

IBRO ALL-TIME RATINGS

December 31, 2019

Pound For Pound Results

1. **Ray Robinson (602)**
2. **Henry Armstrong (536)**
3. **Harry Greb (499)**
4. **Sam Langford (395)**
5. **Roberto Duran (376)**
6. **Wille Pep (371)**
7. **Muhammad Ali (368)**
8. **Joe Louis (351)**
9. **Benny Leonard (335)**
10. **Ray Leonard (265)**
11. **Joe Gans (248)**
12. **Bob Fitzsimmons (217)**
13. **Ezzard Charles (200)**
14. **Mickey Walker (178)**
15. **Archie Moore (138)**
16. **Eder Jofre (134)**
17. **Jimmy Wilde (117)**
18. **Jack Dempsey (80)**
19. **Jack Johnson (79)**
20. **Gene Tunney (74)**
21. **Barney Ross (68)**
22. **Floyd Mayweather Jr. (67)**
23. **Stanley Ketchel (61)**
24. **Tony Canzoneri (60)**
25. **Manny Pacquiao (55)**

Just Missing the Cut (50 points or more) Carlos Monzon (54). A total of 65 boxers received votes (at least 1 point) in this poll.

Summary:

- **It was no surprise that Sugar Ray Robinson took the top spot as the greatest pound for pound fighter of all time. The true best ever is the only boxer to reach the 600-point plateau in the pound for pound voting.**

Robinson finished # 1 at welterweight and 2nd at middleweight. He received 23 of 31 1st place votes, six 2nd place votes with only 2 voters having him lower than 2nd Robinson's peak record of 129-1-2, 91 bout unbeaten streak, elite skills combined with devastating power, cast iron chin, with a will to win second to none and impressive resume of opponents puts Robinson at the top of this list. Robinson also finished 1st in the previous IBRO poll roughly 15 years ago.

- Finishing in 2nd place is Henry Armstrong whose impressive feat of holding 3 major world titles simultaneously when there were only 8 weight classes and one champion per division demonstrates his worth as a pound for pound great. Armstrong had 3 first place votes and is the only other boxer to finish above 500 points. 30 of 31 voters had him in the top 10, 25 of those had him in the top 5, 20 of those had him in the top 3. Armstrong supplanted our previous number 2 finisher Harry Greb as they switched spots.
- Harry Greb who finished 3rd just missed the 500 mark with 499 points. Greb may have the most impressive record in boxing history having beat more hall of famers than any other boxer at 14. 26 of 31 voters had him in the top 10, 24 of those had him in the top 5, 16 (roughly half) the voters had him in the top 3. The Human Windmill also had one 1st place vote. Greb dropped one spot from the 2005-2006 poll but still finishes strongly in the top 3.
- To quote one of our voters, "What a great fighter Sam Langford was!" He has finished in the top 15 at middleweight before he hit his peak, top 5 at light-heavyweight, top 15 at heavyweight and now top 4 in the pound for pound voting! 22 of 31 voters had Sam in the top 10, 16 of those had him in the top 5, six had him in the top 3. Langford has moved up two spots from his previous finish with 395 points.
- Roberto Duran has also moved up two spots to finish among the 5 greatest fighters in ring history with 376 points. Duran finished in 1st place at lightweight and in the top 20 at welterweight. 30 of 31 voters had Roberto in the top 20, 22 of 31 had him in the top 10. Duran had one 1st place vote.
- In the 6th position is Willie Pep, the top finisher at featherweight, with 371 points only 5 points behind the 5th place finisher. Pep achieved an incredible peak record of 134-1-1. He had a 73-bout win streak. 29 of 31 voters had Pep in the top 20, 24 of those had Pep in the top 10, 9 had him in the top 5. The Will O' the Wisp Pep moved up 3 spots from his finish nearly 15 years ago.
- The top 2 heavyweights Muhammad Ali and Joe Louis finished in the 7th and 8th positions respectively among the 10 greatest boxers of all time. Ali had 368 points only 3 points below 6th place finisher Pep. Louis had 351 points to take the following position. 26 of 31 voters had Ali in the top 20, 20 of those had Ali in the top 10, 13 had Ali in the top 5. 25 of 31 voters had Louis in the top 20, 21 of those had him in the top 10 with 10 of those having him in the top 5.
- Benny Leonard who finished 2nd at lightweight hits the top 10 mark at the 9th slot with 335 points. Like Ali did at heavyweight Benny reigned over the most impressive array of challengers in division history. 28 of 31 voters had Benny in the top 20, 25 had him in the top 10. The Ghetto Wizard dropped one spot from his previous finish.

- Ray Leonard who finished 2nd at welterweight also made the top 10 greatest fighters of all time accumulating 265 points. The fact that Ray beat all-time greats Wilfred Benitez, Thomas Hearns, Roberto Duran and Marvin Hagler who had a combined record of 204-3-3 when he beat them surely was on the minds of the voters. 28 of 31 voters had SRL in the top 20, 11 had him in the top 10. Ray moved up a couple of spots from his previous result.
- Top 3 lightweight finisher Joe Gans who had over 170 pro fights and 100 knockouts finished just outside the top 10 in the 11th position with 248 points, the same spot he landed in nearly 15 years ago. 24 of 31 voters had “The Old Master” in the top 20, 10 voters had him in the top 10.
- Boxing’s first triple crown champion and one of its greatest punchers Bob Fitzsimmons drops out of the top 10 but finishes in the pound for pound dynamite dozen at the 12th position. Fitzsimmons finished in the top 10 at middleweight and top 11 at light-heavyweight. Fitz accumulated 217 points. 19 of 31 voters had Fitzsimmons in the top 20, 13 of those had him in the top 10. He had one 1st place vote.
- Coming in the 13th position is Ezzard Charles with 200 points. Charles finished 1st at light-heavyweight, in the top 20 at middleweight and in the top 20 at heavyweight. Charles impressive record of opponents; going 3-0 over Archie Moore, 2-0 over Charley Burley, 4-1 against Jimmy Bivins, 3-0 over Joey Maxim as well as 8 successful title defenses at heavyweight prove he was one of boxing’s best. 21 of 31 voters had Charles in the top 20, 7 of those had him in the top 10. Charles finished tied 12-13th last time, so falls in about the same spot as IBRO’s last pound for pound poll.
- Mickey Walker who finished in the top 10 at both welterweight and middleweight makes the top 15 greatest fighters of all time at the 14th spot with 178 points. Walker finished 2 spots higher than his previous finish nearly 15 years ago. 24 of 31 voters had Walker in the top 20.
- Rounding out the top 15 is light-heavyweight great Archie Moore who finished # 2 at 175 pounds, he had 138 points. 18 of 31 had the Ol’ Mongoose in the top 20. Archie Moore moved up two spots from his previous finish.
- Coming in at the 16th position is bantamweight and featherweight sensation Eder Jofre of Brazil with 134 points only 4 points from top 15 finisher Moore. 18 of 31 had Jofre in the top 20. Jofre finished in the same area as the previous poll, down one spot.
- Jimmy Wilde the # 1 all time flyweight finished in the top 20 pound for pound at the 17th spot with 117 points, down 3 spots from his previous finish. 18 of 31 voters had Wilde in the top 20.
- Finishing in the 18th spot is heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey, the # 3 heavyweight in our poll, who weighed around 190 pounds at his peak but packed the bone jarring power of a heavyweight puncher. It should be noted that Dempsey was voted as the greatest fighter of the 1st half of the century in the 1950 AP Poll. Dempsey had 80 points. The Manassa Mauler received support from 11 voters but 3 of those had him in the top 10.
- Also finishing in the top 20 is historically significant heavyweight champion Jack Johnson with 79 points. 12 voters had Johnson in the top 20.

- Finishing out the top 20 is Gene Tunney who finished # 3 at light-heavyweight and in the top 15 at heavyweight. 10 voters had Tunney in the top 20.
- Looking at the next 5 spots for the top 25 we see triple crown champion Barney Ross in the 21st Ross finished in the top 10 at lightweight, top 5 at Jr. welterweight and 10th at welterweight. Ross had 68 points and support from one third of the voters.
- Floyd Mayweather Jr. the self-proclaimed TBE with a record of 50-0 finished 22nd among the greatest boxers of all time. Floyd finished 3rd at Jr. lightweight, in the top 20 at lightweight, and the top 15 at welterweight. Mayweather had 66 points only one point behind the 21st place holder and only 7 points from making the top 20.
- In the 23rd position is the great middleweight puncher Stanley Ketchel with 61 points. Ketchel had support from just under a third of voters.
- Coming in at # 24 is triple crown winner Tony Canzoneri who finished in the top 10 at Featherweight and the top 15 at Lightweight. Canzoneri had 60 points only one point behind the 23rd
- Finishing out IBRO's 25 greatest boxers of all time is modern great Manny Pacquiao with 55 points. The Filipino sensation, who is still active, has finished in the top 20 at featherweight, top 10 at Jr. lightweight, and top 20 at welterweight. He just missed the cut at Jr. welterweight. Pacquiao has the potential to rise higher in the p4p rankings in the future.

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