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FOREMAN TOO TOUGH FOR ALI

AT THREE O'CLOCK in the morning, Sept. 25 (24th at other parts of the globe), amid elephants and tigers, and diamonds in Darkest Africa – motherland of their ancestry – two black men, both owners of magnificent physiques for legalized mayhem, will slug it out toe to toe for the heavyweight boxing supremacy of the world, while nearly ONE BILLION people sit comfortably watching it, in the biggest cash sports attraction of all time. Here are some of the facts:

WHO – Challenger and former world champion Muhammad Ali (formerly Cassius Clay), at 32, 6 foot 3 and 212 pounds from Louisville, Ky., VERSUS George Foreman, undefeated world heavyweight champion, 24, 6 foot 3 and 220 pounds. Born in Texas, calls California his home.

WHERE -- The City of Kinishasa, Country of Zaire, Continent of Africa. (Better known as Leopoldville when Zaire was the Belgian Congo. Zaire produces nearly half of the world's industrial diamonds.) The fight is set for Sept. 25 at 3 a.m. Zaire time, so that it can be shown in New York at 10 p.m. on Sept. 24, among other places at prime times in North America.

WHAT -- A projected live audience of 100,000 fans (fanatics) at Vingt du Mai (Soccer) Stadium (especially rebuilt for the occasion) will view the battle in person. The closed circuit TV broadcast will be beamed to more than 400 outlets in in the Western Hemisphere, reaching upward of 3 million persons. Closed circuit TV will also bring the spectacle to most European countries. In addition, the fight will be carried live via satellite on home television in more than ONE HUNDRED foreign countries.

WHY -- Each fighter is guaranteed $5 million, no matter whether the bout goes 10 seconds or 15 rounds. Video Techniques, promoting the fight, is expecting the closed circuit television receipts to top $30 million. Barry Burnstein and Henry Schwartz, the top brains behind the promotion, admit the site of the fight has been selected because of the tremendous tax break all participants will get.

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THE MATCH, perhaps the most dramatic fight since the days of Cain and Abel, is but a few days away . . .

Latest odds slightly favor the champion to successfully defend his title.

While Muhammad Ali has the greatest number of backers, the smart money wagerers are now stretching the early 8-5 line, according to the oddsmakers.

The odds, no doubt, would tilt heavily in Ali's favor, but for the bettors' realistic appraisal of Foreman's ability to take his man out suddenly with one swat, either hand.

THE DOPESTERS backing the challenger, in their analyses of the fight, theorized that Ali with 44 wins out of 46 fights, including 31 knockouts (since 1960), is equipped with too much speed and all-around ring savvy to suffer a setback in his most important fight. He would have to be kayoed, they say. This has never happened.

FOREMAN PARTISANS, however, point out that the champion is just too tough and strong for any foe around today. They also quickly add that Foreman, unbeaten in 40 professional fights (beginning 1969), has flattened 37 foes. His last eight outings all ended in two rounds or less, including the beating he gave Joe Frazier, winning the title (Jan.'73) after dropping "Smokey Joe" six times in less than five minutes of boxing.

THE STING – The boxing style of each fighter is exactly opposite. Also, their native loyalties.) Ali is a master pirouetter, while Foreman is a one-directional mover. Ali looks past the American flag, while Foreman proudly waves it. But the question on most lips is: Will Ali's speed and cunning nullify Foreman's strength? Your sportstalker is picking George Foreman to win by a knockout . . . to go out on a limb, call it round 7.

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Picked For A&T Sports Hall Of Fame

GREENSBORO, N.C.- Two North Carolina educators and one from Virginia have been selected for induction into the A&T State University Sports Hall of Fame on September 20.

The latest Aggie inductees will be J. Niel Armstrong, director of summer school at A&T; Robert O. "Bob" Kornegay, a retired teacher and coach from Mt. Olive, N.C. and James H. "Blue" Early, athletic director at Bethel High School in Hampton, Virginia.

The trio will be inducted during a banquet at A&T Sept. 20 in the new Student Dining Center, with Eddie Martin, successful basketball coach at Tennessee State University, serving as speaker.

A native of Rogersville, Tenn., Armstrong is considered to be one of the finest baseball players ever to play for A&T. He lettered in baseball in 1930 and 1931, batting .430 in the first year and .480 in 1931, the year he played in 21 games an hit 27 home runs.

In one game in 1931, he smashed four home runs against Shaw University and hit another round tripper against St. Augustine the next day.

He served as a high school principal in Tennessee and North Carolina for 20 years, before returning to A&T to direct the summer school.

Kornegay was born in Mt. Olive and played four years of varsity football and two years of baseball at A&T.

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FSU Defeats Fort Bragg 24-6

FAYETTEVILLE - Fayetteville State University's defense held the Fort Bragg Dragons to only 45 yards on the ground and rolled to their second win of the season, 24-6.

Defensive senior linebacker Arnold Johnson had 17 assisted tackled, followed by teammate Armond Wrenn with 14, and Tony Reid with 9, as the defensive line held the Dragons at bay all day.

All-CIAA running back James Godwin collected 115 yards in eleven carries while runningmate Glenn McKoy got 51 yards in 13 carries.

FSU punter Johnny Highsmith continues his unbroken streak of conse-

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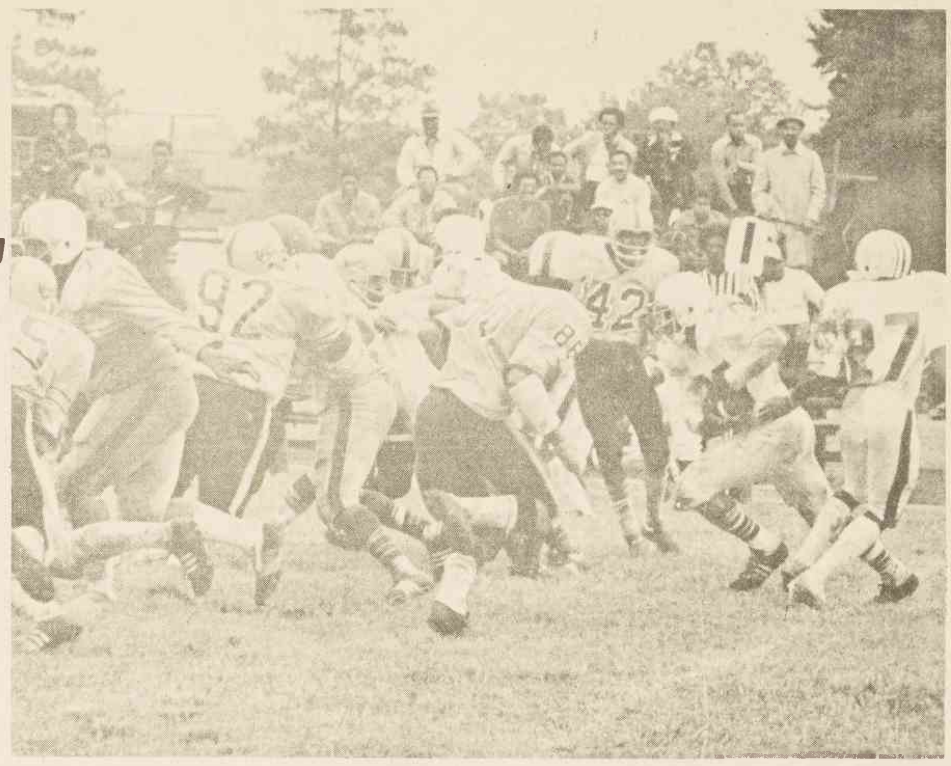

GODWIN RAMBLES--FSU running back James Godwin takes a hand-off from quarterback Jerome McDowell in football action against Federal City College. FSU won the opener, 13-2. [FSU Photo by John B. Henderson]

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