two rounds by Valdez, a fighter Patterson avoided. Yet Patterson struggled against Jackson in their first fight winning a narrow split decision. He won the second fight by Tko but Jackson was hardly a worthy title contender as his record demonstrates. Another one of his title defenses was against Pete Rademacher who was in his pro debut. Roy Harris was undefeated at the time, but also unproven. He finished with a career mark of 31-5 and scored only 9 knockouts in his career and was hardly a worthy title threat. Another title defense was against glass jawed Brian London (more on him later). Tom McNeely, the father of Peter McNeely, was another inexperienced foe sent to the slaughter. Tom finished with a career record of 37-14. The first time Patterson met a heavyweight who could punch he was annihilated by Ingemar Johansson and then again by Liston twice. Joey Maxim a light-heavyweight managed to outbox him. He was also outboxed by Ali’s chief sparring partner Jimmy Ellis. It’s not surprising then that Ali could. However beating the overly protected and fragile Patterson hardly makes Ali great. Patterson weighed in the 180’s and had a very weak chin. Despite being so protected he still managed to be dropped 16 times in his career and was stopped 5 times. Jerry Quarry (53-9-4). Quarry started bleeding during the national anthem because he was so prone to cuts. He was doing well with Ali in the first fight before he received a nasty gash over his eye. Ali had the best fight of his career in the second Quarry fight. But beating Quarry is not that significant after all he was stopped in 7 rounds by George Chuvalo who was a nothing puncher as well as by Joe Frazier and Ken Norton, the latter was not known as a huge puncher either. Quarry was down twice against Memphis Al Jones before coming back to win. Yet Ali could not put him down in two fights. Joe Frazier also beat him more convincingly than did Ali in either fight. Quarry lost to Jimmy Ellis, and Eddie Machen both solid if uninspiring boxers. He had a draw and a narrow win over an over the hill Floyd Patterson. Quarry had two draws with Tony Alongi who never beat anyone of significance despite his career mark of (40-2-4). He also drew with Tony Doyle (40-16). With a spotty record like this it’s easy to see that Quarry was just another over-rated white hope who lacked both durability and true boxing skills. Jurgen Blin (31-11-6) One of Ali’s typical career opponents. Not as good as journeyman such as Joe Bugner or Jimmy Young as Blin lost or drew almost a third of his fights. He was knocked out in 2 of his next 5 fights after going the distance with Muhammad Ali. Ali, as usual, did not have the punch to knock out ham and eggers that other heavyweights toppled with no problem. Jimmy Ellis (40-12-1) Another fighter with a shotty record. Ellis weighed only 189 pounds for his fight with Ali. He was outweighed by over 31 pounds and it still took Ali until the 12th round to squeak out a last minute knockout. Oscar Bonavena (58-9) had a reach of only 73 ¼” Bonavena his stubby little arms was scarcely more than a journeyman who lost every time he stepped up in competition. He lost twice to Joe Frazier, and lost to Zora Folley, Jimmy Ellis, Floyd Patterson and Ron Lyle among others. He never won a fight against a highly rated top contender. Ali struggled and was in poor form against Bonavena until finally catching him and knocking him out in the 15th round. But this not before much of the audience decided to head to the exits early so bored were they with the lack of action in the ring. It is lackluster victories such as these over journeyman and stumblebums, where Ali struggled that prove Ali’s record is a manufactured media myth. Zora Folley (79-
11-6) Folley was a former light-heavyweight once weighing as low as 178 pounds for a professional fight. He had lost 7 times before coming into this fight with Ali, 6 times by knockout. One of those losses was to Alejandro Lavorante (career record 19-5), who only had 13 pro fights at that time. Folley would only win half of his next 10 fights after losing to Ali before retiring. Why are the great majority of Ali’s opponents of this inferior quality? Why is this not talked about more? This was a title defense for the heavyweight championship of the world. Folley was not a fit title challenger. Ali feasted on journeymen such as this for most of his career. Ernie Terrell (45-9). Another highly over-rated opponent of Ali. Who did he beat that was any good? Look at the career records of some of his opponents; Tunney Hunsaker (15-15) failed to break the .500 mark, Amos Lincoln (39-13-3) was hardly inspiring. Herb Siler was 15-12 this was Terrell’s 26th pro fight and he was still fighting bums. He won a split decision over Cleveland Williams but was also knocked out by Williams. His only significant victories were decisions over Eddie Machen (50-11-3), George Chuvalo (73-18-2), and Doug Jones (30-10-1) none who were much better than journeymen themselves, except for Machen who was marginally better. But the Machen that lost to Terrell was on his downswing in his last 2 years of fighting. So we can see that Terrell really beat no one special in his career. But there is more to the story. Terrell managed to lose to a number of journeymen and even fourth rate shoemakers in his career. He lost not once but twice to Johnny Gray a 190 pounder with a career mark of 16-10-1. He was beaten by Wayne Bethea (28-18-4). He also lost to Thad Spencer (32-13-1) and Manuel Ramos (25-29-3) had a losing mark for his career. These fourth-raters beat Terrell as easily as had Muhammad Ali who failed to score a knockdown or stop this big bum. Terrell was also beaten by none other than the hapless Chuck Wepner and stopped in the first round by Jeff Merritt. Ali’s win over Terrell hardly makes him great. Once again we see that beating so called contenders whose ability is far below that of their reputations is what forges the Ali legend. Cleveland Williams (78-13-1). Williams was a big, strong, powerful puncher at one time, but alas not when Ali fought him as he had a bullet inside of him as a victim in a shooting incident. Williams was physically not the fighter he had been a few years previous and was given a title opportunity as retirement pay. The win over Williams was simply not the real Cleve and is therefore insignificant in making a case for Ali as being a great fighter off this win. Karl Mildenberger (56-6-3). Before facing Ali the German had previously been knocked out in seven rounds by Helmut Ball for the German light-heavyweight title, and in one round by Dick Richardson for the European heavyweight title. Despite his lack of boxing ability and his rather fragile chin he went into the 12th round against the light-hitting Ali. This is so typical; a fighter who would not last 3 rounds with Joe Louis extends Ali and makes him look bad. Ali struggled to finish his opponent in this fight. Mildenberger had his moments as in the 4th round when he landed two jolting lefts to the liver and launched a two fisted attack that drove Ali to the ropes. Ali won clearly but it took him far too long to accomplish the task against a raw fighter of this low quality. Ali could not knock him out quicker than a light-heavyweight could! This fight demonstrates clearly what an abysmal puncher and finisher that Ali really was. At 6’0” and 201 lbs, Brian London was barely a full sized heavyweight. He was, however, not a legitimate contender. His record was 35-13 at the time he faced Ali. He finished with a journeyman’s record of 37-20-1. London was knocked out 11 times in his career. Every decent fighter he met in the ring stopped him. He was even decisioned by light-heavyweight Willie Pastrano. There’s not much more one can say about London. He was the typical Ali opponent. Another bum, ho hum. How good was Henry Cooper? He has been elevated because of his performance against Ali in their first fight. In truth, he was never a good fighter. He was 27-8-1 when Ali first faced him, and he had been knocked out or stopped five times. One of those knockout losses was to Peter Bates whose career
mark was 31-15-4; another was to Uber Bacilieri who achieved an abysmal 23-20-3 record. Clearly a fighter who lost to bums such as these can hardly be classified as even a second rate fighter. Henry Cooper is remember for one reason he nearly knocked out Muhammad Ali in their first fight with a single left hook to the jaw. The NY Times reported that the punch, “caught Clay on the side of the jaw and Cassius went over backwards through the ropes. He rolled back into the ring, then got dazedly to his feet. He was gazing off in the distance...starry-eyed. He wobbled forward gloves low. He started to fall but his handlers caught him.” But there is more to the story. Seeing that Clay/Ali was out in the corner they used smelling salts to revive him. Then they cheated in order to illegally give their fighter more than the legal one minute rest. The rules state that if a fighter cannot answer the bell in the allotted one minute rest period he is deemed the loser by technical knockout. Dundee took his finger and ripped a tear into Ali’s glove. Angelo Dundee has told this story many times. Since there were no extra gloves in the corner Ali was given up to five minutes of rest time to recover from the knockout that he actually suffered against a third tier heavyweight. Given enough time he was able to recover and came back to win not by kayo but by a nasty cut. But that is not all that can be said about Ali’s fights with Cooper. Even in the second fight Cooper showed that a third tier heavyweight who was slow of hand and foot could hit Ali with jabs without trouble. Because he never learned how to block a jab he was always vulnerable against any fighter with any semblance of boxing skill and not the bums, third tier heavyweights and raw, wild amateur slugging that he preferred to fight. CONCLUSIONS Consider the fights in which Ali was badly beaten or nearly beaten. Truth be told he lost 2 out of 3 to Ken Norton, and his only real win was razor thin. He was beaten soundly and made to look foolish by Jimmy Young who exposed his lack of real boxing skills. He had the shit beat out of him (literally) 3 times by Joe Frazier (a boxer who knew how to slip Ali’s jab and get inside). He was dominated by Larry Holmes, Ali not winning a single round or landing one significant punch in the entire fight. He was even bested by one of the rarest amateurs he faced in Leon Spinks, a fighter who had only 7 pro fights and not all of those victories. And truthfully he knocked out by Henry Cooper, a third tier bum who never beat a significant heavyweight in his career. He was knocked down by Chuck Wepner, who was not much more than a bar room brawler. An objective clear eyed look at Ali’s record and that of his opponents proves beyond a doubt that Ali was not a great fighter and has been vastly overrated by the media hyping machine who needed to build Ali into something he wasn’t at a time when the sport lacked a visible star. That is the truth. There is only one more fighter on Ali’s record worth mentioning and that is the one that made his reputation, Sonny Liston (50-4). Liston was a great fighter who could box and punch. The problem with basing Ali’s asserted greatness on his fights with Liston is that they were both fixed. Liston was owned by the mob this is a well known and established fact. Charles Farrell, wrote, http://www.boxingranks.com/Articles/Article646.htm After the second Patterson fight, there were no viable opponents for Liston. Aside from Ali, he had thoroughly destroyed every possible title aspirant. No one thought he could be beaten and, more importantly, no one was willing to pay to see him beat up anyone else. Sonny was getting old...and he had no great love for fighting. It didn’t make economic sense to have him fight an endless series of low paying title defenses for another ten years. The guys who controlled his career decided that it was better to make two huge, quick scores. They fixed the fight in Miami. Ali never knew about it. Liston’s people bet huge amounts, getting almost eight to one odds, on Ali. Because the conclusion of the first fight was so ambiguous, Liston remained a betting favorite—at about seven to five—in the rematch. The wiseguys got to clean up twice with the same play. It’s clear that, in the second fight, Ali spotted what was going on the moment
Liston went down from a non-punch. But Ali was a very quick study, and made his press release adjustments by the time he was out of the ring.” This historical journey has erased whatever remaining myths I still harbored about Muhammad Ali. I recognize that he is historically important that he revitalized boxing at a time when it was in the depths of despair. He brought in the big money purses that fighters have today and we should thank him for it. But he was jeered and criticized at the time for all his terrible performances such as those against Doug Jones, Henry Cooper, Karl Mildenberger, Ruddi Lubbers, Chuck Wepner, Jimmy Young and Leon Spinks among others. Reading through the articles you see repeated how the myth is being shattered, how the idol is being toppled from his pedestal. Nat Fleischer, founder of Ring Magazine, who saw every heavyweight champion ringside from Jeffries to Ali, refused to rate him in his top 10 all time heavyweights. It should now be clear even to the most ardent Ali worshipper as to the reasons why. Muhammad Ali was not a great fighter. He was fundamentally unsound and a flawed fighter. He won the title on a fixed fight, he was rescued from a knockout through cheating against Cooper, he fought nothing but bums and third stringers and some of those actually beat him in the ring. The only decent fighters he fought Joe Frazier and Ken Norton both beat him 2 of 3 times in the ring, while Larry Holmes thoroughly dominated him. He went 1-1 with amateur Leon Spinks who had fewer than 8 pro fights. No other fighter who was called great had such a dismal record. And this truth needs to be repeated until people clear their heads of the Ali fable. The very idea that he could beat a fighter like Joe Louis is ludicrous. One can only make such a ridiculous claim because they are ignorant of the facts. If Henry Cooper could knock out Ali in four rounds Joe Louis would do it in one. If Leon Spinks could beat Ali imagine what Rocky Marciano would do. Muhammad Ali lost in the ring to Jimmy Young because he had only a semblance of defensive skill. Imagine what Jersey Joe Walcott and Jack Johnson would do to him. They would embarrass him.

WHOEVER YOU ARE, I SENT YOU AN E MAIL CONCERNING HELPING YOUR BROTHER. IT WILL COME UNDER THE HEADING BOXING INJURIES, FROM ONE OF MY E MAIL ADDRESSES. I CAN BE REACHED AT THE E MAIL ADDRESS LISTED ON THIS POST OR AT THE ONE I SENT MY MESSAGE TO YOU FROM.

Henry Cooper is, the poster or imposter, not the boxer, age is relative where one fighter can be over the hill at 30 while another fighter can still be competitive at 40. So the comparison of Ali to other boxers at the same age as he was in his later years in the ring is irrelevant. It is all based on heredity and how many tough fights a fighter may have had in his career, with most of the cause is his genentic make up.

The American Association of Ringside Physicians (which has a web site) includes neurologists who are quite knowledgeable regarding head trauma injuries incurred by fighters. Two significant members are Doctors Robert Voy and Barry Jordan. Another good source of information is Dr. Margaret Goodman. The boxing commission in Nevada can tell you where Doctors Voy and Goodman can be found. The New York and/or New Jersey State Boxing Commissions can inform you of the whereabouts of Dr. Jordan. In providing a rather crude and unsophisticated answer to your question about head trauma, blows to the head rupture and tear blood vessels/veins that bring needed blood and thus oxygen to the brain. This process, in turn, causes the brain to atrophy, shrink, and potentially die. This ongoing condition worsens as the fighter/ patient ages, resulting in his/her inability to understand and remember to carry out important mental and physical tasks in life. Best of luck to you in assisting your loved one!!

At least we know
what the imposter Forest Ward has been doing since he left here.... writing a book canvassing his hatred of Ali. He even refers to Ali fans as "worshippers" just as he did when posting here before. Nothing better to do with his time, obviously and pathetically.

If Henri from France is correct about Ali being a bum and not the greatest ever, then Henri is the only fan out of billions to get it entirely wrong. Billions of fans, Henri aside, are dummies. Likewise, if Henri is correct in saying that Ali is a bum, then every fighter Ali beat were bigger bums. Liston, Patterson, Frazier, Norton, Foreman, and also our very own Jerry Quarry. Losers one and all, according to brave Henri, the French fight expert. (Is that an oxymoron? A fight expert from France? Of all places!)

Like everything and everyone from France, Henri isn't taken seriously.

HAHAHAAHAHA. Many, many, people hate Muhammad Ali. In fact, the few who do like him are American. Those are the only ones who would like a scumbag like Ali. Two-faced bastard. Maybe you should do some more research into your God, Ali, and see him for what he really is. Stop holding on to his jock strap. He's a myth built up by writers.

Billions? HAHAHAHAHA. The ficticious name for this poster is appropriate. When you write something so silly, biased and totally off the mark, why use a real name? Mr. Cooper: I started to read your post with interest. I love reading/discussing viewpoints that are opposed to my beliefs. I often learn a lot from people who disagree with me. But about 1/3 of the way in, you lost all credibility. Your knowledge of boxing, boxing history and fighters is obviously extremely limited. Ali fought in what most consider the most competitive era in the history of heavyweight boxing. During his best years, the only two fighters to beat him were Joe Frazier and Ken Norton, two very good fighters—one, a solid champion and the other a great contender. You could make a case that Ali's loss to Spinks was valid, but he was already slowing down to a snails pace by this point. Shot at 36? So what? He was a great fighter from the early 60's to the mid-70's—even figuring in his three year ban, that's over a decade of dominance at a time when the division rocked! In fact, even his rematch win over Leon Spinks showed that he still had some boxing skills left toward the end. He was in against Frazier three times, Norton three times, Foreman, Lyle, Shavers, Young—some of the biggest hitters and most clever boxers ever to put on the gloves. He fought often and took on whoever was available and deserving—and did this for many years. How in the world can you compare that to Lennox Lewis, who didn't have the number of fights or caliber of competition? Of course Lewis was still fresher at 37 than Ali could ever hope to be. Do you really believe that Ali's performance against Holmes was the worst ever turned in by a Champion? Have you seen Mike Spinks vs. Mike Tyson? I guess not. Too bad, you made some interesting points. But some of your opinions and statements are so obviously wrong, they overshadow whatever truths (needles in a huge haystack) might have existed in that post. Like I said, losing credibility casts doubt on your whole argument.
Information: Cooper's article does make some valid arguments but also some ignorant ones as well. I'll deal with the ones I disagree with first. It's obvious that there's a lot of hate behind the article. This is why it makes some outright unfair statements which unfortunately clouds the many good statements made. I too feel that Ali is overrated. However I do feel that Ali must be treated like all other boxers when evaluating how good he is.

For instance Cooper isn't going to say that Louis sucks because he lost to Marciano at the same age that Ali lost his fights. Let's not forget he lost to former light heavyweight Ezzard Charles when he was around 35. Louis wanted to make a comeback at the title. Losing to Charles is worst than losing to a 6'3 217 lbs very skilled Holmes in my book (not to mention Ali was 38). Marciano feasted on bums and past their prime fighters. Louis was shot, Moore was like 40 years old and a light heavy to boot and Walcott was also past his prime at 37. Even though Charles was only 2 years older he was very battle weary and was slipping before he lost to Marciano. He lost some matches before he fought for the title. Marciano also got a gift decision against LaStarza. How Rocky won that fight was downright bogus. The fight was actually a draw. One judge had it Rocky the other for Roland. The ref had it even. Here's where the bs comes in. For some reason the rules were they had to have a winner. For this reason they just gave it to the more popular Rocco. Fifty years later people still say it was a bs decision. RL still thinks he won that fight. Rumor has it that Marciano also lost to a complete bum named Ted Lowery in 1949 but was given the decision. The crowd booted the decision. People believe that the film of the fight has been purposely lost to spare the late Marciano embarrassment. Besides those fights who did Marciano really beat?

Louis also got a gift with Walcott in the first fight. Years later he admitted that he lost. Not to mention that Louis admitted that he had a regular "bum of the month" schedual. Yet Cooper praises these heavys and puts down Ali. My point is no boxer is without fault or has a clean record without some controversy.

The article Cooper put up (he doesn't tell us where the source of his info comes from) is filled with erroneous arguments. I won't bother name the different types.

One error the article makes is to use age as a factor in deciding greatness. If that were the case then Lennox Lewis is the greatest of all times. While Ali, Louis, Marciano (remember HE QUIT at 32 after being decked by an old light heavyweight!!, Tyson, Bowe (remember him?)Johnson and many more were done by their mid to late 30's Lewis thrived. The fact is Lewis peaked later than others. That's what made him unique. For that he deserves his due. This creates another problem however. If you're going to use age as a factor then there's the other extreme to think about. What about how they fought in their youth? You see Cooper it can go both ways. While Ali, Patterson and Tyson were winning and defending titles in their early 20's LEWIS WAS STILL FIGHTING 4 AND 6 RD FIGHTS against the likes of Al Malcolm, Melvin Epps and Bruce Johnson (???)!!! So now we can argue that Lewis is no good because he accomplished much less at a younger age than many other boxers. This is what happens when we use hate to attack other fighters. By doing so we can discredit all boxers. From Ali to Sugar Ray Robinson. Let's not forget that SR lost to a total bum named Roy "Tiger" Jones when making his comeback. Jones never beat anyone of note. It wasn't a split but a CLEAR decision. Should we use this loss to prove that he was an overrated boxer as well? He also lost TWICE to a man who had brittle hands. Now don't go using the "over the hill" excuse if we can't use it for Ali. Cooper there's no doubt that Ali is overrated. It's just that I prefer to use the facts to speak for themselves. Not hateful babble.
fights than boxers from a more recent era like Lewis. Ali fought regularly, whereas the modern fighter doesn't. Some also forget that title fights used to be 15 rounds, now they're 12. Ali's fights were more ferocious, too.

If we listen to Cooper, Ali wasn't the greatest, he was the worst. He cheated against Henry Cooper, fixed the fights with Liston who was better than him, beat the enormously overrated Foreman which doesn't count, and was bashed senseless in all his fights against Frazier and Norton. Oh, and that wasn't Frazier who didn't come out for the last round in Manilla, it was actually Ali. We all need to get our eyes checked.

Thanks for setting us all straight, Henri.

As an Ali fan, maybe I'm guilty of some hero worship of some sort---maybe I dismiss some of his questionable performances now and then, and tend to dwell on his highlight films against Liston, Frazier in Manilla, Foreman, etc. But alas, the Ali haters have shown a capacity to be a lot more blind than I'll ever be. I'm blind to a couple mediocre Ali performances---while this guy using Henry Cooper's name is apparently blind to boxing history, 1960-1980. Ali's wins over Liston, Patterson, Quarry, Foreman, Frazier, Lyle, Shavers (he gutted out getting cold cocked at least 2-3 times by Shavers and finished strong, winning about 9 rounds in, yes, a 15 round fight, not a 12 rounder). The list goes on. Ali did get the benefit of the doubt in close fights against Young and Norton, 1976. To this day, I believe the decisions could have gone either way---but you don't take the title from a long standing Champion by sticking your head through the ropes as Young did, or swinging for the fences and missing, as Norton did. The 10 point must system was in effect and many of the rounds were even in these fights---Ali stole a few, lost a few and in the end, the Champion usually gets the nod unless the Challenger wins it more clearly, with no doubt. Anyway, the Ali hater responsible for that post has a familiar writing style and uses familiar buzz words. I haven't gone through the archives to compare verbiage and analyze it---and who really cares? Suffice to say, the guy hates Ali so badly, he isn't capable of reasoning things out and seeing another point of view.

Whoever this guy Cooper is he is obviously very biased against Ali. Rather than think Ali's performance while a shell of his former self verse Berbick shows that Ali wasn't great, this fight, which by the way was close, shows that Ali with most of his skills gone could still be competitive with a ranked contender and future WBC champion. Watch the tape, Ali is in the fight until the end and while a verdict for Berbick was fair, Ali gave a good account of himself. Others on the board have pointed out other holes in Cooper's arguments.

I'm right. If you disagree, then you are an uncle tom.

Yes, Ali's loss to Berbick was fair and square. In fact, I probably gave Berbick a stronger win than you did--but you're correct in that Ali, while no where near the fighter he once was, was competitive for most of the fight and didn't embarass himself. I have no idea why he took that fight though---Larry Holmes thrashed Ali and was still the top dog. What did Ali hope to accomplish by fighting Berbick? Anyway, I doubt that this Cooper ever even saw that fight or most of the bouts he wrote about.

Everyone wears rose colored glasses when viewing the career of boxers they most admire. No boxing fan comes without bias in some shape or form.

However, Cooper's argument against Ali goes further than mere bias. Some of his arguments are so fallacious that there must be hatred involved. For instance, Cooper ridicules Ali's win over Foreman by arguing that Foreman was a nothing. But later Cooper declares that Frazier was the best all round fighter Ali ever faced. While that
might be true, the fact is that the guy he says was a nothing - George Foreman - knocked Joe out twice. Cooper's logic stinks. To describe Foreman in such demeaning terms, means, to me, that Cooper wasn't trying to argue the facts or logic about Ali. He was merely looking to put Ali down and when the truth didn't quite cut it, he resorted to untruths and fallacious arguments. Cooper talks about some of the bums Ali fought and no one can doubt that there were more than just a few. However, Ali fitted these bums in between regular fights against the elite of his era. Ali was one of the busiest heavies of all time and he ducked no one. Consider Ali's schedule in 1975. After beating Foreman a few months earlier, he fought Wepner in March 1975, Lyle in May 1975, Bugner in June 1975. Not a bad effort there. Think about it; Ali fought two ranked guys within a month when he was past his prime. Cooper's arguments are all smoke and mirrors and I suspect that he lifted his comments from another site, perhaps the KKK one. It was good reading, though.

To quote Ali, he said, "I thought I should go out of boxing with a win. Or if not a win, at least throwing punches." After Berbick beat him, Ali said at the press conference, "I came out all right for an old man. We all lose sometimes. We all grow old." Indeed. Ali's loss to Berbick, a ranked fighter and future Champion, was a bad way to go out for a legend—but he salvaged some respect I guess. However, more tragic than the loss would have been a win. God only knows what Ali would have done next if he managed to beat Berbick. A rematch against Holmes or a match against John Tate/Mike Weaver? Disaster. If Ali really wanted to, he could have fought for another year or two, against really low caliber club fighters. The type of guys you take on when you're just starting out, or the type of guys Foreman started with in his comeback. Ali could have added another half dozen decision wins to his career and then called it quits. These would have been like exhibitions. Instead, he took on a successful Olympian, a contender and future Champion, Trevor Berbick. He picked on a tougher guy and lost a decision and that's how it all ended. Ali didn't take the easy way out.

Some Ali trivia which I'm sure you all know: Chuvalo said that Ali was better pre-exile; Mac Foster was a former Ali sparring partner; Ali v Folley in 1967 was the first heavyweight title fight to be at MSG in 16 years; the first southpaw Ali met as a pro was Mildenberger; Ali sparred Ingemar Johansson before the Fleeman fight. A trivia question: who promoted the Ali v Logan fight in 1962? | For Your Information: You guys are wasting your time. All you need to do is scroll down to my 2 posts and most (if not all) of your rebuttles will be there. I
dealt with age and other factors Cooper dealt with.<br><br>Read them and use them. I didn't write all of that for nothing. For you guys just to ignore.<br><br>The next time I return here I want to actually see comments on what I wrote. Thanks.<br><br>I wonder if this Cooper character is related to the real Henry? I mean is he mad that Ali beat and bloodied his dad or something? Or is it uncle? He he he.<br><br>Your intentions might be good, but I'm not sure if I understand the reason for your post. Kent usually gives his e-mail address, so if this is really a sincere concern about the site that you wish to share with Kent, you could have written directly to him. Lately, I think the tone has improved here, especially since members of the Quarry family chastised us carrying on the way we were. I think that for the most part, we've managed to get back to boxing lately. We'll always have spirited and sometimes bitter debate---some of us are emotional about the sport and our favorites---but we've toned it down and have gotten constructive again. By posting your opinion about how the site has deteriorated and how it's gone downhill, what does that accomplish? The timing seems weird because like I said, with a few exceptions, we've been doing well lately. Writing publicly to Kent and "dissing" the site will just cause people here to get defensive and start bickering again. Also, you recall fondly that we "used to" put our e-mail addresses down and correspond---but you didn't do this on your own post! I know you asked Kent and not me, but I'll answer anyway---no, this site is NOT a cesspool. I still think it's a great tribute to Jerry, Mike and the other Quarry's, and I still like the letters page. Again, I don't want you to think this is a knock on you---I hope you stick around and talk boxing with us.<br><br>It wasn't civil then<br><br>It goes in cycles, people feud and then things calm down.<br><br>Some of the old regulars pop in every now and then but I think it is just people get on to other things in their life, they don't come here because of that, not because of the fighting here.<br><br>Writing publicly to Kent and "dissing" the site will just cause people here to get defensive and start bickering again. Also, you recall fondly that we "used to" put our e-mail addresses down and correspond---but you didn't do this on your own post! I know you asked Kent and not me, but I'll answer anyway---no, this site is NOT a cesspool. I still think it's a great tribute to Jerry, Mike and the other Quarry's, and I still like the letters page. Again, I don't want you to think this is a knock on you---I hope you stick around and talk boxing with us.<br><br>You girls can't even insult me good, much less make a good argument. I'm done verbally whipping you all. So long, fools!<br><br>I think Lennox Lewis at 36-38 was clearly better than Ali' at the same age. I also believe that Tyson at 19-21 was better than Clay at the same age.<br><br>But between 1964 and 1975 Ali' was probably the greatest ever. I think the first Liston fight was the real beginning of Ali's career. By the way, I don't think that both the Liston fights were fixed. I think the second one was probably fixed but the first one was regular. Liston fought hard for 5 rounds in the first fight and hit Clay with a good left hook in the fourth round. He even tried to blind Ali'. What did he do that for if the fight was fixed ?
universal lack of interest and if my memory is correct it had the smallest attendance in heavyweight history. It would have been difficult to get a bet on because there was so little interest. I just can't understand how that fight could possibly have been fixed. I don't agree with you on your fixed fight theory, Massimo.<br><br>I accept what you say about Lewis and Tyson, though. | 11/29/05 04:08:11 PM| Paul| Las Vegas || private | || 1| Angelo, I first posted on this site in 1999. And at that time I did leave my Email address. Do you really expect me to leave it now. I have read many of the posts of the last year. People are labelled drunks, racists, homosexuals... This is not spirited debate, it is mean spirited ranting.<br><br>Noam, where do you get your information from? You don't even know me. And yet you are bad mouthing me. Also, regarding some of your recent posts. You write that Kenny Norton did not use steroids. How do you know this? You write that Ali was an overwhelming favorite in the second fight with Liston. That is not true, Liston was still a favorite in the second fight. One more thing you and Howard C from my reading past posts are the biggest demagogues on this site.<br><br>Kent those names you mention were not on this site in 1999, or 01, 02. They came later proving my point. This site has become a cesspool with pretending their opinions are facts. And terrible name calling. The fact that Brenda Quarry has threatened to pull the plug on this site proves my point. |

| 11/29/05 04:19:57 PM| Massimo| Roma || 4 || 10 | Noam-<br><br>You're right, I shouldn't have used the word "fixed" for the second Ali'-Liston fight. What probably happened was that Liston as soon as he realized he was going to lose again, he gave up. Every time I see that fight I feel a sense of disappointment. That was a bad night for boxing. But it wasn't Ali's fault, it was Liston's fault. |

| 11/29/05 05:58:23 PM| Noam|same||same||| 10| Massimo, I agree. In my opinion, Liston's spirit was entirely broken and he was a beaten man and he didn't want to get up even though he could have.<br><br>Ali seemed to acknowledge this himself. After the second fight with Liston, Ali said, "The punch jarred him. But I didn't think I hit him so hard he couldn't get up." According to a book I have The Rough Guide to Muhammad Ali), Liston commented two years after the fight, "Ali knocked me down with a sharp punch. I was down but not hurt....Ali is waiting to hit me, the ref can't control him. I have to put one knee and one glove on the canvass to get up. You know, Ali is a nut. You can tell what a normal man is going to do, but you can't tell what a nut is going to do and Ali is a nut."<br><br>Personally, I think Ali gave Liston an excuse to quit and he quit. Ali was one of those rare fighters who took more than boxing skills into the ring. The sheer force of his personality not influenced the mindset of his opponents and probably even a few judges along the way. | 11/29/05 06:13:06 PM| Noam|same||same||| 10| Paul, lighten up. I stated my opinion that Ken Norton was not using steroids. Without proof to the contrary, you're only stating your opinion, just like me. <br><br>Regards the second Liston fight, you are right. Liston was favourite. Thanks for setting me straight. <br><br>Regards bad mouthing you. I wasn't. I was just replying to your unprovoked attack on me. Suddenly, appearing from nowhere, straight after someone else tried to start a fight about Ali, you come on making provocative comments. We can reply, can't we?<br><br>And regards demagogues, or whatever the term was you used. When I've been wrong, I've apologized. Others haven't. The leaders of this site are the Quarrys. When they asked us to quieten down and clean it all up, we did. A month or so ago.<br><br>Yet although everyone has been getting along smoothly, you come on to pick a fight. That's why I think your agenda is to start trouble here again. Hence the ridiculous posts about Ali from some whacko, but when that didn't start a fight, you come on with your moralizing. Well, thanks, but no thanks. You can have the last word if you want, Paul, and knock yourself out doing it, but I'm not going to acknowledge you further. |
Noam, in all fairness to Paul, I have known him for quite a while now and have written to him off of the site and I know him to be sincere, not a trouble maker. I would bet he is in no way this Henry Cooper character. He was stating his opinion. Paul, Foolface, etc were here in 2001, maybe even earlier I remember as I have been posting here since 2000. We did have some lively feuds back then here and at the old Frazier website. I know you are one of Jerry's biggest fans so keep coming back.

I accept what you say Kent, however it's odd that Paul appears when things are going smoothly here, when there's no need for his intervention. If he was really concerned, as he says, then now isn't the time to say what he has. Intervening with his comments seem designed to upset the steady cart (rather than right the upset one, if you get the drift). Each to their own, I suppose, but a lot of the debate before was robust and insightful. A lot of good points came up. It's only when someone can't logically argue a point that they complain.

Mr. Noam, you say things are going smoothly. What planet are you from? Read the posts from 1999-2002. That is when things went smoothly. This site is more fractionized than Iraq. Mr. Noam, I never made an unprovoked attack on you. In my first post, I never mentioned your name. But you immediately badmouthed me in your very next post. And as a result I responded accordingly. The more I read your past posts the more I see how mean spirited you are.

Paul, you know I have always tried to be fair so in this case, if you don't like Noam or his attitude, then maybe you don't need to post your opinion about him as Noam points out, things are going smoothly now. Paul, I have always considered you a friend so don't take my comment as an attack on your character. In fact, as I pointed out, I think you are a man of integrity. It is just nice to not have to pop in here to read a lot of negative comments (from anyone).

Mr. Noam, I began my first post a few days ago describing how the quality of this site has deteriorated. No names were mentioned. I did not likened any individual to a cesspool. I likened the "quality" of the board to a cesspool. I never said they were "cesspool guys." You are hyper sensitive.
following post after you bad mouthed me. Did you bad mouth me because you mistakenly thought I called you a cesspool guy. It is kind of strange Mr. Noam that you are so sensitive. You who has inferred that a person on this board was a repressed homosexual because he respected the talents Joe Frazier. You who was racially insensitive to a blackman on this site. You see Mr. Noam you are not the only person who reads prior posts. You can assume anything you want regarding my identity. When I posted on this site in 99, 01, 02; none of these characters you mention were on this site. The site consisted of good spirited dialogue. That is no longer the case. Tell me Mr. Noam if this site has improved in the years since. Why is Brenda Quarry threatening to close down the site? Finally, Mr. Noam I have read many of your posts. You state your opinions as facts. And normally you are wrong. You sometimes try and back up these "facts" by quoting a book you have read. And I am to believe makes them "facts." Mr. Noam do you believe all the facts in the New York Times? It is alleged to the paper of record. Where did you get your information that Kenny Norton was not using steroids. I will bet it is another of your unsubstantiated opinions.

| 11/30/05 07:35:39 PM | Noam | same | || ||| 10 |
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| Contrary to what you say, Paul, you came here in your first post and called three of us demagogues and accused us for turning this site into a cesspool. You name called us. There was nothing polite about what you said. I merely responded to what you said. I didn't call you a name. And my comments were not abusive. Unlike yours. To fuel your argument you have gone back deep into the past recalling matters long forgotten, some of which I already apologized for. Clearly, you are trying to re-ignite tensions by bringing them up again and, fortunately, others here have commented that they know what you are doing. We know your agenda. But be clear, Paul, I was NOT a racist towards anyone and you are being untruthful in alleging otherwise. I used a term recognized throughout most of the world as having no racial meaning, but unfortunately someone misinterpreted what was said. That was not my fault or intention. Please, Paul, for all our benefits, especially the benefit of this site, don't keep the argument going. It was calm before you arrived. |

| 11/30/05 07:45:34 PM | Paul | one more thing. I give an opinion and sometimes I am wrong. Like anyone. I don't state my opinion as facts, merely as opinions. Sometimes I get my information from books. What's wrong with that? I do not have information showing that Norton was using steroids. I would like to believe that he wasn't. You allege that Norton used steroids. That is a very serious allegation. How do you know this? What proof do you have that such a respected boxer was cheating? |

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| Noam is a pompous ass who believes everything Ali worshippers say. Then Noam spouts off these opinions like they are facts. |

| 11/30/05 11:53:27 PM | Jumpity Bruce | Jumpville | jumpjump | || 10 |
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| 12/1/05 12:39:21 AM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca | Kentallenent@aol.com | || 10 |
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| Paul is right about one thing, the posts here have gotten worse but the only thing we can do out of respect for Jerry and Mr. Jimmy (James) is not to have the petty bickering. Paul, in fairness to Noam, he has toned it down lately and he deserves a chance to continue to do so. So both you guys, can we please let it go. It would be a shame if Brandi did decide to pull the plug but it would also be a shame if someone, like the poster who called himself or herself Me, who wanted help for a family member who was injured in the ring, was turned off by the bickering here and missed some of the information that was posted or may be posted. Remember the main reason for this site was to help just such people so that Jerry did not die in vain and also that all of the efforts put forth by Jimmy also means something. The silly posts can be funny and
they don't bother me but the petty bickering does bother me.

Hello all, I see we are at it again, but to get things stright-Paul-its been along time since we have heard from you. so hello. I see you didn't know that Brenda Quarry passed away, and maybe you didn't know that my husbund Mr.Jimmy passed away also. now and then people do get upset with each other here. But you know that happens everywhere in life. We are glad to have you back, and glad that you have your own thoughts too. Now to let you know it was I that told this site I would shut it down for reasons I gave at that time. I see you didn't read those letters. Now you've had your bad hair day, So now lets get on with gettin on. Have a great day-

Paul, you are in a word, correct. And right. Several regulars have in fact been hounded away by the few. Months ago, out of respect for the Quarrys, I decided to deny the Gang of Two or Three a ready target for their insults, hoping things here would improve. My sin had been stating fact based opinions regarding Jerry's most well known opponent in an attempt to debunk some myths. The hostility and historical revisionism I encountered was quite extreme. I was accused of many crimes, most notably impersonating the Gang's most fiendish adversary, the ubiquitous Forest Ward, whose name is still invoked lo these many months after his final missive. (Forest was at least true to his word and ceased posting, unlike other's who routinely pledge that they have had their last say, yet go on an on and ...... where do they get the time?) Consequently, since then I have logged on only once or twice, read the same tired, often nasty drivel, and logged off. As you observed, things didn't improve. Woe betide anyone who offers an opinion not in step with the Gang's. Just ask "Henry Cooper", whose nationality was ridiculed. (PS France isn't the only second rate European "power" which owes its continued existence to the USA) The only reason I am here now is to tell Paul he is not alone in his opinion. The "Jerry Quarry" site has unfortunately been co-opted by the Gang Of Two Or Three and mutated into a 24 hour "I Love Muhammed" Fest. Beyond the Gang, those who remain are modern day Neville Chamberlains, masters of appeasment. So, as I'm sure you've already figured out, don't expect any back up, Paul. In the past I repeatedly opined that we can disagree without being derogatory and calling others drunks, homosexuals, Dead Parrots, etc. However, I finally reached the conclusion that the Gang enjoys just that, so why bother? Sorry Paul, and especially to the Quarrys. Keep On Keepin' On.

I haven't posted here for weeks and I return and see that some guy called Paul, who seems to hate the world, has called me and others demagogues who have made this place a cesspool. Then some guy called Fan agrees with him. Having gone back through the posts over preceeding weeks, there weren't any problems. Yet these guys suddenly appear. I'd say troublemakers like Fan and Paul want trouble. I can't think of any other reason they suddenly turn up. Paul says the good old days were better when characters like Coo Coo Clock and DKS were here. I bet Paul could speak intelligently to them. I went through the archives and Paul was bickering with that DKS guy even back then. I saw someone named Foolface was posting then too. Fan and Paul should feel at home. Thanks for calling me a demagogue and accusing me of making a cesspool Paul. Come to think of it, thanks for causing the latest round of problems when everything was settled around here. Your cheer leader Fan is cheering you. It's just a pity you call the site here a cesspool. That's disrespectful.
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Howard C.
Louisville

Fan, you should come to terms with the fact that not everyone agrees with you regarding your hero Frasier. There are some out here who were genuinely upset when your man Forest Ward ridiculed Ali's deteriorating medical condition and gloated that Frasier caused it. You never raised a yelp about those awful comments and that gave us an insight to your mentality. By comparison, the remarks made by Noam were nothing. Unfortunately, you guys (yes, you Dead Parroters) can't come to terms with Ali being the most admired and popular athlete ever. You hated it when he lit the olympic flame. You hated him receiving an award in the White House recently. Full of resentment that Frasier never received such prestige.

Get over it, Frasier Fan, or the envy and hate will keep you awake at night. And stop making fun of ex-boxers with disabilities. You don't have to be an Ali admirer to resent that. Thanks for starting all the trouble, Paul. You obviously like this site lots. I'd never heard of you and then all of a sudden you appear calling me names.

Henry Cooper
France
The "Gang" has an unhealthy obsession with Muhammad Ali. The guy isn't as popular or admired as you claim. The guy was a bigot, a womanizer, and a cruel bully. He was also a cocky, loudmouthed, jackass. Your love for him is so ridiculous, and you tear down the careers of every other fighter to build his legend up.

I hear the Gang go on and on about one comment made by Forest Ward or whoever like a year ago, making fun of Ali. And yet, the Gang shits on Joe Frazier DAILY. They try and dig up dirt on him, and then claim that they aren't doing so. Then they bring up comments other posters made to somehow justify their actions.


Of course, I don't even know why I'm writing this, as the Gang won't listen to anyone, and you can bet Muhammad Ali will be mentioned in their post. I thought this was a Jerry Quarry site?

Massimo
Roma
ONE MOMENT OF ATTENTION EVERYONE, JUMPITY BRUCE IS BACK !!!! JUMP JUMPITY, JUMP FOREVER MY HERO !!!

Massimo, YES IT IS GREAT THAT OUR HERO JUMPITY BRUCE MADE AN APPEARANCE.

Hi Brandi Quarry. Can you please post instructions for me to get the extended tape showing some of Jerry's fights in their entirety ? I hope you don't decide to close this site down! We've had some rough and tumble characters here over the years, Fool Face and KooKoo Clock to name a few. I think this site is pretty tame compared to 2001,2002. I've really enjoyed this site over the years. I think most of the posters here are well intentioned and really care about Jerry's life, and boxing history. I cannot
understand why there hasn't been a book about him. The only poster on this site who bothers me is Kent. I think you should have a talk with him! He always disagrees with me, and he hates the Eagles!

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<td>Hey Steve, at least you are a loyal Eagles fan, going down with the ship! &lt;br&gt;Hey it is a lost cause this year and at least I haven't said Ha! Ha! I did say this to my buddy from Philly though. &lt;br&gt;What is great about my situation, no one can say anything back to me as I don't have a team and I haven't had one for years, the Rams in St. Louis have never been my Los Angeles Rams so my friend from Philly can't say anything back to me.</td>
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| 12/2/05 06:09:49 PM | Paul | Las Vegas | private | 1 | Brandi, I am sorry to learn about your mother, Brenda. I was aware of the passing of your father Jimmy. <br>First I will reply to Howard the Coward. By calling you a demagogue, I was being kind. I could call you a lot worse, and still be telling the truth. Where were you when your penpal Noam was labelling people as repressed homosexuals, alcoholics, and writing racially insensitive remarks? Oh that must have slipped by you. And you, who calls people "dead parroters." One more thing Forrest Ward was one of the more interesting posters on this site. And he never ridiculed Ali's condition, that is another case of you slandering someone, so many times that people believe it. And what happens? Ward gets fed up and leaves the site. Who gained from that? Now Noam, you are the master of slander and misinformation on this site. You smear someone with sentences taken out of context. You labell people repressed homosexuals because they admire Joe Frazier. You call people alcoholics. Which is interesting because you wrote on this site that "my (Noam) problem is that I drink too much beer." And last but not least you write racially insensitive remarks about black people, and then call them stupid because they were insulted by your race baiting. And you did not insult just "someone," quite a few people were insulted and upset about your remark. I don't know what part of the world you are from, but in the USA you don't accuse a black man of "relentless niggling." Noam, you never apologized for labelling someone a repressed Homosexual, an alcoholic, or for race baiting. So don't give me this nonsense that you apologize when you insult someone. A typical example of your mistruths is to say I alleged that Kenny Norton was on steroids. I never did any such thing. I just asked where you got your information that Norton never used steroids. As usual you could not defend your statement. Lastly, I did not go "back deep into the past recalling matters long forgotten." The race baiting you did took place a few months ago. I did go "back deep into the past recalling matters long forgotten," when I recalled how healthy and interesting this site was before you and Howard the
Coward polluted it with your vile name callings and lies about people. One more thing Noam, you write lies, and mistruths throughout you posts when posters are in disagreement with you, and then at the end of the post you pretend you are an honorable man by nobly suggesting lets move on from here after you write paragraphs smearing someone.

| 12/2/05 09:37:24 PM | Fan | Fandom | Fan@Fandom.com | 8 |

Paul, good to hear from you. I posted back in the day when this place was of high quality. I changed to an alias because of too many e-mails being sent to me and too many idiots as well. Noam will admit he said some stuff he shouldn't have said. I think he's amn enough to do that. Once he does that could we just let the issue drop. This site in a terrible downward spiral and it's up to us to change it. How about this, Jerry Quarry vs Bob Foster 1970.

| 12/3/05 12:24:22 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com |

Fan from Fandom, you the people who posted regrettable things have not been doing so lately so I hope also Paul can move on. They deserve a chance to show that they have moved on. I think Jerry would have broken down Bob Foster. Jerry was just too strong for Foster. Jerry could have taken Foster best shots, even the one that put Mike down. That shot would have rocked Jerry but he would have withstood it and Foster would not have been able to take Jerry's best shots.

| 12/4/05 03:45:59 AM | Massimo Cini da Pisa | Roma | Jerry Quarry in 1970 beat Mac Foster so I think he would have beaten Bob Foster also. Mac was stronger than Bob. Bob lost against every(or any) heavyweight he ever fought: Doug Jones, Zora Folley, Ernie "Clay" Terrell, Joe Frazier, Muhammad "Who" Ali'.

| 12/4/05 03:01:22 PM | Brandi Quarry | Everywhere | brandiquarry3@msn.com |

Paul-Brenda was not my mother, she was my sister-in-law. She was James Quarry's sister, and James was My husbund. But Thank you for your kind words. Here's Wishing for all to keep the Magic of Christmas in their Hearts, and Throughout the New Year. Season's Greetings!

| 12/5/05 02:28:50 AM | Massimo | Roma | Take a look at this legendary picture! http://img205.imageshack.us/my.php?image=specialbigboy7co.jpg

| 12/5/05 03:42:40 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com |

Paul: Respectfully, we've been over the "relentless niggling" comment about 150 times, and say what you will about Noam, but this clearly wasn't racially insensitive. Admittedly, "niggling" is not the most widely used term, but on the other hand, a lot of respected writers/editorialists/columnists in all areas have used this word, if not frequently, at least occasionally. It's a bona fide English word and it has nothing at all to do with race. But the real clincher is that even if it were a negative word, which it isn't, no one here had any idea that the poster in question was African American---this was never even disclosed until after "relentless niggling" was used. Noam is good, but not that good. How would he possibly know the guy posting was black? When you say there are "quite a few" people who were offended, who were these people? I suspect that a couple people might have claimed to be offended, but it's because Noam has fired bombs at Frazier while defending Ali---my guess is that people are more upset at Noam for his strongly polarizing boxing opinions, not his use of the word "niggling." And on that subject, it seems incredible to me that someone who waves a flag for Muhammad Ali could be accused of racism. The two don't go together.
Angelo, at one time siding with Ali regarding social issues was racist when he was spouting off the rhetoric of The Nation of Islam. NOI often said all white people are inherently evil. Ali does not support such nonsense now and he hasn't done so for many years so supporting Ali is not racist now.

But Kent, that "racism" on the part of Ali would be racism against white people. I think Noam is being accused of racism against black people. That even drives home the point more strongly. Why would Noam, if he's racist against black people, be a supporter of a black man who has been accused (in his past) of being racist against whites? None of it holds any water.

Angelo, that is true some here thought Noam was being racist against black people, which I don't think he was. Being an Ali supporter, regarding boxing even when Ali was spewing out NOI propaganda would not make someone racist even back then.

I believe that the only time someone could be called racist and be an Ali supporter at the same time is if that person promoted NOI'S hatred (back then).

But NOI deserves no praise just because there have been no documented evidene of violence against white people as their philosophy is the same as the Ku Klux Klan minus the violence but only from the black point of view instead of the white perspective.

In my mind racism is racism regardless of who that mindset is directed at. I agree that supporting who Ali became and racism don't go hand and hand.

Especially supporting Ali as a boxer has nothing to do with race.

Angelo: I guess I could understand how someone who wasn't familiar with the term "niggling" could misunderstand and think Noam was saying something negative or ridiculing. But it's all been adequately explained and now all of us know that niggling is a proper English word, used widely by respected columnists and used verbally by educated, responsible and good people. I guess my latest issue is that when it was dead and buried, someone had to bring it all up again, intentionally taking it out of context and accusing Noam of racism. That's not only ridiculous and insulting, but it's also a dangerous thing to loosely accuse someone of racism when it is not deserved. That's like loading a pointed gun in someone's direction and pulling the trigger---you don't know if it will hit them or not, but you're damn sure it will scare them. I don't like it at all and I don't think there's a place for it here.

I hope Paul continues to post here as he is huge Jerry Quarry fan but I hope that he too can put this quarrel behind us and move on.

Noam and company, to their credit, have toned down their posts and they deserve credit for doing so but they are not the only ones who have posted something they regret. Most of us here have posted things they wish they hadn't so what is wrong with starting with a clean slate?

Angelo, you and I have disagreed about things from time to time but we have always been civil, so it is possible to argue and not make it personal.

Steve is another story. He continues to heckle me just because I am not an Eagles fan. Just kidding!! As although Steve has his football team, he is still a good guy.

Massimo, wouldn't it be a shame if Jumpity Bruce left forever because of the fighting here? Now that would be a shame.
17 John Ruiz is fighting Nicolay Valuev in Germany. I hope it is televised here in the U.S. I think Valuev is the biggest man to ever fight for a heavyweight title at 7 feet tall and 325 pounds. There was a fighter named Mike "The Giant" White who fought in the late 80s and 90s who was 6'10" 275 pounds who fought some world class fighters but except for a win over James Buster Douglas by a tenth round knockout, a fight in which Douglas had won almost every round before being knocked out, White never beat a world class fighter. But White did give Michael Moorer a good fight even though Moorer knocked him down three times in the fight on the way to a decision win. I have seen Nicolay fight 2 or 3 times and I think he is gonna beat Giovanni Ruiz. Nicolay's most impressive fight was against Paolo Vidoz. Vidoz is a former silver medal in the heavyweight division and is a good heavyweight. Well, Nicolay trashed him like he was a bum. Nicolay is really huge, Paolo Vidoz at 6'3" looked like Andre' in comparison.

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Hey Kent and Angello. You guys are allright with me as far as this stupid ass Racism accusations. I dont think any real boxing fan could be a racist. I think you two guys are sane enough to judge fighters by their skill, there success in the ring, and other less obvious factors. Such as thier personal behavior. I dont believe Noam is a bigot, nor is Jimmy Dorsey. I could take you to some late sixties and earlier 70's fights at the Blue Horizon in Philly, or at the Cherry Hill Arena. These philly fighters fought for thier lives in every fight I could have shown you really savage fighting, Philly style. GUYS LIKE, Joe Frazier, Dick Tiger, BOOGOLO Watts, DWIGHT Muhammed Quiwi, the Camden Buzzsaw, and Mathew Saad Muhamid. Joe Archie. These guys where philly fighters. They left more in thier sparring wars, than they left in the ring. I wish Jerry Quarry would have defeated Bob Foster. He might have had to adjust to Foster's quick left jab, straight monster right hand. I believe Quarry was way to strong, hit much too hard, and was quick enough to effectively counter anything Foster threw, and with twice the power. I wish Jerry Quarry, Merry Christmas and God bless.

Hey PAUL, you know, your not the only guy who for some reason is fascinated by the Quarry family. I feel the same interest in this family as you do. I also wish I was as strong and tough as Jerry. Although I could have lasted probably into the third or fourth round before he counter punched me into a coma.

I dont even know what to do with Samual Peters. How about him and Cris Byrd? I know of no such thing as racism among boxers. If anything the respect is shared by both as in no other sport. The thought of black vs. white never entered my mind. Win or lose you are a much more humble person when you walk out of that ring. I guess that's why boxers are special people. Too bad I can't say the same for the blood sucking, no good promoters and matchmakers that continue to pollute the sport we all love.

Max, you are
so right, in all of the fights I have been to and of all of the boxers I have met, I have never seen even a hint of racism among the boxers themselves. It is a special brotherhood all its own where there is a lot of mutual respect among the contestants for each other. They alone understand the sacrifice they endure during training and the danger each of them faces each and every time they step into the ring. Even though trash talking does occur between boxers mainly to promote events and sometimes in the heat of battle, deep down every boxer has respect for all boxers regardless of ability level. It is only some of the media, some of the promoters who stand to make a fortune off the backs of boxers, and a small percentage of the fans that perpetrates the race card.

There is some racism in boxing as it can be anywhere in society but by and large I think it is the exception and not the rule. I believe that there is less racial bias in boxing then elsewhere in society at large. But I think society is getting better than it was in the past in that regard. The community where I live now is integrated at least to some extent. All different races seem to co exist without problems. I would guess the racial make up is about 60 percent white but with substantial numbers of other races represented.

It is not unusual to see several blacks, asians, Mexicans or other Latin Americans and others every time I enter a store or public place while the place where I grew up there were very few blacks, mostly the only non whites I saw were Mexicans and a few asians. I think that when there is enough economic opportunity, then people of all races can exist side by side without problems.

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Markham: I truly enjoyed your post, about just about every heavyweight there ever was, and everyone in America is entitled to their own opinion, but there is one big fact you left out about our own JQ, "besides bleeding before the national anthem!" Jerry also beat 8 top rated title contenders (and 4 knockouts). And 5 he was the underdog, and I can name them, and if people want to say "owe he's nothing!" they and their record were at the top of the time, as far as Cooper is concerned, he would not have had Jerry's record had he been from L.A., and Jerry would have even had a better record had he been in Britain, canu say 64 seconds?

Jimmy: The "fans" who belittle Quarry for bleeding or "losing all the time" expose themselves as uninformed idiots. These are not knowledgable boxing fans, but morons who saw a few key losses in the mid-70's and formed a silly opinion based on that alone. When these same people hear that Quarry KOed Earnie Shavers in one round, beat an undefeated Ron Lyle, won over Thad Spencer and Mac Foster----they give you a blank stare.

Weight loss update: I have now lost 31 pounds since August! I still have a long way to go to reach my goal but I have made major progress in the right direction. You're gonna be the fastest thing on two legs! And you're gonna jump better than Jumpity Bruce!
THANKU ANGELO: There is no heavyweight contender of Jerry's time that had 8 wins and a draw against the top ten that did not win a title, even Jimmy Ellis and Ken Norton never beat that many in the top ten! To say that Jerry was a mediocre journeyman! The Man was an alltime great period! And never ever ever quit! Some people think other fighter's might be better because they fared better against Ali and Frazier. This does not mean a damn thing. If it did George Chuvalo and Chuck Wepner and Joe Bugner and Alfredo Evangelista and Rudi Lubbers. Is JIM MURRAY STILL ALIVE???

JIM DORSEY: Karl Midlenberger and maybe even Jurgin Blin gave Ali more of a problem than Jerry did but that doesn't make them better fighters than Jerry. Jerry just didn't match up well with Ali because of styles but that is not a put down as not many fighters did match up well with Ali. Jerry would have beaten Mildenberger and Blin hands down, no question about it. Ironically, Jack Bodell may have given Ali some problems because he was a southpaw and Jerry knocked the guy out in less than one round. Earnie Shavers almost beat Ali, he gave Ali hell, and I realize Shavers had a lot more experience when he fought Ali then when he fought Jerry and he had improved a lot but he still never really could take a punch that great and it is possible Jerry could have still knocked out a more experienced Shavers.

ED: Ali was also ready for Quarry. He didn't take Jerry lightly as he may have some other fighters. I remember he had special sparring partners flown in from across the country because they could mimic Quarry's left hook. And you might remember he shut down Quarry's deadly left hook perfectly. In the Mildenberger fight Ali might have been a little off peak. He had several fights close together over in Europe and he seemed stale in that one.

KENT: P S Nice work on the weight loss!

KENT: To relate my last post to boxing consider that my comment, "it is better to look good, then to feel good," goes in boxing as well, at least according to uninformed fans. At first glance, if the people didn't know who the fighters are, a lot of people would think that the fighter with the better build would win most fights. But Jerry Quarry beat a lot of fighters who probably had a more cut body than he did. It was his skill and determination that did the trick.

KENT: Thanks Ed, but you know what is frustrating when you get obese and even when you lose a substantial amount of weight, some people don't give you much credit. For example, I have been wearing a 4x shirt for a while. They are getting big on me and soon I will buy some 3x shirts and some smart ass will comment on how big my belly is as the shirt will be snug on me at first. I hear the same thing when I go to a smaller shirt all the way down the line to 2x and maybe even 1x, if I still have a small belly sticking out, which I will probably always have. You get very little credit for the work you have done in this cosmetic world where it is better to look good than to feel good. I have been heavy for about fifteen years and even when I weighed about 230, people still made comments about how fat I was. Frustrating as I still am over 300 pounds and 230 would be a decent goal for now. I know I shouldn't care about what people think but it is hard to do when almost every day someone on T.V. or in a movie makes rude comments about some fat guy that I might still be bigger than. I have been asked, "how can someone gain over 100 pounds?" Consider that when I was younger I could eat anything I wanted and just exercise and weight wasn't that hard to take off. Also, people can understand gaining maybe 10 pounds but if you think about it, five pounds a year for 20 years adds up to 100 pounds, it can sneak up on you.
would have had a very good chance to beat Ken Norton, a fighter with a more cut body than Jerry ever had. Also, as pointed out before, Jerry was nowhere near the fighter he once was when he fought Norton and he still gave Norton a lot of trouble, at least for a few rounds, before being stopped.

There was a fighter named Mike Williams who was built like an Adonis who fought a lot on ESPN back in the 1980s who was undefeated, about 17-0 against journeyman fighters, who's first fight verses an experienced world class fighter was against Buster Douglas on the undercard of Tyson/Spinks. Well Douglas knocked the guy down about four times on the way to a seventh round knockout and this guy Mike Williams was pretty much never heard from again. Note that Douglas, even when he fought the fight of his life a couple of years later against Tyson, always looked a little flabby even when he was in top shape.

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Sigh, since my letters are ignored by the posters I'll just write for my own interest and any visitors who stop by and want to jump in. First off to the Dorsey fellow. If by Markham you meant me (as I live in Markham, Canada) I never wrote anything about Quarry bleeding during any anthem. I think it was that Henry Cooper fellow. I actually rebutted him to no avail (since everyone ignored me).

Now back to my earlier topic (before the Cooper debacle sidetracked everything). Out of the top white heavyweights listed I think that Vitali is the best one. Someone wrote that he was unproven but I disagree. He showed his power against both Corrie Saunders and Danny Williams. Williams has since beaten Audley Harrison who's supposed to be the next Big Brit after Lennox Lewis.

Vitali vs Jerry would've been like Ali-Quarry 2. Jerry just couldn't handle big Ali. Well Vitali is EVEN BIGGER than Ali. A lot bigger. Vitali is 6'7" and 240 to 250 lbs. Thus Quarry would be too small. Not to mention Vitali's long reach. Quarry had problems with the jab. Big problems. Again check out the Patterson, Ellis, BOTH Ali fights and the Norton fight. Contrary to what Cooper and others have said Quarry DIDN'T do well against Ali period. I had Ali winning all three rounds in their first fight. The closest round was the second but Ali still did the better scoring. We all know what happened in the third. Considering that Ali was out of action for almost four years I was surprised at how well he looked in the fight. My point is that I noticed how much problems Quarry had with dodging boxers with good jabs. Vitali would capitalize on this and bloody little Quarry up. Vitali had a stronger punch than Ali, Norton, Ellis or Patterson.

Vitali would crush Bobick, Bugner, Cooper, Cooney, Kirkman, Morrison and Mesi. Though Cooney had a hard punch he lacked skill. I admit that I doubt Vitali could ko the tough George Chuvalo. No one ever did including Big George Foreman. However I could see him doing enough damage to stop him in the later rounds. Even if he didn't stop him I could still see him damaging him much more than any boxer in the past did accept for Frazier and Foreman. If Vitali was around during the 60's 70's and 80's he would've succeeded where the others didn't. Especially Bobick and Cooney against Norton and Holmes. At this stage in Vitali's career the Holmes that Cooney met would've been the tougher fight for Klitchko. Maybe Holmes would be a bit too much. Vitali could beat Norton though.

I believe Vitali at full potential could beat Holmes too. It's too bad we won't see what Vitali could accomplish at his best. I hope he can make a comeback sometime in the future. It would be sad if his career were to end like this. I'll deal with the others on my list later.

For Your Information: The younger brother Wladimir is a different story. Though he too is large I can see Quarry and others beating him. He's just too inconsistent. I'm not saying they would beat him I'm just saying it is possible. Much more likely than beating Vitali.

If anyone does respond make sure you read this post carefully before you do.

Vitali's POTENTIAL impresses me but his lack of accomplishments are glaring. Jerry Quarry did beat
some big fighters, tall fighters and skilled fighters. Toughness counts for a lot, and so does determination. Jerry Quarry had both in spades and so far, I haven't seen enough of either from Klitscho(s). When the going gets tough, you're injured and you feel like quitting—that's when the boys pack it in and the men get going. Jerry Quarry fought Jimmy Ellis with a fractured bone in his back. Say what you will about Quarry's cuts—except for Frazier II., he tended to ignore the bleeding and fight. In Frazier II., even Frazier backed away from the flow of blood out of disbelief (and sportsmanship). Quarry takes Klitscho, either one of them, in the middle to later rounds. Now, the possibility of being stopped on cuts looms, in any JQ fight—but I think he'd manage to back up Vitali Klitscho with an attack that VK couldn't handle. Just an opinion.

Hey Kent, congrats on the 31 lbs. Don't let it bother you when someone still calls you overweight. You'll never get the credit you deserve for the difficult struggle of losing weight and keeping it off. When I retired, after a few months I just ballooned up to 265 lbs. I knew I needed a new knee. I was only 50, so the surgeon told me I was too young. The VA surgeon told me to get off my fat ass and start ing. I wear a size 4x shirt right now. If somebody says something about your weight, tell them, remember, under this extra weight is 200 lbs. of muscle. Ask them if they've ever had their ass kicked by a fat man!

Hey for your information, I'm sorry you feel your being ignored. I hope you know your coming off as a little pompous. I would very much like to trade opinions. Your not gonna like this, but I think George Foreman would have pasted both Klitcho brothers. Who can say who punched harder. I know who knocked out the more impressive fighters. I know who never quite from an injury, and got up from two knockdowns to stop Ron Lyle.

As I have said regarding Vitali Klitschko verses Jerry Quarry, it would be a very hard task for Jerry to beat him but it is possible. Vitali did have an accurate jab and accurate combinations but Jerry would have the advantage in agility and hand speed. He could get in and out of harms way and do his own damage. Yes, Vitali did have accurate punches but he was no Ali and he was somewhat of a plodder and a bit clumsy. Since unless he makes a comeback, Vitali's potential will never be realized and if that is the case and if he never boxes again, his potential of what he could have done means nothing. intangibles such as heart also come into play. Would I quit on my stool if I had a painful arm injury, quite possibly but I am not a champion athlete. That is one thing Jerry Quarry had, a champion's heart and there is no way he would have quit because of an arm injury like Vitali did against Chris Byrd. Jerry would have fought on with one arm, especially if he was leading on all of the cards late in a fight.
Boxing in the 60's, 70's, and 80's was as good as it got, ending with Holmes. Of course that is just my observation!!

Well the big palooka Valuev won a close decision over Ruiz for the WBA title. I didn't see the fight of course as it wasn't shown here in the U.S. but from reports I have read, it was a boring fight. Valuev versus Toney would be funny to watch as Valuev is about 9 feet tall and Toney is short, but I think James would chop down that tree without much trouble.

I wonder if our new friend FYI might think Jerry Quarry would lose to Nikolay the Midget?

Finally we got rid of that boring guy Giovanni Ruiz. We all boxing fans owe a big thank you to the big fella Nicola, the new WBA champion of the world (the wiltest and andrest champion in history, this guy would have made Primo Carnera look like his little son). The simple fact that he had so much trouble in beating Giovanni makes me think he ain't that good. He is a legitimate top 10 in this moment, but Vitali and Giacomo Toney would beat him quite easily in my book.

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For Your Information: It's spelled Vitali KLITSCHKO.

I kind of admire Stone as he is intensely loyal to his fighter. He really cares about his fighter, kind of refreshing when so many others don't care enough what happens to them.

You never know what Stoney is going to say or do next.

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Could you imagine if title fights were still 15 rounds? With a minute between rounds, that would be almost a solid hour of living through "grab and hold" Ruiz.

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"Big Stretch" is putting it mildly, but you are correct. Ali and Klitschko don't belong in the same paragraph much less the same sentence. Quarry was a
world class heavyweight in an era that will/has gone down in boxing history as perhaps the most competitive, best ever. Quarry contended with the Fraziers, Ali's, Nortons, Shavers, Lyles of the world, not Chris Byrd. To suggest that somehow, Vitali could "handle Jerry Quarry like Ali did" is laughable. You're right—we're comparing apples and oranges here. | 

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I have lost four more pounds and am heading into the New Year at least 35 pounds less than I was in August 05. My goal at this point was about 40 to 45 pounds so I am near my target. Funnily, when I talk to so called fitness experts, you know guys that work at health clubs, they tell me it is possible for me to have ripped abs and toned arms but if I can lose 120 or 130 pounds in about a year to a year and a half, then I will have accomplished something special. They will still say I need them when I reach my goal as I will still have a little bit of a belly and probably flabby arms but that is OK as I don't need them as I know what to do and the little gut and smooth arms is fine.

Valuev is an interesting fighter. He lacks the skills necessary to beat any of the top ten bums out there today. If he had an American trainer and boxed out of a good gym he may be able to learn a little about boxing. He might do pretty well. I can only compare him to Too Tall Jones as far as size goes. Too Tall couldn't fight a lick and almost lost a fixed fight against a Mexican light heavy back in the day. We'll just wait and see but I suspect the handlers of Valuev will put him right back in there against another half ass heavyweight who'll probably end his career.

Max, are you sure that fight that Too Tall Jones almost lost was fixed? The other fighter, a journeyman light heavy or cruiserweight who's name I can't think of at the moment, looked like he tried to win as he almost knocked out Too Tall in the last round. It is amazing how much disrespect casual fans of boxing had for our Jerry Quarry. I remember when Too Tall Jones started fighting and I remember telling some of my friends that he will get knocked out if he ever fights someone as good as Quarry. My friends laughed at me because they thought that Jones was so strong that he would beat Jerry easy. They weren't laughing when that Mexican fighter almost knocked out Jones as the Mexican guy wasn't even half the fighter that Jerry was.

Add on to my last post, recently I mentioned that the one fighter who was almost as big as Valuev was Mike "The Giant" White, who was a decent fighter who actually had a win over Buster Douglas. White had won nearly every round until White knocked him out in the last round. White also gave Michael Moorer a good fight but Moorer knocked him down about three times and Moorer got the decision. White was 6'10" 270 pounds and although, except for Douglas, he never beat a world ranked fighter, he was a decent fighter. I would even say better than Valuev is at this point. Max, do you remember Mike White?

Kent, maybe I should clarify my comment about the fight between Jones and Meneses. The outcome wasn't predetermined like most fixed fights but should have been an easy win for Jones. A no brainer to say the least. I know that because my matchmaker also made the fights for Too Tall. And to mention Quarry and Jones in the same breath is ludicrous to say the least. One right hand from Quarry and Jones would have been out in the first.
were still very beatable. Many of the heavies today are more athletically gifted. I believe. A prime Tyson and Evander Holyfield would kick Quarry's ass too. As well as Ellis, Bugner, Chuvalo, Bonavena etc. etc. What do you think of that? You guys seem to think that the boxing world revolves around the old era. As if competitive boxers ended when we still had 8 tracks and disco. GET OVER YOURSELVES! Boxers are human beings not gods. And that goes for your beloved Ali, Frazier and Foreman as well. You old foggies need to get your arses out of the 60's and 70's and realize THAT BOXING STILL EXISTS! Yes there is boxing now in the 21st century. Sheesh!!!

When I have the chance I'm going t take the time to research and respond to the absolute nonesense that being written by all you grandfathers on this site. I realise it will take some work so I'll probably be off the scene for some time. Cause you people need some serious help. The way you react to those who believe that there are modern heavyweights who can beat those of the past is downright scary.

There are talented boxers in the late 20th and early 21st century as well. It's true, it's true. Kent tries to be funny with the Nicoley vs Jerry bit. Well I wonder what you would think of the GREAT Chuck Wepner vs today's heavyweights. Well since Wepner is from the GODLY 70's era I guess he'd kill them all. Eat em all for breakfast. Even in their prime. Poor Vitali, Tyson, Holyfield, Ruiz, Toney, Brewster, Peter, Lewis etc. wouldn't stand a chance. Eh? PS: If there's anyone born between 1970-1990 please join in. It's tiresome dealing with these farts who were around when John Sullivan lost to "Gentleman" Jim Corbett.

Hello Max: I WAS going to ask you,if you knew Tony Licata, Edgar (Mad Dog) ROSS, MIKE BAKER, JOEY VINCENT, Then I see you fought them all! Did you ever know our own COCKY KO KING MIKE NIXON? Mike did not have a big Knockout record, but when he landed and pulled his punches over he would knock people like South African and 3rd ranked GERT STEYN AND MIKE AVANS (WHOM NEVER BEEN DOWN FOR THE COUNT FOR 5 PLUS MINUTES!! TAKE CARE)

MARKHAM: YU bring up some very good points,JQ has not a victory over the fighter's you mentioned,ELLIS,CHUVALO,BUGNER,BONAVENA. Yur right,however his all time ranking is much higher then any of they above, and I think right fully so, Just on the fact he beat better fighter's. Bonavena alone can only beat a top ten fighter, if he could get that in Buenos Aires, where they would get DQUED FOR HITTING RINGO IN THE MOUTH, say AL "BLUE' Lewis and ZORA FOLLEY, FOLLEY BEAT HIM EVEN WORSE IN ARGENTINA THEN HE DID IN NY AND THEY STILL GAVE IT TO OSCAR, YOU HAVE TO ADMIT THE 60'S AND 70'S WERE THE BEST ERA IN BOXING AND ADMITTEDLY MAINLY BECAUSE OF ALI FOR HIS ABILITY AND SHOWMANSHIP DUH! AND I KNOW WE SORT OF EXAGERATE JERRY'S TALENTS SOME TIMES, HE WAS NO OPPONENT OR JOURNEYMAN, BUT AT THE VERY TOP OF HIS PROFESSION, AND A CLASS ACT TO SAY THE LEAST|

For your Information, if the heavyweights of today are bigger and better than ones from our golden era, then why has Chris Byrd been IBF champion for quite a while now? What does Byrd weigh? About 212, hmm, let me see, that is way bigger than Ali, Foreman, Holmes, Shavers, Lyle, and Frazier isn't it? Not even, and if Byrd, who is the same size or smaller than a lot of the oldtimers, than it is very possible the oldtimers could compete just as well today as Byrd does. Also, one of the top heavys of today is Lamon Brewster, who is around the 220 mark himself, again, about the size of ones from the earlier era. In addition, James Toney if came down to under 210 pounds, he would still be strong enough to handle most if not all of the heavys around today as it is skill, not size that gives him the edge. Not to mention that John Ruiz, long time contender from this era and WBA champion lost to both Roy Jones Jr. and Toney, even if Toney's test results kept Toney from keeping the belt.
By the way, Jones only weighed 193 for the fight. You mention Holyfield, a fine fighter at his best, who won the title at under 210 pounds but I would consider him a throwback to the old era but even so, one could put him as one of this era, even if he was at his best in the early 90s. Holyfield though had difficult fights with over the hill Foreman and Holmes. An indication that even he didn't have the skills of the former era because I doubt he would have beaten either of them in their prime. We can also add contender Davarryl Williamson to the mix, who fights between 210 and 220 pounds who lost a close technical decision last year to Wladimir Klitschko. Williamson even knocked Wladimir K down only to have the fight end early due to a headbutt that caused Wladimir to have a bad cut. I am making the assumption that you think bigger is better but consider that there are several smaller heavyweights who are in the mix today and that if someone say like Joe Louis, has special skills, he can compete in any era. Consider that Joe Louis beat fighters such as Primo Carnera, 270 pounds, Abe Simon and Buddy Baer, both about 250 pounds, and Tony Galento, 235 pounds. I would give the Brown Bomber a very good chance of beating anyone today. You also missed my point that Vitali Klitschko would be a very difficult fight for Jerry Quarry but it is not out of the possibility that Jerry could come out on top and the reasons it would be difficult is because of Vitali's jab and accurate combinations. That fight would be hardly a given win for Jerry. 

12/30/05 10:16:04 AM Kent Min Murrieta, CA kentallenent@aol.com | For your Information, just because Jerry didn't fight Bugner and Bonevena, doesn't mean he couldn't beat them. Jerry actually signed to fight Bonevena but the fight fell through. As I remember it Bonevena got injured during training. Mr. Jimmy (James Quarry) said Jerry got the better of Bugner during sparring sessions. Jimmy was with Jerry when Jerry knocked out Jack Bodell in England in less than one round. By the way, Bodell had just come off a win over Bugner so he had to have been a good fighter, a European champion. You mention Holyfield, I call this a pick em fight both were evenly matched. Holyfield was a built up cruiserweight who added twenty pounds by weight training and Jerry was naturally strong himself. Quarry verses Holyfield would be a war at close quarters and I am not sure who would win such a contest. Both fighters took a great shot and both could hit hard. They also both came in to fights in great shape. As far as Jerry's losses to Ellis and Chuvalo, Jerry was ahead on points when Chuvalo landed a left hook on the temple that left Jerry disoriented in the seventh round. Based on what had happened before the stoppage of the fight, I believe Jerry would have won a rematch if one happened. In the Ellis fight Jerry lost a split decision so he was hardly dominated. In fact he almost knocked Ellis out in the 13th round. Later it was discovered Jerry had a fractured vertebrae and if he was healthy in a rematch, which also never happened, I would have favored Jerry to win. 

12/30/05 11:49:07 AM For Your Info Markham, ON FYI@yahoo.com Kent don't you dare turn this around. IT'S YOU NOT ME THAT'S being unfair. You, Angelo and the rest of the OLD FART crew are the ones who act as if good heavyeweight boxers ended in 1979. All I'm saying is that there are boxers today who can beat boxers of your precious era. That's all I'm trying to say. Once again you
ignored my point.<br><br>It's you guys not me who has the problem. I believe there were great, very good, good and weak heavyweights in all era's. YOU DON'T!<br><br>ARRRRRRRRRGH! I feel like Charlie Brown. Kent I never said that Ellis, Bugner, Chuvalo etc. were better than Quarry, Jim Dorsey did. I said that Holyfield, Tyson etc. could (and most likely would) beat Ellis, Bugner, Bonavena and other 70's boxers. I include Lyle and Shavers as well. You people really overrate them. <br><br>As for size. Byrd is 220 NOT 212. Byrd, Holyfield and Tyson are considered small by todays standards but would be big in the 70's. In fact little Byrd, Brock, and Holyfield are bigger than Quarry, Ellis, Bugner, Frazier etc. and the same size as Ali and the younger version of Foreman.<br><br>See how times have changed in terms of size. <br><br>Lamon Brewster is actually bigger. He's 230. <br><br>Roy Jones was 199 not 193. Check your facts. Ruiz was 226 for the fight. It did so to be able to keep up with Jones' speed. Ruiz is usually in the 235-240 mark. As boring as Ruiz is he too could compete with your precious 70's era.<br><br>Let alone Vitali who has skill along with size.|<br><br>For Your Info|Markhan, ON||FYI@yahoo.com||12/30/05 12:05:48 PM|Please before responding READ CAREFULLY. You tend to just sprint through fast and then answer even faster without really thinking. Take your time. There's no need to rush. <br><br>You end up claiming the complete opposite of what I said or meant.<br><br>For instance I WAS THE ONE WHO MENTIONED THAT QUARRY BEAT JACK BODELL WHILE BUGNER LOST. I ALSO MENTIONED LARRY MIDDLETON TOO. SO WHAT WAS THE POINT IN POINTING THAT OUT TO ME WHEN I ALREADY DID SO A MONTH AGO! See what happens when you don't read properly. <br><br>This leads to misunderstandings.<br><br>I stated that PEOPLE MAY SAY... not that I SAY!.<br><br>What I was saying was that people may argue that Bugner is better than Quarry because he was more competitive (though clearly losing) against Frazier and Ali than Jerry did. In fact people have said this. <br><br>HOWEVER I COUNTERED THAT others can make a point that Quarry beat Bodell and Middleton while Bugner lost to them. So maybe Quarry was the better. As clear as this was you all misunderstood and thought THAT I WAS STATING THAT BUGNER BETTER THAN QUARRY! NO! NOOOOOOOO! I DINDN'T SAY THAT! <br><br>My point was simply that both sides had merit. Since neaither ever fought each other we can only speculate. Both arguments had validity however. Whew! <br><br>I guess you're all getting senile in your elderly ages. So maybe I'm wasting my time explaining things since you'll forget anyways. <br><br>One more thing. Buner did better against Ali and Frazier PERIOD! That includes Quarry/Frazier 1.<br><br>Saying that Quarry did better is bs. If you mean from rounds 1-4 then sure but if you mean the whole fight than absolutely NOT! Nonesense. Bugner was more competetive throughout the WHOLE fight than Quarry. After the 4th Quarry was fodder.|<br><br>By today's standards Quarry and Ellis were built up cruiserweights as well so Holyfield would have no problems with them. In fact I believe it's Holy who's the bigger boxer.|<br><br> Ft Angelo|DC||funktron@yahoo.com||12/30/05 12:28:24 PM|FYI: I was born in the mid-60's, so I don't fall too far from your cut-off---and yes, there have been some good fighters since '79, including Tyson, Lewis, Bowe, Holyfield, Witherspoon---the list goes on. But for guys like Byrd and Ruiz to be on top for so long---that tells me that there is a lack of dominating talent out there right now. Look, on any given night, Buster Douglas could have whipped most of the "golden era" guys we always talk about. Ditto for Riddick Bowe. But for the most part, I don't think the modern age (90's plus) heavies have the same competitive craziness that the 60's and 70's guys did. Just my opinion---and if you look to the lighter weight categories, there are still amazingly good fighters like Bernard Hopkins in this new era---guys who could light it up against anyone of any era. But for the heavies, I just don't see it. |
Your Info, I read once on the Internet that Primo Carnera was legitimately measured at 196 cm wilt (it’s Cinian Slang for tall) in the USA and so I agree with you on that. But according to boxing record archive Primo weighted over 270 lbs in many of his fights (for instance 280 when he beat the former European champion Pierre Charles on points). How do you know that these weights are false? It’s very hard to believe to me.

By the way, I was born in 1972 in Pisa, so I fall in your cut-off.

For Your Information, actually according to the listing for his career record in BoxRec.com records Roy Jones Junior was listed at 193 pounds verses Ruiz.

Chris Byrd's last five fights, dating back to December 2002 have him listed as the following weights: Williamson 213 pounds, McClone 214 pounds, Golota 210 1/2 pounds, Ogendo 211 1/2 pounds, and Holyfield 214 pounds, that is pretty close on average to my statement that he weighs in about 212 pounds.

Hey I made a mistake in thinking you said Jerry Quarry would lose to Bugner, Bonevena, and Chuvalo.

But as far as Holyfield goes, I still think him and Jerry would be a good competitive match. What is the reason you think Holyfield is better? He would get in there and brawl with Jerry and yes it is always possible Jerry could get cut in a war of attrition but Holyfield really wasn't that much stronger than Jerry and Jerry did have excellent skills. I think Bowe would be a more difficult task for Jerry than Holyfield.

Part of the reason I think Holyfield, one of the very best of his era, was not as good as top fighters from earlier eras is because Foreman and Holmes, getting along in years, were so competitive with him. I hardly think Foreman and Holmes were better in their forties than they were when they were younger.

Of course there are fighters around now who could beat fighters from our golden era, even some of the top people from back then. But in general, fighters from that era were better skilled and the fact that someone like Byrd is succesful now makes me think the fighters from the earlier period could be too.

I liked Jerry quarry i thought his wins over ernie shavers and ron lyle were impressive as was his effort vs ken norton he had norton hurt!!could he have beaten gerry cooney in his prime ?WHAT DO YOU THINK?MY SISTER USED TO SAY HIS A GOOD LOOKIN FIGHTER AND i thought he should have stuck with tv commentary thanks glenn ps monzon still the best ever at 160! id like to see shavers ko of jimmy young ....

President of Bruce's fan club|Somewhere USA|@|Hey Massimo, don't you think Jumplty Bruce is the greatest of all time?

I think he could take anyone because he jumps so good.

"Though the heavyweights of the past may have had more competitive matches or even more exiting matches (ie Foreman vs Lyle) they were still very beatable. Many of the heavies today are more athletically gifted." MARKHAM, your lack of experience is beginning to show. If you can show me a current heavyweight who is more gifted athletically than let's say ALI or HOLMES please do. There's nothing out there currently with the possible exception of BYRD, where pure athleticism is concerned, but he is nowhere near the class of the above mentioned. The bigger they are pal the harder they fall, eh?

Joey, but athletically gifted has to have skill added to it to make a heavyweight good and skill has to be developed over time.

Athletically gifted is just potential and it seems the fighters are not paying their dues as much these days. On any given day a fighter can beat another fighter so any fighter can be beatable.

I still say that the skill level of the past fighters
gives them an edge. How else do we explain how a blown up middleweight, James Toney, can be a leading heavyweight contender now.

| 12/31/05 03:35:24 AM | Massimo | Roma || jumpybruceisthegreatest.com ||||| 10 | My President<br>Yeah, Jumpity Bruce would make all the all time greats look silly by jumping and hitting, hitting and jumping. He would invent a new way to box: HIT and JUMP. Jumpity Bruce would shock the wordl. He is the greatest. |

| 12/31/05 09:32:49 AM | Joey | Toronto || e ||||| 10 | "Joey, but athletically gifted has to have skill added to it to make a heavyweight good and skill has to be developed over time." |

| 12/31/05 03:45:19 PM | max hord | fernandina bch, fla || maxhord@adelphia.net ||||| 10 | How can anyone argue over Monzons record/career? The guy fought like the great middleweights from the 40's and 50's. Most of all he retired a winner! |

| 12/31/05 06:23:34 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca || kentallenent@aol.com ||||| 10 | I would have to go with Sugar Ray Robinson as the greatest middleweight. Of course I have only seen him on tape but he showed the skills that would make him hard to beat by anyone in any era at middleweight. |

| 12/31/05 10:31:45 AM | Jamie | Costa Rica, formerly Bayside NY || varlaker@yahoo.com ||||| 10 | Fine comments Glenn, as a former Baysider, (loved the neighborhood, lived a couple of blocks off Colden Park). I agree with you 100% with your appreciation of Monzon, the guy was the simply the best at 160, had it all: moves, chin, speed, stamina, punch, you name it! |

| 1/2/06 12:43:59 AM | Gerry | Cleveland || jerjetsall@yahoo.com ||||| 9 | Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Jerry Quarry Foundation site. Despite the way I was treated here, I'm glad to see the site for my favorite fighter and his family is still here. Quarry fans are encouraged to visit my site, irishjerryq@yahoo.groups.com, which is basically a fan site I started for the Quarrlys last year. While it is not even close to as good as this site, it does give members a chance to contribute to the building of a site which remembers not just the Quarrlys, but also the great match opponents they had and the great boxing era they were a part of. Please consider it as a second Quarry site to visit after this one. |

| 1/2/06 03:20:57 AM | Ed | Cicero N Y || mooseygoop@aol.com ||||| 10 | I saw a thing on tv about the top 10 heavyweight champs and one of the guests, Bert Sugar, gave an interesting triva tidbit about Rocky Marciano. He said the main reason... |
Rocky retired was to get out of a contract with his manager. The interesting thing that I never heard before was that he was going to fight Ingomar Johannsen (sp) if Big Ingo won rematch with Patterson. Sugar was asked why he didn't fight Patterson and Sugar didn't really have an answer. Rocky would have been in his late 30's for the Johannsen fight but it sure would have been interesting. 

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1/2/06 04:22:25 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|
Ed, my guess is that Marciano didn't want to fight Patterson was because of Patterson's speed. Rocky knew he had slowed down and that in his late thirties it might be harder to keep up with Patterson's quickness but that Ingo would be right in front of him and Rocky thought he could take Ingo. 

An in prime Rocky verses Patterson, no contest for Rocky. His power would catch up with Floyd's fragile chin sooner or later. 

1/3/06 03:39:39 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||mooseygoop@aol.com|||10|
I always wondered why there was never a Patterson/Marciano fight, say in 1955 or 1956. It would have been a huge draw. Maybe the way Floyd put away Archie Moore so easily kind of made Rocky think twice about it. I agree with you that Rocky would have won but with Floyds speed who knows. And at that time nobody had tested Floyd jaw yet so that weak link in him wasn't known yet. 

1/3/06 04:09:36 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|
I know that after the Archie Moore fight Rocky said: "If an old fighter like Archie Moore could give me so much trouble, maybe it's time to give up. This has been my last fight". He was very determined not to fight again. I think he had no good reasons to fight Patterson, he was already in the legend, wealthy and still in good health. Anyway, I think he would have beaten Patterson in 1956 by KO. 

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The rematch between Patterson and Ingo happened in 1960 so Rocky would have been very rusty and a Patterson fight at that time would have been more difficult. 

In the end, when the heavy leather started to land, I feel Patterson would be game, but knocked out rather convincingly. 

1/3/06 05:26:56 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|
The old saying about styles making fights is true---and even though I'd pick Rocky to win, I can't see Patterson knocking out Marciano.
Marciano to take Patterson, it would not be easy. Patterson's speed and clever boxing skills would give the Rock fits early in the fight. I have to believe that the punches would catch up to Patterson sooner or later---but it would be interesting to say the least. Liston's wins over Patterson sort of remind me of early Mike Tyson---just devastating power overtaking good boxing skills. Both guys (Tyson and Liston) were intimidators of the highest order. It's interesting to me that a smaller speedy guy didn't dismantle Tyson---it was a tall and heavy guy with good boxing ability, James Douglas. With Tyson, apparently you needed to be big enough to hold him off and slick enough to outmaneuver him. On that night, Buster was amazing.

If Marciano fought Patterson in 1960. Because of the long layoff it might have been a disaster for Rocky. But, if Rocky fought Patterson after the Moore fight. Rocky would have destroyed Patterson. BIG TIME!!<br>Patterson was knocked down by 9 times by Johannsen. Once by Rademacher, once by McNeely. These guys don't come close to Marciano. Outside the ring Patterson was a credit to boxing. Inside the ring he was a disgrace as a champion. He ducked legitimate contenders and instead fought chumps. You can give me any excuse you want about Patterson fighting chumps. But, the fact remains he fought chumps. It took Liston almost 4 years to get a fight with Patterson.

Ultra Ray: This is true that Patterson clearly stayed clear of Liston for as long as possible. I guess even he knew the inevitable outcome of stepping in with Sonny. Those fights were disasters.

It is my opinion that Marciano would have destroyed Patterson whenever it made sense to the bookies.

For Your Information: You all seem to miss the point. LOSING TO LISTON WAS THE BEST THING THAT HAPPENED TO PATTERSON! Why you may ask? Because before he was crushed and humiliated by Liston Patterson was like Ultra Ray stated, a disgrace as a champion. He feasted on guys like McNeely, Jackson, Brian London, Harris and Pete Rademacher. The Rademacher fight should be a scandal since it was Pete's FIRST FIGHT AS A PRO! People I know howled at that one. The fact that Pete was a gold medalist doesn't matter. No fighter should defend his title against someone who has never EVER fought as a professional. You don't see Audley Harrison just come out of the olympics and fight Vitali, Chris Byrd, Hassim Rahman etc. etc. in his first pro fight. It was clear that Patterson was avoiding tough fights. More so when he was dethroned by a B- level Inghammer Johansson (or however you spell that name). Though Floyd came back to beat Ingo twice in a row it was still clear that his management did everything possible to avoid the dangerous Liston.

After Patterson was humiliated by Liston however (so much so that at one point he fled the U.S in a disguise) Patterson seemed to have a change of heart. In fact he gained a heart. He decided to take on all challengers. He fought the tough Eddie Machen (who was on a winning streak), Chuvalo, Ali, Cooper, a young Quarry, Ellis, Bonnavena and Ali a 2nd time. True Patterson had a china chin but at least he allowed it to be tested (he he he). Actually I felt he was jobbed against Quarry and Ellis. He deserved the nod in the first and the second could've gone either way. He definately beat Ellis. So that's official and "un" official wins against good boxers. Better than the crop he took BEFORE the Liston fights. I have no idea why Patterson changed his ways? Perhaps Patterson decided he needed to have some self respect. Thanks Sonny Liston. Thanks for turning a pathetic champion into a true warrior of a contender.
didn't have any guts, he wouldn't have gotten back into the ring with Ingo after being brutally knocked out. He showed guts by getting back in with Liston a second time also.

I think Patterson either got rid of Cus (his manager) or Cus quit when Floyd signed to fight Liston. Thus floyd was free to choose his own fights. I wonder how Patterson held onto his title when he ducked all the contenders back then. Did they have the alphabet world title phonies back then? Now they strip title from holder when he doesn't fight the top challenger. That doesn't work out either, because everyone is confused who the champion is most of the time. I follow boxing better then most people and I cant tell you who the world heavyweight champion is right now. Not having clearly defined champions has been one of the downfalls of boxing IMO.Speaking of Patterson ducking contenders. Can you imagine how a Patterson vs Cleaveland Williams fight would have been? Mass: It would have been billed the "Small Cat vs The Rabbit".

One thing that can be said about Patterson is that he had a very good left hook and very fast hands and feet. Many of his knockouts were left hooks and were pretty impressive to see. He lacked a chuvalian chin but had good power. The guy could punch. Muhammad Ali' called Patterson "the most skilled fighter he ever fought".

That was a great point you made about how Patterson changed after the Liston fights. I never stopped to realize that. I agree with everything you said about Floyd fighting contenders after he lost to Liston. A little know fact, Patterson was offered title fights with both Frazier and Foreman, and Floyd turned them down. I can't fault him on this. He was getting older. And at the time Patterson was offered those fights those 2 guys were going good.

Patterson was still active for most of Frazier's reign so I am not sure why he didn't take the shot. I think Patterson's performance against Ellis, a lot of people thought he won that one, and his win over Bonevena would have made him a credible challenger, at least one who earned his shot. But I think Frazier would have knocked Patterson out.

Another little known fact is that Patterson did indeed challenge after he last fought Ali. First off Kent is wrong about Patterson retiring. He never did. At least not officially. Patterson just didn't fight. Patterson called Ali out after he (Ali) beat Wepner for his first defence. As for why he didn't fight Frazier isn't it obvious. C'mon Kent for someone who's supposed to be so knowledgeable about the past you sure are acting ignorant. After what he went through with Liston do you think he wants to get beat down by guys like Frazier and Foreman? Patterson knew that his china chin would be had against guys like that. Regardless of how little experience Foreman had. He was way too big and strong and Floyd knew it. Henry Cooper even admitted that he purposely avoided Frazier for the same reason.

TO (aka joey) you're a blithering ignorant buffoon who never quotes me properly thus I will ignore you. You purposely misquoted me last time and never even admitted it even after I corrected you. BTW I'm FYI NOT Markham you idiot. Markham is where I'm from. Close to where you live. Learn your geography...eh? Does'nt Patterson proove my earlier points?
a skinny heavyweight and would have great difficulty against the big heavyweights of today. He looked small against Ali, and Ali isn't that big (compared to heavyweights today).<br><br>Mercer, Tua and Ike Ibeabeuchi would've killed Patterson even though Patterson is more skilled (and better P4P).<br><br>Heavyweights today on average are not only bigger but naturally bigger. Todays heavies who are in the 220-240 range look in great shape.<br><br>Frazier, Ali, Ellis and Ken Norton looked out of shape when they were past the 215 mark.<br><br>Check out Frazier at 215 in the Ali 3 and Foreman 2 fights. Check out Ali in the Thrilla (226) and Young and Spinks fights (over 230lbs). Ali looks downright fat. You can tell that it's not his natural fighting weight.<br><br>Look at Ali in his earlier career and against Holmes (though he was shot by then) and you can see that his natural weight was around the 215 mark.<br><br>Doesn't Patterson prove my earlier points? Kent made a big deal about how some of the smaller guys like Byrd beat bigger guys to disprove my points. But I can do the same with Patterson. P4P I believe Patterson was better than all of his opponents but lack of size played a factor in his career.<br><br>Pattereson was a skinny heavyweight and would have great difficulty against the big heavyweights of today. He looked small against Ali, and Ali isn't that big (compared to heavyweights today).<br><br>Mercer, Tua and Ike Ibeabeuchi would've killed Patterson even though Patterson is more skilled (and better P4P).<br><br>Heavyweights today on average are not only bigger but naturally bigger. Todays heavies who are in the 220-240 range look in great shape.<br><br>Frazier, Ali, Ellis and Ken Norton looked out of shape when they were past the 215 mark.<br><br>Check out Frazier at 215 in the Ali 3 and Foreman 2 fights. Check out Ali in the Thrilla (226) and Young and Spinks fights (over 230lbs). Ali looks downright fat. You can tell that it's not his natural fighting weight.<br><br>Look at Ali in his earlier career and against Holmes (though he was shot by then) and you can see that his natural weight was around the 215 mark.<br><br>I have to agree with you KENT on your analysis of PATTERSON. He definitely won the ELLIS fight, even ELLIS seemed to be conceding this prior to the reading of the decision. The winner doesn't always come up with the decision (HOLMES/SPINKS) and often when it's close, it seems to go in favour of the up and coming rather than
the guy who's on the way down.<br>One more thing. I want to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year.<br>I'd like to make some requests for the 2006. Please stop worshiping the past and give the present a chance. People from other forums like MAX Boxing would balk at this site. Hopefully some younger blood can come to this forum. Please be kinder to those who have a different opinion than you guys. You all ganged up on me when I suggested that Vitali was the best of the white heavyweights. It was just my opinion. I really wished you guys would've given me more credit and had a proper discussion about our differences. Instead you all acted like I was the biggest fool for my beliefs. Even misquoting me and taking everything out of context.<br>I've been looking through the archives and I see a pattern. When someone has a point of view different from the Quarry forum you all tend to gang up on them and treat them like the plague. You all seem to be a stubborn bunch in your beliefs. No wonder characters like road charlerette and "Henry Cooper" come along with venom. They see all the idol worshipping and get sick of it. This forum is a breeding ground for the likes of Cooper. My point isn't to defend these attackers because personally I disagree with their methods (charlerette and cooper seem to have a lot of hate in them) but I can see how people can get angry when they see all the worshipping and lack of respect for others who don't share the same views as the mainstream. To avoid this please be more open to other peoples opinions. Before you answer make sure you read properly and not get overly emotional. Yes the past had some good and great boxers but they're not gods. They're human beings. There are good boxers today too. Kent, Angelo and the rest seem to have one mind. The 1970's heavyweights are the best ever and Ali, Frazier, Foreman in particular are the greatest heavyweights who are untouchable to todays heavies and on and on it goes. As a new poster here I really wish that I was more welcomed in a positive manner instead of as an adversary. Hopefully 2006 will see a more open and respectful forum. A forum where we share each others opinions and even learn from one another instead of putting people down and trying to force them to agree with you. |
ever announced his retirement. It was Patterson himself who admitted in an article in Boxing Illustrated that Teddy Brenner offered him the title fight. I have no doubt about the reason why Brenner offered Patterson the match. It was because Patterson was so popular in NYC, it would have sold out the Garden. It was a wise decision for Patterson to turn down that fight, he may have been seriously hurt. The same if he fought Frazier, when Frazier was the champion. I always felt Patterson could have been the greatest Light-heavyweight champion ever!!!.

FYI: You're going to hate this, because it's more praise for those wonderful 70's fighters---but I'll say it anyway: Skinny Jimmy Young would beat any current/active heavyweight on today's scene, including, but not limited to Chunky David Tua, "big stiff" Vitali, Rockin' Rahman, etc. And yes youngster, I'm talking about a 15 ROUNDER, the real title length from a real era with real fighters!!!

Seriously, I'd see Young pitching a shut-out against most of these guys, like he did against Giant George back in the day. By the way, you talk about Rhodescholarette being run off because of our idol worship---OH, PU-LEAZE!!! That chick was a great poster, but she was so enamoured with Smokin' Joe, she actually thought he would have beaten Ali in Manilla if he answered the bell for the 15th! For the record, I think we enjoy having you on the board, whether we share opinions or not. You offer a very interesting alternative viewpoint from someone who is younger than most of us---and it reminds me of myself during the 70's. I would argue with my Dad and Uncle. They insisted that Marciano or Joe Louis would crush Ali. Of course, Marciano and Louis were guys from THEIR ERA, and I was sure the modern guys were better. Now, I'm telling you that guys from MY ERA are better than your modern guys---and we'll never know who is right---that's what makes these discussions so much fun. Same as comparing Vince Lombardi's Packers, Hank Stram's Chiefs, Jimmy Johnson's Cowboys and Bill Belichick's Patriots---would the 70's era Steelers beat the 90's Cowboys? We'll never know, but I'm sure strong arguments can be made both ways!

Angelo Young weighed in at 209 for his fight with Muhammad Ali 210 1/2 pounds for his fight against Ron Lyle, and 213 pounds for his fight with George Foreman, his three best performances. That is an average of 210.8 pounds, not much less than Chris Byrd's 212.6 pounds for his last five fights. Young is listed at 6'2" tall while Byrd is 6'0" tall. So if Byrd, with similar boxing skills than Young had, can beat most of the heavyweights around today, then your opinion of Young being able to beat them if he was around and at his best has a lot of merit.

Young is not an example of the so called bigger, better heavyweights and the fact that Roy Jones Jr. briefly held a title belt at 193 pounds, again that is what he is listed at in BoxRec. com, but even if he was 199 pounds as For Your Info. stated, he is still not one of the so called better, bigger fighters and also James Toney, a former middleweight, who even though he has fought around the 230 pound range recently, he could carry a lot less weight, say under 210 pounds, and still compete at the top of the division.

This shows that a lot of the smaller heavyweights of the past could compete at the top levels of today because of their skills just as the three fighters I mentioned have because of their skills. For Your Information, Floyd Patterson is an exception, not an example of the typical heavyweights of his day as even in his era, he was considered a small heavyweight, a puffed up lightweight heavyweight and no I don't think he could overcome his size and strength disadvantage against some of the fighters today but I think Ali, Foreman, Holmes, Frazier, Norton, Lyle, Shavers, Liston, and even Quarry could beat most of the guys around today with Ali, Foreman, Holmes, Liston, and likely Frazier being able to beat everyone around today.

I don't think I am blindly hero worshipping the fighters from the past, I have given reasons why they could compete, because of their skills, and I have given examples of fighter today who
are not bigger than the fighters of the past who are doing well because of their skills.<br>

That chick was a great poster, but she was so enamoured with Smokin' Joe, she actually thought he would have beaten Ali in Manilla if he answered the bell for the 15th! He would have, and without even throwing a punch. Mr. Muhammad couldn't walk after the 14th.<br>

I just saw on the Internet with Google Earth your home town La Habra and I think it's really very nice, a lovable city. I was surprised there are no skyscrapers but a lot of trees and swimming pools.<br>

Ali might not have been able to walk after the 14th---ONCE HE KNEW HE WON. Ali would have found a way to walk, skip, jump and dance for the 15th, and if needed, the 16th, 17th and 18th. He'd only collapse when he knew his work was done. If Frazier's corner let him out for the 15th, he would have been seriously injured. Joe was one of the best, but he couldn't see at that point in the fight.<br>

I lived there for about 20 years when I was younger and more recently I lived there for 6 years. It is mostly residential with small industrial areas and some retail stores, big name chain stores and smaller businesses.<br>

It is about 30 miles south of Los Angeles but it is more like a small town even though there are over 50,000 people who live there. It is also about 10 miles from Anaheim, the home of Disneyland, where I spent a lot of fun times in my youth. You are right, there are a lot neighborhoods with trees lining the streets and a lot of houses have swimming pools.<br>

There is probably more crime there than when I was growing up but it still isn't among the leaders in the area as far as having a high crime rate.<br>

For instance I wrote "Actually I felt he was jobbed against Quarry and Ellis. He deserved the nod in the first and the second could've gone either way. He definately beat Ellis. So that's official and "un" official wins against good boxers." The next day Kent wrote the same thing. As if I didn't write this BEFORE he did.<br>

Next I wrote: "WRONG! Another little known fact is that Patterson did indeed challenge after he last fought Ali. First off Kent is wrong about Patterson retiring. He never did. At least not officially. Patterson just didn't fight. Patterson called Ali out after he (Ali) beat Wepner for his first defence." The next day U-Ray wrote the same thing. At least about Patterson not officially retiring. As if I didn't just write it before he did.<br>

I hope you guys aren't stealing my material. Maybe I should patent my statements. He he he. Just kidding. |
and he could fight again? I don't think anybody would think Patterson is not retired now. FYI, WHY NOT COMMENT ON MY CASE STATING THAT SEVERAL CURRENT HEAVYWEIGHTS WHO ARE AS SMALL OR SMALLER THAN FIGHTERS OF THE 60S AND 70S HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL RECENTLY AND THAT IT IS POSSIBLE A LOT OF HEAVYWEIGHTS OF MY ERA COULD DO WELL TODAY BECAUSE OF THEIR SKILL. |

FYI, don't flatter yourself at my expense. Believe me, if I was going to "steal" material, it would not be from you. It would be from the late: Dick Young, Gene Ward, Lester Bromberg, Milton Gross, Arthur Daley, Bob Waters, Ed Mullins, among others. Those still alive: Larry Merchant, Phil Pepe, Robert Boyle, among others. <br><br>There are not too many "boxing writers" alive today who I would "steal from." And least of all you. <br><br>Funny thing, the way you complain you remind me of Noam aka Howard C. They were both one and the same and they were from England too. Howard C claimed he was from Louisville Kentucky, but that was a lie. And should be apparent to anyone who paid attention to his posts. </p>

In-Prime fantasy match: Ken Norton vs. Riddick Bowe. How would this one play out? What about Norton-Holyfield? I think this second match is even more interesting. Kent, I bet you have some strong opinions???? I think Norton would have problems with Bowe's size. But it wouldn't surprise me if Norton pulled off the win. I think if he could avoid an early knockout, he would gain confidence as the fight wore on, and Bowe might lose confidence (as he did against Golata). If Norton felt sure he wouldn't be KOed, he could be a very dangerous fighter. Norton vs. Holyfield would be a war. I have a hard time making a call on that one. |
game the way LT did. |
|1/9/06 05:12:33 PM|Steve|na||NA||10|Angelo,since you mentioned it.I would like to give you my opinion on Norton vs Hollyfield.That's a real tough one.Hollyfield was a throwback to the seventies.I think Norton was stronger,based on his seeming indifference to Ali's power.He was also much more methodical and disciplined in his attack.He showed his true trading punches power against Larry Holmes.Hey, I don't even like him.Just trying to be objective. |
|1/9/06 05:17:52 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||10|Steve: Same here---As a kid, I didn't like Norton because he gave my guy Ali so much trouble. Now, I look back on Norton's career and give him much credit for beating Ali, Quarry, Young---giving Holmes the fight of his life. Still, I watch Norton vs. Foreman, Shavers and Cooney, and wonder about his chin. On the other hand, Hollyfield didn't have the KO power of Cooney, Foreman or Shavers, not by a long shot. Norton-Holyfield is a tough fight to call. |
|1/9/06 07:02:55 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Angelo, I would have to go with Bowe over Norton, prime verses prime. Bowe had both size, strength an skill at his best and he also showed a lot of heart in his fights with Holyfield.<br><br>I am not sure if it would be a knockout or not but you can't write Norton off as he did have an excellent jab and overhand right hand, plus an unorthodoxed style that can throw a lot of people off.<br><br>I have to agree that Holyfield and Norton is a pick em fight. I think Quarry is also hard to pick a winner verses Holyfield but the cut factor always was present as far as Jerry goes but if he isn't cut, he would have a good chance against either of them.<br><br>I know FYI thinks Jerry was too small but consider some of Holyfield's biggest fights were at under 210 pounds, not that much bigger than Jerry was at about 197 to 202 pounds at his best and Jerry was strong, stronger than some fighters who were bigger than him. Remember when he lifted Ali off of his feet and put him up on the ropes in their second fight?<br><br>I know Jerry didn't show much in that fight as he just seemed to plod after Ali and take punches without landing many effectively but that moment in the first round did show Jerry was physically strong.<br><br>I'd pick Bowe by ko over Norton. In his prime Bowe had terrific power and i think he'd find Norton's chin weak spot.<br><br>I think Holyfield would get a hard earned decision over Norton. Holyfield was as tough as they come especially in big fights. My thinking is Norton would have his moments but lose in the late rounds.<br><br>P S Did you know that, a few years ago, The Ring magazine ranked Holyfield the 3rd greatest heavyweight champion of all time?|
|1/10/06 08:12:20 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||10|I think Holyfield was a superb fighter at his best, but he has badly tarnished his legacy by hanging around so long. It's one thing to fail at a comeback, or stay a couple years too long and lose to one or two guys who you could have beaten in younger days---but Holyfield has had another whole career of losses and has become a bit of a joke. It's too bad.<br><br>Kent---consider this: If Jerry Quarry came up in today's era, maybe he WOULDN'T BE in the high 190's or low 200's. With today's nutrition and training advances, he might have been a solid 210-212 pound fighter at his best, and a few pounds heavier later in his career. This goes for other athletes too---I talked about pro football linemen being huge today---I don't think it's necessarily human evolution, but instead different diets, training, supplements, etc. Maybe today, the classic Minnesota Vikings front line guys would all be 300 pounders!! |
|1/11/06 09:42:52 AM|Ultra Ray|Kansas||worldboxing.com||10|Hi, I understand Mike Quarry is in a nursing home. Does anyone know the status of his condition? Does he remember people, are vistors allowed, does he like receiving mail...|
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Yes, a current Jerry Quarry would be heavier than he was in his era but even at around 200 pounds he was stronger than people realized as strong as men bigger than him.

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Oh no NOT AGAIN! Kent and U-Ray of course I don't think you guys were copying me I WAS ONLY JOKING you idiots. I even wrote he he just kidding at the end of my comment. I'm SHOCKED you took this seriously. I thought things had cooled down.<br>

When will this madness end.<br>I guess Kent would do this despite the fact that I begged and pleaded for him to stop purposely misquoting me. But I guessed Kent hates me for whatever reason.<br>But Ray attacking me hurts. I thought he was cool with me. I was so used to being attacked that it felt good for someone to write something positive for a change. Maybe I got too comfortable and thought that I could joke around with you. Boy was I wrong. Then to compare me with some Howard C character. I don't know who that is but I assume you meant that as an insult. Why do you have to act like a moron Ray?<br>I'm going to bring up my New years pledge again. Things need to change for 2006. Enough of the fighting and hate.<br>Unless that's what this site is really about?<br>

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There truly seems to be a tragic misunderstand going on. I'm writing one thing and somehow you're all seeing something else. This is getting very frustrating. I have ABSOLUTELY no desire to be your enemies yet everybody is attacking me. I have nothing against people having a difference of opinion.<br>The "great" FYI thinks...yeah very funny.<br>The problem is you guys are so used to each other. Unlike other sites there doesn't seem to be many diff people here. Kent then Angelo then Kent then... A lot of you are older people used to your era. This site is like a club. So when someone new comes along with a different opinion you guys freak out and take it personally. You don't want anything to disturb the established order.<br>So I'll clarify things right now.<br>

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I DON'T THINK THE 1970'S HEAVYWEIGHTS WERE A BAD ERA. I NEVER EVER SAID THIS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

What I said was I just don't see them as the untouchable gods that you all make them out to be. There are heavyweights of the 80's, 90's and today that could beat them.<br>Kent and Angelo took it upon themselves to claim that I think the modern era was better. Please let me
Angelo I don't hate, you do. Why on earth would I hate someone who gives good sound arguments to support their view? So what if you think that As for Larry Holmes I think he's one of the best heavyweights ever. LARRY HOLMES IS MOR FROM MY TIME THEN THE HEAVYWEIGHTS TODAY YOU IGNORANT BUFOON! WHO SAID THAT YOU WERE OLDER THAN ME! YOU WERE ONLY BORN IN THE MID-60'S? WOW CAUS YOU SURE ACT LIKE AN OLD GOAT FOR SOMEONE SO YOUNG!!!! Angelo you're an ignorant person. Rather than be ignorant like your father and uncle we (not to mention your grandfather Kent) you should be better than them. Be more open. Forget about this era stuff. That's the diff between you and I. There's no dominant era with me. I don't believe in that. I believe that every era had their greats.

So stop calling me a modernist. Don't label me.


No Kent I won't respond since you don't respect me. You must stop purposely misquoting me. You do that whenever you disagree with me just to vilify me. STOP IT!

PS: About the spelling mistakes. Unlike you I have a life outside the internet and thus I'm often in a rush when I write. For this reason I sometimes write fast and have little time to correct mistakes. Though I have little time today I had no choice but to respond because of the unnecessary and hurtful responses from people. When I saw things being written I just had to respond despite the lack of time.

Kent you big old dummy the boxingrec.org shows the weights at the time of the weigh ins NOT the unofficial weights during the actual contest. During the fight Jones was 199lbs okay? I know that you get you info at boxrec. You also go to cyberboxingzone.com and eastside boxing. I can tell by your i..... well I'll keep that to myself. Let's just say when you go to a site you... Boxrec and Cyberzone are not always accurate. They have an agenda.

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I don't think I ever said that you hate or that I hate---where are you getting that from? I was being facetious when I said "You're going to hate this, but..." because I thought it was an opinion you wouldn't agree with. As for eras, yes, there are eras. There is the big band era, the rock era, the rap era, the '70's era, the Roaring 20's, the Vaudville era---people use the word "era" to mark time. Lots of sportswriters define the mid-60's to late 70's as the "Golden Era of the Heavyweight Division in boxing." Pick up boxing periodicals, look on the internet, listen to Bert Sugar or other boxing
analysts—there seems to be some agreement that this "era" showcased some extremely talented guys with varying styles making for exciting rivalries and fights. It doesn't necessarily mean these guys would walk over fighters of the 50's or fighters of today—but yeah, I'd put my money on Ali to manage wins against Tubby Tua or (snoring) Ruiz. I don't think I've been called a buffoon before (okay, maybe my wife and co-workers do it behind my back) but I kind of like it. | 1/11/06 04:04:55 PM|FYI|NA||NA||7|You ignorant fool. I know there are era's I just don't believe one heavyweight era is better than the next. Okay dumb-ass.<br><br>Do you like being called a son of a b*tch as well?<br><br>I'll call you any bad name you like.<br><br>Okay, so you apparently don't have the nuts to take a stand. Oh, one era is no different than the last era or the next era or five eras in the future or five eras in the past. Hum dee dum dee doo...Byrd is an even match for Foreman. Chuck Wepner and Jack Johnson is too close to call. Duane Bobick and Sonny Liston could go either way. Wishy washy doo doo. FYI, you're a clown, an uninformed dumb clown. | 1/11/06 04:32:23 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com||10|Okay, so you apparently don't have the nuts to take a stand. Oh, one era is no different than the last era or the next era or five eras in the future or five eras in the past. Hum dee dum dee doo...Byrd is an even match for Foreman. Chuck Wepner and Jack Johnson is too close to call. Duane Bobick and Sonny Liston could go either way. Wishy washy doo doo. FYI, you're a clown, an uninformed dumb clown. | 1/11/06 04:41:51 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|FYI, I don't hate you, I don't even know you.<br><br>I don't know why you are so hostile it is not that important that some of us don't agree with you. It is not that big a deal.<br><br>For Your Information, I have been a staff writer for Eastside Boxing for almost five years and I also am a featured writer for the Retired Boxers Foundation run by ex middleweight Alex "The Bomber" Ramos. Alex was a good boxer but more importantly he is a great man, a credit to boxing.<br><br>I come here to relax among friends. I know a lot of people who write for magazines, newspapers, or websites will not go to boxing boards because of the negative comments that are sent their way can be so personal and for quite a while now I have been only posting here as this place is special to me because of the Quarrys.<br><br>I haven't been active recently but I am attending a card next week here in California and I will report on it.<br><br>FYI, I hope you read my article on the card as it will be on Eastside and The retired boxers sites, and others that pick it up.<br><br>FYI, I expect negative comments sent my way as you probably don't think I qualify to write for anyone but whatever you say about me will not be that different than what I have heard before so have at it.| 1/11/06 04:48:07 PM|KENT|MURRIETA, CA||KENTALLENENT@AOL.COM||10|THAT IS VERY SAD ABOUT MIKE QUARRY. WHAT A FINE MAN HE IS AND I FEEL HONORED TO HAVE MET HIM. MY HOPES AND PRAYERS ARE WITH HIM AND HIS FAMILY, ESPECIALLY BOB QUARRY, A YOUNGER BROTHER WHO LOVES HIS OLDER BROTHER.| 1/11/06 07:22:15 PM|Steve|NJ||na||10|Kent, oh, and this might interest Angelo too. Just as a point of discussion. I wonder what could have happened had Jerry ever had trainers who forsook old fashioned training methods. Maybe some power lifting with heavy weights. Not body building but a form of power lifting customized for boxing.| 1/11/06 07:31:45 PM|Steve|NJ||na||10|Angelo and Kent, I wonder if Jerry ever used heavy weight training. It's an excellent way to gain strength without a lot of bulk and muscle. You can increase your overall strength many times over without putting on a lot of bulk.| 1/11/06 07:34:36 PM|Steve|NJ||na||10|God bless Mike Quarry, a real warrior!!!| 1/12/06 05:41:11 AM|FYI|NA||NA||5|Angela you're a bastard. <br><br>Hey, Angelo, I'm getting a kick out of hearing you get mad and tell that little creep to grow a pair of nuts. This is not like your usual posts. Too bad the FYI person doesn't know anything about 70's boxing. |
period. All people have to do is go back and read them. As you can see I know
more than you ever will asswipe.<br><br>|
1/12/06 05:45:37 AM|FYI|NA||NA|||10|Oh Angela what I meant is that you're a
worthless bastard so I don't have to prove anything to you. Unlike your lazy
self I don't spend 24/7 at the computer. So of course it would take time for me
to respond you piece of garbage. Take your opinions and shove it.| |
1/12/06 10:16:52 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Steve, I seem
to remember Mr. Jimmy saying Jerry never used weights.<br><br>\In the past they
thought it would bind muscles and make boxers lose flexibility and speed but
modern training techniques can work around that.<br><br>Evander Holyfield built
himself up from a cruiserweight with weight training to a heavyweight and I
don't think it slowed him down one bit.| |
1/12/06 04:50:20 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|FYI: I was
only joking but now you've hurt my feelings.| |
1/13/06 04:59:03 AM|Sabrina Quarry-Porter|Florida||SabrinaLPorter@aol.com|||10|FYI YOU NEED TO GO AWAY AND GO
BOTHER SOMEONE ELSE.ALL YOU DO IS CUSS PEOPLE OUT AND CALL THEM NAMES.WE DON'T
WANT YOU HERE SO GO THE F--K AWAY YOU ASSHOLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!| |
1/13/06 02:01:13 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Sabrina, what
do you think your Uncle Jerry would have said to some of these guys who pop in
here?| |
1/13/06 02:05:37 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Kent: Ken
Norton swore he didn't build muscles with traditional weight training, but with
gym systems like Soloflex, and isometric exercises. He claimed his chisled
 physique was largely hereditary---and that doing basic exercises like running,
push-ups, etc. gave him that form. I'm not sure about Mike Weaver----he might
have lifted. But either way, these guys still had enough speed and flexibility
to beat world class competition consistently. If you look at guys like Foreman,
Holmes, Lyle, Shaivers and Ali, they had powerful muscular bodies, but no where
near the classic definition that Norton and Weaver had. The taboo about not
lifting weights really stays with boxers, even today. I've been in gyms where
fighters and trainers say that muscle building by weight repetition kills a
boxer's ability to keep their hands up if the fight goes more than a few rounds.
It's very interesting. I've also heard that having chisled biceps/shoulders
does a little for punching power---but apparently, leverage and technique count
for a lot more. | |
1/13/06 06:55:04 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I remember
years ago I sparred with a few people at a boxing gym and one of those guys was
a weight lifter who looked like he would tear my head off.<br><br>I put
the gloves on with him but I have to admit I was scared but it turned out he
couldn't hurt me and he mostly missed but I hit him with some jabs and right
crosses in a couple of two minute rounds. A couple of bystanders watching were
surprised because even back then I didn't have well defined muscles and they said
I got the better of him.<br><br>On the other hand a tall skinny guy who didn't
look like he could punch his way out a paper bag gave me a bloody lip and drew
some blood from my nose and I for sure felt his punches snapping my head back
and I barely laid a glove on him.<br><br>I did study karate for about four years
but except for my limited sparring experience in the boxing gym, I never had
full contact experience but from what I did experience I would say technique has
it above weight training hands down.<br><br>I do think that weight training and/or
the kind of training Norton did does have a place for boxers as a supplement to
their other training.| |
1/13/06 08:26:36 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Hey Angelo,Kent,and Massimo,take a look
at Primo Carnero!Look at the bulging,sculpted muscles.He must have used a
combination of Steroids,heavy weight training,and in reality lots of hard
farming or labor.He had the heart,just not the boxing skills| |
1/13/06 08:45:54 PM|Sreve|nj||na|||10|Kent and Angelo,I'm just saying that if
Quarry had used some basic power lifting exercises, there's no telling how strong he could have become. People have a general misconception about lifting. Too bad Quarry's not around today. I remember during the TV's greatest athletes, Quarry pressed two hundred lbs. Joe Frazier missed, I think, with 220 lbs. It doesn't mean a thing, except maybe Frazier had just the slightest strength advantage over Jerry. | 1/13/06 09:06:58 PM | Seve | nj | na | 10 | Kent, boxing and karate tech., in the hands of a master, will usually, but barely, achieve the advantage over a real power puncher, like Tyson or Foreman. One of my sons went to full contact karate. He didn't do well against fighters who could crowd and stay on top of him. Thereby keeping him of balance, so he could not kick. Any professional boxer is much more effective with his hands. | 1/13/06 11:40:22 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Steve, I agree that boxers, if they get in close and crowd are hard for a karate or kick boxers to contend with but Ray Mercer went into kick boxing and he had trouble with kickers. I think no holds barred fighting, though kind of misnamed because there are rules such as no punching or kicking in the groin and no eye pokes, something karate students learn to be used in serious self defense situations, but the concept of those events is interesting. | 1/14/06 05:34:24 AM | Sabrina | Florida | sabrinalporter@aol.com | 10 | Kent I'm not sure what Jerry would say. I read this guestbook everyday, and all this BS that goes back and forth is childish. I know my father (Jimmy) would say everyone is entitled to their own opinion but I'm gettin sick and tired of reading all this crap. This is not what this page is for. And you keep asking about Robert, well he's in jail again, for drugs I believe and he lost his kids too, his sister is raising them. He's not as great as you seem to think he is. He's a loser!!! After my father died my family promised to keep in touch with us more, and they never have. My grandfather is on his death bed and nobody has called me or my sisters to tell us this. And this will be our 5th family member that has died in the last 4 years, 3 on the Quarry side and 2 on my mother's side. It's just really sad that nobody cares enough about us to call and let us know....sorry if I burst your bubble about Robert but he's the biggest loser of the Quarry family... have a great weekend. | 1/14/06 09:38:31 AM | Massimo | Roma | 10 | Hi everyone! I can't write very often in these days because (or as) my computer is out of order (I'm writing in an internet point), but I greet you all friendly. I don't think Primo Carnera was ever on steroids. He was a weightlifter (and also a persons-lifter sometimes). | 1/14/06 10:34:27 AM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Sabrina, no you didn't burst my bubble about Robert (Bob). He and I have talked a lot in the past three years or so and I knew about his substance problems before but I didn't know he had fallen back into that stuff again. I knew about the situation with his kids but not about the details, which are none of my business and I never asked him about why anyway. He was doing well for a while working in the oil fields and I all know is he treated me well and I consider him a friend and I would still like to find out where he is so I can write to him. Hey, we all fall short sometimes, some more so than others but I have messed up myself, maybe not to the point of going to jail, at least not for more than one night, and I don't hold it against him if he screwed up again. I am sorry also to hear that your grandfather Jack is not doing well. When it rains, sometimes it pours.
Sabrina, or Kent, what is the story with Mike? Was the post about him living in a nursing home true? The price he and Jerry paid was much too high, life can be so unfair. My prayers are with him.

Mike is in a hospital in Seal Beach not doing very well. But that's all I know like I said in my last post the Quarry (my) family doesn't have anything to do with Jimmy's kids. Never have and never will. Uncle Mike is in my prayers and I love him with all my heart.

Sorry for the duplication of my post I don't know what happened.

Steve, after reading your post about Mike, I can only say I'm so very sorry. I don't know what else to say! I just hope the Quarry brothers enjoyed the heck out of their boxing careers and those heady days of fame and fortune. They where both exciting personalities.

Hey Kent, I thought pro boxing was exploitive!!! These closed caged, anything goes all out street fights for a very small purse, is just too dangerous and should be stopped. There are thousands of guys who fight behind bars regularly. Give these guys a promise of a modest payday, give them some half assed unprofessional training. Then there ready to jump in a ring and punch, gouge, kick, strangle, whatever.
Steve, although the guys we see on T.V. in the cage matches have some skills, there is a circuit where lessor skilled fighters battle it out in "king of the cage" matches where they do fight for very little money and you are right it does exploit the fighters, big time.<br><br>What is really dangerous about these matches is that when a fighter is knocked down his opponent can attack him while he is on the ground and if the referee is too slow to intervene or if he is poorly trained, a fighter can be seriously hurt.<br><br>I will be surprised if we don't start seeing some deaths in these types of cage matches and then maybe someone will wake up and regulate this sport more.<br><br>I know critics of boxing will say all of these combat sports, including boxing, need to be banned but at least boxing does attempt to safeguard the safety, as least to some extent and more needs to be done to make boxing safer, but these other physical combat events.<br><br>Sabrina, your feelings about Robert are painfully clear. On the other hand, you seem to have real affection for Mike. He was a heck of a boxer and it sounds like he's always been a great guy. The photos of Mike fighting Bob Foster show a baby faced kid, while the later photos on this site sadly depict a man who stayed in a brutal business too long. Would you care to elaborate further on Mike, his career, and his life after boxing?<br><br>No, I don't know why Howard and Noam have not been posting. I am sure they will likely be back at some point.<br><br>Joe Frazier went out of the superstar weightlifting at 165 lbs. Bob Seagrin lifted 185lbs to win that one (1973). Then Smokin Joe nearly drowned. JERRY lifted 210 and went out at 220lb (1974) JQ finished third among the NFLERS and received another invite (1975) where he lifted 200 easy then went out at 210 easy, O.J. PICKED Jerry to win, it was Ken Norton who lifted 220 and went out at 230lb. I REMEMBER SHAVERS RAN A 10.5 100 yard dash. AND Jerry received more points in 1973 (28) then any other boxer ever in the competition, and according to MR.JIMMY WOULD HAVE WON THE WHOLE THING IN 1969. PEOPLE FORGET JUST HOW FAST AND ATHLETIC JERRY REALLY WAS IN THE RING. FORGET THOSE IGNORANT L.A. SPORTSWRITERS.
boxing. I enjoy his observations and have learned from him. "Class Act" Award goes to Kent. Kent has been the target of silly and unfair attacks, on and off, since I found this site, which was probably a good five years ago. Rather then get petty (as I admit, I have done) and retaliate, Kent almost always takes the high road. Kudos to Kent for his self control at the keyboard---which also shows in his weight loss efforts!

| 1/22/06 03:37:49 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |

Thanks Angelo, every once in a while on the Eastside boxing site, I will get some knucklehead E mailing me about one of my articles calling me this or that but I just tell them, "thanks for reading." What else can I say? It isn't worth the effort.<br><br>I must admit though, no site has had people putting me in their sites (as in using me as a target for their comments) as much has here but this place, for the most part, is the only message board I visit.<br><br>I appreciate this.| 1/22/06 09:01:27 AM | The Academy | US | private | 10 |

2005 JQ Site Award for Ironic and Paradoxical Awarding: to self appointed Master of Ceremonies Angelo, for lauding the wit and wisdom of the late Noam, (who regularly and viciously tormented Kent) then recognizing Kent's class in absorbing the abuse in a dignified manner. What a team they made!|

| 1/23/06 04:31:32 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron@yahoo.com | 10 |

There is a sad irony to that, isn't there? But if you go through the real history of the site's posts, you'll find much more vicious attacks on Kent than those dished out by Noam or Howard C. As I said, Noam is the "Master" of sarcasm, and Kent was probably fodder for some of it, but some of the past stuff was far worse. Kent grinned and bore it without missing a beat. In fact, Kent handles the hostility of people here very well, even if it isn't directed at him---if it's just some lunatic spouting off about the site or the career of JQ or whatever---most of us will give into the temptation to be as juvenile as the posters, while Kent acts a little more dignified and measured in his responses. | 1/23/06 06:04:27 PM | Noam | same | same | 10 |

Well, I'll be ...... I go on vacation the world over and I stop in for a brief look and I'm still being called names and ridiculed. Someone even thinks me and Howard C. are the same guys. Add in the Holy Spirit and you've got three guys in one, just like you-know-who.<br><br>Least you know I can take a punch, what with all the name calling about me. Hey, guys, I never swore and when I did the wrong thing, I ALWAYS apologized. Some of you guys should try it some time soon.<br><br>And I only ever posted under the one name, unlike many. <br><br>Chill out. Now picture this: Round 8. I'm leaning back on the ropes, motioning with my glove for you to resume the attack. I'm smiling and there's not a mark on my face and I'm saying, "Come on, chump, gimme your best shot. I'm still the prettiest." Alas. You've thrown your best, and run out of ammunition. Baaaad news. And I haven't spent a dime. Yet. Like a spider to the fly.......<br><br>Anyway, I gotta resume my vacation. Regards to Kent, Angelo, Massimo and Steve who are all good guys, even though I've said the wrong thing by Kent. I'll look in from time to time to see whether any of the haymarkers (from the cowards who were hiding until I went on vacation) have found their mark (warm chortles). Cheers, big ears.|

| 1/23/06 06:25:02 PM | Noam | same | same | 10 |

Before I go... Steve, you mentioned Philly fighters and the Blue Horizon and lots of names. You didn't mention Benny Briscoe. Wasn't he a Philly fighter? Hey, he fought Carlos Monzon, perhaps the best middleweight of all time. Briscoe was awesome. In fact, I'm gonna get a photograph of him and put it on my wall next to Ali (x 4 - v Liston, v Frazier, v Foreman, and Ali posing), Johnson, Louis, Marciano, Sea Biscuit, Luca Brasi, and Prince Harry. Briscoe was seriously tuff and went the full 15 rounds against Monzon. Oops, must go. |
Yes Angelo, the award for dumping on me goes to those two (or one) from the past Foolface and the Koo Koo Klock. The all time president(s) of my fan club.

He (they) could rarely post without taking a dig at me.

Oooh, big bad scary Noam acting like a tough guy on a message board. I'd drop you like a bad habit.

And it's well known that Marvin Hagler was by far the greatest middleweight of all time. Get your boxing history right, retard.

Welcome back, Noam.

Joe? Could this be Joe Frazier wishing Ali a happy 64th? No, it's me, Jumpity Bruce. I'm obsessed with Joe Frazier, huh? I don't blame you, I suppose, being an Ali fan. Frazier made Ali pay for all the bad things he did to him.

I just read the news about Jerry's father Jack Quarry passing. I know he was a man that only wanted the best for his family. He along w/ James & the rest of the Quarry family took part in Jerry's career. Like Jerry he had a very difficult life. Without a doubt he loved all of his kids. My thoughts & prayers go out to the Quarry family in this time of grief. God bless the family & we all need to continue to pray for Mike.

Anon: Bad things Ali did to Joe? You mean building up the gate for the three fights to make Joe a millionaire? Or do you mean "creating" the rivalry so that people remember who Joe is, cause Anon, aside from hard core boxing fans, the world at large wouldn't have the foggiest idea of who Joe Frazier was/is if not for Ali. Oh, you must mean Ali torturing Joe, the same antics he started with "Old Man" Archie Moore, to fall in four, "Ugly Bear" Sonny Liston, "What's My Name" Terrell, "Acorn" Baldy Shavers, "The Duck" Leon Spinks. Hmm...these guys took their pay checks, went home and laughed all the way to the bank. Well, I suppose "Gorilla" would hurt someone's feelings more than Bear, or Acorn, or Duck. Poor Joe.

Frazier brought the drama to their fights, not Ali. All Ali did was sit back on the ropes and pose. Also, Angelo, you haven't the slightest clue what you're talking about, and you seem almost proud of your ignorance. Do a little history before you say that Ali helped Frazier.

Oh, yeah, as far as helping, I seem to remember it was Frazier who gave Ali money when he was on his ass in the streets. But the guru Angelo claims that Ali helped Frazier. How? Turning the whole black community against him? Having people send Frazier death threats? Having Frazier's kids harrassed at school? Calling Frazier dumb, ugly, stupid, a nigger, a gorilla, a monkey?

You're such a fucking idiot, Angelo. I am impressed that you are so proud of it. Good work, chap.

Hagler was great, too, but I'd still pick Monzon over him. Carlos was indestructable.
anyone would think of when Frazier's name was mentioned would be the shocking losses to Foreman. We'd all say, "Joe showed lots of courage picking himself up off the canvass eight times, but Foreman is a class above him as a fighter." And George proved that. Twice.<br>We'd then have to chose Joe's best win from his fights against Ellis, Quarry, and Mathis. While we all believe that Quarry is the best of that bunch, Ellis was a champion.<br>So, if Ali never existed, the most meritorious win Frazier ever had was against Ellis. (Of course, I'm talking about the first fight. Not the second one. Let's not go there again.)<br>As such, it's safe to say that Ali delivered lots to Joe's legend. Without Ali, today's fight fans would either remember Joe as the guy knocked down 8 times by Foreman, or as the guy who beat Ellis twice. People are more likely to remember train wrecks. Frazier would be known for the Foreman fights.<br>Without Joe, Ali's legend wouldn't have suffered. He still would have been the guy who shocked the world beating Liston. He still would have beat Foreman against the odds.<br>It's good to be back. I'm thankful for all the awards, too. Warms the heart.  

Angelo, in all 3 of the Frazier-Ali fights, each fighter fought for a guarantee. They did not fight for a percentage of the gate. Ali was just being cruel and mean. As was his normal nature when he fought black fighters who were older than him. He did not make it personal with Shavers or Norton, as he did with Patterson and Terrell; by calling both of them "white niggers." With Shavers and Norton it was not personal. Maybe because Ali knew they might kick his ass.<br>A Angelo, try and get your head out of your ass when you glorify your idol. | 1/24/06 04:30:00 PM | Sam | White Plains | Wonderland.com | 10| Angelo, in all 3 of the Frazier-Ali fights, each fighter fought for a guarantee. They did not fight for a percentage of the gate. Ali was just being cruel and mean. As was his normal nature when he fought black fighters who were older than him. He did not make it personal with Shavers or Norton, as he did with Patterson and Terrell; by calling both of them "white niggers." With Shavers and Norton it was not personal. Maybe because Ali knew they might kick his ass.<br>A Angelo, try and get your head out of your ass when you glorify your idol. | 1/24/06 04:30:23 PM | Sam | White Plains | Wonderland.com | 10| Angelo, in all 3 of the Frazier-Ali fights, each fighter fought for a guarantee. They did not fight for a percentage of the gate. Ali was just being cruel and mean. As was his normal nature when he fought black fighters who were older than him. He did not make it personal with Shavers or Norton, as he did with Patterson and Terrell; by calling both of them "white niggers." With Shavers and Norton it was not personal. Maybe because Ali knew they might kick his ass.<br>A Angelo, try and get your head out of your ass when you glorify your idol. | 1/24/06 04:47:14 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron | 10| Sam/Anon: It's actually the two of you who need to get facts straight. Sam: Do you suppose the second and third fights would have had the same "Guarantee" compensation to the fighters if the build up to the first fight wasn't as dramatic? Anon: Do you know anyone who went to school with Frazier's kids? I do. One of my best friends went to school with Marvis and believe me, Fraizer's children weren't harassed because of the Ali-Frazier Superfights. In fact, Frazier's offspring enjoyed a better standard of living and better schools, in large part, because Ali and their Dad had the trilogy of Superfights. Ali NEVER "had anyone make death threats" on Frazier and I don't believe he called Frazier "Nigger" either. Where is that tape? You're embellishing to make a point and it isn't necessary. |
head out of your ass. If you are going to glorify Ali. Get facts straight. And don't adjust your story every time you are shown to be fibbing.

I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JACK QUARRY PASSING AWAY. MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE QUARRY FAMILY ON LOSING ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER. GOD BLESS THE QUARRY FAMILY.

MY HOPES AND PRAYERS ARE ALSO WITH MIKE QUARRY, A VERY GOOD BOXER IN HIS DAY BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, A DECENT MAN.

May I offer my condolences to the Quarrys on Jack's passing also. Kent is right, we should say a prayer for Jack, and Mike as well. Mike's plight must be deja vu for the family. By all accounts Jerry and Mike were both very decent fellows who deserved much better.

As far as the kids not being harrassed, I don't believe you. Especially if you heard it from the friend of a friend. Bullies don't go around announcing what they do. They butter up teachers and then bully you when no one is around.

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Dear Speaker of the House Hastert:

In writing once again regarding professional boxing, all efforts must be made during this next year to pass the McCain-Reid bill to set up a national boxing commission. The sport is dying and so are many of the fighters. On behalf of the AAIB and The Jerry Quarry Foundation I urge you to do this quickly. Thank you for considering this letter.

GEORGE OTTO, ESQUIRE

Anon: I don't know what Ali did to prompt death threats against Frazier. If people were making these threats, they were crazy—during the same era, Hank Aaron received death threats when he was chasing Babe Ruth's record. It's ridiculous. These are just sports—Frazier and Aaron were honorable people and no one should have been making death threats against them. Sam: So during the Wide World of Sports broadcast of the first Ali-Frazier fight, when the two gentlemen were in the studio with Cosell, and Ali made a comment about Frazier being in the hospital for a long time after the fight—and a scuffle broke out and the two guys ended up on the floor, wrestling, and had to be broken up—Sam, do you think this was real? Even after both admitted it was fun and games to build up the fight and the rivalry, are you the lone holdout who thinks this was a real fight? Are you ignorant enough to believe that they didn't have an interest in gate and closed circuit sales for all three of their fights?

Sam: Do you think when Ali was involved with the WWF, and Gorilla Monsoon picked him up and body slammed him—do you think that was a real fight? Sam, who's better, Bruno Sammartino or Chief Jay Strongbow? Sam, do you believe in Alice in Wonderland?

ESPN aired a special about Ali just last weekend. In it, Angelo Dundee says the studio scrap was real. He stated that Ali grabbed Frazier, who was indeed angry, because Ali thought that Joe was about to hit his brother Rudy. There is also a Sports
Century segment wherein Marvis Frazier himself talks about being harassed in school because he was Joe's son. |

Facts: If Marvis says it happened, then I guess we go with it. I can tell you, from Junior High on, I really, sincerely doubt he was "picked on" at Plymouth Meeting High School, where he attended. In fact, he was already an accomplished boxer and was involved with AAU boxing. He'd wear big medals he won to school. He was popular because Joe Frazier is a hero in Philadelphia and also because apparently, Marvis was a nice kid who happened to probably be the toughest kid in the school. I don't buy Dundee's account, if what you say is true. Ali and Frazier themselves have said that the scuffle was a put-on. Read "The Greatest, My Own Story."

Sam: Angelo, I never commented about the Frazier-Ali shuffe in the studio. But, I will add my thoughts anyway. It seems everyone but you knew it was real. Why is that? Angelo, GET YOUR HEAD OUT OF YOUR ASS!! You have no credibility when it comes to Ali. You idolize him the way some teenagers idolized Elvis when they kids. Angelo, you are a grown man. GROW UP ALREADY!!|

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH SOME OF YOU? THE QUARRYS' FATHER JUST DIED AND THIS IS THE JERRY QUARRY SITE AND MOST OF YOU CANNOT POST CONDOLESES TO THE QUARRY FAMILY?<br><br>YOU WOULD RATHER ARGUE ABOUT MEANINGLESS DRIBBLE?<br><br>GO AHEAD AND TAKE CHEAP SHOTS AT ME. I COULD CARE LESS AS SOME OF YOU HAVE NO CLASS AND WHAT YOU SAY MEANS NOTHING.<br><br>THERE ARE JUST SOME THINGS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THESE STUPID ARGUMENTS.|

Sam: Angelo, I never commented about the Ali-Frazier brawl in the studio. Here again you are making up facts to suit your glorification of Ali. Ali may have said it was in fun, but FRAZIER NEVER SAID THAT IT WAS IN FUN. Anyone and everyone who was in the studio said Frazier was angry and not play acting. But, no, you know different.<br>Why is it Angelo, that in your eyes Ali can do no wrong. It is because you worship him like a teenage girl worshipped Elvis. ANGELO, GROW UP!!<br>GET YOUR HEAD OUT OF YOUR ASS!! You are a grown man. You have no credibility when it comes to Ali.<br>Angelo, since you are the Ali expert, tell me. In this war on terrorism, who does Ali support? Does he support the muslim terrorists, or the American troops. Remember, Ali avoided the draft by claiming he could not fight in a war, unless the war was deemed okay by Elijah Muhammad. Which muslim leader now dictates to Ali whom he should support in time of war. Come on Angelo, you are the Ali apologist; give the board an answer|
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1/25/06 06:11:05 PM|Sam|White Plains||Wonderland.com||10|Angelo, I apologize for being so mean spirited to you. It is me and not you who behaves like a teenager. A very immature teenager.<br>Angelo, you are a bigger and better man than me. From the bottom of my heart I apologize. And whatever feelings you have about Ali are okay with me.<br>After I reading your post, I realize you are a standup guy, and you like anyone else in the USA are entitled to there feelings. And you God bless you stan's by them and defend them like a gentleman|

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[1/26/06 02:32:43 AM] Noam | same | same | ||||10 | My sympathies to the Quarry family. <br>Angelo, I'm with you and I don't know how anyone can blame Ali for threats against Frazier. Ali wasn't responsible for the threats and no one can seriously allege that he countenanced or encouraged them. It wasn't his doing.<br>When Ali fought Jerry Quarry the first time straight after his exile, Ali had many death threats made against him. Jerry and his camp had nothing to do with those threats. Ali never blamed them. It was the doing of loonies and full-mooners and red necks who hated Ali no matter what and we've heard from a few of them here. This hatred of Ali is keeping some of these guys awake at night, barking at the moon. Woof woof.<br>

[1/26/06 06:36:36 AM] Angelo | same | same | ||||10 | Wait, I thought Noam was traveling around the world? I guess when he says "traveling the world" he means stepping out of his parent's basement for a little while. Mad props to Noam for exploring the universe.

[1/26/06 06:39:04 AM] George Otto | || |||10 | I apologize for being a moron and hitting submit 13 times.

[1/26/06 08:10:21 AM] Angelo | Washington, DC | || funktron || |||10 | George: Great post and tribute to Mr. Quarry. I think members of his family have probably been busy and in mourning since his death, without too many opportunities to visit the site. Nice job.<br>Sam: Thank you and likewise. <br>Noam: That last one has my name on it, but it's not my post! It's still kinda funny though. Now, the same guy can log on as you and bash me.

[1/26/06 08:44:12 AM] Selina | Hemet, Ca. | || sparrini35@aol.com ||||10 | I was very sad to learn of my Grandfather's passing. I will always have good memories of a man that treated my sisters, brothers and I with kindness and love. I remember the Lifesaver book he would give us at Christmas. Grandpa, I hope you are dancing on the glorious streets of heaven with Dad and Uncle Jerry. You will be missed. And for all you hater's out there, show some respect for the Quarry family. God Bless.

[1/26/06 09:05:24 AM] Selina | Hemet, Ca. | || sparrini35@aol.com ||||10 | I have not been on this web site since my dad passed away, at least it seems that way. I am a bit disappointed in the rude comments being posted, not disappointed in my sister though you go girl!! This site is not for vulgarity and/or profanity, show some respect for what Jimmy Quarry accomplished, and for his tribute to his brothers.

[1/26/06 06:49:22 PM] George Otto | Youngstown, Ohio | || ehnpbsa@aol.com ||||10 | I apologize for my computer gliche. Thanks to all who read my post and complimented it. Perhaps other readers can also submit their recollections regarding Mr. Jack Quarry.

[1/27/06 01:39:59 AM] Noam | same | same | ||||10 | It didn't read like one of your
posts, Angelo. Someone was posting using my name some time ago, too. Whoever was impersonating you asks about me posting even though I'm supposed to be on vacation. Seems this guy lives in a zoo and hasn't heard of internet cafes.<br><br>Been passing some time reading the latest book on Ali written by Muhammad and his daughter. Ali still insists that he didn't get Parkinson's from boxing; says he would have got it anyway regardless. I think boxing accelerated the disease and that he would have probably got it later in life anyway.<br><br>Ali also says that he regrets calling Frazier names. He says that he was trying to promote interest in the fight but went too far and apologizes to Joe in a poem he wrote for the book.<br><br>He also again stated that he was wrong to say that all white men are devils. According to Ali, Malcolm X told him that it wasn't about colour but about heart. Elijah Muhammad was the one saying white men are devils. Ali regrets that he turned his back on Malcolm X just before his assassination.<br><br>Finally, Ali says that of all the guys he fought, Liston was the scariest, Foreman the strongest, Patterson the most skilled, and Frazier the toughest. It's a good read.|
There are plenty of white people who enjoy boxing and who don't want boxing outlawed. There are also a lot of white boxers, maybe less than in the past, but there are still plenty of white fighters. My conclusion is that most white people do not want to abolish boxing and it is just a few "bleeding hearts" who think they know what is best for the rest of us without even asking everyone else how they feel about the subject and those few bleeding hearts are the ones who want to abolish boxing.

TO THE QUARRT FAMILY, ON THE LOSE OF YOUR beloved father. Thats always the toughest loss for familys. He certainly raised a fine tribe, or family of decent Irishmen.

Hey Jimmy DORSEY, thanks for that wake up call. This is what happens when you've gotten to a certain age. MY SHORT MEMORY stinks. I always thought I remembered Quarry losing out to Frazier. HOWEVER, it was Frazier. I don't remember Norton at all.

Steve (AKA SHEMP) YES SMOKIN JOE did not far very well in the superstars, I ONLY WISHED WE HAD THE COPY OF JERRY'S 1974 VERSION WHERE HE FINISHED IN THE TOP 3 OF THE NFLERS, WAS IN SHAPE AND THERE TO WIN AND GAIN POINTS. I THINK HE TOOK THE 1975 COMPETEION AS KIND OF A VACATION. HE REALLY MADE 74' VERY EXCITING, I EVEN THOUGHT HE HELD UP 220 LBS LONG ENOUGH TO BE COUNTED AS A LIFT (YES JQ HAD 220 UP THERE. THEN IN 1975 HE WENT OUT AT 210 TAKE CARE.

I read a comment about none of the Quarry family writing about Jack's passing. Well, don't you think the Quarry family have had a lot of Deaths in the past few years? just maybe they are really just trying to pull it together. Think about it. we have lost 4 Quarry family members in a short period of time. Also, Mr Jimmy's Children lost their Mother and Grandmother just before and after their fathers death. Now Mike is in bad shape, and Arwanda too, so give us a break. This is a great site, but sometimes you get wrapped up in family instead of posting to the world. I Thank the ones who did post about Jack's passing, in letting everyone on this site know. I just wonder how many of you would have the sense of mind to think about a web page at these times. I think you would be thinking about your own family instead. All some of you care about is knocking the Quarry family in the middle of their hard times. Instead of thinking about what they are going through. I have asked you a lot of times to back off the fussing and the hating but you don't seem to want to do this. So I believe its time to just shut this site down for awhile. I for one am very tired of all the Bull. Your language has got so disgraceful, I don't even want my grandchildren reading this site. They were so proud of this site at one time. Now it seems some of you just want to hurt everyone. I wish you would just get off our site. Go somewhere else, where they will put up with your garbage, and foul language. Because we won't any longer. Enough is enough.

I have seen that the move has been made to shut down this site, I strongly move for this to be reconsidered, it is the perfect place for memories to live on and if the stress of keeping it running is too much I would be proud to run the site for
My dad, Uncle Jimmy, Uncle Mike and the Entire family, it would be a shame for it to be shut down, I have to many memories here and have received so much support, please lets keep it going, dont give up on it through these hard times, lets stick to the motto of there is no quite in a Quarry, It's what My Dad would want.

Jonathan Quarry

I agree with you completely. This site should require it's posters to register with their real names and E-Mail address.

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Boxing Historian

This site is completely lacking class and clarity. People like Noam aka Howard C have ruined it.

Kent

If people want to be fair, I haven't ever used foul language on this site, and apart from the fact I didn't post here for over a month and can't be accused of any of the recent rants here, I did tone it completely down in the months before then. Even when I wasn't posting here, the cheap shots from the anonymous heroes kept coming but I ignored them. I was asked months ago to tone it down and I did.

Noam

I've only ever posted under the name Noam, and when I've been wrong I've apologized. When I came back on after a rest from here, I was disappointed to see the foul language. It's an insult to everyone, especially when people of all ages post here. My guess is that the people doing it are the disgruntled ones who left in a hurry.

Noam

There might be an administrative cost to changing the properties of the site to mandate registration. However, if there isn't an expense for the Quarry family to do this, maybe registration is the answer. It would give the webmaster some control and might weed out trouble makers. Moving forward, I will remind myself that this is a family site and language/content should be something people of all ages can read. I ask others to do the same. We can have spirited debates here, and can use colorful language without swearing. The Quarry family members who make this page available have given us a community to enjoy and we've blown it. Also, I stand by my response to the poster who thought some of the family should have been here posting about Mr. Jack Quarry---I'll say it again---I think maybe the family had other things on their mind. It is nice though, that Jonathan and the others have been here recently.

Angelo

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THIS TIME AND TO IGNORE THOSE WHO CAN’T FOLLOW THE RULES AND STICK TO THAT TOO, THAN THE SITE CAN STAY IN ITS CURRENT FORMAT.<br><br>IT WOULD BE A SHAME FOR JONATHAN QUARRY NOT TO HAVE THIS SITE, A TRIBUTE TO HIS FATHER JERRY.<br><br>ANGELO, BRANDI WAS NOT TALKING ABOUT YOU WHEN SHE REFERRED TO THE POST ABOUT SOMEONE SAYING NO ONE FROM THE QUARRY FAMILY MENTIONED JACK PASSING AWAY. THAT POSTER IS A NEWCOMER WHO I HOPE, IF HE POSTS AGAIN, CAN RETHINK WHAT HE IS POSTING BEFORE HE POSTS ESPECIALLY IF IT IS ABOUT THE QUARRY FAMILY. | 1/30/06 10:59:09 AM | Boxing Historian | Texas | | | | CLOSING THE SITE DOWN!!!! I BELIEVE THE SITE DOES NOT MAKE ANY MONEY FOR THE JERRY QUARRY FOUNDATION. AND IF IT DID WHERE DID THE MONEY GO? WHO HAS SEEN THE FINANCIAL REPORTS?|<br><br>MY SUGGESTION: IS FOR KENT OR ANGELO TO START A SIMILAR SITE, MINUS THE MONEY COLLECTING. KENT AND ANGELO ARE GOOD GUYS THEY CAN MONITOR THE SITE THEMSELVES AND TAKE ACTION WHEN NECESSARY.| 1/30/06 12:31:07 PM | Noam | same | | | | | | | | Skimming through earlier posts, I have realized what an idiot I really am. I just wanted to apologize to guys like Kent, Forest Ward, and Fan. I lied about a whole bunch of different topics, and tried to pass them off as facts.<br><br>So, I'm going to leave the site for good. Bye.| 1/30/06 12:52:56 PM | Steve | N.J. | | | | | | | | Hey Boxing Historian, what the heck are you talking about? There's no soliciting of money on this site. It's probably costing the Quarries money to run this site. I don't even remember you as a regular contributor to this site. Yet here you are trying to ruin it for the regular posters. You insult the Quarries by insinuating that, somehow, money is being skimmed, and asking about the financial report. Then yelling in all capital letters, "CLOSE THIS SITE DOWN". How do you think the Quarry family will respond to your post, with all the grief they've had to endure in the past couple of years? Your the best argument Kent, Angelo, and myself could have for required registration on this site.| 1/30/06 01:24:33 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | | funktron@yahoo.com | | | | | | Steve: I agree with you.<br>Also, the site did raise some money at one point---selling things like t-shirts and videos. Believe me, they hardly "raked it in" with this merchandise. In fact, James Quarry himself made a second video for me showing the entire Quarry-Ellis fight and he added Shavers-Quarry because the video clip for this fight was bad on my first tape. The Quarries probably spent more time and effort than it was worth with these goodies for the fans. I'd still love to see the online store come back with T-Shirts, videos and more. If James were still alive, he would have brought the hammer down on the posters here who cause trouble repeatedly.| 1/30/06 03:24:44 PM | Steve | Washington, DC | | funktron@yahoo.com | | | | | | As you've probably guessed, that last post bearing my name wasn't me. Kent, regarding the ongoing cheap shots, it involves people not posting under their names who previously exited this site disgruntled. They are trying to disrupt us. They are the ones swearing. Not me.<br>Over Christmas I wasn't here for over a month. The cheap shots and sniping continued, so my presence obviously wasn't the problem. These disgruntled guys who departed under names we know but returned under new guises (sometimes even using our names), are back to cause trouble. Steve, you were writing about Philly fighters and made a list of them. I mentioned Bennie Briscoe and what a great fighter he is. You didn't respond. Don't you like Briscoe? Or is it me? I was being civil to you but you didn't respond. Registering names won't change attitudes. I hope this site flourishes
with or without me. If I'm perceived to be the problem, then tell me and I'll exit, stage left. I'm sorry that Massimo doesn't post here anymore because he was the most entertaining and pleasant guy among us.

I agree that someone is causing trouble for the rest of us by insinuating money is missing. I don't believe this place was ever a money maker but it has done a lot of good by getting the word out about fighters getting hurt in the ring. Please Brandi, don't listen to the negative talk by a few isolated troublemakers. The rest of us have good hearts and it more than makes up for them, the idiots.

Hey, I regret coming on so strong about people not posting about Jack's passing but it was what I was feeling at the time.

Noam, I know you are not the one causing trouble. Don't worry about it.

I think selling those collectors items is an example of the Quarries doing us a favor. I can't believe their making any profit. And if they are, good, more power to them. As long as they keep this site going, their doing us a favor.

I never meant to ignore your posts. It's just that I get distracted by other stuff, and sometimes when I read the posts I only respond to the last post I've read. I can talk to you all day about Philly fighters. I'm sorry if I missed one of your posts on Philly fighters. It's one of my favorite subjects. Yes, my young friend, I loved Bennie Briscoe. I was present at the Blue Horizon for several of his fights. I think one was against Joe Archer. I do remember Eugene "Cyclone" Hart falling out of the ring and landing on a press table, with Joe Archer. How about Matt Franklin. He was found as a toddler wandering on Franklin Ave. by nuns. They took him in and named him Mathew Franklin. He later changed his name to Mathew Saad Muhammad. He took part in savage fights with Dwight Quawi, the "Camden Buzzsaw".

Five of my friends and I got tickets to see Jerry Quarry and Shavers on close circuit at the Cherry Hill Arena, which burnt down many years ago. We arrived very late. The place was jammed. As we fought our way to our seats, the fight started and ended. When we arrived at our seats, Quarry had already knocked Shavers out.

Noam was training for a fight with Bonevna in 1973 but Bonevna got injured in training so the fight never happened. Noam, Jerry was quoted as saying that after Jerry knocked out Shavers, Foreman, who was at ringside, told Jerry he had just lost...
his title shot. I think most people thought Foreman was kidding but the fight never came off. I think Foreman went for the bigger money fight against Ali, which is what professional boxing is all about, making money, but a fight with Jerry, especially in New York, would have been a big money fight also but not as big as a fight between Foreman and Ali. I don't know if Jerry was considering fighting Bugner or not.

I was stuffering around on the internet and came across a story on Kosta Tsyu, who lost his title savagely to Ricky Hatton last year. Apparently, Tsyu, who is 36 old, spent a week in hospital after the fight with brain swelling, blood in his urine, and dangerously high blood pressure. His trainer and manager have told him to retire, but Kostya intends to continue on. It's a bit sad. His manager is taking him to court for unpaid fees and so is another member of his team. Looks like being the same old story about a champion fighter who keeps fighting way too long.

Also, when reading about Tsyu who is based in Australia, was an item about former three time Aussie world champion Jeff Feneck. He has been charged by police with stealing a watch from a jewellery store. What's going on? That guy is worth millions. The world's gone crazy. 

On the 24th, an old regular informed us about Mr. Jack Quarry's death. Two posters responded in an appropriate manner. Until Kent subsequently took them to task, however, no other "Quarry fans" bothered to express sympathy in anything approaching an appropriate or timely fashion. Several continued to snipe, to accuse, to lament perceived insults. Sadly, their dramatic "all about me" attitude persists, as does their need for a forum for personal agendas unrelated to this particular site. Whatever the family decides to do with the site, remember there have been many genuine fans as well, and the opportunity to participate has been appreciated. Those folks will continue to sincerely support your family in these most difficult times.

First of all, Noam, welcome back and thank you for the compliments. I'm not posting in these days because my computer is out of order, kaputt. I'm writing in an Internet Point in this very moment, but I don't have the time to read all your posts and to write often. But very soon I'll have a new computer and I'll be back. For now, I greet you all. Good luck with your diet. I'm doing a diet of my own in this period (I need to lose a few kgs).
Steve, "Dissapointed made me feel a little guilty. I expressed my condolences in an untimely, and probably an inappropriate manner. I had not been checking the site for several weeks due to family stuff. I would now like to express my sympathy to the Quarry family. I can't imagine trying to cope with all the grief they've had in the last several years."

Steve, thanks for taking several us to task. As "Disapointed" said so well. On a different note, I once lost about 40lbs. This was when I was much younger and had been in bed due to two previous knee surgeries. I went to a different surgeon, an Army surgeon, to have an artificial knee replacement. He told me in no uncertain terms, that I was overweight and should try exercising a little more self control. Don't you just love it when that happens.?

Noam, You ain't seen nothing till you've sat in the eighth row at the forum or any Philly venue back in the seventies. I watched Bennie Briscoe before he broke out and became a nationally named fighter. You could get sweat and blood on you several rows back. It never happened to me, but the ringside sportswriters where always getting splashed with sweat, and sometimes blood. Noam, I know you like to look things up and do research. Here's a question for you. There was a lightweight fighter from Atlantic City who was a real showboat. He was very fast, and could hit a little bit. His name was Augie Panatellas. I think he ran of a string of knockouts and was becoming quite a celebrity in the Philly and Jersey areas. I can't seem to find anything on him, though a lot of guys I know remember him. Why don't you do me a favor and research him.?

Steve, I have lost weight in the past but this time is different because of a couple of scary moments that made me realize I have to get the weight off, or else.

One time, after I had been eating better for months, I ate a jumbo bag of salty potato chips at one sitting, something I used to do regularly, and for about five days afterwards my heart beat raced and it didn't seem to slow down. I went to the doctor but by that time my blood pressure and heart beat had slowed down to normal. I also used to pass out for no reason, watching T.V. or something and go into a deep sleep regularly and although I wasn't tested for it that time, I think I could have likely been diabetic or with other blood sugar issues but that doesn't happen to me any more and I tested negative recently for diabetes or other blood sugar problems.

I would also, even after I had started exercising regularly, take a weekend off and binge on bad food on the weekend and on Monday I would go back on my diet and come Monday morning I felt like I had a hangover, which was impossible as I drink very little, so little in fact I can't remember the last time I had a beer. I haven't quit drinking but I just haven't been doing it.

I made an amazing discovery, junk food makes me sick now! It always did, but in a gradual way, but now my body rejects the food if I eat like I used to.

Hi Kent, My Grandmother and father both suffered from Diabetes, now my wife does. It is a very complex and not fully understood disease. My wife and I share and go to monthly meetings at West Jersey Hospital for a group meeting with a dr. who is a diabetes specialist. Actually, he's an Endocrinologist. A doctor who specializes in autoimmune and metabolic diseases. One side effect is Hypoglycemia, which is when your blood sugar becomes unstable and plummets to a low point where you could be in danger. Not Good! Are you on oral medication, or insulin. It could also be that your getting a little radical and carried away with your diet. When you've had as much success as you have, it's easy to get carried away with the diet and the long, pushing endurance stuff, like swimming 100 laps a day. Maybe you should take a week or ten days off from your diet and exercise regime. RELAX, EAT WHATEVER YOU WANT, JUST NOT TO EXCESS, AND STOP EXERCISING. Then, start hitting it hard again. Give your system a little shock!
If you've tested negative for Diabetes, yet you've actually passed out, it's not from eating too many salty snacks. Even if you've had a glucose tolerance blood test, where you have to fast, get blood drawn, then eat breakfast, and come back two hours later, it won't always pick up hypoglycemia. Hypoglycemia is almost impossible to diagnose. You could also be having an anxiety attack. Don't laugh, it happens to the best of us.

To belabor the point. If you actually lose consciousness, that's pretty scary. That's not something to dismiss. Maybe you should carry around some orange juice, or an apple. I guess you know that on a strict diet, vitamin supplements are very important. If your passing out, you better get to a doctor!!!

I used to pass out but I don't anymore and I haven't done so for a while. I did go to the doctor before recently, I took some tests and the doctor asked me if I drank a lot as my liver function was lower than normal. I have never been a big drinker and my recent tests show normal liver function.

I saw a program on television recently where a man who was physically fit ate nothing but McDonalds food for a month and he didn't exercise during the month either. He gained over 20 pounds in that month and his tests showed lower liver function. The program mentioned that junk food is not good for the liver, while not as bad as alcohol, it can damage the liver. That was a shock and while the program, "Supersize Me," didn't cause me to eat better, it is reminder about what I was doing to myself.

I'll try and find something on lightweight Augie Panatellas of Atlantic City. Thanks for the story about Briscoe; it was very interesting.
natural foods that have not been processed and have as little sugar and chemicals as possible. Don't have foods with preservatives and MSG (monosodiumglutonate - not Madison Square Garden). Drink plenty of water to flush the system. Eat plenty of raw garlic because it kills overgrowths of bacteria caused by an over sugary diet. When you don't have the sugar at first, you'll get tired and depressed. But keep going. Also, eating junk foods over and over again DOES detrimentally effect your liver. Your liver needs diversity, not processing the same substance over and over again. And if you stay off the substances you have exposure allergies to, for, say, 6 months, you can lose your sensitivity to them and eventually return to eating them.

Kent, ask your doctor for allergy tests. Keep going with your diet and exercise because in the end it is worth it. By the way, passing out in front of the television may have been the result of obesity. Your snoozing in front of the tv, perhaps with sleep apnea. You get less and less oxygen and then you pass out or wake up startled. Sorry for getting off the boxing subject.

Massimo, good to hear from you.

Jerry Quarry was one hell of a fighter. Amen!

Fan: Ali retired several times and kept coming back. Sugar Ray Leonard kept saying "this is it for me" but kept coming back. I predict, and I hope I'm right, that "Fan from Fandom" will break his retirement vow and have a comeback at this site. But your "final" post will be tough to top because it really sums it up, doesn't it? I'd love a T-Shirt with an action shot of JQ and the simple words: Jerry Quarry: Fighter.

Joel: These are interesting observations you make. I know that at the end, his cognitive ability was impaired terribly. But it's peculiar that physically, I thought he looked good and strong for his age. That CBS news report on him showed how badly he deteriorated mentally--he couldn't get the words out---but he was joking around with Ed Bradley and still had a boxing pose and could throw a mock flurry of punches. I wonder at what point could he have retired and not suffered so much damage. What fight or fights were the turning point when the brain damage was too much?

The Quarry family has had so many losses in such a short amount of time---yet based on their interaction with fans here, including that of Jonathan Quarry, Sabrina, etc., we see that the family foundation was and is solid. These seem to be really good people.

Well today is the superbowl. Two years ago I was at a boxing card the night before the superbowl and Michael "Let's Get Ready to Rumble" Buffer happened to be the MC at the event. I was waiting to pick up my car at the valet parking and Buffer was waiting for his car too. I struck up a casual conversation with him but when I said, "tomorrow is Let's Get Ready to Fumble," a silly joke about the superbowl and Buffer's signature saying, he gave me a funny look like I had said something really stupid, he didn't think what I said was funny in the
He sure had a fancy car, the kind which has a door that opens up like some sort of spaceship instead of sideways like most cars. How someone can get rich by just saying one line is beyond me but I am sure Buffer likely has a lot of money.

Panatellas was a popular journeyman in the featherweight division (born 02/16/44) who had 28 wins (20 ko's) and 6 losses in 34 fights. His most famous fights were against Bobby Chacon and Sammy Goss and all of his bouts were in Philadelphia. There are some stories on him at www.phillyboxinghistory.com. and they even have some of his old fight magazines.

Steve - I meant "popular journeyman" (not "journey").

If you keep this up, You and Jimmy D., who I think is the all time best Quarry authority, may become our official researchers. All you have to do is take the high ground when you get insulted by idiots.

Hi Steve. I'm not going to respond to anyone spoiling for an argument. I figure that all it does is annoy the Quarrys and that is unfair and ruins the aims of this site. Stop trying to make trouble here and go to another website please.

Hi Steve. I read that Tommy Hearns just won his second come back fight at age 47. He struggled to win. It's sad. What's he fighting for? Does he need the money? NFL is not as enjoyable to watch as rugby. I've never seen anyone so deliriously happy as your guys all because they gain a yard or two. Too much protective gear. Too many rest breaks. Some of those guys need to eat more salad, too. Only kidding.

Kent, if you are going to introduce the Super Bowl with "Let's get ready to fumble", you could introduce an Olympic marathon with "Let's get ready to stumble"; weightlifting with "Let's get ready to crumble"; a preacher begins his sermon with "Let's get ready to humble"; a presidential debate starts with "Let's get ready to mumble"; and a college exam opens with "Let's get ready toumble". Just a thought.

A SAD NOTE: I just read that Ron Stander who fought Joe Frazier (and did very well) in 1972 has been diagnosed with first stage dementia at age 60. I met Ron years ago and he was a very nice, modest guy. I wish him well. He was also a fine referee.

John, that is bad news for Ron Stander and his family and for the boxing world as well. They are in my heart and in my prays.
determination in his title bid. Stander had a lot of potential but he never really lived up to that potential because he often didn't train enough for fights but that is not the point because Puglistica Dementia can strike the most successful boxers as well as fighters below the elite of the sport. The disease is an equal opportunity offender.

One more reason for better safety measures for boxing such as mandatory brain scans that show any sign of permanent brain damage regardless of symptoms not being present. If a fighter shows any kind of damage, then the fighter cannot get a license to box anywhere.

Who is next? Tommy Hearns or Evander Holyfield? I have a feeling fighters such as these may already have some damage that is not apparent.

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| 2/8/06 09:24:12 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron ||| 10 | Kent: Holyfield and Hearns puzzle me. I don't understand it at all. What are they doing, and why? |

| 2/8/06 01:27:30 PM | Steve | N.J. | NA ||| 10 | Kent, playing with you is no longer fun. You must know when I'm fooling around. You seem to have a very dry sense of humor. "Except when it comes to Pro Football, where you can be malicious." |

| 2/8/06 01:57:33 PM | Steve | N.J. | NA ||| 10 | Kent, I apologize. It was only last year when cruel fate and bad luck conspired against the Eagles to rob them once again! |

| 2/8/06 02:36:46 PM | Noam | same | same ||| 10 | Okay, Kent, just ignore me. I was trying to be civil by posting a response to your joke, but I won't bother any more. |

| 2/8/06 02:37:06 PM | Noam | same | same ||| 10 | Okay, Kent, just ignore me. I was trying to be civil by posting a response to your joke, but I won't bother any more. |

| 2/8/06 03:13:30 PM | Steve | N.J. | NA ||| 10 | Angelo, I'm surprised your puzzled about Holyfield and Hearns. I don't blame either fighter. Can you imagine what it must have been like for them at the top? I blame whoever is encouraging them to fight again, and what State Officials are sanctioning it. I sometimes think we should try to identify these so-called officials and promoters. Then we could be appalled at their lack of integrity. |

| 2/8/06 03:35:21 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com ||| 10 | Noam, I actually got a laugh from your post. It was quite funny. Sorry if I didn't respond to your comments. |

| 2/8/06 04:36:08 PM | Steve | N.J. | na ||| 10 | Noam, I hope your not from Australia or New Zealand, as these countries are mainly populated by Irish convicts. Most of whom where unfairly convicted. Now don't get mad at me as I'm currently trying to acquire info on Rugby, or football, or whatever. What exactly is a scrum? All I can see is thirty guys piled up, pulling at the ball, and trying to sneak punches in on each other. What exactly does this maneuver mean in terms of the progress of the game? |

| 2/8/06 04:56:58 PM | Max Hord | Fernandina Bch, Fla | maxhord@adelphia.net ||| 6 | Saw Klitsko/Byrd on ESPN, talking about their upcoming fight. I'm gonna pick Klitsko because he's bigger. Both guys are class acts out of the ring. Too bad they can't fight a little better. |

| 2/8/06 05:06:17 PM | Noam | same | same ||| 10 | Steve, not from that part of the world, but they do play rugby down there even though they are convicts. The scrum is a contest where the participants compete by trying to rake the football back with their feet. The guy in the middle of the scrum, with his arms around the guys on either side, is called the 'hooker' (only because he 'hooks' the ball back with his feet). |

| 2/8/06 05:16:17 PM | Steve | N.J. | NA ||| 10 | Apart from the sneaky punches in scrums, there are also plenty of headbutts. If you put your fingers in the wrong place, like near a mouth, you get bitten. There's lots of eye gouging, too. If the scrum
collapses, it is tradition to fall knee first onto any opposition player unlucky enough to be beneath you. So, if the scrum does collapse, try not to be the first player on the ground as plenty of knees will surely follow, usually to facial environs. However, kicking an opposing player is poor manners and is not encouraged or applauded. If you get caught kicking someone, you get "an early shower" (ie sent from the field). If not for rugby, there'd be lots more violence on the streets. Most of the players are so tired or beaten up by the end of the game, there's no strength left to fight anyone off the field. And, anyway, after games are for beer drinking - and lots of it. The aim of the game is to win by scoring more tries (like a touchdown) and kicking more goals. The other aim is not giving away penalties by getting caught by the referee punching, headbutting, biting, eye gouging, or kneeing. It's okay to do it as long as the referee and linesman don't actually see you do it.

I hope I have given you an insight into rugby. Played in the right spirit, rugby encourages discipline and manners and fair play in youth playing the game at schools.

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2/8/06 05:30:25 PM | Steve | N.J. | na | 10 | Kent and Angelo, what exactly would be the best avenue of attack. Macain, seems to be a rare animal. A political animal who actually cares about the exploitation and suffering of others more than He cares about his next political pole. He was a North Vietnam P.o.w. I know He's the real deal! Perhaps a letter of support for what He stands for?

2/8/06 06:54:14 PM | Steve | N.J. || NA || 10 | Noam, once again you disappoint me. How can a civilized person like yourself condone all that beer drinking after a close match between two well disciplined teams of drunken, Irish convicts?

2/8/06 07:15:21 PM | Steve | N.J. | na | 10 | Noam, Just for your personal edification, MOST decent Irish families have done away with the drinking of single malt whiskey for all children at breakfast and lunch. I wish that social rule was in effect when I was growing up!!

2/8/06 11:31:19 PM | Noam | same | same | 10 | Steve, the best whiskey is Jamison's Irish Whiskey, especially the gold label one. It melts in your mouth, passes easily over the tonsils, and leaves a honey after taste. The trick is to only have one or two.

2/9/06 11:55:42 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron | 10 | Ahhh... the virtues of having a Grandfather from Italy who introduced me to wine and beer when I was four. Actually, drinking bitter beer at that age is probably the reason why I'm not a big beer drinker now, so score one for Gramps. But I do like whiskey sours (Ginny that I am) as well as Drambui and Galliano (not sure about those spellings).

2/9/06 12:29:51 PM | Orange Juice | Lake Winniebago | SPOT | 7 | I like to drink orange juice. My favorite orange juice is Tropicana. I also like Minute Maid. Sometimes I drink 3 or 4 glasses a day to keep up my strength. Orange juice is a good juice, especially after a long day digging ditches. You know who else liked orange juice? Muhammad Ali. He still drinks 48-60 oz a day. Here is to Orange Juice!

2/9/06 02:24:39 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron | 10 | Orange Juice is very good but too high in calories---stick with 8 oz. a day or less if possible. Grapefruit or Grape Juice or even Apple Juice give you some of the same benefits. The purple grape juice is supposed to be healthy---some of the same benefits as red wine without the alcohol.

2/9/06 02:25:27 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron | 10 | Noam, in any of the Ali biographies you've read, did it make reference to him liking orange juice? I don't remember hearing that.

2/9/06 02:27:31 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron | 10 | Kent: Do boxers train with Orange Juice as part of the diet, or is it too acidic? I think the pre-fight program of Norton vs. Shavers showed him having breakfast. I'll try to remember to watch it again, but I think he did have orange juice, along with six eggs and other stuff. OJ started a good discussion. Thanks.
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Angelo, Ali never drank alcohol, but I'm not sure about orange juice. He was a glutton with food. Liked junk food and ate with his fingers. Talked lots, too (with his mouth full of food). Frazier didn't like orange juice. His drink was alcohol and, at times (past tense), drank too much of it. Foreman didn't drink. He ate. And ate. And then he gorged himself. Norton didn't drink. He lifted weights and trained. Bonavena looooved alcohol (and hookers at the Mustang Ranch). Liston hung with made guys from the Bada Bing. So did Marciano. They drank Galliano instead of orange juice. With Massimo Cini. |

Angelo, I have never heard if boxers cannot drink orange juice. I think the only problem with it would be too much of it during training because of calories, particularly if they are trying to make weight. Next time I get a chance to talk to a professional corner man I will ask him about orange juice. I have also wondered why boxers usually spit out water in the corner. I do know if they drink too much water during a fight that isn't good but drinking small amounts between rounds seems like it would be helpful. I am also going to ask a trainer why boxers spit water out between rounds. |

Angelo and Kent, Tyson didn't drink orange juice. He's a koolaid guy. Apparently, Ali drank orange juice when he was Clay. But when he became Ali, he took to drinking goat's milk to wash down the date pies. He didn't go the whole hog, though. :) |

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When Chamberlain and Ali got together, it was Ali not Chamberlain who was scared. He was yelling and ranting about what he was going to do. Chamberlain kept asking him, very calmly to just sign the paper and fight. Chamberlain kept saying come on big mouth, sign it. Ali kept talking and finally walked off the stage. There is know way he was going to take a chance fighting Wilt. After all could he pull his head down like he did to other fighters? Ali never was an inside fighter. I am not talking about Ed Jones, were talking about the Big Dipper. Ali would have fallen in six. |

Roger, although Wilt Chamberlain was a very gifted athlete and he may well have been a great boxer if he had started boxing when he was a teenager, Wilt just didn't have the experience and skill needed to beat someone like Ali. Not only do I think Ali would have won handily over Chamberlain I also believe our own Jerry Quarry would have knocked out Chamberlain. Jerry also had too much experience and skill as as boxer for Chamberlain to handle. |

Kent, you are kidding! Don't forget that Wilt Chamberlain was Wilt Chamberlain! You should know, you even stood next to him once. Wilt could have made love with 10 women, scored 70 points and knocked Ali' out in 1 round and all in the same day!!!!!!! I'm almost teetotal (dictionary). I rarely drink. I drink in special occasions. My favourite drink is probably beer. I like drinking beer when I eat pizza. But I drink a lot of water. I once read that Giorgio Eduardo Foreman used to drink too
much alcohol when he was a teenager. I saw his fight for the gold medal in the 1968 Olympics and he was already very impressive.

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Massimo, yes Wilt was Wilt and he was great and yes I don't doubt he could make love to ten women, score 70 points in a professional basketball game but we all know what a specialized skill boxing is and it takes years to learn this craft.

Roger, Kareem Abdul Jabbar was also a very gifted basketball player and while he wasn't as physically strong as Wilt Chamberlain, he was actually a student of Bruce Lee in the martial arts and he was of course much bigger than Lee.

But by all accounts when the Lee and Jabbar would spar Lee got the better of Kareem because Lee had practiced his art his whole life, he was the master and Kareem was the novice.

The same thing applies to Ali and Chamberlain with Ali being the master and Chamberlain being the novice and the size difference between Wilt and Ali was much smaller than the difference between Lee and Jabbar.

By the way, Bruce Lee weighed at the most about 140 pounds.

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Any top-25 heavyweight and possibly even any top 100 heavyweight would dismantle Wilt without too much trouble. Honestly, I don't think it would even be that difficult. First, it's about defense. I think Wilt would have a hard time landing punches without opening himself up to be thrashed. He'd wind up to throw a hard punch and get hit about three to five times by a quick heavyweight like Ali or he'd get clocked with one hard shot by someone like Frazier or Foreman. Believe me, even a shorter guy like Frazier would find a way inside. Sure, Wilt could use his reach to pepper a smaller guy with jabs, but Frazier would bore in, take a few to give a few and start to take Wilt apart. Ali's tactics would be prettier, with more showmanship. I don't think Wilt would ever lay leather on an in-prime Ali. Ali would stay outside and hit him with a variety of lighter punches but the cumulative affect would still end with a KO or TKO. Conversely, one giant hook from Frazier, and it would be, "timber" for Wilt.

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All jokes apart, I think that Frazier would dismantle Wilt inside 4 rounds, Foreman would destroy him in 1 and Ali would win on points or on a late KO. Frazier and Foreman would have an easier time with Wilt than Ali! because they were hard punchers. An in-prime Mike Tyson would have destroyed Wilt with a quick body-head combination.

Wilt against Ernie "Wrong name" Terrell would have been interesting, but I would bet on Terrell. Anyway, who knows if Wilt could take a punch? I personally wouldn't be wilt enough to land a punch on Wilt's face!

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Are you guys trying to say that wilt, walking off the court could do all these things to a professional fighter of the 70's? The guys you are talking about learned HOW to fight from early on. Without training like they did he wouldn't stand a chance in hell against any professional fighter. Butterbean would kick his ass.

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| 2/11/06 03:30:38 AM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca. | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Ed, it was Lyle Alzado who fought an exhibition with Ali but the difference between Alzado and Chamberlain is Alzado did have some amatuer boxing experience. | 
| 2/11/06 09:34:57 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron | 10 | I always thought that drinking the water would make a fighter "cramp up." Ron Lyle would have knocked out Lyle Alzado in the first round. I don't care if Alzado fought an amatuer or not----he was a football player. In a real competition that both guys were trying to win hard, Ron Lyle would get it over with quick. Now, there is a chance that Alzado could take a punch like Tex Cobb---that being the case, he might make it out of the first round, but the fight would be stopped in the
Joe Frazier has a new book out called 'Box Like The Pros' in which he canvasses training routines and other issues about boxing. Unfortunately, he does not discuss water intake. He does make some interesting comments about boxing in the 1970s. Joe says that "most historians think it was the deepest heavyweight division in history, and I agree. There were so many good fighters: Jerry Quarry, Oscar Bonavena, Joe Bugner, Earnier Shavers, Patterson, Ellis, Ron Lyle, Ken Norton, Jimmy Young, and George Foreman. And late in the decade there was Larry Holmes." Frazier then added, "For all of the good heavyweights in the seventies, the best overall fighter of the decade might have been Carlos Monzon."

Hey Noam, glad to hear old Smoking Joe is still trying to turn a buck, and is still trying to keep on keeping on. I know your not a Frazier fan. I apreciate the information that much more. An excess of water during strenious physical activity would probably cause nausea. Actually, cramping is the result of dehydration. So much for that subject. I thought it might create more interest, guess not.

Try using different contact sports into a single match is not logical or satisfying. I firmly believe A Pro. boxer of top fifteen caliber in an equivalent weight class would very quickly cut off and crowd any Martial arts or wrestler, or cage fighter, into a war of close quarters holding, butting, keeping your lead leg between theirs, and much stronger body punching.

Back in the 80's, they used to televise on cable, boxers vs. martial arts black belts. I watched a few times. These were street boxers, not credible pros. They were sparring partners at best, or trial horses/amatuers at worst. The martial arts guys were different disciplines, black belts. To make a long story short, I never saw a boxer lose. In fact, I never saw a boxer not win convincingly. Often, the martial arts guys would strike a pose—sideways—presumably to give the boxer less of a target. They would lead with their feet at times, and show a lot of hand movement. The boxers were patient, but would quickly move in, take limited punishment, and often deliver crippling knockout punches with wild hooks or uppercuts. Your idea about cutting off the ring is exactly right—the karate guys would get out of position and seem to forget defense when the boxer moved to cut the ring off. That's when the boxers could seem to hit them at will. Granted, these guys weren't Bruce Lee, but neither were the boxers George Foreman either.
throat is also not out of the question. All of these things are illegal in boxing but would be fair game if my safety was in danger. I would not even try to kick someone with a high kick, which is the kind that would be used in a match with rules, even if I could kick high now, which I can't. Boxers have not always won mixed matches as back in the 1960s, a Judo man and professional wrestler name Gene Labell fought and defeated the number four ranked light heavyweight in the world, who's name escapes me at the moment by choking him unconscious. Boxer have also lost in king of the cage matches more recently.

We forget that a boxer versus a karate expert, or whoever, would mean that the boxer doesn't wear gloves. The boxer would be bare knuckled. Every punch not only hurts or knocks you out, but it breaks the skin or, worse, a bone. Ouch. Splat. HUUUUUGE advantage. Secondly, a boxer's instincts and reflexes are second to none. A wrestler has no comparable reflexes. A karate guy is used to taking deep breaths and then 10 seconds of deep mental reflection before attacking his target, usually a motionless piece of wood (which doesn't punch back). A good boxer, however, easily evades those kicks and chops before delivering the final knock-out blow leaving the karate guy snoring.

Thirdly, all parts of the body would be a target. Low blows would be okay. Hit the karate guys in the cads ? No problem ! Imagine a Foreman uppercut to your lunchbox, before Ali jabs you to the throat. You'd be doubled over unable to breath. The karate guy wants out of there, PRONTO.

Fourthly, karate guys are used to taking opponents out very quickly. If a fight went more than a few minutes then I'd be surprised if Bruce or Chuck or Van Weasel or whoever would have the stamina to go 12 rounds. Imagine any black belt guy in the heat of Manilla going 5 rounds against Ali or Frazier. Or round 6. Round 7. ROUND 15. It wouldn't happen ! They'd either win in five seconds or die of exhaustion after being bludgeoned to a bloody pulp.

Finally, Steve, I've ALWAYS acknowledged the heart and bravery of Joe Frazier. I just believe that - rightly or wrongly - he was handled with kid gloves by his match makers. He didn't fight all the best available of his time. To highlight that point, how many of the 12 best of the 1970s named by Frazier himself did he fight ?

Anyway, the book by Frazier is very informative. It tells you how to fight a southpaw, etc, how to train, the mindset you need, etc, etc. He makes a lot of sense and there's none of that macho hubris that was in his earlier book when talking about Ali.

It must be acknowledged, and I'm sure Angelo agrees, that if any of us were in a ditch some place being attacked by barbarians (the Alamo perhaps, with Davey Crocket and Daniel Boone), Joe would be one of the first guys you'd pick to be beside you. As to that there is no doubt.

Nobody is gonna believe this, but I would love to see the Andre' vs Chuck Wepner fight fought in 1976, in which "The Midget" threw Chuck out of the ring in the third round. I think a Wilt vs Ali' fight would have been very entertaining to watch and that everybody in the USA at the time would have payed to see it. I wrote in the USA because I don't know how famous Wilt was out (or outside) of the USA at the time. Too bad they didn't fight !! Can you imagine the staredown before the fight ? A 3 round fight Wilt vs Ali' would have been also interesting. I don't think Ali' would have found a way to knock the big fella out within 3 rounds. HIs jab would have been useless against a 7'1" 1/16 guy. What an entertaining fight would have been ! Anyway, I knew that Wilt dodged Ali' and not the other way around.

What you say is true---without rules, it becomes a street fight. Some boxers might adapt well to that. In fact, Frazier and Duran come to mind. I still like a good boxer's chance in this scenario, especially without gloves. It becomes a matter of getting close enough and being able to take a few hard punches/kicks to deliver a punch or five. The martial arts expert would obviously win if he took
out somebody's knee cap, but I still think a boxer might get to him faster than he could get to the boxer. It comes down to the skills of the individual participants---but my experience in and around gyms and studios is that boxers are plain tougher---they'll fight with a broken nose or a broken jaw, bruised ribs, etc. They are used to getting hit to deliver their own punches. The karate guys seem more theoretical---they have the knowledge of how to fight, but not the practical skills that come with really going full bore against someone. Average vs. average, the martial arts guy will freeze up when the boxer hits him hard and unless the boxer is hit with a crippling kick like you described, they actually seem to get stronger by taking a few blows.

2/14/06 08:10:34 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Noam, yes, I've expressed the same views about Frazier that you have, but yes, if I were walking a dark dangerous alley in Philadelphia, or for that matter, Tehran, there aren't many people I'd rather have watching my back than Frazier. Frazier might be old, with circulatory problems and near blind, but believe me, most 30 year olds in the best shape of their life wouldn't want to mess with the guy. I'm sure the left hook still has some steam in it.

2/14/06 11:22:25 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|One thing, a kick to the knee can be delivered outside of a man's reach and it is unexpected.<br>I am not sure, especially in my current condition, which has improved but is nowhere near the kind of condition good boxers are in, if I could win out over a boxer who wanted to hurt me but the things I would try would give me a better chance of escaping without too much harm.<br>Noam, the only time a karate guy would take a pause to take a deep breath before striking would be in a demonstration such as board breaking.<br>I do believe that boxers are able to take more punishment and that most karate people know more how to dish it out than take it but in absence of potentially damaging one self to being able to take more punishment, martial arts give people a better chance of defending oneself in most situations.

2/14/06 02:11:27 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Kent: One more way to illustrate my point---if you take a bunch of upper middle class kids---strong kids (by kids, I'm saying 18-21, young adults) who have had a lifetime of martial arts training and match them against an equal number of inner city kids who have spent years boxing---if there are 12 even (weight) matches, my nickle would be on the boxing kids to win at least 10 of the fights. I think there is an inherent toughness in boxers to go along with their craft. My experience is that many, many people who have studied years of martial arts and moved up in all these belt classes haven't been tested the way even an amateur boxer has. I've seen these "competitions" and they seem more like exhibitions. It's all built on theory. Yes, balance and shifting weight is important. Yes, making yourself a smaller target is important. Yes, knowing points of distress on your opponents body is also important and so is the ability to deliver blows, cover up, move side-to-side, etc. When these guys get hit solidly in the face, the game changes. Calling on all of that training isn't easy when you're bleeding and the guy you're fighting is just warming up. That might be why I've seen more boxers win than karate figures.

2/14/06 02:58:26 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Angelo touches on a very pertinent point: most boxers turn to boxing because they come from tough streets and impoverished backgrounds. Boxing provides the only route out of the slums. And when taking that route they become accomplished street fighters before they become boxers. They know how to kick, scratch, bite, and absorb punishment long before they have their first fight in the ring. Meanwhile, martial arts guys were at the library writing plays or at the hairdressers getting blond streaks in their hair. They don't come from needy backgrounds. A bloody nose is a big deal to them. They haven't been in street fights and they lack the intrinsic toughness of those who have. Karate is a hobby, not a means to rise from the slums. They do it to impress their girlfriend or, more usually,
Boxers are tougher and hungrier. They've been in more fights - especially the ones where there are no referees to ensure fairness, and no ring doctors to make sure they aren't kicked to death. Martial arts guys are personal fitness trainers, poodle owners, folk singers, manicurists, make-up artists, lawyers, kindergarten proprietors, playwrights, underwear salesmen, hairdressers, and actors. Doing karate is a way of keeping their butts firmer in their spare time. Boxers box because they have no other options. They need to do it to feed their families and they built up their core fitness from fighting on the streets - not by visiting garish pink-painted designer gymnasiums where a pansy with permed hair named Arton is the resident tough guy teaching karate. Kick boxers, especially from Thailand, are the exception. They were raised in the gutters and are as tough as boxers. Kick boxers kick to the knees just as effectively as a karate champion. I've watched a lot of kick boxing and I can't remember seeing a fight stopped because someone has a sore knee. So forget about karate guys kicking boxers to the knee. It doesn't matter. Boxers fight through the pain barrier. The actors, hairdressers and the others doing karate feint at the first sign of blood. If they get a broken nose or a teeny weeny cut they head post haste to the plastic surgeon. Doctors love karate guys. They present with trivial injuries and never quivel at the outrageous bills they get for applying a band aid. Boxers have their own cut guys, usually someone named Bundini they found in the local rehab clinic. Lots of Hollywood types claimed to have black belts. Tony Curtis. Liberace. Rock Hudson. David Cassidy. Bay City Rollers. Wayne Newton. Oprah. Would you back any of them against Frazier or Jerry Quarry or even Joe Bugner? Of course not! I rest my case, your Honour.

There is something called special training, which is required attendance for advancement to upper ranks, which is something you have to experience to relate to it. It is only 3 to 5 days of intensive training but the experience is something hard to explain because it is a personal experience. In fact a man named Tom Muzila was brought in as a conditioning coach to help Lamon Brewster before he fought Wladimir Klitschko. I believe Muzila had a lot to do with Brewster's mental attitude in overcoming adversity in the ring. Muzila, who is a long time member of SKA and who also is a former Green Beret, is not a media star but he is one of the best trainers of body guards in the United States and one of the toughest, if not the toughest man I know about. Muzila is only about 5'10" 170 pounds and he is in his 60s now but I would not want to have to fight him in a dark alley as I can't think of many who could handle him he is that skilled and he is that tough. I hope one day to return to this type of training when I am physically ready.

However, there is a practical example of what I'm saying about karate guys compared to professional boxers. Take the archetypical 'wimp' - Woody Allen. If Woody took karate lessons for the required period - four years or whatever - he'd end up with a black belt. But you could put Woody in the Kronk gymnasium, train him 28 hours a day, pump him up with steroids, make him lift weights, and put Emanuel Stewart and Angelo Dundee in his corner, and, guess what? Woody would never make it as a professional boxer, no matter what you did. So, if Woody wanted to be a black belt karate, Kung Fu, or some other martial art, he could; but he'd never be good enough to box professionally and he'd never be licensed to do it.
Noam, to get what I am saying about how a lot of martial artists have lost track what real training is all about I suggest doing a google search on Tom Muzila and read some of his articles on things like pushing yourself and his mental approach to the arts. Not all martial arts schools have gotten soft. I trained with him in the mid 1970s and he is an extraordinary individual and the SKA organization is one of a kind. It is not common knowledge that he has been a consultant in Lamon Brewster's training camp. I knew this because a friend who runs a Shotokan of America studio and Tom himself, who teaches a class there once a month or so, told me so. If you notice how much punishment Brewster took before knocking out W. Klitschko than you get an idea the mindset of someone like Muzila helped Brewster with. Muzila is a real warrior, as I said he and others still carry on a Samouri spirit in their training and also as I stated, even though he is over 60 years old now, I wouldn't want to tangle with him. I doubt if Tom would even remember my name but he did know me when he saw me and I reminded him of my previous training. Really nice man too as he didn't have an attitude that I put on so much weight.

Angelo,Noam,Kent,and anyone else who responded to this crossing of fighting styles discussion.While I respect all your informative posts, I still think we are just kinda talking apples and oranges. I really agree with Angelo and Noam. A few years of martial arts does not prepare you for, wait, let me rephrase that. I gotta say, in an alley fight, where strangling and kicking and hitting with whatever's handy, I'd go with a Ranger with 16 months of hand to hand combat, and a Colt .45 auto. Just kidding.

As for my last post, I'd really rather pardner up with Mike Tyson in an alley fight.

For a job I was doing a few years ago, I was taught self-defence, disarming offenders who have knives and guns, etc, from a black belt karate guy. He was genuinely a big scary guy who taught arm holds, pressure points, and that type of thing, and more than once he nearly broke my wrist and nose. He made my ear lobes hurt by pinching them. Try it. While I have no doubt that this guy was the real deal, and that he was a good street fighter, I'd still rather be the guy with the gun in any fight I had with him or any other black belt holder. Give me a loaded gun and I become a black belt in every martial arts known to mankind. Heck, I'll take several of those guys on at once (with a loaded gun). The really misguided people who think they benefit from martial arts classes are women worried about being sexually assaulted. They are taught to knee an attacker in the marble halls, poke them in the eyes or the throat, ram a pencil up a nose, run their high heels down the guy’s shins, stomp on his toes, scream, and generally cause the attacker as much pain and discomfort as humanly possible. Problem is that if the attacker is someone like Mike Tyson, who gets off on pain, the girl has bigger problems than she started off with - black belt training or not. The pain stuff makes it more exciting and, suddenly, the game becomes much more dangerous than it would otherwise have been. I've forgotten what the central point is that I started off trying to make. I'll take a time out to think about that.

Kent - I'll do some google checks as you suggest. Thanks. Ali was, if not the best boxer in the world at the time, one of the top 2 or 3. You could certainly make a strong case that he was the best heavyweight. Wilt Chamberlain
was a basketball player. I don't care how big or strong he was, his endeavor in life was throwing a ball in a hoop, not throwing punches and taking them. I've been hit by an average amatuer boxer. He was wearing 8 ounce gloves or heavier, and he was pulling the punches. His punches to my mid-section were very hard to fend off, even though my reach was better. To make a long story short, three rounds felt like ten, and even though the guy went easy on me, the next day, I felt like I was hit by a truck. Believe me, Ali could use one hand, and beat Wilt Chamberlain blindfolded. It's ridiculous to even consider Wilt having any chance at all to beat a heavyweight champion in boxing---a very silly notion. The fight wouldn't be close and wouldn't last long. If Ali took it seriously, it would be humiliating for Chamberlain. The idea was the stuff carnivals are made of.

| 2/15/06 07:09:34 PM | Steve | NJ || NA || 10 | yow, Angelo, jeez, take it easy! I'm just saying it would be a very strange encounter. I agree with you pro boxing is the most brutal of sports, mainly because of the strict discipline involved in training, but also the extremely high level of natural talent needed to get anywhere close to getting good fights, good money, or even getting heard of. |

| 2/15/06 07:11:43 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca || kentallenent@aol.com || 10 | Noam, yes having training, especially for most women who are not physically strong is no guarantee of safely warding off a strong attacker but the choice of doing nothing and having some form of defense, I would go with some form of defense as it increases the chances of surviving an attack. I know I have told this story before but briefly, years ago I was jumped by some guy who was likely on drugs who blind sided me as I was walking down the street. He jumped out from some bushes and he punched me in the side of the face. For a moment I was stunned and if he had hit me one more time I might been out. But for some reason he hesitated enough for me to somewhat regain my senses and when he came at me again I did try to kick him in the knee and I returned the favor by nailing him with a straight right hand that took down. The cops showed up because the owner of the house he was lurking at had called them to report a prowler and they arrived just in time to see me hit him back. They took me down and handcuffed me but let me go and arrested him because the home owner told them I was defending myself. By the way, I didn't kick his knee cap straight on with my kick but he was limping somewhat from my kick and I think it set up my punch effectively. |

| 2/15/06 10:33:48 PM | Noam | same || same || 10 | Kent, I agree with most of what you say, but guys on drugs are a very different scenario. If a guy is whacked out on heavy drugs like heroin or whatever, then he can take a lot of punishment and not feel it. It's not until the drug wears off that he realizes that he got beat up. Trust me; you can hit that guy to the face so hard you break bones, but he won't know it. A few years ago I caught one of these whackos breaking into my place with a knife. He'd only got out of prison that morning, got on the drugs, stole a van, and broke into seven other places before mine. Even had all the proceeds in the stolen van. I jumped on him, sat on his chest, and punched him until the cops arrived. He wasn't feeling any pain. It was unbelievable. You could have done open heart surgery on that guy while he was awake and he wouldn't have felt anything. Regards, Wilt, I agree with Angelo. While a fight with Ali would be weird, Ali would keep his distance and jab. Eventually, he'd land a combination and that'd be it. One of the great things about Ali was the way he could adjust to styles and win. He did that against Liston. He did it against Foreman. And he'd find a way against Wilt. Also, Ali had a jaw like a brick. He took Frazier's left hook full on and got up. Foreman hit him flush a few times. Hey, he went 12 rounds with a broken jaw with Norton. So it's a stretch to say Wilt would knock him out. It wasn't Ali ducking Wilt, either. Ali had more confidence than anyone alive. He fought them all, even going to the (ridiculous) extent of fighting that karate guy. Ali would have seen fighting Wilt as a challenge, not a risk. In my opinion, of course.
I agree that guys on the really strong stuff feel no pain and it gives them extra strength. It sounds like you were lucky to get the drop on him and get him down, thank God for that as it could have been very bad for you if you had let him up. The guy that attacked me might have just been drunk. All I know is that it was a very scary situation that I hope I don't have to go through again. I tell you, he really dazed me but I guess I took his best shot and was still believing, one more and I would have been out and I am quite lucky he hesitated otherwise I could have been in really trouble.

Kent, I was lucky that I was bigger than him and, rather than using drugs like his habit, I was athletic. I've never used drugs. He had the knife in a handkerchief in his pocket. It was a huge handkerchief that was supposed to be used like a glove to avoid fingerprints being left. I didn't realize he had a knife in it until I heard a metallic sound as he placed it on a step. It was quite funny really. Imagine this. I'm sitting on his chest, punching him in the face, trying to stop him reaching over to the step to pick up the knife. Meanwhile, the elderly Italian in the unit next door, comes out to see what the commotion is all about. By then, I was starting to run out of puff and I'm telling the Italian, "Ring the police, ring the police." The elderly Italian goes away and comes back and says, "I ringa the polizia but they no understanda whata I say." Well, hit me in my fat head with a sledgehammer. Where was Massimo when you need him? I replied, with no patience whatsoever, panicking somewhat, while tiring out punching in the head this drugged-out imbecile who can't feel a thing, "Well, ring them again." Eventually, the cops understood him. They came. Ironically, the cop who turned up used to play football with me in the juniors. His name is Paul Cahill, the funniest guy I know. Which was bad news for the drugged out thief. Boy, did he cop it! The end of the story was that I did my L5 S1 disc in my back and I had surgery to remove it. That's why I swim (and walk) a lot now. To keep my weight in check and take strain off of my back. The druggie got sent to prison. Again.

Nobody can beat Calvin Lane in a street fight. He makes Wilt look short and Shaquille O'Neal look tiny (or tiny). He is over 400 pounds but not fat, 7'5" 1/2 in height, a mountain of muscles. He is the biggest body gard in the world and an actor. Oh, I almost forgot, he has a black belt in karate (to better defend himself...). He would be an unbelievable wrestler, he would make Big Show look Small Show. I was (or got) never involved in a street fight.

Mouthpieces are very uncomfortable. Try putting one in your mouth for 3 minutes and get hit two or three times. As soon as you take it out it's normal to want to rinse your mouth out. I don't think any trainer would give a fighter too much water because he is trying to tell his guy what to do and not to do in 1 minute. Taking out the mouthpiece is just a formality. Also the fighter can respond back to the trainer better when his MP is out.

Correction on my last post: Jumpity Bruce could take Calvin Lane in a dark alley!
on him in a dark alley with a club. |

As for the Eagles, long live Jaws and Wilbert Montgomery! |

Massimo is the type that would know how to take care of himself. If someone broke into his house, rather than go through the trouble of fighting the person, Massimo would just throw a pot of boiling coffee in the poor devil's face and be done with it. I'm sure he'd get the job done! |

Massimo would be a Mission Impossible type of fighter. He'd be very intelligent about how he got you and it'd happen when you least expect it. He'd be bouncing laser beams off space stations before he'd get you between the eyes with it. I'd be careful about upsetting Massimo. |

Did someone mention resurrecting the Great Frazier debate? |

It wasn't me, it wasn't me. But since you ask, why didn't he ever fight Bobick? |

Massimo would have fared against Frazier? I don't think Bobick had good enough defense and he didn't take a shot well so an early round knockout for Smoking Joe would be the result. As I have stated before, Duane Bobick was a good fighter who had a fairly good punch and he was strong but he lacked good defense and he didn't have a good chin. But he was good enough to beat most of the fighters at the bottom of the top ten or just below top ten contender status handily. He beat guys like Chuck Wepner and Scott Ledoux without too much trouble and both of those guys fought for the title. |

Angelo, if you want me to add Bobick's name to our list, I'll have to upgrade my computer with more memory. How much memory have you got left on yours? Perhaps we should make you the official archiver. :)|

If I remember correctly, this Duane Bobick beat Larry Holmes when they were amateurs. |

Massimo: Yes, Bobick beat Holmes in the amateurs, around 1971 or 1972. I've seen the fight. Holmes looked very skinny back then and Bobick was stronger and just used power to win. As pros, Holmes would have destroyed him. I didn't mean to slight Bobick and you're right, he was good enough to beat many of his contemporaries. I don't actually think he had a glass chin---but his defense was not good enough to fight the top of the top. Norton and Tate exposed him. I actually think Bobick would have given Ali some trouble around 1976-77. By this time, Ali didn't have the power he once had, as he could only manage a KO against Richard Dunn and not against a whole slew of others. Thus, I think Bobick would have avoided an early KO. Bobick had the style to make Ali work hard to earn a win. If Bobick trained extremely hard, and had the wind to go 15 rounds, I think he'd pose a problem for Ali, though I think he'd still lose. Against Frazier, post Manilla, Bobick would have a chance. But prime vs. prime, Frazier would go through him like a buzzsaw. |

Thanks Angelo, I think it happened in the year 0 (1972) at the Olympics or at the Trials. |

Bobick was a world class fighter at about the lower part of the top ten or just
below that level as a professional and he was a very good amateur who did have a win over Holmes, I think in the olympic trials. But yes Holmes had not yet matured into the fighter he would become. People also forget that Bobick had a win over Teofelio Stevenson as well before the Olympics. Most people just remember Bobick losing to Stevenson in the olympics. I know he was rated in the top five as a pro, probably going into the Norton fight as he was undefeated, but he was exposed as having some flaws at that high level. I do believe that his chin was suspect as he seemed to crumble when Norton and Tate hit him. His defense at the high levels of the division was not good enough either as he was hittable.

I really like that Quarry's record and his fightclips are here. Sounds like there are some Philadelphia guys here. I grew up near there. Larry Holmes and Joe Frazier are my guys for boxing. I really like Joe's clip with Quarry. Wilt is may favorite Philly athlete. He is not just another hooper. Track was his best sport. He highjumped 6-9 in college. He could have played in the NFL too. I think he could have been ranked in boxing with just a few years work. I think alot of people would have liked to have seen him fight. I have heard of Jerry Quarry, he went a long way as a small heavyweight. Go Sixers and Pacers! THX.

Welcome Frank, Wilt is also a favorite of mine as he played for the Lakers. He seemed like a really nice guy too. He gave me an autograph when I was about ten years old and I think he was in a hurry as it was after a public workout at the L.A. Forum and he and back up center Mel Counts walked right by me and they stopped after I asked Wilt for an autograph. After they signed for me, I heard Counts say to Wilt, "the coach wants us back there now because we have a tight schedule." They may have been in hurry to get to their meeting or to get ready to go to the airport or whatever but Wilt still took the time to stop and sign his name for me. This was the first time I ever thought of my father as being short as he was about 5'6" and those guys looked like trees standing next to him.

In regards to the boxer vs karate debate a boxer would win if he gets close enough to take away the karate experts kicking ability.

Frank: I live near DC now, but grew up in Northeastern PA, about 90 minutes north of Philly. I was close to Easton and of course that means Larry Holmes! As a kid, Ali was my guy, but Holmes took the torch from him and gave us a Champion to really be proud of, something that we haven't had since (with the exception of Lennox Lewis, who seems like a decent guy). Yes, Bobick was a Minnesota guy. The loss to Norton made a joke out of him, and that isn't fair. He could fight. He wasn't in the class of Jerry Quarry or other perennial top 10 guys, but as Kent pointed out, he was in or around the Top 10 for a couple years and that's not easy to accomplish.

It is that whole white hope nonsenses that is a joke, not Bobick and as Angelo points out it was not fair to Bobick. So he got knocked out in the first round, so
join the club. Norton himself got knocked out early before the second round a few times and nobody thinks he was a joke and Earnie Shavers suffered the fate against our own Jerry Quarry in the very first round. Also as pointed out many times in the great Frazier debate of 05, Joe Frazier went down six times in less than two rounds verses George Foreman and Frazier was hardly the laughing stock of the heavyweights in his time. Duane Bobick should be recognized for what he was as a fighter, a fighter with the skills to take him to the top of the amatuer ranks and to the top ten as a professional and to those white fans who may have thought he somehow let them down, what have they ever accomplished that even compares to what Bobick did?

Hey, Hey, Kent, don't start flirting with racial assumptions. I wasn't a white fan dissapointed in D.Bobbick, I, As well as every semi intelligent fight fan at that time, knew he was not for real. By the way, don't be so vociverious in his defence. How do you know what his critics have done in real life.

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Kent, in the time frame we speak of, There only a few fighters capable of actually physically defeating Ali, Frazier, Foreman, Norton, and Quarry. This may sound like "what if". Okay, Frazier is alliminated. Give Norton, Quarry, just one more shot at Ali, and who knows what could happen.

Steve Vociverous? VOCIVEROUS? Last time I used a big word that no one understood I got accused of racism and had to spend weeks trying to clear my name. So, by my own volition, I've taken big words out of my repertoire to avoid any misunderstandings. From now on I'm gonna post like a plebian without pleonasm. (PS. It's actually spelt v o c i f e r o u s.)

Steve, no I don't think most white fans felt Bobick "let them down" but some probably do and I think he was more succesful at what he did than most of them and he accomplished more than I ever have also. I know he was a flawed fighter but he was not a joke he did the best he could and if he fell short of expectations, then that is nothing to be ashamed of.

Steve: I don't know if white fans felt that Bobick "let them down" but I do know that white and some black fans joked about his one round loss to Norton. It was fodder for late night hosts and even that jackass Richard Dawson made some joke about Bobick not being able to stand for a minute (the fight ended in 58 seconds). And Kent is right about one thing—Bobick made it to the Top 10 in his weight division, in the world. He did beat some ranked fighters and he was an Olympic medalist. Many of the fans who joked about him couldn't say that they were in the Top 10 in the world at their profession, and that's assuming they actually had jobs. I guess I'm one of the gullible ones who thought Bobick was a special talent. It was by no means "pulling for whitey" as I've said many, many times that Ali and Holmes were my favorite fighters---but I watched Bobick progress for a couple years out of the Olympics, watched him build an undefeated record and beat a couple decent guys along the way---he had a punch and seemed to have stamina. I was shocked that Norton took him out so quickly and convincingly. Then, John Tate put the exlamation point on it. Still, Bobick made a living boxing and was world ranked---he had his fame and that's more than many can say.
you use the big word in context, it doesn't matter, unless someone doesn't understand the meaning, misinterprets it, and then you're in trouble. Like I was. <br>The heavyweight division is very boring over recent years. It's very hard to get interested in it. It's like, who cares, who even knows their names, who could be bothered about them. Apart from Toney, none are colourful, none capture your attention. It's hard to like them or hate them. They're all just neutral, uninteresting, lowly talented, overpaid, underachieving type of guys. If Joe Bugner was fighting today, he'd be an excitement machine, comparative to the others. Heck, wrestling is more exciting than the current bunch. 

|2/21/06 05:25:10 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Noam: The division is in a sorry state, when someone like Ruiz can hold a title and be relevant for so long. The Klitschos are a curiosity at best. Toney isn't a legitimate heavyweight. Holyfield has become a liability for the sport. So has Bowe. Tyson represents unfulfilled potential and is too old to matter now. Geez, I never thought I'd long for the days of Lennox Lewis---I considered him boring and vulnerable---but he's looking like a great champion now. I do hope some good young talent is on the horizon. |
|2/21/06 06:32:45 PM|Noam|same|same||10|Angelo, I think the last time I was looking forward to a heavyweight fight and was excited at the prospect of it was Holyfield v Tyson. That's a long time ago. The guys today I don't know their names or, if I do, I can't spell it because I'm not interested in reading about them. It's a shameful mess. Where are all the heavyweight prospects? Jail? Playing other sports? |
|2/21/06 06:39:37 PM|steve|NJ||NA|||10|Noam and Angelo, you're both on the mark. There doesn't seem to be the kind of electricity that I remember when Tyson's face was on the cover of Sports Illustrated back in the eighties. I thought, for a short time, and even tried to talk him up, that Samuel Peters was the second coming. Guess I was wrong about that one.|
|2/22/06 02:21:50 AM|Ed|Cicero N Y||mooseygoop@aol.com||10|Looks like Joe Mesi is going to be fighting again. I personally hate to see it. <br><br>http://sports.espn.go.com/sports/boxing/news/story?id=2334408|
|2/21/06 04:01:09 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|I must admit I don't know for sure who the heavyweight champions are. Nicola Valuev is one of them and then? Is Chris Byrd champion? I don't remember. Is Kent's brother Giacomo Toney champion? Idem, I don't remember. There are too many weight divisions and belts, people get confused. The last exciting fight I saw was Toney-Holyfield. I think Nicola Valuev brought back some interest in the division by beating Giovanni Ruiz. I'm curious to see what the big fella can do. After all, he is not that much shorter than Wilt! <br>*"andreer" means shorter in Ceylon slang!* |
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|2/22/06 02:33:09 PM|Noam|same|same||10|Massimo - if you look back at the title holders in the 1970s, you see that there is only one champion in every division. There's none of this alphabet title stuff. |
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lightweight etc. And there was no cruiserweight. In the 1970s we had 7 title holders all up; now we have 45 or more champions. Just to have been a challenger for the title in the 1970s (like Jerry) and earlier was more of an achievement than actually winning a title today, given that many more titles are on offer in many more weight divisions. There needs to be a revolution in boxing where one body takes charge. By all means keep all the weight divisions, but cut it back so there's only one title in each division. Unify the whole damn thing!

Hey Angelo. All those eastern bloc fighters have huge strutting jaws, almost as big as the jaw of French female tennis player Amelie Mauresmo. Perhaps they all eat the same breakfast cereal. That's true that watered down champions has ruined boxing. Back in the old days everyone knew who the champion of each division was. Even when a mediocre champion, such as Ezzard Charles, fought almost everyone followed it. A lot of heavyweight fights were front page news. I saw an old newspaper of the Liston/Patterson fight and it had over 4 full pages of fight pictures. Unless we get a superstar like Mike Tyson again I don't think we'll ever see boxing rise to the heights it once was. I guess the greed of the promoters wanting to call a fight a title fight when it's not close to being that is to blame. Also they have more and more good fights on pay per view. I mean, people barely watch it when its free how do they expect to expose superstar fighters to the general public when people have to pay extra to see them? I wonder too, if the ultimate fighting cage matches has sort of pushed boxing back. Its caught on big time with the younger people and its much more violent. Everybody knows that a boxer wouldn't have a chance against the top guys in that sport and thats what boxing is all about...seeing who the toughest fighter is.

Also, Ed, a lot more people make money the way it is today. The WBA, WBC, et al, all get their sanctioning fees. Judges and referees get paid more for title fights. If the fights are overseas, they get airfare, hotel bills, a paid holiday. Title fights, however hollow, fill tv time slots, etc. The more the merrier for promoters and sanctioning bodies. It's all a big con job on the boxing fan. | I grew up in Coatesville, west of Philadelphia. Please don't get me started on the Eagles. Larry Holmes, along with Joe Frazier, was my guy. The great boxer and the great puncher. I have no idea who the top guy is now. Whoever he is, he's not that good. I did like Lewis alot and was a big Klitschko fan, now both are gone. It's funny, now there are so many belts and so few real champs. Back in the day, you had real champ-types and one or two belts. Oh well.

Oh also, don't be too hard on Bobick or some of these other guys because they could not beat Holmes or Norton. Like the man said, he still got pretty far. That would like jeering someone because they can't guard Allen Iverson. How many can? You know, take your turn at it. Kent I remeber Wilt with the Lakers too. I'm into classic NBA alot. They won 69 games with him in 1972 and he was hardly trying to score then. Thx.

Frank, yes Wilt was an amazing basketball player and even though in his last few years he didn't focus on scoring, if the team needed it he could still go out and get 40
points almost as if on demand.<br>Wilt led the lead in some category for every full year of his career. The only year he didn't lead in some category is when he broke his leg early in a season and he only played about 25 games.<br>Even in the years when he wasn't scoring a lot he still led in things like field goal percentage, rebounding, and even one year he led in assists.<br>Coatsville... wasn't there a lighter weight guy in the 80's from your town named Calvin Grove? I remember seeing him on ESPN a couple times. I don't know what ever happened to him. He might have been weltherweight???<br>Let's limit the spelling corrections to easy words like potatoe.<br>I am the greatest of all time. I was robbed against Ali, I beat Foreman easily, and I whooped Frazier in sparring.<br>Jimmy Young was a very good fighter but if he got the best of Frazier in sparring, it was probably towards the end of Joe's career as I don't believe Jimmy was ready to do battle with Joe before about 1975.<br>Jimmy didn't fully live up to his potential until then as he had a lot of losses before that point.<br>Jimmy didn't have a long prime as he also was beaten a lot of times after his prime but when he was a his best, he was very good.<br>I had heard that Frazier KO'd Norton repeatedly in sparring, and that he broke Holmes' ribs, but I never knew he sparred against Jimmy Young. Jimmy was very clever. I think he'd have given Frazier a tough fight.<br>Add on to Jimmy Young, I think the problem with Jimmy later in his career is he tried to get in and punch more, he went away from his style because people had criticised his stick and move style and it cost him.<br>The exception was his fight with Gerry Cooney and because even though Young was past his prime, for almost four rounds he kept Cooney off stride.<br>I remember thinking about Cooney, "this is the guy the are making so much fuss about?"
But then Cooney caught up to Young and he opened up a big cut above Young's eyes and the fight was stopped on cuts for a TKO win for Cooney.<br>I based the fact that an over the hill Young had boxed circles around Cooney until Cooney caught him and if Young could out box him for even a few rounds, an in prime Larry Holmes would be able to take Cooney. Thanks to Jimmy Young, I was able to win some money betting on Holmes to beat Cooney.<br>Greg Page is near death in a Louisville hospital. Suffering from seizures, hypothermia, and respiratory failure. I saw an interview with him a few years ago and he was out of his mind. The recent fight between Scott Pemberton and Peter Manfredo, after viewing the interview with Pemberton, I wondered how a commission would grant him a license to fight. He would lose his train of thought mid-sentence. I am afraid Mesi may end up this way as well; he is really not that good. He should walk away with what he has and call it a day.
What's the deal with orange juice? It reminds me of the first Tunney - Greb bout, which I did not attend. Tunney was so battered by Greb his handlers mixed orange juice with whiskey during the bout and made him drink it instead of water... to dull the pain.

2/25/06 07:04:47 PM| Kent| Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10| My heart goes out to the Page family. Yes I am not sure how some of these fighters get licenses to fight. Even though the rules need to be stronger to make boxing safer, there are rules on the book that you would think would at least prevent people like Greg Page from fighting past the time when he should have quit but what good are rules if the commissions don't enforce them?

2/25/06 07:04:47 PM| Kent| Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10| We need a national commission now and for other countries to honor suspensions because even if we have a strong commission here in the States, what good is that if a fighter can travel out of the country and fight there?

2/25/06 07:04:47 PM| Kent| Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10| Bob B you are right, Joe Mesi, if he fights, is a tradey waiting to happen.

2/25/06 07:04:47 PM| Kent| Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10| I remember back in 1983 our own Jerry Quarry, Bobby Chacon, and Tex Cobb were given brain scans and both Jerry and Chacon showed signs of permanent damage but no outward symptoms yet but the California commission allowed Jerry and I think Chacon also to fight after this. They should have never been allowed to fight again after this test.

2/25/06 07:04:47 PM| Kent| Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10| Another sad note to the Page tragedy is the fighter that put him in that shape has been accused of murder. CINCINNATI -- Former heavyweight boxer Dale Crowe has been indicted in the death of a man whose body was found in a trash bin. The 29-year-old Crowe was arrested Thursday outside the Hamilton County courthouse after he had made an appearance there on an unrelated misdemeanor. Prosecutors accuse him of killing Frank Branam, 23, of Cincinnati. Crowe faces charges of aggravated murder, murder and aggravated robbery. The victim's relatives told investigators that Branam was last seen with Crowe on Aug. 10, 2002. His body was found in a trash container a month later. The victim's sister, Amanda Mappes, 30, said she and her brother grew up with Crowe. Crowe, who was being held on a $1.6 million bond, defeated former WBA heavyweight champion Greg Page during a March 2001 fight in Erlanger, Ky. Page, sustained traumatic brain injuries during the bout, slipped into a coma and then had a stroke during post-fight surgery. He was paralyzed on his left side and has had to use a wheelchair since.

2/25/06 11:07:28 PM| Noam| same||same||||10| Angelo, I'll check up but I think Calvin Grove was a lightweight or featherweight. If my memory serves me right, he fought for a title against Jeff Feneck, the Australian, but lost. I think that Grove was working as a deputy in your country then and that he is still doing that now. I'll find out.

2/25/06 11:07:28 PM| Noam| same||same||||10| I'm sorry to hear about Page. Unless that make changes like Kent suggests, every generation of boxers will have their own sad cases.

2/26/06 04:20:18 AM| Ed| Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@aol.com|||10| 2 questions, please. First, how would Joe Frazier have done against a good, big heavyweight like Riddick Bowe? Second, does anyone think it would be good to establish an automatic limit on how long any fighter can be licensed and fight? How about 5 years? Thanks.

2/26/06 04:20:18 AM| Ed| Cicero N Y||Mooseygoop@aol.com|||10| Somebody wrote: "I remeber Wilt with the Lakers too. I'm into classic NBA alot. They won 69 games with him in 1972 and he was hardly trying to score then." Hardly trying to score then? Hmm, that must have been Wilt Smith, then, or Wilt Jones, or maybe Wilt Johnson. Never Wilt Chamberlain.
I think Frazier would have his hands full with Bowe or Lewis---good, big, skilled heavies. At the same time, I don't think either of these guys approach the power of George Foreman in his prime, so I wouldn't necessarily be looking for a quick KO. Frazier was relentless and had a bigger heart, I think, than Lewis or Bowe. This is really tough to call---I have a weird feeling that Frazier might find a way to get inside against Lewis and lay him out with a hook. Bowe should have the size and skills to beat Frazier, but if he came in lazy (as he did against Golata), he'd be out of wind by the sixth round, and Frazier would just be getting started. I think Bowe would have a legitimate chance to KO Frazier, but after watching over 20 snoozing rounds of Lewis-Holyfield, I don't think Lewis would hurt Frazier.

Hello Pat,
yes Wilt Chamberlain did score points while he was a Laker but he wasn't focusing on scoring as the most he ever averaged for a full season while a Laker was 20.7 points a game and he only averaged 14.8 points a game for the championship year in 1971-72 as compared to over 30 points a game for his career average. Wilt was playing more like Bill Russell by that time, concentrating on defense and trying to get the Lakers championships.

In his other championship year with the Philadelphia Seventy-Sixers he averaged about 24 points a game, also below his career average. But Chamberlain could get a lot of points almost any time he wanted to if the team needed it.

Given the recent worsening of the physical condition of former heavyweight boxing champion Greg Page, who lives in Louisville, both the AAIB and the Jerry Quarry Foundation hope that all efforts will resume to secure the passage of Senate bill 148 to establish a national boxing commission. As you well know, you voted against this bill last November. Please keep in mind that the establishment of such an entity can help prevent such a tragedy of this magnitude from occurring. Please get this bill through the House.

Thank you for your time and effort regarding this issue.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE OTTO, Esquire

Mr. Otto: As usual--clear, to the point and persuasive. Thank you for looking out for the athletes we follow. It's a weird paradox---boxing fans (I count myself in that group) patronize the sport and through our interest, generate millions of dollars in purses, whether by buying tickets or driving up television ratings. We build our own "relationships" with the fighters, even though we rarely meet them. By supporting the sport, in a sense, we're enabling tragic outcomes like the Greg Page injuries. But with that said, the sport still does a lot of good for youth and though it's a high risk activity, there are many other risky sports that people participate in. Banning boxing isn't the answer---I think you've found the answer, and it's reforming boxing with common sense measures such as those that Kent has mentioned, along with the badly needed establishment of a national commission to provide closer oversight of the sport. When people counter by saying "That isn't going to prevent deaths and serious injuries" my response is that it might not prevent terrible things from happening, but it will give us reason to believe the frequency will be whittled down. If these measures you suggest stop even a small percentage of tragic head injuries from occurring, it's all worth it. This isn't an all or nothing proposition---if it helps SOME boxers, that's good enough for me.

Kent: I wonder if it would be legal to ban the closed circuit showing of fights held outside the U.S. if the fighters failed to meet U.S. competitive standards? This being the case, it would take out the incentive for promoters to go overseas or to South America for example, to stage a fight (if they were counting on an American audience to
generate revenue). In your opinion, would the standards speak strictly to the physical condition of the fighter, or would the matchmaking itself be questioned? In other words, if it were determined that Riddick Bowe shouldn't fight a young tiger (because Bowe's reflexes and cognitive ability are too diminished to be competitive) would it be okay to match him instead against Tyson, another guy who is slower and less powerful than he used to be? I'm wondering if opponent selection plays into whether someone is allowed to fight or not? 

I think the U.S. shouldn't take fights that don't meet high standards of safety even if it means losing T.V. money. That we shouldn't let those fights into our markets.

I have a feeling that both Tyson and Bowe might have permanent brain damage, even without symptoms and that no fighter should be allowed to fight with any sign of permanent brain damage.

Do you remember the article in Sports Illustrated that Jerry, Bobby Chacaon, and Tex Cobb took brain scans and both Jerry and Chacon showed permanent brain damage?

Well I know Jerry still had his wits about him but he still should not have been granted a license after taking this exam but I think he actually had three fights after this.

I met Chacon about a year and a half ago and it was like talking to a child he was in such bad shape. Maybe if he was denied a license he might not have the damage he now has.

people (including Eddie Futch from a few years ago) claim that Bowe does show signs of permanent brain damage. In fact, Bowe himself acknowledged that his verbal reactions are "slower" than they used to be. Many tend to forget that as an Olympian and young professional, and even as a young champion, Bowe was very conversational and animated. As well, for a guy without formal education, he was well spoken. Now, he slurs his speech and seems to struggle sometimes to find words. He's not himself. He's still a great athlete and with all-out training and prep, I'm sure he can still fight, but it's not in his own best interest. I think Riddick Bowe, deep down, is a good guy who has had some bad things happen to him---and has made some very poor judgements---and at the root of it might be the head trauma he's suffered.

It's not only Tyson and Bowe. Try understanding what Holyfield says when he's talking. Same with Frazier. They both slur their words and it's hard to know what their saying.

And these are the guys who were at the top of boxing. We never get to hear from the boxers who were middle to low ranking. You'd expect that more of them would be damaged from the sport than the elite guys.

Sorry I don't remember hearing about a Calvin Grove. I mostly watch the bigger fighters unless it's a name I've heard. Joe would have KOd Lewis no knock on Lewis. Bowe I'm not sure about. Seems like he was champ for ten minutes. He could have been a great one I think. Jimmy Young is another of my Philly heavies. Too quick for Ali and could box Foreman. There was some talent there too. He would never try Joe though. Joe was deadly serious. thx.

Jimmy Young, at his best, could pose an awkward problem for anyone at any time. Basically, if he was in shape and having on "on" night, he'd hit you more than you could hit him. His punches weren't devastating, but they piled up points. Meanwhile, his ability to slip punches and make really good fighters miss was amazing. Young was slippery and awkward. Sometimes, because he was all defense and not much offense, he didn't impress judges enough. But to me, there was beauty in his ability to have a strategy and fight plan and stick with it through the entire fight. He came in against Ali, Foreman, Norton and Ron Lyle with a plan. He didn't let the pace of the fight change his plan. He finished these fights impressively, all of them. These four guys were top caliber heavyweights of
their era and in some cases of any era. Young was within a couple whiskers of being undefeated against these guys and being a Champion. Many people feel he was cheated. 

Ron Lyle thought he won both fights with Young but the judges saw differently. In one of those fights Young had welts on his sides from Lyle's body attack and Lyle landed the harder punches but Young more of them so he got two decisions.

Noam, Holyfield has had a speech impediment all of his life. In fact when he was a child they thought he was retarded because of it. He worked with speech therapists to overcome the problem. Now I am not saying he hasn't suffered any damage, he probably has and I think he should stay home. But he won't. The other thing that boxing commissions should do is have the weigh in the day of the fight not a day or two before. In some of the lower weight classes these guys are coming in 10 to 15 pounds over the class limit. Most of the elite super middleweights and light heavies are 180 to 190 by fight time. If you are a natural 165 to 175 pounder you won't stand a chance against these guys.

I was shocked to see Joe Calzaghe totally dominate Jeff Lacy in a super middleweight title fight tonight. I thought Lacy would catch up to him and hurt him with his power but he pretty much never did and the British fighter won just about every round. Another American fighter loses a belt, oh well, better luck next time.

Bob, thanks, I didn't know that about Holyfield's childhood. I do know that Holyfield is a very decent man. A friend of mine happened to walk past Holyfield in the street a few years ago. Holyfield took the time to talk to him for about 30 minutes or so. There was nothing in it for Evander except human kindness. A lot of other sportsmen could learn from him. I hope he doesn't have any damage.

I agree with you that it's accomplished by dehydration and isn't good going into the fight. But I think Bob's point might have been just the opposite???? Guys make weight and then use the last two days before the fight to get back to their "normal" weight, which is much higher than the limit.

Still have enough faith in the regulars on this site to give out my E-mail address. Thank you Noam, for warning me of the dangers of this, I never forgot that. Angello, sorry, but as a long time fan of boxing, I don't think Jimmy Young was a great fighter. He was an aberration, much like John Ruiz. They where guys strong enough and with good enough reflexes to avoid being hit, while clutching and holding, with the occasional foul, you know, headlocks, holding, falling down and faking low blow damage. They didn't come to win against Lyle, or Foreman. Ruiz against anyone. They came for a huge payday, and to survive the fight.

I'm not in full agreement with anyone who thinks Young or Ruiz belong in any study that develops into a list of even top twenty heavyweights.

Angello, I disagree with the idea of a fighter not having to make the weight limit for his class on fight day. If you have to starve yourself and become dehydrated in order to make weight, then you
haven't trained properly, or are trying to shrink yourself to a smaller weight class. Hey, just like Jockeys, you don't get to gain weight back, and fight a guy you are naturally bigger than. 

Steve: I don't disagree with you---but I just pointed out why I don't think they'd ever go along with it---it would cause huge problems if a guy didn't make weight and fights had to be cancelled, money refunded, etc. As for Young, I totally disagree with you that he "didn't come out to win" against Foreman. That's utter nonsense. Young was a lighter hitter, so he didn't slug it out against everyone--- he was a classic stick and move guy who frustrated the hell out of bigger, stronger and yes, better fighters. He used a defensive fight plan and stuck with his strategy to compensate for lower weight and less strength than many of his opponents. His fight against Foreman was brilliant---the pinnacle of his career. He made one mistake in, I believe, the seventh round. But he quickly recovered and even finished that round strong, backing Foreman up. He knocked Foreman down and easily won two thirds of the rounds. I believe he outpointed Norton too, though the judges didn't see it that way. 

Ed: Yes, "unafraid" is the key. Young wasn't intimidated by the bigger power hitters. He just stood in front of them and gave them moves and movement they hadn't seen before. On a different level, Buster Douglas accomplished this against Mike Tyson. Most of Tysons previous opponents lost before the fight started, because they were terrified of being hit by Tyson. A prime example is Michael Spinks, who was scared out of his mind---you could see in his eyes that he was shaking in fear before Tyson even hit him once. Enter James Douglas, who refused to buy into the fear factor. Douglas had a plan to jab and move. Now, it helps that Douglas was also tall and heavy, with a punch of his own. This is something Young and Byrd lacked. But the point is that Douglas was unafraid and he stuck with his plan for an entire fight. When Tyson caught him, he didn't panic or change his strategy. He shook it off. Just like Young did against Foreman. 

Steve, I wouldn't compare Jimmy Young's style to Ruiz's though because Ruiz is more of a brawler and Young's style was more like Chris Byrd's style. I don't think it would have been wise for Young to abandon his stick and move style when he fought Foreman and Lyle. Why get your head beat in if you can hit and avoid punches coming your way? 

Steve: I don't admire the fighting style of Ruiz, who hangs on, is sloppy, I believe weighs about 230, is big and strong and doesn't box, doesn't slug--- just survives his way to wins. I did admire Young's style--- a smaller heavyweight who counted on slick boxing to outsmart his bigger, more powerful opponents. What would have happened in a Young-Foreman rematch? We'll never know, because the fight put Foreman into retirement after he had hallucinations and heat exhaustion. My guess is that Young would have outpointed him again, as long as
the judges weren't bought by King, who viewed Foreman as a bigger money maker and more intriguing opponent. Let's face it: Young was never a one-punch KO artist. He couldn't hit someone with one punch and turn the tide of a fight the way Foreman or other big heavies could. He needed to count on defense and reflexes and for a two year period in the mid-70's he was close to the best in the world. Finally, I'm fully aware that Young and Douglas had much different styles---my point was that lack of fear/intimidation of their opponents (respectively, Foreman and Tyson) served them well.

I watched a tape of Wladimir Klitschko against Jameel McCline from about 2002 today. Klitschko won by a late round TKO and he was ahead in the fight but I was amazed about how biased the announcers, among them George Foreman, were for Klitschko. Yes I agreed Klitschko was ahead in the fight at the time of the stoppage but it wasn't as one sided as the announcers were saying and as I remembered the fight when I originally saw it. Wladimir K won most of the rounds by having mainly a more accurate jab but when I saw the fight today on tape I thought there wasn't that huge of a difference between the fighters in a lot of the rounds, that Wladimir K had a slight advantage in a lot of them.

Foreman, Jim Lampley, and Larry Merchant made it seem like McCline wasn't fighting at all and if he had just landed a few more punches in a lot of the rounds, he could have been leading on the scorecards. There were not that many rounds when Wladimir K really hurt McCline, the most severe of course was when he knocked McCline down in the round that ended the fight and McCline's corner didn't let him out for the next round. At that time Wladimir was the media favorite and they were really building him up at the expense of McCline. Very biased reporting.

Of course this was before we found out what a brittle chin Wladimir has.

Great to see the site is still purring along after I haven't visited for a while. Kent - you are a keen fan. I can't bring myself to know anything about the current guys in the heavyweight division. I go back to the era before Liston and there was always something about the champions that drew me in. It didn't matter who...Patterson, Liston, Ali, Frazier - it didn't matter. You wanted to watch them. Of course, it was the same with Marciano, but even lesser champions like Charles and Walcott and all those guys. What's wrong with today's guys? Why can't they interest us? None of them interest me. It's not just because I'm getting old. It's because these guys have nothing going for them. Who is Ruiz and Rahman? I don't want to know anything about them.

At least Rahman pulled the KO upset of Lewis, which makes me interested in him as a fighter---but you're right. There's a drought of talent and intrigue with these guys today.

Another face of the problem is multi-faceted. Howard C: We don't get to know the fighters and have a personal interest in them anymore, because for one thing, the fights aren't televised on network television and secondly, the fights are way too infrequent. When these so called contenders are fighting once a year and the fight isn't on broadcast television---how can anyone develop much interest? What about 3 or 4 fights a year for guys in and around the top 10, most of this on television? We'd get to know the players and we'd take stock in the rankings and outcome of fights. "The Contender" was in the end, a failure on NBC (for a lot of reasons). But I actually found myself liking some of these guys, disliking others and interested in the outcome.

Another face of the problem is that the boxing organizers almost never organize the right fight at the right time, I mean the fight that everyone wants to see. Why organizing fights like Tyson-Etienne, 3 Holyfield-Ruiz? Who cares about them? Why organizing Lewis-Tyson at
a time when Tyson was washed up? I mean, the same fight, a few years before (or earlier) would have been much more interesting. Another example: Tua-Tyson fought at the right time, would have been a very exciting fight, a real war! I was getting excited for Jameel "The bouncer" Mc Cline vs James "Lights out" Toney, the fight would have been interesting for the size difference, but we all know that that fight was never fought.

Howard C., I agree with Angelo and yourself. The charisma that used to surround successful fighters in the 60's and 70's, and Tyson in the 80's, doesn't seem to be there with the new fighters. Maybe you're right. Maybe it's because we're all getting older. Or maybe Angelo's got a point. Fighters just don't get the TV exposure they used to get on Friday night fights, or Saturday afternoon's Wide World of Sports. Maybe it's because Massimo is correct. In the history of boxing, (dream fights) seldom happened. Top fighters avoiding each other and demanding so much money to fight that I felt somehow slighted by paying exorbitant prices on pay-per-view. If you add to all these problems the mob connections in the 40's, 50's, and sixties, combined with Don King, and it's little wonder boxing has been reduced to a "niche sport", to quote Mr. Otto.

Hi Kent. I know you're watching this NFL free agency very closely. LOOK OUT! You California surfer type dude, with your new skinny body. The Eagles are making some pretty good to excellent moves in free agency. Next on our shopping list, Jeff Garcia.

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Kent, Best of luck to you sir. From what I've read on high prostate levels it's not at all accurate. But its good you're having it checked. I am sure that getting your weight down and having an exercise program like you do will work in your favor too.

Are you researching prostate testing and such online?

Hey Kent, good luck! I never pray but I do hope you're gonna be fine! Let us know how the things are going with your health.

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Congratulations for the 57 pounds, I'm doing a diet but I'm not having good results.
Kent: Best case (and probably the case) you're free and clear. Worst case, it's a treatable cancer.

I'm thinking about you and will say a prayer too.

Thanks friends for your support.

Steve my beliefs are Christian, more on the Protestant side though but I think most of the various sects, including the Catholic faith have basically the same message.

The heavyweight fighter in this article is probably unheard of for even the most ardent fight fans. He was the only fighter from Syracuse NY that ever fought for a heavyweight title. Even though he was long before my time I heard stories about him throughout the years. He was a cab driver after his fighting days were over and had some run ins with tough guys, always flattening them with one punch.

Syracuse, despite being a small city had quite a lot of good fighters over the years. Carmen Basilo and his Nephew Billy Backus were title holders and the De John family had heavyweight main eventers. Hal TNT Carrol was from Syracuse. He fought gamely against Bob Foster back when. We have the boxing hall of fame just outside Syracuse.

Nick Barone, the "Fighting Marine" who lost a heavyweight title bout in 1950 to Ezzard Charles, died at 79.

He died Sunday, the Welter-price Funeral Home said. Barone had a 47-11-1 record, mainly as a ranked contender in the light heavyweight division. But his most famous fight came as a heavyweight on Dec. 5, 1950, when he met Charles in the champion's hometown of Cincinnati. It was Charles' first defense of the title he took from Joe Louis three months earlier.

Charles was heavily favored, but Barone lasted until the 11th round when he was knocked down for the first time in his career. He got up, but the referee stopped the fight. "He was one tough son of a gun," said Don Hamilton, a former amateur boxer and friend of Barone's, told The Post-Standard.

"He weighed about 175 pounds when he fought Charles, but he went toe-to-toe with him."

Barone fought just five times after meeting Charles and lost four of those bouts. "Before the Charles fight, he fought Jimmy Beau in a main event at Madison Square Garden," Hamilton added. "He won a 10-round decision, but Beau damaged his left eye. He fought Charles with one eye." Barone hid the injury from doctors, and it wasn't the first time he hid the truth to fight.

Barone, whose real name was Carmine, had an older brother, Nick. At 16, Barone took Nick's birth certificate and enlisted in the Marines. He went on to fight in World War II and saw action at Iwo Jima.

That article/fighter didn't mean anything to me until the end, when I read that his real name was Carmine Barone---it's coming back to me now. My Dad and Uncle (both dead) might have told me about this guy a long time ago. I remember hearing about him covering up an eye injury to fight---I'm from Northeastern PA and my Dad and Uncle were from NYC by way of Italy! I know Syracuse isn't near the city, but I think I've heard about this guy from them.

If only you were a few years younger, you could try out for "American Idol" with your singing talent! You'd be the first boxing writer contestant they've ever had. You could sing some Lou Rawls to warm up the crowd, then switch to Zeppelin.
going to be performing anywhere any time soon as I don't practice much so my voice is out of shape but I have been working on a CD of songs for an American Indian language program where I am singing some kid's songs such as Mary had a Little Lamb and others with Indian words and English also to help revive a local Indian dialect. In the songs I sing the names of colors, shapes, sizes, locations, and numbers in the native tougue and English to help the kids remember the words of their language.<br><br>I much prefer to singing in the studio to performing anyway as I don't like to have to please what some audience wants all the time.<br><br>I don't need to practice much to sound good for a few songs. But singing for hours, I couldn't do that at the moment. I would have to build up to it over months.

3/15/06 04:24:27 PM|Noam|same|same||10|Kent, my best wishes and I hope everything turns out okay. I'm not religious, so I won't pray. But I am superstitious. Looks like I'll be avoiding walking on cracks in the pavement and all that type of stuff for you for the rest of the week or until we find out that everything is all right. Kind regards. |

3/15/06 07:39:20 PM|steve |NJ||NA||10|Kent, how dare Angelo imply that you are too old to begin a serious singing and recording career! If you have an original sound, and can hook up with a pro. song writer, you could put out something that is built around your particular voice and style. Just rent the studio and crank out some tapes. Then just go from label to label and try to sell them. Of course, this advice entitles me to a ten percent profit if your even moderately successful, which would put you in a not to uncommen slot of one hit wonders. Even if only one song at least gets played, it'll get sold, and you, with my careful guidance, will make a bundle. |

3/15/06 07:55:35 PM|Steve|NJ||NA||10|Hey Noam, I haven't heard from or even had a good altercation with you in a while. You don't have to be practising any formal religion. I'm catholic and I certainly dont practice it! I do however, pray my ass off for people I care about who are in trouble. |

3/15/06 08:22:42 PM|Steve|NJ||NA||10|Hey Kent, do you remember the group. "Red Bone". They where an Native American group who had a great hit, {Come and Get Your Love}? They where a one hit wonder but made several million dollars. |

3/15/06 11:40:58 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Steve, I am sure Angelo didn't mean anything negative about me. He was stating that there is an age limit on American Idol. I wouldn't do that show anyway even if I was the right age for it. I am not what they are looking for and I can sing in tune so they couldn't make fun of me. |

3/16/06 01:29:57 AM|Ed|Cicero NY||Mooseygoop@aol.com||10|Angelo, <br><br>That's very interesting that your dad and uncle may have talked to you about that fight.<br><br>Over the years I've heard many times that Charles damaged Barones eyes. Now it appears that they were injured in a previous fight. It would be interesting to know whether the fight was televised or not. <br><br>Did you follow Johnny Bizzaro's career, from Erie Pa.? |

3/16/06 01:49:28 AM|Noam|same|same||10|Steve, I am superstitious and not religious. I know superstition is silly and nonsensical but I have it in my stupid mind that it is bad luck to do certain things. So instead of praying for good luck for someone like Kent when he needs it, I instead avoid doing certain things that my ridiculous mind somehow thinks might bring bad luck. It's stupid, I know. <br><br>Kent, I read in the paper today that red hot chillies have a substance in them that combats prostate disease. Apparently they help to kill bad cells. Doctors also say that tomatoes are powerful medicine in stopping inflamed prostate. Eat a tomatoe a day. <br><br>Anyway, lucky for you Kent that they check prostates with blood tests now. I understand that in the old days doctors had another way of doing it. |

3/16/06 09:32:53 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Steve, yes I remember Redbone, that is a good song and it still gets played on the radio
sometimes and I have heard it in some TV commercials as well.<br><br>I have a friend with a studio who runs a small independent label, that is where I have been working on my Indian CD, which is a donation to a tribe, not a money maker, who wants me to do another CD of my own stuff but I have to have some assurance of making some money on that one so I am not sure I am going to do it or not.<br><br>Thanks Noam, I will take all of the help I can get. What concerns the doctors is I am 47 and normally they don't recommend men get checked for prostate problems until at least 50 years old. <br><br>Contrary to one of our young friends, who popped in here a few times a while back, who said we were a bunch of old farts, I don't think of myself as being old and it seems absurd I could have this problem.</div>

On a lighter note, any thoughts on the Hasim Rahman verses James Toney fight this Saturday?<br><br>I think Rahman can take him unless age has caught up to him. Rahman can fool us though he sometimes can look great but other times he is just plain lousy.<br><br>Contrary to current trends in having bad heavyweight fights, this fight is very interesting to me as the outcome is not a sure thing.<br><br>TO MAX HORD, IF YOU SEE THIS MESSAGE, ABOUT THE QUESTION YOU ASKED ME, SOME PEOPLE HAVE STILL NOT BEEN VERY OPEN ABOUT INFORMATION, VERY FRUSTRATING BUT I WILL KEEP TRYING. | 3/16/06 01:22:30 PM

Kent, I didn't know that Rahman and Toney are fighting this Saturday. Thank you for the information. It's an interesting fight and I am sorry I probably won't be able to see it. I think your brother James is more skilled than Rahman and is gonna win. I think he'll win on points. | 3/16/06 01:42:57 PM

Steve, How do you get an Irishman to climb up onto the roof? Tell him drinks are on the house. | 3/17/06 06:55:47 PM

Hey Noam, that's a good one. I actually did get a laugh out of it. Yet, at the same time, you've managed to hurt my feelings. You know how fragile I am. You also never bothered to answer my question on your opinion on a match between Stanley Ketchall and any middleweight champ of this century. | 3/18/06 02:10:28 AM

Hi Steve. I'm away from my home at the moment and haven't had time to research the question you pose. I will be back home next Tuesday and I will then give you an answer. I have been very busy with some football matters at present and have an extraordinary meeting for my club tomorrow. Kent, I've been studiously avoiding walking on cracks in the footpath and will do so until you get the all clear. Remember: tomatoes and chillies. The redder the better. | 3/18/06 04:19:38 AM

Kent: This is a rarity---a current heavyweight fight that holds a little interest! I'll take Rahman I guess, but the outcome is very much in question. | 3/18/06 09:17:04 AM

Noam, thanks. I am not going to push my beliefs on you but if you give credibility to things
like avoiding cracks and such superstitions, just consider that there is a God of the universe and there is much more historical credibility to this belief system than there is to avoiding cracks on sidewalks, not walking under ladders, etc.

It is a matter of personal faith though and I can't give you a faith in God as that is something one finds for himself. But it is something to at least consider, that there could be a God even if you are not sure that there is one.

Again, I am not going to try and argue with you and to try and make you believe as that is a personal choice. I am also not going to debate about the merits of God's existence as I can't prove it to you as it is my personal faith and the best logic and science can come up with is there is no proof one way or the other. It is an issue of the heart.

But believe, your concern and everyone's concern for my well being means a lot to me.

Well, the Rahman-Toney fight didn't settle anything as it was scored a draw. I agreed with the judges in that some rounds Rahman landed the better, harder blows and in other rounds Toney landed the cleaner blows and Rahman was missing a lot in those rounds.

It was Toney's fight to win but he just wasn't sharp enough and even though he wouldn't want to hear it, he would have been more active and he would have been able to avoid more of Rahman's punches in more rounds if he had been lighter than his 237 pounds.

Rahman was 238 pounds but he is five and a half inches taller than Toney.

You just saw the real me, Kent. Without steroids, I'm a fat, slow, tub of lard.

Kent, I know walking on or avoiding cracks or whatever is nonsense but I'm superstitious. You should see all the superstitions I have at the race track gambling on horses. Or at the casino. No disrespect, but I just come at religion, even though I was reared a catholic.

What isn't superstition or religion is what I said about red chillies and tomatoes. Do some research for yourself but the medical evidence is that they are good for prostate problems.

Oops, I meant to say "No disrespect, but I just can't come at religion." I left out the word 'can't'. I have to say, Kent, that I am not ridiculing religion. Each to their own. I actually like to see old people or the seriously ill embrace religion because it gives them hope. But it's just not for me. I actually don't tell my family I'm an atheist because I don't won't to dissuade them from their religious beliefs.

The division will continue to be a joke until a few premium fighters step it up with a few premium fights. These ridiculous draws, where most punches are missed---no major cuts, no knockdowns, no intrigue---it's like John Ruiz has cursed the entire division or put everyone into a deep sleep. I saw still pictures of Toney and he was fat and lethargic---not in condition to be a boxing champion.

Welcome! Welcome!!!
hello!


Hey Noam, on the subject of prostate cancer, you have been misinformed. When you visit your specialist, he does a {finger wave}, before he orders any test. As the doctor put on his rubber glove I demanded that the doctor at least take me to dinner and a show first. The blood tests are often inaccurate and misleading. The short arm inspection is still a first good indicator if your prostate is enlarged to the point of causing the usual problems.

Angelo and Kent, after that debacle, it's getting pretty hard to defend heavyweight boxing, even to a new sports fan who might show a little interest. Unfortunately, except for the West coast, as the heavyweight division goes, so goes all the other weight div. George Otto was correct in saying that boxing has been reduced to a {niche sport}. We desperately need a heavyweight like Mike Tyson to emerge and start flattening all these retreads. I don't care if he's crazy as a shit house mouse. I haven't talked to very many guys who are even willing to contribute to a pay per view event.

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It is because I am a small fry in the sports writing world and Merchant isn't. I realize he was injured at the time when I talked to him and he couldn't do anything about his weight then but that was late in 2004 and he has had plenty of time to recover from his injuries and get in shape. There is no way a fighter his height should have been 237 pounds for a title fight.

A notable exception was back in the old days "Two Ton" Galento was as short as Toney but he had always carried that weight and Galento was a brawler while Toney's style is more defensive, a counter puncher who relies on his reflexes, which are not at their best with too much weight.

For those who don't know, I write part time for some boxing websites, mainly Eastside Boxing, and I had an article called, "My answers to James Toney's Challenging Comments" or a similar title where I talk about an interview I had with Toney where he cut me off almost before it started because he didn't like my question about his weight.

This question was asked at another boxing site I post on so I'll ask here. Duane Bobick versus any of the current beltholders in the heavyweight division. He and a number of other 70s guys would be champ today. THE champ not just a beltholder. True or not true?

I think Vitali Klitschko was clearly the best heavyweight in this moment and he was actually
flattening everyone until he got injured. He would have whipped Rahman. The heavyweight division needs Vitali back and a Rahman-Vitali fight. I think Vitali can be the undisputed heavyweight champ. I have no idea how serious is his injury. Anyone knows? Thanks.

Anyway I agree that the heavyweight division is not having a brilliant moment to say the least.
Kent, perhaps when Toney spoke with you he was on the steroids and subject to episodes of anger, while more recently he's clean and not as easily upset. If it's because he treats well known reporters better, then that's also a reflection on Toney's character.

Does anyone know what all the stuff is on this site? Is it some sort of maths formula? Am I stupid because I don't understand any of it? Massimo, what does it mean?

Url means UNIFORM RESOURCE LOCATOR, but apart that (or apart of that) I don't understand what that stuff means. I think it's very boring stuff. Maybe the poster is trying to compare this boring stuff with the current state of boxing.

It is just some idiot trying to spam this site. GOOD NEWS, MY CANCER TEST CAME BACK NEGATIVE!! MY FRIENDS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I WILL NEVER FORGET IT. IT IS A SCARY EXPERIENCE TO HAVE A DOCTOR SAY YOU MIGHT HAVE CANCER.

It's a wonderful news!

Kent, that's great news! But that doesn't mean you can ease up on the exercise and diet. Keep it going.

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It appears the guestbook has been hacked again by spammers. I'll work on this today. Be aware that bookmarks you have made will not work with the new guestbook, but I'll revise the links on the Jerry Quarry site so the Letters page will be found like always. Thanks, --Carl

Today I saw for the first time the McBride vs Tyson fight (without audio) and I don't understand why Mike quit (or did quit or both) after 6 rounds. McBride was cut and Tyson quit !?!? Anyone knows ? Thanks.

Massimo, Tyson was actually ahead on the scorecards, well two of them anyway, but McBride was fighting back hard and Tyson, as he said after the fight, didn't have the heart to be a fighter anymore and maybe he never really did. It was all about Tyson's mental aspect, something he has a problem with his whole career.
He didn't know how to handle the mental pressure of what to do when someone was not afraid of him and who didn't fall when Tyson hit him. Mc Bride actually didn't do anything of special in the fight. He never hit Tyson hard or had him in trouble. I think Mc Bride is not that good as a fighter, I see him more as a bouncer. Tyson really showed lack of heart in this fight. What a sad way to end (or of ending) a career !!!!!

There's an ironic background story to the Tyson-McBride debacle. Less than a week earlier Kostya Tszyu didn't come out for the last round against Ricky Hatton in England. Tszyu received a beating, including a deliberate low blow that didn't do him much good. Tszyu's trainer wouldn't let him come out for the final round. At that time Tyson was trained by Jeff Feneck, the former three time champ in the lower weight divisions. Feneck, even though he lives in Australia like Tszyu, criticised Tszyu for quitting on his stool. He suggested that real warriors always come out and he (Feneck) would never let Tyson quit on his stool. Enter loud mouth Tyson. He criticised Tszyu for quitting on his stool. Tyson said he'd never quit like that. Well Tyson did quit only a few days later against McBride. And big mouth Feneck encouraged him to do it.

Kostya Tszyu was a great champion who may have stayed one fight too many. He was being comprehensively beaten by Hatton and there was no reason for him to take any further punishment. After that fight Tszyu (geez, I'm getting sick of checking the spelling of his name every time I write it) spent a week in hospital with internal bleeding and high blood pressure. (He should never be allowed to fight again.) On the other hand, Tyson quit against McBride with nothing more serious than tiredness. Tyson and Feneck shot themselves in their feet with what they said about Tszyu. Tyson doesn't have the heart to fight any more. His spirit is broken. Although he desperately needs the money, his character doesn't need the challenge. The bully was exposed.

At one point, Tyson had it all---up and coming young undefeated Champion who KOed almost everyone they put in front of him. He was good for boxing at that point---an exciting KO artist who unified the title. He was brash and confident---but also a boxing junkie who respected and admired the Champions who preceeded him, such as Dempsey, Marciano, Ali and Holmes. Then, I think it was a combination of things that lead to his downfall. Yes, the "bully exposed" is a legitimate theory that I have often endorsed. Also, the fame and fortune went to his head and not to sound cliche here, but he lost the proverbial "eye of the tiger" so to speak. Now he's just old and too inactive to take seriously. It's so very sad that he had so many opportunities even after he lost the title fight to Douglas. Even after he went to jail and was released. Even after Holyfield beat him. Even after all of that, if he had committed to boxing again, and if he had fought at least three or four times a year, stayed busy, focused on fighting---he would have been a contender again and maybe he would have won an alphabet title. But he refused to acknowledge that he had to start from the ground up again. He thought he still had the capacity to fight like a Champion. Just defend once a year or so. His skills disappeared over time and now he can't fight any decent heavyweight.

what was jery and joe frazier's military status? did either one of them serve or why were they not drafted?

Charles, I heard that Frazier was married and may have already had children quite young and that made him ineligible for the draft.

Joe Frazier married at 16.
Massimo: I think either phrase is correct actually.

Carl W: Hello Friends,

Steve: Kent,I'm very grateful your clean of any prostate problems. I hope that, by being observant, you'll actually find some talented new comer, IN ANY CLASS, that you can interview without instantly making enemies with.

Kent: Steve, a little over two years ago I had a chance to interview Samuel Peter one on one but I had something else to do that day so I couldn't do it. The sports writing is just a part time thing so sometimes other things interfere. I probably missed a good opportunity with Sam Peter but oh well.

Kookoo: Kent, I'm speaking for real, glad your doing ok, cancer is a big scare for sure. Kent, can you help me land a Quarry girl. They look good man, good looking family!

Noam: Massimo, you're the same height as John Gerald, slightly wilter than Kent, two inches wilter than Steve and 3 inches wilter than Angelo. But, if Jumpity Bruce is very short... It's right to be very short!

Hey thanks Koo Koo, when it comes down to it, I appreciate your concern for my health issues.
even if we haven't always seen eye to eye on everything in the past.| 4/1/06 11:30:45 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Lamon Brewster lost his WBO title by decision to a relatively unknown fighter from Belarus, Sergei Liakhovich. <br>It was a good fight with a lot of action, something the heavyweights need, after the snoozer between Rahman and Toney. <br><br>I thought the fight was close enough for maybe Brewster to pull it out as he scored the only knockdown in the fight and the champ often gets the benefit of the doubt in a close fight. <br><br>It was a fair decision though and this fight was well worth seeing, two guys battling it out to the end.|
4/2/06 08:52:24 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Steve - an Irishman went to the train station ticket office and said, "I'd like a round trip ticket, please." The man behind the ticket counter asked, "Where to?" The Irishman replied, "Oh, der. Back here, stupid."....sorry.|
4/3/06 02:19:18 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Kent: I didn't see the fight. I trust you that it was good action and exciting. Still, there's a silliness to the fact that a guy no one has ever heard of beat a Champion that only a few diehards have ever heard of. Even with this good news that a decent fight took place, there's a rusty lining to the silver cloud---the division is awful when an unknown beats a relative unknown to win a title. Also, I'd rather that someone (except John Ruiz) could hold the belt for a while like Lennox Lewis did, so at least we'd have a stationary target for contenders to shoot for. Instead, it seems like a different name every few months. |
4/3/06 05:16:51 PM|steve |NJ||NA|||10|Noam, I gotta love ya! Even though you've once again trampled on my feelings. I've decided that your either an Englishman or a Scott. However, your joke about the eating of roadkill was uninformed. It's an acquired taste.|
4/3/06 05:41:40 PM|Steve|na|na|||10|Angelo, I agree that the pickings are getting mighty slim out there and I just have a guess. Could it just be an answer as simple as our modern society is giving the really talented young athletes, black and white, better nutrition, better education, and better opportunities in more humane, sensible sports, where they can make money and not retire with brain damage. I hate to write something like this. I love boxing! |
4/4/06 04:17:20 AM|mark sargeant|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk|||10|At least Brewster vs Belorussian (Lyakovich?) was a great match with knockdowns, plenty of guts and seriously hard counterpunches with both guys desperate to win. Brewster won't be an Ali, a Foreman or a Holmes, he won't even be a Bonavena but he has serious guts to win his last four fights from losing positions. That I'll give him credit for, compared to the turgid defensive rubbish bought up by Toney and Rahman. I think Klitschko is bound to beat Byrd and the Eastern Europeans/Russians will be dominating for a time. |
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Steve: You might be right about the best and brightest guys deciding not to get hit in the head for a living. I'll tell you one thing, after watching that guy get killed in the Indy car race, I think boxing, in a strange way, is safer than left turns at 200 MPH.

Angelo, I concede to you that there are other sports also insanely dangerous. However, you don't see a lot of race car drivers walking around at 60 yrs of age on their heels, with some form of pugilistica dementia. They also usually have most of the money they made in their sport. My opinion is, that the quality of fighter in the Heavyweight class has lessened considerably. Not only do most of them lack the offensive skills to score a decisive victory, they also lack the training and conditioning to absorb much punishment.

Maybe Liakhovich versus Brewster wasn't Ali versus Frazier skillwise but it still was a step in the right direction. Two men fighting it out to the closing bell.

Well, we knew Noam was biased against blacks, and now he is showing his bias against the Irish. Noam, have you no shame? Can't you keep your bigoted feelings off this board. Don't lay your cancer on this site anymore.

Noam is from England, Steve. That was quite apparent sometime back. When he was causing trouble on this site pretending to be Howard C from Louisville. The only reason he picked Louisville was because that was the only part of the USA he was familiar with.

#1 I said who I am. How many other people have you criticized for using pen names? None that I know of. What about Noam's other pen name "Howard C". You never ordered him to use his real name. Being an Ali fan does not make one a non-biased person. It only makes the person a front runner.

#2 Angelo, can you read (I thought you could)? I said clearly and precisely what is on my mind. Noam is a bigot. Or do consider someone a bigot only when the person disparages Italians. Jerry Quarry is described on this site as "the last son of Ireland" (go to the home page and see). And Noam the englishman tells a disparaging joke
about an Irishman and you think it is okay. Suppose Noam stars telling dago jokes, would that bother you?<br>

| 4/5/06 03:36:26 PM| Angelo| Washington, DC| funktron | 10 |
| You're right, I haven't criticized others for using a pen name. I thought it was at least a little out of line to go on as Malcom X considering your topic. In any event, I call it as I see it—a bigot is a bigot whether it's disparaging to Italians, Americans, minority groups, martians, etc. I haven't perceived Noam as a bigot. |

| 4/5/06 05:32:23 PM| Malcolm X| Detroit| Mosque7.com | 10 |
| Angelo, you have a point regarding the name Malcom X. As a result I will give a little background. Malcom X was a bigot. He hated white people and prayed for their destruction. When he realized that the black muslims were a sham under Elijah Muhammad and he was suspended from the group he went on a pilgrimage to Mecca. While in Mecca he had a spiritual transformation. He no longer hated white people or any people for that matter. Malcom X realized that good and evil lies within the individual. As a result of his spiritual awakening he quit the black muslims and started his own group. When he started his own group he changed his name to El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz. When Mr Shabazz was murdered he was no longer Malcom X in thought or in name. Regarding Noam, he has in the past insulted Blacks and now he insults the Irish. You have no problem with that. I will ask you again, will you only have a problem with Noam if he starts telling dago jokes? |

| 4/5/06 05:41:38 PM| Kent| Murrieta, Ca| kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |
| Malcolm whoever you are, Noam's comments to Steve were just a joke between him and Steve. I believe Steve is an Irishman so don't you think he should be the one who is offended if offense was intended? I don't think it was meant to be offensive. We have gotten past the bickering that went on last year. Why are you trying to get it started again? |

| 4/6/06 12:35:40 AM| Malcolm X| Detroit| Mosque7.com | 10 |
| Kent, If Noam wants to exchange bigoted jokes with Steve or anyone else, fine. But let him do it in private. This is not a members only site. Why are you jumping on me. Noam's joke was not at all funny. It was plain to anyone reading it that the point of the joke was bigotry and not humor. Why was the man introduced as an Irishman? Maybe he should have been introduced as an American indian. Would that have made the joke anymore funnier? Your part indian Kent, you tell me. Of course not! The purpose of the joke was to insult Irish people. Kent, you want to jump on someone, jump on Noam. He is always the cause of these incidents. Who was responsible for insulting the blackman on this site? Noam!!!!!!!!!!!!! |

| 4/6/06 04:34:01 AM| Massimo| Roma | 10 |
| Noam is definitely not a bigot. He is just one who likes joking. And the famous "relentless niggling" was not an offence at all. |

| 4/6/06 09:51:30 AM| Angelo| Washington, DC| funktron | 10 |
| Massimo: I would think "infamous" is a better description than "famous" at this point, about Noam's use of "niggling". Actually Mr. X, I'm not offended by Italian or Catholic jokes. I'm not offended by the stereotypes of The Sopranos, Goodfellas or The Godfather movies. I think I have a good radar for when someone is hateful and when they're joking. I hope I'm not being naive---but really, I've told ethnic jokes myself and I truly don't think I'm a bigot. I will say, usually, when I tell an ethnic joke, it's to the audience of that group. i.e., my uncle was Polish and I ribbed him with a few Polish jokes and he responded in kind with jokes of his own. I do think it's a problem when someone is relentless with ethnic jokes within their own little circle—that's when it borders on hate sometimes. |

| 4/7/06 03:43:32 PM| Tina| Las Vegas| tplang2000@aol.com | 10 |
| Hi everyone, just thought i would drop you all a liine to let you know that jonathan quarry will be back in the states easter weekend.. He has been overseas fighting for our
country and I am so proud of him, and I know that his father Jerry is his guardian angel. Thank you for all your support and prayers...

I just read a script called "World Class" it's more of a tribute to Jimmy than to Jerry. I'm sure it'll never get made!

I did not read it but I heard it sucks, who cares about his loser brother! They should try to make it into a soap opera.

No problem Kent, we've lost to many people on this site, I just can't believe how much one family can go through. I miss James and I feel bad for accusing him of Jerry losing the Ellis fight because James pushed Jerry into a jukebox and hurt his lower back. James reply that he never looked at it that way. I know that James was trying to protect himself from Jerry, I don't know if I guess booze was involved, hey it just the way it goes. Hope the rest of the Quarrys are alright, take care!

Being in this business you come across a lot of scripts. Over the years I've read a few "Quarry" scripts one I remember called "Hard Luck" which had a lot of heart and the other I believed was titled "The Bellflower Bomber" And that fricken script was Balls to the Wall!! Now that's a movie! Someone needs to make this one.

Just last night (that's why I'm posting this now) I finished reading "World Class" and Charlie Sheen said it best in the movie - WallStreet... It's a dog with fleas. There's no heart, no soul and most importantly NO Jerry. It's more about Jerry's brothers - a yawning fest - it's a movie of the week, at best. Please, please someone make "The Bellflower Bomber" $10 bucks for that film - I'd see it twice!!

Tina, that is good news that Jonathan will be home soon. May God keep him safe on his journey home.

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I wish Jerry woulda fought Foster, he woulda walked right through him and handed him his ass! I can't stand how all the Quarry's sucked the life out of Jerry and especially Jimmy who could never...
amount to anything on his own. Don't care who's dad he is, the truth is the truth.

This site is getting more interesting. John, I'm afraid I agree with you. However, according to this "World Class" script - it makes the entire family look responsible for his demise and Jimmy comes out smelling like a rose which leads me to believe he was the one dictating the story.

That fact is to get a movie made in Hollywood is a lot harder than getting hit by a bolt of lightning. So if the studio heads want to make a movie about Quarry then they're going to want to focus on "Jerry". He is the brand, he's the commodity and he's marketable - - Not his Family!

For the people trying to turn "World Class" into a feature film - focus your energy into something else - - I suggest doing something like Books on Tape.

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Hear, hear, bill..!

PS does anyone know why in the script "World Class" they would refer to Jerry's mom as "Skipper" instead of "Arwanda"..? |

can anyone tell me who is running jerry's website?? i would like to send a picture of jonathan quarry to be put on the website, if that is ok... thanks|

I am glad the truth is finally being told about brother Jummy. It was felt by many that he was using Jerry as a prop to make money for himself. I know people who saw Jerry in the last 5 years of his life who say he looked and acted fine. But, once he was scheduled for a public appearance where there would be a media presence, Jimmy would have Jerry over medicated. And as a result Jerry would look pathetic and be in "Never never land." And Jimmy would hustle money from donations and TV appearances.

This Jerry Quarry website is very pitiful. Posters defend the people who exploited Jerry. Posters defend people who insult Jerry's Irish background. People fail to recognize Jerry as being human. And hold Jerry responsible for decisions he made in life as an adult. Such as fighting too long, drinking and drugging and not saving his money and basically being very self destructive. The posters on this site regard Jerry as a victim. Jerry was your typical boxing movie story. Humble beginnings, great success for a few years, and a terrible ending.

I meant neither is jerry here to defend HIMSELF|

neither is Jerry, kent and jimmy was not a good guy. he was a manipulator just like his father but atleast his father was brutally honest about it and at the end he repented. jimmy was passive aggeressive and dishonest. he was a baby. i said Mike was a pussy after the foster fight. Mike Quarry always fought his heart out, win or lose and I don't know how you can put down a fine man like Mike. A very good fighter but more importantly a decent person.
[4/8/06 10:18:46 PM] jon | Santa Monica | Rock Star || 3 | I meant raised the bar |
[4/8/06 11:41:40 PM] steve | NJ | NA || 10 | Hey Noam, believe me, I love your Irish jokes. However, you never acknowledge my clever and somewhat witty comebacks. You seem to have offended everyone but me! I still consider you an intelligent and interesting friend. |
[4/8/06 11:54:56 PM] steve | NJ | NA || 10 | Hey Kent, I feel very much as you do. Jerry was just a man. He happened to have a special talent, and I don't mean just brute strength. If my late older half brother was a fighter in a position to make millions of dollars, you know what? I'd gladly empty his spit bucket, or anything else to help his career. I'd also gladly take any money he felt my services were worth. |
[4/9/06 12:19:25 AM] jq's big fan | NYC | Kellygirlz || 7 | Bill wrote, "This Jerry Quarry website is very pitiful. Posters defend the people who exploited Jerry." Well Steve, I believe you just reconfirmed his point. |
[4/9/06 12:39:05 AM] steve | NJ | NA || 10 | Hey Big Fan, all athletes are exploited! Its where the money is. Don't you think Don King exploited any fighters. I'D SURE RATHER HAVE MY PURSES go to my family rather than Don King. Whenever someone make an inordinate amount of money from your labors, then you've been exploited! |
[4/9/06 06:41:01 AM] Sabrina | Florida | SabrinaPorter@aol.com || 10 | ALL YOU PEOPLE WHO ARE TALKING SHIT ABOUT MY FATHER, SHOULD JUST SHUT THE F--K UP...HE STARTED THIS FOUNDATION AND PUT HIS OWN MONEY INTO IT. HE DIDN'T POCKET IT. HE LOVED JERRY AND DIDN'T EXPLOIT HIM. IF ANYONE DID THAT IT WAS THE REST OF HIS FAMILY ALL THEY WANTED WAS THE MONEY BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL GREEDY AND DISHONEST. IF YOU DON'T LIKE THIS WEBSITE THEN STOP COMING HERE AND WRITING STUFF. IF IT WEREN'T FOR MY FATHER THIS WEBSITE WOULDN'T EVEN BE HERE FOR YOU TO TALK SHIT. AND SAYING THAT MY UNCLE MIKE IS A PUSSY...NO RESPECT...YOU'RE A PUSSY!!!!!!! |
[4/9/06 09:00:24 AM] jon | Santa Monica | Rock Star || 3 | Oh sorry, I guess I didn't realize this was a democrat run site, you don't want the truth you want your truth. so let me repeat one last time what I said about Mike (in a sweeter way) he never recovered from foster like jerry recovered from his losses. He just wasn't tough like jerry, he folded. everything I said about jimmy sticks and why his ridiculous picture up on the site instead of the soldiers picture anyways (Jonathan). listen to tina! |
[4/9/06 11:38:10 AM] jq's big fan | NYC | Kellygirlz || 7 | You cannot have a public site without people expressing their opinions, Sabrina. Perhaps you should not read what people are writing if you're not happy about what they are saying. Maybe you should stick to private emails. I just heard about this site on a note attached to that script read and I think that John and Bill have interesting things to say - unlike the usuals I gather, who are simply repeating themselves and trying not to offend one another. |
[4/9/06 03:26:15 PM] Kent | Murrieta, CA | KentAllenEnt@aol.com || 10 | JQ's Big fan, I only knew Jimmy for two years before he died and all I can go by is my impression of him by when I talked to him and by some of the results of this site, like making people more aware of fighters becoming injured in the ring, which I think has been more in the public eye. My impression of him was he was sincere and he tried to help his brother. The other stuff is to me unsubstantiated which the only conclusion I can make is I don't know. I can only go by what I saw and heard, not by something I didn't. As far as Mike goes, I would have to ask Jon if he ever fought for a world title or if he ever fought as hard as I saw on numerous occasions Mike Quarry fight, win or lose. Maybe Jon is a famous boxer who can tell it because he lived it but if not, than he like me, can't judge the courage of Mike in a negative light. I think Mike has a lot of guts and even if he wasn't as successful as Jerry was in the ring, he came close and he was successful in his own right and I have a feeling Jon, like me, never did it but Mike did do it. Mike was out there year after year putting himself on the line battling it out. |
[4/9/06 03:48:31 PM] Bill | Ohio | XXXXX || 10 | JQ, it is so refreshing to hear from...
a guy like you on this site. I knew for years about Jimmy's hustle. But, God forbid, you defame the "good man" on this site. Kent, you opine that because Jimmy is dead it is not right to expose him for being a sham is child-like. Will you say the same thing about Don King when he dies.<br>It is a funny thing about the people on this site. They blame everyone else for Jerry Quarry's woes except Jerry and themselves. There would be no Jerry Quarry's exploited, there would be no Don Kings; if these so-called fans were not willing to pay for the tickets. Boxing fans who subsidize Don King when he promotes fight's, and then call him evil. Are either hypocrites or stupid, or maybe both. Don't call Don King names when you pay for his "pay for view fights." It is the boxing fans money that enables Don King to hustle fighters.

4/9/06 08:06:08 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Bill, how is going by my own senses and not by so called evidence I have seen no proof of child-like?<br>The best I can do without seeing proof is logically I don't know one way or the other. I just can't go by something that I haven't witnessed just because someone says it.<br>As I have said, in talking to Jimmy he seemed sincere to me and I don't have anything else to go by.<br>We have never said Jerry didn't have some responsibility for his condition.<br>At least we can try to improve the situation by tightening the safety rules.<br>It is doubtful boxing will become illegal but if it did, then it would become more dangerous as it would go underground with no regulations. |

4/9/06 08:47:15 PM|Bill|Ohio||xxxxx||10|Kent, what is childlike is saying, "he isn't around to defend himself." With that childlike logic, one could give Hitler a free pass.<br>Kent, you want to make boxing safer but still enjoyable. Well that is like trying to make capital punishment safer. Boxing cannot be made safer and yet still enjoyable. Anyone who defends boxing is in the same league as Don King.<br>People on this site talk a lot about poor Jerry Quarry. And blame everyone else for his plight, except. the fans who encouraged him. What about Mike Quarry." He is 53 years old and confined to a nursing home for life. How many of the Quarry fans on this site visit him or send a card. Have you visited him Kent, has Noam sent him a card? Of course not. The great Mickey Ward (and I mean great referring to his spirit and heart) has blurred vision and severe short term memory loss. How long will it be before he is in nursing home. <br>If anyone really cares about boxers they will never buy a ticket to another fight or order "pay for view." Because if they do they are as culpable as Don King.

4/10/06 09:39:30 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron||10|I agree Angelo and saying since James is not alive then we can also cut Hitler some slack for his crimes against humanity because he is not alive either is absurd.<br>There is proof Hitler committed crimes against millions of human beings but all we have is the statements of the newcomers saying James exploited his brother Jerry.

4/10/06 11:06:28 AM|Massimo|Roma|||10|I didn't know James Quarry but I'm pretty sure he was much better than Hitler.

4/10/06 05:54:36 AM|jon|santa monica||rockstar||5|kent and angelo otta get together and rent brokeback mountain, its about a couple guys just like you. as far as new people on the site, i think you'll get a bunch of them if there's a movie coming out and you're gonna hear all kinds of crap about Jimmy the liar! and kent who cares if i boxed? site ain't about me or you either you boring ass fool. this site is about jerry and mike and i say mike fell apart after foster
beat his ass. now is that true or false in your opinion, if you can give it without one of your long-winded soliloquys|

|4/10/06 06:37:59 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron||10|Jon: There are a number of people who would argue that James sacrificed a lot to take care of Jerry in the final years. At that point, Jerry wasn't commanding hundreds of thousands of dollars for fighting or for personal appearances—-he was a man in need and his brother stepped up to look after his best interests. James and his family took on the responsibility of caring for someone who might not be able to care for himself any longer. Say what you will about exploitation or profiting. I've heard it all before. I've also heard how Gerry Cooney's foundation is just a scheme and other such nonsense---no proof, just what people have "heard." Those who aren't doing much themselves have a knack for tearing down others. |

|4/10/06 06:55:39 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Jon, you are right that a movie shouldn't be about Jimmy that it should be about Jerry but that is a long way from proving Jimmy exploited Jerry.<br><br>Personal insults like suggesting Angelo and I should rent Brokeback Mountain makes your credibility suspect.<br><br>Stick to the facts and don't try to make our disagreement personal. Because I am not going to make it personal. |

|4/10/06 07:19:46 AM|Bill|Ohio||10|Kent, Angelo, Masimino, you guys are ridiculous.<br><br>Massimino, I never compared James Quarry to Hitler. I was showing Kent how his logic is childlike. But if you want a comparison how about Cain and Abel. They were brothers.<br><br>Angelo, what qualifies someone to be able to post on this site? Agreeing with you, Kent, Massimino, and Noam? This is a public site! If you like why don't you form a members only site, as someon suggested? <br><br>Kent, the self proclaimed friend of the Quarry brothers. How many times have you visited Mike Quarry in the nursing home?<br><br>Noam, how many cards have you sent Mike Quarry since he has been in the nursing home?<br><br>All 4 of you guys criticize Don King. But all of you guys watch his fights. You guys are low rank hypocrites. |

|4/10/06 07:28:34 AM|tina|las vegas||tplang2000@aol.com||10|Hi, Just wanted everyone to know that Jonathan Quarry arrived safely in the states this morning,. Jerry would be so proud of him.. I wanted to thank you all again for your love and support. Please continue to pray for our soliders over seas.. and GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS...|

|4/10/06 07:40:03 AM|jq's big fan|nyc||kellygirlz||9|congratulatins, Tina and thank you jonathan. John the poster -- love you levity!! |

|4/10/06 09:04:04 AM|Massimo|Roma||10|Billino (or Billone ? How wilt are you ?)-<br><br>I know you never compared James Quarry with Adolf Hitler ! I was only joking, I'm a joker !Who will be the new big fish in Italia ? Silvio Berlusconi or Romano Prodi ? I voted for... |

|4/10/06 09:22:27 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron||10|Come on Massimo, who did you vote for????|

|4/10/06 09:33:21 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Bill, how do you know I haven't tried to find out where Mike is? It is quite possible I haven't been able to find out this information. That it isn't public information.<br><br>Maybe you know something I don't. <br><br>Tina that is great news Jonathan had a safe trip home.| |

|4/10/06 09:55:32 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron||10|Jonathan: Again, a sincere Thank You for your service. Your safe return has given us all something positive to celebrate! All military personnel deserve our gratitude and prayers/thanks. |

|4/11/06 12:24:15 AM|Massimo|Roma||10|Angelo--<br><br>I voted for Silvio Berlusconi. |

|4/11/06 12:43:32 AM|jon|sm||10|and I voted for steve buscemi|

|4/12/06 08:20:24 PM|Jumpity Bruce|Jumpville||Jump.com||10|I voted for my hero, the one who taught me everthing I know, Jumpity Joe!|

|4/13/06 05:17:08 AM|Massimo|Roma||legends@forever.com||10|That's
Sorry, I couldn't resist!

Massimo, wow what a group of wrestlers! Big John Studd looks even Wilter than Andre the Midget! That must be a record of the most weight in a ring at one time, Studd, Andre, Hogan, and Bundy.

Kent, do you remember Buddy Rodgers aka "Nature boy?" He was the champ in the late 50's and early 60's.

Hey J.Q. big fan. No, I didn't reconfirm Bill's point. I've helped my mom, sister, all my kids with money all my life. Am I being exploited? I made a very good living in iron working. I help my grand kids with money whenever I can. Jerry and his family ALL WORKED TO HELP AN EXCEPTIONAL kid make 2.5 million dollars in the ring. It would have been pretty strange if he hadn't helped his family. YOU KNOW, the ones who took care of him when he was helpless and dying. Maybe you don't understand the concept of family taking care of family.

Wrestling Fan, I vaguely remember Buddy Rogers, more so from flims, but he was a real pioneer. I think wrestling went down hill starting in the steroid era when it was better to look good than be good. Not to say there haven't been people with real skills recently but a look is more important nowadays.

I also think it was a mistake to admit the matches are staged and even though we have always known this is so, it kind of changed the fantasy of the matches as entertainment. One that has always been real in pro wrestling and that is the stunts they do cause real injuries.

You should all be ashamed of yourselves for spitting on the memory of the Quarry's. Shut this site down. I don't think the baby should be thrown out with the bathwater by shutting down the site. I agree Forrest---it's incredible that people come here and are so amazingly disrespectful to the hosts and the family members of the men who are remembered on this site. But I think the good outnumber the bad and we just need to move on with more recollections of the great careers of the Quarrys and more boxing talk. I know that at some point, the people who are paying for this site will simply get fed up with the nonsense and close it down---but until then, let's try to enjoy it and try to discourage the hate that's been spewed here. I think it's fine to have opinions---but why does it have to get so personal? Kent: Your instincts are right---James Q. was a decent man who deserves better than
the negative comments that were made lately. |  
| 4/14/06 10:19:35 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Well, the negative people have not posted any comebacks for a few days now so it makes me think they have had their say or I hope so anyway.<br><br>One thing Mr. Jimmy said about fans that booed his brothers, "if they bought a ticket, let them boo."<br><br>He compared it to someone coming here and saying something, if they bought a computer let them have their say. He said all opinions are welcome here. After all this is an open forum.<br><br>It is also possible that some of these people don't like this forum and they are trying to ruin it for the rest of us. They wouldn't care if this forum was gone but we would care!<br><br>One thing Mr. Jimmy said about fans thatbooed his brothers, "if they bought a ticket, let them boo."<br><br>He compared it to someone coming here and saying something, if they bought a computer let them have their say. He said all opinions are welcome here. After all this is an open forum.<br><br>It is also possible that some of these people don't like this forum and they are trying to ruin it for the rest of us. They wouldn't care if this forum was gone but we would care! |  
| 4/14/06 10:42:47 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron| | | |10|Kent: I agree on all points. It is discouraging though, to see a long time poster like Forrest Ward so fed up that he suggests doing away with the site. I agree with you that freedom of opinion and expression is important---not that these guys yelled "FIRE!" in a crowded movie theater, but by blasting the family and founders of the site as savagely as they did, it accomplished nothing and in my mind, puts the site at risk. I think the family expects us to exercise good judgment with our comments---like Mr. Jimmy used to do, they always discourage healthy debate, but unproductive personal attacks, I'm sure, won't be tolerated for long. |  
| 4/14/06 03:43:23 PM|Steve|nj||na| | | |10|Kent and Angelo, don't you two guys ever get really angry at these idiot weirdos who just trawl the internet, looking for ways to take out their dissapointment with there lives on strangers on a site where they don't have to answer for their hatefull remarks. Kent and Angelo are usually the voice of restrain and reason. Free speech and everyones entitled to their opinion, blah, blah, blah. Stop being so reasonable and get this site where registration is mandatory. If I where the Quarry family, I'D be furious over these latest remarks. Yeah, call a guy who fought for the light heavyweight title a pussy. I guess you got away with it, you hidy hole pussy. |  
| 4/14/06 04:45:16 PM|jon|santa monica||rs| | | |6|getting exciting, i was in mexico but steve i wanna tell you that it's okp to be gay. you don't need to be so angry about it dude. i just hope youre good at keeping house cause when you come flying out of the closet i dont want you to trip over anything and break your arm. |  
| 4/14/06 06:42:05 PM|steve|NJ||NA| | | |10|Kent or Angelo, just for the sake of conversion. Do you guys remember Stanley Ketchell? I think he was one of the toughest, craziest (which is why he fascinates me), middleweights that ever lived. I think he could have whipped Ray Leonard, or most modern middleweights. Do you know how he met his demise? |  
| 4/14/06 06:55:09 PM|steve |NJ||NA| | | |10|Hi Jon, you've caught me in an angry mood. I've just lost my brother at 52. I come to this site for fun and relaxation. Then I have to contend with little girls like you. |  
| 4/14/06 07:14:54 PM|steve|NJ||NA| | | |10|Hi, JON, JON. Keep spouting your garbage. Your making my case for mandatory registration on this site. I'd even be willing to pay a reasonable fee to accomplish this. Just imagine, then I could locate you.
4/14/06 07:24:48 PM|jon|santa monica||rs||7|sorry steve, i'm not interested in having sexual relations with you.

4/14/06 08:23:12 PM|koo koo clock|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|THE HANDS OF TIME ARE POINTING AT ALL LIARS AND FAKES, THE QUARRY'S HAVE PAID THE PRICE, GIVE THEM THEIR RESPECT !!!!

4/14/06 08:30:36 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Steve, I have seen films of Kethchel, tough guy but hard to tell how he would have done against modern middleweights.<br>Hey, sorry to hear about your brother that is a huge loss.<br>Whoever this character Jon is, he showed he has no class by still taking digs at you after you posted the news of your brother's death.<br>Just ignore him he is not worth our time.<br>I REPEAT, NO CLASS!<br>I FOR ONE AM NOT GOING TO RESPOND TO ANYTHING HE SAYS.

4/14/06 11:51:55 PM|jq's big fan|NYC||kellygirlz|||5|Gentlemen, it's good Friday. Perhaps whatever caused this dispute should be put aside. Steve, I do not think John fancies himself a tough guy and obviously you do. My thought is that neither of you are. At the risk of sounding redundant, I came on this site because of a script I read. I was looking to talk about it and gave some of my opinions -- I believe you'll receive more shortly. I see that a few of you lads have had a run of this site for a while and I'm certain will continue to do so. I am signing off. No offence intended for what I've posted -- and Steve if you really would like to you can always find me (after Easter of course, I'm a submarine Catholic) I live at 338 E. 116th street buzzer 3b in NYC -- by all means come get me. PS I'm a sporting man myself and my $ says you won't. All the best everyone...

4/15/06 04:45:23 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|Steve, I am very sorry to hear about your brother. My sincere condolances.

4/15/06 03:18:18 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Joe Frazier was a guest on ESPN Friday Night Fights.<br>He seemed to be in pretty good shape mentally, he doesn't talk very good but then again he never really did and he didn't seem any worse now. But physically he has gotten thin and they showed him hitting the heavy bag and he didn't seem very strong anymore.<br>He listed his five best fights. 1. Ali 1 2. Doug Jones 3. Eddie Machen 4. Quarry 1 5. Ellis 1.<br>In the main event in a not very good fight Audley Harrison, former Olympic gold medalist, looked lethargic in losing a ten round decision to Dominick Guinn. At this point it looks like Harrison was a bit over hyped as a prospect.

4/15/06 05:18:51 PM|steve|nj||na||10|Kent, Massimo, thank you for your condolences. I generally try to keep my personal life off this site. This guy just caught me at a bad time, and I just blurted it out about Joe's sudden death. He was the baby of the family. Enough said. As long as we've got guys like Kent, Massimo, Angelo, Jimmy D., Noam, Forrest Ward, and all the other good guys I've not mentioned, this site should hold up. Maybe if I learned not to be antagonized so easily, that would help.

4/16/06 01:10:10 AM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia2163@aol.com||10|Hey All, how's it going? Been a while, hope you all have been good, and no fighting haha. Sure do love & miss you Dad, Mom, Uncle Jerry, Aunt Brenda, and Grandma. Keep coming back all!

4/16/06 11:08:19 AM|Kookoo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|Sonya, hey baby how are you? Hey it would be nice if there were more pics. of the Quarry family so everybody could see what all the quarrys looked like. I'm sure Jerry's sons look just like Jerry. Someday I will marry a Quarry women :)

4/16/06 01:58:42 PM|jon|sm||rs||5|Last you'd have to go live in a trailer! Happy Easter.

4/16/06 04:17:18 PM|koo koo|ny||kookooclock000@yahoo.com|||10|I'd have to buy one from you, you own all of them Jon Boy, your time is up Jon boy, the clock man is back, THIS IS QUARRYVILLE BABY and you wouldn't make pimple on a Quarrys ass. Happy Easter to all the Quarrys
[4/16/06 05:46:29 PM] SABRINA | WHEREVER | WHEREVER@WHATEVER | 10| JON YOU NEED TO SHUT THE F**K UP ABOUT MY FAMILY... YOU SHOULD GO LIVE IN A TRAILER PARK YOU F**KEN PIECE OF TRASH!!!! STOP COMING HERE IF ALL YOU WANT TO DO IS TALK TRASH ABOUT MY FAMILY YOU LOSEER! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
[4/16/06 06:02:49 PM] jon | sm | rs | 10 | thank you for making my point -- i will go away now cuz i've had my fun, no hard feelings!!
[4/16/06 06:06:37 PM] SABRINA | FLORIDA | WHEREVER@ | 10 | GOOD YOU ASSHOLE!! GO THE F**K AWAY
[4/16/06 06:19:35 PM] steve | NJ | NA | 10 | Hey Sabrina, Koo Koo, it's amazing how one small child like Jon/JQ's biggest fan, can so disrupt the natural flow of this site. It's amazing, that when I challenged Little Jonny, J.Q.'s biggest fan responded. I think their all three the same baby angels, looking for a place in life. It's, funny, that someone I know couldn't find that N.Y. address.
[4/16/06 06:30:02 PM] steve | NA | NJ | 10 | PS wasn't I brave sending SOMEONE ELSE to that address in nyc.!!
[4/16/06 09:05:25 PM] koo koo | ny | (kookooclock000@yahoo.com) | 10 | Not really Steve. It sounds like he called your bluff.
[4/16/06 09:46:23 PM] steve | na | na | 10 | Yeah, you got me, heh, heh, KOO KOO. HE SCARED ME AND CALLED MY BLUFF. However, there's no such address. By the way, that last post under my name, wasn't me! The fact that I'm justifying myself to a fucking weirdo who calls himself KOO KOO, or Jon, or Bill, <br>[and I suspect their all the same nightcrawler], tells me it's time to get the f**k out of Dodge till maybe the Quarry family cleans this site up. Require registration!!!!!!
[4/16/06 11:28:24 PM] Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia2163@aol.com | 10 | Hey Jon, I don't live in no trailer, and who cares where we live anyways. Home is what you make it. And if you have nothing nice to say then keep quiet. There is still "No Quit in a Quarry" don't you forget it
[4/16/06 11:34:52 PM] Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia2163@aol.com | 10 | And another thing you all know who you are need to keep your traps shut about our family, cause all in all, you don't fight one of us you fight all of us. Any how you really have no idea what the hell you are talking about.
[4/17/06 07:32:52 AM] Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron | 10 | Steve: I don't think I remember Stan Ketchell----familiar, but I don't remember much about him.<br>Sonia: You prove that there are still some fighting Quarry's! Glad to have a family member backing the reasonable people on this site!<br>Kent: I'm surprised Frazier didn't include Manilla on his list of greatest fights. It doesn't matter that he lost---in fact, I think his performance in Manilla was about as good as the first fight against Ali that he won---but the outcome wasn't as good obviously.
[4/17/06 08:26:23 AM] koo koo | ny | (kookooclock000@yahoo.com) | 10 | That last comment was not from somebodys playing with the clockman's name. You will know if it's me, I don't have anything bad to say about the Quarrys, so if that happens it's one those frauds again
[4/17/06 08:35:13 AM] koo koo | ny | (kookooclock000@yahoo.com) | 10 | Quarry ladies calm down, don't lose your dignity over these cowards, thats what people that snipe & run are. People with nothing better to do than give a family that been through so much even more grief. THE QUARRY'S CAN ALWAYS HOLD THEIR HEADS UP HIGH, THEY ARE QUARRY'S. STEVE, WHAT STEVE, JUST SOME NOBODY TALKING TRASH, CAUSE HE IS TRASH
[4/17/06 09:38:34 AM] Sonia Hathaway (Quarry) | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia2163@aol.com | 10 | Koo Koo, don't sweat it, those people know who they are the comments were for. Just remember the regulars are faithfull, so thanks for that. Remember "There's No Quit in a Quarry". We love & miss you Dad, Mom, Uncle Jerry, Aunt Brenda, and Grandma Marie.
[4/17/06 06:37:47 PM] Noam | (same) | same | 10 | Well, I see there has been a lot
going on since I've been away.<br>Sonia, I am sorry to say this but I think Jerry and Mike would have been better off if there was not, "no quit in the Quarrys". Sonia, you are not helping your cause by using vulgar language. You are just lowering yourself to the same level as your detractors. Have some respect for Jerry and stop using the vulgar language.<br><br>Sonia, I am sorry to say this but I think Jerry and Mike would have been better off if there was not, "no quit in the Quarrys". But if people keep saying things they no nothing about, it ain't right, then it ain't just me you all gotta worry about. Family is family.<br><br>Sonia, you are not helping your cause by using vulgar language. You are just lowering yourself to the same level as your detractors. Have some respect for Jerry and stop using the vulgar language.<br>4/17/06 11:06:02 PM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA|Sonia90101@aol.com|10|Excuse me Noam, No vulgar language came from me. But if people keep saying things they no nothing about, it ain't right, then it ain't just me you all gotta worry about. Family is family.<br>4/18/06 01:09:04 AM|Noam|same|same|10|Sonia, I apologize for the mistake. I confused you with Sabrina. But, be that as it may, are you threatening me?<br>4/18/06 07:51:00 AM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA|Sonia2163@aol.com|10|Excuse me Noam, no threat. Anyone, who reads this there are no threats, just watch what you say, who you say it about, and things will go smoothly. Dad, and Uncle Jerry, wanted this for boxing, not petty fights. If you have nothing nice to say, then say nothing at all, is what my Mom, taught us. Keep checking out the site, its great.<br>4/18/06 08:07:10 AM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA|Sonia2163@aol.com|10|Hey Kent, whats up? Hey KooKoo, whats up? Let's get back to boxing people.<br>4/18/06 03:39:28 PM|Kent|Murrieta, CA|kentallenent@aol.com|10|I am getting a chance to take part in a telephone press conference with Chris Byrd and Wladimir Klitschko tomorrow.<br>There will be about 20 other reporters on the conference call but I should be able to ask them two questions a piece. Should be interesting.<br>Folks, any question ideas? You may have something I like better than what I come up with, assuming somebody else doesn't ask the same questions.<br>4/18/06 04:47:42 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC|funktron|10|Kent: I'm not sure how you could phrase the question, but I'd be curious to know if Byrd expects to be at his best early in the fight or later in the fight. I'm wondering if he expects to take the fight to Klitscho in the opening rounds, or if he thinks he will just try to weather the storm and then rally to steal a decision?<br>4/18/06 09:31:07 PM|Steve|na|na|10|Angelo and Kent, as the only two mythical experts who seem to be above being called trash or have their opinions challenged or their persons threatened. I would humbly like to offer this opinion to you two class acts. I'd like to pick Byrd in a late knockout or a decision. I've been posting here for 6 or 7 years. I've been posting here for six or seven years. I'M GETTING A LITTLE WEARY OF BEING THREATENED BY IMAGINARY posters with fake addresses. Yeah, I've still got enough resources left to find a fake address. Sometimes, there are so many bullshit artists on this site, it becomes like Alice and Wonderland.<br>4/18/06 09:34:33 PM|INSIDESCOOP|LA|HOLLYWOOD REPORTS|10|http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000982/<br>click above link to find out who's playing Jerry Quarry in the soon to be announced film "The Bellflower Bomber" will come back with more information>>>>>>>><br>4/18/06 10:10:43 PM|Steve|nj|na|10|Angelo, you don't even have to bother to respond, since I have never been able to make a friendly connection with you. Kent, I if may be so bold. Stanley Ketchell was one of the baddest, toughest middleweights ever. He fought Jack Johnson, and actually went for a knockout, and dropped Johnson. Johnson, enraged, manfully KO'D Ketchall, who he outweight by 52lb's, in the next round. Stanley Ketchell was a wild child to say the least. He was shot dead at the age of 23 or 24, by the jealous owner of a diner, where he was making an inappropriate pass at the owner's wife.<br>4/18/06 11:55:00 PM|Steve|nj|na|10|By the way, after I pretended to send someone over to spanish harlem to the address I pretended wasn't real, does anyone believe I'm tough yet? Because I just can't shut up about it until somebody believes that I'm tough.
I think Cristiano Byrd will win over W. Klitschko, probably on points. He is a very smart, a very good fighter. Kent, you may ask Wladimir how is his brother Vitali and when he'll come back.<br>

I'd love to see Byrd win in the fashion Steve predicts, by late round KO or TKO maybe?? But I think he might win by decision with no knockdowns.<br>

Angelo, do you think I'm tough? Why won't you respond to me! We know you're not Steve.<br>

1) We know you're not Steve. 2) Steve is probably tough. 3) You're definitely not.<br>

Thank you for defending me, Angelo. Can we please be friends now! I did ask Chris Byrd your question and here is part of my article that I sent in to Eastside Boxing.com. I didn't get a chance to ask Klitschko anything as there were a lot of reporters on the teleconference and the operator cut me off before I could ask him anything. I asked Byrd the following two questions, 1. "You have had several very close fights recently, do you expect this fight with Klitschko to be a close fight and have those close fights helped you?" Byrd said, "they have helped me for sure. They gave me valuable experience that I have learned from. I have trained hard for this fight and I am ready for anything." 2. "Are you planning to come out fast or are you planning to weather Klitschko's early storm if he comes out fast and then come on later on in the fight?" Byrd answered, "sometimes I come out fast and sometimes I don't it depends on how the fight is going and I won't know until I get in the ring. I am ready to go twelve hard rounds." Of course the transcript may be slightly different as I didn't record the conference and I wrote my article from my notes. Sometimes the transcripts are edited anyway.<br>

Kent: His "ready to go 12 hard rounds" comment, translated, probably means he expects this thing to go the distance. My guess is that he's going to be cautious early and throw hands in the second half of the fight. He's today's Jimmy Young. I expect him to win this---but anything can and sometimes does happen. Hey everyone, I havent stopped by this site in a while mainly because i have been busy, but it is dissapointing to have read through the last 100 or so posts and seen all the fighting, I mean think about it what do you accomplish fighting.... nothing a lot of people here have to much pride and just need to relax and take a look at the big picture, the fighting just isnt necessary lets act like adults here and just have an informative discussion, lets get back to the talking about boxing and please do it without insulting my familiy, this is me being calm and rational, I have seen things in my short life so far that clearly illustrate the little shit just isnt worth it, well i have said my piece lets stick to the boxing can we, also thank you for everyones support while i was gone i appreciate and look forward to talking to many people here through the coming months. Everybody take care and God Bless
women in our military.<br><br>Welcome back Jonathan, you are right, the tone of recent posts has not been good but there have been a couple of newcomers who have rocked the boat and while we should have ignored them, some people felt a need to respond, sometimes in kind.<br><br>Again, it is good that you returned home safely.<br><br>Well Jonathan, welcome back and God bless you. You'll be different now. I was an airborne Ranger in Nam, I don't know about what you had to witness or actually do yourself, son. I do know you should carry no guilt. I'm sure you did your duty.<br><br>Hey Jonathan. If ever you need anyone to talk about your combat, or even witnessing the results of close quarters combat, please say so on this site. I am a representative for the V.A. We can always try to find a way to shake that old, past stuff away. Remember, none of it means a fuckin' thing.<br><br>Wlad just cemented his place as the greatest heavyweight of all time. Wladimir K., did beat the crap out of Byrd but the greatest of all time, he has a ways to go. For those that don't know, Wlad K won the IBF heavyweight title by a seventh round knockout and he won almost every round. I only saw one round as even, the first and the rest for Wlad.<br><br>So I wasn't right when I said that Cristiano Byrd was going to win on points... Now, when Vitali comes back, a fight between Vitali and Wladimir for the crown seems inevitable. If Vitali wanna be the king of the world he has to whip his dear little brother. It's like Kent against Toney! <br><br>To the visitors to this site, below is a fairly recent article written by New York attorney David Berlin who has been a strong advocate for change in boxing. His comments reflect many of the beliefs and efforts by The Jerry Quarry Foundation as espoused in the past 11 years.<br><br>Wednesday Mar 29, 2006<br><br>Boxing and the Law<br>by David Berlin<br><br>As Joe Mesi looks to make his comeback in sunny Puerto Rico, far from Buffalo's bitter chill, he has found not only warm weather but a warm welcome which he probably would not get from his home state's commission. There might be differing points of view on whether Mesi, who suffered three late knockdowns and bleeding on the brain in his 2004 battle with Vassiliy Jirov, should be allowed to fight again. But the fact that he can choose to avoid Nevada and New York - states that likely will not license Mesi because of the danger to his health and life - and instead find a soft commission that will allow him to enter a boxing ring highlights the need for reform in boxing. Boxing needs a single set of safety standards to protect fighters, a single set of rules to protect the integrity of the sport, a single ratings body to determine champions and contenders and a single national commission to govern the sport. Inside the ropes, boxing remains “the sport to which all other sports aspire,” to borrow George Foreman's words. Pure. Elemental. Like the men inside the ring, stripped down to the bare essentials. Man against man, matching strength against strength, speed against speed, skill against skill, will against will. But the purity of what takes place inside the ropes is too often tainted by what takes place just outside those ropes. Too often we see incompetent judges, negligent commissions and corrupt sanctioning bodies all making questionable decisions. When Dave Tiberi outworks James Toney over twelve rounds but is robbed by incompetent judges of the title he has earned in the ring, boxing suffers. When Brad Rone, overweight and with 26 straight losses under his belt, is denied a license to fight in Nevada and then dies in a boxing ring when he is permitted to fight in neighboring Utah, boxing suffers. When Zab
Judah loses his championship in the ring but is allowed to retain his IBF belt, boxing suffers. When the rules are made up as you go along - like the card game in Bang the Drum Slowly - the legitimacy of the sport suffers. Because no matter how great the fight, when the best man doesn’t win, or when the winner doesn’t get the title he fought for, the sport is compromised. And when the sport loses its legitimacy, the fans turn away.

Long experience tells us that change will not come from within. The power brokers of the sport are not looking for change. Don King and Bob Arum are thriving on the status quo. The IBF and the WBC and the countless other sanctioning bodies, each with its own champions, continue to collect sanctioning fees. The state commissioners, many of them political appointees who enjoy their ringside seats and their government salaries but who have limited experience in boxing, do not want to lose their petty fiefdoms. And HBO and Showtime are more interested in their bottom lines than in using their powerful positions in the sport to correct boxing’s ills.

The boxers themselves, most coming from tough neighborhoods, most with limited opportunities, most fighting for close to nothing as they pursue their hard dreams, do not have the power to effect change.

Change must be imposed on boxing from the outside. It must be imposed by the law. Only the law has a chance of cleaning up “the red-light district of sports,” Jimmy Cannon’s label of half a century ago which remains an apt description today.

Senator John McCain and his colleagues in Congress are trying. But their efforts and the passage of two congressional bills in the past decade have done little to alter the way that boxing is run.

The Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 imposes on state commissions general rules regarding the health and safety of boxers, suspensions and conflicts of interest. But the rules are so vague that they are virtually meaningless. The Act requires that a physician certify whether a boxer is fit to safely compete, but fails to specify what medical tests, if any, a boxer must pass. It requires that health insurance be provided to each boxer to cover any injuries sustained in a bout, but fails to specify the amount of that coverage; as it stands, most state commissions require so little medical coverage that a boxer who requires surgery for a broken hand or jaw, not uncommon injuries in boxing, will find himself in debt, owing far more in medical bills than he has earned for the fight.

The Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act, passed by Congress in 2000, correctly identifies some of boxing’s problems but fails to provide meaningful or effective solutions. The Ali Act acknowledges that boxing, unlike other major professional sports, operates without any centralized authority “to establish uniform and appropriate business practices and ethical standards”; it acknowledges that unscrupulous promoters can take advantage of the lack of uniformity in the way boxing is run by bringing boxing events to states with weak commissions; it acknowledges that boxing’s sanctioning organizations have failed to establish “credible and objective criteria to rate professional boxers,” and that the ratings, because they are subject to manipulation, “have deprived boxers of fair opportunities for advancement, and have undermined public confidence in the integrity of the sport.” The Act attempts to address some of these ills with provisions intended to protect boxers from coercive promotional contracts, with its suggestion (yes, suggestion) that the sanctioning organizations adopt criteria to be developed by the Association of Boxing Commissions for rating boxers, and with rules requiring financial disclosure by sanctioning bodies, promoters, judges and referees. But while some managers and promoters have added clauses to their contracts saying that they must abide by the Ali Act, the 1996 and 2000 laws have had little practical effect on the way boxing is run and have done little to improve the lot of boxers.

The problem with the Professional Boxing Safety Act and the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act is that they attempt to tinker with a system that needs an overhaul. These laws are half-measures at best, defined by their inherent contradictions. Even while raising questions about the ethical shortcomings of the sanctioning
organizations, the Ali Act implicitly recognizes these same organizations’ legitimacy; it says, for example, that a promoter cannot require future options from a boxer who is fighting in “a mandatory bout under the rules of a sanctioning organization.” And while recognizing that professional boxing, alone among the major sports, “operates without any private sector association, league, or centralized industry organization,” and that weak state commissions are exploited by less-than-honest promoters, it nevertheless posits that state commissions are “the proper regulators of professional boxing events.”

Proposed legislation in the form of the Professional Boxing Amendments Act of 2004 and then the Professional Boxing Amendments Act of 2005 sought to rectify this latter problem by creating the United States Boxing Commission, a federal commission under the auspices of the Department of Commerce. But for two years running the legislation did not receive the necessary votes in Congress to become law, in part because a number of congressmen who received monies from promoters like King and Arum voted against the bills. The Professional Boxing Amendments Act would have created the United States Boxing Commission, a national commission responsible for protecting “the health, safety, and general interests of boxers” and for ensuring “uniformity, fairness, and integrity in professional boxing.” Specifically, it would have been the job of the USBC to “promulgate uniform standards for professional boxing,” “oversee all professional boxing matches in the United States,” and “establish and maintain uniform minimum health and safety standards for professional boxing.” This would include the establishment of a medical registry which would maintain “comprehensive medical records and medical denials or suspensions for every professional boxer.” The creation of a central commission and of uniform standards would have been a positive step forward for boxing. If implemented successfully, it would have meant that boxing in the United States would have been run in large part by a single set of rules, it would have ended the practice of shopping for weak state commissions to hold certain fights, and it would have prevented a boxer denied a license in one state because he was not medically fit to compete from securing a license in a different state. In bringing some uniformity and consistency to the sport, the law would have brought a legitimacy to the business of boxing which is presently missing. But the proposed law did not go far enough, and for that reason it may be a good thing that the bill did not garner the necessary votes. Even while it sought to create a new governing body for boxing, the United States Boxing Commission, it would have left in place existing organizations which we already know do not work. Boxing guru Cus D’Amato famously said, “People who are born round don’t die square.” That goes for sanctioning organizations and state commissions as well. The sanctioning organizations have a long history of manipulating ratings, favoring promoters with whom they have a relationship (Don King comes quickly to mind), and putting greed far ahead of integrity - all of which add up to the boxer, the “exploited worker,” to borrow Jack Newfield’s description of the fighter in his penetrating piece “The Shame of Boxing,” getting less than fair treatment. So the law’s mandate that the Commission develop guidelines for rating fighters and that the sanctioning organizations follow these guidelines would leave in place exactly what is wrong with boxing. It would leave in place organizations like the IBF, which was exposed in a 2000 federal trial for its long-standing practice of accepting bribes to rig its ratings. Despite the exposure of this rampant corruption and despite the appointment of a federal monitor who oversaw the IBF for several years, little has changed.

According to the IBF’s ratings criteria, which state that a boxer who beats a higher-ranked boxer “will take the position of the higher rated fighter,” Carlos Baldomir’s recent victory over IBF champion Zab Judah should have made him the new IBF champion. But the IBF, true to its corrupt form, chose to ignore its own published criteria and left Judah with its worthless title. Appropriately for an organization with no true standards, it
has written into its rules that “all ratings criteria are subject to exception,” a catch-all that makes the rest of its rules meaningless. Instead of perpetuating these alphabet soup organizations by recognizing them in the law, Congress should work to abolish the need for these organizations. Instead of legislating that “the Commission may not. . .rank professional boxers,” Congress should mandate the opposite, that a national commission not only develop guidelines for rating boxers but implement those guidelines as well. The hope is that the Commission’s rankings, “based on the athletic merits and professional records of the boxers”, to use language from the proposed law, and not based on the political and financial maneuverings of powerful promoters, would come to be accepted by the boxing community. And if that could happen – boxers ranked based on merit, a champion becoming a champion because he vanquished the previous champion in the ring – boxing would achieve a level of respect it has been missing for a long time. Of course it will take more than Congress passing a law. It will take the cooperation of certain elements of the boxing community, and particularly the cooperation of the television commentators and boxing writers. If the commentators and writers recognize the legitimacy of a United States Boxing Commission champion, if they refuse to pay homage to corrupt sanctioning bodies, then the WBC and WBO and WBA belts will become worthless, and the organizations that hand out those belts will melt away like the Wicked Witch of the West. Even if the sanctioning bodies could change their nature (and I believe, like Cus D’Amato, that they have neither the ability nor the willingness to change), even if they could apply purely objective criteria to their ratings, under the proposed law boxing would still be left with multiple champions in each weight division. And when the grand title of “world champion” doesn’t mean what it says, the title is diminished and the sport is diminished. The very idea of having multiple world champions seems to clash with the mission of the proposed United States Boxing Commission, which is to ensure “uniformity” and “fairness” and “integrity” in professional boxing. The proposed law also fails because it leaves in place state and tribal boxing commissions. While the Professional Boxing Amendments Act would set minimum standards for local commissions to follow and in that way would bring a measure of uniformity to the sport, it would allow different state and tribal commissions to operate under different rules and would leave day-to-day operations, including the enforcement of these rules, to the presently existing local commissions. This too goes against the goal of uniformity in the way that boxing is run. A sweeping indictment of all local commissions would not be proper. There exist commissions with appropriate medical standards in place, competent operations in place, and directors who care about boxing and care about its practitioners. Unfortunately there are too many commissions without the proper safeguards, too many commissions where rules are not followed and where boxers are not protected. Examples abound. I witnessed a weigh-in in Indianapolis where the two members of the Indiana commission who were “supervising” the weigh-in sat in folding chairs ten feet away from a bathroom scale and asked each fighter’s handler for the reading on the scale. In Utah, Brad Rone was allowed to fight with 26 straight losses coming into a July 2003 bout, even though a state rule mandated that, where a boxer has lost six consecutive fights (yes, twenty less than Rone’s streak), the commission must review those losses before allowing the boxer to enter the ring; typically, no review ever took place. Clearly, if rules are not enforced, they become worthless. And state commissions that have a proven record of misusing their discretion in deciding when and whether to enforce rules should not be entrusted with the enforcement of new rules. Congress has recognized the existence of weak commissions - indeed, this was one impetus for the proposed federal legislation - and would be wrong to now rely on these same commissions. Perhaps what is needed are local branches of the United States Boxing Commission, branches which are overseen by the national commission. (Directors of state commissions
who have demonstrated their competence could be placed at the head of these branches.) These local branches could employ a single set of rules throughout the country. And an enforcement division of the USBC could be responsible for making certain that local branches followed these rules. What is key is that a structure be established to bring real uniformity to boxing. Uniformity in the rules, uniformity in the rankings, uniformity in safety standards, uniformity in medical tests required for a boxer to be licensed, uniformity in standards for judges and referees, uniformity in the way fights are scored. And what is equally key is that competent, principled people be employed to create and to enforce these rules and standards, people who know boxing, who care about boxing and who care about the boxers who participate in the hardest game.

The government may not be well suited to the role of knight in shining armor, but the job of taking on the greed of the most powerful promoters, the corruption of sanctioning bodies and the incompetence of state commissions has not attracted any other candidates. Congress, having failed to pass the Professional Boxing Amendments Act, has another chance to get it right - to create the United States Boxing Commission, as already proposed, and to go further than the proposals of the last two years. It must establish uniform standards in boxing throughout the country and rid the sport of the sanctioning bodies. Only the law can give boxing a fighting chance to be a respected sport. That way boxing fans can focus their attention on what matters - two men, inside the ropes, doing battle.

4/24/06 07:55:53 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron||10|Well Goll-ly! Geez, I've been wrong before, Lord knows I've been wrong before, but never this wrong about the outcome of a fight, save for me picking Mike Spinks to decision Mike Tyson! Kent: How bad was it? Did Byrd do ANYTHING?|4/24/06 09:38:30 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Angelo, no Byrd didn't do much. After watching the replay of the fight, I thought Byrd won the first round by landing some body shots while Wlad was mostly probing with his jab, slow round.|4/24/06 03:32:32 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron||10|Kent: Is it possible that Byrd just got too old overnight? I read that he was 35---I didn't think he was that old. |4/24/06 05:31:13 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||10|Angelo, it is possible, especially because of his style of making the other guy miss and then landing punches that Byrd's reflexes are not what they used to be. But apparently Klitschko won most of the rounds in their first fight five and a half years ago so maybe it is a stylistic match problem for Byrd.|4/24/06 09:48:16 PM|Steve |NJ||NA||10|Look, Angelo, after all the years together on this site, you've got to realize their is some strange person posting under my name. I've never ment to disrespect you, or curry your favor. I greatly respect your opinion on any subject. You seem like an Intelligent man. I have lead a pretty rough life. However, I don't consider myself a tough guy at all. I apologize if I project myself that way. I simply don't have a lot of tolerance for troublemakers|4/25/06 01:44:04 AM|Noam|same||same||10|I haven't visited here for about 3 weeks, maybe longer. I just started going back through the posts and saw that someone has been using my name posting stuff I didn't write. My mother had surgery and I had to go there and stay with her. That's why I haven't been
posting here. I don't know who has been posting using my name, but I suppose I didn't have a shortage of guys who didn't like me. To whoever was insulted by the person using my name, please realise it was not me. I toned down my posts ages ago. Now I'll go back and read what has been written using my name.

4/25/06 01:54:39 AM | Noam | same | same | 10 | I went back through and the last post I made was on 2 April 2006. It was the Irish joke to Steve. Steve, I wasn't being racist to the Irish. I've got Irish blood (half) myself. I actually got told that joke as a blonde joke and I changed it to Irish for you. It was meant to be funny, not racist. I think you know that. After I posted that joke I left home and didn't read this site until now. That's when I saw that someone used my name to insult some of you. That wasn't me. It happened just after Forest posted.

4/25/06 02:05:08 AM | Noam | same | same | 10 | Hey listen guys and the Quarry women. I'm reading some of the old posts while I've been away and I have to say I'm not bigoted to blacks. That's nonsense. If I was racist, Ali wouldn't be my favourite fighter. I'm not Howard C. I've never been to Louisville. The closest I got was New Orleans and Houston.

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4/25/06 09:21:40 PM | Kid Quick | Philly | Quickie2@spores.net | 9 | Bernard is gonna smoke Tarver. Bernard has actually only lost one fight in his life. Bernard has been robbed twice by the establishment. It was already pre-ordained that Taylor would beat Bernard and Bernard knew this but couldn't stop it. Just like Sonny had to lay down twice, so did Bernard. Bernard almost made a mistake in the first fight and got mad and knocked Taylor out. Just like Sonny started punching too hard and Ali wanted to quit. Bernard and Sonny both weren't what the public wanted anymore. Winky has already heard the jive and knows he has to knock Taylor out or he has no chance. Bernard knows.
Hi Kent. Have you had anything to do with Roy Jones senior? Is he a good trainer? I read something the other day and the writer was describing him as a "legendary trainer?" I know that he trained his son, Roy junior, but I don't know of him training any other champions, justifying the "legendary" tag.

No one would call Tony Soprano a name like that and live to do it again!

I agree, in the heavyweight class that phenom doesn't apply. Noam, welcome back. You know, I read your latest Irish joke, and reread it, and I just didn't get it. Then I caught the word "frier", which I was reading as fire. Duh. Good one though. It just shows how easily a well intentioned post can be misinterpreted.

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I love the Godfather films. Watched them dozens of times. Afterwards I walk around whistling the Godfather theme and I can't help it and it lasts for months and gets annoying and people look at me like I'm nuts. I had noticed Vito Antuofurmo (how to spell?) before. I don't think he speaks, though. Angelo, The Sopranos is tops. The dialogue is hilarious. Is this how Mafioso types speak in New York? After watching an episode of The Sopranos, it is hard not to swear a lot. I walk around here talking like I'm some 'made' guy.

Steve: I saw Al Martino a coupla months ago at the Kemmet Center in Philly. He is 65 years old. He sang the Godfather theme song. His voice is still as strong and beautiful as ever. They also had the Johnny Maistro and the Brooklyn Bridge, and the Skyliners. Hah! You infant, you have no idea who I'm talking about do you?

I've heard of Al Martino. Good singer. I prefer Tony Bennett though. When I watch the Godfather film, I walk around afterwards whistling the theme tune. I love the tune but get sick of whisking it after a month or so. When I watch The Sopranos, I walk around afterwards swearing like a 'made' guy. I don't like swearing, but I just can't help it after watching that show. It's a real problem for me.

I saw Johnny Maestro and Brooklyn Bridge on the PBS Series "My Music." Do you ever watch that? It's mostly 60's and 70's music of various genres---one week they'll have soul, the next week doo wop, then rock---Brooklyn Bridge sounded great. One of the shows had the Stylistics, and they were really smooth sounding---haven't
lost it. |
[4/27/06 01:23:22 PM]Massimo|Roma||4|||10|I have never seen Mafia movies. I don't like violent movies, with the exception of Rambo that is funny.|
[4/27/06 01:49:03 PM]Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I know the Mafia (in real life) would be insulted but I don't see any difference between them and inner city street thugs like the Crips and the Bloods.<br><br>Both of them deal in death so one group is a bad as the other.<br><br>The Mafia likes to think they have a lot of class because they have nice things like cars and clothes and probably art work but remember the Nazi leadership under Hitler in Germany had the best of everything, wine, clothes, cars, etc and they lived high at the expense of others and to me they had no class.<br><br>Evil is evil.|
[4/27/06 03:41:23 PM]Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Kent: You better be careful, some of the made guys and top dons might be reading this board!!
[4/27/06 11:14:44 PM]Noam|same||same|||10|But Kent, Mafia movies and programs are entertaining to watch. Let me ask whether you know of anything Roy Jones Senior has done except train his son. Has he trained any other champions? Was he a boxer himself? I don't think it's accurate to describe him as a legend, is it?<br><br>What do you call a bear missing an ear? A b. I've still got it!|
[4/28/06 12:40:08 AM]Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, I am not worried. I just got to tell it like it is.<br><br>Noam, I have never met either Roy Jones, father or son, and I have never heard of Roy Senior doing much besides training Roy Junior.<br><br>Senior a legend, not to my knowledge.|
[4/28/06 11:40:07 AM]Steve|NJ||na|||10|Massimo, you seem like a nice guy sometimes, except when you threaten to steal my Italian wife. However, how do we know your not Mafioso, or worse, a communist. I don't really blame you for admiring an Italian woman, as they are among the most beautiful women in the world.|
[4/28/06 11:56:19 AM]Steve|NJ||na|||10|Angelo, thanks for the tip. I assume PBS runs the same programming up here as they do in Wash. I'll definitely be looking out for that series. If the Mafia is listening in, how about a loan? Their vig can't be any worse than the credit card companies charge if your late with a payment. Nor can they be worse than EXXON having just posted 8.2 billion in PROFITS, Yet I'm paying $3.00 per gallon. Almost a 100% increase from last summer. Now Congress and the senate are back from spring break. Their going to look into price gouging. Gee, you think?|
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[4/28/06 12:49:28 PM]Steve|NJ||na|||10|Kent, well, The NFL draft is upon us once again. I am an Eagles fan to the death. I can only assume that Angelo is a Redskins fan. I'm afraid I really must take a stand here and demand that you commit yourself to an NFL team for this season, at least on this web site. I know your from Cal. and are probably more interested in surfing and roller skating and stuff like that. No offence intended. You know, even a sports writer is allowed to have a fav. team and argue their changes here in private.|
[4/28/06 12:59:24 PM]Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Steve-<br><br>I am not a communist and I can prove it: I voted for Silvio Berlusconi at (or in) the last elections (I swear!). Unfortunately Berlusconi lost [for just (or only) 25000 votes]. I cannot prove that I am not a Mafioso, all I can say is: trust me, I AM NOT A MAFIOSO. American women are also very beautiful, at least those I have seen on TV (I have never seen an American woman in person, in real life). I particularly
like Angelie Jolie.

4/28/06 01:10:51 PM|Steve|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Steve, I live about half way between Los Angeles and San Diego. I guess I can start following the Chargers, the closest team to me.

4/28/06 01:41:35 PM|steve |NJ||NA||||10|Kent, the Chargers arent a bad team to follow. They've greatly improved their defence in the last two years through the draft and free agency. They've have already turned the corner.

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4/28/06 02:36:41 PM|Steve|NJ||NA||||10|Massimo, Hah! You voted for a reform socialist-capitalist Gov. At least it is removed from communism in some ways. However, since you swear you are not a member of La Cosa Nostra, or a commie, then I still want to be your friend.

4/28/06 06:55:02 PM|Noam|same||same||||10|Massimo - when I hadn't heard from you, I was worrying that you were the Don guy arrested in Corleone after 43 years on the run. Either that, or they've given you a computer in your cell.


4/29/06 03:55:22 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|Noam-<br>I'm sorry but I don't know anything about Corleone or this Don guy. I have never been in jail.

4/29/06 03:57:09 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|Hi Jumpity, keep jumping!!

4/29/06 05:11:45 PM|Steve|NJ||NA||||10|Massimo, hey goombah! I'm just busting your chops about your political affiliations, it's absolutely none of my business! If you care to associate with criminals, well, that's your business too. I hope you realize when you're just being kidded around with.

4/29/06 05:19:40 PM|Steve|NJ||na||||10|Angelo, I think you and I discussed this a while ago. You seem to like old music as much as I do. Are you a doo-wop fan? Do you enjoy the Flamingoes, Dion and the Belmonts, the Skyliners, Danny and the Juniors?

4/29/06 06:20:39 PM|Noam|same||same||||10|Massimo, I was only joking! I'd been reading about the Mafia boss on the run for 43 years who got caught in Corleone. I've never been to jail either.<br>Kent - thanks for your comment about Jones snr. You confirmed what I thought. The only champ he's trained was his son. I don't think that makes him a legend.

4/29/06 06:48:22 PM|Steve|NJ||NA||||10|Hey, Massimo, what's with this jumpity Bruce stuff. Is it some kind of metaphorical way of avoiding questions or subjects your not comfortable with? You know, like are you really a physicist being controlled by La Cosa Nostra. God only knows what you could be up to! Not that I suspect you of any wrong doing.

4/30/06 03:32:45 AM|Massimo|Roma||4||||10|Noam-<br>I knew you were only joking! You are a joker like me! <br>4/30/06 09:32:43 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Jumpity Bruce is a funny and harmless character. I see him as some sort of mascot for this site.

5/1/06 09:06:44 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Steve: I'm a KC Chiefs fan since childhood. I grew up in Wilkes-Barre, PA, so I guess I should have been an Eagles fan (people there generally followed the Eagles, Jets and Giants---some Steelers fans too because they won all those Super Bowls). But for some reason, maybe something dumb like the nice uniforms, as a kid, I became
a Chiefs fan. I suffered through many, many years of futility until Marv Levy started to improve the team. Then, they made a mistake and fired him, and finally, when Marty Schottenheimer came, he rebuilt the franchise. Also, Philadelphia's favorite son, Carl Peterson, has been a great GM for the Chiefs. By the way, the Eagles second round pick was a steal.

[5/2/06 03:23:33 AM]Noam|same||same|||10|Kent, I agree with you on Jumpity Bruce. Same with Koo Koo. I think Koo Koo is a talent. I went back through archived posts and he has a good sense of humour. But why won't the Quarry girls date him?

[5/2/06 10:25:38 AM]Andre Rene' Rousimoff known as Andre the Giant but actually Andre the Midget was legitimately measured at 6'9" 3/4 at the age of 24. Was that his max height? Who knows? He shrunk considerably in the last years of his life. How much did he shrink?<br>That's the million dollar question. Some say he was 6'9" 1/2 when he died, some 6'6" and some 6'5". He looked no more than 3 inches shorter than Wilt in their picture together (dated about 1984) and about 3 inches taller than 6'6" Hulk Hogan at Wrestlmania 3 (1987), when they have that famous staredown. Andre's true height will always be a mystery (I want to write a book about this subject). They billed him as 7'4" or even 7'5" but that's ridiculous!<br>By the way: Hulk Hogan has also shrunk and now is 6'3" 1/2.<br>Here's his famous fight with Hulk Hogan at wrestlermania 3 (29 March 1987).<br>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=it1XNbu3mRU&search=ANDRE%20HOGAN

[5/2/06 03:52:34 PM]Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Well, Andre might have gotten shorter, but he sure didn't get narrower.

[5/2/06 06:19:21 PM]Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, CA||Sonia2163@aol.com|||10|Hey Noam, I am married about 23 yrs now, but its been alot of laughs with KooKoo. I hope everyone keeps coming back to this site, its always good for some laughs, yells, and some history lessons. We sure miss you Dad, Uncle Jerry, Aunt Brenda, Grampa Quarry, Mom & Grandma too.

[5/2/06 10:35:12 PM]Steve|NJ||NA|||10|Angelo,I'm glad to hear your a K.C. Chiefs fan.I love Peterson and Vermeil.Even that Cal.guy picked the Chargers..Both teams have a very high percentage chance of making the playoffs.Now,you and Kent can belittle me and the Eagles all season.I promise to be kind and compassionate at the end of the season.

[5/2/06 11:58:49 PM]Angelo if your referring to second round pick Justine winston,I agree with you, he was a badly needed guy on the line.

[5/2/06 05:47:46 PM]Angelo, I agree that pick seemed to lay there a few spots too long. Although some teams pick the best overall athlete. While other teams, who are usually in dire straights, pick for need. I think we just got lucky for a change.

[5/3/06 06:20:07 PM]Kent, I think a guy like Acelino Freitas, who fought one of the most awkward.boring,tentative fights I've seen in a while against Zahir Rahime, is a prime candidate for having his career ended involuntarily. He showed nothing against a guy who has mysteriously moved up the ranks by fighting like a crap. Freitas has made a fortune in the ring. He's starting to lose that animal attack he capitalized on. Here's the perfect opportunity to save a young fighter's live. Pull his licence. The guy has been around for thirteen years!!! His victory over Raheem was a gimme!!

[5/3/06 08:53:13 PM]JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA||RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|||10|ANGELO: Did you know a Very good guy, by the name of TOM CANFIELD when you were growing up in WILKES BARRE PA.? he was my
roomate and best friend in the service when we were stationed in WHIDBY ISLAND WASHINGTON. he unfortunately died of cancer at the age of 29 in 1994|

|5/3/06 11:47:44 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Steve, I didn't see the fight but I agree that Freitas was a good fighter but it may be time to hang em up. He could be a tradegy waiting to happen. That is all we need, another fighter damaged for hanging around too long. It would be a good idea for Freitas to take his win and go out on top. Did you think Raheem won?|

|5/4/06 04:15:22 AM|Noam|same||same|||10|Sonia - having gone back through the archives I note that Koo Koo is one of the staunchest supporters of the Quarry family. And he and Kent seem to have patched things over, too. I think it'd be nice if Kent invited Koo Koo to sit up front with Kent and the other reporters at a boxing night. I've got a very sick joke for Steve: Why can't banks keep secrets? Because they've got too many tellers.|

|5/4/06 08:00:41 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Jimmy: That name isn't familiar. I was born in '63, so I think he was right in my age group, but I don't know him. I actually grew up outside Wilkes-Barre, though I had friends who went to the Wilkes-Barre schools. If you know what highschool he went to, chances are, I would know somebody who knows him.|

|5/4/06 11:17:46 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Noam, I can only get a pass for myself and the only way I could get anybody in to an event is if the person is a photographer on assignment. The last time I paid for boxing was last year and it was because my friend went with me, we had to pay as I can't get anybody in. I sat right behind press row and Dan Goossen, the promoter, looked at me funny when I told him that he had better put on a good show as I was a paying customer. Before that it had been about four years since I had paid to get into a boxing card.|

|5/4/06 11:52:23 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Kent: Jerry was so competitive----I think this carried into his training too. His claim that he would never lose another fight due to poor conditioning really stuck through his career, probably up until Norton. He lost fights to better opponents, not due to lack of conditioning. But for Norton, he wasn't physically ready to rumble with a top heavyweight. He could have bounced back into the picture if he would have demanded a few months to train. Of course, they needed an opponent for Norton quickly----but they probably would have found someone else who Norton would beat----then Jerry could have fought him later. A prepared Quarry could have beaten Norton, even then. |

|5/4/06 04:29:08 PM|Noam|same||same|||10|Kent - I was 'pulling your leg', having a joke. It would be funny to see you sitting alongside Koo Koo at the fights. We all have a fair idea what you look like as you continue to lose weight. But what does a Koo Koo look like? Anyone know?|

|5/4/06 05:39:02 PM|Bob|Wilkes-Barre, Pa.||RVEEBOB@AOL.COM|||10|Does anybody remember the REILLY brothers that fought from Luzerne, Pa. in the early seventies? They are good friends of mine.|

|5/4/06 07:52:31 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|As it was, Jerry still gave Norton a tough battle for a few rounds but he got cut and he ran out of steam by round five. The third round of Norton verses Quarry
is still one of the best rounds I have ever seen. The two of them pounded each other with bombs for the whole round and I don't know how either of them kept standing after the shots they both took.<br>Hey Darrell Huntley, if you happen to come to this site, Kent A says hey!| 5/4/06 08:53:01 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|Angelo, you and I finally agree on one possible fact. Jerry, in prime shape, either earlier that year, or, again with time to train, on the date they did fight. I feel Quarry was the superior fighter. Maybe not in pure physical strength, but in a much better, more fluid style. Faster hands, better counter puncher, and he equal, if not better, in heart and toughness.| 5/4/06 09:05:18 PM|Steve |nj||na|||10|Angelo and Kent, by the way. I'm talking about Quarry vs. Norton.| 5/4/06 09:18:19 PM|Steve|NJ||NA|||10|Kent, I couldn't give you an informed, analytical answer. I think you could call it a draw. That only proves that these two guys are fighting on the dangerous down slide.| 5/5/06 04:41:11 AM|Massimo|Roma||4|||10|Noam -> KooKoo once said he looks like Woody Allen.<br>Quarry vs. Norton with Jerry in prime shape it's hard to call. Norton did always very well against fighters who weren't huge punchers. I don't know if Jerry had the power to knock Norton out.| 5/5/06 07:57:02 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Bob: No, I don't remember them. I'm from Swoyersville/Shaferstown, but I was pretty young in the 70's and didn't go to local fight cards regularly. What weight class were the Reillys? Didn't one of the Van Scoy boys (Wilkes-Barre diamond brokers) take up boxing?| 5/5/06 10:06:53 AM|Charles anderson|Arkansas||ctjjandfam@aol.com|||10|Prime vs. prime Jerry would have knocked Norton cold, i guarantee it.| 5/5/06 10:10:33 AM|Charles anderson|Arkansas||ctjjandfam@aol.com|||10|The fight was a joke, you found out when Jerry took off his robe he had not trained for this fight, first time i ever saw him out of shape. fought his heart out tho.| 5/5/06 03:10:03 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Charles: I believe that barring some terrible cut, Jerry would have found a way to beat Norton if he was ready to fight. I'm not sure if he would win by KO though.| 5/5/06 03:32:44 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|In Norton's book, "Going the Distance". Norton portrays himself as an amiable soul, who doesn't really want to seriously hurt anyone. That is, until he finally gets his change with a completely wash up Quarry, who was given two weeks to train. Exactly when Norton worked up the balls to fight him. To quote his book, "I'll freely admit that I did not like him. Quarry was the only man whom I fought in anger, and I went in to punish him. With Quarry, I wanted to pick him apart, savage him with body punches, snap his head back with jabs, and cut up his face. I wanted him to be carried out on a stretcher." That's a quote, folks. Page 97. Pretty ironic coming from a guy who folded every time he faced a guy as big and strong as himself.| 5/5/06 03:34:22 PM|Steve|nj||na|||10|In Norton's book, "Going the Distance". Norton portrays himself as an amiable soul, who doesn't really want to seriously hurt anyone. That is, until he finally gets his change with a completely wash up Quarry, who was given two weeks to train. Exactly when Norton worked up the balls to fight him. To quote his book, "I'll freely admit that I did not like him. Quarry was the only man whom I fought in anger, and I went in to punish him. With Quarry, I wanted to pick him apart, savage him with body punches, snap his head back with jabs, and cut up his face. I wanted him to be carried out on a stretcher." That's a quote, folks. Page 97. Pretty ironic coming from a guy who folded every time he faced a guy as big and strong as himself.
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Hey, I'm new to the site. Cool video scrapbook on Jerry. I haven't seen too many of his fights, but the ones I have, he seemed great.

Angelo, Ken simply froze when he fought fighters that could hit, case in point, Foreman, (who wouldn't) but he was knocked cold by some cat named Garcia, who you never heard from again. Jerry was not scared by Shavers, Lyle, who were pretty hard punchers. The best fight he may have fought and won was probably against Ron Lyle when he "boxed beautifully" for 12 rounds. I liken Norton to both of these guys get him early or box his ears off. No doubt a about it Ken whipped him but we all know Jerry was in no shape to fight anyone that day. Sad but true, I lived and died with every Jerry Quarry fight and I miss him very much. Thanks for your reply.

I too knew a guy that looked like a world champion in the gym but man when he got in the arena he was 180 degrees the other way most of the time. Maybe it's the crowd or uncertainty that a fighter faces when going "live". I took several beatings from Elisha O'bed in the gym and I doubt I would have lasted that long in a real contest. Mind games?

Steve you are right, Jerry should have retired after the second Frazier fight. The Norton fight and all of those afterwards should have never happened. In that fight Jerry came in good shape and although he had a couple of good rounds, rounds one and two, after that Frazier dominated as Jerry just didn't have it. That should have been a huge warning sign that it was time for Jerry to pack it in. I believe even if Jerry had come into the Norton fight in shape he would have taken a beating. It might have lasted longer and Jerry may have had a few more good rounds but the end at that point in Jerry's career would have been the same.

kent i strongly disagree with you about jerry not being able to beat norton (if he was ready), it's easy to look at the norton fight and think that guys too big for jerry, to strong, but the thing about
norton is that if things get to rough and he gets hit with a good shot, he could fold, it would take the jerry of the lyle fight to do this, but when motivated and in top shape, norton would fold, jerry as he appeared in the norton fight was just a target, a mere shell of himself, but he won the hearts of anybody that knows anything about what boxing is all about, BY THE WAY PLEASE LET EVERYBODY KNOW THE ADDRESS OF WHERE TO SEND MONEY. QUARRY WOMEN KEEP LOOKING GOOD, THE KOO KOO CLOCK'S A HELL OF A MAN, EVEN IF HE DOES LOOK LIKE WOODY ALLEN, KOO KOO, KOO KOO

Kent, I am a firm believer in an outdated medical phenomenon known as "Biorthymes". I read somewhere that Jerry was a believer in it too. I firmly believe that your body goes through at least three rhythms on a regularly recurring basis. This could go a long way on explaining why on some fight nights, you just don't have it! A punch that normally wouldn't bother you, on this particular night feels like getting hit with a rock. By the way please let everybody know the address of where to send money. Quarry women keep looking good, the Koo Koo Clock's a hell of a man, even if he does look like Woody Allen, Koo Koo, Koo Koo!

I agree Kent, by the way kent can you help me land a quarry women, i been after one for a long time, i don't know if they like short guys like me though, kent you son-of-a-gun, are you still doing those interviews, you do well looks like, I DON'T MEAN MAKE THIS A LOVEFEST BUT HEY, I'M KOO, KOO, KOO, KOO !!!

Woody Allen? Koo Koo? Oh. I don't know whether I'm right in what I'm about to say. But I've always wondered why Foreman was so suited to Joe Frazier in styles. Joe bobbed from side-to-side and it was a great defensive thing that could turn into attack. When you least expected it, he'd bob across with that hidden left hook and tag you. Like he did with Ali in the first fight. Ali kept his right down low so that suited Joe's left as well. As Joe bobbed from side-to-side, George's haymakers came in roundhouse. The bobbing side-to-side head then collides with the roundhouse left or right. They were made for each other. I think that Joe's bobbing style gave Foreman's roundhouse punches more power. The head and the fist were moving towards each other for a collision. Maximum impact.

Foreman always had more trouble with tall stand up fighters. His punches didn't have the same effect when he threw punches higher. The toughest fights of his early career were against Young, Ali, Lyle, Peralta. All were tall and 3 of them were boxer types. Foreman would have had tons of trouble with any really slick tall boxer with alot of skills. Tunney comes to mind as a guy that would beat Foreman probably. Lennox Lewis would have given him trouble until Foreman landed something huge, which he probably would have done.
punch was the type that would lay Lewis out. Norton had a reputation for arrogance, which seems to be well earned considering the book excerpt. He had a ton of courage against JQ, whose best years were behind him, and who fought on two weeks notice and was not in fighting shape. Hooray for big bad Kenny. Of course, he was deer in headlights against Foreman, Shavers, Cooney—crumbled when hit with a power punch.

| 5/8/06 10:43:46 AM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron | 10 | Steve: Ironic title too. Norton isn't an authority on going the distance. Ask Earnie Shavers or Gerry Cooney, who only had part of one round to "punish him" the way he wanted to punish JQ. Ask Foreman, who in Caracas, pounded on Norton for about half a minute when it became clear that Norton wouldn't make it more than two or three rounds (didn't finish two actually). Ask Jose Luis Garcia if you can find him anywhere. Oh, and while Norton did "go the distance" against Young, Norton was "lucky" to get the decision. Let's face it, the whole world was clamouring for another Norton-Ali fight and Norton had more going for him (excitement and recognition wise) than Young. So they gave the close match to Norton. I will admit to admiring Norton's performance against Holmes—though those who think Norton should have won are crazy. Go back and score the fight and Holmes had him beat. Norton showed some guts, but didn't win. |

| 5/8/06 12:17:44 PM | kookoo | ny | kookooclock000@yahoo.com | 10 | like they say , what goes around comes around, norton beat jerry up , as fate would have it, an irishman beats norton with-in an inch of his life, he had it coming, he was arrogant as hell, i loved also when larry holmes beat him, jimmy youg is the guy that got robbed, beat norton & ali, they never gave him the title because of his hit & run tactics. i think he just quit trying after those robberys, sad case, but i don't blame him , life is not fair, it never will be |

| 5/8/06 12:26:49 PM | Steve | NJ | na | 10 | Noam, I agree with you that Forman usually looked like he was throwing haymakers in slow motion. He also looked like he was throwing arm punches, with no hip leverage behind them. In reality, he usually got his opponent with straight, short, shots. He started Frazier on his way out with a short, straight uppercut that lifted Joe off his feet. He waited all night for Moorer to square up in front of him, then dropped in a short, downward trajectory right, that flattened Moorer. |

| 5/8/06 01:20:55 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron | 10 | Steve: You won't believe how many people (very casual boxing fans without a lot of knowledge) thought Moorer took a dive because "Foreman hardly touched him." Ridiculous! That punch would have KOed a buffalo. I think people equate a big wind up and swing with power, but I've learned (both from watching hundreds of boxing matches and being in a few—knocked out once) that sometimes short, quick punches, thrown with leverage and purpose, can accomplish more. Like you just wrote, Foreman was patient as Jobe that night, waiting, waiting, waiting for Moorer's mistake in positioning, then BAM, lights out. |

| 5/8/06 02:29:57 PM | Kent | Murrieta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 | Angelo, if Moorer took a dive, then he is a great actor because his eyes were rolling back in his head, he was out. You are right, often the short to the point punches do the most damage. |

| 5/8/06 02:49:47 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron | 10 | Kent: Agreed. But that still doesn't explain Ali's phantom punch in Liston II. Was that the real thing? |

| 5/8/06 04:22:28 PM | Sam Walker | Washington, D.C. | sendtosw@hotmail.com | 8 | Hello, and my (very late) condolences to the family of Jerry Quarry, who I thought was a great fighter. I remember watching him against Ali, and I remember Jose Torres saying in his bio of Ali that if Jerry hadn't been cut, Ali was in for a long night, because Jerry was getting the rhythm, figuring it out when the fight was stopped. I still haven't seen Jerry's fight with Joe Frazier, which was quite exciting for Jerry for the first few rounds, from what I understand. I plan to get it on DVD. Anyway, I'm glad he has |
a Web site, and good luck with your Foundation. |

Jerry was many things, including exciting. When he came to fight, you knew he'd give it his all. That's missing in many of today's "contenders." Jerry Quarry fought in the best era ever who never won a World Title. |

Steve - Foreman certainly hit Moorer with a short sharp punch. |

I agree with Angelo that something was not legitimate in the second Ali'-Liston fight. Sonny Liston could certainly take a punch. He took Cleveland Williams' best shots and was knocked down I think only 3 times in 54 fights (second fight with Marty Marshall, Ali', Leotis Martin). Probably Sonny was beaten in his mind before the fight started. We'll never know the truth, it's like Andre's height.

The key word is LOOK, the punch did not look like it would knock him out, the punch that knocked out Zora Foley looked about the same, a right hand over the top, Liston was caught cold, simple as that, the theories of Liston taking a dive will continue forever, people love a good story |

While in my opinion it was a legitimate knockdown, I think that Liston could have got up had he wanted. But he was beaten psychologically and decided to stay down rather than suffer a worse beating than the first fight. For that reason I don't think the fight was fixed; I just think that Liston had had enough. This is what Angelo Dundee said about that second fight in his book:

"Some people, who obviously never saw the fight, or if they did were not paying enough attention, said that Liston went down without being hit. They said he had not been counted out and that the fight had been fixed. Horsefeathers!"
then continued:......Muhammad slid to the right, threw a short right over the top of Liston's outstretched left, and caught him on the temple. The punch was so hard, Liston's left foot came off the canvas involuntarily as he rocked back before collapsing in a heap. Muhammad stood over Liston, taunting him to get up and fight. But Sonny couldn't get up. He couldn't even move.' I think Listin could get up, but didn't want to. Not a fix; just a bully beaten mentally.

Another thing I don't understand about that fight is why Liston was declared counted out. Liston actually got up and Walcott hadn't counted 1-2-3 until 10 on him. James Buster Douglas layed (or stayed) on the canvas for more than 10 seconds against Mike Tyson but he was not considered counted out. Jersey Joe Walcott was really totally confused. He should have started counting on Liston instead of declaring him counted out. How could Liston know where the count was while he was laying on the canvas ? He had the right to be counted by the referee (Walcott).

Clay/Ali would have still won the fight and I do believe Liston might have pulled a "no mas" in his own way by deciding not to continue. But the fact is, former star fighters do have a spotty record as referees. Let's not forget confused old Joe Louis during Frazier-Quarry II.

I've watched highlights of that fight and I've always complimented Frazier on his sportsmanship and concern for Jerry. Frazier was not showboating by pausing and hoping Louis would have common sense enough to stop the fight. Frazier was genuinely concerned about Quarry---probably for his eyesight more than anything. If the fighters' corner doesn't intervene, the referee is the one on the spot, who must make the decision. Louis failed. A fighter, especially a guy like Quarry, will fight to the bitter end. He would have stood there if Frazier hit him with an axe. You can't trust a fighter or even their corner to know what's best. It's on the referee, and it was an incompetent job that night, for an important fight.

The old "styles make fights" saying is true. Jerry didn't have the right components to fend off Frazier when Joe started smokin'. I'll go to my grave believing that the Jerry Quarry who gave a boxing lesson to Ron Lyle and a punching lesson to Earnie Shavers would have had a somewhat decent chance against Foreman around
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| 5/11/06 03:52:00 PM | George Foreman | Texas | Grill@aol.com | 10 |

Yep, I avoided Quarry. Instead, I chose to beat up on 37 tomato cans, 17 of which had a losing record. I then dispatched of fat ass Frazier, and glass chin Norton, before getting destroyed by Ali.

| 5/11/06 04:50:00 PM | Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron | 10 |

But George, you did beat those five guys (wasn't it in Canada?) before Young retired you. Of course, you did stage quite a comeback!!

| 5/11/06 07:14:11 PM | Steve | NJ | na | 10 |

Angelo, I don't know how you regard the Heavyweight title, I'm sure you realize how hard it is to attain and hold for any length of time. I only know that very few great fighters have been able to hold it for very long.

| 5/11/06 07:17:05 PM | Steve | NJ | na | 10 |

Condolences to the family of Floyd Patterson.

| 5/11/06 10:59:56 PM | George | Foreman | Grill@aol.com | 10 |

Angelo is right. Now buy my grill!!

| 5/12/06 02:00:31 AM | Kent | Murrieta, CA | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |

The boxing world lost a man who did the most with his ability, Floyd Patterson, a pumped up undersized light heavyweight who held the heavyweight title twice. A fine boxer who seemed like a decent man as well. He will be missed.

| 5/12/06 07:56:28 AM | Debbie Cozzetto-Grimm | Woodstock, GA | m222086@netzero.com | 10 |

As a child growing up in CA, my grandmother and mother used to talk about Jerry Quarry. Somehow they are related, but I'm not sure, my grandmother's name was Lois Talbert married to Dallas Talbert and my mother's name was Lana Talbert-Cozzetto. Can someone please clarify this for me?

| 5/12/06 10:23:33 AM | Kent | Murrieta, CA | kentallenent@aol.com | 10 |

Debbie, I seemed to remember hearing that Jerry's mother's maiden name was Talbert but of course someone from the family would have to verify this.

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| 5/12/06 04:05:10 PM | Terry | Belgium | ron@pochta.com | 1 |

Nice site!<br>[url=http://ozuoevom.com/fuqq/xceu.html]My homepage[/url] & #124 [url=http://goyvwsum.com/renk/cmgm.html]Cool site[/url]<br><br>Even the guys who haven't held the title long have my respect for climbing to the top of the mountain---Buster Douglas, Mike Spinks, etc. I do think the title has been cheapened because there are so many versions of it now.<br>Bert Sugar said a lot of nice things about Floyd Patterson last night. A great tribute.

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| 5/13/06 03:53:57 AM | Eugene Mourne | Fullerton, CA | VisitA64@aol.com | 10 |

Angelo, I respect you immensely but must disagree with your April opinion about size not mattering much beyond 205 or so for heavyweights. I think the reverse. The thing is we see so few really good, skilled heavyweights past 220, 230. I used to fight in the late 60s and I think 230+ pound guys often get lazy or complacent, because they can usually win (over smaller guys) by strength, power and size.
alone. But I'm not sure about some situations. At a "low" 190 or so, I think Joe Louis would have been a good match for practically anybody, including Big George, Ali at 225, Frazier at 220 etc. Possibly Billy Conn the same way. After all, JQ was "small" and might have been champ if he hadn't cut and bled pretty easily. Incidentally -- although I agree JQ may have been a Top 10 All-Timer -- what I've always admired most about him was his shark-like killer's instinct. When he hurt you, he followed and when he hurt you bad, 9 out of 10 times you were done. Just one more thing and I'll shut up. A couple of people here wondered why JQ didn't quit or why his corner didn't quit in Frazier2 and other fights. To me the answer is simple. He was Irish. No, I'm serious. I was taught by my uncles making us boy cousins fight from when we were 4 or 5 years on. The one thing you HAD to learn was NEVER EVER QUIT. Even if your guy knocked your head loose and it was hanging by a single tendon, YOU DO NOT QUIT. I think Jimmy and Kent and others will agree. (There can be a bad side to that, too.) Great site. Oscar de La Hoya looked sharp, but he is not even 50% of what he once was. I grew up in La Habra, just down the road from you and I had lived there again for about six years until a year ago.

I do disagree about a fighter's corner having a responsibility to protect their fighter by asking the referee to stop a fight or for not letting a fighter come out for a round if he is hurt too badly, a good corner man knows his fighter better than anyone and they can tell when something isn't right. I do agree that a fighter should have the attitude that he himself will never quit. If they don't have this attitude, the warrior attitude, then they are in the wrong profession. I remember the story that Mr. Jimmy Quarry, Jerry's brother, telling me that Jerry was working the corner of their brother Mike's third fight with Mike Rossman and Mike had suffered a bad cut and Jerry had the referee stop the fight. Well Mike was upset with Jerry for stopping the fight but I believe it was the right decision and that if the situation was reversed and it was Mike who was working the corner and he had one of Jerry's fights stopped, it would have been Jerry who would have been mad at Mike for doing so. My point is the Jerry did what was best for the fighter. I realize the final authority to stopping a fight is the referee and/or the ringside doctor but I don't think any competent referee would ignore the advice of a fighter's corner to stop a fight or at least they shouldn't ignore it. 

I made a change to the code, which should rope-a-dope them again for a while. Thanks for hanging in there! --Carl
Valdes, Howard King etc. How many of the 54 Sonny Liston's fights are available on tape? Is the Zora Folley fight available? Anyone knows? Thanks.

Steve: Mine wasn't like that---it was just boxing for fun in a friend's basement. I went on the offensive, but got tagged in the first moments of the fight with a straight right (Cosell would call it a telephone pole lead) that dazed me badly---vision blurred and I stepped back to try to clear my head and got nailed again and went down. I would say that if my life depended on it, I probably could have gotten up by the ten count, but was unaware of what was going on and got counted out. It's hard to remember if I lost consciousness completely---maybe just for a brief second.

Angelo, with all your years of boxing knowledge, I know you learned one thing that day. Never move straight back if your hurt. Always give em angles, and for God's sake, HOLD ON. CLINCH! Who cares what the spectaters think. The idea is to survive. I didn't have that option. I don't even remember getting dropped.

Massimo, I happened to be in a furniture store looking at tv's and saw the Liston, Leotis Martin fight. Liston, as I remember it, hit Martin with some huge shots. In fact, Martin suffered a career ending detached retina. He did, however, nail Liston flush and just dropped him on his back. As I remember it, it was a pulverizing KO. I think it pretty much ended both their careers. It was a long time ago, and I never saw the fight again on tape. So my impressions could be somewhat inaccurate, but I think that's how it went.

Eek eek a eek eek, Jumpity Bruce is jumping all over Make Money Online's head! Jump! Jump! Jump!

Steve: I have two questions involving fantasy fight and wanted to see every one's opinion.

I picked 130 because I thought both Nelson and Arguello were at there best at that weight.

Thank you Jumpity, keep your good work.

Sonia, I am almost unbeatable until he moved up to fight Pryor and the weight disadvantage did him in. I might go with Chavez, but ever so slightly.

Hey I'm an Irish Woman, and we don't quit either. All my life the saying my Dad, always said was "There's No Quit in a Quarry", and believe me we all stick by it to the end, my kids laugh at me I quit at nothing. Its good to see all the spam gone. Hey Kent how's it going? To all the regulars thanks for sticking with the site, and keeping the rif raf from here. Dad, Uncle Jerry, Mom, Aunt Brenda, Grandma, and Grampa Jack, you are all missed, and loved always.
doing OK. How are you?

I have fond memories of your brother Eric battling it out at the Police Athletic League benefit in 2002 and of you and Brenda working the corner. Your dad and your Uncle Jerry would have been very proud of all of you as you all showed there is no quit in a Quarry. Eric sure showed a lot of heart by fighting with a cut lip and hanging on for the win. I was there at Soboba that night but didn't get a chance to talk to you as everyone had already left by the time I got backstage.

I was there reporting for an Indian news site but they never used my article for some reason.

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Angelo, I see your point about unleashed dogs. I raise Siberian Huskies. I only have two now, Jack and Casey, both males. There are very strict laws about unsupervised dogs in N.J. I don't really know what I'd do about an unleashed dog. I'd probably do the same as you. I'd heel my huskies, try to calm down the loose dog. I don't believe your the kind of man who'd hurt a dog. I'd just hope it wasn't a pitt bull. Even a Rottweiller can be calmed down. Of course, then I'd sue the ass of the owner.

Angelo, I never felt good about those Arguello, Pryor fights. Even though Pryor was such a wild, unnaturally strong fighter, I feel Chavez, who was also almost impervious to punishment, and much the better defensive fighter, and also, threw much shorter, equally strong punches, would have worn that maniac Pryor down in the later rounds. There's a big difference in drug induced homicidal rage, and superbly trained, disciplined strength, which might be why Chavez lasted so long, and Pryor's just like a crazy afterthought.

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By the way, one of the nicest dogs I met was half Rotweiller and half Doberman, and weighed at least 110. The dog belonged to a friend of mine—was standoffish at first, when I entered the house. But once he knew I was welcome there, he sat with me and even slept in my bed.

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Massimo: To answer your question, I'd never seen Liston in with anyone except Ali. Would have loved to see him and Leotis Martin, Machen, Wepner etc. Him and Bonavena likely would have been a war. Take care.

Thanks Jimmy. Liston was very impressive against Harris and Cleveland Williams (second fight). What you say confirms to me that Liston's fights are very rare in comparison, for instance, with (or to) Ali's fights.

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I'm sorry I digressed and got away from
your subject. It's just that Pryor and Argeello was won of the most interesting and suspicious fights I've ever seen. Just to give me you by no means expert opinion. At 130 lbs. He would have slowed up Nelson, and stopped him in the latter rounds. Chavez would have had his hands full with Arguello at any weight. I'm sorry, but that's a dream fight that I just can't figure out a call on.

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If you don't pop in here too often, good luck. I have now lost 80 pounds. I can now tell people what my peak weight was. Last summer I weighed 375 pounds. I am now about 295 pounds. Still people consider me to be obese as they look at me funny when I say, "I have worked hard to get into the kind of shape I am in" and then I pat my stomach. They think I am joking but they understand when I tell them how heavy I was before and that yes, I have worked hard to get into the kind of shape I am in.

Little things like now being able to sit in a restaurant booth without having to sit sideways are reminders of the progress I have made.

5/22/06 02:46:22 AM| Eugene Mourne | Fullerton, CA | | VisitA54@aol.com | |||10|

Congratulations, Kent. That's fantastic. Good work, dude. I'm glad to see you guys remember Alexis Arguello as the all-time great he was. Nobody I ever saw treated more opponents to BOXING CLINICS than Alexis. He was just about the most patient fighter I ever saw, then he'd strike like a rattlesnake and it was over. I always thought the Pryor fight was weird, too. Can a style threw you off that bad? Kent, how is Joey Orbillo doing? How about Mando Ramos? Looks like nobody commented on Oscar de la Hoya. That's cool. Anybody impressed with that big Russian who manhandled Chris Byrd? He looked like a gym fighter to me. That upright, stiff European style is no good.

Seems like too many of the ranked heavyweights now are gimmicky: huge squat kids like Tua, supertall Russians, converted smaller guys with added weight. Where are natural heavies now who can really fight and box, coming up through the ranks, learning their trade? Does it happen any more, Kent?

5/22/06 10:22:00 AM| Massimo | Roma | |||10|

Kent bravo, you're getting in good shape. I don't know how you managed to lose all that weight. Losing 80 pounds in just (or only) one year is almost a miracle. If you didn't happen to live so far I'd like to meet you and congratulate you personally, maybe drinking a good coffe or something together. Maybe we would have some problems in understanding each other tough cause you speak difficult ;-) David Tua is a natural heavyweight and a terrific boxer. If you don't believe Tua is a terrific boxer just look:

http://youtube.com/watch?v=8AVh5TKS80M&search=Boxing%20Ruiz%20Tua

5/23/06 02:28:46 AM| Eugene Mourne | Fullerton, CA | | VisitA54@aol.com | |||10|

Massimo says, "David Tua is a natural heavyweight and a terrific boxer. If you don't believe Tua is a terrific boxer just look:". I looked and am not impressed at all, Massimo. I'd expect Ali, Frazier, Foreman, Quarry, Liston, Holmes, Young, Tyson, Bob Foster, Oscar Bonavena, Earnie Shavers or Leon Spinks to knock Tua out in 3 or less rounds. Tua's not ready. Kent, what happened to Mickey Davies, who helped Aileen Eaton book fighters for the Olympic Auditorium in LA and also called the bouts on TV with a young guy named Dick Enberg?

5/23/06 07:01:13 AM| Angelo | Washington, DC | || funktron | |||10| Eugene: It's interesting that you listed Leon Spinks among the fighters who would have an easy time with Tua. I agree with most of the others you mentioned, but am not quite sure about Leon Spinks. I've often wondered how Spinks would do against today's top heavies. Part of me says he would ge handled easily in decision losses to guys like Byrd or KOed easily by the power punchers of today (didn't Gerrie Coetzee blast him out early?). But another part of me thinks that if he were trained and focused, he could take most of the better heavies today. I'm uncertain. One thing I do know is that Spinks would have had a better career and overall record if he didn't win the title with less than 10 pro fights under his belt. If he had been brought along correctly, he would have gradually stepped up in competition and learned the trade better---would have known how to grab and hold to survive tough rounds, how to fight effectively against different styles, how to use early rounds to set the tone for a longer fight rather than just come out headhunting. In short, if Spinks would have gotten a
more rounded scope of teaching and really learned the craft, he might not have ever won a title—but he would have been a serious contender for a long time and would have retired with a better record than he did.

On some good cards at the old Olympic Auditorium. I remember in one of the early UNC tournaments that former cruiserweight champion Alfred Cole entered and came in second place, he was beaten by a Jiu Jitsu expert by a submission hold in the finals but of course had won all of his preliminary matches going into the finals.

Eugene, NO with the possible exception of Ken Shamrock, I figure he is a real boxer/FIGHTER. Email me your address and I'll send you a detailed 4 page copy of Jerry Quarry's "REAL" boxing record I researched from microfilm of every one of Jerry's bouts including Cranmer! It includes stats like the weight differentials, scores, time/KO-TKO, I even have a column if Jerry or the other fighter was ranked in the top ten going into the bout by Ring Magazine.

Maybe "terrific" is exaggerated, but I think David Tua is a devastating puncher and can be a factor in the heavyweight picture. Would Bob Foster have knocked down Tua in less than 3 rounds? Maybe the other way around? Leon Spinks? I respectfully disagree. And David Tua went the distance with Lennox Lewis, who is a better puncher than Ali', Holmes and Young. I think David Tua can be outboxed by guys like Young and Byrd, but not easily knocked out. As I said before Tua-Tyson around 1996 would probably have been a great fight! Puncher against puncher, like George-Ron or Ron-Earnie.

Massimo: You're correct that Tua is a tough guy and maybe difficult to KO—but that description fits Tex Cobb too. A schooled fighter like Larry Holmes could box circles around either one of them. Tua-Tyson, 1996, might very well be interesting. I think a younger Tyson from the late 80's/early 90's would pose a huge problem for Tua because he would come after Tua from the opening bell, relentlessly. By '96, the gig was over and Tyson's heart wasn't 100% in it anymore.

My one year old husky and my eleven year old husky always playfight. They both, however, are close to 80 lbs. The fighting can get pretty rough and tumble. The one year old dislocated his kneecap. He just had surgery, two pins put in to hold his patella in place. On bringing him out of the doctor's office, they were weighing a Rottweiler named "Nitro". He weighed 110 lbs. Nitro and my Husky, named "Casey", (named because he is a red haired husky) began smelling and licking each other in mutual sympathy. So much for the fearsome rep. of the Rottweiler, huh.
Tyson, Foreman, Shavers. These were guys who could take some early pressure, and they hit so hard that you had to be more than a straight ahead, poor defensive fighter. Otherwise, you would get your head handed to you.

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against Joe Frazier back in ’73-'75! It won't end our debate I'm sure, but at least it will be an opinion from one of the greats!|
|6/1/06 01:14:58 PM|Steve|N.J||NA||||10||Kent,first of all ,did you notice the term, "buttfuck", listed as my E-MAIL ADDRESS. Do you really think I wrote that. This strengthens my argument about registration. If you had to pay a registration fee for every name and address you used,don't you think that would discourage the multiple personalities. It would certainly discourage the posters who mysteriously disappear. Then,suddenly we have two or three new troublemakers. Remember Rhoads Schillotette? Hey, if they want to pay for the privilege of insulting people under three different names,fine. Let them pay two or three registration fees. |
|6/1/06 01:22:28 PM|Steve|nJ||na||10|Angelo,I agree with you .I hope that was Earnie Shavers posting.I would be a great addition to our debates ,from a legendary fighters who was there.| 
|6/1/06 01:29:43 PM|Steve|na||na||10|Massimo, I agree with you that David Tua was a very dangerous and existing fighter. I didn't mean to downplay his talents. I's just that I seem to have lost track of him. He seems to have dissapeared from the heavywight picture. That's a great turn of phrase, "he had a Chuvalien chin". Jerry Quarry had a leonine heart.| 
|6/1/06 03:14:40 PM|Earnie Shavers|UK||.||||10|Most likely, Frazier would have KO'd me in two rounds. I'll get a few good shots off, but I'll be overwhelmed. This fight never happened because I kept getting "sick", though. |
|6/1/06 03:33:16 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Well, I believe the first post might have been Mr. Shavers, but not the second. Even if he was honest enough to predict a Frazier win, I doubt he would phrase it that way or talk about being "sick" all the time. I stand by my own theory that Earnie Shavers would have had more than a punchers chance against Joe in the mid-70's--I'd take Shavers by an early round KO. If Frazier made it through the first six rounds, it would swing to his favor though. |
|6/1/06 03:51:02 PM|Steve|NJ||NA||10|OK!!! Bullshit!! This is not Earnie Shavers!!! C'mon, Kent, Angelo, Massimo, Jimmy Dorsey! A pro fighter like Earnie Shavers is never that humble. This site is going into the twilight zone! If you guys are really gullible enough to believe that's Ernie Shavers saying, "oh, yea", Frazier would have kicked my ass in two rounds."This is a guy who went toe to toe with Larry Holmes! NOW, after all these years of biting my fucking tounge, I'm trully pissed! Where, by the way, is that little fucking wierdo, Noam????|
|6/1/06 04:57:57 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Well, the first post rang true or at least was plausible---but the second one was ridiculous. Kent was ready throw darts and have a bowl of pretzels and low carb beer with Earnie, and now Steve, you're ruining it!!|
|6/1/06 08:24:54 PM|BIG DEE|LAKEVIEW, OHIO||harry greb|||10|BIG DEE HERE= Jerry Quarry was one of the all-time best heavyweight contenders and one of the best never to win a title. He belongs with those greats like Sam Langford, Sam McVie, Joe Jennette, Charley Burley, Sailor Tom Sharkey and other contenders that either never got a shot or just came up short. Considering the era Jerry fought in that happens to be one of the greatest in Heavyweight history because of the huge influx of talent in the 60s and early 70s. We now look back and can really appreach his skills and punching power. Today Jerry Quarry would go thru the Cruiserweight Division like a house afire. To Earnie Shavers as a Boxing Historian you are right the only true KO was by Quarry because the other ones you just plain ran out of gas like Oscar Bonavena did coming out for the 15th rd against Ali. A child could have KOed Bonavena in the 15th of that fight and you were about the same against Lyle and Cobb. |
|6/1/06 10:11:49 PM|Earnie Shavers|UK||.||10|I dodged Frazier by making up excuses that I was sick anytime a possible match was discussed. I know what the result would have been. I would have been lucky to survive 5 minutes with Joe.|
David Tua has been without fighting for a couple of years. Then he came back to win a couple of fights. He is on his way back. I think he is one of the best outta there in this moment, his biggest flaw is (or being) he is a little slow (he is very very big for his height). This guy ain’t Earnie Shavers. If he is Earnie Shavers, I am Ron Lyle. The first post seemed plausible tough.

On the Shavers theme, well he lives in the UK with his English wife and the first post was correct in saying that he lives in Wolverhampton, a non-descript town just outside Birmingham. A national broadsheet wrote an excellent piece a couple of years ago on how Earnie became a 'greeter' for a club in Liverpool. I can't imagine that this particular establishment had too much trouble! I have seen him advertised in both boxing and general sporting magazines doing talks and auctions for boxing clubs over the country. Although I have no clue whether the posts are genuine or not (the first probably was) I think it is important to realise that Earnie is hugely religious and as we have seen with Big George, this can often a previous confident man to being very humble and reserved about his achievements. Even Larry Holmes who may not have been the easiest boxer to get on with, declared his respect and affection for Earnie before and after their battles. If George can claim that Patterson and Quarry would have beaten him, it is not unreasonable for Shavers to suggest that Frazier would had one over him.

Given Shavers' immense power, Ali's victory over him at the very end of his career was undoubtedly one of his best performances.

Hey Everyone i thought i would come to this site to ask for some advice to help me decide what i want to do after the army, yes it is 4 years away but i will only be 23 when i get out, I have been seriously contemplating following in the footsteps of my father and although i am many years behind i do believe with my hard work and dedication it could become a reality, right now i am 6'1 217 lbs and no i am in no way fat when i was lifting weights in i iraq i was up to 225 but i dont hit it as hard now as i did then, i also worked with some people over there on my boxing skills and although i definately dont have the experiance or the know how now i believe that if i trained for the next 4 years before i get out, that just maybe i would have a shot at taking it to the next level, i am just so disappoointed in the heavyweight division right now, everyone doing stuff just for the money, the heart will and desire just dont seem to be there anymore, you dont see the fire in guys eyes anymore, they just dont look hungry, and that needs to change, Anyway i was just trying to get peoples thoughts on the subject, i know the risks i am well aware of it and i see what boxing can do,Someone needs to step up and take the reigns and i hope maybe someday after a few years of working hard and of course some experiance that just maybe i will be ready to get that shot, anyway everyones opinion would be greatly appreciated, take care and god bless.
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[6/2/06 02:23:14 PM] Angelo | Washington, DC | funktron | | 10 | Jonathan: Most of us here would love nothing more than for a Quarry heir to ascend to the top of the heap... again. Sure, it would make us feel like we were reliving great years of our own past---make us feel young again. But with that said, my advice is to you is to try to find another avenue to success and fulfillment of your dreams. You seem like a very intelligent person and we know from your military service that you are courageous as well. Someone who is well spoken and willing to take chances in life, as you clearly have shown, can go anywhere and do anything. I think you can be involved with the business side of boxing and certainly your Quarry heritage will open doors for you. With your military background, you can work in national security. I'm sure you have talents we don't even know about. I have a son who is about two years old. I love boxing, but I wouldn't want him to be a fighter. The game is not only dangerous, but I think it is too shady for decent people. I know you will make the choice that is right for you---and if that choice is to box, I say good luck and I will pray for your success and safety. But I also think you owe it to yourself to stretch your other abilities to their limits---you will make it in life no matter what you choose to do.

[6/2/06 10:48:39 PM] kookoo | ny | kookooclock000@yahoo.com | | 10 | johnathon, please don't even think about being in boxing, it's just too dangerous, your father would not want this, he would want better for you, you don't have to try and follow in his footsteps, I have never seen you or met you, but chances are you would not succeed, there's only 1 Jerry Quarry, even Mike found this out, don't have time to get in to all the reasons, JUST DON'T DO IT, PLEASE!

[6/3/06 03:07:01 AM] Ed | Cicero N Y | mooseygoop@aol.com | | 10 | Johnathon, My advise is don't go into boxing on any level. You are playing Russian Roulette with your brain. Talk to a physician with your unit and ask what he thinks of getting punched in the head on a regular basis. Ask to see the trauma that a brain goes through everytime it is punched. Consider this too, that as great as Jerry was, even he got injured. And he had defensive skills far above the average fighter. Also, the greatest defensive fighter ever, is suffering from dementia. As far as thinking the heavyweight division needs exciting new fighters, well thats true but don't kid yourself. The top fighters even in this sorry bunch are VERY tough guys. Note that Lamon Brewester suffered a detached retina in the first round in his latest bout and finished the fight. Untold injuries abound in boxing and the glory is fleeting. Don't let the high spirit of your youth ruin you life down the road. P S The fact that you asked for advice indicates that you are a "thinking" person and i am confidant that after you consider the dangers of getting punched in the head in the way you will make the right choice.


[6/3/06 01:03:29 PM] Steve | NJ | na | | 10 | Jonathan, you asked for advice, so I'm giving it. I was in Nam for two years, I was also a drill instructor. I'm sure you remember people like me. So take this good advice. Combat is nothing like pro boxing. Your dad was a one of a kind fighter. No offence, son, but you've already proved your manhood. Use your VA benifits and get an education. You can be a good man without beating people up.

[6/3/06 03:04:32 PM] Kent | Murrieta, Ca | kentallenent@aol.com | | 10 | Jonathan, I tend to agree with the consensus here that you should not go into boxing. However, it is a personal choice you are going to have to make on your
Bare in mind though you would be getting a late start and it would be more difficult to develop the skills needed to get to a world class level but not impossible. But also understand that even though your father Jerry and your Uncle Mike both had highly developed skills, they both suffered injuries from the ring but a lot of it had to do with them staying in the game too long so it is possible you wouldn't suffer the same fate if you become a fighter and get out before something happens.

On the negative side is heredity, if members of your family suffered permanent damage from the ring, then you would probably be more likely to experience the same thing if you were subjected to the same things they went through.

If it was me and my father and my uncle both were injured severly from being fighters, I wouldn't become a fighter but like I said, it is your personal choice. If you do decide to box, you could compete in the army and it would be there that you could find out if you have what it takes to make it to the next level. I have to admit that the fan in me would love to see another Quarry enter the ring but I agree with Steve, you have already done more than enough to prove yourself and this overrides the fan in me. GOOD LUCK! I support whatever decision you make.

Jonathan.GO FOR IT!!!!!but remember, never surround yourself with negative people. Wives, girlfriends parents ect....that has been the downfall of many of us.

Unfortunately Silvio Berlusconi lost the elections and Italia is becoming a comunist country. I hope at least we perform good in the World Soccer Championship in Germany.

Jonathan could try his skills in Army boxing, as Kent suggested. Hopefully he could get a fair evaluation of his potential—not by "yes men" who just want to monopolize on the profitablity of the Quarry name, but by objective and hopefully impartial parties. Look, Jonathan probably does have the genes Kent is concerned about—that could lead to more rapid and more pronounced brain damage by getting hit, as all boxers get hit in the head. Also, Jonathan probably does have the genes and maybe the drive and determination that have made his family a boxing institution. He's got decent size and probably good power too. All that said, I'm still where I was with this last week—the young man is articulate and courageous and can be a success in life without being a prize fighter. I think the business of boxing is as terrible as the beatings and injuries to the combatants. People are cheated, bilked out of money, used and abused—by promoters, managers, networks, etc. It's a dirty game in more ways than one. Some people deal with the slime because it's their only hope in life. But Jonathan probably has other avenues to wealth. That was my point. But if this man gets it in his mind that this is the life he wants and if he shows a fraction of the ability of his father and uncle—none of us will be able to talk him out of giving it his best shot. If he makes that decision, we have to support him and pray for his success and safety.
agree that Jonathan is an intelligent and articulate man but he is also his own man and ultimately he has to make up his own mind. It is good Max posted a different view than some of ours.

It is good Max posted a different view than some of ours. Kent, stop walking the fence! I can tell you Angelo, this is not the time to try and get his M.O.S. changed to "entertaining the troops with sporting events." I boxed a little bit against other drill instructors and Ranger wannabees as part of my training. He won't be facing real fighters. He's too old to start now. Kent, Jonathan just has to listen to people who care about him, like his family. If he had a fraction of Jerry Quarry's talent, it wouldn't be enough!

Jonathan, I have no doubts you're a big, tough man. So stay in the Army! You can even go to college in the Army. You can do good for yourself, your family, and your country. Instead of being exploited by a boxing promoter. Who I'm sure would love to get their hands on another Quarry. Kent, stop walking the fence! I was just trying to point out different sides of the issue. If it was me, I wouldn't do it but it isn't me it is his decision.

Today's heavyweight scene is somewhat undermined by the rankings system. How can Ray Austin (who?) be so high in all the ratings when he has a solitary victory over Owen Beck and has drawn with Larry Donald and Lance Whittaker? Madness. I see that Kevin McBride is fighting the WBO champ, (who fought and beat Brewster impressively) but even John Ruiz had names on his win list. Play off the eight best boxers and have an undisputed champ. (Four champs and next four best contenders)

(fighting for 2 years at heavyweight now and only has a shot Holyfield and declining Guinn on his win list)<br>Samuel Peter (for excitement only—nothing approaching a strong contender on his win list)<br>Sultan Ibragimov<br>Calvin Brock

What does it mean "walking the fence" Roadscholarlette?

Mark: The division has had a pronounced and sad decline. I had no idea how good we had it with Lennox Lewis, Holyfield, Bowe, Golata—instead, I blasted some of these guys because they weren't as exciting as Tyson. Before that, I blasted Tyson because he wasn't as professional or as proven as Holmes. Others (not me) blasted Holmes because he was no Ali. But yes, starting with Ali, Frazier, Foreman, Norton—things have slipped. Holmes was a great champion, but aside from Shavers, the quality of most of his opponents was slightly less than the previous generation. Tyson wasted himself. Holyfield/Bowe/Lewis were a couple cuts below Holmes. Now, the current guys are miles below Holyfield and Lewis. It's amateur hour in the heavyweight division—a bunch of dunces and big stiffs. At this point, maybe Marvis Frazier should come out of retirement to fight Shannon Briggs.
each other. These should produce some good battles to get people talking positively about the division. Ideally the top names should fight 3-4 times a year and not the current level of 2 max (one of the reasons I'm glad Byrd was beaten). James Toney was gifted a draw in his last fight and I hope that one of the other champions gets the chance to fight Rahman. Otherwise we spend 12 months in the life of the WBC belt not really going anywhere. This isn't a time warped rant as I know that all fighters are protected. Angelo is certainly right about the quality of fighters in the early to mid 1990s. It's a shame that Bowe didn't fight Lewis and Tyson as he was outstanding against Holyfield, producing three very exciting, brutal and brave performances with high levels of skill. Even behind the big four of Byrd, Lewis, Tyson and Holyfield you had some very talented and exciting fighters. Morrison, Mercer, Moorer, Ruddock and even Golota produced moments of top quality and I suppose you don't really appreciate them until their gone.

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Mark: Exactly. I didn't appreciate how good the 90's guys were until suffering through the futility of the current crop of heavies. I can't imagine this, but who knows? Maybe in 10 years, things will be so pathetic, we'll be wishing we had Ruiz and Bird back. 

Tina: Well said. Maybe I was wrong about something—-I said that if Jonathan gets it in his head to be a pro boxer, we can't stop him. I didn't consider the power of a mother's love when I wrote that. I wish Jonathan the best in life with whatever choice he makes, but I hope he finds success and happiness with his other talents---not putting on the gloves. Jonathan's service to America is something we're all proud of and you should feel honored to have raised a man who would sacrifice for his country as he did. 

Steve: Pro boxing is becoming better regulated, with better safety rules, slowly but surely. Thanks to the efforts of the sane people who run the organizations like the Quarry Foundation. Only a few rare men with the physical, emotional and mental right will make it to the top. Lennox Lewis and Oscar De la Hoya are examples of men who made boxing work for them.
just to please his dad, that no son should have to work that hard to be loved.<br>Through out our years together as husband and wife, later as father and mother and then later to best friends, we shared one goal...to have the best we could give to all our children. He told me that he never wanted Jerry Lynn to put on the gloves, nor Keri that he hoped that they would use their talents in a safe and civilized career. So I'm assuming that since you also are his son, he would want the same for you. After all he loved you too, and wanted the same for both his sons.<br>Your father wouldn't have wanted you to join the service, but if you wanted to, he'd have backed you all the way, he couldn't get into the service, due to bad kidneys and flat feet...haha...little did the doctors know huh?...So allow us still here to be proud of you, and love you, and watch you prosper in your life, allow us to share in your choice of life, to brag about our boy...Jonathan...<br>love<br>grandma kathleen|6/9/06 03:32:35 PM|tina|las vegas|tplang2000@aol.com|thank you angelo, and kathy thank you so much for your posted letter..<br>Some say I go overboard in my admiration and respect for the men and women in the U.S. military. I never served myself—and I've said before, the volunteer army makes it possible for those who don't join to choose other avenues in life. Guys like Jonathan put it all on the line for us—if it weren't for these strong and courageous volunteers, we'd all have to serve in some capacity, through a draft. The armed forces are a bunch of amazing and special young people who decided not to take the easy way out. I've mentioned that I have a two year old son. After 9-11, it's become painfully obvious that our military, more than ever, has to protect our families from harm and that's what Jonathan was a part of. To those who don't agree with going to war or with the way the war has been handled—you're entitled to your opinion, but if nothing else, please respect these young people who answered the call. |6/11/06 11:10:42 AM|kookoo|ny|kookooclock000@yahoo.com|Well, i think that everyone here agree's w/ the clock man, even if Jonathon became heavyweight champ, the time is short lived and damage would be done, if he's been serving our country, what else do we need from this young man, THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER JERRY QUARRY, he was very unique, for me it's like jerry is still here, i watch him all the time, reliving all the memories, THANK YOU JERRY, WE LOVE YOU, ALWAYS|6/12/06 01:15:53 AM|Brandi Quarry|N/A|I want to let everyone know that Michael Quarry passed away late Sunday night. Please keep his wife Ellen and the Quarry family in your prayers and thoughts in these very hard times. We all will remember you Michael. You were one of the great boxers. Also one of the best Quarry's. You were loved, and already missed.|6/12/06 07:46:59 AM|Sonia Hathaway (Quarry)|Joshua Tree, Ca|Uncle Mike you will always be loved, and you definitely will be missed. You were the best, always good to me and my brothers, and to us that says an awful lot. You are now with Dad, Uncle Jerry, Aunt Brenda, Mom, and Grandma Marie, Debbie and Grampa Jack, and your all watching over us. I LOVE YOU UNCLE MIKE|6/12/06 07:59:18 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC|It's very sad news to hear about Mike's passing. The Quarry family has proven that they will always weather the storms—from the regulars here on the letters page, our deepest sympathy, prayers, love and support for your family. |6/12/06 02:12:33 PM|SABRINA QUARRY-PORTER|FLORIDA|UNCLE MIKE I LOVE YOU ALWAYS IN MY HEART FOREVER.YOU WERE GOOD TO ALL OF US AND MY KIDS THOUGHT YOU WERE AWESOME.REST IN PEACE DEAR UNCLE.....|6/12/06 02:58:47 PM|Kathleen Quarry-Mauger|California|My Dear Sweet Mikey.<br>You were such a great kid growing up, I loved you so dearly. Your heart was the biggest
thing about you, you showed it proudly for all to enjoy.

When you started high school, you made a promise to stick to the books and to graduate, for this your brother and I gave you a car and an allowance. You studied hard, you kept your word, you graduated and made us all proud. And you did it because you wanted to box, you wanted to share in the excitement of boxing with your brothers.

You deserved better from the boxing world. You deserved better from your wives. You deserved better from your doctors. These things I won't forget. Each night I will ask god to bless you with happiness and to give you all that you missed out on here on earth.

You learned your lessons in life, and I guess our father needed you more than us.

I'll remember to bring you a salt shaker, when I come to see you for the last time here on earth. It will have to do until I see you next in our "Fathers" house.

Make room for me, I'll see you soon as will all of us.

Dear Uncle Mike,

I'll miss you. You were good to all of us. I'll never be able to eat ice cream without thinking of you. You were a champion human being, a great joy to be around. I love you and will remember you always.

Love,

Jerry

It is very sad to hear that Mike Quarry has passed from this Earth.

As I have said, Mike was a very good boxer but more importantly he was a decent human being. Although I only met him briefly, I will never forget the conversations I had with him.

My heart goes out to the Quarry family on their loss. GOD BLESS THE QUARRY FAMILY!

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Sorry to hear about Michael. Our love and prayers go out to Aunt Arwanda and her family. We will cherish the memories made. <br>Lot's of Love* xoxo<br>

I am truly sorry for the Quarry family. God's blessings to all of you.

So much sorrow for one family to bare, to all the Quarry family you have my deepest sympathy. Even though I've never met any of you, please know that my heart is with you during this time. We love you Mike and we love what you stood for, may God bless you.

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My condolences to the Quarry family and their friends regarding the death of Michael. His life and boxing career obviously helped inspire the establishment of the Foundation and its mission. And, from what I was told, he did a pretty good impersonation of Muhammed Ali on the telephone, at least in the opinion of his brother Jerry !!
I followed Mike's career as well as Jerry's and felt like they were my big brothers. When they won I was so happy for them and when they lost I felt their pain and disappointment. I loved the Quarry brothers and boxing has lost a piece of history with these two real champions of the sport.

Was a big fan of Mike's. Condolences to all.

Growing up in New York, we followed the Quarry brothers closely. We never met them, but we felt we knew them. A true celebrity can do that. Down to earth, honest to God and tough as nails, that's them both up. Thousands of us out here grieve with the Quarry family. Let us all be comforted knowing that Jerry and Mike are in God's arms. As long as I live, no one will ever disparage the Quarry name in my presence. EVER!!

Wonder if there's room for a pic of Mike along with James and Jerry?

I really feel badly for the Quarry family, and am very sorry for their losses. But I come from a somewhat different direction. I come as a huge Ali, and to a much lesser extent, Joe Frazier fan. I realize my comments are more about Jerry than Mike, but that is because I am almost exclusively a heavyweight follower. But I knew who Mike was, and saw a couple of his fights on TV. I think my remarks apply very much to both brothers. At the time of Jerry's greatest success, I did not "like" him at all, in fact just the opposite. However, I would never have wished his fate upon him, and was very, very sad years later when I learned of his condition, followed by his much too early death. At the time, in his prime, I did not quite realize, or give him credit for having the bad luck of being a really good fighter during the Ali era, or the Frazier years. And Mike had Foster. I did not know Mike had developed the same problems as Jerry until I heard the news. It brought back the sadness I had felt about Jerry, and I thought to myself "Oh, no". So I thought that "as not a fan", I would tell you how sad I feel about the loss of both brothers. Jerry and Mike literally gave their lives to the sport they loved and excelled at, and in that act made boxing better than before they came along. God bless them both, and their families in this terrible time.

In reference to my earlier letter, I would like to correct an error in my letter. Please exclude the s on the end of the word wife. His wife of many years (ellen) was a devoted wife and did every thing possible to make Mike comfortable. Please except my apology if I was miss leading.

Again it seems I made a mistake. Please do not call Arwanda, she said she needs her time to grieve. Instead of contacting Arwanda just contact the foundation and go through them for information. If anyone can tell me way of dealing with loved ones during the grieving process, you'd make a million. Mike was dear to alot of people, the family can't thank everyone individually, but wants you to know your thoughts and blessings are appreciated.

Uncle Mike. i have already been missing you. You were the greatest man in my life growing up as a child. When mom and i lived with you in SLO in the basement apartment i had the best fun with you. like Jerry Lyn, i will never forget the way you ate ice cream and especially the Vanilla Swiss Almond (which i eat too). i never forgot how you made all of your nieces and nephews feel as special as individuals do. in addition, i know there are a lot of us. i am grateful you are with Uncle
Jerry, Uncle Jimmy, my Mom, and Jack. you were with those who loved and cherished you here and now there. thank you Uncle Mike for a great childhood and adult memories.<br> Sheri Coolbaugh | 6/15/06 01:03:18 PM | Sheri | Phoenix | lizzardluver@hotmail.com | 10 | hello again. i am on the phone with my grandmother Arwanda, she has asked me to write this stating that there are no donations needed for Uncle Mike's services. If you want to make a donation of any kind please contact your local Alzimehers asso. (think i spelled that wrong). thank you for your prayers. |

Sue Aton | 6/16/06 10:31:46 AM | Utah | suzziegcokebear@aol.com | 9 | I would like to send my deepest sympathy to the Quarry Family, for the loss of Mike and Jerry, I use to hang out with Jerry and Kathy in Downey before they were married, they were both great fighters, |

Sue Aton | 6/16/06 12:19:42 PM | London | evren.bekir@btinternet.com | 10 | I would like to say how very sorry I am to hear the news and all my condolences to the Quarry Family. |

Sue Aton | 6/16/06 11:26:34 PM | East Coast | emb_1906@yahoo.com | 10 | God bless all the Quarry's. I had the pleasure of watching Jerry and Mike in their heyday. Although I usually rooted against them in their title tries, I had to admire their determination and grit. They were true warriors!!!!!!!!! |

Sue Aton | 6/17/06 04:08:32 PM | Kentucky | WorldChamp@msn.com | 10 | My condolences to the Quarry family. |

Sue Aton | 6/17/06 11:45:19 PM | Utah | Tyronie@bellsouth.net | 10 | I am a psychologist and would love to help with the Jerry Quarry foundation----561-306-9070 oe email |

Sue Aton | 6/18/06 10:18:03 AM | Joshua Tree, CA | Sonia2163@aol.com | 10 | Happy Father's Day Dad, Uncle Jerry, We all miss you and love you always. Happy Father's Day to all the father's on this site. |

Sue Aton | 6/18/06 04:45:27 PM | fernandina bch, fla | maxhord@adelphia.net | 10 | After Larry Holmes lost to Spinks and then Tyson I beleive the heavyweight division went in the tank.The only real heavyweight with any class after that was Holyfield.I wish he would have come along when the real fighters were giving each other hell.And you all know which ones I mean. Happy fathers day all you dads! |

Sue Aton | 6/19/06 10:29:00 AM | Washington, DC | funktron | 10 | Max: Do you think Bowe or Lewis deserve props for being very good fighters? I'm on the fence. I think they were tops in their era (along with Holyfield) but I don't know if Lewis had the chin to compete with the all time greats and I don't know if Bowe had the heart, consistently, to be in the mix with the 70's guys. Holyfield had both. |

Sue Aton | 6/19/06 11:13:09 AM | fernandina bch, fla | maxhord@adelphia.net | 10 | Lewis has a punchers chance no matter who he fights.I agree with you about Bowe. I still would'n include them among the elite. Jerry Quarry would have chopped Bowe down and he and Lewis would have been a good fight before Jerry took him out. Lewis didn't have "fire it took to stay in there. |

Sue Aton | 6/20/06 03:23:13 AM | uk | mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk | 10 | I think that all of Holyfield, Bowe and Lewis at their respective peaks would have had the skills to compete very well in the seventies. All three in my opinion are a drop down from the elite and 9 times out of ten would have lost to Ali, Foreman, Holmes, Frazier, Liston etc. However, all three including Tyson would have to be drawn in the same bracket as the guys below such as Norton, Quarry, Shavers and Lyle, and were better than Ellis, Mac Foster, Bugner, Bonavena. I suppose styles do make fights and we could get an upset (Bonavena and would give all four 90s heavyweights fits). I'm not really sure anyone could predict with any confidence how Jerry Quarry would fare against the four heavies. It depends on what Jerry Quarry turns up. I think at his absolute peak when he gave that utterly outstanding performance against Ron Lyle, the man who creamed Shavers and Ellis and gave Foreman and Ali absolute hell before succumbing, was a
formidable fighting machine. His knockout of Shavers in the same year proved that he was an extremely accomplished all round fighter—in fact Quarry at his best had the skills to beat many a top class fighter. However, that was Jerry at his best and several times during his career he did slump to defeats he shouldn't have. Draws to Tony Alongi and losses to Machen, Chuvalo and Ellis definitely undermine his chances against the modern four. Although those three above are good fighters and their extenuating circumstances in all three the fact is that Jerry lost them. Lewis at his peak (which from Ruddock to Tyson was 10 years) was very formidable and would have had the measure of Jerry 6 times out of 10 on account of size, power and Jerry's proneness to cuts. | 6/20/06 11:23:29 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Mark: I think you were pretty much on target. Jerry's "Ready to rumble" attitude would have kept him in any fight against the best of the 90's. Holyfield-Quarry would be a war—two guys with granite chins and unmatched determination and toughness. Toe-to-toe, I'd like Holyfield's chances of winning on cuts or on taking a decision. Lewis and Bowe had that huge size and reach---this would present problems for Jerry as again, jabs and punches from a distance could open cuts and take Jerry off the offensive. Interestingly, I think he'd have about a 50/50 chance against either guy. I think he could make Bowe quit by giving a performance similar to what Golata accomplished (without the low blows). I think he could flat out KO Lewis if he landed early and often. But in both cases, the fights could swing the other way if Quarry got cut or in the case of Lewis---if Quarry simply could not get inside. | 6/20/06 06:26:42 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|I agree with Angelo and Mark, that Jerry would be a very live underdog but an underdog nevertheless against either Lewis or Bowe.<br>That the size and reach advantage would be a somewhat uphill climb but hardly impossible as anything can happen in a fight.<br>The underlying problem would be Jerry's tender skin but if he didn't get cut and if he could get inside, which I believe he would more likely to get inside with Bowe than with Lewis, than Jerry could do damage and win either fight. <br>Lewis would be more likely to get hurt by Lewis than Bowe would though but if Holyfield could hurt Bowe, than Jerry could also. <br>Jerry verses Holyfield, a great fight that I am not sure who would win.<br>6/21/06 09:04:34 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Kent: If an in-prime JQ fought in Holyfield's era, I believe he too would have been a champion. The way I have it figured, once Douglas took out Iron Mike, all hell broke loose and a guy like Quarry could have done exactly what Holyfield did---beat Buster and defend a few times against guys like the older Foreman and Holmes. Quarry would have been a champion in the early 90's, at least for a short time. How do you think JQ would have done against Mike Spinks and Leon Spinks?| 6/21/06 05:08:24 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Kent:<br>The Lewis-Holyfield fights showed that even a tough guy like Holyfield was getting hit too often and too hard by Lewis' long reach---it made him shy about getting inside pressure on the attack. If guys like Quarry or Holyfield can't get an inside body attack against Lewis, they're dead in the water. I would have loved to see Jerry try to figure it out and try to break Lewis down. He did it and made it look too easy against Lyle--but Lewis and Bowe were even taller than Lyle, though Lyle gave nothing up in the power department to either of these guys. | 6/21/06 05:21:16 PM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|||10|Angelo, but bear in mind Lewis got Holyfield when he was already on the way down. Maybe if he had fought an in prime Holyfield, Holyfield would have had a better shot at breaking Lewis down.<br>So if Jerry was in his prime he might have a shot at getting to Lewis. A very difficult task but not impossible. | 6/22/06 01:10:57 PM|Slade|Washington State||billing@jeffscycles.com|||10|Hello folks, it's been a year or so since I posted (I remember writing emails to James Q. back in '95 when he had his old AOL email address and no website)....
I read through the letters posted, there are lot's of "Boxing Minds" out there.
I have a dilemma for you to consider. In several industries, you can take
average material and make a champion out of it. For example, a professional
song writer can take average talent and drop a well written song in their lap
and get them to the top of billboard charts (an example would be the fine
writing that Neil Diamond did in 1966-67 for The Monkees)...so here's my
question. Given an average fighter (say a contender, but not a champion), and
given the best trainers in the world, (if they teamed up), could they make a
champion out of the average fighter. In other words, if this average fighter
had the desire and all the best boxing minds in the world at his disposal, could
he be developed into a champion. Better yet, lets say he only has to focus on
one champion to beat - so he and his world class training team could focus on
the reigning champions shortcomings... I understand a trainer has to have
“something” to start with, even to consider championship honors, in this case
they do, an average heavyweight. I was going to list some possible match-ups;
like a 1975 Wepner vs. 1973 Foreman—but I found myself thinking of all of
Wepners shortfalls (slow, prone to cuts, etc.) and I stopped considering the
influence of the best boxing minds in the world (who would promote Wepners
positives, and focus on Foremans shortcomings). Wepner may not have been the
best example to use, but his level of contention is what I'm referring to, not
the top level contenders. Top contenders, like Bonavena, Lyle, Shavers,
Quarry, & Chuvalo, could have easily been champions—in many cases, the only
difference was a “disputed” decision. So...not considering the top level
contenders, could a finely picked team of Trainers, Technicians, Physicians from
around the world turn a Chuck Wepner class fighter into a Champion? My
thoughts& and prayers go out to the Quarry family. Sincerely, Slade.<br>

[6/22/06 07:17:39 PM]Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com||||10|Welcome back
Slade, no I don't think you could take a journeyman and make him a champion but
of course anything can happen in a fight but the odds would be against
it.<br>Interesting that you mentioned Wepner of 1975 verses Foreman of 1973
as Wepner did fight and lose to a young Foreman on his way up and big George
improved after they first had met.<br>

[6/22/06 10:31:59 PM]Jim Amato|Ohio||jimsboxing@zoominternet.net||||10|First of
all, sorry to hear about Mike's passing. He hung tough with the best of them in
his era. <br>Jerry was one of my favorites. Always came to fight. <br>
I think this is a great tribute site. |

[6/23/06 08:37:39 AM]Bob Bumbera|NC||renfbera@aol.com||||10|My sincere
condolences to the Quarry family for the loss of Mike. A very tough man who
gave it all every time.|

[6/23/06 10:39:37 AM]mark|uk||mark_sargeant2003@yahoo.co.uk||||10|This weekend
sees two of the best potential heavyweight challengers fight each other as
Calvin Brock takes on Sultan Ibragimov. However, combined the two have wins over
just Jameel McCline, Etienne and Lance Whitaker—obviously they haven't been
pushed too much so far and I'm not sure whether either deserves a title
challenge yet.<br>Another excusable rant is against the rankings system
which sees challengers undeservedly fighting for titles. I know that Oleg
Maskaev fought very well indeed to blast Rahman out and has a win over Sinal Sam
but the first was over 7 years ago and since he has been blasted out by Oliver
McCall, Lance Whitaker, Kirk Johnson, David Tua and Corey Sanders. Not exactly a
glorious career. At the moment the best heavys and champions should be fighting
each other to help gain credibility.|

[6/23/06 05:37:35 PM]Ray|Las Vegas||********||10|It was 37 years ago tonight
that Joe Frazier defeated Jerry Quarry in MSG in NYC. I was at that fight I was
convinced that Jerry would win coming of his big win over Buster Mathis 3 months
earlier.<br>It's funny it does not seem like 37 years ago. it seems like
yesterday. My condolences to the Quarry family|

[6/23/06 08:51:17 PM]Phil|MO||********||10|My sincere condolences to the
Quarry family on the loss of Mike. Although Mike always seemed to be in Jerry's shadow, he was outstanding boxer. I just learned of the passing of Mike Quarry from dementia pugilistica. The fact that Jerry Quarry was thought to be suffering from the same disease makes this seem altogether too unlikely. Was any other disease, particularly a familial disease, considered? I watched both Quarry brothers fight in the 1960's and 1970's (while living in southern California). Although Jerry got hit quite a lot in his title fights, Mike was a much better defensive fighter and didn't get hit that much. I think that there is often too much of a rush to judgement regarding boxing and neurological disorders. Nobody has really proven that boxing leads to Parkinson's disease but everyone was quick to make that association with Ali. Nobody has proven that boxing leads to Lou Gherig disease, but that was assumed by some to be the case with Ezzard Charles. Nobody has proven that boxing leads to Alzheimer's disease although both Sugar Ray Robinson and Floyd Patterson suffered from it. I know of only two boxers who were thought to have demential pugilistica, and those two are the Quarry brothers, two very good boxers. I am sorry that their diseases were written off as being caused by boxing when another underlying cause could have been at play. I'm not trying to defend boxing; it is a violent sport. But I've seen a lot of football players get knocked around with concussions. None of them have been thought to have had demential pugilistica. Is that only because they weren't pugilists?

Not all boxers and football players suffer the same degree as Jerry and Mike did. Boxers with long careers take tremendous punishment throughout their careers, not only in their fights but in the gym as well. Jerry Quarry and Mike both had long careers and trained hard in the gym months before you ever saw them in the ring. I am in touch with many retired fighters here in Florida and most of them suffer from some of the same terrible conditions Jerry and Mike died from, including myself.

Mr. Smith, if you are not a doctor how can you say it was highly unlikely that Uncle Mike passed away from the same thing as Uncle Jerry, are you a Doctor?

To correct an earlier post it was Timor Ibragimov (Sultan's cousin and not so talented) who fought and lost quite tamely to Calvin Brock last Saturday. It doesn't look as though Brock has the top qualities to be champ even in this era of heavyweights. I know that Shannon Briggs and David Tua are fighting on July 26th but there are tips that Briggs will fight Klitschko in November which may give him a puncher's chance. Another thread, looking at Boone kirkman's record is to see that he looked like a pretty accomplished fighter by the strong standards of the 1970s. He beat Ellis, Machen and Doug Jones and only lost six times including bouts to Foreman, Lyle, Norton, Bugner and Doug Jones in a rematch so he's been in good company.
Kirkman is not regularly spoken of but he has good credentials fighting in the
great standards of the 70s. He beat Ellis, Doug Jones and Machen and lost only 6
fights including bouts to Foreman, Norton, Lyle, Bugner and Doug Jones, hardly
embarrassing company.

6/27/06 11:29:54 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|||10|Jeffrey:
I've made the same point about Parkinsons/Ali possibly being from boxing, but
possibly not. Last I heard, Janet Reno and Michael J. Fox hadn't fought Frazier
and Norton, but they suffer from Parkinsons or similar afflictions. Something
like MS---if a boxer got that, it would be assumed it's because he's a boxer.
It is indeed a violent sport, and I'm not defending it either---but facts are
facts. In the case of the Quarry brothers, I do believe they might have had a
predisposition to DP, and it was brought on by boxing. They were too young to
think of their DP as "natural" so I'm making an assumption, right or wrong, that
head trauma caused this to surface.<br>As for football players, yes, some of
them are in bad shape due to blows to the head for years and years. Al Toon
(former Jets receiver) had severe light sensitivity and headaches after he
retired. I don't know how he's doing now---hopefully he retired soon enough to
recover.

6/28/06 09:17:58 AM|Steve|N.J.||dmmsrm@comcast.net|||10|My sincere condolences
to the Quarry family on the passing of Mike.He was a great,exciting fighter,a
master boxer.

6/28/06 03:11:49 PM|Soccer Kid|Mundial||..............|||10|Italy should be
fined for having such an easy road to the semifinals. Australia and Ukraine?
The Ukraine is weak and feeble! Deutschland Eber Alles!!

6/29/06 01:27:00 AM|Wilma|Bakersfield||robwilma@hotmail.com|||7|This is a
letter I wish never had to be written, but my family has held their breath for
fifteen years. Now we need your prayers. We were forbidden by Ellen for 15
years to call our Brother Michael, we had to call her. She said it disturbed
him. The truth of the matter is we had to call her so that when he was on the
phone she would listen to ever word, if she didn't like where the conversation
was leading she would take the phone away. When we came to visit we had to stay
at a hotel. It wasn't until about 5 years ago when she had an auto accident and
needed help did we get to stay at my brothers house. We also never got to spend
the holidays with them, as she would take him a christian man to celebrate
chanukah for two or three weeks at a time, but our family could only see him
rarely no longer then 15 hours. They would come up on Saturday afternoon and
leave on Sunday morning. He would be drugged up, so she would send him to bed as
soon as he arrived. Then she would leave at 6am before anyone woke up. She
called my dying father and told him that she hated him and what ever happen to
Michael was his fault, but she said she didn't care because Michael had replace
him with her father whom he loved more than his own. I have said all that to
say this. It took Ellen almost two weeks to send the remains of our beloved
brother and son. She released the ashes to the Quarry family and said we could
do what we wanted with him, at the last minute my 80 year old mother wanted to
keep his remains until she passes. Ellen called up and agreed that she could
have him and if after my moms death one of us girls or my brother Robert wanted
the remains we could have him. Now she is threatening to take legal action
againsts her. Because she wanted the cemetary to give back the money for the
opening and closing of the grave my mom has already agreed that if none of us
wanted to keep Michael's remains after her death she will pay for such cost her
self. I ask for your prayers for my mom. Please understand that Ellen is a
woman that on two occaisions told me my brother was her "thorn in the flesh" and
medically labotomized him with Haldol, which she said she would never do as she
saw it expediated my brother Jerrys death. Please read between the lines as we
do believe in prayer and we know yours would help. I am sorry I felt this
needed to all be said, so you would know what we are up against, as Ellen is a
millionaire and the costs of the opening and closing did not hurt her
financially. I apologize in advance for the angry tone to this email but we are very hurt. Ellen was given notice that Michael was not going to last more than a few days yet none of his family was notified. Just her and her friend was allowed to say goodbye. I know this is very informative but I didn't know what else to do except be honest with you, and so that you can totally understand our needs. Please understand we tried to confront Ellen with a letter addressing these matters but it went unanswered. God Bless you in advance for your concern and prayers. Sincerely in His Love, <br>god Bless All of you.  Wilma (Quarry)

Pearson<br>| 6/29/06 08:48:00 AM|Sal April|Wilmington, DE|sal@thereachfm.com|10|I was very saddened to hear of Mike's passing. I would just like to offer my prayers to the Quarry family. I never had the opportunity to meet Mike or Jerry, but I did meet and had a chance to interview James while working at radio station WCHE in West Chester, PA. That was a wonderful time for my wife Gloria and me.<br>I take comfort that Michael is now with his Lord and Savior and suffering no longer.<br>Peace and love be with you at this time, your friend, Sal April<br>| 6/29/06 10:01:32 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca|kentallenent@aol.com|10|Wilma, my prayers are with you and your family but also for Ellen that somehow God can soften her heart.<br>It is hard enough to lose a loved one without all of what has been going on. Anyway, at least we know Michael is at peace now and he is whole again.<br>

6/29/06 05:01:15 PM|Slade|Oregon/Washington State|billing@jeffscycles.com|10|This message is for the Webmaster. As we browse through the history of these postings, we can see regular fans posting often, Quarry family members that post often, an occasional pro athlete, an occasional doctor, an occasional celebrity, an occasional media person, etc. But it's not always clear (family member, a selected profession, etc.). Is it possible for you to add a "Profiles" link for each person that posts (optional of course for the person posting) - it would be GREAT and helpful to see a little more info on the person posting (again, only if they choose to provide the info). Just a thought. Many of the postings are very interesting - a little more voluntary background on the poster we be helpful. At any rate, this is a Great Site that has been very professionally developed and maintained. Sincerely, Slade <br>

6/30/06 06:35:30 AM|SABRINA QUARRY-PORTER|FLORIDA|DOESN'TMATTER@NOWHERE|10|WELL AUNT WILMA, NOW YOU KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO BE TREATED LIKE CRAP FROM YOUR OWN FAMILY FOR YEARS.THAT IS THE WAY YOU AND THE FAMILY HAVE TREATED ME ALL MY LIFE, NEVER WANTING ANYTHING TO DO WITH US UNLESS THERE WAS SOMETHING TO GAIN.AFTER DAD PASSED AWAY, EVERYONE HAD SOMETHING BAD TO SAY ABOUT HIM...WELL HE WAS THE BEST FATHER ANYONE COULD EVER HAVE AND A MUCH BETTER PERSON THAN ANY OF YOU PEOPLE...HECK THERE IS A CHILD MOLESTER AMONG YOU...JUST ASK YOUR BROTHER ROBERT....<br>

6/30/06 11:48:12 AM|JIMMY DORSEY|VENTURA CALIFORNIA|RONNYRAINS@YAHOO.COM|10|KENT: JUST BLEW INTO RIVERSIDE FOR A WEDDING SO EMAIL ME ASAP OKAY,THANKS. AND MY MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES FOR MY FRIEND MIKE QUARRY,HE SURE TREATED ME GREAT FOR THE SHORT TIME I KNEW HIM IN BAKERSFIELD IN 1980. HE WAS ALSO VERY FUNNY AND UPEBEAT, I HAD MET HIM AT QUARRY'S CORNER RESTAURANT,AND WE TALKED BOXING AND STUFF ALL DAY.<br>

6/30/06 11:51:46 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC|funktron|10|The emotions among the family members are very real and very painful to read and understand. I hope in at least some small way, everyone can make peace or call a truce. But I know that as fans of the boxing brothers, we really don't know anything about the dynamics of the family situation---not that it's our business anyway. This is the kind of stuff that would make a fascinating TV show---reality or talk. It's almost a website unto itself---a whole family tree and how everyone is related would be fascinating. As for "the other Quarry," Mike, he is in a better place now. |
I remember all of Jerry's fights. He beat our neighbor Floyd Patterson twice. I honestly feel if Jerry had different management/trainers he would have been heavyweight champ. Same for Mike...maybe not champ but more successful. Biggest mistake was having his father control his career. Both Quarry's would have been better off with the Gil Clancys or Ray Arcels from the beginning. There was no way Jimmy Ellis should have beaten Jerry in that elimination tournament. He never should have lost to Chuvalo either. Mike, he should have never fought Bob Foster at that time in his career. Mike needed more big time fights to test him more thoroughly before taking on the power punching Foster. I always pulled for Jerry because he gave 110%...except his last few fights. The 2nd Frazier fight and Ken Norton. A top shape, in conditioned Jerry would have KO'd Norton in the later rounds. My condolences to the Quarry family on the loss of Mike. | quarry's please, stop going at each other's throats, my God you were always fighting the world, much less each other. don't blame jerry's dad for Christ sake, he was doing the best he could and what he thought was right at the time, how the hell is an uneducated man like himself w/ the limited medical information of the 60's know what the future will bring w/ jerry & mike, does anybody think he would have let them be fighters if he were to know the future!!! most of us will never have a place in history like jerry & mike, it's not only how long you live , but how much life you can live while your living, they both could have gotten labor jobs or whatever and we would not be talking about them today. QUARRY'S PLEASE STOP FIGHTING, DEATH IS BETTER THAN BEING NOBODY, JUST ASK ME!! | everyone is somebody in God's eyes and while Jerry and Mike Quarry are better known than any of us in the boxing world, there are still some boxing fans, mostly younger fans, who don't know who they are. Remember also that there are over a billion Chinese who probably have no idea who the Quarrys are. So fame is relative. But more importantly than any kind of fame or success is how people treat other people and most people who ever came in contact with Jerry or Mike will tell that they were down to earth guys who were easy to talk to. That in itself says a lot. To me celebrities in any field are the same as the rest of us. When it comes down to it they are not any better or worse than any of us and I have no respect for those famous people who don't treat people decently. | kent, your beginning to get under my skin, something you have not done for a while, this fighting amongst each other is what makes people think the quarry's are trashy people, their (Quarry's)weakness is like Jerry & his brothers they have too much guts and will not back down, even from each other! kent I realize that God thinks we're all somebody, but the people of now or in the future don't look at it that way, whether in the ring or in a regular job, life is a fight for survival, yes Jerry
& Mike should have retired before they did, James should have not smoked, but all we have is what is, sadly now, what was. KENT STOP TRYING STEAL MY THUNDER !!! |

You seemed to need it. Sorry if I misread what you were saying. I do believe what kind of people we are is much more important than what we do and what others think of us.

Hard for some to believe but I would really rather be who I am and have my integrity than be someone famous and not live by my prinicables. When it all comes down to it, we all put our pants on one leg at a time and no one is really better than anybody else.

I do believe that Jerry and Mike were for the most part good people, not perfect but good people nevertheless and that is important.

Understand, I don't try to steal anyone's thunder.

Ok kent thats fine, hey i wish i had the guts of the quarry's, but hey most people don't anyway, quarry's i hope you are listening to the clockman, because i care about each & every one of you, you are very special people. Sheri Coolbaugh , where are you? You should never accept another name other than Quarry, make him accept your name.

Jefferey Smith, I can't stand by and read you saying, "I just learned of the passing of Mike Quarry from dementia pugilistica. The fact that Jerry Quarry was thought to be suffering from the same disease makes this seem altogether too unlikely. Was any other disease, particularly a familial disease, considered?" ARE YOU FREAKIN' CRAZY? Let's have a little more respect for these two warriors and their families, and not provoke ABSURD SPECULATION. Dementia pugilistica is a garden variety disease among long time boxers. Go to any big city gym where old boxers hang around and you'll meet some of them with DP. The human brain is really not designed to withstand 1 or 2 or 3 punches without risk of serious damage. Any good professional boxer has been training, sparring, and fighting for YEARS, sometimes 20 years or more. MILLIONS OF HEAD PUNCHES. Neural cells, it turns out, can regenerate, but very few and very slowly. When one of them is destroyed, it usually stays dead forever, and a boxer will lose tens of millions of them.

This is sophomore in high school biology, Jefferey. If you're a doctor at all, you must be a TREE SURGEON.

One more thing: the effects of brain damage are extremely variable and can be subtle. A patient doesn't have to "look" or "act" punch drunk, by having spells of incoherence, or drooling, or amnesia, or tics, or anything else, to be afflicted. Sometimes obvious symptoms don't become obvious for many years.

I express my deepest condolences to Mike's family, and of course to Jerry's family, too. Great, great boxers -- all-time greats.

Posting any sort of comment on this site appears to be an open invitation for insults and verbal abuse. I cannot imagine that the personal attacks that seem to dominate these letters does anything positive for raising money for The Jerry Quarry Foundation.

Your a stranger here Mr. Jeff, stay out of family business, i've been coming here for many years, i know a lot about the quarry's. i happen to know what i'm talking about, THE QUARRY NAME STANDS TALL NO MATTER WHAT PEOPLE SAY !!!!

You don't need to ask me twice. You guys need a life.

I wonder if that's the Dr. Smith from "Lost In Space"?

Yes, I believe it is my old friend Dr. Smith.
Hi everyone, greetings from Germany!

By the way, Germania-Italia 0-2 Grosso-Del Piero

Deutschland raus!

Deutschland unter alles!

Just another step babies, just another step!

Forza Italia!

Ciao!

Sabrina, it's been 4 years ago today that you passed and I still have a hard time dealing with it. I love you more than any words can say. I love you always in my heart forever daddy cool. Hug and kisses always.....

Dad it's been 4 yrs today, and we still think of you every day. That will never change. I love you and miss you terribly. Things will never be the same again.

Dad, it's been 4 years today, and we still think of you every day. That will never change. We love you and miss you terribly. Things will never be the same again.

Today is the great day! Being second in the world would already be very good, but being world champion would be much better. I hope you will root for Italia against France, as you are of Italiana's descent.

Well Dad, it's been 4 yrs today, and we still think of you every day. That will never change. We love you and miss you terribly.

Hey Massimo, soccer is great, my 3 kids play it and have for 12 or 13 years, and I have coached it for 8 yrs, gotta love it. Hey and Dr. Jeff, maybe you should just stay off the site for good, cause you're not really welcome here. To all who stick up for the Quarry's "THANKS, YOUR AWESOME".

Jeffrey: I really do not feel you meant any harm, I'll tell you why the Quarry's both suffered from dementia, not to be confused with a DR. either, there condition was due to a thing called BOX-FIGHTING, thousands of thousands of rounds of slinging leather, and usually with no head gear. No I do not believe they were born with it. And if the truth was known, Ali is suffering from the same affliction, tons of sparring with the world's best. Take care!
watch some news on the fire we have out here in Yucca Valley, its unbelievable.| 7/13/06 08:25:22 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|10|Sonia: In the Washington, DC area, we just had flooding, and now you're having wildfires---can't escape this stuff!|Massimo: Of course, I would have loved to see the USA perform better in the World Cup. We've never been a soccer power because soccer has really only become popular in our country in the last 15-20 years, but we've been steadily improving. We were all disappointed in the way our team played in the tournament, though I think we gave Italy a tough match. I've always loved American Football (I guess more similar to European rugby than soccer) and baseball, basketball and even hockey. I became interested in soccer in the mid-1970s, when Pele joined a new professional team in the U.S. in a new league---the team was the New York Cosmos and the league was the NASL (North American Soccer League). It didn't last too long, but while it was here, Pele, even though he was older and past his peak, was amazing. Now we have MLS (Major League Soccer). The quality of play isn't what you have in Europe, but it is still pretty good and fun to watch. |

7/13/06 10:02:42 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|10|Massimo, congratulations on your country winning the world cup.<br>Although we are not big soccer fans, Americans would have been extremely interested if our country's team had done better in the tournament and we are disappointed that our team didn't go further in the tournament.|
7/13/06 11:30:30 AM|Massimo|Roma||wordlichampions.com|10|Thank you. The American team gave Italia a very tough match and I think you have already reached a good level. On a single day you can give trouble to anyone. |

7/13/06 11:31:11 AM|Jimmy "second coming" Ellis|Kentucky||EllisNumber1AllTime@aol.com|10|Massimo: Ken, congratulations on your country winning the world cup.<br>Although we are not big soccer fans, Americans would have been extremely interested if our country's team had done better in the tournament and we are disappointed that our team didn't go further in the tournament.|

7/14/06 04:29:00 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron@yahoo.com|10|Welcome Jimmy Ellis! Is this THE Jimmy Ellis?<br>Hey guys. Cool site.| 7/14/06 07:23:22 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|10|Thank you. The American team gave Italia a very tough match and I think you have already reached a good level. On a single day you can give trouble to anyone. |

7/15/06 01:34:11 PM|Massimo|Roma||worldchampions.com|10|You're very humble, Jimmy, you didn't mention that you gave Bonavena a boxing lesson. Muhammad Ali is and will always be in your shadow. |

7/16/06 03:05:40 PM|Jumpity Bruce|Jumpville||Jump.com|10|I rooted for Italy to Jump all over France in the World Cup and they did!<br>Jump! Jump! Jump! Jump! Jump! Jump! Jump!| 7/16/06 10:08:55 PM|Kathleen Quarry-Mauger|Moreno Valley, Ca||Maugermom@msn.com|10|Yes Jimmy Ellis you keep on dreaming cause that's all it is. I was there, I also watched you train, the only reason Jerry didn't whip your ass was I had just lost our baby....so keep on jimmy dreams are what makes us.| 

7/17/06 12:23:22 AM|Jimmy Ellis|Kentucky|10|You can make excuses all you want. The fight was not close, I lopsidedly beat Jerry. He usually lost when he stepped up in competition, except for the big, slow, talentless sluggers like Shavers and Lyle.| 7/17/06 09:14:10 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|10|Jimmy: You were talented---a nice boxer. But do you think you stayed in the game too long? By the way, if JQ's back wasn't injured, I think he would have taken you out. But fair is fair and you did get the win. You also did a good job in the "Rumble Down Under" against Frazier, but Dundee stopped it. | 7/17/06 10:46:34 AM|Kent|Murrieta, Ca||kentallenent@aol.com|10|Folks, although I think Earnie Shavers did post here recently and the real Jimmy Ellis might have posted in condolance of Mike's passing, I doubt the recent so called
Jimmy Ellis is the real Jimmy.

[7/17/06 11:07:00 AM] Ken "Big Biceps" Norton|Legendsville||realornot.com|||10|This one certainly ain't Jimmy Ellis! But I'm not... I have a game for you: who I really am?

[7/17/06 11:33:53 AM] Ken "Big Biceps" Norton|Legendsville||realornot.com|||10|Correction, the real addresses are:

[7/17/06 12:00:34 PM] Joe Frazier|Philly||n/a|||10|It's my main man, Jimmy "Pudding" Ellis. Thanks for being a punching bag as I prepared for Ali III. Quarry was a better fighter than you.

[7/17/06 04:38:41 PM] Angelo|Washington, DC||funktron|||10|Wow, this reads like a who's who of 70's boxers. Maybe Duane Bobick and Jody Ballard will be the next ones to check in.

[7/17/06 10:49:12 PM] Johnny Boudreax|nevermind||nevermind|||10|I guess Boone Kirkman and Scott LeDoux are not far behind.

[7/17/06 11:47:38 PM] Sheri|Phoenix||lizardluver@hotmail.com|||10|It saddens me to see that my family would use this site to air their dirty laundry. It saddens me that my family would act like total idiots. To lash out in pain, anger, frustration, hatred is just ugly. This site is about the lives of men and their families who have worked hard in the world of boxing, their sacrifices, their dedication, accomplishments, failures, joys and pains. It was not created to bash one another, degrade, attack, lash out at or humiliate other people. I don't believe my uncle Jimmy would be proud to put his name on this, I don't believe my uncle Jerry would either. I know my mom would be pissed, hurt, embarrassed and ashamed of the behavior of her family. I know I am. I can't believe someone would sink as low as some have here. I am not writing this to be pointing fingers at anyone, I know we have all been guilty of stuff but this is the worst I have seen from any of you. You all have done things to people in the family that have hurt them. You may not have seen it or even wanted to see it. But you have.

[7/18/06 12:26:01 AM] Chuck Wepner|Bumblefucksville||Tomato Can|||10|I beat Ali. It was a booming body shot that knocked him out. That long count was crap, I am the real champ.

[7/18/06 12:32:04 AM] Sheri|Phoenix||lizardluver@hotmail.com|||10|i misspoke... i should not have directed that to sonja...but sabrina. <br>thanks |
TRYING, IT WON'T HAPPEN.. |
[7/18/06 10:04:42 AM|Sonia Hathaway(Quarry)|Joshua Tree, Ca||Sonia2163@aol.com||10|We are not idiots and how dare you, slander us. I will stick up for my family til the day I die, that is what I learned from my Father Jimmy, my Mother Roberta, and my Grandma Marie. I know my sister will too. if you have anything else to say know you my email address use it. Ok now lets get back to boxing.| |
[7/18/06 09:34:49 PM|Kathleen Quarry-Mauger|California|Maugermom@msn.com||10|It seems that this site needs some guide lines as to what should and shouldn't be discussed. This site was an idea and dream of two men who wanted other boxers to have a chance to talk with other boxers to discuss their careers to speak with their fans. A place where a fan can express his or herself about a sport or and event where life was at work, playing, cheering, being a part of good fun, the american way. Jerry and Jim were just men, doing a job, doing it extremely well, as best as they could. They did not flont their personal lives or their family's. This site needs to be given back to the people. Family matters should be directed to their personal e-mail addresses and not aired for debate. I love all of you, I've diapered every cotton pick of you, do I need to do this again?...be ladies and gentlemen, as would Jerry and Jim, and Mike.<br>| |
[7/19/06 07:37:38 AM|Sabrina|Florida|????????||10|MY DAD ALWAYS SAID EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO THEIR OPINION.AND I JUST VOICED MY OPINION.IT'S NOT MY FAULT IF THE TRUTH HURTS.I'M TIRED OF PEOPLE TRASH TALKING MY FATHER, IT'S BEEN GOING ON SINCE I CAN REMEMBER.JUST REMEMBER PEOPLE IF IT WASN'T FOR MY FATHER(JIMMY) THERE WOULD BE NO JERRY QUARRY FOUNDATION.AND KATHY, MY MOTHER CHANGED MY DIAPERS BECAUSE NONE OF THE QUARRY FAMILY WANTED ANYTHING TO DO WITH US ALL OF OUR LIVES.I DON'T NEED ANY OF THEM.THE WAY ARWANDA AND DIANNA TREATED MY FATHER WHEN HE WAS DYING WAS TOTALLY WRONG, POKING HIM IN THE CHEST AND THROWING HIS WIFE OUT RIGHT AFTER HE DIED..WHAT A BUNCH OF LOSERS!!!!!!!| |
[7/19/06 12:51:59 PM|Massimo|Roma||4||10|I just heard that Silvester Stallone will play as (or will be) The Italian Stallion in Rocky 6.<br>Who would win Holyfield-Norton prime vs prime ? I think it's hard to say!| |
[7/19/06 03:59:52 PM|Angelo|Washington, DC|funktron||10|Massimo:  I'm on the fence about Norton vs. Holyfield. I could see Norton winning a close decision. I think Norton would gain confidence as the fight wore on, feeling as though he would not lose by KO. When Norton wasn't intimidated, he was hard to beat. I think he would win the second half of the fight and get a split decision. Even if I don't know what "being on the fence" means, I think you're probably right. Norton performed great against Holmes, and Larry was a better overall fighter than Holyfield, even if probably a worse puncher.| |
[7/20/06 08:57:43 AM|Angelo|Washington, DC|funktron||10|Massimo:  On the fence means undecided! It's like being on top of a fence and not knowing which side to jump down so you're stuck on the fence and can't decide what to do! I was very impressed by the way Holyfield stopped Tyson in their first fight. He hurt him big time. I think that Tyson could take a punch, he proved it for instance against Ruddock (especially in the second fight) and Douglas. I'm also very surprised that an old Holmes did much better than a 30 years old Tyson against Holyfield. But what you say is right. Maybe Tyson was weaker than I thought. I have seen Holmes in his prime only twice (against Marvis Frazier and Scott Frank) so I can judge him only by his record. Let's say that I am on the fence about Holyfield and Holmes
punching power.

Yes, I think evaluating Holmes and Holyfield's punching power vs. the other is not easy. In his prime, Larry Holmes was, in my opinion, an easy Top 5 all time heavyweight. I put him in the same category as Ali, Louis, Marciano—he was that good. There was a period of a few years when Larry Holmes came into every fight in top physical and mental condition—and even in the tough matches against guys like Earnie Shavers—and even when things were going badly for him—he would summon up the courage and resolve to hold his title. His left jab rivaled Sonny Listons, he had the ability to come back from knockdowns, he fought very well defensively—and his heart was on par with the best. Almost equally amazing is the fact that he came back long after his physical dominance had eroded and he performed brilliantly against Ray Mercer and even Holyfield (in losing). It also appears, at least now, that Holmes managed his money perfectly and has his physical and mental health. He bought up a bunch of real estate and owns businesses (including a bar/restauant). He still makes a bunch of appearances and still entertains fans. He even posts regularly at his website. His has been one of the few positive boxing stories.

ATTENTION EVERYONE—
I AM SHUTING DOWN THE LETTER PAGE. DON’T KNOW FOR HOW LONG. PLEASE COME BACK TIME TO TIME TO SEE IF ITS UP AND RUNNING. NEED TO GET SOME THINGS STRAIGHTEN OUT FIRST. I’M SURE THIS IS WHAT JAMES AND JERRY WOULD WANT FOR THE TIME BEING. THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THIS MEMORY SITE IN HONOR OF JAMES, JERRY, AND MICHAEL. I WILL BE ADDING NEW PICTURE OF THEM VERY SOON. LOVE YOU ALL

BRANDI QUARRY

I' m am sorry that the site took so much abuse. I hope the site will be opened again, but with stiffer guide lines as to what can and can not be put on the site. More fans and boxers use this site with anticipation on talking to their idols, there peers, and expressing their views on the boxing and sports world.

This is a great page, its just to bad its being shut down, its not what my Dad, would have wanted. But life goes on. To all the regulars its been nice chatting with ya. Take care and be safe. The regulars you have my email address keep in touch, be nice to keep in touch. Good luck in life all.

Like all websites, this one has been completely vulnerable to windbags, lunatics, and the generally maladjusted and/or terminally bored. Originally, it was a great concept, a tribute to a great guy who also happened to be a world class athlete. Years ago, the agenda was limited to Jerry and boxing. At some point, that changed. Perhaps it is time to go now; that is not our decision.

For tonight, I would like to raise a glass to Jerry, Mike, James, and all the
fighting Quarrys. While manifestations of their well known tenacity and loyalty have recently spilled over onto these pages - not always admirably - it seems to me the best tribute to Jerry, Mike and James and would be the family doing the best they can to reconcile. I know this is much easier said than done, however, to the Quarrys - and their true fans - good luck, God bless, and Keep On Keepin' On.

7/22/06 01:52:44 PM Jeffrey Smith Fagville Shit Fuck you guys.

7/23/06 03:01:40 AM Ed Cicero N Y mooseygoop@aol.com Sorry to see the site is shutting down. I haven't posted lately but have checked in from time to time. But anyways, a lot of peeps on here really know boxing and Mass, Kent, Angelo or anyone else that wants to keep in touch my E-mail is right there. I know this is much easier said than done, however, to the Quarrys - and their true fans - good luck, God bless, and Keep On Keepin' On.

7/23/06 06:24:40 AM Massimo Roma Cini_Massimo@libero.it I'm very sorry the site is shutting down! I don't want to lose all my friends on here. So, I give you my e-mail address, if you want to keep in touch, you're welcome. Good luck to all and Kent keep your exercises, you're gonna be in great shape very soon!

7/23/06 09:49:14 AM Kent Murrieta, Ca kentallenent@aol.com Yes it is too bad the letters page is being shut down. I hope it can return, maybe registering is the key so it can be controlled better. I will put my E-mail address one more time also.


7/23/06 10:01:48 PM Alfredo Del Vecchio you know where Al.com Nothing lasts forever, eeeeeeeeeeh gia', gia', gia' !!!!!!! Where is Chucky? Chucky, Chucky, Chucky! Have I ever talked to you of Rosa Coletti? Or Did I ever talk to you of Rosa Coletti?

7/25/06 09:22:42 PM Gerry Cleveland jerjets11@yahoo Just wanted extend my best wishes to the Quarry family. I remain a big fan. I hope the site does return with better guidelines. I learned a lor about boxing in a great era here. That's something I'd like to do more of. In the meantime, my yahoo group for the Quarrys is also available. Just look for irishjerryq or Irish Jerry Quarry under yahoo groups. Thanks again and God Bless.

7/26/06 01:20:49 AM Massimo Roma Fan from Fandom, if you happen to read this message, I know that you are a great fights-collector and I would like to know how many Sonny Liston's fights are available on tape. Thank you very much. Fan from Fandom, if you happen to read this message, I know that you are a great fights-collector and I would like to know how many Sonny Liston's fights are available on tape. Thank you very much.

7/26/06 09:41:26 AM kookoo ny kookooclock000@yahoo.com is it not possible to for the webmaster just to simply erase the over the top attacks on here. i know they shut down the frazier site because of this same crap. THANKS A LOT JEFF. AND PEOPLE LIKE YOU THAT HAVE BEEN SO SHITTING, COWARD, I'LL BE BACK WHEN IT'S ALL NORMAL, GOD BLESS THE QUARRY'S !!!