



Tired Muhammad Ali wraps up tired Ken Norton

Ali decisions Norton

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INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Muhammad Ali, shaking off Ken Norton's strength-sapping body punches, put on a two-fisted attack to the head in the final round that carried him to a split 12-round decision last night which avenged his broken jaw loss of last March.

Ali, apparently realizing that he was in danger of suffering what would have been a career-ending loss, came out firing with both hands to the head at the beginning of the 12th round and hardly stopped punching for the entire three minutes as he overwhelmed Norton. The final-round blitz paid off and kept Ali as a major challenger to heavyweight champion George Foreman.

Judge John Thomas gave Ali six points and Norton five on a scoring system in which the winner of a round gets one point and the loser none, with no points for an even round. Referee Dick Young scored it 7-5 for Ali, while judge George Latka gave it to Norton 6-5.

The Associated Press scored it 6-5 for Norton. Thomas said after the fight that he had five points for each man going into the 12th and final round of the slambang duel at the Forum.

Ali seemed to be in serious trouble in the 10th and 11th rounds when solid shots to the body by Norton turned the former heavyweight

champion from a jabbing boxer into a flatfooted fighter who looked every one of his 31 years.

The 11th round was particularly grim for Ali as Norton landed five punishing shots to the body, especially a left hand that dug into the pit of Ali's stomach.

But Ali was not to be denied. He kept his word that he would avenge one of the two losses he has suffered against 42 pro victories. The other defeat was to Joe Frazier in 1971.

It was the loss to Norton in which he suffered a broken jaw last March 31 that was particularly galling to Ali.

Ali contended that he beat himself in the first Norton fight because he was out of shape — he weighed 221 then, compared to 212 for this fight.

Ali worked hard and many observers said he was in the best condition he had been in in many years.

That condition stood Ali in good stead last night as

Norton, 206, applied constant pressure and worked to the body.

Both men appeared hurt on four or five occasions, Ali's eyes reflecting pain from a couple of body punches and two straight right hands. Norton appeared dazed and moved backwards several times from flurries of punches to the head with short right hands by Ali being especially effective.

However, neither man appeared in danger of going down.

major league standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East					East				
W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.		W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.	
Baltimore	82	59	.582	—	St. Louis	72	71	.503	—
Boston	79	65	.549	4½	PIRATES	70	70	.496	1½
Detroit	76	69	.524	8	Montreal	69	73	.486	2½
New York	72	72	.500	11½	New York	69	74	.483	3
Milwaukee	70	73	.490	13	Chicago	68	74	.482	3½
Cleveland	63	84	.429	22	PHILLIES	64	79	.448	8
West					West				
Oakland	82	60	.577	—	Cincinnati	87	57	.604	—
Kan City	78	64	.549	4	Los Ang	84	60	.583	3
Chicago	72	71	.503	10½	San Fran	80	62	.555	6
Minnesota	69	73	.486	13	Houston	73	72	.503	14½
California	64	75	.460	16½	Atlanta	70	76	.480	18
Texas	50	92	.352	32	San Diego	52	90	.366	34

Canevin class of '70 producing

The 1969 Canevin High School football team has grown up and at least four members might be causing a bit of a stir on the national football scene this fall. Offensive tackle Dave Blaino should be in the pit for Pitt, while his former teammate Frank Polito, a senior safety at Villanova, sets off in search of an All-America season for the Wildcats.

Ellis, who will be on hand for Penn State this Saturday at Stanford, said Clements started playing varsity ball in high school as a freshman.

"Tom is a great athlete," Ellis said. "He has the speed, the talent and the moves. He has what it takes."

When the Lions take the field at Palo Alto, Ellis' experience will be counted on heavily since he has started every game the past two seasons.

Speaking of Mike Boryla, Stanford's big passing threat, Ellis said he certainly wasn't running away from the competition. "There's a good one," Ellis

said. "He's tall and tough and cool and he never gets flustered. They're building him up as an All-America so he must be really tough."

"But we're looking forward to meeting him."

The secondary fog that existed this spring has been lifted by fall practice, and the defensive backfield has had to adjust to the loss of All-East safety Greg Ducatte. Throughout the Spring, Ellis was the only certain starter.

Junior Jim Bradley seems to have earned the other halfback slot, while Jack Koniszewski and Scott Mitchell are both listed as starters at safety so

presumably they will be alternating.

Understandably, Ellis indicated he prefers to play against running teams such as Syracuse and N.C. State.

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