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AFRO Sports

Many moods of Muhammad
heavyweight champ meets pre-fight press

Open-mouthed, wide-eyed reporters hear virtuoso Ali

By Sam Lacy

For 40 stopwatch minutes, Muhammad Ali entertained some 100 or more area reporters Wednesday afternoon, holding them spellbound as he talked on a variety of subjects usually considered foreign to men in his business.

"Fighters all over the world," said the heavyweight king, should be grateful to me. I've completely changed the image of boxers — and their looks.

"Until I came on the scene, the only things they could say were: 'I run every morning, I eat steak, I'm in good shape, or I think I'll win."

"You're looking at a fighter dressed well with a tie on, pretty and smart. I can take on William F. Buckley, David Frost and Albert Einstein and cut 'em up mentally.

"People ask me if I resent those sportswriters among you who criticized me when I had trouble with the government over MY Viet Nam stand," Ali said. "And I tell them that I don't.

"If I did, I would be a hypocrite. I feel that I have no right to condemn them for doing what they thought was right at the time — which was to chastisse me for doing wat I thought was right."

The purpose of the meeting with the champ at Capital Centre, was to officially announce a title defense against Jimmy Young of Philadelphia, there on April 30.

The 27-year-old Young, who likens his style to ore of his boyhood idols, Ray Robinson, came into the spotlight following his solid 10-round upset of highly rated Ron Lyle in Honolulu last year. Young's overall record is 17-4-2, with five knockouts.

Talking to the reporters, Jimmy dismissed his unimpressive performance against inept Joe "King" Roman last month as "one of those things" that come about as a result of "contrasting styles."

Ali, sporting an overall record of 50 wins (36 knockouts) and two losses, has won eight straight bouts since losing a decision to Ken Norton on March 31, 1973. The 34-year-old champion most recently defended his title by stopping Belgian Jean Pierre Coopman in five rounds in San Juan, Puerto Rico on February 20.

Don King, boxing's premiere promoter, has joined with Capital Centre head Abe Pollin to bring the title fight to a Washington area that has not hosted a world heavyweight championship bout in over 35 years. The last title fight in the Washington area was on May 23, 1941, when Joe Louis defeated Buddy Baer at the old Griffith Stadium.

The Ali-Young title fight will be nationally televised by ABC-TV. The Ken Norton-Ron Stander fight, to be held at a site to be determined, will also be carried live by ABC-TV. Both fights will be blacked out in the Washington-Baltimore area.

Tickets are priced at $100, $75, $50 and $20.

"There is nothing I can't do," shouted Ali returning to his "I'm-the-greatest" routine.

"I am going to lick this 'boy,' then I'm going to whip Ken Norton, then George Foreman, then I'm going to Tokyo and whip the Japanese karate champion.

"If I wanted to I could beat any guy in China, Estonia, Kuwait, Watts, Harlem or Skid Row in Chicago. I'm just so good, I can't stand me."

Finally able to get a vacant moment at the mike, Young called attention to the fact that in 1972 he fought three exhibitions with Ali and promised to "see him agains."

How did he fare against the champion a reporter asked. "I did pretty good, ask Ali," was Young's reply.

"That's right," piped Ali. "He did very good- he Ali. "He did very good; he rounds."

"Will you shut up?"

"Careful, Boy," shot back Ali, "don't forget this is my show. You're lucky to be here."

"As I said before," Jimmy resumed, feigning irritation. "That was four years ago when I boxed him in those exhibitions. I'm bigger, stronger and older now . . . ."

"And crazier, too," chided Ali, unable to resist the open door.

March degree, June bride for Heisman winner Archie

Twotime Heisman award winner Archie Griffin was graduated Friday from Ohio State University, one quarter ahead of most of his classmates.

Griffin received a degree in business administration early by taking heavier course loads than most students.

"I had real good professors," said Griffin. "They understood some of the problems I was going through, like times when I had to leave and speak. They gave me an opportunity to make up my work.

'At Ohio State, my education has been a quality one and things have been just beautiful for me," said Griffin.

Griffin will marry Loretta Lafitte, a student from Cleveland, on June 26.

"She helped me in my studies and just kept my head together," said Griffin.

Weekend in NBA

Friday

Cleveland at Boston
Washington at New Orelans
Detroit at Chicago
Buffalo at Milwaukee
Atlanta at Los Angeles

Saturday

Boston at New York
Milwaukee at Cleveland
Philadelphia at Houston
Portland at Detroit
Chicago at Washington
Los Angeles at Golden Sate
Kansas City at Phoenix

Sunday

New York at Boston
Philadelphia at New Orelans
Portland at Milwaukee
Kansas City at Golden Sate
Phoenix at Los Angeles
Atlanta at Seattle
Buffalo at Washington

Schaefer to help open wheelchair cage play

Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer and Baltimore County Executive Ted Venetoulis will throw out the first basketballs in ceremonies beginning the 28th National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament at Catonsville Community College tomorrow (Saturday) at 7 and 9 p.m.

In the first game of the semi - final doubleheader the Eastern champion Bordentown (N.J.) Elks will face the Music City (Tenn.) Wheelers, the best team in the South.

Many feel the second semi-final game at 9 p.m. will probably decide the national championship. The Orange County (Calif.) Raiders, tall, strong and great defensively, will play the Detroit Sparks, fast, high scoring and deep in bench strength.

The Raiders, Far West champions, finished first in the team ratings nationally, while the Sparks, winners of the Mid-West championship, were ranked second. Both teams are well seasoned in tournament play.

On Simday, the two losers of the semi-final doubleheader wtl square off for third place in the U.S. at 1 p.m. At 3 p.m. the two Saturday night winners will play for the national championship.

The national tournament is the first in the 28-year history of wheelchair basketball to be played in the Eastern United States.

OJ threatens 'Big 3' in football 'Top 20'

CANTON, Ohio — Ever since the Pro Football Hall of Fame "Top Twenty" display was created in 1969, Jim Brown, Joe Perry and Jim Taylor have ranked one-two-three as the all-time pro football rushing leaders. However, this triumvirate will most likely be broken up in 1976 when a comparative newcomer jumps into the upper echelon among the game's all-time ground-gaining greats.

The newcomer should be O. J. Simpson, the Buffalo Bills' super-star, whose 1817-year production in 1975 moved him into fourth place on the all-time list, just 474 yards behind the third-place Taylor and only 600 yards behind Perry in second place.

Ordinarilly, a 600-yard cushion would be considered safe for at least one season but O. J. has surpassed this total two of the last three years.

Brown, the all-time leader, is far ahead of the pack with 2,320 yards for nine seasons of play and only Simpson, of those players currently active, has even a remote chance of catching the former Cleveland Browns' block-buster.

Right now, Brown and Simpson are the only two players to average 1000 yards a season over any significant period of time. Brown's standard for nine years was a whopping 1368 yards while Simpson tallies out at 1160 yards for each of his seven campaigns.

—MSA scoreboard

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Varsity Baseball

Forest Park at Gilman
City at Patterson
Boys Latin at Douglass
Lake Clifton at John Carroll

JV Baseball

Gilman vs. Forest Pk., Conlon Field
Patterson at City
Track
Patterson at Poly
Northern at Gilman

Varsity Lacrosse

Spaulding at Patterson
Walbrook at Queen Anne
Poly at Severn
Towson at Northern
Southern at Northwestern
Southwestern at Wilde Lake

JV Lacrosse

Patterson at City
Northwestern vs. Southern, Swann Park
Wilde Lake at Southwestern
Patterson at Howard County
Walbrook at Queen Anne
West Islip at Edmondson

Lacrosse

West Islip at Edmondson
West Islip JV at Edmondson JV

MONDAY SCHEDULE

City at Boys Latin
Douglass at Lake Clifton
Southwestern at Northern

JV Baseball

Lake Clifton at Dougiss
Northern t Southwestern

Lacrosse

Patterson at Southwestern
Southwestern JV at Patterson JV

Track, field meet slated for April 14

The Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation announces the 7th Annual Edward L. Waters Track and Field Meet will be held at Walbrook High School, 2000 Edgewood St. on **Wednesday, April 14**, at 1 p.m.

The meet is open to boys and girls, 9-17 years, and includes dashes, relays, and field events.

Awards wil be given to the first 3 places. Entry blanks are available at all Baltimore City Recreation Centers.

All entries must be returned by Tuesday, April 6. No late or post entries will be accepted.

9 juco teams in meet at CCC

Catonsville Community College will host the Maryland Junior College relay track and field meet tomorrow (Saturday' at 1 p.m., as nine state junior colleges are expected to compete.

Heading up the list of entered teams are Hagerstown Junior College, the region 20 JuCo titlist and seventh place finisher in the National Junior College indoor track championshins last winter; Catonsville Maryland JuCo indoor champs; Montgomery - Rockville, perennial state two year school titlist outdoors.

Also Essex CC; the Community College of Baltimore; Harford CC; Anne Arundel CC; Frederick CC; and Prince George's C.C.

Blair says blame is his for O's '75 loss to Red Sox

Paul Blair says he thinks he can find one of the major reasons the Orioles lost the American League East title to the Red Sox last year — by looking in a mirror.

Paul's 1975 batting average dropped 43 points from the previous season when he produced a pitiful .218 stick mark. And he admits that some of the Bird woes were attributable to his performance.

Paul Blair
problems mounted . .

"I personally feel that my having a bad year had a lot to do with us winding up in second place," says Blair, who carries a lifetime .258 average. "I had a couple of minor injuries which didn't help and I was put on the bench which didn't help any, then I got in the wrong frame of mind which really hurt.

"There were a lot of little things I could have done that I didn't do which could have made my year a lot better. I think I neglected to bunt the way I bunted the previous year. If I had bunted a little more maybe I could have gotten a couple more base hits. Then I wouldn't have pressed so much. I could have salvaged something. But I think I got down so far and really started pressing that I didn't help myself or the ballclub."

Despite his bad year offensively, Blair was still brilliant in centerfield and won the gold glove award for his defensive prowess for the seventh straight year. However, his poor hitting forced manager Earl Weaver to bench him repeatedly, and he feels his not playing affected the club, especially the pitchers.

"When I'm in centerfield it gives our pitchers an added lift because they have complete confidence in me as far as catching ont of their mistakes, says Blair.

"I think we would have had a psychological advantage if I'd been out in centerfield."

"I'm going to bear down this year just for Paul Blair because I don't believe I'm a .218 hitter in the big leagues and I'm out to prove I'm not that type of hitter."

Pressures on earth seminar series set

Invitations have been mailed to 500 prominent Marylanders to attend the first forum of a four part bicentennial series, on "Mounting Pressures On Planet Earth."

Sponsored jointly by the Maryland State Department of Education and the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center with three prominent speakers addressing the topic, "Can the earth feed its peopleu"

subject of a public hearing Henry Mosley, chairman of the Department of Population Dynamics and director of the Population Center at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health; Quentin M. West, administrator of the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Barry Commoner, director of the Center for the Biology of Natural Systems at Washington University in St. Louis.

Subsequent forums, scheduled for May, September, and October will feature other speakers of international prominence discussing the topics, "Can the earth provide the energy and other resources for the next generation?" "Can science and technology solve the earth's problems?", and "Can existing economic, political, and value sytsems cope with the problems of the earth?"

Difference explained

A karate demonstration showing the difference between Tae Kwon Do and Shorin Ryu techniques will be given at 2 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday) at the Forest Park Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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