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Consensus is "toss-up" for Ali-Frazier bout

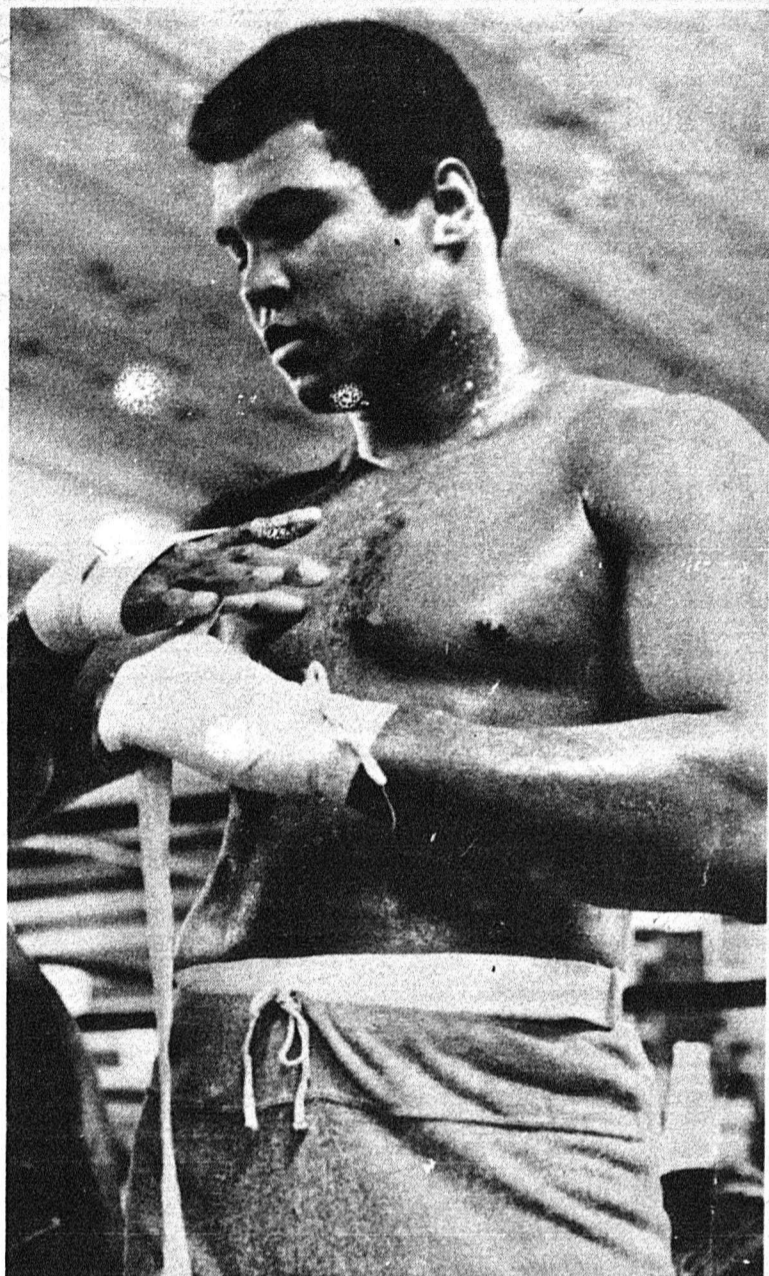
Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier, who meet for the World Heavyweight Championship in the Philippine Coliseum on Tuesday evening, September 30th, have had nine common opponents in their respective careers but even logical analysis will not provide one with too many clues to the outcome of the "rubber match", their third and decisive battle, which will be shown "live" via special telecast at The Edmonton Gardens at 7:00 p.m.

The odds of the fight - 11 to 10 in England, 6-5 and pick 'em and one ridiculous quote of 11-5 for Ali in the United States - don't even consider the common opponents. With Ali and Frazier, as 27 previous rounds have demonstrated, you can throw the book away. Only one round separates the pair in those previous tussles.

Only George Foreman can be used by the pro-Ali factions as any measuring rod in this pending battle. They will point out that Foreman demolished Frazier in two stunning rounds in Kingston, Jamaica, on January 22, 1973, when Foreman took away Frazier's title. They will also boast about how Muhammad humiliated the awesome Foreman, knocking him out in eight rounds in Kinshasa, Zaire, Africa, on October 30, 1974, to become the second ever to regain the heavyweight crown.

The rest of the common opponents - George Chuvalo, Oscar Bonavena, Doug Jones, Buster Mathis, Jimmy Ellis, Bob Foster, Jerry Quarry and Joe Bugner, are conversation pieces but shed little, if any, light from which to draw conclusions. Both Ali and Frazier defeated them all with varying degrees of difficulty or ease.

Frazier knocked out Chuvalo in four; Jones in six; Mathis in 11; Ellis, twice, in five and nine; Foster in two, Quarry twice, in seven and five. He had



Muhammed Ali: can he do it again?

trouble with strong, awkward Bonavena on two occasions and in their first fight, in 1966, was dropped twice. Frazier won the first close, the second a year later, more easily.

Ali, meanwhile, had a tough time with Jones, let Mathis go the limit of 12 rounds in an easy win. He stopped Ellis in 12 and took eight rounds to kayo Foster. Quarry went out twice, the first time in three as the result of a cut eye, and the second in seven. Bugner went a total of 27 rounds with Ali. Chuvalo went the distance with him, too.

It boils down to a very

simple factor - time and styles. Both Ali and Frazier are older but the natural, emotional rivalry between them cannot be figured by either common opponents or computers. This is one both will be in shape for and both will be fighting the best they know how. They did it twice before and there is no valid reason to think they won't do it again.

Tickets, for what promises to be a modern boxing classic, are available at Mike's, International Stereo, McCauley Plaza, Woodwards, Bonnie Doon, and at the Students' Union Box Office.

Behm Bears' ass't.

Lorne J. Behm, an Edmonton lawyer who last season coached the Knights of Columbus Pats to a provincial championship, has been named assistant coach of the University of Alberta Golden Bear hockey team.

Behm brings to the Bears a solid background in local minor league hockey and head coach Leon Abbott sees that as a real plus. "I'm sure Lorne will contribute a good deal," says Abbott. "He knows the Alberta minor system well; he's got a great reputation and will be a real asset to our organization."

Behm is a graduate of the Maple Leaf Athletic Club and played Bantam AA, Midget AA and Juvenile AA on several championship teams. He began coaching in the Knights of Columbus organization in 1967, coaching at the mite level and then progressing to Bantam AA, Midget AA, and in 1971 to

Juvenile AA. His K of C Pats have won the city Juvenile AA championships the past three years and were the provincial champions in 1972-73 and 1974-75.

Behm has also been active in Little League baseball for the past 11 years, serving as northern Alberta District Administrator for the past three years. During each of his five years as a coach, his team won the league championships.

A native of Edmonton, Behm graduated from the University of Alberta in 1961 with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law degrees. His is a partner in the law firm of Covey and Behm.

Bears now have 40 players in camp and will pare that number down following the team's intersquad game on Friday.

Abbott has the Bear hopefuls in twogroups of 20 with the 17 returnees interspersed in both and will likely retain the division for the intersquad game.

Of the Bear veterans, "I'm really impressed by the type of individual... to a man they are levelheaded and realistic about themselves and the over-all situation," says Abbott. "We have the nucleus of another contender." And the rookies: "... looking good and will be pushing some of the veterans."

Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union teams travel with 17 players to Abbott anticipates cutting down to about 24 players shortly and eventually bringing that number down another four or so for a good working arrangement.

The intersquad game goes Friday, September 26, at 7:30 p.m. and spectators are welcome.



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Panda field hockey team take beating in Calgary

by Susan Jamieson

Last weekend, the 1975 Panda Field Hockey Team took to the road for a tournament in Calgary, but did not fare very well losing to some very strong competition - the Alberta and Saskatchewan Ladies Provincial Teams, the U of C team and the Calgary Ladies squad.

Pandas, as a whole played well, considering that this was their first major competition as

a unit, since the selection of the club on September 18th.

Team members are optimistic in their views, regarding the rest of the season. They have a lot of talent and depth so should soon be performing to their capabilities as a unit.

This year, the team has a good blend of experienced players and talented rookies, including coach Kathy Broderick, players Barb Ball, Irene Balutis, Leslie-Ann Browning, Sonya Bulycz, Lorna Campbell (captain), Brenda Crawford, Nancy Elias, Judy Foraster, Mary Jane Henning, Laurie Holder, Shawn Kelly, Angela Pearson, Nora Triska and manager Gail Amort.

Pandas will host the University of Alberta Invitational Field Hockey tournament this weekend.

Teams from British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan are taking part in the two-day

affair which takes place Saturday and Sunday on the University's Lister Fields, located immediately south of the Lister Hall residence complex.

Action begins at 9:00 p.m. both days and continues until approximately 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and noon on Sunday.

The tournament is divided into two parts - a women's section and a high school competition involving six high school teams. In the women's division, Kathy Broderick feels the two provincial teams - representing Alberta and Saskatchewan II be the most powerful but she's hoping for a good showing from her own team.

The final game in the women's division is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Sunday and would be an excellent opportunity to get introduced to the sport.

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