

# **IBRO All-Time Ratings**

**September 30, 2019**

## **Junior Middleweight Ratings**

1. **Tommy Hearns (285)**
2. **Mike McCallum (251)**
3. **Terry Norris (181)**
4. **Winky Wright (139)**
5. **Nino Benvenuti (119)**
6. **Julian Jackson (111)**
7. **Ray Leonard (110)**
8. **Wilfred Benitez (98)**
9. **Floyd Mayweather (88)**
10. **(tie) Sandro Mazzinghi (51)**
11. **(tie) Emile Griffith (51)**

**Other Top Vote Getters (25 or more points): Oscar Delahoya (45), Freddie Little (35), Ayub Kalule (33), Felix Trinidad (27).**

### **Summary:**

- **Your IBRO Inaugural ALL Time Jr. Middleweight Champion is Tommy “Hit Man” Hearns. No other 154-pound champion has wins that compare to Tommy’s victories over Wilfred Benitez and Roberto Duran at this weight. Tommy was a strong winner with 285 total points. He had 15 1st place votes and 10 2nd place votes. All voters had Tommy in the top 10.**
- **Finishing in 2nd place is Mike McCallum with 251 total points. No other finisher had over 200 points. McCallum had only 2 first-place votes but 23 of 32 voters had him in the top 3. All voters also had the “Body Snatcher” in the top 10.**
- **3-time Jr. Middleweight Title holder Terry Norris finished in 3rd place with 181 points. His strong record of 10 title defenses in his first reign along with winning the title 3 times figured strongly in most voter’s minds. Norris had 4 first-place votes with 14 voters having him in the top 3. 29 of 32 voters had him in the top 10.**
- **Finishing in the 4th spot is clever boxing Winky Wright with 139 points. 27 of 32 voters had Winky in the top 10.**
- **Former Olympian and Val Barker Cup winner Nino Benvenuti, who ascended unbeaten to the Jr. Middleweight throne, finished in the 5th spot. 23 of 32 voters had Benvenuti in the top 10.**
- **Power punching Julian Jackson finished in 6th. 24 of 32 voters had Jackson in the top 10.**

- Ray Leonard only had one real significant fight at 154 pounds and that is his prime victory over Ayub Kalule, but it was impressive enough to garnish him a spot in the top 10 in the 7th slot. Leonard had support from only 16 of 32 voters but had 5 first-place votes.
- Wilfred Benitez, the self-proclaimed King of Style, finished in the top 10 at perhaps his strongest weight. His convincing knockout of the capable champion Maurice Hope being deeply embedded in the minds of those who saw it. 18 of 32 voters had Benitez in the top 10. Benitez finished # 7 at Jr. Welter, and now # 8 at Jr. Middleweight.
- Floyd Mayweather Jr. finished 8th in the voting. 13 of 32 voters placed Floyd in the top 10. Voters tended to either vote highly for Mayweather or not at all. He has now placed top finishes in several weight classes; Jr. Lightweight # 3, Lightweight # 18, Welterweight # 13, and now # 9 at Jr. Middleweight.
- There was a voting tie for the last spot with both Sandro Mazzinghi and Emile Griffith gaining the same point total to finish out the Jr. Middleweight poll.

#### **The Rules:**

**Vote for 10 fighters.**

**1 point is awarded for a 10th place vote.**

**2 points are awarded for a 9th place vote and so on, with a 1st place vote awarded 20 points.**

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