

Frazier To Defend Title Against Quarry June 23

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HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Unbeaten Joe Frazier of Philadelphia signed a contract for a guaranteed \$250,000 Wednesday to defend his share of the world heavyweight title against Jerry Quarry of Los Angeles in Madison Square Garden on June 23.

Harry Markson, director of Madison Square Garden Boxing, Inc., said the 24-year-old Frazier, who only Tuesday night knocked out Dave Zyglewicz in the first round in his third title defense, will receive 35 per cent of the net gate receipts and 40 per cent of the ancillaries.

Quarry signed for 25 per cent of the net receipts and ancillaries.

"This is the fight everyone wants to see," said Markson.

The bout will be blacked out in New York, but will be seen nationally on closed circuit tele-

vision and also will be beamed to each continent.

Frazier, who has 20 knockouts in his 23 victories, is champion in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maine and Texas and in Mexico and Argentina.

Quarry is 31-2-4 with 18 ko's. The 1965 Golden Gloves heavyweight champion scored an impressive March 24 victory over

Buster Mathis in New York City. Quarry is ranked No. 2 by the World Boxing Association.

Frazier said "I'm going to spend the rest of the week relaxing and then I'm going right back into training. I know Quarry is tough, so I have to be ready. I saw him against Mathis and he was mean, man, mean."

Yancey "Yank" Durham, Frazier's manager, said "Quarry has

a lot of endurance. His back away style can be dangerous. You have to go after him and any man can be dangerous when you have to come into his house."

Quarry said "I've been running and keeping myself in shape. There's too much at stake for me to get out of condition. I'll have the same determination for this one as I did for Mathis."

Quarry said he sparred some

with Frazier about three years ago and said he noted "some weaknesses although I don't want to give anything away."

Markson said tickets will be scaled from \$10 for mezzanine seats to \$100 for ringside. He said a capacity house would draw in excess of \$750,000.

Both fighters will arrive in New York about five weeks before the fight. Frazier will train

at the Concord Hotel at Kiamesha Lake, N.Y., and Quarry will set up his training quarters at the Grossinger Country Club in Grossinger, N.Y., where he trained for the Mathis bout.

Since winning the title on March 4, 1968, with an 11-round knockout over Mathis, Frazier has successfully defended his crown against Manuel Ramos, Oscar Bonavena and Zyglewicz.

His payday against Zyglewicz Tuesday night was \$48,000 — or roughly \$500 a second for the 96-second knockout.

Durham was asked if he would like Frazier to meet WBA champ Jimmy Ellis if Quarry can be hurled.

"We'd love to fight Ellis if the money is right," he said.

"It could even be right here in the Astrodome."

Arnie Picked In Dallas Golf

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Muscular Arnold Palmer, golf's most dynamic attraction, ranked as the man to beat going into Thursday's first round of the \$100,000 Byron Nelson Classic.

"Anytime that man tees up the ball, he's the one to beat," colorful Chi Chi Rodriguez said.

But he'll have to share the popularity with a new folk hero, Lee Trevino, the U. S. open champion and a Dallas native who drew a sizable gallery, dubbed "Lee's fleas," in Wednesday's pro-am.

The dominance of Palmer, the popular Trevino and defending champion Miller Barber was heightened by the absence of many of the game's top names.

In fact, the field of 144 which opened the first round over the gently rolling, 7,086 yard, par 70 Preston Trail Golf Club course includes only two of the season's top 10 leading money winners — Trevino, No. 2, and Barber, No. 4.

Gary Player, winner of Sunday's rich Tournament of Champions, is home in South Africa for a brief vacation. Masters Champion George Archer has a commitment in Brazil. Two-time U. S. Open champion Billy Casper has an allergy problem. Bunky Henry also has a health problem. Gene Littler, Jack Nicklaus, Dave Stockton and Tommy Aaron simply are taking a week off.

Palmer, the game's all-time leading money winner who had been in a mild slump, appeared to have his game back in shape and was loose and relaxed after his first practice round in the warm, windy weather.

Aggie Car Club Wins Two Firsts

Drivers from the Texas A&M Sports Car Club took first place in two classes at the third annual Pylon Python Slalom held in Pasadena last weekend. The event was put on by the Clear Lakes Sports Car Club and it was a tight course with many switch backs and slaloms.

Mike Bozart drove his Mini Cooper S to a win in the small sedan class with a time of 1:11.5. It took Mike five months to develop his Mini and it must have been time well spent, he has taken a second and a first at the two events he has entered.

Class IV for G and H production cars was won by George Martin in his Sprite. His time of 1:09.3 was eight tenths of a second better than the Triumph Spitfire which took second place. The Sprite was the smallest car to break the 1.10.0 barrier and joined such distinguished company as a fully race prepared MGB, a mid engine, Corvair powered autocross special, a 427 Corvette, a Lotus, SE and a Lotus Europa.

Other TAMSCC drivers present were Roy Rice, who turned a 1:09.5 in his MGA but was charged with an extra five seconds for hitting a pylon. Alan Weckerling was driving the A&M Imports sponsored Datsun Fairlady and he took fourth in class IV. Dick Goss, driving in his first event, was a contender in class III and his TR-3 held together well in its autocross debut.

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