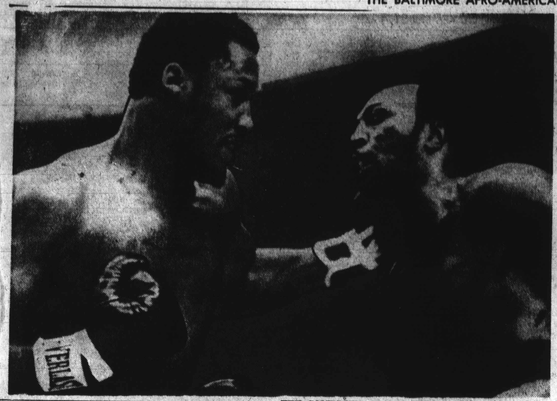

THE COMPLETE STORY — Few words are necessary to describe what this picture so vividly shows. The lightning-like speed of heavyweight champion Joe Frazier kept challenger Bob Foster constantly on the receiving end. Cornered and caught with his arms reaching for the ropes, the light-heavyweight champion is a wide open target for first the left hook that is here landing and the straight right which followed flush on the chin. The combination was the last thrown by Frazier in his second round kaye victory at Detroit's Cobo Hall. No more blows were needed.

Victory over Bob Foster proved Frazier's speed

By SAM LACY

It was hard to believe but there it was right before our eyes.

Joe Frazier was faster than Bob Foster, the spindly speedball who had become light-heavyweight champion of the world through the use of blinding speed and awesome power.

It wasn't surprising that Frazier, the heavyweight king, could prove the more powerful, but when he also outsped his lighter, more elusive adversary, it was difficult to believe.

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And that is exactly what happened when Joe belted into oblivion the dream of Foster to annex the heavyweight title. Frazier was faster in every sense of the word — with feet, hands and reflexes.

Except for a righthand lead in the early seconds of the opening round, Bob never had the time to throw a respectable punch. He was repeatedly beaten by Frazier in leads and counters, and was undeniably bullied by the more aggressive titleholder in the exchanges.

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After the second-round knockout, Frazier became irked by remarks that he had accomplished little in beating "a puffed-up light-heavyweight."

Wait, he was told, until he gets in with a legitimate opponent — like Cassius (Muhammad Ali) Clay.

Before a showdown is possible between Clay and Frazier, two more obstacles must be overcome. Clay must beat Oscar Bonavena on Dec. 7, and then avoid going to jail to serve a five-year sentence for draft evasion that is being appealed in the Supreme Court.

Few experienced observers are entertaining fears that the deposed champion will have trouble surmounting the first obstacle.

Bonavena is slow and unpolished, therefore a made-to-order opponent for Ali, as was standup Jerry Quarry last month.

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"I'm going to keep training every day to keep my weight down," the 26-year-old Frazier explained. "If the fight does come up against Clay I'll be ready."

A bout with Ali would provide the biggest money attraction in sports history, but Frazier insists, "I don't care if I ever fight him. It's not a personal matter of pride or nothing to fight him, but just another payday.

"If I fight two other guys, I might make as much as I would fighting him. I've got this job for the money, but if the Clay fight never comes off, I won't mope around. I'll just pick up and fight somebody else."

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But Ali must mean more than a mere payday to Frazier. Ever since Frazier turned pro after winning the heavyweight gold medal in the 1960 Olympics, there has been talk of Muhammad.

"After my first fight, a preliminary, reporters came in the dressing room and asked when I was going to be ready for Clay. He was the champ," Frazier said. "Now people tell me he's better than I am to make me mad, but none of that bothers me. I know I'm ready now."

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Foster: 'Would have had better chance with Ali'

DETROIT (UPI) — Lean Bob Foster, offering no excuses for his abrupt knockout by Joe Frazier, thinks he would have had a better chance to succeed against Cassius Clay.

"Clay don't put any pressure on you," said the unmarked light-heavyweight champion, whose loss marked the 10th time a 175-pound king has failed in a bid for the heavyweight title.

"You don't put no pressure on Clay and he don't put no pressure back on you," Foster said. "I don't think Clay has anything to keep Joe off.

"I'm a better puncher than Clay is," said the 31-year-old Foster, who plans to defend his light-heavyweight title before going "back where the money is" to fight heavyweights again.

"I would have had a better chance against Clay," Foster said with conviction.

Foster's opinion concerning Frazier and Clay sounded much like that of Clay's most recent victim, Jerry Quarry, who said after losing to Clay in Atlanta this month: "Frazier will kill Clay."

"I didn't hear either count," Foster said of the two thunderous left hands which sent him and his hopes to becoming the first light-heavyweight to win the big title down to the floor of the ring in the second round.

"I don't remember going down the second time. Joe caught me with clean shots," he said.

Title, bowl game Bear incintives

PETERSBURG, Va., — The Virginia State-Morgan game has always been crammed with tradition and seething rivalry, but this one to be played here tomorrow (Saturday) carries added incentives for both teams.

At stake initially is the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship, which in itself adds to the glamour of the occasion. The winner here meets the Southern Division champion, Johnson C. Smith, for the title.

But other behind-the-scenes elements have creeped into Saturday's confrontation.

Morgan is under consideration for two post-season (bowl) games, and victory is very important because the prestige of a conference title is important in a bowl promotion.

The Bears also would like to close out their membership in the CIAA by winning a title they have won more than any other school in the conference's history.

And finally, Morgan and coach Earl Banks realized that Virginia State is equally hungry for the title, if not more so. The Trojans last had a championship season 21 years ago in 1949.

The two schools were originally aligned against a CIAA scheduling of the title game for Charlotte (NC) on Thanksgiving Day, holding that it was unfair to make them play a well-rested team five days after they, themselves, had fought it out.

But since that original stand, Virginia State has announced that it will play the game, if Morgan is defeated here tomorrow.

The resentment that follows such a switch gives Morgan still another, more bitter incentive . . . LACY.

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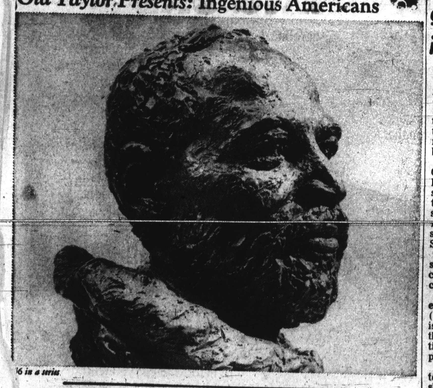
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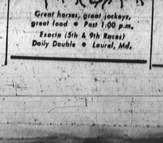
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—School Board

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and that the increase in salary would come as an automatic procedure after Board approval had been given.

"But," he said, "we find this not to be the case." He noted that on September 17th the Board had approved the recommendations of his Commission and had ordered that he be paid a salary equal to that of a director in the school system while serving as chairman of the Ad Hoc Commission.

Mr. Banks also pointed out that Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Thomas D. Sheldon, had made known his opposition to the pay increase prior to the board vote on the matter at the same meeting.

The money for the payment of the Commission's work ($250,000) was agreed upon to come from the existing school budget.

"Two months have elapsed and the following situation prevails," said Banks:

1. The Commission does not have a official payroll from the Central Payroll Division and

2. The chairman of the Commission in spite of the formal action of the Board on September 17th, has not received a director's compensation."

He quickly attributed this lack of payment to the fact that in meeting recently with the Board of Estimates, Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro III had rescinded the action of the Board, and not given the raise to Mr. Banks.

"I view the Board of Estimates' action as a divisive and perplexing anomaly. Their decision has serious implications for all members of the Department of Education," said Banks.

He pointed out that in past years the decisions of the Board of School Commissioners was the final word on educational policy in the city, and that the Board of Estimates may have been overstepping its function.

He said that two questions need to be answered:

1. Does the Board of School Commissioners constitute the final arbiter in developing educational policy for the Department of Education?

2. Are the decisions of the Board of School Commissioners equally binding upon the Superintendent of Public Instruction as well as other members of the Department of Education?"

"Those are good questions," said Philip Macht after Mr. Banks had finished speaking.

Responding to the query, and quoting from Section 92 of the City Charter dealing with Education Budget and Salary, Dr. Sheldon said that he had not recommended the Banks' raise as cause the position had not the Board had directed be- been advertised so that other members of the Department of Education could compete for the position, and that Mr. Banks must hold a title. Banks is currently receiving $16,125 per year.

Dr. Sheldon did say that if Mr. Banks were made acting director of the Commission and if the position were advertised for other members of the Department to compete for, then he would recommend to the Board of Estimates to give Mr. Banks the increase in salary.

As Superintendent of the Schools, Dr. Sheldon must make the recommendations that Banks be given a higher salary.

At this point in a 4-2 vote, the Board voted to table the matter. Those voting against the motion were Commissioners John Sweeney and Nicholas (Boy') Mangione. Those voting for the motion were Commissioners Macht, Daniels, Gibson, and Moss.

The AFRO has learned there will be a meeting next week of black leaders concerned with this and other school matters, and this was the reason for the liberal majority voting to table the issue.

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Other matters tabled were the hiring of Assistants for the School Commissioners.

Dr. Sheldon told the board there was no ban on Sam Cornish, the poet, as charged by a citizen last month. He said that the writer, would be permitted to enter the public schools in the city subject to the discretion of the principle of each individual school. Someone mentioned that Sam Cornish is best described in their opinion as a "beatnik poet."

And Commissioner Sweeney said that he is disturbed about the use of obscene language in the public schools.

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The discussion of recent city-wide test scores was also delayed.

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Commissioner Larry Gibson read to the Board a second progress report on Eastern High School submitted by that school's new principal, Miss Betty Williams. In her report Miss Williams highlighted the following statements:

1. The school's Grievance Committee has received no complaints to date.

2. More than 300 parents attended a PTA meeting on October 29th. Of 70 staff members, 65 were in attendance for parental conferences.

3. A black male librarian assistant was assigned on November 2nd.

4. There have been to date no suspensions.

5. 39 students will begin Work-Study on February 1st.

6. Department heads will present in December plans for broadening offerings in their departments.

In conjunction with this report from Miss Williams, Commissioner Elizabeth Murphy Moss, pointed out that the superintendant's new report shows the number of suspensions has dropped throughout the entire school system especially on the high school level.

But Commissioner Larry Gibson said that the Junior High Schools were "still a problem." He suggested that instead of the Department of Education being divided into Elementary and Secondary Divisions, that there should be established a separate division for junior high administration only.

Mr. Gibson felt that because of the adolescent age of the students a separate administrative division would be better able to handle the schools.

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Before concluding business which had come before the Board before, Dr. Sheldon said on the matter of Per Diem teachers hired since the beginning of the school year that there are 71 teachers in the schools paid on a daily basis.

This condition exists, he said, because there is no assurance that the Board would have enough funding presently to pay full-time teachers. He assured the Commissioners that a supplemental budget is now pending in the City Council. These teachers will remain if they so choose if the additional funds for the Department are approved, the superintendent said.

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In other business the Commissioners approved the recommendation of the Superintendent that because of complaints received from the Metropolitan Transit Authority concerning the misbehavior of some students on public buses that transit drivers be permitted to confiscate free bus tickets from unruly students.

A hearing before the school principal with the parents and the student will determine whether that student rides free on the buses again during that school year.

Five commissioners voted in favor, 1 opposed (James Griffin) and 1 abstained. (Mr. Gibson abstained).

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The Board concluded its business with the granting of an audience hearing to three young white teachers from Western High School. They were: Miss Anna L. Brown, James H. Muir, and Miss Shirley Hartwell.

The three immediately pointed out that any black teachers in the school system might feel threatened to come before the Board to talk on the subject of introducing more "relevant black literature into the school system because of the uncomfortable atmosphere, prevailing on the subject.

Miss Hartwell said that some authors used "obscene" language in their works to realistically express the true feelings of those whom they are writing about, and that this should not curtail their use in public schools as text books for direct class use as distinguished from books in the library available to all students.

She noted that many black authors to get their impressions across to the reader sometimes used language which may be considered offensive to some.

She felt that this should not determine their literary worth: but whether their depictions were true expressions of how they felt was the true standard of merit.

This almost touched off a steamy board debate between Nicholas Mangione and Philip Macht.

Miss Hartwell said that some books as "Up From Slavery," and "To Sir With Love," for too long had been the standard type of black literature in the schools.

Books as "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," and "Native Son," were not in use because, she felt that these books depicted a new image of blacks which many preferred not to see.

Mr. Griffin concurred, noting that these books tell of a new strong black man while others were of the more conventional type depiction of the black.

Mrs. Moss asked Miss Hartwell did she mean that the books "Native Son" and "Malcolm X" provide a more relevant view of the black man as opposed to "Up From Slavery." Miss Hartwell said they did.

Miss Hartwell pointed out that certain insights used in these books helped to provide a more realistic view of life for the 70 percent of the school population which is black.

She said at Western when English teachers requested a meeting from their Department Chairman to discuss the problems of introducing more black literature into the curriculum, the meeting was never held.

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"Teachers are not encouraged to talk about this kind of thing," she said. She noted that she was frustrated over using the "card" system at Western because it took too long for books which teachers wanted to come in, sometimes as long as three years between the time the books are ordered and the time when they are in student's hands.

When asked by Mr. Karwacki whether she ever has used the card system to order books as those she named as more relevant, she said no.

She said that the very fact that black teachers feel threatened about coming to speak on the problem is a "symptom of something wrong in the school."

She made the following recommendations:

(1) Speed up the ordering process for books.

(2) Speed up the selection process.

(3) Lengthen and broaden titles of books.

(4) Encourage the use of lists and let students and teachers decide what books they will read in class.

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All three speakers commended the Superintendant on the proposed new program he announced to provide ordering of books twice a year.

Before adjourning Mrs. Moss called attention to the Superintendent's report which shows that there are 33,106 white boys, 30,283 white girls and 64,161 black boys and 65,118 black girls in the school system, making a ratio of 2-1 in favor of blacks.

The only Commissioner absent was Maree Farring. The next scheduled meeting of the Board is December 3, 1970 at 8:00 p.m. in the Board room at 3 E. 25th St.

City-Poly battle pits best vs. best

Tomorrow's (Saturday) traditional clash between City College and Poly promises to be an interesting matchup.

Many of the leading athletes in the MSA will be seen in action, notably the two top players in passing and rushing.

City's Ben Kinard leads the conference in throwing yardage, although his completion percentage is not as high as that of Mike Buenger of Mt. St. Joe.

Kinard has hit 45 of 116 attempts, and Buenger has connected on 71 of 125. Ben's tosses, however, have netted 774 yards, which is 29 more than Mike has made in seventh.

Buenger has been intercepted nine times.

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The game also will feature Poly's Larry Jones, providing he is able to play. When he was hurt last week the Engineers' top ground gainer had romped for 1,023 yards, 158 more than his closest pursuer, Mike Collier of Edmondson.

In rushing for average, Jones has acquired 5.8 yards per carry. But that is nearly a yard short of George Ragsdale's average for City.

City also has the fourth leading pass receiver and the ninth, in Johnny Pompey (16) and Pill Hemby (10), respectively.

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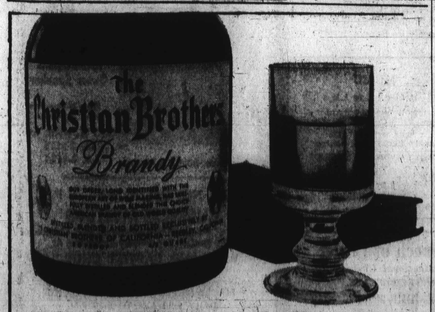
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