

# **IBRO All-Time Ratings**

**September 30, 2019**

## **Welterweight Ratings**

1. **Ray Robinson (637)**
2. **Ray Leonard (555)**
3. **Henry Armstrong (523)**
4. **Thomas Hearns (415)**
5. **Jose Napoles (403)**
6. **Emile Griffith (402)**
7. **Barbados Joe Walcott (401)**
8. **Mickey Walker (400)**
9. **Kid Gavilan (383)**
10. **Barney Ross (340)**
11. **Jimmy McLarnin (273)**
12. **Jack Britton (244)**
13. **Floyd Mayweather Jr. (224)**
14. **Luis Rodriguez (177)**
15. **Carmen Basilio (172)**
16. **Ted 'Kid' Lewis (162)**
17. **Roberto Duran (141)**
18. **Pernell Whitaker (122)**
19. **Charley Burley (110)**
20. **Manny Pacquiao (108)**

**Other Top Vote Getters (50 or more points): Tommy Ryan (98), Wilfred Benitez (85), Felix Trinidad (79), Oscar Delahoya (79).**

### **Summary:**

- **The top 3 finishers placed the same as 15 years ago at 147 pounds; Ray Robinson, Ray Leonard and Henry Armstrong.**
- **The top 10 finishers are the same men as well but the order differs somewhat.**
- **Ray Robinson was the big winner with 637 points making him the largest point gatherer at any weight. He received 29 1st place votes and 3 2nd place votes. No one had him outside of the top 2.**

- Ray Leonard was a strong 2nd place finisher with 555 points. 21 of 32 voters had him in the top 4. With victories against Wilfred Benitez, Roberto Duran, and Thomas Hearns at welterweight, no one had Leonard outside of the top 10.
- Henry Armstrong received 14 2nd place votes and no voter had Armstrong outside of the top 10 at 147 pounds. Armstrong is the only other boxer with over 500 points. After Armstrong we see a big drop in point totals.
- Thomas Hearns has moved up 4 spots from his 2005 Placement with 415 points. Only 4 voters had Hearns outside of the top 10.
- The next 4 slots (5th-8th) are separated by only 1 point for each spot: Jose Napoles (403), Emile Griffith (402), Barbados Joe Walcott (401) and Mickey Walker (400).
- Kid Gavilan has dropped a few spots from 6th to 9th, but still clearly in the top 10 with 383 total points. 24 of 32 voters had him in the top 10, 29 had him in the top 20.
- Barney Ross has seen the biggest drop going from 5th to 10th but still in the top 10 all-time welterweights. 19 voters had him in the top 10. Only 2 voters did not have Ross in the top 20.
- Jimmy McLarnin finished in the same spot as he did 15 years ago, just outside the top 10 in the 11th spot. Only one voter did not have McLarnin in the top 20.
- Jack Britton also finished in the same spot he did in the previous poll at 12. 29 of 32 voters had Britton somewhere in the top 20.
- A newcomer to the poll is Floyd Mayweather Jr. making his debut in the 13th spot. Floyd received support from 23 of 32 voters. He had 11 top 10 votes and 13 in the lower portion of the top 20.
- Finishing in 14th is Luis Rodriguez up 2 spots from his previous finish. 26 of 32 voters had Rodriguez in their top 20.
- At 15 we see Carmen Basilio finishing 1 spot lower than his 2005 position, which is still fairly consistent. 27 of 32 voters had Basilio in their top 20.
- Ted “Kid” Lewis has dropped 3 spots from 13th to 16th, but still solidly in the top 20 in overall points. 24 of 32 voters had Lewis in the top 20.
- Roberto Duran who just made the cut at 20th 15 years ago has moved up a few spots to 17. Certainly, the Duran of Montreal is a competitive force against any of the great welterweights. 20 of 32 voters had Duran in the top 20, 7 of those had Duran in the top 10.
- Pernell Whitaker finished at the 18th position just one spot below his previous finish. 23 of 32 voters placed Sweet Pea in the top 20.
- Charley Burley finished in the same spot he did 15 years ago at 19. 14 of 32 voters had Burley in the top 20, enough to make the cut.
- Finishing out the top 20 is Manny Pacquiao, who has placed as a top finisher at Featherweight (19), top 10 at Jr. Lightweight (8th), and now top 20 at welterweight (20th). At 147 he received votes from 12 of 32 voters.

- **Tommy Ryan who finished 15th in 2005 just missed the cut. Also just missing the cut was Wilfred Benitez who finished 18th last time.**

**The Rules:**

**Vote for 20 fighters.**

**1 point is awarded for a 20th place vote.**

**2 points are awarded for a 19th place vote and so on, with a 1st place vote awarded 20 points.**

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