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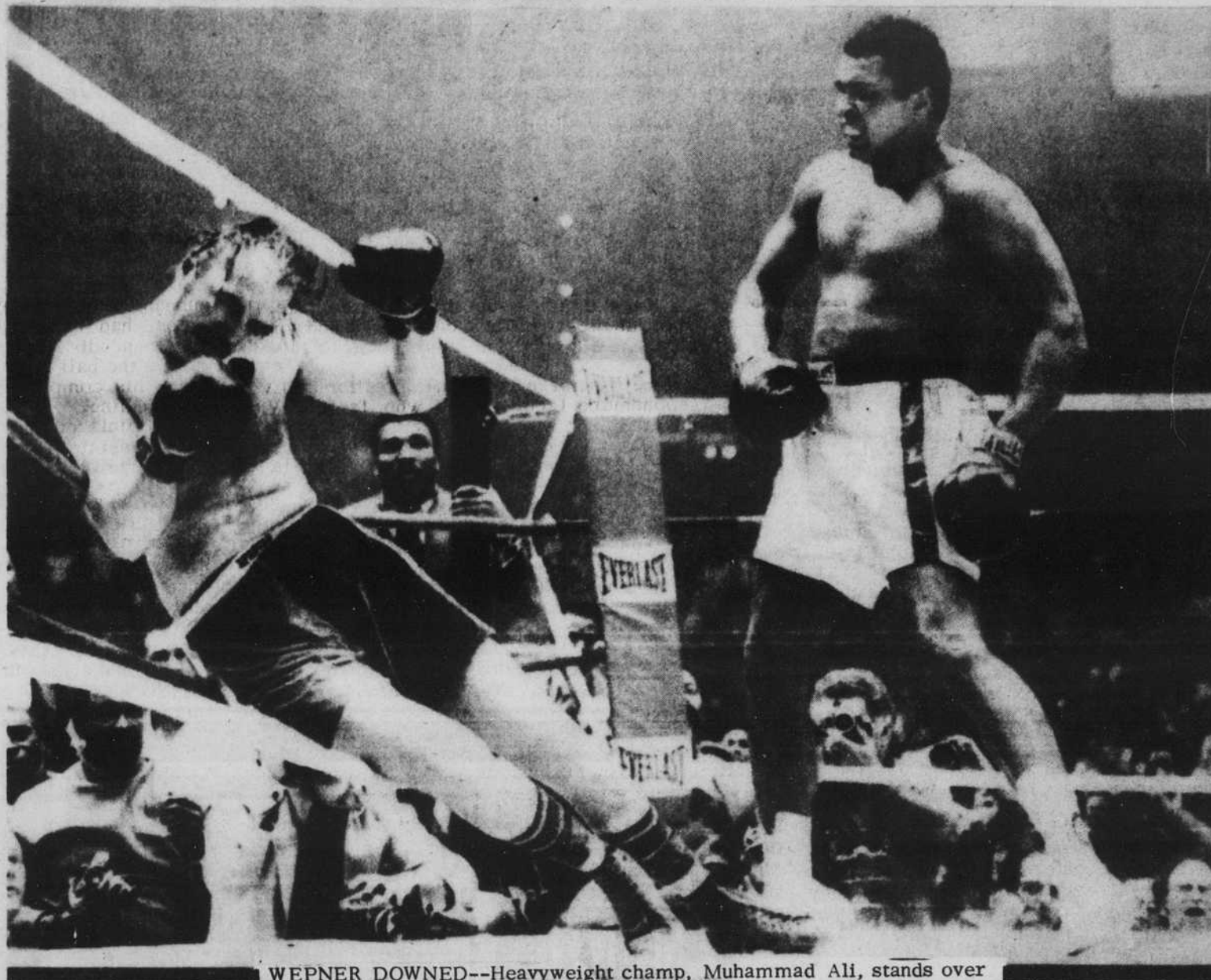
Muhammad Ali rose from a ninth round knock down by Chuck Wepner to knock the challenger out in the last 19 seconds of the 15th round in the Richfield, Ohio title bout Monday.

Some predict the fight will go down in sports history as the joke of the century. Wepner, 35 was dead game for Ali. But he refused to go to the canvas under an increasing barrage of punches over the last three rounds. He suffered frustration throughout the fight.

Ali said, "I didn't get knocked down. He just stepped on my toe and I couldn't get away." Referee Tony Perez said it was a clean knock down by Wepner. But Ali's handler, Angelo Dundee violently disagreed.

Wepner said, "I've been in much tougher fights. The one with Sonny Liston was tougher. He (Ali) never hurt me. I got a little dizzy and fell down."

The scene at the end of the fight looked like a classic comic scene, with Wepner sprawled on the canvas and Ali himself suddenly lying down in the ring. Dundee said, "He went down to get away from the people. The only reason was he didn't want to get hurt by the mob in the ring. It was the funniest thing of the whole fight."



WEPNER DOWNED--Heavyweight champ, Muhammad Ali, stands over his opponent, Chuck Wepner, after knocking him down against the ropes in the 15th round of their championship fight in Richfield, Ohio.

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