



## Online Newsletter

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### *Congratulations*

Congratulations to IBRO's Bruce Trampler on his election into the Florida Boxing Hall of Fame this coming June.

### *Condolences*

Our deepest condolences to Don Cogswell and his wife Anita Yoskowitz on the loss of Anita's father Leon Yoskowitz on January 1, 2013. He was age 94. May he rest in peace!

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- *When Gene Fullmer Gave Pain the Elbow by Mike Casey.*
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- *Cleveland Middleweight Chuck Hunter by Jim Amato.*
- *Gilroy Was Here by Jim Glen and Ian Macfarlane. Book Review by Mike DeLisa.*
- *Member inquiries, ring records, nostalgic articles, photos, illustrations, newspaper clippings and obituaries submitted by several members.*

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*Keep Punching!*

*Dan Cuoco*

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## MEMBER FORUM

### **IBHOF**

The International Boxing Hall of Fame and Museum announced the newest class of inductees to enter the Hall. Modern category inductees include two-division champion Arturo “Thunder” Gatti (posthumous), five-time world champion Virgil “Quicksilver” Hill, two-time light flyweight champion Myung-Woo Yuh, referee Mills Lane, ring announcer Jimmy Lennon, Jr., and journalist Colin Hart. The Class of 2013 also includes lightweight Wesley Ramey and middleweight Jeff Smith in the Old-Timer Category (posthumous); manager Arturo “Cuyo” Hernandez in the Non Participant Category (posthumous); cartoonist Ted Carroll in the Observer Category (posthumous); and Joe Coburn in the Pioneer Category (posthumous).

### **Florida Boxing Hall of Fame**

The Florida Boxing Hall of Fame announced the newest class of inductees to enter the FBHOF. The inductees include: **Fighters:** Howard Davis Jr., Vince Phillips, Petey Sarron, Ezra Sellers, James Warring, David Santos; **Trainers:** Dave Clark, Lou Duva, Roberto Quesada, Luis Sarria; **Promoters:** Henry Rivalta; **Media:** Sharon Robb, Mort Sharnik; **Officials:** Cy Gottfried, Michael Pernick, Frank Skillbred; **Participants:** Ben Finkle, Brad Jacobs, Bernie LaFratta, Bruce Trampler; Also boxing achievement awards will go to IBO President Ed Levine and promoter Aaron Jacobs.

### **Joe Louis Vs. King Levinsky**

Dan, here is a photo I picked up of the weigh-in between Joe Louis and King Levinsky. *Pal J.J. Johnston*

### **DVD of Hector Camacho, Jr. vs. Luis Grajeda Fight**

Hey Dan, I'm looking for a DVD of Hector Camacho, Jr. vs. Luis Grajeda fight from July 28, 2012. It took place in Chihuahua, Mexico and was not televised in the US. I was wondering who amongst the IBRO membership might be ardent fight film collectors and who might have the fight. Can you help me out? *Cheers, Kurt Emhoff* [emhoffk@yahoo.com](mailto:emhoffk@yahoo.com)



# When Gene Fullmer Gave Pain the Elbow

By Mike Casey on January 1, 2013 ([Boxing.Com](#))



*"I was worried. How was I going to get through the next three rounds with only one arm?"*

The great battle of Ogden against the ferocious Fullmer was probably Florentino's finest hour, even though he couldn't quite cross the line...

The Fifties and Sixties were awash with so many dangerous and talented middleweights that boxing fans were wonderfully spoiled for choice. The names rang like a bell and any man among the top fifty could upset the apple cart and have his day in the sun. There were boxers and punchers and boxer punchers. There were straight out sluggers and teak-tough journeymen who lost as often as they won but who could tie you in knots and give you a very unpleasant evening.

One of the most feared contenders among the big punchers was Florentino Fernandez of Cuba. Tall, lithe and lean, with a terrific punch and the strength of an ox, Florentino was a little too fragile against his fellow big hitters to climb to the very top of the tree, but he very nearly won the NBA middleweight championship from Gene Fullmer in a brutal fight at Ogden, Utah, in the summer of 1961.

In a 67-fight career, Fernandez knocked out 43 opponents in his 50 wins, losing 16 bouts and drawing one. The majority of his defeats came after his narrow loss to Fullmer. Florentino was stopped in the fifth round of a great fight with Dick Tiger and destroyed in less than a round by the prime Rubin (Hurricane) Carter. Fernandez, however, always remained dangerous. In 1963, he traveled to Puerto Rico and halted future light heavyweight champion Jose Torres in five rounds, knocking down Jose twice.

But the great battle of Ogden against the ferocious Fullmer was probably Florentino's finest hour, even though he couldn't quite cross the line. For Gene, who prevailed by a 15-round split decision,

the battle was a desperate and seemingly endless night's work which encapsulated all of his magnificent fighting qualities. For Fullmer was battling two opponents during the latter part of that almighty struggle; the ever threatening Fernandez and the searing pain of a broken elbow.

A short time after the fight, champion Gene was inevitably asked who had given him his toughest fight to date. It had to be Ray Robinson, surely, or perhaps Carmen Basilio. Lord knows, Fullmer had enough names to choose from. He had locked horns with a multitude of golden fighters from a golden generation, including Paul Pender, Gil Turner, Del Flanagan, Bobby Boyd, Rocky Castellani, Ralph (Tiger) Jones, Eduardo Lausse, Charles Humez, Wilf Greaves, Ernie Durando, Chico Vejar, Spider Webb and Joey Giardello.

### **Toughest**

"Very often people ask me which was my toughest fight," said Gene. "I guess they all expect me to say Ray Robinson or Carmen Basilio. They were tough fights, all of them, but the fight with Florentino Fernandez last August is one I will always remember. Florentino is a bull-like fighter who has the best single punch of all middleweights in the ring today.



"When he hits you flush with that left hook of his, you wilt. He hit me plenty when I defended my title against him, but I was winning the fight on all scorecards until the twelfth round. Then it happened. I threw a looping right hand at Fernandez and I heard something snap in my right elbow. The pain made me sick to my stomach.

"When I came back to my corner at the end of the round, Marv Jensen (Fullmer's manager) suspected I had hurt my arm. He asked me what was wrong and I couldn't answer him. I was afraid if I opened my mouth I would vomit. The pain from my elbow was going through my whole body, and it seemed to settle in the nerve center of my stomach. I was worried, real worried. How was I going to get through the next three rounds with only one arm? Would I be able to stand the pain? Would I empty my stomach right in the center of the ring the next time I used my right hand?"

Gene's other major concern was not knowing how much Fernandez and his handlers knew about the injury. Did they know at all? Did they know everything and were planning an all-out bombing mission? It was never a garden party when Florentino Fernandez started bombing.

Said Fullmer: "I suspected Fernandez knew he had me in trouble because he fought with renewed vigor toward the end of the twelfth. In spite of a frenzied mind, I answered the bell for the thirteenth round with my mind made up to stay away from Fernandez as much as I could. He rushed out of his corner very unlike a fighter who had been beaten up to that point. Now I knew he was aware of how badly I had been hurt.

"I went on the defensive for the first time that night and for one of the few times in my career I could do nothing else. Fernandez chased me from one side of the ring to the other. I was still sick to my stomach. All the hours that Marv Jensen and Angelo Curley, my trainer, spent teaching me defensive boxing suddenly paid off. I was making Florentino miss with his murderous left hooks, ducking underneath each one and managing to stick a left jab into his face.

"The jab was light but it was enough to keep Fernandez off balance and make him back up a step or two. He was so anxious to knock me out, he swung himself out in the thirteenth and fourteenth rounds. When the bell rang for the fifteenth and last round, we were almost on even terms physically. He was tired and I was hurt. I knew he was tired so I just kept jabbing him., and I did it often enough to win the last round. When the final bell sounded, it was like the end of the war.

"In my own mind I thought I had won the fight with some to spare, but didn't really realize it until I saw Jensen and Curley jumping with joy in my corner. Later, in my dressing room, the doctors told me I had fought the last three rounds with a broken elbow."

## **Injuries**

Those of us who have suffered similar injuries will know of the craving desire to cut our losses and retire to a quiet and peaceful place until the storm blows over. Even a hangover from too much of the hard stuff is a painful reminder of how long a day can be and how difficult it is to perform the simplest of functions.

Yet we know there is no hiding place in life, and there is certainly no refuge in the ring when Florentino Fernandez is trying his level best to take your head off. Some boxers raise the white flag, but they are a tiny minority. Most are natural born warriors at heart who regard it as their sacred duty to hear the final bell, whatever their pain and whatever the result.

Fighting in his own back yard that night, Gene would have surely been forgiven by his home crowd if he had sat down on his stool at some point during that terrible nightmare and told Marv Jensen that he couldn't go on. But quitting was never on the agenda for this toughest of Utah sons.

"Never once during the panic that ran through my mind did I think of quitting," said Gene. "I had every excuse in the world to call it quits in my corner at the end of the twelfth. Nobody would have called a guy with a broken elbow a quitter. Certainly I would have had another chance at Fernandez, even if I quit right there. But, like I say, it never even came to my mind."

It never did with Gene Fullmer.

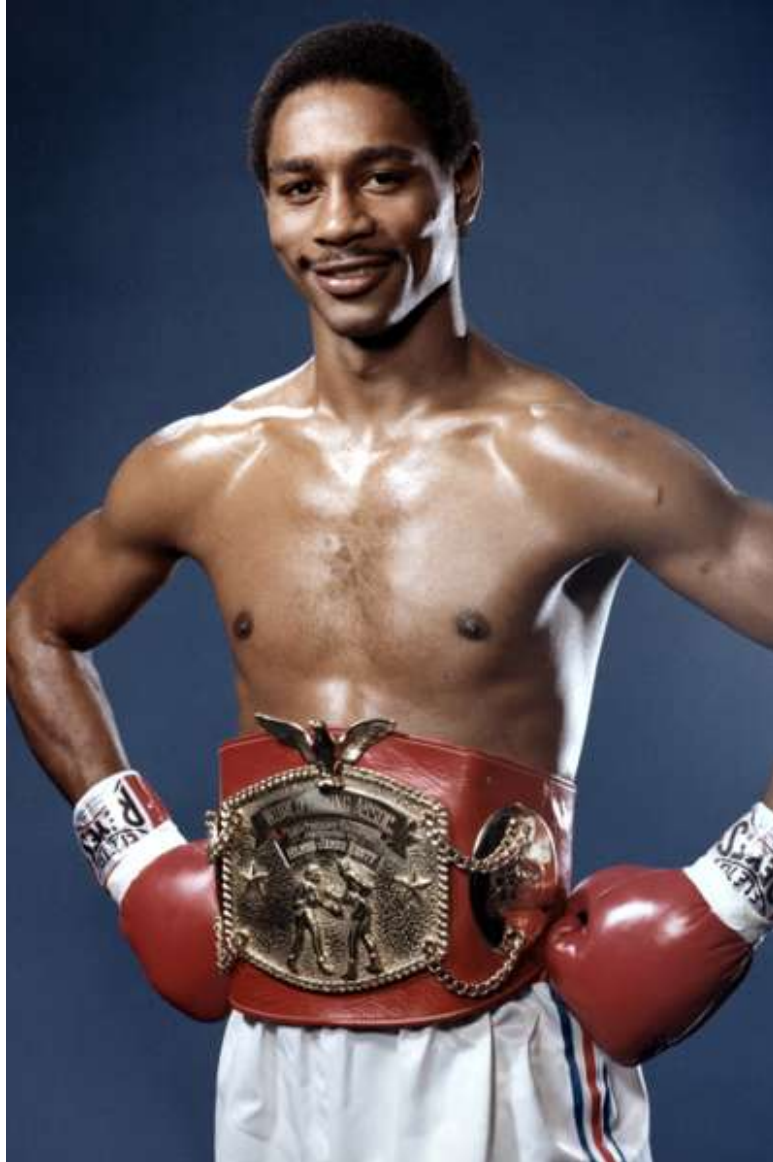
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# Let The Good Times Roll: The Night Hilmer Kenty Won The Lightweight Title

by Carlos Acevedo



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With auto sales down 24% from 1979, inflation up to nearly 20%, and unemployment in Motown a ghastly 15-18%, Detroit sputtered into the 1980s like something produced by American Motors. Add Uniroyal stock spiraling down the proverbial drain, Chrysler, now with Lee Iacocca in charge, still reeling from the 1970s, and one manufacturing plant after another shuttering its doors, and the gloomy citizens of Detroit hardly seemed to have a reason to celebrate. But on March, 2, 1980, whoop it up it they did, and in style, when Hilmer Kenty faced Ernesto España for the WBA lightweight championship.

Over 13,000 fans packed the new Joe Louis Arena to see local favorite Kenty make history. At ringside sat “The Brown Bomber” himself, gaudy print shirt crowned by jumbo collars, only a year or so away from the grave after recently suffering a stroke, but ready to see a world title brought back to Detroit for the first time since Louis himself was in the midst of his heavyweight reign of terror.

Kenty, who had moved to Detroit from Ohio to train at McGraw Street, was also the first world champion produced by Emanuel Steward. But the fight nearly slipped from his grasp. In order to secure Kenty a title shot, Steward had to pay tribute to the new Mafiosi in boxing: banana republic sanctioning bodies. Yes, the likes of Frankie Carbo, Blinky Palermo, and Eddie Coco had been replaced by a conjunto of prizefight grifters in Panama, Mexico, Venezuela, and the Caribbean. Pepe Cordero, outed by Bob Arum as a WBA “Bagman” in 1983 and a one-man-gang of graft, opened his sit-down with Steward in Puerto Rico by placing a gun on his desk as a preamble to negotiations. Unfortunately, Steward was a little light in the wallet for Cordero, who, presumably, did not accept personal checks or Layaway. Steward returned to Detroit, hocked what he could, and finally managed to raise the kickback. It was done: Hilmer Kenty would be fighting for the lightweight title.

España, from Venezuela, was a WBA prodigal son. From 1979—when he won the lightweight title vacated by Roberto Duran—to 1982, when he got his last gratuitous payday against Ray Mancini—España had someone to watch over him: a Purple Gang in pastel colors. But sometimes all it takes to run out of luck in boxing is a stiff jab and a whistling right and Kenty brought both of these with him to the riverfront. Before a national television audience on ABC, Kenty rebounded from an early knockdown, mixed it up freely, and left España looking like someone had dropped a Plymouth Volaré on him. Although Kenty, at nearly 5’11, was as skinny as David Bowie was during his “Thin White Duke” phase, he chose to pressure España from the opening bell. “We outpsyched him,” Kenty said after the fight. “He thought we were going to run from him, but I told him that when the bell rung I’d be dead in his face and I was.” In the 9th round, Kenty battered a helpless España around the ring, forcing referee Larry Rozadilla to intervene, and bedlam took over the Joe Louis Arena.

By the mid-1980s, Steward had already established the Kronk Gym as an assembly line of topnotch prizefighters, but Hilmer Kenty, who had been a 5-1 underdog against España, provided the raw material for his first world champion. A few months later, of course, it would be Thomas Hearns who would rally Detroit. In the midst of a staggering recession, it was, incredibly, two prizefighters and an extraordinary manager/trainer who brought a sliver of hope to a ragged metropolis. “Having a world champion right here in your own hometown is something kids can identify with,” Steward told KO in 1982. “The kids living in this neighborhood can walk by and see the Cadillacs, Corvettes, and Rolls-Royces in the parking lot and what it tells them is that they can be a success, too. It’s uplifting.” It certainly was in 1980. For Kenty, for Steward and, especially, for thousands of weary citizens, it was a brief reminder that Detroit, with its Art Deco skyscrapers reaching for the stars downtown, was once the City of Dreams.

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## CLEVELAND MIDDLEWEIGHT CHUCK HUNTER

*by Jim Amato*

Back in the 1940's and 50's the great boxing city of Cleveland produced a fine middleweight contender named Chuck Hunter. Born in 1925, Hunter would enjoy great success in the amateur ranks. In 1943 he would win the Chicago Golden Gloves title, the Intercity Golden Gloves title and the National AAU championship at 135 pounds. He would turn professional in July of that year with a three round knockout win over Woody Sweeney. Chuck would win three more and then be matched with veteran Maxie Berger. Maxie came into this bout with over 80 wins in over 100 fights! Chuck was overmatched and ended 1943 losing an eight rounder to Berger.



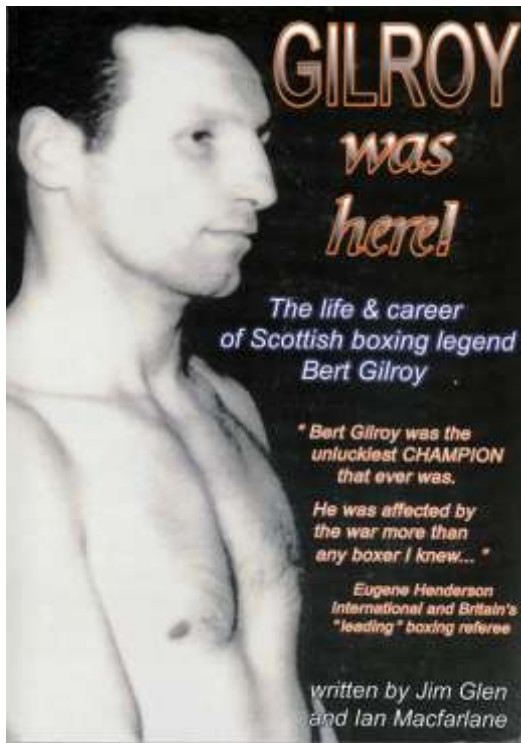
Two fights into 1944 and Chuck found himself in the ring with Youngstown's exceptional Tommy Bell. Again overmatched at this point in his career, Hunter was halted in the second. For the rest of 1944 Hunter would go 9-2. He went ten rounds with Bell in a December rematch but lost a unanimous decision. Chuck started 1945 well with two knockout victories but his success was short lived as he would lose his next three bouts to Alex and Jimmy Doyle and a third bout with Bell. Then Hunter would pull a few surprises of his own upsetting California Jackie Wilson and Rueben Shank. In 1946 Hunter would lose a close verdict to Cecil Hudson. He would rally to defeat Bobby Berger and Sam Baroudi but lose again to Hudson to close out the year.

Chuck would win his first five fights of 1945 including a kayo over the ever dangerous Artie Levine. Then disaster struck in the form of the murderous punching Bob Satterfield. Bad Bob knocked Chuck out in the tenth and final round. It would take twenty minutes to revive Hunter. In his next bout Hunter lost a split decision to Jimmy Edgar. Chuck would then travel to Scranton, Pennsylvania to be stopped in two rounds by Jerry Petrovich who had a 3-1 record coming in. Despite the bad luck Hunter would turn it around again in 1948 by defeating Dave Clark, Cecil Hudson and Steve Belloise. He ended the year losing a verdict to tough Nick Barone but he would start 1949 by again defeating Artie Levine.

Chuck's career was turning into a roller coaster now. He would lose twice to the talented Tommy Yarosz but defeat Billy Brown and Dick Wagner. In 1950 Hunter would meet Jake LaMotta at the Cleveland Arena. With a big crowd on hand the rugged LaMotta wore down Hunter and stopped him in the sixth. From this point on Hunter would go 4-10. He decisions to Harold Johnson and Bobo Olson as well as being DQed for slapping versus Rocky Graziano in 1951. That was Chuck's swan song. He hung up the gloves for good in 1953. His final ledger was 45-26-1. He fought four world champions as well as several solid contenders. He did the city of Cleveland proud.

# "Gilroy Was Here"

by Jim Glen and Ian Macfarlane  
Book review by Mike DeLisa



Bert Gilroy was perhaps one of the unluckiest boxers of the first half of the last century. In 1939, just as he was approaching his peak, the Scottish boxer, like so many other fighting men of his era, was called to war.

One unfortunate circumstance is that Gilroy, besides being deprived of his opportunity at a world title, is that his entire career seems to have been obliterated and forgotten. Luckily, a recent book, *Gilroy Was Here* corrects that unfortunate loss.

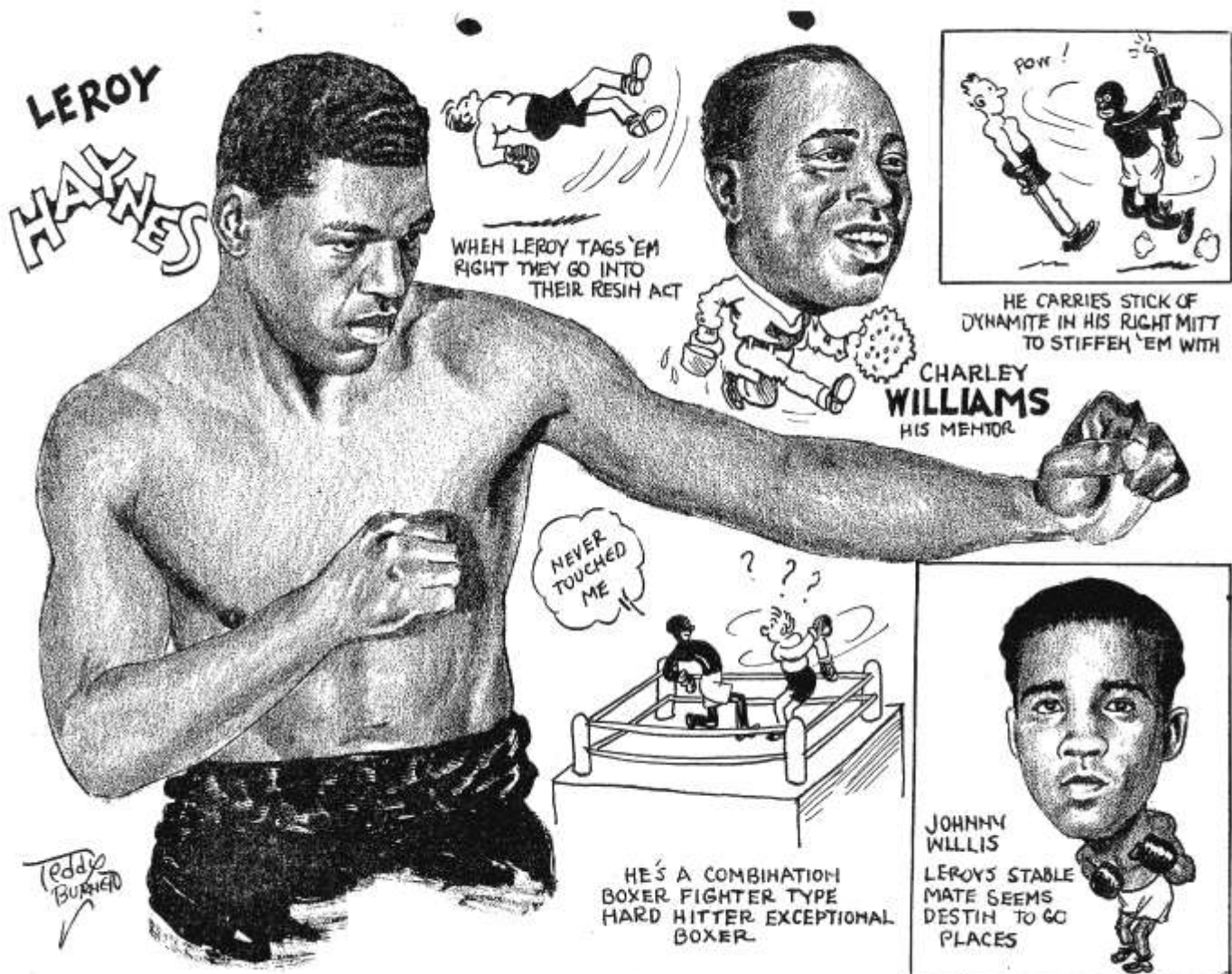
*Gilroy Was Here*, which was written by Gilroy's grandson and Ian Macfarlane, is a tremendous look into the world of pre- and postwar British boxing. Some of the internecine political squabbles were tougher than the battles in the ring, but through it all, Gilroy remained a dedicated, talented performer.

Gilroy, born in Airdrie, Scotland, in 1918 to parents of Italian ethnicity, began boxing at age 15, in 1933. In addition to the sanctioned bouts of the day, Gilroy fought many unsanctioned bouts as well as an estimated 300 "booth" bouts, meeting all comers. In 1938, just 20 years old, Gilroy annexed the Scottish middleweight championship by whipping Tommy Smith over 15 rounds. After beating tough "Ginger" Saad, Gilroy was matched with the "Rochdale Thunderbolt" Jock McAvoy.

Unfortunately, a serious illness prevented Gilroy from meeting McAvoy -- indeed many thought his career was over. The authors do an excellent job of tracing Gilroy's career during these desperate times. Gilroy's comeback starting in 1941 was a marvel, and his bouts are fairly described.

The authors also go into detail as to how Gilroy was treated by the British Board of Boxing Control, which allowed other British fighters to duck Gilroy. *Gilroy Was Here* is an excellent look at an unfairly overlooked fighter, and is highly recommended by the Cyber Boxing Zone.

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**Leroy Haynes fought professionally from 1930 until 1941**

**and compiled a record of**

**Won 45 (KO 35) + Lost 23 (KO 6) + Drawn 3 = 71**

Courtesy of J.J. Johnston

# SIKI RELATES HOW BOUT WAS FRAMED

Tells Paris Newspaper Men  
Why He "Double-Crossed"  
Carpentier During Fight.

## MOVED BY CROWD'S JEERS

Senegalese Says He Changed His  
Mind During Third Round—Diagne  
to Push Black Boxer's Case.

PARIS, Dec. 4 (Associated Press).—Battling Siki, the Senegalese conqueror of Georges Carpentier, declared today in the presence of Deputy Diagne and two witnesses that his fight with Carpentier for the light-heavyweight world's championship had been "framed," but that during the fight he had determined to be the winner.

Siki said that once he was in the ring, in front of a crowd of 50,000 persons and conscious of his own strength, he had a revulsion of feeling, despite reminders from his corner during his minute's rest after the third round, and decided to go in and win.

Deputy Diagne listened to this story from the deposed black champion, recently bereft of his title by the Boxing Federation, as it was told to newspaper men, and said it was exactly the same story Siki had related to him, and that Siki said he would tell in court. Diagne said he had proof of it. This was the only reason, the Deputy stated, for his agreeing to fight the case of the Senegalese.

That the Siki-Carpentier battle, which Siki declares was designed to be the most monumental frame-up in the history of boxing, "the frame-up of the century," became the greatest tragedy of double-crossing and caused the downfall of Europe's idol, was due to the pride of the black fighter, he declares.

"I could not lie down before 50,000 persons acclaiming me," he said. "Never before had I been on my knees to any man."

### Agreed to Quit in Fourth.

Siki declared that fifteen days before the fight he agreed to quit in the fourth round.

"But inside my heart," added the fighter, "I kept repeating: 'I will knock him dead if I can.'"

"I was supposed to take a short count in the first round, then go to the floor again in the second, followed by a nine-second count just before the bell in the third round, come up groggy for the fourth round, then drop with both arms outstretched and be counted out.

"I entered the ring in a bewildered condition," continued Siki, "and began to do as I agreed, dropping to one knee in the first round after two minutes of fighting. Bernstein (the referee) brought me up sharply, saying, 'Get up, Siki, you're not hurt.'"

"I was in a trance throughout the second round, discussing within myself whether I should lie down or fight. Georges wasn't hurting me, although he reached me with two hard rights to the jaw which caused the ringside spectators to grunt much harder than I did.

"At the beginning of the third round I had fully decided that I would take another count as agreed," Siki went on, "but the round had progressed two minutes before Georges hit me hard enough to give me a chance to go down. A right swing then hit me high on the cheek, and I said: 'Here goes.' I dropped to one knee, fully resolved to stay there.

"Then the howls of the multitude reached my head, which seemed to clear. 'He's beaten; the negro is finished,' were the jeers that assailed me.

*New York Times, December 5, 1922*

### Changed His Mind.

"Then during the seven seconds that I was kneeling before Carpentier I made up my mind to fight. I knew I could win. You remember how I jumped up and swung my left, which caught Georges flush on the point of the jaw."

Siki rose and gave a demonstration for the benefit of Deputy Diagne, who looked on with apparent pride at his compatriot.

"You know the rest," continued Siki, "how Georges, with a pained look of surprise on his face, went down for the count of four and then clinched."

"From the fourth round on I didn't hurt him too badly. I felt him to be very weak, his blows lacking sting. I whispered to him several times that he should quit, but instead he butted me twice and hit me below the belt, which further enraged me and strengthened my determination to win, especially as the crowd was now favoring me and cheering, while they hooted Georges for his rough work."

Deputy Diagne, who recently took up the defense of Siki in the Chamber of Deputies and is suing the French Boxing Federation for the rehabilitation of his fellow-countryman, intervened at this stage.

"This is the story he told me, and which I believe," he said: "This morning his former manager, Hellers, called me up on the telephone and thanked me for my efforts on behalf of Siki, but requested that I discontinue them, saying that in Siki's own interest the matter should be allowed to drop in order not to antagonize the French Boxing Federation. However, I shall have this matter thrashed out before the courts to the finish."

### Makes Appeal to Justice.

"Siki," he continued, "was sentenced without being given an opportunity to be heard before the Federation. This is unprecedented in the annals of any justice in the world. I am not concerned whether or not this kills boxing in France. I want justice done, and I desire to clear up the pestilential atmosphere surrounding this case."

"As to the Boxing Federation's threat to sue me, it makes me smile. The white man refuses to be reconciled to the idea that the black man may be his equal either physically or mentally. This poor Siki here, who is using his fists to earn his living, has been made a living example of this state of mind of the whites."

Siki broke down at this and wept.

"I have been too good; I wanted to be too honest," he cried. "Why didn't people leave me alone? This is a lesson for me. I am through with so-called friends. I have retired to a little place just outside the walls of Paris and I am getting in trim, and you will never see me on the boulevards until this thing is cleared up, which must be soon, because I am nearly broke and am now deprived of the right to earn a living."

## SIKI FRAME-UP TALE DENIED BY HELLERS

Ex-Manager of Senegalese  
Boxer Says His Charge Was  
Paralyzed With Fear.

### CARPENTIER IS EMPHATIC

Says He Had Nothing to Gain by  
Agreement—Descamps Calls  
Insinuations Infamous.

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PARIS, Dec. 5.—M. Hellers, Siki's manager at the time of the Carpentier bout, denied absolutely today the Senegalese boxer's allegation that the match was a frame-up. Hellers says everything was in perfect order and arrangements for the match were made in good faith. There was no frame-up and all of Siki's statements about the existence of a private agreement between Descamps and himself were absolutely false, according to Hellers.

"What was wrong with Siki," says Hellers, "is that during the first part of the bout he was paralyzed with fear. He would never have come out of his corner if Carpentier had not walked across the ring and hit him."

Hellers declared that he was the only manager who ever succeeded in putting up with the black boxer and that Siki had always been obedient to his wishes until now. But now, he said, "some one has led him into making all these false statements for political motives."

In another interview given today Siki reiterated his statements with new details of the alleged deal between Hellers and Descamps. When asked what he was going to do further in the matter Siki answered, "Keep away from drink and do everything possible to get back my boxing license."

### Carpentier Denies Allegation.

Georges Carpentier and Manager Descamps tonight denied the allegations of Siki and Deputy Diagne.

"What, have I to respond to the calumnious insinuations of Siki?" Carpentier demanded. "What credit should one accord this man and what does he hope for in trying to defame me? Does he think these allegations are going to re-qualify him? Will not my sporting record—honorable, it seems to me—plead for me?"

"Why should I accept such an agreement when I was certain—too certain, alas! since my excess confidence made me lose the match—of beating my adversary in the first round?"

"My interest, like that of all champions, is to obtain rapid victories, and those which I've won in that fashion have been most appreciated by the public.

"Can one think, besides, that I should have sought Siki in his corner when he tarried to rise at the commencement of the last round if the match had been arranged? Look at my hands. They still bear traces of the blows I struck. Here's an X-ray of the metacarpus. It is clear. They were all broken. Does that look like arrangement? When these hands are well we'll see how Siki will last before me—for it is only by that method that I wish to regain my title. Ah, that they will hurry and requalify Siki! Then the world will see if this was a fake.

### Descamps Calls It Infamy.

Descamps stated: "This charge is infamy. What combine? Carpentier winner in fourth? Georges's greatest interest lay in winning rapidly.

"I am at the disposition of all who desire to clear this matter. No one wishes more than I that this affair be liquidated as quickly as possible. I am ready to respond to all convocations."

Paul Rousseau, President of the French Boxing Federation, contented himself with this simple statement: "When the federation is asked to make an investigation it will do it with the greatest possible celerity."

*New York Times, December 6-7, 1922*

## REFEREE'S STORY BACKS UP SIKI

### Bernstein Says Black Boxer Asked Carpentier Not to Hit So Hard.

### IS TOLD TO GO HOME.

### Official Advice to Siki Is That He Return to Senegal—Georges Protests Charges.

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PARIS, Dec. 6.—Tomorrow's *Matin* will attribute a statement to M. Henri Bernstein, who refereed the much-discussed Carpentier-Siki bout, which is the most damaging piece of evidence so far produced, to back up Siki's assertion that the bout was nothing but a frame-up, the terms of which he broke. Bernstein, according to *Le Matin*, was puzzled by certain words he overheard during the bout. He made a declaration to the Committee of Referees, which is under the jurisdiction of the French Boxing Federation, which included the following amazing sentences:

"I heard Siki say to Carpentier, 'Don't hit so hard. What is the use to hit so hard when it is all settled.' During the fourth round I heard Carpentier say: 'Will you lie down? Get down.'"

The Committee of Referees submitted a report of Bernstein's declarations to the Council of the Federation, which made a rapid inquiry. The council, however, was not convinced that the words overheard proved a frame-up, and closed the inquiry by stating that boxers often said all sorts of things "in order to intimidate an adversary." The developments since that time will probably cause the council to decide to open again the inquiry regarding the alleged frame-up.



### Carpentier Protests Story.

PARIS, Dec. 6 (Associated Press).—Georges Carpentier in newspaper interviews today added his protestations to those of Francois Descamps, his manager, to the assertions of Battling Siki that the boxers' recent meeting was to have been framed.

Carpentier's chief argument in his efforts to discredit the statements of the Senegalese is to show his badly damaged knuckles and to exhibit X-ray photographs of his hands, taken after the fight, which show that all the metacarpal bones were broken.

"Does that look like a fake fight?" queried Carpentier. He also asked whether it was likely that he would arrange a frame-up for a bout he was so sure of winning that he actually lost it by overconfidence. The former champion asserted that since his defeat his one ambition has been to meet Siki again and re-establish his reputation.

An interesting scene in this latest sporting drama was enacted in the office of the newspaper L'Auto last evening when Siki and his former manager, M. Hellers, meeting by accident, had a heated passage of words over the charges, the truth of which Hellers denies. The argument, which took place in the presence of the astounded newspaper staff, ended where it began.

Siki told L'Auto that he had been received yesterday afternoon at the Ministry of the Colonies by an official who recommended to him that he return to Senegal. Siki did not say if he intended to follow this advice, confining himself to declaring that he planned to abandon boxing and take up some other occupation.

## Fight Film Shows Descamps In Siki's Corner in Fourth

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Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—The inquiry committee of the French Boxing Federation, which is examining the whole question of Siki's disqualification and his subsequent accusations regarding the Carpentier fight, yesterday closely examined the film of the fight, which was several times screened for its benefit. The conclusions drawn are not yet known, but meanwhile a Paris sporting paper points out a coincidence which certainly appears difficult to explain. During the fourth round, in which Siki alleges he was to lie down but didn't, Carpentier's manager, Descamps, is shown by the film to rush from his own to Siki's corner, excitedly gesticulating, and there hold a conversation with Siki's manager, Hillers. Having said that nothing remarkable was shown by the film during the first three rounds, the paper continues:

"Then comes an amazing sight. Francois Descamps, manager of Carpentier, the world's champion staggering beneath Siki's blows, goes to Battling Siki's corner and visits his manager, Charlie Hellers, in the enemy camp. Onlookers in the front rows were too excited by the fight to notice anything. And presently, having said what he had to say to Hellers with animated gestures not easily explicable in this place, Descamps returns to his own corner. The Boxing Federation can draw its own conclusions."



# **Plan Heavyweight Round-Robin To Get Champion for Duration**

## **List Jan. 8 Match for Bivins-Savold and Nova-Mauriello Bout Winners—Survivor to Rule Till Louis Returns**

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Boxing will have an outstanding civilian heavyweight on the night of Jan. 8 in Madison Square Garden if Promoter Mike Jacobs's plans materialize.

The Twentieth Century S. C. executive yesterday announced selection of this date for a battle between the victors in the Jimmy Bivins-Lee Savold struggle to be held tomorrow night in the Garden, and the Lou Nova-Tami Mauriello clash to be held there Dec. 11.

The purpose of this round-robin is to develop a top-ranking heavyweight to serve as a class leader while Champion Joe Louis is serving his country. Whether the plan will receive the official endorsement of the State Athletic Commission and the National Boxing Association remains to be seen.

### **Seek Wartime Leader**

Advocates of the idea stress the desirability of having a war-time leader as an incentive for civilian heavyweights for the duration and agree the survivor of this quartet will merit recognition until such time as Louis returns to ply his trade.

This arrangement will lend added significance to the ten-

round argument between Bivins and Savold tomorrow. The boxers completed their training yesterday, Bivins with a three-round sparring drill against Teddy Wint at Stillman's Gymnasium and Savold at Greenwood Lake, N. J., where he confined his activities to calisthenics.

Jacobs reported encouraging demands at the box-office for the bout which will mark the first appearance of Bivins in a local ring. He will concede close to twenty pounds to Savold, the Clevelander weighing 176 pounds yesterday. Savold weighed 193. Notwithstanding, Bivins is favored to win.

### **Nova and Mauriello Boxing**

The Garden promoter received word yesterday that both Nova and Mauriello have started serious training for their Dec. 11 engagement. Mauriello is boxing at Stillman's Gymnasium, being careful to protect his nose, broken in his conquest of Savold the last time out for the Bronx lad.

Nova, back once again on a "comeback" stint, did his first boxing at Greenwood Lake, N. J., where he plans to continue with daily workouts.

# REFEREE ATTACKED BY LOSER'S PILOT

Miller Is Set Upon by Ryan  
After Durando Finishes  
Castellani in Seventh

## OFFENDER IS SUSPENDED

His Boxer's Purse Held Up  
Pending a Hearing—Weill  
Beaten in Dressing Room

By JAMES P. DAWSON

The dynamite-laden right fist of Ernie (The Rock) Durando turned impending defeat into spectacular victory last night at Madison Square Garden and narrowly missed touching off a riot.

One paralyzing thrust by Durando sent Rocky Castellani of Luzerne, Pa., into a technical knock-out in the seventh round of what was to have been a ten-round battle.

A right uppercut sent Castellani down for a count of nine. He fell on his face. He had half-stumbled down for a similar count in the sixth round from a grazing right to the jaw.

When the Pennsylvanian arose from the seventh-round knock-down he was groggy and incapable of protecting himself, an inviting target for a blow that might have had serious consequences. Referee Ray Miller waved an end to the battle after the round had gone 2 minutes 4 seconds.

Before anyone was aware of what was happening, Castellani's manager, Tommy Ryan, leaped across the ring to Referee Miller's station in a neutral corner, and without ceremony, began throwing punches at the arbiter.

### Rush to Miller's Aid

The Garden immediately was in an uproar. Men and women stood on chairs screeching and yelling, while special police and State Athletic Commission deputies, along with Referee Al Berle, hustled into the ring to the side of Miller.

Without attempting to strike back at his assistant Miller, nevertheless protected himself against the rain of punches unleashed by the infuriated Ryan while his beaten boxer was led to his corner.

Shouts of acclaim for Durando mingled with the excited yells provoked by one of the most disorderly scenes ever beheld in a New York ring.

Ryan was still trying to land a punch on Miller when the restraining arms of special police and commission officials ended the melee.

That, however, was not the end of the excitement. In Castellani's dressing room immediately following the bout, Matchmaker Al Weill of the International Boxing Club was set upon by several persons he refused to name. Under a shower of flailing fists his glasses were broken and his left jaw bruised.

Chairman Robert K. Christenberry of the State Athletic Commission announced at the ringside, following a consultation with Commissioner Dr. Chilan B. Powell, that Ryan was automatically suspended, that Castellani's purse was withheld pending an investigation and that a meeting would be held next Friday to determine what further action the commission could take.

### "To Regret His Action"

"I can only say now that I shall bend every effort to make this fellow regret his action in this disorderly scene," said Christenberry.

"The outburst was absolutely uncalled for. There was positively no cause for it. The boy, Castellani, was manifestly hurt and in no condition to continue. We cannot have these disorderly scenes here. Boxing could not live under such conditions. For a man so far to lose his sense of proportion under such circumstances is inexcusable.

"I offer no criticism of the referee. He did a good job. He acted as circumstances warranted. He was perfectly right in stopping the bout since Castellani could not defend himself and might have been hurt.

"Such a demonstration as this is bad not only for the people watching it about the ringside, but from the standpoint of those who were viewing the bout on television and listening to the broadcast of events. I shall exert all my power to see that the incident is not repeated. Certainly it will be a long time before Ryan will have a chance to engage in another such situation in this state."

Chairman Christenberry's statement indicates Ryan's license as a manager here will be revoked. Whether his end of Castellani's purse will be declared forfeit will be determined at Friday's meeting.

### Prepared to Prosecute

City policemen attended Matchmaker Weill in one of the dressing rooms after the bout, giving rise to the report Ryan had been arrested. This proved untrue. Christenberry said he was prepared to prosecute to the full extent of the law had an arrest been made. Ryan's quick disappearance from the Garden forestalled this move.

Miller said none of Ryan's punches had hurt him. He called Ryan's rowdy action "an explosive emotional reaction," after his boxer was defeated.

Castellani was on the road to repeating a triumph he scored over Durando two years ago, when disaster overtook him. He was the betting choice to repeat last night at odds of 5 to 7.

In the first six rounds Castellani had things practically his own way. His superior boxing made this a one-sided match. The Luzerne fighter stuck and jabbed Durando almost at will with left jabs and left hooks.

A head-on collision in the opening round opened a gash an inch long under Durando's left eye. Left hooks opened a slight cut under his right eye in the third round. Dr. Vincent A. Nardiello examined

the wounds after the fourth and sanctioned a continuance of the bout.

Not until the sixth round did Durando, plodding along despite the buffeting, reach the target. Then, after absorbing four right-hand drives to the head, he grazed the jaw with a right which sent Castellani to the ropes. Coming off the strands, Castellani stumbled and fell. He stayed down, his head between Durando's knees, for an inaudible count of "nine." Something went wrong with the amplifying system so that only "nine" came out of the speaker. In any event, Castellani wasn't hurt. He proceeded to out-box Durando and easily overcame the New Jerseyite's bull-like rushes.

### Evades a Left Hook

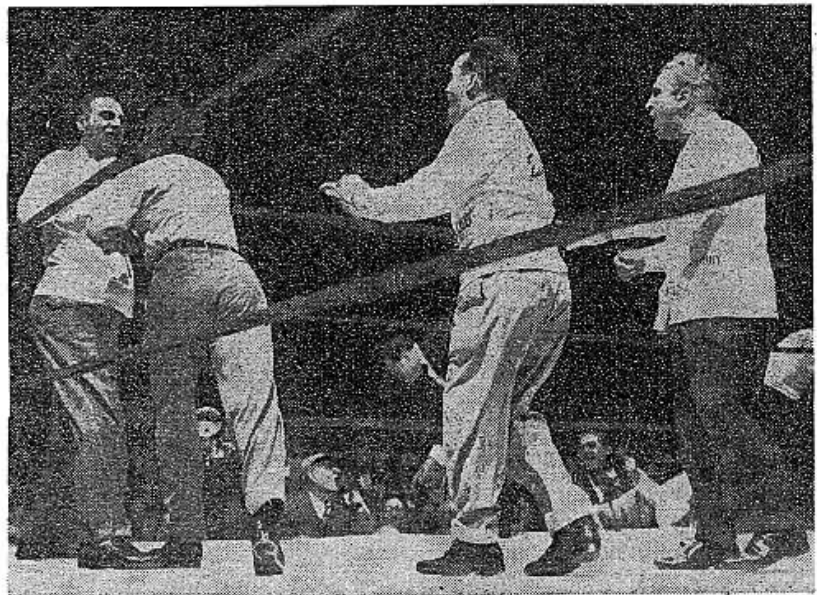
In the seventh, suddenly, in mid-ring, Durando let fly with a terrific right uppercut as his foe came in; head down. Durando stepped inside a left hook to deliver the finishing blow. Under the impact of that right uppercut to the jaw, Castellani went down on his face and remained down until Referee Miller counted nine.

Arising, Castellani swayed back to the ropes near a neutral corner. After a moment of hesitation, Durando leaped in for the kill, but Miller waved him aside, signaling an end to the bout.

Durando weighed 157½ pounds and Castellani 158½. The crowd numbered 5,799 and the receipts amounted to \$20,685.

Julie Keene, 171½, Washington, D. C., won a decision over Artie Towne, 167½, Harlem, in the semi-final, cut from eight to six rounds. Dick Watkins, 138, Philadelphia, took a six-round verdict over Cliff Anderson, 135, Harlem. Charlie Lester, 218, Cleveland, scored in six rounds over Keen Simmons, 207, Bayonne, N. J. Freddie Messina, 13½, Paterson, N. J., won a four-round award over Freddie Rod, 134, Bronx, and in another four-round bout Jimmy Hackney, 138, Philadelphia, outpointed Bobby Timpson, 136½, Harlem.

### A NON-SCHEDULED BATTLE AND A MAIN-BOUT KNOCKDOWN



Tommy Ryan (extreme left), manager of Rocky Castellani, fighting with Referee Ray Miller as he protests the latter's action in stopping the Castellani-Ernie Durando bout in the seventh round at the Garden last night and declaring Durando the winner. Johnny Dalsanno (right) and Lou Laico, trainer and second for Durando, add their voices to the uproar.



Castellani heads for floor after being hit by Durando in sixth round  
Associated Press

January 12, 1952 (New York Times)

# Castellani Pilot Suspended Here; Grand Jury May Act in Disorder

By JAMES P. DAWSON

The disorderly scene which marked Ernie Durando's seventh-round knockout of Rocky Castellani in their scheduled ten-round middleweight bout on Friday night in Madison Square Garden yesterday appeared headed for a grand jury investigation.

District Attorney Frank Hogan's office last night had the matter under advisement. Tomorrow the District Attorney will have the minutes of an investigation launched yesterday morning by the State Athletic Commission. A perusal of this data will determine whether the situation warrants a grand jury inquiry looking to possible criminal prosecution.

In the meantime, Tommy Ryan, manager of Castellani, is under indefinite suspension here for a succession of incidents after the Garden bout that just fell short of a riot. Ryan's real name is Thomas Eholi, Dan Dowd, executive secretary of the commission, testified.

Independent of any action by the District Attorney's office, the State Athletic Commission will follow yesterday's investigation with a full-scale hearing next Friday when the board will take the necessary disciplinary action, it was announced by Chairman Robert K. Christenberry.

The commission investigation

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followed an outburst by Manager Ryan in which he launched an attack on Referee Ray Miller in the Garden ring immediately after Miller had halted Castellani's bout with Durando in 2 minutes 4 seconds of the seventh round.

A right uppercut to the chin had stretched the Luzerne, Pa., middleweight on the floor for a count of nine. He arose groggy and appeared in danger of serious injury when Referee Miller intervened.

The outburst against Miller was followed by an attack on Matchmaker Al Weill of the International Boxing Club, Inc., in Castellani's dressing room. Testimony indicated Weill, who entered to extend his sympathy to the beaten boxer, was punched, kicked and knocked down and his glasses broken.

Weill yesterday was in seclusion, nursing a badly swollen face and three bruised ribs. For a time it was feared his left jaw had been fractured. X-rays disproved this. Witnesses testified Ryan had participated in the attack.

That Miller definitely was struck during the outburst by Ryan was brought out in the questioning of the referee by Commissioner Clilan B. Powell, who, with Chairman Christenberry and the commission counsel, Emanuel Robbins, conducted a hearing of witnesses, while Herman Tardy, a court stenographer, took notes.

Following the bout, and during his early testimony, Miller maintained he was not struck by any of the blows unleashed by Manager Ryan. Dr. Powell's questioning developed that Miller was making this assertion on his experience as a former fighter, the theory being that when a blow is parried or blocked, it does not constitute "striking."

"You say you had your arms raised and you were blocking Ryan's punches?" Commissioner Powell asked.

"Yes," was the reply.

"In other words, you were struck on the arms, were you?" was the next question.

"Yes," came the reply. "I was struck on the arms while defending myself."

This was a highlight of a report on the commission investigation submitted immediately after the session was adjourned to Assistant District Attorney David Worgan, chief of the indictment bureau of the District Attorney's office. He had the situation under advisement over the week-end, awaiting a copy of the investigation transcript which, Christenberry said, would be forwarded tomorrow.

Nine witnesses were interrogated. In addition to Miller and Dowd, they were Castellani, the beaten boxer; Deputies Joe Alpern, Tony Durso and Cy Levy of the commission staff; Referee Al Berle, who served as knockdown-timekeeper for the bout; Dr. Vincent A. Nardiello, I. B. C. examining physician on the commission staff, and Harold Louis Markson, I. B. C. managing director.

All testimony agreed that Manager Ryan had launched the disorderly scene in the ring which followed Referee Miller's intervention in the bout. In this outburst Ryan stormed over to Miller, standing in a neutral corner, and began tossing punches in the direction of Miller, a welterweight fighter of another generation whose exploits

#### Boxer Gets Share of Purse

Christenberry instructed Markson to pay Castellani two-thirds of the purse for Friday's bout. Ryan's managerial one-third was ordered withheld. The full purse amounted to \$6,941. The commission has power to levy a fine and/or revoke Ryan's license.

When the meeting adjourned Christenberry took Castellani aside and specifically instructed the boxer that Ryan was under indefinite suspension and disqualified from conducting business under commission jurisdiction.

Ryan accompanied Castellani to the meeting in response to a telegraphed summons. He was accompanied by his attorney, Arnold Cohen. Ryan did not testify.

Attorney Cohen, saying he had not had time to prepare his client's case, requested a copy of the hearing minutes and asked that the commission reserve any statement affecting Ryan's license.

"We are holding here an investigation into a disturbance that attended last night's bout," Christenberry replied. "All witnesses testifying here will appear before the commission Friday, Jan. 18, at 10:30 A. M., when a hearing will be held."

included a knockout victory over the redoubtable Jimmy McLarnin in 1928.

Special police, Berle and Levy jumped into the ring to pry Ryan from Miller's grip as the referee sought to avoid a punch in the face.

Disorder broke out among the crowd. Miller left the scene under escort. Not until later was it discovered that Weill was the object of Ryan's dressing room outburst, in which, it was testified, three or four punched and kicked the matchmaker.

The sorry occurrence was not witnessed by television fans. The custom in video is to switch to a commercial a specified number of seconds following the conclusion of the televised spectacle.

Dr. Nardiello testified to the justification of Miller's action in stopping the bout, explaining that Castellani might have sustained serious injury had he been struck again in his helpless condition. Although he was in the dressing room examining Castellani following the knockout in accordance with commission routine, Dr. Nardiello testified to a "commotion to my right in which a group was throwing punches," but added he could not identify the participants since he had glimpsed only their backs.

He testified he had seen Weill on the floor and upon examining him, when the melee was halted, found the I. B. C. official suffering from "severe contusions of the left side of the face, a possible fracture of the left jaw and severe contusions of the eighth, ninth and tenth ribs on the left side."

Markson testified to the most graphic description of what had happened in the dressing room of Castellani. He said he saw Ryan kick Weill and another person punch him, adding he could not identify the puncher.

"I was pushed aside by Ryan," testified Markson. "Weill went down. Another gentleman began to pummel him. Ray Arcel (Castellani's trainer) and Tony Pellone, (a boxer under Ryan's management) tried to pull Ryan off."

Durso was the only witness who testified he had seen Ryan "hit" Miller.

# VIEWERS SEE 'PLUG, MISS FIGHT BRAWL

Cutting of Attack on Referee  
on Video Illustrates Need  
for More Adaptability

By JACK GOULD

What happened? A good many television viewers must have asked that question when they discovered they had missed the first-class brawl that followed Ernie Durando's technical knockout of Rocky Castellani on Friday night at Madison Square Garden.

While Castellani's manager, Tommy Ryan, was dashing across the ring and taking a punch at Ray Miller, the referee, who had stopped the match, the viewers were being treated to a commercial announcement.

The alibi of the National Broadcasting Company was that the commercial goes on almost automatically within a few seconds after a bout's conclusion. The sponsor's representative at the ringside must have missed the incident, ran the network's explanation, or he would not have given the signal to start the "plug." Once the film commercial had started, it was said, it could not be stopped.

Pshaw, N. B. C. It's time that television acquired a bit of adaptability, learned how to handle the unexpected and unforeseen occurrence in news events, especially sports, and stopped expecting everyone to conform to television's split-second schedule.

There have been too many instances in sports telecasts in which viewers have missed part of the action because some advertising agency minion couldn't see beyond his spot announcement. The resolute huckster may think he's winning his letter, but he'd be surprised to learn how many viewers wished the sponsor's scalp also came packaged in cellophane.

Inconvenient as it may be to the broadcasters, a survey completed this morning suggests that prize-fight managers may continue to lose their tempers without first applying for permission from the Federal Communications Commission. No doubt, further electronic research will enable the individual to blow his top only at home, but in the meantime television might consider several possible remedial measures.

One step might be the appointment of a vice president in charge of common sense. He could report directly to the viewers and have authority to use elementary judgment in delaying a commercial for a few seconds so that it would not interfere with an exciting moment in the sports arena. The same gentleman, in his spare time, might also see to it that a plug for frozen orange juice didn't turn up in the midst of the telecast of the Japanese peace treaty conference.

A more revolutionary innovation could be the assignment of a sports reporter to have full authority at a prize fight. Instead of a representative of the sponsor deciding that a melee in Madison Square

Garden was not newsworthy because half of the milling mob didn't shave every day, the reporter could see whether television had any appeal when it reported actuality and caught the spontaneity of the unrehearsed happening. There have been rumors to that effect.

As for the difficulties entailed in stopping the commercial film once it has started, the housewife may be of some help to the TV research laboratories. Plug in the electric iron and toaster on the same light socket as the projection machine. Never mind the switches, men; go modern. Blow the fuse and be done with it.

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## GRAND JURY HEARS 8 IN GARDEN BRAWL

Matchmaker Weill Among Group  
to Testify in Inquiry on  
Slugging After Fight

Eight witnesses, including Al Weill, matchmaker of the International Boxing Club, testified yesterday before a grand jury investigating the slugging of Mr. Weill and an attempted assault on a referee after the fight last Friday night at Madison Square Garden.

Mr. Weill, who appears to be the key witness in the grand jury inquiry, was handed a subpoena to return for further questioning tomorrow afternoon. He would not comment on his testimony other than to say: "All was lovely."

Preceding the rotund matchmaker into the grand jury room was Ray Miller, the referee of the main event between Ernie (The Rocky) Durando and Rocky Castellani that precipitated the disorder; Harold L. Markson, managing director of the International Boxing Club, and Dr. Vincent A. Nardiello, commission physician.

The others to testify were Tony Pellone, a prizefighter; Ray Arcel, a trainer; Charles (Chick) Wergeles, an associate of Mr. Weill; Al Berle, knockdown timekeeper for the bout, which ended in the seventh round with a technical knockout victory for Durando, and Daniel Dowd, inspector for the commission.

Each testified for varying lengths of time, ranging from five minutes up to forty-five minutes for the matchmaker. Mr. Pellone and Mr. Wergeles are to return today at 2:30 P. M., while Mr. Arcel will be recalled sometime in the future.

At a State Athletic Commission hearing last Saturday, Anthony Durso, a deputy state boxing commissioner, testified he saw Thomas Eholi, known in boxing circles as Tommy Ryan, swing at Mr. Miller after the Ryan fighter lost. It is also charged the manager and a second man pummeled Mr. Weill in the dressing room occupied by Mr. Castellani.

There were no signs of the facial bruises he had suffered when beaten by the two men as Mr. Weill hurried from the District Attorney's office to catch a Chicago-bound plane. He had suffered contusions and cuts of the face and ribs as a result of the attack.

The grand jury investigation is under the direction of Assistant District Attorney David Worgan, acting chief of the indictment bureau.

## Outlawing of Professional Boxing And Wrestling Asked in Albany Bill

### 'Hoodlums Running the Game,' Says Senator Fitzgerald of Queens—Chances of Passage Are Believed Slight

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ALBANY, Jan. 16—State Senator James Fitzgerald, Democrat of Queens, offered a bill today to outlaw professional boxing and wrestling in New York State because, he said, they were under "hoodlum control."

While chances for enactment appeared none too bright, introduction of the bill reflected a growing concern among members of the Legislature over unsavory incidents connected with professional boxing and wrestling.

If Senator Fitzgerald's bill were approved, only amateur boxing and wrestling under the supervision of the State Athletic Commission would be legal in New York.

"It's about time the Legislature stepped into this horrible fight picture," the Queens legislator said. It is apparent that the State Athletic Commission "cannot control the hoodlums who are running the game."

Referring to the row that marked the close of last week's Ernie Durando-Rocky Castellani fight in Madison Square Garden, Senator Fitzgerald went on:

"There must be something wrong with the whole fight set-up when a referee is attacked by a losing fighter's manager and one of our leading fight promoters is punched and kicked and neither the referee nor the promoter will prefer charges against their assailants."

The incident cited by the Senator involved an attack on Referee Ray Miller by Tommy Ryan when Mr. Miller halted the fight and awarded the decision to Durando. The promoter, Al Weill, also was reported beaten in a dressing room.

The Athletic Commission has moved to revoke Ryan's managerial license. A hearing will be held Friday in New York City.

Senator Fitzgerald also expressed concern over the number of deaths and serious injuries to fighters that had resulted from professional boxing.

Meanwhile, Governor Dewey sent to the Senate for confirmation the appointment of Robert K. Christenberry, New York hotel operator, as chairman of the Athletic Commission. Mr. Christenberry already is serving in that capacity. The Governor appointed him Sept. 25, 1951, to succeed Eddie Eagan.

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Times)



# STATE COMMISSION FINES RYAN \$3,000

Places Life Ban on Manager  
of Castellani for Having  
Struck Referee Miller

'STRAIN' CITED AS DEFENSE

Pilot Held Upset by Durando  
Victory—Board to Act  
in Attack on Weill

By JAMES P. DAWSON

For his part in the disorder that followed Ernie Durando's seventh-round knockout of Rocky Castellani in Madison Square Garden on Jan. 11, Thomas Eholi, better known as Tommy Ryan, yesterday suffered revocation for life of the licenses issued by the State Athletic Commission to him as a manager and second of boxers in this state.

At the same time the commission fined Ryan, Castellani's manager, \$3,000 and placed on the record an order barring him forever from all licensed clubs in this state.

The decision was announced by Chairman Robert K. Christenberry in the presence of Commissioners Dr. Chilan B. Powell and Leon F. Swears. This followed a hearing at which testimony given at a preliminary investigation last Saturday was corroborated in all its essentials.

### Finished With Ryan Case

Christenberry said he would request the Attorney General to proceed immediately to collect the fine. He added: "So far as this commission is concerned it is finished with the case of Tommy Ryan. Certain other incidents that took place at Madison Square Garden are a matter of official investigation by this commission at this time."

Ryan was charged with having struck Referee Ray Miller in a disorderly outburst in the Garden ring, after Miller had halted Castellani's bout with Durando at 2 minutes 4 seconds of the seventh round. The Luzerne (Pa.) middleweight was swaying helplessly against the ring ropes after having regained his feet from a nine-second knockdown. At the time of the referee's intervention, Castellani was ahead on points.

This disorder in the presence of the Garden fans was followed by a tussle in Castellani's dressing quarters, where Ryan, according to the testimony, was one of a group that kicked and punched Al Weill, matchmaker for the International Boxing Club, which had conducted the bout.

Weill suffered severe contusions of the left side of the face and of the eighth, ninth and tenth ribs on the left side, according to the testimony of Dr. Vincent A. Nardiello, commission physician, who had approved Referee Miller's action in halting the Durando bout.

### Markson Told of Attack

Harry Markson, managing director of the I. B. C. testified at the original investigation that he had seen Ryan kick Weill, had seen another punch Weill and, when Weill fell to the floor, had seen "another gentleman" pummel the I. B. C. matchmaker.

Christenberry's reference to further investigation of "other incidents" was interpreted as indicating that the board was pursuing investigation of the dressing room disorder. This matter also is the subject of a grand jury inquiry ordered by District Attorney Frank Hogan.

Ryan was present at the hearing, but did not testify. His counsel, Arnold Cohen, entered an exception to the ruling. In a plea for leniency the attorney offered "emotional strain" as an excuse for the demonstration in the ring.

He protested the punishment as severe and unjust, said the commission was making a scapegoat of Ryan. He said he would request the I. B. C. to release the sum of \$2,300 withheld at the order of the commission. This sum represents the manager's one-third share of Castellani's purse, and was ordered withheld last Friday night, when Ryan was placed under suspension.

### Dowd Gives Testimony

Witnesses who testified yesterday, in addition to Dr. Nardiello, were Dan Dowd, executive secretary to the commission; Referee Miller, Al Berle, knockdown timekeeper at the bout, who jumped into the ring to separate Ryan and Miller; Castellani and Cy Levy, commission deputy.

This was the third revocation of a license ordered by Christenberry since he was appointed chairman of the commission last September by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey with a mandate to "clean up boxing." It carried the stiffest fine imposed upon an individual in the thirty years of boxing here under the amended Walker law.

A move to extend the application of the commission ruling to boxing centers under the jurisdiction of the National Boxing Association was launched by the N. B. A. commissioner, Abe J. Greene.

The boxing commissioner for New Jersey, Greene said he would bar Ryan in that state because "he violated the precepts of decency, propriety and good sportsmanship governing boxing everywhere," and added he would recommend that the N. B. A. support the New York ruling.

Tony Pellone, welterweight boxer under Ryan's management, was questioned for half an hour by David Worgan, chief of District Attorney Hogan's indictment bureau. According to testimony submitted to the commission hearing, Pellone, with Ray Arcel, a trainer, assisted in quelling the attack on Weill.

January 19, 1952 (New  
York Times)

## **RYAN DECISION RESERVED**

**Castellani's Manager Seeks to Regain Revoked License**

Tommy Eboli, debarred fight manager, attempted in court yesterday to regain his license, but State Supreme Court Justice Morris Eder reserved decision.

The State Athletic Commission revoked the license on the ground that Eboli, also known as Ryan, struck Referee Ray Miller and Matchmaker Al Weill after a bout at Madison Square Garden on Jan. 11.

Miller had awarded the verdict to Ernie Durando on a technical knockout over Eboli's boxer, Rocky Castellani.

Eboli said the commissioner's action was "capricious and arbitrary."

*March 19 & 25, 1952 (New York Times)*

## **EBOLI'S PETITION DENIED**

**Barred Boxing Manager May File New Plea in Twenty Days**

Tommy Ryan Eboli's petition to regain his license as a boxing manager was dismissed on technical grounds yesterday by State Supreme Court Justice Morris Eder. The court also threw out a motion by attorneys for Rocky Castellani, middleweight boxer from Luzerne, Pa., seeking release of \$2,313, representing one-third of the purse for a fight with Ernie Durando in the Garden on Jan. 11.

Justice Eder ruled that Eboli could file a more concise petition within twenty days. He upheld the contention of attorneys for the State Athletic Commission that the original petition was so confusing that a proper answer could not be prepared.

Regarding the money sought by Castellani, Justice Eder said that since it was the manager's (Eboli's) share, Eboli should bring action to recover it.

Eboli's license was revoked by the commission after the Jan. 11 bout. When Referee Ray Miller halted the action in the seventh round, giving Durando a technical knockout victory over Castellani, Eboli jumped into the ring and struck the referee.

## TAYLOR, 21, SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES IN RING

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 5 (UP)—Jimmy (Bud) Taylor, a promising 21-year-old Negro welterweight from Miami, Fla., died in Charity Hospital today from injuries suffered when he was knocked out in a boxing event here Friday night.

Taylor had undergone surgery for a brain hemorrhage and concussion early yesterday and doctors had given him little chance of recovery. He had been unconscious from the time he was floored.

The fighter, who two weeks ago had defeated Luther Rawlings of Chicago, the sixth-ranking lightweight in the world, was knocked out by Charley Joseph, a 19-year-old New Orleans Negro who was competing in his first feature bout.

The knockout occurred in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-round bout. Joseph connected with a right to the chin and Taylor crashed to the canvas, head first.

He was rushed to Charity Hospital and an emergency operation was performed a short time later. He failed to rally and died at 8:50 A. M. today.

The Miami boxer was considered promising after he had outpointed Rawlings. Joseph has fought twenty preliminary bouts and has never been defeated.

Emile Bruneau, a member of the Louisiana Boxing Commission, did not see the fight, but said, "It seems to me that's just one of the hazards of boxing. I don't know what steps can be taken to prevent it. I understand it was just a regular fight and Taylor was hit by a regular punch."

Other members of the commission were not available for com-

ment, but it was assumed the commission would hold an investigation. However, it was doubtful if any action would or could be taken.

Taylor was the first fighter to be fatally injured in New Orleans in twenty years.

## Louisiana Referee Dies In Ring of Heart Attack

By The Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 6—Referee Ashton Donza died of a heart attack during the sixth round of a welterweight fight between Ross Virgo and Jack O'Brien at the Coliseum tonight.

Donza collapsed a few seconds before the sixth round was to end. Dr. N. K. Edrington, physician for the Louisiana Boxing Commission, entered the ring and administered first aid. Donza breathed heavily for several minutes and then died as several thousand spectators watched.

The boxing commission called the fight between Virgo of Rochester, N. Y., and O'Brien of Hartford, Conn., a draw.

The 50-year-old official, an outstanding New Orleans amateur boxer in his youth, worked hard separating Virgo and O'Brien in clinches.

This was the second fatality in two days in New Orleans boxing, for Jimmy (Bud) Taylor, a Miami welterweight, had died yesterday as the result of injuries suffered in the same ring Friday night.

New York Times, October 5 & 6, 1952

# CHARLES FLATTENS REYNOLDS IN THE 2D

**Pummels Rival From Start—  
Ex-Champion Confident He  
Can Beat Marciano Now**

CINCINNATI, Oct., 8 (AP)—Ezard Charles, former heavyweight champion, tonight knocked out Bernie Reynolds of Cliffside, N. J., in 1 minute 40 seconds of the second round of a scheduled twelve-round bout.

Charles, weighing 189 pounds, sized up his opponent carefully in the first round and put the finisher with a series of lefts and rights to the chin in the second. Reynolds weighed 187.

Charles, fighting his first bout in his home town in two years, was sharp and in wonderful condition. He took several heavy body punches in the first round and delivered the same to his 25-year-old opponent.

At the beginning of the second round Charles, scenting a quick victory, came out of his corner punching. Reynolds tried to exchange punches, but three quick lefts to the chin, a couple of rights and another left and a right sent him sprawling on his back, where he was counted out.

## Reynolds' 'Last' Fight

The blow that sent Reynolds to the canvas was a terrific right to the jaw, but both Charles and Reynolds' manager, Joe Vella, agreed that it had been set up by a solid left to the body.

Vella said after the nationally televised fight that it was "positively" the last for Reynolds. He said his fighter apparently was not good enough for the big time and that he did not want him to become a "punching bag."

The 31-year-old Charles, looking forward to a possible bout with Marciano, said he wanted another crack at Rex Layne, who beat him a few months ago.

"I'd really like to fight Layne again," he said, "after that, I want to do what everybody else wants to do—fight Marciano."

Charles said he believed it was a combination of punches that led to Reynolds' knockout and he added that "I wasn't hitting harder than in other fights, just hitting sharper."

The former heavyweight champion's next fight will be with Cesar Brion in New York on Oct. 24.

The attendance here was 3,132 and net gate receipts were \$8,124.07.

*New York Times, October 9, 2013*

## DAVIS OUTPOINTS BASSETT IN UPSET

Hartford Featherweight Gets  
Split Verdict—Basilio and  
Turner Score Knockouts

Teddy (Red Top) Davis, 129½ pounds, Hartford, Conn., last night gained a split decision over the favored Percy Bassett, 129, Philadelphia, in the ten-round bout at the Eastern Parkway Arena, Brooklyn.

Bassett was ranked as the No. 1 challenger for the featherweight crown by the National Boxing Association, while Davis had the No. 9 spot. Referee Jack Watson and one of the judges, Jim Riley, voted for Davis, but the other judge, Fred Brunelli, saw Bassett the victor, 7 rounds to 3.

Carmello Costa, 131, Brooklyn, scored a technical knockout over Bobby Dufour, 134, Montreal, when the referee stopped the fight at the end of the fourth in a scheduled six because Dufour had a cut left eye. Paul Andrews, 171, Long Island City, outpointed Jimmy Franklin, 166, Philadelphia, in another six.

Jack Le Bua, 157¾, the Bronx, beat Joe Shaw, 159, Harlem, in a four and Monroe Kurtz, 147½, Newark, notched a technical knockout over Bobby Lawrence, 143, the Bronx, in 1:02 of the second round of another scheduled four.

## GAULT VANQUISHES GAGNON ON POINTS

Takes North American Title  
in 12-Round Bantamweight  
Contest in Quebec Ring

QUEBEC, Oct. 27 (AP)—Pappy Gault of Spartanburg, S. C., won the North American bantamweight boxing championship tonight with a unanimous twelve-round decision over Fernand Gagnon of Quebec.

Gault, ranked twelfth by the National Boxing Association in its list of bantamweights, upset the Canadian fighter, who was rated eleventh by the N. B. A. The boxing group, which recognizes Vic Toweel of South Africa as world champion, endorsed the fight to stimulate interest in the 118-pound division.

Gault, 23 years old, weighed 116¾ pounds. Gagnon, 28-year-old Canadian champion, weighed 117½. Gault was almost unmarked after the fight in which he constantly led on points with sharp, accurate left jabs, stinging right hooks and fast foot-work. There were no knockdowns.

The Quebec fighter was cut about the left eye in the fifth round. His main attack was limited to rights and lefts to the body. Gagnon was warned twice by Referee Ralph McNaughton for using his elbows in the in-fighting.

Judge Camille Angers gave nine rounds to Gault, two to Gagnon and called one even. Judge Anton Laverdiere called it 8-2-2. Judge Jack Fillion's card read 5-4-3.



# CHICAGO WARRIOR FLOORS FOE TWICE

**Bratton Stops Miceli in 0:18 of  
8th When Kessler Intervenes  
to Save East Side Boxer**

**FIRST KNOCKOUT OF LOSER**

**Lively Action Marks Garden  
Bout — Dreyer Victor Over  
DiMartino in Semi-Final**

**By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS**

Johnny Bratton, Chicago battler, stopped Joe Miceli of the East Side in the star bout at Madison Square Garden last night. Scheduled for ten rounds, the fight came to an end in 0:18 of the eighth when Referee Harry Kessler intervened to save the local boxer from further punishment.

A crowd of 5,391 paid a total of \$16,697 to witness the scrap, which was surcharged with action. Miceli, a converted southpaw, had little but strength and gameness to offer against his more polished adversary, but for a time it appeared as if this strength and gameness would be enough to make a Miceli victory.

Bratton, forced at times to engage in savage two-fisted exchanges, was pretty badly battered in these trades, but he managed to get the better of it when he punched his foe away from him and kept the action at long range.

Although Bratton had his rival on the floor twice, it was a pretty even battle through the first seven rounds. Judge Jack Gordon had the count 3 and 3 and one round even, while Judge Artie Aidala and Kessler each had it 4 and 3 for Bratton. The winner weighed 148 pounds to 146 for Miceli.

### Victor Off to Good Start

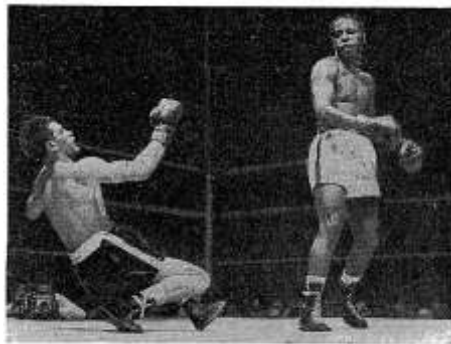
The Chicago fighter got off to a good start, and he wrapped up the first three rounds, mainly through the use of a sharp, long right to the head which consistently reached its mark before Miceli's cutting left hand could land.

In the fourth Miceli found the range with his southpaw wallop, and he opened a cut under Bratton's right eye. Joe punched to the face in the next session and seemed to have Bratton in trouble, but he could not bring him down.

Early in the sixth Miceli proceeded to shoot his right to the head, but Bratton experienced a sudden reawakening of ambition and moved in to slug with Miceli at short range, beating him to the punch steadily.

In the seventh Miceli seemed to be on the way through an easy round when Bratton caught him with a series of rights to the head. The Chicago fighter then flashed one solid right smash to the jaw, dropping Miceli, who arose shakily at 3 but stood through an automatic count that reached 7 at the bell.

Bratton sprang at his foe with both hands in the eighth, and battered him so savagely that Kessler called a halt, making it the first time Miceli had suffered a knockout in his career of fifty-two bouts.



ON THE WAY DOWN: Joe Miceli slugs back before being floored by Johnny Bratton in the crucial round of the feature bout at the Garden last night.

### Knockdown in First Round

In the opening round Bratton had floored Miceli with a right to the jaw. The New Yorker, up at one, had taken an automatic count of 8.

In the semi-final of eight rounds, Gerald Dreyer, 146, of Pretoria, South Africa, gained the decision over Sal Di Martino, 148, Hartford.

Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn boxer who won the middleweight crown in the recent Olympics, stopped Lester Jackson of the Bronx in 1:26 of the third of a scheduled six-rounder. Patterson weighed 165, against 163 for Jackson.

In another six, Al Tisi, 120½, East Side, defeated Jerry Kortright, 125, Puerto Rico.

Two scheduled fours completed the card. Tommy Reed, 132, Trenton, beat Juan Melendez, 130½, Puerto Rico, and Larry Baker, 143½, West Side, stopped Don King, 144½, Paterson, in 2:21 of the second.

### Bivins Loses on Points

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 3 (AP) — Tommy Harrison, 178½, of Los Angeles, used his speed and an accurate left jab to gain an upset unanimous decision over Jimmy Bivins, 185, of Cleveland, in their 10-round bout tonight.

Earlier in the day, Bivins was suspended by the National Boxing Association for failing to fulfill a contract to meet Billy Gilliam of East Orange, N. J. That ruling, announced by N. B. A. Commissioner Abe J. Greene in Trenton, N. J., was not made in time to interfere with tonight's engagement.

In ordering Bivins' suspension, Greene said the Cleveland battler had agreed to meet Gilliam in Newark, N. J., last June 17 and then asked for a postponement because of a back injury. Since then, Bivins has fought Coley Wallace in New York and Wes Bascom in St. Louis.

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# FRENCHMAN VICTOR ON SPLIT DECISION

Langlois Returns to Boxing  
in U. S. by Beating Green  
at Eastern Parkway

COLLINS REGISTERS UPSE

Rallies After Being Floored  
Twice in First to Defeat  
Salas in Boston Ring

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Pierre Langlois, French middleweight, last night celebrated his return to American boxing with a ten-round victory over Harold Green, rugged Brooklynite, in a slashing battle before about 3,000 fans at the Eastern Parkway Arena, Brooklyn.

Referee Mark Conn and Americo Schiavone, one of the judges, each voted six rounds to Langlois. Conn gave three to Green and called one even. Schiavone gave four to Green. The other judge, Charley Rosen, voted for Green, 6 rounds to 3, with one even.

The victory was Langlois' second in four American bouts and earned him a ten-round bout at the Eastern Parkway against Walter Cartier on Dec. 22.

Langlois, 158½ pounds, appeared to advantage in the first, third, fifth, seventh, eighth and tenth rounds. He started by outboxing Green, 161, in the opening round and as head-to-head slugging became the pattern with the second round the French fighter demonstrated his adeptness at this style. Langlois stood toe-to-toe with Green and at times outslugged the sturdy Brooklynite.

## Green Idle 17 Months

Returning to the ring after a seventeen-month lay-off, Green found that the pace was too fast after the halfway mark. The nearest thing to a knockdown came in the fifth round when Green missed a savage right and fell to his glove tips.

Langlois suffered a severe cut over the left eye in the third round and in the tenth a right-hand punch opened a gash over Green's left eye.

In the late rounds, Green's weariness was reflected in his erratic fire. He was warned in the seventh for an accidental low left and in the eighth he drew a warning from Referee Conn for "heeling."

His peculiar defensive style earned Carmelo Costa, Brooklyn lightweight, the decision over Charlie McGarrity of Roswell, N. M., in the six-round semi-final. Costa weighed 129 pounds and McGarrity 129¼.

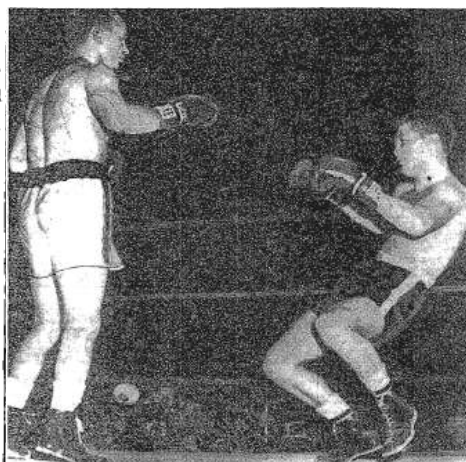
Al Graziano, 125½, Greenwich Village, and Jerry Kortright, 127, West Side, fought a six-round draw.

Sonny Pruitt, 159¾, Spartanburg, S. C., knocked out Gene Mazza, 159½, Brooklyn, in 1:54 of the second round in their scheduled four-round bout. In the opening four rounder, Al Brown, 201, Paoli, Pa., outpointed Ned Hicks, 175, the Bronx.

In another scheduled four-round bout Al Lind, 151¾, the Bronx, knocked out Donald Trainor, 147¾, Paterson, N. J., in 2:57 of the first round.

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*New York Times, 12-12, 1952*



PRUDEN ON WAY DOWN: The Paterson, N. J., welterweight falling to the canvas after being hit by Chuck Davey in the third round of their bout in Cleveland last night. The fight was stopped a few moments later.

## CLEVELAND BATTLE HALTED BY REFEREE

Davey Victor After Flooring  
Pruden for 9-Count in 3d  
of One-Sided Contest

POINTS FOR TITLE FIGHT

Del Flanagan Easily Defeats  
Anderson in Ten-Rounder—  
Castellani Beats Flood

CLEVELAND, Dec. 11 (U.P.)—Chuck Davey of Lansing, Mich., cleared the last barrier to his welterweight title match with Kid Gavilan in February by scoring a technical knockout tonight over outclassed Fizzie Pruden in the third round.

Pruden, who didn't seriously bother the southpaw, rated the No. 1 welterweight contender, went down from a left cross midway in the third round of a scheduled ten-round nationally televised bout.

Davey tore into him when he got up at the count of nine and Referee Jackie Davis stopped the fight at 2:32 of the round to give the Michigan State graduate his thirty-sixth ring victory. Davey has only had two draws to mar his professional boxing career.



## Pruden Jolted in Second

Davey, who weighed 150 pounds, two more than Pruden, was virtually unmarked in the brief fight. He won both the first and second rounds as he jabbed Pruden into a state of bewilderment from the opening gong. In the first he staggered the Paterson, N. J., fighter with that telling left cross and by the end of the second, the left side of Pruden's face was tomato red.

Davey, who rose in fewer than three years from the collegiate amateur ranks to the top rung in the fight-for-pay class, opened a two-fisted attack in the third, and the knockdown was anticipated. Davey just seemingly straightened his cocked left hand and Pruden went down. When he got up, Davey continued his onslaught and Davis intervened.

Davey originally had been slated to fight Del Flanagan of St. Paul, another nifty welterweight rated among the top ten in the division. But that match was agreed to only by Davey's manager and the Michigan state boxer bowed out, claiming that Flanagan's style was not conducive to a good fight for the fans.

Flanagan instead was paired in a preliminary ten-rounder against Richie Anderson of Cleveland and scored an easy unanimous decision over his heavier opponent. Flanagan, at 148, gave away five pounds to Anderson, but jabbed and danced around to win every round of The United Press scorecard.

In the second ten-rounder before the main event Ronnie Delaney of Akron unanimously defeated Herbie Hayes of New York. Delaney had the taller Hayes out on his feet in the tenth round but couldn't put him away. Delaney weighed 155, four pounds fewer than Hayes.

## Castellani's 39th Victory

In the best action of the evening, one that brought a rousing cheer at the finish, the fifth-ranking middleweight contender, Rocky Castellani of Luzerne, Pa., scored a hard fought but unanimous decision over Jimmy Flood of New York. Castellani at 158 pounds to Flood's 162 has now won thirty-nine of his forty-one fights.

The Pennsylvania battler scored heavily in the in-fighting and rocked Flood several times with hard rights to the head. The New Yorker, who boasts that he has never been knocked off his feet, gave Castellani a fight of it, although he won only three of the ten rounds on the United Press score sheet.

The heavyweight champion, Rocky Marciano, refereed the last ten-rounder on the card, which ended in a first-round knockout victory for the lightweight contender, Joey Brown of New Orleans.

Brown, rated seventh, stopped Don Bowman of Asheville, N. C., in 2:30 of the first round with a right to the jaw. Bowman, weighing three pounds fewer than Brown at 134, tried to get up but Marciano counted him out as he tried to grasp the lower rope of the ring.

Bad weather kept the house from a complete sellout of 13,000, but the 11,921 fans paid \$84,232 into the Cleveland News fund to buy Christmas toys and gifts for needy and underprivileged children.

# Boxing Fans Praise Commission For Decision Reversal to Graham

By JAMES P. DAWSON

A flood of commendatory telegrams poured into the office of Robert K. Christenberry, chairman of the State Athletic Commission yesterday, in the wake of his reversal of a boxing decision by which Billy Graham, East Side welterweight, was made the winner over Joe Giardello, Philadelphia middleweight, at the end of their ten-round bout in Madison Square Garden Friday night.

An original split decision in favor of Giardello was changed half an hour later, with Graham being declared the winner on a revision of the score card of Joe Agnello, one of the judges. The change came after the cards had been examined by Chairman Christenberry and Commissioner Dr. Clilan B. Powell.

Agnello's card, as revised by the commissioners, favored Graham, at 7 points to 6 for Giardello, with the rounds even at 5-5. The other judge, Charley Shortell, originally voted for Graham. Referee Ray Miller voted for Giardello, five rounds to four, with one even, Agnello's vote originally was for Giardello, six rounds to four. The change in his card was effected by giving to Graham the tenth round, which Agnello, alone of the three officials, had scored for Giardello, and giving Graham two points instead of one in the award of the fourth round. Under the rules here, ring officials may award from one to three points a round.

A noisy scene followed the orig-

inal announcement in favor of Giardello, a majority of the 3,228 onlookers demonstrated disapproval. This impelled Mr. Christenberry to authorize the announcement that the first decision was "unofficial, pending review by the commission." This quieted the fans around the ringside, but it left television viewers uninformed, since the telecast was concluded before the reversal was announced.

It was from the TV fans that most of the telegrams came yesterday. Close to 300 messages were sent to Mr. Christenberry from points all over the nation. These communications amazed the commissioner and, at the same time, strengthened his conviction that he had acted properly in reversing the decision.

Most of the telegrams dispatched before the reversal was announced referred to the decision for Giardello as a farce. Those sent after the reversal applauded the commissioner for his fearless action.

Only the bookmakers were vitally affected by the move. They found themselves in the position of facing a double pay-off, since two winners were named. Those operating at or near the scene paid off on Giardello in some cases, only to have the Graham backers appear later to demand their money.

This phase of the situation held no concern for the commission, however. Boxing followers gen-

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# DECISION REVERSAL APPROVED BY FANS

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erally interpreted the action as in the best interests of boxing. It was contended that with all decisions subject to final on-the-spot approval by the commission, rumors of pre-arranged verdicts will evaporate.

Some maintained the action minimized the importance of balloting by referees and judges. But the attitude of the commission was that responsibility for the conduct of the sport rests with the governing authorities, who have an obligation to the public patronizing boxing as well as to participants in the sport.

"I would do the same thing tomorrow, unhesitatingly, if faced with a similar situation," said Mr Christenberry. "I want to emphasize my action is not to be construed as questioning the integrity of the judge, Agnello. He is a thoroughly honest, experienced official. But I can question his judgment and the commission has authority under the law to act as we did last night.

"I think Agnello made an error of judgment in giving the tenth

round to Giardello. The other score cards gave the round to Graham. There was an error of judgment, too, I believe, in Agnello giving Graham but one point for winning the fourth round, when he should have had two points.

"I am gratified at the many messages supporting our action. Of course, there have been a few taking the opposite view. But I'd rather be criticized for doing something, which, in my judgment, should be done, than for being inactive in a situation demanding action. I am not susceptible to the clamor of the crowd and never shall be. Popular or not, I believe in doing the right thing as I see it."

Threat of court action against the commission by Giardello's co-managers, Anthony Ferrante and Carmine Graziano, dissolved yesterday. Instead, they sought a return match with Graham in view of the fact two bouts between these ring rivals have ended in controversial split decisions. However, Irving Cohen, manager of Graham, indicated scant interest in an immediate return bout.

So Giardello will be matched with Rocky Castellani, Luzerne, Pa., middleweight, in the Garden, on Jan. 9. Perhaps another Graham match will be arranged following this date, according to Harry Markson of the International Boxing Club.



**ONE FIGHT, TWO 'WINNERS':** Joe Giardello, left, whose victory on points over Billy Graham was reversed by the State Athletic Commission after Friday night's fight at the Garden, maintains he is still the winner. But Graham, right, the official victor, thinks differently at yesterday's meeting of the International Boxing Club.

*The New York Times*

## WORLD RATINGS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 1952

### MIDDLEWEIGHT

#### TITLE VACANT

1. Randy Turpin
2. Charley Humez
3. Carl (Bobo) Olson
4. Ernie Durando
5. Rocky Castellani
6. Lee Sala
7. Norman Hayes
8. George Angelo
9. Joey Giardello
10. Mickey Laurant

### WELTERWEIGHT

#### WORLD CHAMPION

#### Kid Gavilan

1. Johnny Bratton
2. Bobby Dykes
3. Joe Miceli
4. Gil Turner
5. Chuck Davey
6. Billy Graham
7. Johnny Saxton
8. Cliff Curvis
9. Art Aragon
10. Danny Womber



# State Strips Pender of Title And Recognizes Dick Tiger

## Only Massachusetts Boxing Group Fails to Support Nigerian Middleweight

By DEANE MCGOWEN

Paul Pender is middleweight champion of the world—but only in the eyes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The New York State Athletic Commission yesterday withdrew its support of Pender and recognized Dick Tiger of Nigeria as world champion of the 160-pound division. The action was approved by other leading boxing federations throughout the world.

These organizations included the British Boxing Board of Control, the European Boxing Union, the British Commonwealth Championship Committee and the Oriental Boxing Federation.

### Six-Month Time Limit

Melvin L. Krulewitch, the chairman of the New York commission, pointed out that Pender had not fought in seven months since regaining his share of the world title by defeating Terry Downes of London in Boston on April 7.

Boxing commissions are generally agreed that champions should defend or sign to defend their titles within six months.

Gene Fullmer of West Jordan, Utah, had fulfilled that requirement throughout his reign as World Boxing Association titleholder. Tiger won the title recently by outpointing Fullmer in 15 rounds in San Francisco.

Pender, according to Krulewitch, was warned early in September that unless he fulfilled the six-month requirement he would be subject to serious consequences.

Pender then signed to fight José Torres of Puerto Rico. However, when Torres's manager, Constantine (Cus) D'Amato, was unable to raise the \$100,000 guarantee Pender had been promised for the bout, the fight was canceled on Wednesday.

### Action Put Off

Krulewitch, acting with New York's other two commissioners—James A. Farley Jr. and Raymond J. Lee—had agreed not to take any action until the Pender-Torres bout.

However, the New York commission would not have recognized the bout as a championship fight on the grounds that Torres was not a rated contender and had never fought a rated contender.

Pender and Torres were originally scheduled to meet on Nov. 2, but the bout was postponed because Torres had a heavy cold.

The bout was rescheduled for next Thursday night before being canceled.

In Boston, Herman Greenberg, the chairman of the Massachusetts State Boxing Commission, said:

"It is ridiculous to call Pender a champion if he is considered the titleholder by Massachusetts alone."

### Conference Is Scheduled

Greenberg indicated Massachusetts would go along with the action of the other commissions. He said he would confer with Pender and his legal adviser, John Cronin, at the commission office next week.

The split in the middleweight division came about in 1959 when Sugar Ray Robinson lost recognition from the then National Boxing Association because of his failure to defend within the proscribed time limit.

On Aug. 28, 1959, Fullmer defeated Carmen Basilio on a technical knockout in the 14th round and was recognized by the N.B.A. Robinson then lost recognition from New York, Massachusetts and Europe when he was beaten by Pender in Boston on Jan. 22, 1960.



# PENDER WILL SUE TO REGAIN CROWN

## New York Board Abused Its Power, Attorney Says

George Gallantz, New York attorney for Paul Pender, said yesterday he would file suit next week against the New York State Athletic Commission to force the restoration of Pender's share of the world middleweight crown.

"I will file the suit in Supreme Court, New York County," Gallantz said, "and the case should come up about 10 days after filing."

Gallantz, who was hired by Pender, of Brookline, Mass., and Pender's Boston attorney, John J. Cronin Jr.—agreed with Cronin that when the New York commission stripped Pen-

der of his title last Friday and recognized Dick Tiger of Nigeria as champion it had abused its powers.

Gallantz said that the commission's action was unprecedented because "Pender never got notice that the title would be vacated. We got notice after the fact."

Gallantz said that Sugar Ray Robinson once brought a similar suit against the commission, which had notified him it would vacate his title on a certain date.

"The court granted Robinson 15 more days in which to arrange for a defense against Carmen Basilio," he said.

Cronin, at a news conference in the St. Moritz Hotel, explained the various unsuccessful negotiations that had prevented Pender from signing for a defense since he recaptured his share of the 160-pound crown from Terry Downes of England last April 7.

There were negotiations with Gene Fullmer, who then was

recognized as champion by the World Boxing Association; Joey Giardello and Jose Torres, Cronin said. Torres finally was signed for a Nov. 15 title fight in Boston, but the bout was abandoned last Tuesday when Torres's manager, Gus D'Amato, was unable to put up a \$100,000 guarantee for Pender.

The canceling of the Torres fight was followed by the New York Commission's action against Pender last Friday. The commission said that its action was joined by all other official organizations that still recognized Pender, except the Massachusetts commission.

### 1962 Ring Ratings

#### World Champions

#### Paul Pender & Dick Tiger

1. Gene Fullmer
2. Terry Downes
3. George Benton
4. Joey Giardello
5. Luis Follo
6. Denny Moyer
7. Laszlo Papp
8. Joey Archer
9. Joey Giambra
10. Bruno Visintin



# Cassius Clay Knocks Out Moore in 4th Round

## WINNER FULFILLS EARLY PREDICTION

**Clay Keeps Vow by Halting  
Archie in 4th With Left  
Hook and Two Rights**

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**LOS ANGELES, Nov. 15 —** Brash young Cassius Clay, just as he had predicted, knocked out aging Archie Moore tonight in 1 minute 35 seconds of the fourth round of their scheduled 12-round heavyweight bout at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

Clay, the 20-year-old Louisville (Ky.) speedster, outboxed and outslugged Moore from the opening bell. He put down Moore, the 45-year-old-plus San Diego slugger, three times for counts of 8 in the fourth round.

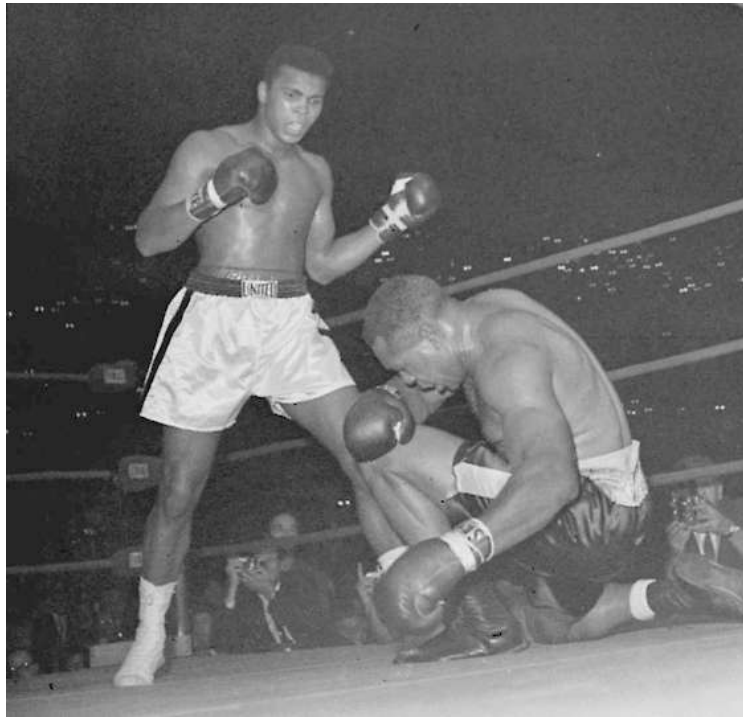
After the third knockdown, Referee Tommy Hart stepped in and halted the carnage. Old Archie then got to his feet and left the ring under his own power.

More than 15,000 spectators, including Sonny Liston, the heavyweight champion, watched the one-sided match. It ended with Clay dancing a jig and holding his hands aloft in mid-ring.

It was the 13th and most impressive knockout in the 16-bout professional career of the 1960 Olympic light-heavyweight titleholder.

For Moore, it was a rather sad performance that could well spell the end of his 220-bout career, at least as a headliner.

Clay found he could reach Moore almost at will with his fast, long left jabs. In the first round, he relied mostly on his left. His speed seemed to baffle the slow-footed Moore, who gamely tried to bore in, but was consistently short with body shots.



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Moore, down for third time in fourth round, tries to get up. Referee stepped in and declared Clay the winner. The victor had predicted he would knock out "Moore in four."

### Moore Clouts Clay

In the second round, Moore landed a hard right to Clay's midsection that made the youngster gasp and backpedal briefly. He came right back to the attack, however, adding hard right hooks to his already baffling lefts.

The third round saw the gap widen as Moore foundered in pursuit. In the last half of the third, Clay hit Moore with several neat combinations that sent Archie reeling against the ropes.

The old fighter weaved like a drunken sailor, but managed to stave off Clay's attempts to land a finishing punch.

It appeared almost foreordained that, as Cassius had loudly contended, Moore would indeed "fall in four." The fourth saw Clay spear Archie with three successive lefts. Then, suddenly, a left hook had Moore on the floor. He was up at 8 as Clay danced around instead of going to a neutral corner.

Clay then stepped forward as Moore got up and nailed him with another combination. A right hook to the jaw put Moore down again for an eight-count.

He was up for a matter of seconds, and then Clay's right hook again caught him on the side of the jaw. This time Archie crumped for good. Hart, taking a look at Moore's glazed eyes, called it an eight-count, although few ringsiders saw him get that far.

The cocky Clay swaggered to his dressing room, slapping backs of his fans. He was a 2-1 favorite.

#### **'Ain't I Beautiful?'**

"Ain't I beautiful?" Clay hollered to a feminine admirer.

Clay told newsmen that the fight proved "you can't put a good old man against a great young man."

He repeated his boast that he would knock out Liston in eight rounds. "But the way he's been talking lately," laughed Cassius, "I may have to change that to six."

Clay said he thought he had Moore in the third and was not trying to save the coup de grace for the fourth.

"I was trying to end it as soon as I could," Clay said. "I felt vicious because of the way the crowd booed me." The crowd had cheered Moore as lustily as they had jeered at Clay before the fight.

Old Archie was near tears in his dressing room. "He was better than I thought," Arch said. "If he stays away and boxes, I think he has a good chance against Liston."

Wearing lumps on forehead and jaw, Moore shook his head when asked, "Is this the end of the road?"

"I don't know," he shrugged. "It just might be." To most of the 16,200 spectators, it appeared that Moore may have earned his retirement.

Of the \$165,400 gross gate,

Moore was scheduled to get \$75,000 and Clay \$40,000.

#### **Clay 204 at Weigh-In**

Clay had carried an advantage of seven pounds and at least 25 years over Archie Moore at the weigh-in.

The 20-year-old Clay weighed in at 204 pounds, the heaviest of his budding career. The venerable Archie, who is 45, going on 49, weighed 197.

The fight was carried by closed-circuit television to theatres in 53 cities in the United States and Canada.

Wagering activity, reportedly brisk, had established Clay as a 2-1 favorite.

Moore declined comment, but earlier he and his manager, the 80-year-old Jack Kearns, had forecast a Moore victory "inside of 10 rounds."

Sentiment was riding with the graying Mongoose, who would like another shot at the heavyweight title before he turns 50.

#### **A Record in Garrulity**

Both Moore and Clay set some records for garrulity in training for this fight. For the first time in his life Archie may have felt behind on points in the prefight gab. His coolness toward young Clay grew perceptibly.

"I'm the greatest," Clay had warned Moore earlier. "There's not enough room in the fight game for two lips."

"Well," Archie riposted softly, "guess I'll have to knock one of them out."

Clay's prediction in his oft-repeated, home-made doggerel ran:

*"I'll say it again, I've said it before:*

*"Archie Moore will fall in four."*

## FINAL BELL

### **DOMINGOS DE JESUS**

Brazilian light welterweight Domingo DeJesus of Guarulhos, Sao Paulo, Brazil died on January 7, 2013. DeJesus fought professionally from 2007 – 2011 and compiled a record of 5-1-0 (KO 2). Details of his death were not given (BoxRec).

### **HUGO JOSE EMER**

Former Córdoba State Super Bantamweight Champion Hugo Jose Emer of Rio Cuarto, Cordoba, Argentina died at the age of 59 on January 4, 2013. Emer fought professionally from 1975-1982 as a super bantamweight and compiled a record of 13-24-3 (9 KOs). Details of his death were not given (BoxRec).

### **YURI ALEXANDROV**

Yuri Alexandrov of Kamensk-Uralsky, Russia died on January 1, 2013 at the age of 49. Alexandrov was a former Soviet amateur boxer in the flyweight and bantamweight classes. In 1982, Alexandrov won the world amateur championship in the flyweight class. In 1986, Alexandrov he won a bronze medal in the bantamweight class in the same competition. He fought professionally from 1989-1992 and compiled a record of 2-3-1. Details of his death were not given (BoxRec).

### **JESUS "PECHO" CASTRO**

Jesus "Pecho" Castro of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic died on December 26, 2012 at the age of 57. Castro fought as a middleweight from 1975-1983 and compiled a record of 18-11-0 (KO 15). During his career he met such fighters as James Shuler, Robbie Sims, Rocky Fratto, John LoCicero, Norberto Sabater, and Kevin Moley. Details of his death were not given (BoxRec).

### **CARLOS FRANCISCO VILLALBA**

Carlos Francisco Villalba, Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina died on December 13, 2012 at the age of 63. Villalba fought professionally as a welterweight from 1970-1979 and compiled a record of 13-23-4 (KO 6). Details of his death were not given (BoxRec).

### **STEFAN RAAFF**

Stefan Raaff of Cologne, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany was shot and killed, by an unknown assailant, outside his home in Cologne on December 10, 2012. He was age 45 and fought professionally from 2006-2011 as a light-heavyweight and cruiserweight compiling a record of won 6-4-1 (KO 2). (BoxRec)

### **ALBERTO REYES**

Former Chilean Bantamweight Champion Alberto Reyes, born Alberto Reyes Ramírez on February 10, 1928 in Santiago de Chile, Chile, died on December 9, 2012 at the age of 84. During his career he fought Jose Bruno, Alfredo Bunetta, Luis Castillo, Raul Macias and Arturo Rojas. His professional record was 42-8-1 (KO 37). Details of his death were not given (BoxRec).

### **AL ANDREWS**



Albert Andrews, 81, died December 22, 2012 at Mellen Manor Nursing Home in Mellen, Wis. Andrews, who grew up in Oliver, gained popularity in the 1950s as an aggressive but likeable boxer. He fought at the professional level from 1952-60 and faced some notable opponents during that time, including Gustav Scholz — the European light-heavyweight champion — in Madison Square Garden in 1956. Scholz won a close decision over Andrews in 10 rounds. Among Andrews' other opponents were five world champions: welterweights Carmen Basilio and Virgil Akins; middleweights Gene Fulmer and Joe Giardello; and light heavyweight Willie Pastrano. Andrews considered his knockout of middleweight Gil Turner a career highlight. "I was pretty young to remember any of his fights," said Raleigh Andrews, Albert's brother. "He fought out of Chicago mostly." Raleigh Andrews, the youngest of seven brothers, was born in 1953. He can't share many stories about Albert's boxing career, but he remembers how his older brother provided for the family after their mother died in 1955. "Al stepped up and took care of the family with his boxing money," Raleigh Andrews said. "He really took care of us." Albert Andrews was



inducted into the Superior Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984, the same year Doug Sutherland and Americo "Mertz" Mortorelli were enshrined. The Oliver native began his boxing career in Superior at 13 and continued at the amateur level until he was 17. He won 29 of 31 fights as an amateur and was twice named the Golden Gloves district champion of Duluth. "He was determined," said Jim Andrews, 76. "He really liked boxing and he won a lot of amateur titles." Boxing was a family affair growing up, Jim Andrews said. The three oldest brothers all learned to box, and he remembers walking from Oliver with his brothers to train in Superior three to four days a week. "We didn't have a car, so we had to walk," Jim Andrews said. Albert Andrews also gained recognition as a musician when he was young. Jim Andrews said when his brother wasn't boxing, he was playing the accordion. "He could play an accordion as good as anybody," Jim Andrews said. "He played polka music around the county. Then his boxing career took over from there, of course." In 1949, Andrews enlisted in the Army and continued to box. As a welterweight he won 32 of 34 fights, which included the Philippines Championship and the Fifth Army Championship. After leaving the service Andrews began his professional career with Ike Bernstein, the coach for the Fifth Army team. Andrews fought in 22 televised fights as a professional, more than half of which were broadcast nationally. *His professional record was 45-36-2 (KO 5).* (*Emily Kram, Superior Telegram and BoxRec*)

### **ROBERT COLAY**

Robert F. Colay "Big Bob/Dragon/Mongo", 56, died peacefully at his home in Columbus, GA on December 21, 2012. He was born on March 1, 1956 in St. Augustine, FL. When Bob was fourteen years old, the family relocated to Pleasantville, NJ. He enlisted in the Marine Corps at age sixteen where he started boxing. On October 25, 1985 he fought Mike Tyson at the Atlantis Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City, losing by first round knockout. He was a Traffic Control Officer for the Atlantic City Police Dept., an Atlantic City Firefighter, a member of Glaziers Union for thirty years from which he recently retired and lastly, he was Owner/Operator of Colay Refridgerated for the past seven years in which he traveled throughout the United States and Canada until he was no longer physically able. He fought professionally from 1978-1998 and compiled a record of 8-12-1 (KO 5). Besides Tyson, he also fought notable fighters such as Riddick Bowe, Renaldo Snipes and Jameel McCline. (*Johnny Bos*)

### **ARNALDO MESA**

Cuban authorities say Olympic silver-medalist boxer Arnaldo Mesa has died. He was 46. Government-run sports website Jit.cu says Mesa died December 17, 2012 in the eastern city of Holguin, several days after he was hospitalized for a stroke. Mesa, a southpaw, was born Dec. 6, 1966, in the eastern province of Santiago. In 1996 he was runner-up in the bantamweight class at the Olympic Games in Atlanta. He won a gold medal at the Pan American Games in 1991, in Havana, and again four years later in Mar del Plata, Argentina. (*Associated Press*)



### **JOHNNY LIRA**



Former world title challenger Johnny Lira, 61, from Chicago, died December 8, 2012 at the Illinois Masonic hospital surrounded by family and friends. Lira was a former IBF/USBA Lightweight champion with his 1978 KO of then undefeated (25-0) Andy Ganigan. Lira's 6th round KO of Ganigan earned him a world title shot at Ernesto Espana who halted Lira in the 9th round of a WBA world title match held in Chicago in 1979. Some of the other notable opponents he faced during his career are Howard Davis, Jr., Alfredo Escalera, Al Ford, Willie Rodriguez, Marion Thomas, Nick Furlano, Bobby Plegge and Larry Stanton. Lira ended his professional boxing career with a 29-6-1 mark (15 KOs). Lira also worked for a short time as a professional boxing judge and trainer. (*Fightnews*)

### **MILT RICKUN**

Compared to some of the high-profile, self-promoting boxing referees who came after him, Milt Rickun was a shrinking violet in the ring when he refereed professional and amateur bouts at the Milwaukee Arena, Auditorium and Eagles Club in the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Guys like Mills Lane and Joe Cortez sought as much face time and notoriety as the fighters they policed, even developing and marketing their own pre-fight catchphrases ("Let's get it on!" for Lane; "I'm fair but firm!" for Cortez). Rickun, who died Dec. 7, 2012 at age 85, was properly inconspicuous between the ropes. He didn't preen or showboat, and let his professionalism speak for itself. The biggest fight Rickun refereed was on Aug. 3, 1970, when ranked light heavyweight contender Andy Kendall met local favorite Ron Marsh before a standing-room-only crowd at the Eagles Club. It went 10 rousing rounds, and in



the story about it in the next day's Milwaukee Journal Rickun's name wasn't mentioned at all. In the Sentinel, reporter Ray Grody mentioned him once, noting that Rickun "did an excellent job." A street fighter growing up on Milwaukee's North Side, Rickun boxed as an amateur after joining the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II. He turned pro in the late 1940s, but his dream of "being one of the great fighters of all time" was unfulfilled thanks to a glaring anatomical deficiency Rickun described to Zak Mazur of The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle in an interview a decade ago. "Every fight I ever had as a pro ended in a knockout. Either I stopped them or they stopped me. I was a knockout puncher with a glass jaw." When he became a licensed referee, Rickun told Mazur, "I loved it almost as much as boxing." And he did it the correct old-school way: almost invisibly. *Pete Ehrmann OnMilwaukee.com*

### LEE SALA



Lee Sala, a leading middleweight contender from Donora, PA, died on December 3, 2012 at the age of 86. Sala was a leading contender for the middleweight boxing title in the late 1940s and early 1950s. His boxing career spanned seven years, from 1946 to 1953. During his career Sala compiled a record of 76 wins and 7 losses, with 48 knockouts. Before gaining fame in the boxing ring, Sala spent two years in the Navy on the battleship Iowa during World War II, serving most of his time in the South Pacific. Sala started his boxing career after being honorably discharged by the Navy. He had a 47-fight winning streak and faced numerous highly ranked fighters including former world middleweight champion Carl "Bobo" Olson. His list of notable opponents include: Randy Sandy, Norman Hayes, Joey DeJohn, Herbie Kronowitz, Georgie Small, Tony DeMicco, Sammy Secreet, Billy Kilgore, Joe Rindone, Willie Troy, Gene Hairston, Reuben Jones, Sonny Horne, Tony Riccio, Vinnie Rossano and Eddie Finazzo. After Sala retired from boxing, he and his wife, Adeline, moved to Tampa, Fla. Sala stayed involved with boxing, refereeing fights occasionally. He later became a deputy sheriff in Hillsborough

County. *By Eddy Montalvo / Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

### PETER O'KANE

Peter John O'Kane died on November 21, 2012 at the age of 42. O'Kane died of critical brain trauma as the result of a fall down the stairs at a friend's house. O'Kane at one time was ranked as the #2 Cruiserweight in Canada. Peter was born in Belfast, Ireland on June 16, 1970 and immigrated to Canada in 1974. Peter began his amateur boxing career and was a member of the Canadian Amateur Boxing Team from 1994 to 1996. He trained at the Pan Am Boxing Club where he was coached by Edward Yaremchuk. He also fought at the Western Canadian Games and the Police Olympics. In 1999, Peter turned professional and fought all across Canada and the US and was featured on TSN. After retiring from boxing, with a record of 15-6-1 (KO 4), he mentored many young athletes in pursuit of their own dreams. As a proud member of the Winnipeg Police Service, Peter continued to loyally serve the Service and the citizens of Winnipeg until his passing. He was an officer safety trainer with the Winnipeg Police Service. He trained hundreds of recruits and senior officers in self defense. Not only was Peter a respected trainer with his own Service, but also trained U.S. Custom Border officers, Federal Law Enforcement Training Centre instructors, and numerous municipal police agencies across Canada and the US Air Marshals.

### OKSON PALUE

Okson Edison Ingamiua Palue, Surabaya, Indonesia, age 19, died on November 21, 2012, five days after a bout against Gerry Dio Toisuta, which ended in a draw. Palue complained of foot cramps after the bout and was taken to a local hospital, but was eventually released. A few days later he again complained of leg cramps and was taken to the hospital where he eventually passed away. Palue reportedly had a record of 4 wins, 1 loss and 1 draw. (*BoxRec*).

### ERNEST MATEEN

R&B singer Kia Jeffries shot and killed her husband of 14 years, professional boxer Ernest "M16" Mateen on November 6, 2012. He was age 46. Jeffries reportedly shot her husband in self defense after he caught her cheating at an Atlanta area hotel. The Georgia Daily News reports: "Police outside Atlanta say they consider the shooting death to be a case of self-defense, and no charges have been filed." "Gwinnett County police Cpl. Jake Smith said homicide detectives that Earnest Mahir Abdul-Mateen used a handgun to repeatedly hit his wife Kia Yvette Jeffries early Tuesday morning." "Smith said Abdul-Mateen struck her so many times that he became exhausted, and at that point Jeffries managed to turn the gun on her husband and pull the trigger." "The shooting happened at an extended

say hotel near Duluth. Smith said officers found Jeffries with injuries to her head and face. Abdul-Mateen was lying in a hallway, suffering from a gunshot wound.” “Smith tells The Gwinnett Daily Post that detectives consider the case a self-defense shooting.” Mateen died after being shot by his wife. Police indicated that the shooting was in self-defense. Mateen had apparently seriously beat his wife with the handgun until he became exhausted, which at that point she gained control of the gun and shot him. Mateen was taken to the hospital where he later died. Mateen won two New York Golden Gloves Championships. Mateen worked as a trainer in New Jersey, working with his brother, light heavyweight prospect Hamid Abdul-Mateen. He retired from the ring in 2006. As a professional Mateen (30-12-3)) won the Nevada State Lt. Heavyweight title along with USBO and IBU Cruiserweight titles. (*Georgia Daily News and BoxRec*)



### WALLY SWIFT



76-year-old Wally Swift, who crammed 88 fights into his glittering career, died at Heartlands Hospital on November 12, 2012. Swift, who began his boxing career in 1959, was a stablemate of Birmingham heavyweight Johnny Prescott whose funeral took place just the week before his death. Swift, one of eight children brought up in a council house in Bilborough, started boxing at the age of ten at the John Player School. He won three schoolboy titles before going to work at Raleigh at the age of 15. He was a PT instructor in the Army but decided to become a professional boxer in 1959. He went on to have 88 pro fights. He won 68 (13 early), lost 17 (mainly on cuts) and drew four and packed the old Ice Stadium to the rafters at the height of his career. Swift won the Midlands title in only his fifth fight. The following year, he was British welterweight champion after outpointing Tommy Molloy over 15 rounds at the Ice Stadium. Swift actually fought in Nottingham on 20 occasions. He only ventured abroad twice, losing to Sandro Mazzinghi (TKO 6) in Italy and to Tom Bogs in Copenhagen (TKO 5) with Harry Gibbs the referee. Born and bred in Nottingham, Swift was married to Sheila for 55 years. His wife was actually born in Brighton where her father was stationed in the Army, but the family moved back to Nottingham when she was one. Sheila has been overwhelmed by the number of calls from the fight fraternity. She said:

“Whatever he did, he did successfully. He was a gentleman.” Both their sons, Wally junior and Tony, boxed with distinction. We boxed because my dad boxed,” said Tony. “We were good but dad was very good. He was a fearless man who stood up for what was right. “We have a scrap book the size of a car at home. There is one picture of him at Goose Fair, shadow boxing with a 15 ft elephant! “He loved his boxing. Every Sunday morning he would drive over from Birmingham to Beechdale Road. He never forgot his roots in Nottingham.” (*Nottingham news reports*).

### LUNDI MADONDILE

Lundi Madondile of Scenery Park, Eastern Cape, South Africa, was stabbed to death on November 10, 2012, age 30, in East London, by an intruder who had burst into his home. He was the #6 ranked Super Bantamweight in South Africa at the time of his death. His record was 7-2-0 (KO 2) (*BoxRec*).

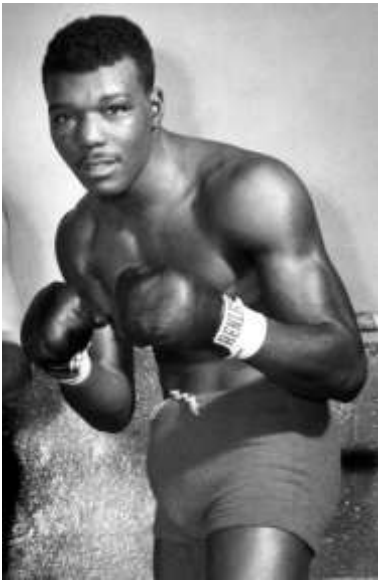
### LEO LJUNGBERG

Former Finnish featherweight champion Leo Ljungberg of Helsinki, Finland died on October 16, 2012 at the age of 82. Leo fought as a featherweight from 1949-1952 and compiled a record of 10-3-1 (KO 7). (*BoxRec*).

### BERESFORD FRANCIS

Former Panamanian Featherweight Champion Beresford Francis Forchiney of Bocas Del Toro, Panama died on October 2, 2012 at the age of 70. Francis boxed professionally from 1960 – 1965 and compiled a record of 14-11-1 (KO 7). Among the notable opponents he met in his career are former lightweight champion Ismael Laguna, former featherweight champion Vicente Saldivar, Auburn Copeland, Humberto Trotman, Valetin Brown, Julio Ruiz, Jimmy Pettaway, Justiniano Aguilar and Nelson Estrada. (*BoxRec*).

## WES BASCOM



Wesbury Bascom died July 22, 2012, at his home near Florissant, MO. He was 83 and had been diagnosed in 2006 with Alzheimer's disease, his wife said. Wes Bascom tried on his first pair of boxing gloves at an East St. Louis gym in 1945. Before long, he was knocking out just about anyone who got in the ring with him. He won the 1949 International Golden Gloves light-heavyweight championship, turned professional and won 13 straight fights, eight by knockouts. He thought he was on his way to becoming the next Joe Louis, the boxing champ who helped integrate sports. But Mr. Bascom's mother didn't like him fighting and made him promise to get a college education. The other problem was the handful of top boxers whom Mr. Bascom couldn't beat. After a promising career, he hung up his gloves for good. He went on to hold a variety of jobs, including working for the YMCA with inner-city children. He kept his promise to his mother, went to college and became a popular teacher in the St. Louis Public Schools. Mr. Bascom took up boxing hoping it would help condition him for football, his real love. He was a star at Lincoln High School in East St. Louis — good enough to earn two scholarship offers. He lived with his divorced mother, who held night and day cleaning jobs. She warned him against getting in trouble, saying if he ever went to jail, he would be on his own. He took

her advice so seriously, he never even joined a clique like other kids in his neighborhood. "For one thing," he explained in a 1967 Post-Dispatch interview, "I had an odd name. Can you imagine a hard-nosed fullback with the name of Wesbury?" He found a boxing trainer in Ted "Pop" Myles in East St. Louis. He put the snap in Mr. Bascom's punches and taught him that you beat an opponent with your left hand, not your right. Mr. Bascom won the International Golden Gloves crown in 1949 at Madison Square Garden, knocking out the European champ in the third round. "He was no problem," Mr. Bascom recalled. "Boxing came easy to me." After three years as a Golden Gloves champ, he turned pro in 1950. The next year, he defeated the fourth-ranked light-heavyweight contender in a bout at the Arena. In 1953, he gave it all up. "I saw I wasn't going to the top and I ran into a bad losing streak... ." he said. The losses he spoke of were to the best men in the ring: former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles and soon-to-be heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson. For a time, Mr. Bascom became what his family described as the first African-American mail carrier in East St. Louis. In St. Louis, he became a distributor for the newspaper the Argus and an owner of a tax service, a service station and a cocktail lounge. He co-owned the Ringside Bowling Lane, near the old Gaslight Square, where big-name bowlers hung out. In 1970, Mr. Bascom's next job — working with children for the YMCA — was the subject of a cover story in the Sunday magazine of the old Globe-Democrat. The headline was, "The streets are his office." But he still had that promise to keep. He enrolled at what is now Harris-Stowe State University and earned his teaching degree. He taught for about 30 years in the St. Louis schools and retired as an eighth-grade teacher at Dewey School. Students enjoyed his stories about growing up in hard times to become a champion boxer. Mr. Bascom met his future wife, Joyce Granberry, at the Annie Malone Children and Family Service Center. She was working as an activities coordinator when he arrived with a friend, a police captain, to take the children to the movies. The couple married in 1977 while he was finishing college and she was teaching in the public schools. For their home office, they bought a pair of matching desks. He studied at one while she sat nearby grading tests from her fifth-grade students. Survivors, in addition to his wife of 35 years, include a son, Roderick Bascom of Los Angeles; three daughters, Patricia Bascom of Las Vegas, Teri Bascom of St. Louis and Carolyn Fisher of Phoenix; a foster son, Anthony Farr of Columbia, S.C.; four grandchildren; and a great grandson. *July 27, 2012 by Michael S. Sorkin, St. Louis Post Dispatch*

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!**