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Arturo Gatti And Mickey Ward Put On A Classic

By Joe Cicchelli

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Should we have expected anything less?

Wow!

I cannot express how honored I feel to have been ringside for this holy war. I've heard some writers state that it could be the best fight of all time. Possibly, but I'll just say that I'm certain it's the best fight I've ever had the privilege to cover.

As a writer, representing your publication in press row, you are expected to conduct yourself in a dignified manner at all times. In other words, since you're a "professional" you should be able to detach yourself from the action enough to keep from getting caught up in the moment the way a fan might. Well, I always say that I'm a fan first and a writer second and let me tell you this fan/writer was cheering as loudly as anyone in the house.

Everyone I know was looking forward to this clash of gladiators but let's remember that not all "can't miss" fights deliver the goods. In recent years there have been some heavily hyped fights that have turned into disappointments. How about Marvin Hagler vs. Roberto Duran, Mike Tyson vs. Bonecrusher Smith and most recently "The Fight of the Millennium" Felix Trinidad vs. Oscar DeLaHoya? But Arturo Gatti and Mickey Ward not only met the high expectations set for this fight- they exceeded them.

Some of the pro-Ward crowd (from his nearby hometown of Lowell, Massachusetts) booed Gatti as he entered the ring. I'm sorry, but booing Arturo Gatti is a boxing sacrilege. Even if Gatti were about to meet my own



Arturo Gatti - Mickey Ward (Photo by Pat Orr)

brother in the squared circle I wouldn't boo him. In fact, I might still find myself involuntarily applauding for the guy. Gatti and his camp had been saying that they planned to box more in this fight than he typically has during his illustrious career. On paper it was a good plan because Gatti does have solid boxing skills (as he has proven in some of his earlier bouts) and because it would keep Gatti away from Ward's searing left hook to the body. And having a boxing stylist like former champion James "Buddy" McGirt as his trainer could only help in Arturo's quest to outbox Ward. But we all knew once the action started to heat up Gatti would stand his ground and go to war- we weren't disappointed.

Something tells me that if you're reading

Boxing World Magazine that you're a dedicated fan of the sweet science and probably caught this fight live or at least set up your VCR to tape this clash. For those of you unfortunate souls who may've missed the fight- I implore you to do everything possible to get your hands on a copy of it. I'll do my best to recount the action here but it would be an impossible task to do it justice on paper no matter how many colorful adjectives and adverbs I use.

Arturo "Thunder" Gatti, 30, started out by sticking his jab and sticking to his hit-and-not-be-hit game plan. "Irish" Mickey Ward, 36, pressured Gatti but not only did he lose the first round handily; he also had a stream of blood flowing from his right eye. In Round 2 Arturo continued to let his hands fly as he out-punched Ward with head and body shots. One of those intended body shots strayed below the belt and Gatti was warned by Referee Frank Capuccino to keep his punches up. The action really heated up in the third stanza as Ward's in-your-face pressure forced Gatti to go to war. But this type of toe-to-toe action favored Ward and he made the most of it by hurting the former champ with some debilitating body shots. Gatti came roaring back but Ward stayed right with him as they traded belts until the bell. I scored this close round for Gatti but Ward had all the momentum at this point in the fight.

The first heavy punch of the fourth round was a Ward right cross that landed flush on Gatti's face. Mickey tried to follow-up but it was Gatti who went on the attack with wide hooks to the head and body. Unbelievably Ward again took control of the action by nailing Arturo with his own flurry of short hooks to the head. After being warned a second time to keep his shots up Gatti threw a vicious left hook below the belt that hit Ward's cup on an angle sending him to the canvas in severe pain. Now, getting hit



Photo by Pat Orr



(Photo by Pat Orr)

straight on the face of the cup is bad enough but when a guy either lifts your cup with an uppercut or slides it sideways like Gatti did, it's all the more painful. Referee Cappuccino took one point away from Arturo, who was already losing the round, because of the foul. Ward, who could've had up to five minutes to recover, just took the usual minute rest between rounds and was ready for more.

At the start of Round 5, I still had Arturo ahead on my scorecard but only by one point. Ward had gotten right back into the fight but Gatti was determined to keep the lead. Gatti dominated the first minute of the fifth by throwing hooks, uppercuts, crosses and yes, even a couple of low blows. Ward's indomitable will was on display for all to see as he just continued to march forward throwing punches. When the two fought on the inside Ward's shorter and sharper hooks overcame Arturo's wide flashy hooks. Late in this round Gatti fired off a dozen hard hooks at Ward. But Mickey just took them, nodded his head at Gatti, and then came back with an even better

flurry of punches. One left hook to the body in particular had Gatti wincing as Ward pulled this round out on my scorecard. But amazingly Arturo recuperated enough to win rounds six and seven by using his superior boxing skills and by carefully picking the spots when he decided to open up with his power shots.

For 2 minutes and fifteen seconds of Round 6 Gatti boxed beautifully and owned the round. But with 45 seconds remaining Ward launched an all-out attack on Gatti. Even though he had nothing on his punches Gatti tried to fire back but Ward just pummeled him for the remainder of the round. I scored it an even round because of how much Gatti had done before getting hurt by Ward late in the round.

Round 9 could be "The Round of the Year" in any year. A wicked left hook to the body early in the stanza crumpled Gatti to the canvas and he barely beat the count. But true to his reputation just when you think Gatti is out he's at his most dangerous. Both guys took turns pummeling each other as the momentum swung back and forth. Heart stopping action! There

were a couple of times during the round when Gatti was being beaten so brutally that the ref would've been justified in stopping it. At one point Arturo's trainer, Buddy McGirt, even climbed up the ring apron in an apparent attempt to stop the fight but he later explained that he had just thought the round was over. At the start of the tenth and final round there was some confusion whether or not the fight was stopped between rounds- Ward even raised his hands in victory. But not only did Gatti come out for the last round, he won it on the scorecards. What heart!

When it was announced that it was a majority decision the crowd was hushed. The scores were 94-94, 94-93 and 95-93 in favor of "Irish" Mickey Ward. I had Gatti ahead by one point but in my view it was such a close fight that no matter who got the decision no one could complain very much. As much as I love Gatti, now 34-6 (28 KO's), I think that in the end justice was served by Ward getting the hard-fought victory. Especially when you consider the raw deal that Ward got in his last fight against Jesse James Leija where he lost a fight that should've been ruled a technical draw. And think about it, Gatti has had many high profile, high-paying fights throughout his career and rightly so. But Ward, who is every inch the warrior Arturo is, has received much less exposure and much less compensation during his exciting career. So by Ward, now 38-11 (27 KO's), winning the first match it puts him in a much better bargaining position when it comes time to work out the terms of an inevitable rematch.

Speaking about a lucrative rematch, that both sides have already expressed they want, I think it would be the perfect way for these guys to end their careers. They each have had their



(Photo by Pat Orr)

share (and more) of punishment throughout their respective careers and after their return bout, sure to be another slugfest, it really will be time for them to hang up the gloves and just

soak up the accolades. Based on their high profiles and less-than-stellar boxing skills I guess the winner of the rematch could get a title shot against the jr. welterweight champion of the world, Kostya Tszyu. But other than a nice payday what good would it do Gatti or Ward to fight him? Tszyu's unorthodox, but excellent, boxing skills combined with his heavy hands would be too much for either of these blood-and-guts warriors. My message to Ward and Gatti: "Fight a rematch and call it a career. There's nothing left for you to prove." We've all heard the axiom, "Rematches are rarely as good as the first fight." And although there's a lot of truth in that statement if any prizefighters are capable of outdoing their incredible first meeting it's Mickey Ward and Arturo Gatti. How could we expect anything less?

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Shea & Haarmann Publishes CHAMPIONS BOXING GUIDE.

A complete guide to understanding the sport of boxing (Mt. Vernon, NY, June 15, 1997)

Shea & Haarmann Publishing Co. has announced the publication of the book Champions Boxing Guide for the AAIB. The book, priced at \$19.50 is 8 1/2 x 11, soft cover, 64 pages with illustrations, is authored by Stephen B. Acunto. This publication encompasses 50 years of experience of the author in the instruction of boxing and training.

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Through repetition and focus on the sequentially described steps for both offensive and defensive skills, boxing skills can be developed accurately and to a peak level. The book teaches the correct skills in boxing, in the right order, and how to develop the maximum ability of the boxer through the exemplary techniques of the three world champion fighters Muhammed Ali, Rocky Marciano, and Willie Pep. Stephen B. Acunto has been involved in boxing for over 50 years. He is the head coach of boxing at Westchester Community College in Valhalla, NY, where he develops and teaches the only boxing class for college credit in existence. Acunto has been a member of the New York State Athletic Commission since 1945 and is currently a Deputy Commissioner. In 1969, with Rocky Marciano, Acunto founded the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing. He is now President Emeritus and Chairman of this national organization. All proceeds from sales are tax-exempt and will be used for the annual AAIB scholarships and youth programs presented.

Around the Boxing Scene

By Angelo Prospero



The passing of Jay Edson was a tremendous loss to boxing. In a sport that gets down and dirty, Edson was a consummate gentleman. Not that he couldn't be tough and dish it out. I first saw him as a referee in Utica, NY where he was third man in the George Foreman-Dino Dennis bout. Edson refereed over 50 fights, many of them title or elimination contests. He was a no-nonsense, take-charge official who didn't allow showboating or roughhouse tactics. Foreman had the habit of shoving his opponent away so he could extend those long arms for leverage. He used this illegal maneuver successfully against Joe Frazier in Jamaica and pummeled him. After warning Foreman twice, Edson stopped the contest and said to George, "Next time it's disqualification." Foreman behaved the rest of the fight.

In another fight in Seoul Korea, Edson was relaxing in his room before the fight when someone slipped an envelope under his hotel door with \$10,000 in it. There was an ominous message, however. It said, "Kim win-you die." Edson turned the money in to the boxing officials and they asked him if he wanted to be replaced. He decided to go on with his scheduled duties. I asked him if Kim won. He replied, "I forgot."

When honored by the Rochester Boxing Association as their "Man of the Year," Edson insisted on paying all of his own expenses including travel, hotel room and ticket. He even purchased five additional tickets and said, "Give them to some needy people."

Later, Jay Edson became fight site coordinator for Bob Arum and Don King. He was in charge of taking care of the fighters including paying and housing them. He did so for many of the top fights in Las Vegas. On one occasion, a world champ was defending his title and brought his son along to the suite of rooms. The youngster wanted a pinball machine and Edson obliged. Two hours later, tired of this machine, he asked for another. When Edson refused a third request, the champ exploded and threatened to cancel the fight. Edson told him he'd never fight in Vegas again if he did. End of problem.

Jay Edson was a gentle soul who could be tough and stern when he needed to be. Jay was extremely disappointed at the one that got away. He was scheduled to be the referee for Ali-Frazier III, the Thrilla in Manila, agreeing to a fee of \$40,000 accompanied by a ring with many valuable stones.

Just prior to the fight, the President of the Philippines demanded a Filipino for the referee and Jay was replaced. However, he was allowed to keep his fee and the ring, which he wore with pride.

"At least I got in the Guinness Book of Records for the largest fee without refereeing," Jay joked after he got over his disappointment.



Jay Edson

He will be missed, for men of his stature and integrity don't come along too often in the down and dirty world of boxing. Jay Edson leaves a wife Georgia and two daughters.

Talking about biting the hand that feeds you, Joe Frazier is suing the Turning Stone Casino (and Ed Brophy's Boxing Hall of Fame) because -heaven forbid- they allow gambling. What do you think casinos do, Joe?

This is the same group that made Joe's daughter, Jacqui, a millionaire by staging that nonsensical Ali-Frazier IV. Joe claims that fight posters, showing his daughter and him together in the casino, harmed him grievously and caused him mental anguish because he is so opposed to gambling.

So Joe succumbed to the present day trend of suing everybody and presented his frivolous law case to a lawyer. All he wants is 16 million dollars in damages. I just hope a sensible judge throws it out.

It appears Ali's punches are beginning to take their toll or Joe Frazier has been sparring without a helmet.

Oh, by the way, if you want to book Joe Frazier for an affair, the cost is \$9000.

Two excellent boxing books recently appeared on the market. One is on Bob Fitzsimmons, the other on Tommy Burns. They are a must for boxing book collectors.

Another outstanding book, unique because it's both in English and Spanish, is The Guantes Golden Album, 300 pages packed with boxing action, pictures and history from 1977 to 2000.

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Rahman vs. Rockhead

By Joe Cicchelli

Evander's granite skull causes monstrous swelling that ends the fight

Mashantucket, CT , June 1, 2002---

When the evil Mike Tyson said it we scoffed at it. When the respected Lennox Lewis said the same thing we thought maybe it was just sour grapes. Then crimson-faced Johnny Ruiz said it after their three fight series and we started to see a pattern. Well, after Holyfield's head made Hasim Rahman look like a Star-Trek character we can't deny it any longer- Evander Holyfield's head is a weapon in the ring. But I think part of the reason why Holyfield has been catching so much flack about this is because he rarely (if ever) comes out the loser when there is a clash of heads. They used to say that former multi-divisional champion, Julio Cesar Chavez, had an abnormally thick skull; well they should measure Evander's, that is, if the MRI can penetrate it.

I will disagree with anyone who says Evander does it on purpose. It's just not in his make-up to try and gain an unfair advantage by cheating. I think once Tyson tried to use it as his excuse for biting Holyfield it just became easier for fighters to explain away their bad showings against him by saying that he headbutts. Just like Hasim Rahman did after this fight.

The thirty-nine year old Holyfield and the twenty-nine year old Rahman were fighting on pretty even terms until about the sixth round. Over those

first six rounds it was clear that Evander had the superior boxing skills but Rahman was keeping it close by muscling him around the ring at times. Even though he was fighting in spurts,

In seconds Rahman's forehead on his left size blew up to the size of a baseball.

when Holyfield did turn it on during Round 6 he hurt Rahman. Then in the seventh round Evander seemed to be finding his stride while Rahman, as he has shown many times during his

career, appeared to be slowing down as the fight wore on. He raked Rahman with shots to the head and body when the two fighters leaned forward and their heads came together. (Watching it again later in slow motion it

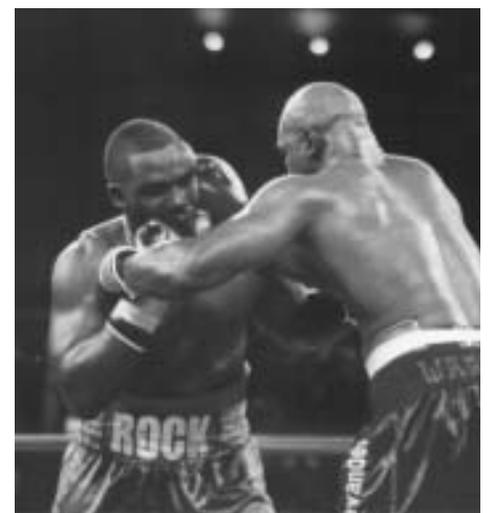
looked more like Rahman butted Evander!) When their heads collided there didn't seem to be much impact but the swelling that took place immediately afterward was like nothing you've

ever seen before.

In seconds Rahman's forehead on his left size blew up to the size of a baseball. By the next round, Round 8, it was the size of a softball.



Evander Holyfield - Hasim Rahman (Photo by Mike Greenhill)



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)

All the time Holyfield continued to target the hideous swelling with right hands- hey this is boxing, not tennis. About halfway through the eighth round the referee Tony Orlando (nor anyone watching) could take it any longer and he brought Rahman over to the ring doctor. The doc told him that it was a collection of blood and he wasn't in any danger because of it (easy for him to say!). But he did tell Rahman that if it was affecting his vision then the fight should be stopped. The former champ replied "I can see, but I see blurry." All the while NJ Boxing Commissioner Larry Hazzard, who has an ego the size of Mount Rushmore, was chomping at the bit to climb up in that ring and be seen. And of course that's exactly what he



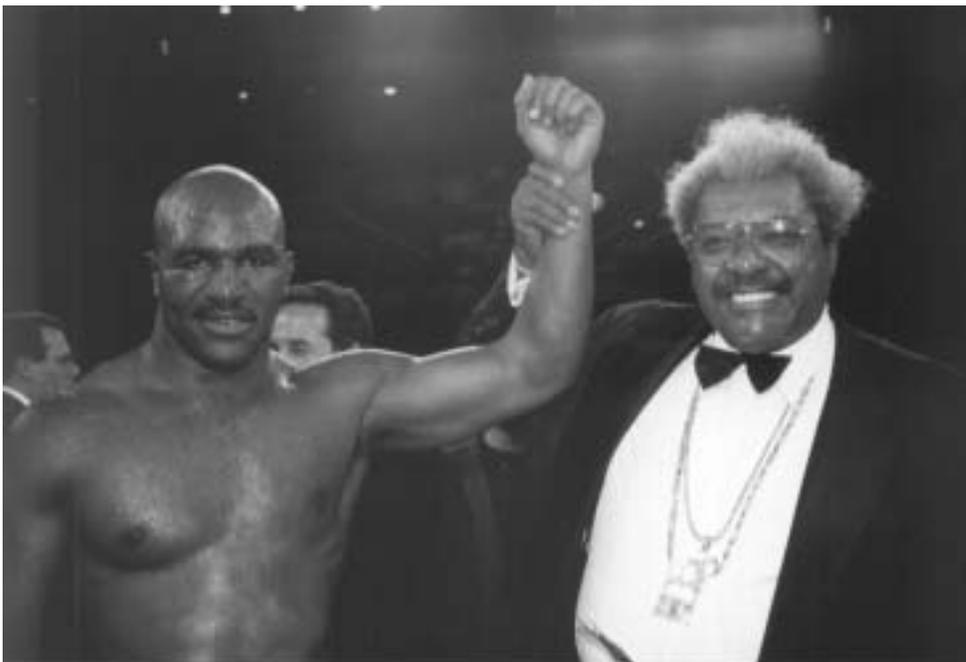
(Photo by Mike Greenhill)

did as he emasculated his referee by making the final decision. You'll have to forgive Larry's idiocy; there hasn't been a big fight in NJ for two years now. In the end it was ruled that the fight would be stopped due to an accidental headbutt and they would go to the scorecards to determine the winner.

To us at ringside it seemed the announcing of the scorecards was just a formality but when one judge had Rahman winning (I'll name the culprit: Melvina Lathan) the crowd gasped. In the end the two sane judges had it correct and Evander won by a split decision. When Rahman was interviewed right after the announcement he took the cowardly way out by saying that "Evander was butting from Round 1." But what guts it took to show up to the post fight press conference with a hematoma the size of a grapefruit on his head. When he walked into the press conference the photographers

almost ran towards him to get a shot of that unbelievable growth. If it was me I would've been in an ambulance immediately.

The former 4-time champion Evander Holyfield, now 38-5-2 (25 KO's), was gracious after the fight even saying that he'd be willing to give Rahman the rematch he was asking for. But we all know that after this big win (an upset to those who had Rahman slightly favored) he's targeting someone who's got a belt around their waist- that is anyone but John Ruiz. Please, I don't think we could take Ruiz-Holyfield IV. Ideally for Evander he'd fight the winner of next week's Lennox Lewis - Mike Tyson mega fight. But if Lewis is victorious, as most believe he will be, I doubt Lennox would want to face Holyfield again. Not after the tough time he had with the "Real Deal" in their last fight. Maybe he could just use the excuse they've all been using- Evander headbutts too much...

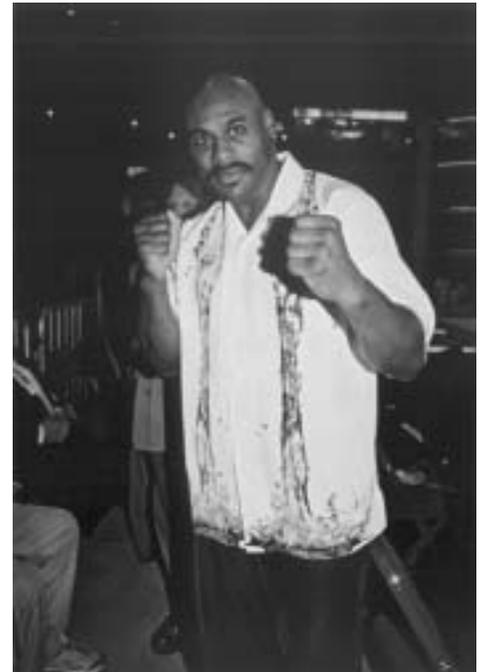


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Former IBF Cruiserweight champion Jeff Lampkin and former WBC Bantamweight champion Greg Richardson.

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Former WBC Heavyweight Champion Oliver McCall. (Photo by Mike Greenhill)

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SIMPLY " UNDISPUTED "

By Jim Amato

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There is so much talk about who is the "linear" heavyweight champion of the world. Going into his June 8th fight with Mike Tyson, Lennox Lewis held that distinction. Since his kayo victory over Shannon Briggs, Lewis was the man who

beat the man etc... Except for briefly loaning the title to Rock Rahman. Still he was not the undisputed champion. Forget the bogus claim of W.B.A champ John Ruiz and untested Wladimir Klitschko's hold on the W.B.O. title. The public has never taken them seriously. No, Lennox Lewis never received full public recognition because of one man. "Iron" Mike Tyson. As long as Tyson prowled the heavyweight streets he had to be dealt with. That is what made this fight so appealing to the public.



(Photo by Sandy Goldberg)

In the famous words of Jack London; "Fight, what fight?". That quote alone sums up the disappointment of millions of viewers as they tuned in on June 8th past. It became the saga of an aged lamb peacefully being led to slaughter.



Mike Tyson is counted out in the 8th round. (Photo by Tom Hogan)



Mike Tyson - Lennox Lewis (Photo by Tom Hogan)

When round one started Mike looked like the Tyson of old. The quick menacing steps and rapid side to side head movement had many believing that Mike had turned back the hands of time. Although no meaningful punches landed, I gave the round to Tyson for merely looking impressive.

Again in round two neither boxer had established control and the round could have gone either way. Yet there was a subtle change. Mike was no longer moving his head and as they went into round three Lennox began to dictate the pace with his spearing left jab.

By round four the writing was on the wall. Mike began to lunge with his punches and when he missed, he paid a heavy price. Lewis

masterfully counterpunched while Mike could only land an occasional right to the body.

In round five Lewis turned his spear of a jab into a battering ram. He was turning Tyson into a swollen, bleeding and bewildered hulk. Lewis was also beginning to unload wicked uppercuts



(Photo by Sandy Goldberg)

and you could see him trying to measure Mike for his big right hand.

Throughout rounds six and seven Lewis assumed complete control. If Mike lacked the talent of his youth, he still retained his gameness. Tyson never layed down for anyone. Not Douglas, Holyfield or would he for Lewis. Nevertheless it was brutal to watch. Manny Steward who was in the Lewis corner lashed out at Lewis several times to go out and finish it. He could see as well as anyone that Mike was just the shell of the Tyson we remembered from the 80's.

Lennox finally aroused himself in round eight. The scene was that of a master boxer spanking an upstart sparring partner. A flurry of punches saw Mike's knees dip toward the canvas. Referee Eddie Cotton, who did a splendid job controlling the boxers called it a knockdown. The replay shows that Mike's knees never touched the canvas. Still the respite of an eight count did little to change the inevitable.

Lennox again took charge and ended matters with a crushing right that put Tyson flat on his back. With blood streaming from his eyes and nose Mike attempted to rise but was barely on one knee when the count reached ten.

For all the pre-fight hoopla there was very little drama to the fight itself. Tyson never hurt Lennox. At no time did it look like Mike was in a position to pull out a victory. The Lewis victory over Tyson was as conclusive as Larry Holmes ending the Ali myth. So to has the Tyson myth been laid to rest.

THE JOURNEY FROM BAD TO SAD



(Photo by Sandy Goldberg)

By Jim Amato

OK I guess I'm still waiting. I'm still at the edge of my \$54.95 PPV seat waiting for Mike to throw those rapid combinations with "Bad Intentions"!!! I'm still waiting to see Lennox Lewis fall on his arrogant ass in a replay of his debacles against McCall and Rahman.

How could Iron Mike do this to us, the paying boxing public. This bout captured our fancy as very few bouts do. In the end it turned out to be the rip off of the new century. After swallowing my disappointment, I began to look at this bout in a different light.

At one time Mike Tyson struck fear into his opponents, as few men were ever able to do. In his prime it can be argued that he was among the most destructive fighters of all time. The monster that nearly decapitated poor Marvis Frazier and sent Trevor Berbick floundering like a drunken sailor is now a figment of our imaginations. Even the image of Mike's demolition of Michael Spinks and one round blitz of "Truth" Williams have to be dusted off in the corners of our memories.

We forgave him for losing his title to Buster Douglas. Over confidence and personal problems led to his demise. He would twice beat the dangerous Razor Ruddock and re-establish himself as the man to beat. Yet he couldn't beat the rape charge that kept him on the sidelines for over three years.

Another comeback with wins over pretenders Frank Bruno and Bruce Seldon led him to his Waterloo at the hands of Evander Holyfield. The ear biting incident in the Holyfield rematch sank Mike to a new low. Still there were many unanswered questions and just enough hope that Mike could turn back the hands of time.

Current Boxing Champions

	WBA	WBC	IBF
Heavyweight	John Ruiz	Lennox Lewis	Lennox Lewis
(Unlimited)	37-4-1 (27 KOS)	39-2-1 (30)	39-2-1 (30)
Cruiserweight	Jean-Marc Mormeck	VACANT	Vassiliy Jirov
(190 Pounds)	27-2 (19)		31-0 (27)
Light Heavyweight	(A) Bruno Girard	Roy Jones	Jones
(175 Pounds)	41-3-2 (7)	46-1 (37)	46-1 (37)
Super Middleweight	Byron Mitchell	Eric Lucas	Sven Ottke
(168 Pounds)	24-1-1 (17)	35-4-3 (13)	26-0 (5)
Middleweight	(B) William Joppy	Bernard Hopkins	Hopkins
(160 Pounds)	33-2-1 (24)	41-2-1-1 (30)	41-2-1-1 (30)
Junior Middleweight	Fernando Vargas	Oscar de la Hoya	Ronald Wright
(154 Pounds)	22-1 (20)	34-2 (27)	43-3 (25)
Welterweight	Ricardo Mayorga	Vernon Forrest	Michele Piccirillo
(147 Pounds)	23-3-1, 1 NC(21)	34-0 (26)	37-1-0-1 (23)
Junior Welterweight	(C) Diobelys Hurtado	Kostya Tszyu	Kostya Tszyu
(140 Pounds)	35-2-1 (23)	29-1-1 (23)	29-1-1 (23)
Lightweight	Leonard Dorin	Floyd Mayweather	Paul Spadafora
(135 Pounds)	20-0 (7)	28-0 (20)	35-0 (14)
Junior Lightweight	(D) Yodsanan Nanthachai	VACANT	Steve Forbes
(130 Pounds)	36-2-1 (33)		20-1 (5)
Featherweight	Derrick Gainer	Erik Morales	Johnny Tapia
(126 Pounds)	37-5 (23)	41-0 (31)	52-2 (27)
Jr Featherweight	Osamu Sato	(F) Willie Jorin	Manny Pacquiao
(122 Pounds)	26-1-2 (15)	28-0-1 (12)	33-2-1 (24)
Bantamweight	Johnny Bredahl	Veerapol Sahaprom	Tim Austin
(118 Pounds)	52-2 (25)	37-1-1 (25)	24-0-1 (21)
Jr Bantamweight	Alexander Munoz	Masanori Tokuyama	Felix Machado
(115 Pounds)	22-0 (22)	26-2-1 (7)	22-3-1 (11)
Flyweight	Eric Morel	Pongsaklek Wonjongkam	Irene Pacheco
(112 Pounds)	30-0 (17)	44-2 (26)	26-0 (20)
Junior Flyweight	Rosendo Alvarez	(E) Choi Yo-Sam	Ricardo Lopez
(108 Pounds)	31-2-1 (20)	24-1 (13)	50-0-1 (37)
Strawweight	Keitaro Hoshino	Jose Antonio Aguirre	Robert Leyva
(105 Pounds)	23-7 (6)	27-1-1 (17)	21-0-1 (18)

(A) Roy Jones Jr. is the WBA light heavyweight "super world champion."

(B) Bernard Hopkins is the WBA middleweight "super world champion."

(C) Kostya Tszyu is the WBA super lightweight "super world champion."

(D) Acelino Freitas (31-0, 29 KOs) is the WBA super featherweight "super world champion."

(E) Jorge Arce (27-3-1, 19 KOs) is the interim champion.

(F) Oscar Larios (45-3-1, 32 KOs) is the interim champion.

What transpired on June 8th past could sicken even the hardest man. What unfolded from my TV screen that night was the most pathetic beating a former champion has taken since Holmes humbled the shell of Ali. To give a round by round summary of this fight would be an exercise in futility. Much like Mike's foray into the Lennox Lewis onslaught.

Styles make fights. I always felt that Tyson was MADE for George Foreman. I believe Don King felt the same way. That may be a good reason why that fight was never made. I felt Tyson had the style to beat Lewis and I still believe the Tyson who was taught by Cus D'Amato and trained by Kevin Rooney could defeat the best that Lewis could bring. Lewis will now be awarded all time great status. I disagree. I feel that Lewis just came around at the right time. Too bad his time was the wrong time for Mike Tyson.



Heavyweight contender Chris Byrd

Back From the Brink

By Mike Greenhill

Chester, W. VA, April 13, 2002 --



---- *Yogi Berra would have loved it.*

If he took the time, Yogi would be David Tua's biggest fan, if only for bringing to life Berra's oft-quoted mantra, "it ain't over till it's over".

Tua rescued his career at the Harvey Arneault Events Center at the Mountaineer Race Track and Gaming Resort with a come-from-behind flurry in the 9th round to stop the hitherto dominant Fres Oquendo.

This was the quintessential crossroads fight. San Juan, Puerto Rican native Oquendo, who grew up in Chicago, became one of the rising heavyweight hopefuls after a stunning win over highly touted Clifford Etienne, sending the "Black Rhino" into the tar pits with a 7-knockdown performance last year. He followed up with wins over Obed Sullivan and David Izon. Izon was and is a shot fighter, but Oquendo took care of business quickly, as one should against an unwilling opponent. The likable Fres didn't have to face the always dangerous Tua, but did so because "I have to fight the best quality opposition to show I'm the best".

The 29-year-old Oquendo began boxing at age 13 to learn how to defend himself. "I used to get into so many fights when I was in grammar school that one day I decided I might as well go learn to box", said the 6'2" Oquendo. "My father used to tell me I hit like a sledgehammer." His first major victory came



Fres Oquendo - David Tua (Photo by Mike Greenhill)

against a school bully in junior high school named Arthur Johnson. "That guy had an annoying habit of going up to someone and taking his lunch, or their money, or their goodies," remembered Oquendo. "One day, it was my turn to step up to the plate. I do not know what I did to make him notice me, but he said, 'Oquendo, it is you and me after school.' All I could think of was: "Why me?" Oquendo was scared, but went through with the right of passage. His first punch dropped the hooligan. Though stunned, he got back up on his feet. "I

hammered the hell out of him after that", Oquendo explained.

The "Big O" boldly predicted a knockout over the granite-chinned Tua, who had never been off his feet in his career. It was do or die for New Zealander Tua, after recent losses to Lennox Lewis (Tua is still genuinely embarrassed by his zombie-like performance in that one) and the technician Chris Byrd. The Throwin' Samoan was not the same fighter as when he debuted in prize fighting. Lately it's been walk your man down, throw almost nothing, and hope to land a left hook. Tua, now 40-3 (34), has walked a tightrope many times with that scenario, escaping with late knockouts over Oleg Maskaev, Hasim Rahman, David Izon and a 6-round KO of Donell Nicholson. If Tua wanted to make things easier for himself, he needed to revert to the more active-punching style that crushed John Ruiz in 19 seconds, and that brought the fans to their feet in his war with Ike Ibeabuchi, a Tua loss that still resonates as one of the best heavyweight fights in the past 20 years, setting a record for punch totals in a heavyweight bout.

The 5'10", 243-pound Tua raced across the ring at the opening bell, looking to end matters early a la Mike Tyson. Oquendo, now 22-1 (13), was chased across the ring later in the round, but never seemed hurt, just off balance. That round may have been the only one Tua could claim to have won. After the first stanza, he went back into his robotic mode of ineffective aggressiveness, allowing Oquendo to dictate the pace.

This Oquendo did, with relish. He efficiently jabbed Tua to keep him at bay, moving to his left most of the time in order to stay out of range of Tua's explosive left hook. It was all Tua could do to reach Oquendo. Shorter men must jab their way in. Tua was not doing so,



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)

allowing Oquendo to get off first and keep a safe distance. When they did get close, Fres smartly held on, negating Tua's only effective proximity. The fireplug Kiwi did manage to land three or four left hooks during the fight, but Oquendo, 229, showed a good chin, and also rolled just enough to defuse the power of the blow. Most of the time Tua's wild lefts drew air, as well as oohs and aahs from the sellout crowd of 5,100.

It was looking like a re-run for Tua. Way behind on all three cards, it was a surprising lack of creativity being displayed for a boxer who was figuratively up against the wall in terms of future career advancement. But just when all seemed lost, David rocked Oquendo with a clubbing right behind the left ear midway through the 9th. Oquendo was on wobbly legs, and Tua set to pounce. He flurried Oquendo into the ropes, then hurt the defending

NABF champ with another right. After several more unanswered blows, referee Dave Johnson stepped in to halt matters at 1:54 of the ninth frame.

At the post-fight press conference, a soft-spoken Oquendo was obviously despondent, especially with the knowledge that he was ahead by 4 points on two cards and 8 points on the third. But he was gracious in defeat. "I dropped my hands and he caught me with a good shot," he said. "I felt pretty good. He hit me with a pretty hard punch. I don't want to take anything away from him, but I'll be back. I am young and hungry. I will be back."

Said the victorious Tua, "It was do or die for me. We stuck to our game plan. We worked to the body and we wanted to minimize the distance. Thank God it was only a matter of time." Continued the Tuaman, "I did think I was behind, but I believe and I had faith that it



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)

was only a matter of time. I came out faster in the first round. I established that left hook to keep him honest. But I couldn't get it going after that. I have to give credit to Mr. Oquendo. He's a true champion."



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)

Despite the loss, Fres Oquendo showed he's for real. Against his most well-known opponent to date, he displayed excellent ring generalship up until the fateful ninth round. He should be back if there's any justice. And David Tua may be the one to run the Fres fan club. "He's better than Lennox Lewis", proclaimed Tua. "Lennox is a good businessman who does what he has to do to win a fight, but Fres has more skills and puts more combinations together." High praise, indeed. As for Tua himself, his career has receded from the precipice of disaster for the time being. Once again his thunderous fists have bailed him out despite not having a Plan B for the umpteenth time. One wonders how long he can keep living on the edge. But that's what makes David Tua so exciting to watch, as his legion of fans already realize. That bolt of lightning can strike at any time. It is Tua that defines the sudden turnarounds that make boxing so appealing.

THE UNDERCARD



Michael Grant TKO5 "Big" Joe Lenart

(Photo by Mike Greenhill)



Roland Cummings winner TD3 George Klinessmith due to cut. (Photo by Mike Greenhill)

Mount Goofi Erodes

By Mike Greenhill

Chester, West Virginia, April 13, 2002 ----

Who's minding the store known as Lance "Goofi" Whitaker's career? After witnessing his totally lifeless exhibition against Cleveland's Ray Austin at the Mountaineer Race Track and Gaming Resort on the banks of the Ohio River, the answer would have to be nobody.

The bout was the semi-final to the David Tua - Fres Oquendo match in steel mill country. But Whitaker fought more like a bellows gasping for air than a ferocious blast furnace. The 6'7" Californian came in at a career-high 281 pounds, and though his height held the weight less obtrusively than most others that heavy, the excess tonnage did nothing for the Goofi one's stamina. Lethargic Lance escaped with a split draw against last minute replacement Austin, who took the fight on a week's notice after David Izon dropped out.

It was most propitious that Pensacolan Izon skipped this one, or so we thought. After playing the part of human punching bag in his last outing against Oquendo on December 1, 2001 at the Jacob Javits Center in New York, one had to think any other opponent would give Whitaker a more interesting fight. Austin was willing, but at 17-3 (12) versus no-name opposition, was he able? He appeared to give us the benefit of the doubt by evening's end, but it was hard to tell, since Whitaker was so reluctant to make a consistent go of it for 10 rounds.

Austin initiated most of the activity, but activity was a relative term. Whitaker held when the opportunity presented itself, and he jabbed with a slow pawing motion, like a reluctant husband painting the kid's bedroom for a domineering wife. What few big wallops he connected on with his massive meat hooks were not followed up by any significant



Lance "Goofi" Whitaker - Ray Austin (Photo by Mike Greenhill)

combinations. Austin's right eye began to swell by the second round, but Goofi took no advantage, as his laboring respiratory system rendered him unable to mount any offensive that would exploit the Ohioan's puffy orbital. Sometimes the normally reserved Whitaker even took to responding out loud to his corner as he lurched forward toward Austin. But if you're able to hear your own corner easy enough to talk back, how much can you be focusing on your opponent? Not much, as it turned out. Several times the crowd booed unmercifully at the lack of action.

The 6'5", 243-pound Austin lasted the distance, and not losing to a name fighter such as Whitaker should help his resume in the

search for future decent paydays. Austin could move into the echelon of fighters such as a Lou Savarese, that second rung of fighters who give a champ an opponent who puts in the effort but is deemed unthreatening to the belt-holder. Now that the opening has come, it's up to Austin and his camp to take advantage before the door shuts.

Lance Whitaker may not have his opportunity anymore. Whatever momentum he gained by destroying Robert Davis and Oleg Maskaev has dissipated almost completely with his December loss to Jameel McCline, and this boring draw to Austin. Californian Whitaker, now 24-2-1 (20), has taken a giant step back since being managed by Rock Newman. Newman is boxing's reverse alchemist, taking gold and turning it into lead, as he did with Riddick Bowe's career. Where were his managerial skills when Whitaker was ballooning to 281 pounds? Did he even suggest to Lance that the weight needed to come off? Lance Whitaker is at a crossroads; either get good people to work with him and for him, and improve his own training habits, or his progress will grind to a permanent halt, athletically and financially.



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Castillo Wuz Robbed !

By Joe Cicchelli

Las Vegas, NV, April 20, 2002----



Mayweather "wins" the fight but loses pound-for-pound title

The way I see it Roy Jones Jr. proved that he was the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world on November 18, 1994 when he decisively beat James "Lights Out" Toney over the course of 12 rounds. Well, on April 20, 2002 he regained the mythical title of best in the world pound-for-pound when Floyd Mayweather Jr. lost to Jose Luis Castillo, regardless of what three corrupt judges had to say. But did Jones ever really give up that best-in-the-world title or did some boxing writers (myself included) just try to take it away from him? Hindsight being 20-20 vision I'd have to grudgingly say he's been the best all along despite the fact that he so angers boxing fans and writers with his unwillingness to face top opposition- or at least demolish sub par opponents.

You see it all began in late 1996 when Jones moved up to the light-heavyweight division to fight ancient Mike McCallum for the vacant title. It was unlike Jones to toy with a guy instead of just overwhelming him with speed and power. It was suggested that Jones took it easy on McCallum because of his age and because Jones had always respected him. OK we bought that one. But since then Jones has only thrown two punches with evil intentions: The left hook that he knocked Montell Griffin out with and the right hand shot that he cracked Virgil Hill's ribs with. After that Jones started to only fight these so called "number one contenders" that the sanctioning bodies demanded he defend against. I understand not wanting to be stripped but Jones seemed all too willing to go ahead and fight these pretenders instead of putting his foot down and demanding a unification match against Dariusz Michalczewski or a rematch with Bernard Hopkins, the only guy who ever gave him a competitive fight. But alas he'd toy with these inferior opponents for 12 boring rounds instead of at least giving us an all out effort culminating in a stirring knockout.

So we looked elsewhere for our best pound-for-pound titlist. Felix Trinidad was always entertaining and, although his decision win over Oscar DeLaHoya was questionable, subsequent knockouts of Davis Reid, Fernando Vargas and William Joppy as he moved up in weight convinced us that he deserved to be called the best. Some weren't content with moving Jones down only one spot and suggested that "Sugar" Shane Mosley and the aforementioned Mayweather also deserved to be rated over Jones- I have to admit I was one of them. I felt that if Jones only looked workmanlike against nobodies while these other guys hammered out the best in the world why should Jones be rated above them.



Jose Luis Castillo - Floyd Mayweather (Photo courtesy of HBO)

In any case Jones has regained the title of best in the world, pound-for-pound, even if only by default- Roy has not been bested by another boxer during his pro career while Bernard Hopkins knocked out Trinidad, Vernon Forest pummeled Mosley, and Castillo deserved the decision over Mayweather.

As for the fight itself I'm not going to bore you with details. Suffice to say that Castillo, the defending lightweight champion, came forward the entire fight throwing punches. Floyd was slick enough at times to elude some of them and did have his moments where he landed on Castillo but no way did Floyd do enough to deserve a victory. It's only made worse when you consider the wide margins by which they had Floyd winning. It's rare for me to state a judge's name in my articles but these three deserve to feel the heat. Both judges Jerry Roth and John Keane inexplicably had Floyd winning by scores of 115-111 and Anek Hongtongken somehow had Floyd even further ahead by a score of 116-111. If they had at least come up with a draw (that Floyd still wouldn't have deserved) there would've been a shred of justice as Castillo would've held onto his belt. These three judges deserve to have their licenses revoked.

As if the fans weren't outraged enough, Mayweather had the audacity to begin his post fight interview with a commercial. Thankfully HBO commentator Larry Merchant cut him off telling him, "We don't do commercials here." But "Pretty Boy" still had more to say about how he thought he deserved to win the fight despite the crowd's negative reaction to the decision. There's some talk of an upcoming pay-per-view rematch between the two so at least Castillo will (hopefully) get the chance to

beat Mayweather even more decisively this time and make a nice payday in the process. If the judges had done their job honestly and correctly Castillo would again be defending his belt instead of entering the ring as the challenger. As for Floyd it appears that all his outside the ring distractions are catching up to him. Contractual disagreements with HBO, fights with his estranged father and abusing the women in his life (narrowly escaping jail time) all have him on the ropes and his performance against Castillo proved it. He may still be young enough to get his life, and by extension his career, straightened out but to be honest thanks to his bad attitude and lifestyle if he doesn't there won't be too many tears shed for him.

So Roy Jones, I guess I owe you a bit of an apology. I may not like how you win or who you win against but there's no questioning the fact that you win. Now if we can just work on that Hopkins rematch.

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Tapia - Medina: Another Ring Robbery

By Mike Greenhill

New York, N.Y., April 27, 2002 ---

About 12 years ago, a buddy of mine went to see a psychologist. It seemed he was having relationship trouble. Things had just started to heat up, and then the woman started getting cold feet. She returned one phone call to every 15 of his, and one kind gesture of any sort to every 15 of his. He finally got the message when the psychologist gave him the following analogy: "If you're playing tennis, and you hit the ball to your partner 15 times, and she only returns the ball once, that hardly constitutes a tennis match (read: relationship)". Of course, it also brought my buddy back to reality when, after telling the good doctor that his (potential) girlfriend can "sometimes act like a bitch", the psychologist exclaimed correctly, "Steve, she doesn't sometimes act like a bitch; she IS a bitch!"

So it was that after watching Johnny Tapia receive a gift majority decision win over now former IBF featherweight champion Manuel Medina, I was reminded of my friend's plight. Medina and Steve can now share the same experience over some mind-numbing brews, for it was the Mexican who got royally stiffed.

While CompuBox Punchstat numbers are not the be-all and end-all to determine the winner of a fight, they are still a very useful tool. And in the case of the Medina-Tapia contest, they were impossible to ignore. Medina threw a record number of punches for a featherweight bout, a startling 1,466. And his 1,005 jabs were an all-time record for any weight class. No matter how much heavier Tapia's blows may have been, 1,466 versus 722 should have been enough to sway the judges toward Medina, along with those 1,005 jabs against only 313 for



Johnny Tapia - Manuel Medina (Photo by Mike Greenhill)

the New Mexico star.

As Tapia, now 52-2-2 (28) has moved up in weight, the former junior bantam and bantamweight champ has had a tougher go of it. The 35-year-old's only losses were two controversial but thrilling wars with 122-pound titleholder Paulie Ayala, and since then, the man known as "Mi Vida Loca" moved up again to featherweight, hoping to get a shot at the since dethroned Prince Naseem Hamed. Fan-favorite Tapia settled for the indefatigable IBF king Medina, now 60-12 (27).

Medina, 31, is the rubber band man, having

bounced back from defeats to win the 126-pound belt 3 times. He may as well be called the Energizer Bunny, always entering the square circle in excellent shape, and throwing more leather than a hurricane blowing away a shoe store. Manuel was more than happy to demonstrate the perils of an opponent's ineffective aggressiveness, and Tapia was a more than willing co-conspirator. Johnny moved forward most of the night, but didn't jab his way inside where he did his best work. Thus the spidery Medina was able to constantly stick the jab in Tapia's face, puffing up the challenger's face by the evening's conclusion.



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)

Medina was masterful all night, fighting just as well going backward as going forward. He also kept landing lead rights in addition to his accumulation of jabs. He constantly was first, slowing the advancing Tapia. Johnny appeared frustrated at not being the one get off the initial blows. At this point in his career, throwing first and more often may no longer be possible against the top guns in his division.

Tapia was given the first two rounds on two of the three cards, which most observers would not have agreed with. Indeed, it seemed unlikely he won more than two of the first 9



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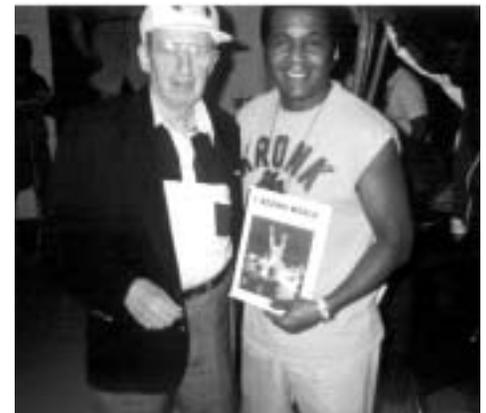
rounds to the majority of fans and media. Tapia did come on in the last 3 frames, cutting off the ring and rocking Medina several times as he played to the crowd. But it appeared that just ended up making the bout a closer Medina victory. Tapia and his corner celebrated at the bell, but one assumed it was just to curry the judges' favor, not because the team thought he had actually won.

Well, somebody knew something we didn't. Melvina Lathan scored it a 114-114 draw, while Tony Paolillo and George Colon tallied 115-113 for the American. It was a narrow, but incorrect, decision in Tapia's favor. The classy Medina was visibly disappointed, but didn't

hardly protested, most likely to do being shocked into disbelief. At the post-fight press conference he spoke only briefly through an interpreter. "I thought the decision was incorrect; we all know I won the fight." Tapia's trainer Jesse Reid was quick and direct. "Johnny won the fight no matter what people thought. It was a good fight, and he's a true champion." New IBF featherweight ruler Tapia was just as perfunctory. "I thank the Lord neither of us was seriously hurt. I'm glad to be champion." Team Tapia seemed eager to exit the premises most expeditiously, as if leaving the scene of a crime, though it must be said, not one of their own doing.



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Irv Abramson and Emanuel Steward



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Big Time Has a Good Time

By Mike Greenhill

New York, N.Y., April 27, 2002 ---

Despite a couple of anxious moments, Jamell McCline continued his climb up the heavyweight ranks with a unanimous 10-round decision victory over a game but outclassed Shannon Briggs at The Theatre at Madison Square Garden.

It was a workmanlike effort for McCline, if not spectacular. "Big Time", as he is nicknamed, first came into the public consciousness with a stunning first-round TKO of Michael Grant in July 2001. It was on that night that the native of Port Jefferson, Long Island, New York, now living in New Jersey, floored Grant with the first punch of the fight, breaking Grant's ankle in the process. Despite notching the first big name on his holster, it remained to be seen what McCline could do for the full distance against another name fighter.

McCline answered that question most satisfactorily on December 1, 2001 when he met Lance "Goofi" Whitaker at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in Manhattan. In what was a furious pace for a heavyweight contest, McCline wore down the newly monickered "Goofi", wobbling him late in the fight, and out-skilling him. Going into the tilt with Briggs, McCline, now 28-2-3 (16), looked to improve on his world rankings (#8 WBA, #9 WBC, #6 IBF).

It is hard to imagine the intelligent, soft-spoken McCline once spent 5 years in prison. But the 32-year-old has been a model citizen since, and his late start in the fight game is now starting to bear fruit. McCline's career has been made easier by his wife Tina, whom he met when speaking to the class of kids she was teaching at the time. He made such a good impression on her and the kids, they became friends, and then things blossomed from there. After spending any time around Tina, it is



Jamell "Big Time" McCline - Shannon Briggs (Photo by Mike Greenhill)

obvious she is a stabilizing force on the big man.

Things hadn't been as stable for the up-and-down Shannon Briggs lately. The highly touted Brooklyn, New York native steamrolled through his first 25 pro bouts with 20 knockouts, but then got starched by another undefeated prospect, Darroll Willson in 1996. His manager Marc Roberts was able to maneuver Briggs into a match with George Foreman in November 1997, and Briggs somehow escaped with a highly controversial decision victory and what is known as the "linear" heavyweight championship. The win cemented Briggs a challenge for Lennox Lewis' heavyweight crown. Briggs hurt Lewis in the first round, but punched himself out quickly, and was

floored 3 times before succumbing to Lewis and exhaustion in the fifth.

Briggs later managed a controversial draw with Franz Botha on August 7, 1999, flooring the South African in the 8th to salvage the tie. But then his career hit another bump in the road when he was upset by 9-9 Sedrick Fields in April 2000. After beating some lesser-knowns since, Briggs was matched with McCline. Apparently it was doubted the uninspired Briggs would go through with the fight, to the point that Lou Savarese was brought in as a back-up in case Shannon skipped out. Talk about motivating a guy. "There was no way I was gonna pull out of this fight, even if they cut out my liver", said Briggs afterward.

Round One went to Briggs, as he moved forward against McCline and connected with the only meaningful rights of the first stanza. Shannon seemed remarkably relaxed. It had to be said that despite his recent inconsistency, one look at his record showed he had by far more big fight experience than the up-and-coming Jameel. But after round One, McCline took over.

McCline decided discretion was the part of valor against the 6'4", 268-pound Briggs, who came in 30 pounds heavier than usual. After the first heat he stayed on the outside, choosing to pick his spots against the lumbering, laboring Brooklynite. It was almost a heavyweight version of De La Hoya - Trinidad, except McCline at least threw leather through the whole bout. It was guerrilla warfare --- get in, state your business, and get out. McCline's periodic 2-and-3-punch combinations wore down Briggs, whose extra weight, though not flabby, nonetheless slowed him down as then night wore on. Briggs keeps that left very low; it was his Achilles' heel versus Foreman, Lewis and Botha, and had negative consequences again tonight.



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)

While Briggs, now 36-4-1 (30), moved forward most of the night, his punch output receded from view as the night got longer, and McCline, 6'6", 264.25 pounds, was more than happy to greet the 30-year-old's plodding approaches with stiff ramrod jabs, bloodying Briggs' nose in the fourth. McCline drilled Briggs with some meaningful rights to the head, which Shannon shrugged off. His only response was to talk back. Said McCline later, "he was saying things like "I'm gonna get you, I'm gonna knock your ass out." But it had no effect on me".

In the sixth, McCline let his fists do the talking, as he rocked Briggs with a left-right-left combo that sent Briggs tumbling back on his butt, feet up in the air, as the not insignificant number of McCline followers went wild. Briggs got up quickly, ready to go to war. "I wasn't hurt that bad, just off balance," said Briggs later. "The first thing I thought as I was

almost doing a somersault was, "I'm gonna kick his ass." He almost did, wobbling McCline's legs with a right just before the bell.

He may have thought such, but the knockdown changed the complexion of the fight, emboldening McCline while slowing Briggs' offense to a crawl the rest of the night. Looking to do nothing but throw a big right, Briggs was outworked, and especially out-jabbed. "The extra weight did make a difference on me in the later rounds," said Shannon at the post-fight press conference. "I'll never come in that heavy again." McCline boxed smartly the rest of the way, and garnered the unanimous 99-00 tally on all three scorecards.

Final Punchstat numbers showed McCline landed 150 of 374 for 40%, to just 67 of 271 for Briggs, at a 25% clip, and an average of just 27 salvos per round. Though Briggs out-power-punched McCline 115-92, Jameel landed more

often, 52-46, and won the jabbing contest easily, 98 of 282 (35%) versus 21 of 156 (14%) for Briggs. More than 70% of McCline's punches were jabs; that was how the fight was won.

While some in the crowd would have appreciated more fireworks from Jameel, the winner was more pragmatic afterward. "I had to be careful against Shannon. He can punch. He hurt me several times. He hurt me in the first, the third, the fifth, sixth and seventh. In the round in which I knocked him down, he hurt me just before the bell. I looked down at my legs to see what they were doing. I turned my back to him as I went to the corner so he couldn't see I was hurt."



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)

The motor-mouthed Briggs was effusive in praising his opponent afterward. "Jameel is a damn good fighter. He's gonna make some noise in the heavyweight division. If he doesn't, I'm gonna be pissed off. He can compete with anybody."

Jameel McCline continues to progress up the heavyweight ladder. He's personable, smart, and skilled. Once the Tyson-Lewis result is completed in June, and Chris Byrd and Kirk Johnson hopefully have their deserved say against Ruiz, Tyson, Lewis or whomever, then don't be surprised if "Big Time" hits the big time with a heavyweight title challenge.



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)



Lou Bizzaro (right) TKO6 Hector Ramirez
(Photo by Mike Greenhill)

Mayorga Knocks Crown Off Six Heads

By Joe Cicchelli

Reading, PA, March 30, 2002----

*New champ in 147 pound division
as welter-skelter continues*

The welterweight picture seemed so clear just a few months ago. "Sugar" Shane Mosley was the best in the world and would continue to be until he decided to jump up to the jr. middleweight division and vacate the title. Yeah, there were a couple of "title-holders" out there in the division named Vernon Forrest and Andrew "Six Heads" Lewis but neither of these fighters figured to give Mosley much trouble. That was our first mistake. As everyone surely knows by now, Vernon Forrest shocked Mosley and the world by dominating Sugar for 12 rounds to become the best welterweight in the world.

Then while Forrest and Mosley were working out the terms of a possible rematch it seemed that each boxer realized that a win over Lewis (and ownership of his WBA belt) before the rematch would put them in a much better bargaining position when it came time to sign the contracts. So it appeared that Mosley and Forrest were just waiting for Lewis to get rid of this guy named Ricardo Mayorga so one of them could add his belt to their collection-wrong again.

We had an inkling that Lewis was vulnerable when in his first defense against light-punching Larry Marks he was rocked along the way to winning an uninspiring decision. That inkling became more like fact when in his first fight against Mayorga (which ended in a no-contest due to cut caused by a clash of heads in the second round) Lewis was again rocked in the very first round. But despite Mayorga's unbelievable self-confidence and contempt for Lewis, even going so far as to promise a knockout within three rounds, it was believed



Ricardo Mayorga - Andrew "Six Heads" Lewis (Photo by Mike Greenhill)

that it would take a fighter like Mosley or Forrest to beat Lewis. Strike three. Fight Night: The challenger, Mayorga, 22-3-1-1 (20 KO's), continued his disdain for Lewis by not agreeing to touch gloves with the champion just before the opening bell. Although "Six Heads" Lewis, 21-0-1 (19 KO's), could trouble a guy like Mayorga with his fast hands and boxing skills the problem is that he seems to only be able to fight one way- going forward. In the opening round Lewis was throwing quick triple jabs but they were tentative and fell far short of their target. As both boxers lunged forward they collided face to face, eerily similar to the first fight, but no blood was spilled this time. Lewis did more advancing and more

punching this round but the challenger's punches were harder when he did unleash them. A close first round that was hard to score.

Lewis continued to be too careful in the second stanza. For the most part he tried to land a few harmless punches and then tie-up Mayorga. Six Heads did get in a sneaky fast right uppercut to Mayorga's chin followed by a pair of straight lefts to the face. But the hungry challenger stormed back late in the round with a hard right and left hook to the head that stiffened Lewis momentarily making it another hard-to-call round. Lewis' punches flowed a little more freely in the third round but simply put the challenger's shots were harder and his chin seemed sturdier. Early in Round 4 both fighters let the leather fly and one left hook in particular snapped Lewis' head back and had him hurt again. Lewis showed his gameness by catching Mayorga with a flashy three punch combination to the head but the challenger was not to be denied.



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In the fifth round Mayorga missed a big hook but even though it landed on his shoulder Lewis' legs looked unsteady. A nice left hook by the challenger jolted Lewis' head back. Then a couple of seconds later Mayorga got in another hard left hook followed by two crushing



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)

rights to the jaw. Lewis staggered backward with his hands out at his sides and crashed on his back.



(Photo by Pat Orr)

Lewis was down under the ropes and when he tried to lift his head the bottom strand was across his forehead seemingly trying to tell him to stay down (it was reminiscent of Mike Tyson's knockout of Michael Spinks). But Lewis got up at the count of six (ironically

enough) and looked like he could possibly continue. Referee Rudy Battle asked him twice if he wanted to continue and not only didn't Lewis answer in the affirmative, he even shook his slightly as if to say "No." The ref called a halt to the fight at 1:08 of the fifth round (with no argument from Lewis) making Ricardo Mayorga the new WBA welterweight champion.

During the post fight interview it was outrageous to hear Lewis mutter something about promoter "bias" playing a part in his loss. He went on to say that he could've continued but wasn't given the chance. That simply is not the truth and anyone who saw the fight would have to agree. Upon a second review of the stoppage Lewis even shook his head and blinked his eyes in an apparent attempt to get the referee to call off the fight. Six Heads spoke about going back to the gym and working on his mistakes- he should begin with an apology to Don King. Now that's one statement I never thought I would make.



(Photo by Pat Orr)

Speaking of King he now has a foothold in the desirable and lucrative welterweight division thanks to Mayorga's victory. With Forrest and Mosley recently confirmed to fight their highly anticipated rematch on July 20, Mayorga is in an enviable position when the winner looks to unify the welterweight titles. Then at least we'll have things cleared up again- well at least for awhile.



Demetrius Jenkins (27-7-1,16KO) TKO7
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Heavyweight Title), 3-30-02

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Felix Machado (23-2-1,12KO) TW6 58-56,
58-56, 58-56 Martin Castillo (21-1,13KO)
(IBF J.Bantamweight Title), 3-30-02.

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Rubio Derails Bojado Express

By Joe Cicchelli Jr.

Mashantucket, CT, February 16, 2002

*Lightly regarded opponent shocks
"Can't miss" rising star*

The upsets continue. This time it was "Panchito" Bojado, probably the most touted fighter since Oscar DeLaHoya left the 1992 Olympics with a gold medal hanging from his neck. No, Bojado didn't win the gold medal, although he did represent Mexico in the 2000 Olympics, but his fierce style and two handed attacks made boxing people stand up and take notice. Facially he looks a little like his fellow Main Events stable mate "Ferocious" Fernando Vargas but any comparisons that I've heard about the two always end something like, "Yeah, Vargas is good but Bojado is the real thing."

On paper, Juan Carlos Rubio's record of 26-6-2 (10 KO's) didn't seem too threatening. On tape, clips of unknown boxers putting him to the canvas regularly made him seem like almost too easy of an opponent for Bojado. And that may've been part of Bojado's problem-overconfidence. Panchito entered this fight at his career highest weight of 144.5 (even though it was supposed to be a junior welterweight fight) and was coming off a three month layoff, the longest of his short career. Although this co-featured bout (on the undercard of Michael Moorer vs. Robert Davis) was scheduled for ten rounds I doubt Bojado thought this was going to go more than a few rounds. And that appears to be how he trained. But to blame the loss solely on his training deficiencies is unfair to Juan Carlos Rubio who, despite the long odds, rose to the occasion and put on masterful performance.

Rubio entered the ring wearing a green and yellow robe topped off by a blue and silver sombrero looking like he was in desperate need



Francisco "Panchito" Bojado - Juan Carlos Rubio's (Photo by Mike Greenhill)

of a fashion consultant or a good payday; probably the latter. As 18-year-old Francisco "Panchito" Bojado, 9-0 (9 KO's), entered the ring Showtime announcer Steve Albert said, "I think he (Bojado) is being spoon-fed easy prey. Not even remotely being tested." Now, Rubio did surprise us all but those are some tough words to have to swallow. But in the opening round it was Bojado who had to swallow the first real punch of the fight- a sharp straight right to the face. Panchito looked a little surprised that when he caught Rubio with one of his bombs that not only didn't Rubio go down but he even came firing back with a volley of his own punches. Bojado connected with a vicious three punch combo of hooks to the head that won him this close opening round on my

scorecard.

Rubio did a nice job of timing Bojado's rushes during the second round. A few of Rubio's hard straight rights to the head got a reaction from the crowd and from Bojado- he angrily nailed Rubio with a hard left hook to the face. Both guys had their moments during some great give and take action but Rubio won the round. Bojado already started to show signs of frustration in the third round. As a trickle of blood fell from his nose Panchito turned to the southpaw stance in hopes that it would confuse Rubio and he did fight more effectively for a time. But by the end of the round Rubio was scoring more frequently and more cleanly than Bojado to even up the round.

Francisco Bojado had never had to enter a fourth round in his professional career but you wouldn't have known it. Bojado had his left hook working overtime this round and to good effect as he seemed to hurt Rubio with it. As always Rubio fired back but Panchito got the better of this round. Round 5 was electrifying as Rubio threw scores of punches while Bojado loaded up on a select few that really did damage. Rubio's unbelievable workrate and strong finish won him the round in my book. More exciting exchanges took place in the sixth stanza but Rubio still was getting the better of it. That frustration and another lost round might explain why Bojado had to be warned by the ref to keep his punches up after hitting Rubio's rubies.

Bojado rallied to win the seventh round even sending Rubio to the canvas although it was ruled a push. But in the eighth round as Rubio was whacking away him, Bojado bent all the way down and let his glove touch the canvas. It was correctly ruled a knockdown so Panchito lost that round by a two point margin. Although going into the ninth round he had to sense that



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)



(Photo by Mike Greenhill)

he was behind on points, Bojado allowed Rubio to win the slow paced round.

In the corner before the tenth and final round Bojado's trainer, Roger Bloodworth, basically told him that he needed a knockout to win. All he could muster for an answer was, "My hand hurts" to which Bloodworth asked, "Do you want me to stop the fight?" Panchito answered, "No" but it wasn't the type of response that made you believe his was willing to go out on his shield to win if necessary.

Bojado did try to score the come-from-behind knockout and his hooks were even able to open a cut on the bridge of his opponent's nose. But by the second half of last round Rubio pinned him against the ropes for periods of time and won yet another round on my unofficial scorecard. I had Rubio winning the fight and so

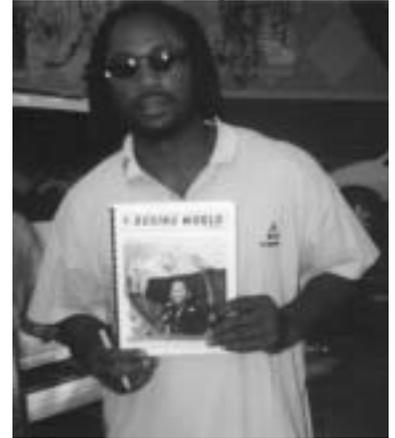
did all three the judges by scores of: 98-92 and 96-94 (two judges). Francisco Bojado was dignified upon hearing the judges' decision that handed him the first loss of his pro career and even softly clapped his hands for Rubio.

After the fight the elated victor said he felt he won because, "I wanted it more than he did." But it may be more than just desire or training that could explain why Bojado was beaten. As we've seen through boxing history, even some great fighters cannot beat a certain fighter because the lesser guy just "has their number." Is that the case here? It remains to be seen. Speaking of which I was glad to hear Bojado say that he wanted a rematch because, truth be told, he has to avenge this disappointing loss to Rubio if he ever wants to get his career back on the fast tract to boxing greatness.

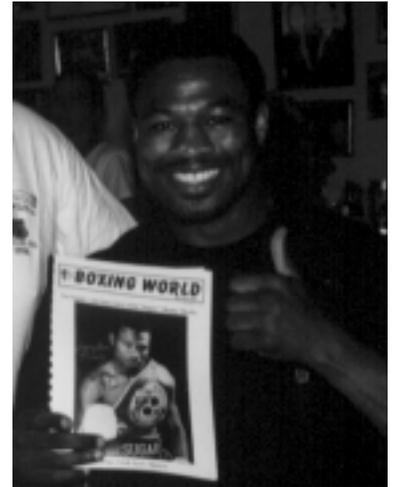


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Spaddy Steps Up

By Mike Greenhill

Pittsburgh, PA, March 9, 2002 ----

The true test of a champion is whether or not he can get tough when the competition gets tougher. It's an age-old complaint in boxing; is a fighter as good as his record, or is he feasting on tomato cans?

For IBF lightweight champion Paul Spadafora, the question has hovered over his head ever since he dominated Pito Cardona to win the vacant title. Spadafora hasn't helped his cause by fattening up (in the case of Spaddy, figuratively, not literally) on forgettables such as Renato Cornett, Mike Griffith, and Rodney Jones, while overcoming two knockdowns against Victoriano Sosa. Billy Irwin posed as a statue in his bout with the Pittsburgh Kid, so Paul didn't get full credit for that defense, either. Who would his first "name" opponent be, and when?

Angel Manfredy would be a step in the right direction. Before a raucous capacity crowd at the Palumbo Center on the campus of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Spadafora came through with a dominant unanimous decision victory over Manfredy, despite Angel's opinion to the contrary.

Manfredy has apparently ended up in the unwelcome "One of the Best Fighters Not to Win a World Title" category (we know what the WBU belt is worth, don't we?). Oba Carr can tell Angel what that's like. The Gary, Indiana native has lost championship matches to Floyd Mayweather, Jr., Stevie Johnston and Diego Corrales. Styles make fights, and the former "El Diablo" just hasn't been able to get over the hump. It was the opinion to most observers that for Manfredy, the try for Spadafora's leather would be his last chance at the spoils.

Spadafora was a little slow in getting untracked, but once he did so, it became his usual display of sticking, moving and defense.



Angel Manfredy - Paul Spadafora (Photo by Pat Orr)

Irwin said after his loss to Spadafora that Paul "couldn't break a pain of glass", but Spaddy's fistic intelligence pretty much guarantees that he doesn't have to in order to come out on top. Spadafora got in, stated his business, then got out. Manfredy had just come of a scintillating, though controversial decision win over highly rated Julio Diaz in a action-packed punchfest, so it was puzzling to see him less active in tonight's tilt.

One must conclude that Spadafora has a way of making his opponent's hesitant. The lanky southpaw confuses his orthodox in several ways besides launching his deliveries from the port side. Spadafora was the ring general again, rolling his shoulders to protect his noggin when Manfredy was within range, and showing good footwork to stay out of range most of the time.

Manfredy didn't help his own cause, coming forward with either little output, or with pitty-pat lead rights and feathery jabs. It was almost a sign of over-training on the 27-year-old Hoosier. This lackadaisical approach fell right into Spadafora's hands, as it gave him the time he needed to avoid any salvos of major consequence. Against the praying mantis-like Pittsburgher, you need to pressure him, cut off the ring and go to the body to have any chance. Manfredy, now 39-6-1, did none of the above.



(Photo by Pat Orr)

When the final decision was announced, only Manfredy disagreed, yelling "No!". Talk about unbridled optimism. He said into the camera, "you know who won". Yes, we did, Angel, and though you're a warrior, this time it sure wasn't you. Punches need to be thrown with bad intentions, but the heart and power the born-again one displayed against Diaz was nowhere to be found in the Steel City. Said Spadafora afterward, "I knew this would be an easy fight. People thought he'd be too strong for me, but I'm a very strong lightweight. People don't know how strong I am."

So what's next for Spadafora? "I'll take on Castillo, Mayweather, Freitas, you name it. I can beat all these guys. I train hard, I'm a good person. I'll show I'm one of the best."



(Photo by Pat Orr)

Mayweather would be an interesting choice, assuming he can get past Jose Luis Castillo in Pretty Boy Floyd's first shot at lightweight, a title shot to boot. The story is well known in boxing circles of how Spadafora bested Floyd in a sparring match over 6 rounds a couple of years back, leaving a prone Mayweather gasping for air at the conclusion. Mayweather recently said, "it was my first day back in the gym. He didn't hurt me or anything.; I was just gassed." Spadafora, now 35-0, denounced the claim as an excuse. The question remains whether Spadafora can duplicate whatever success he had against Floyd in the gym. But after tonight's performance against Angel Manfredy, you can't count him out, as he passed his first lesson in "Opponent Elevation 101" with flying colors.



Promoter Mike Acri and Paul Spadafora
(Photo by Pat Orr)



(Photo by Terry Gallagher)

Fight Fax Schedule

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Jun-18	Tokyo	Teruo Nagase (20-5-2,12ko) vs Hiroyuki Maeda (24-6-2,14ko) (Japanese Welterweight Title)
Jun-21	Las Vegas	Juan Marquez (38-2,30ko) vs Hector Marquez (25-8,18ko) (NABF-USBA Featherweight Titles) (TELEFUTURA)
Jun-21	Waco	Ann Wolfe (11-1,8ko) vs Vienna Williams (7-1,3ko) (WIBA Middleweight Title) (ESPN2)
Jun-21	Waco	Sumya Anani (19-1-1,7ko) vs Jane Couch (16-3,7ko) (WIBA Jr.Welterweight Title) (ESPN2)
Jun-21	Waco	Melissa Salamone (25-0-1,11ko) vs Ada Velez (10-0,5ko) (WIBA Super Bantamweight Title) (ESPN2)
Jun-21	Revere	Jeff Fraza (10-2,6ko) vs Kevin Watts (16-1,5ko) (State Super Lightweight Title)
Jun-21	London	Robin Reid (31-3-1,23ko) vs Omar Gonzalez (25-3,9ko) (WBF Super Middleweight Title) (SKY)
Jun-22	Reading	Bert Cooper (35-21,30ko) vs Craig Tomlinson (23-9-1,13ko)
Jun-22	Las Vegas	Erik Morales (41-0,31ko) vs Marco Barrera (54-3,39ko) (WBC Featherweight Title) (PPV)
Jun-22	Las Vegas	Pedro Alcazar (25-0-1,14ko) vs Fernando Montiel (23-0-1,17ko) (WBO Super Flyweight Title) (PPV)
Jun-22	Las Vegas	Miguel Cotto (9-0,7ko) vs Justin Juuko (36-6-1,26ko)
Jun-23	Nagoya	Hiroshi Nakano (17-0,10ko) vs Anthony Villamor (11-7,4ko) (OPBF Flyweight Title)
Jun-25	Baraboo	Steve Quinonez (25-6-1,9ko) vs Steve Johnston (34-2-1,16ko) (ESPN2)
Jun-27	Albuquerque	Antwun Echols (27-4-1,24ko) vs Oscar Bravo (16-1,13ko) (NABF Super Middleweight Title) (ESPN)
Jun-27	St.Joseph	Rob Calloway (39-3-3ND,29) vs Otis Tisdale (20-6-1,13ko)
Jun-27	Kissimmee	Hugo Dianzo (27-7-1,14ko) vs Francisco Tejedor (43-5,31ko) (WBC/CA Bantamweight Title) (TELEMUNDO)
Jun-28	Boston	Dana Rosenbaltt (31-1-1,23ko) vs Juan Viloría (24-16-2,15ko)
Jun-29	Atlantic City	Wladimir Klitschko (38-1,35ko) vs Ray Mercer (30-4-1,22ko) (WBO Heavyweight Title) (HBO)
Jun-29	Bethnal Green	Bruce Scott (25-6,18ko) vs Turan Bagci (21-5-4,17ko) (European Cruiserweight Title)
Jun-29	Anaheim	Julio Gonzalez (29-1,19ko) vs Jonathan Young (10-4-2,5ko)
Jul-06	Rome	Vincenzo Cantatore (27-2,26ko) vs Wayne Braithwaite (17-0,14ko) (WBC Cruiserweight Title)
Jul-09	Montreal	Stephane Ouellet (29-4,18ko) vs Willard Lewis (16-5-2,8ko) (Canadian Super Middleweight Title)
Jul-12	Tampa	Carlos Diaz (8-0,6ko) vs Phillip Payne (11-4,5ko)
Jul-12	Madrid	Javier Castillejo (53-5,36ko) vs Roman Karmazin (29-0-1,18ko) (WBC/Interim Super Welterweight Title)
Jul-18	Fresno	Sebastian Valdez (16-4,6ko) vs Agustin Caballero (16-13-2,10ko)
Jul-19	Gold Coast	Shannon Taylor (29-3-1,19ko) vs Ernie Alesna (31-14-3,23ko) (PABA Super Welterweight Title)
Jul-19	Gold Coast	Daniel Rowsell (18-2-1,8ko) vs Joseph Ravudi (23-4-5,16ko) (PABA Cruiserweight Title)
Jul-20	Indianapolis	Vernon Forrest (34-0,26ko) vs Shane Mosley (38-1,35ko) (WBC Welterweight Title) (HBO)
Jul-20	Indianapolis	Eric Harding (21-1-1,7ko) vs Antonio Tarver (19-1,16ko) (HBO)
Jul-21	Friant	Montell Griffin (42-3,29ko) vs Derrick Harmon (22-2,10ko) (FOX)
Jul-23	Rochelle	Aaron Davis (48-6,31ko) vs Richard Grant (14-8,2ko) (ESPN2)
Jul-23	Rochelle	Elvir Muriqi (23-1,13ko) vs Sam Ahmad (16-2-3,7ko) (ESPN2)
Jul-26	Chester	Tito Mendoza (27-3,20ko) vs Robert Allen (32-4,24ko) (IBF/Eliminator Middleweight Title)
Jul-27	Las Vegas	John Ruiz (37-4-1,27ko) vs Kirk Johnson (32-0-1,23ko) (WBA Heavyweight Title) (HBO)
Jul-27	Las Vegas	Tim Austin (24-0-1,21ko) vs Adan Vargas (37-3-1,23ko) (IBF Bantamweight Title) (HBO)
Jul-27	Carnival City	Vuyani Bungu (37-3,19ko) vs Lehonoholo Ledwaba (33-2-1,22ko)
Jul-27	Norfolk	Larry Holmes (68-6,44ko) vs Eric Esch (63-2-3,48ko)
Jul-31	Osaka	Masamori Tokuyama (26-2-1,7ko) vs Eric Lopez (16-11-3,13ko) (WBC Super Flyweight Title)
Aug-01	Uncasville	Angel Vazquez (22-1,16ko) vs John Johnson (30-8,23ko) (ESPN)
Aug-03	Phoenix	Acelino Freitas (31-0,29ko) vs Daniel Attah (20-0-1,8ko) (WBA-WBO Super Featherweight Title) (SHOWTIME)
Aug-10	Marseille	Mamadu Thiam (38-2,35ko) vs Santiago Samaniego (35-6-1,28ko) (WBA Super Welterweight Title)
Sep-14	Las Vegas	Oscar De La Hoya (34-2,27ko) vs Fernando Vargas (22-1,20ko) (WBA-WBC Super Welterweight Title)

Eddie Simms, "From Polkas to Pugilism"

By Jerry Fitch



Eddie Simms (real name Simoncic) was famous in the Slovenian community of Cleveland long before he ever laced on a glove. He along with his brothers, Frank and Matt, formed the Hojer Trio in the 1920's and accordionist, Eddie claimed it was the first polka hand in the country. They also had a very famous sister, Jean Simms, who was a star softball pitcher in the area.

I remember once in the 1980's Eddie came back to town (he was living in Las Vegas) and I invited him to attend a meeting of the Ohio State Former Boxers and Associates. Everyone was looking forward to seeing the old battler, but at the last minute he called me up and told me he could not make it, he "had to play his accordion for some old friends at one of the local clubs".

Eddie was born in Cleveland in 1908, and he along with his brother Frankie made quite a hit in the local community as heavyweight boxers. Eddie, the smaller of the two, stood 6' 1 and weighed 190 lbs., and he turned pro in 1931, three years after his brother.



Frankie and Eddie Simms

To say Eddie was a colorful personality was an understatement because even in the ring he provided some humorous moments. He was matched with the up and coming Joe Louis on December 14, 1936, in Cleveland and the famous referee, Arthur Donovan officiated. The fight had barely started when Louis hit Simms with a barrage of punches and he went down. He got up and Donovan asked him if he was okay and Eddie's reply was classic when he said, "Sure I am fine, let's take a walk on the roof". Needless to say Donovan stopped the contest.



Eddie Simms and Manager Jimmy Dunn

Eddie was not a great fighter by any stretch but he was tough and would fight most anyone. And he did have his fair share of success early on until he started meeting world class opposition on a regular basis.

For example from 1931 to 1935 he was mostly winning. He had wins over KO Christner, Gene Stanton and Al Ettore during that stretch and had a draw with Bob Pastor. But in 1936, the year he met Louis he had eight fights and only one draw with seven losses.

The rest of his career he was mostly an opponent for up and coming fighters but he did pull off some big wins like his two over Lem Franklin, and wins over Buddy Scott, and Tony Musto. And in his career he did meet four champions including Joe Louis, Max Baer, John Henry Lewis and Tommy Loughran, although he lost to all of them.

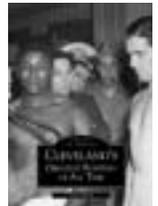
Eddie finished up with a hundred bouts and a record of 54-39-6 and one no decision. He

scored 33 knockouts and was only stopped twice himself.

When he retired in 1941, he served in the Navy and besides being prolific with the accordion he moved to California and became famous as a character actor and bit player in many movies. Perhaps one of the most famous was his part in "Sailor Beware" with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, but he also was in "Woman of the Year", "Right Cross" and "Ringside Maisie".

One thing for sure, Eddie provided a lot of entertainment during his lifetime, whether with the accordion, in the ring or on the silver screen.

Editors Note: Be sure to check out the June release of Jerry's book CLEVELAND'S GREATEST FIGHTERS OF ALL TIME by Arcadia Publishing.



IS MARCIANO THE "GREATEST OF GREATS?"

By Michael N. Varveris

Author of "Rocky Marciano: The 13th Candle"

Ever since my book on Rocky Marciano went on sale, I have received numerous comments from my readers and reviewers alike on the "greatness" of the Brockton Blockbuster.

In my book I came to the conclusion that Rocky was the "greatest of the greats" when compared to other outstanding heavyweight boxers from John L. Sullivan through Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Mohammad Ali and the present titleholder, Lennox Lewis.

I based my conclusion after great amount of research for the book. This included many hours of taped interviews with members of Rocky's family in Brockton as well as several well-known champions and other boxers, writers and commentators and Rocky's great army of fans.

When I came to the conclusion Marciano, the only unbeaten heavyweight champion was the "greatest of all-time," I also took into consideration many other factors when analyzing each champion.

Such things as his record, his punching power, his boxing style, his strength and stamina, his flair for the one-punch knockout, his ability to recover quickly from knockdowns, his training habits, his love of the sport, his lifestyle, his popularity when he was champion, his patriotism and his character as a human being.

Let's study these factors closely.

There has been no other heavyweight boxing champion besides Marciano to retire undefeated. Rocky fought 49 times and never felt defeat. When he retired, he stayed retired. Although he felt he had a "couple of good fights" left in him, he was committed to his decision -- unlike Louis and Ali and Larry Holmes who lost comeback fights.

Rocky's punching power.... One only has to review the film or tape of The Rock's one-punch knockout of Jersey Joe Walcott in the 13th round on Sept. 23, 1952 to win the title. It was a quick, short dynamite-loaded right to the chin that dropped Jersey Joe right on his tracks. Rocky admitted later it was the hardest punch he ever threw. It took several minutes to revive Joe.

Rocky threw some of his hardest punches against Archie Moore in his last fight on Sept. 21, 1955, flooring Moore three times before finishing him in the ninth round. When I interviewed Archie, I asked what was his hardest punch.

"They all were," he told me. "I felt them all -- on my arms, my ribs, my chin, everywhere. Man, that Rocky could really punch. I felt like I was beaten with a blackjack."

Some argue heavyweight contender Earnie Shavers was a harder puncher than Rocky because of his dramatic one-punch knockouts. Rocky however, had the greatest percentage of knockouts -- 88%, kayoing 43 of his 39 opponents. In comparison, Joe Louis KO'd 49



ROCKY WAS READY FOR HIS OPPONENT – Despite his physical shortcomings, Rocky Marciano compiled an undefeated 49-0 record because of his tremendous commitment to training which one writer said was “short of medieval torture.” Of course his punching power helped too. Here he is shown training at Grossinger’s for a title fight against Ezzard Charles.

(Marciano family collection)

of his 63 wins for 78%, Dempsey 79%, Ali 66%, Holmes 71%, George Foreman 87%, Joe Frazier 84%.

Rocky always credited his mercurial trainer, Charley Goldman, for making him a champion. "He taught me how to train," he said.

When he first saw Rocky, Goldman, one of boxing's finest trainers, said, "I have a guy who's short, has no reach, stoop-shouldered, has two left feet but this guy can really punch."

Rocky knew of his physical liabilities and he knew he had to train hard if he was to get anywhere in boxing. He became addicted to exercise like some people are addicted to dope. It was said his training was like "medieval torture." And it paid off. He had more stamina than any of his opponents. He won despite having the shortest reach of any heavyweight champion. Most of all, he had a chin "made of granite."

Despite the fact that Rocky at times took two and three punches to land a knockout blow, he was floored only twice in his career -- by Walcott and Moore. He was small as heavyweights go (only 185 pounds) but he had the strength of a bull. While it seemed he took a lot of punishment he never flinched and came back with his tremendous power to turn the tide in his favor. More often than not, he fought men 20 to 30 pounds heavier.

Unlike many fighters today, Rocky fought for the glory of the sport. He'd never think of postponing a fight because of money or where

the fight was being held. Being heavyweight champion was a great honor to him.

The modest Marciano once said one of his greatest pleasures being heavyweight champion was "meeting some little guy, like my kind of people, and, when I came make it, going into his town with him -- a real honest, hard-working little guy that nobody paid attention to, and he takes me around and introduces me to everybody and this makes him feel important where he works and lives."

Rocky never bragged he was the "greatest." Probably the only time he came close was shortly after he retired when there was talk he'd make a comeback against his successor, Floyd Patterson. Reportedly he refused a \$2,500,000 offer to fight the new champion.

"Don't you think you can whip Patterson" a reporter asked Rocky.

Marciano's response: "If I said I could beat Patterson, I'd be bragging. If I said I couldn't, I'd be lying."

Even though he had retired, he sincerely felt there was nobody on the horizon at that time who could beat him.

Rocky was probably the most popular heavyweight champion. When he won the title, over 100,000 turned out in his hometown of Brockton to welcome him in a ticker-tape parade -- more than President Roosevelt and President Truman when they visited that city.

Even though he made his home in Fort Lauderdale, FL shortly after he retired, he

always remembered his roots. He never forget his hometown, his humble beginnings, his family and friends and his fervent desire to help those in need of help.

After his untimely death in 1969, Brockton paid tribute to Rocky by naming the new football stadium after him. Many events are held in that city today in tribute to this legendary champion. One of them is the annual Rocky Marciano Run and Festival which includes a "run and fun walk" retracing the daily run of Rocky during his training. There is an outstanding Rocky Marciano exhibit and memorabilia in the Brockton Historical Society. At the popular George's Restaurant, the walls of the eatery are filled with numerous photos of Rocky. Brockton will never forget her native son.

The National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame, founded 26 years ago by George Randazzo to honor Italian-American sports heroes, has enshrined over 200 athletes whose memorabilia and exhibits will eventually find their way into the new \$14 million edifice in downtown Chicago.

Only two of these athletes grace the beautiful NIASHF complex in the form of larger-than-life size statues – Joe DiMaggio and Rocky Marciano.

The individual who asked and was given the opportunity to unveil Rocky's statue in the summer of 1999 was none other than Muhammad Ali who told a large group attending the unveiling, "It is a great privilege and honor for me -- and one of my greatest thrills -- to unveil this statue and tell what a great fighter and a wonderful man Rocky Marciano was. I congratulate your organization for paying Rocky this great tribute."

Marciano and Ali gained a great deal of respect for each other after their television computer fight in 1969.

Always concerned with the welfare of boxers, Marciano was one of the founders of the American Association of Boxing, Inc. (AAIB) organized in 1969 to make boxing safer and enact needed reforms.

Rocky joined forces with the "pugilistic professor," Stephen B.

Acunto, a former fighter from Mt. Vernon, N.Y., to develop recommendations for health and safety standards for boxers and professional boxing matches.

Acunto, a college boxing coach and a member of the New York Athletic Commission since 1945, heads the organization as chairman. AAIB remains very active in its purpose and has been successful in turning several reforms into law. Among the reforms AAIB is working on is the establishment of an authority to regulate boxing in the United States. Louis and Peter Marciano, Rocky's brothers, are listed on the Board of Directors.



IKE WAS ONE OF HIS FANS – The popular Rocky Marciano was the heavyweight champion during the presidency of Dwight (Ike) Eisenhower who was one of his biggest fans. During a visit to the White House in June, 1953 Rocky shows Ike the punch he used to win the championship against Jersey Joe Walcott. Among others looking is the famous Yankee Clipper Joe DiMaggio.

Each year AAIB sponsors a "Boxerama" honoring fighters, trainers and other boosters of boxing. The top award is the Rocky Marciano Founders Day plaque.

For the most part reviewers and readers have liked my book. Mills Lane, the noted referee said he couldn't put it down saying it gave a "lot of insights into Rocky as a fighter, businessman and a human being."

John Rinaldi of the USA Boxing News said it is a stirring account into Rocky's life saying "the passages are so well written that the battles are brought to life and literally jump of the pages" Boxing writer Jim Amato said the book may be the best written about Rocky. "It is the story about Rocky as told by the people who knew him best and loved him the most," he said.

The Marciano family said the book was written with a "great deal of heart and sensitivity" and did one thing never captured by others about

Rocky -- how his mother saw her son.

There were also some reviewers who criticized the book as being too subjective and not showing the dark side of Marciano. Among them was Terry White of Boxing World Magazine and Steve Compton of Ringsports.

There have been lurid accounts written about Rocky's alleged philandering, playing footsie with Mafia characters, asking payment or personal appearances in cash, going to jail for beating up a critic and sending him to the hospital, financing loan sharks, never picking up a check, hiding his money in numerous places without telling anyone and others.

There also have been written reports on Rocky's alleged association with Frankie Carbo, the Mafiosos' overlord of boxing, who may have had some connection with Rocky's manager, Al Weill.

However, unknown to the Rock was a reported deal Carbo had a piece of Rocky.. or rather a piece of Weill's piece of Rocky. The story goes that Carbo was also friendly with Felix Bocchicchio, manager of Jersey Joe Walcott. Carbo is said to have worked a deal with Walcott's people to make sure the title fight between Rocky and Walcott went the distance.

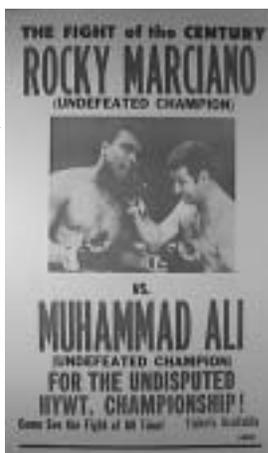
If it did, Walcott, a heavy underdog, would outbox Rocky and win the decision, and Carbo and his cohorts would win piles of money by betting the Mafia loot on Walcott. To make sure, Jersey Joe was standing at the end of the fight, the use of a heat-producing petroleum jelly was recommended. Rub the stuff on Marciano's eyes. If he can't see Walcott to knock him out, he can't win.

We all know the result. Rocky was blinded by the stuff for several rounds, but when his eyes cleared, he smashed his powerful right square on Jersey Joe's jaw, and the fight was over in 43 seconds of round 13.

Enough said on Rocky's connection with the Mafia.

I could have written things about Rocky that may have been unfavorable and possibly true, but I wanted to show another side of Rocky than his fans may have not known. Yes, I was subjective, but Rocky's assets greatly override his liabilities, some of which I mentioned in the book.

There have enough books that capitalize on sensationalism. I saw no reason for playing up Rocky's so-called "pasty past."





AUTHOR HONORED – Michael N. Varveris of Youngstown, author of the well-received biography of legendary heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano was honored May, 2001 in New York City by the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing (AAIB) for writing the book. From left are Lou Marciano Jr., Varveris, Lou Marciano Sr., Rocky's brother and Steve Acunto, founder with Rocky in 1969 of the AAIB.

I respect the comments made by White and Compton. They're entitled to call it as they see it. After all, they're critiquing.

I make no bones about my fondness for Rocky. My only regret is that while he was my idol when he was competing, I never did see him fight in person; neither did I meet him in person.

I got to know his mother, Pasqualena, very well during the writing of the book. She was a wonderful Italian lady who had a remarkable memory and a hearty laugh. I also became friends with his two brothers, Louis and Peter and his three sisters. In my trip to Brockton in Sept. 8-9, 2001 where I was honored by the Brockton Rotary Club as well as the family. I also met Rocky's many nephews and nieces. I was very much impressed with the respect they entire Marciano family has in Brockton.

What bothers me is the lack of respect our country's so-called boxing experts have in Rocky's place as an athlete of the 20th Century. In the list of the top 50 athletes of the past 100 years. Rocky was close to the bottom.

Sports Illustrated saw the fallacy of this list by stating in June, 2001 Rocky was the most under-rated champion while Mohammad Ali, called the "greatest showman and self-promoter", was the most over-rated.

Yet, if you ask some of the great heavyweights what they think of Rocky, you'd be surprised at their remarks. George Foreman said Rocky was second to Joe Louis in his list of the great heavyweight champs because of his "great punching power with both hands." He Ali 4th in his list. Joe Frazier also had Marciano second to Louis. No matter what list you see, Rocky is anywhere from No. 2 to Number 5. Lou Duva, in his list of the best fighter in the 20th Century, has Sugar Ray Robinson as No. 1 with Louis 2nd, Rocky 3rd, Ali 4th and Sandy Saddler 5th.

Yet, several commentators on today's television boxing programs say if Rocky competed today, he wouldn't last five rounds in fights against most of the ranked heavyweights

They say he was too small. Yet, Rocky had his easiest time with big, lumbering giants 20 to 30 pounds heavier than him. Rex Layne was undefeated in 35 fights, over 200 pounds and well-over six feet when he fought Rocky. The Rock disposed of him in five easy rounds.

The speedy Harry "The Kid" Mathews won 78 of 82 fights with 57 KO's when he fought Rocky. Marciano dropped him with two left hooks in round 2. Roland LaStarza was 37-0 with 19 knockouts in his first fight, a decision loss to Rocky.

Joe Louis was 67-2 with 54 KO's, weighed 218 and was nine years older when he met Rocky. The result was an 8-round knockout by Rocky who cried after defeating his idol.

Archie Moore was 152-22 with 121 KO's and 10 years older than Rocky when they fought in what was the be Rocky's last fight. After his loss to Marciano, Archie fought 49 times with 24 more KO's and only four more losses, two of them title clashes with Patterson and Ali. Ezzard Charles was only two years older than Rocky with a 72-10 record and 54 KO's when the two first met in a hard-fought 15-round clash in June 17, 1954, won by Rocky. Their second go was three months later when Rocky had to fight back with a badly split nose to win by knockout in the 8th round.

Most of Rocky's battles were legitimate, good, hard fights. A boxer by the name of Ted Lowry gave Rocky fits for 10 rounds early in his career. For the most part, he was not fed setups. Rocky fought everyone put in the ring with him and whipped them all. All the champions -- Louis, Ali, Jack Dempsey, Jack Johnson, Larry Holmes, George Foreman, Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis -- have had "tune-ups" during their careers. Tyson lost one to Buster Douglas and Lewis was KO'd by such lesser-knowns as Oliver McCall and Hasim Rahman.

In my thinking, Rocky Marciano should rate among the top ten athletes of the 20th Century and should be at least one of the top three heavyweight boxing champions.

As I said in my book, Rocky was a decent, clean-living charitable man who led a full life of fame and glory -- even though it was short 46 years. He shall be remembered by his many fans as a true champion, perhaps the greatest heavyweight champion of our time.

Hopefully in the near future we may see another Rocky Marciano, a fighter our kids can look up to and respect, an athlete we can all admire. There is nothing wrong with the sport of boxing. What it needs today is a cure, another Marciano.

Visit Mike Varveris' website and find out more about his book. It's "www.rockymarciano13thcandle.com". You can also reach him at his e-mail "rockykol3@aol.com" or by writing to him at Ariana Publishing, 923 Greyledge Place, Youngstown, Ohio 44511.





PUNCHLINES

By Charlie Ross



B.W.A.A. 77th Annual Awards Dinner, NYC (Gerald "G-Man" McClellan "Surprise" Guest)



Bernard "The Executioner" Hopkins receives the "Fighter of the Year" from BWAA President Bernard Fernandez (Photo by Mike Greenhill)

Kudos to Boxing Writers Association of America President Bernard Fernandez and his Dinner Committee for a superb evening of boxing presentations at The Supper Club (Broadway & 8th Ave.), April 26th, which had middleweight 'champ Bernard "The Executioner" Hopkins receiving the Edward J Neil Trophy as "Fighter of the Year, Bouie

Fisher the Futch-Condon "Trainer of the Year" award, Ricardo Maldonado, Sr., the Al Buck Award as "Manager of the Year," Don and Lorraine Chargin the James J. Walker Award for "Long and Meritorious Service," Richard Hoffer took honors for "Excellence in Boxing Journalism" receiving the Nat Fleischer Award, ESPN's Teddy Atlas (in absentia)



Trainer of the Year Bouie Fisher (Photo by Mike Greenhill)

received the Sam Taub Award for "Excellence in Broadcast Journalism," and Teddy Blackburn received the Marvin Kohn "Good Guy" Award, Beantowners Ron Borges (Boston Globe) and George Kimball (Boston Herald) were multiple winners of the 2002 "Barneys" (writing awards for stories published in 2001), named after the late two-time president of the B.W.A.A., Barney Nagler.



Former WBC Champion Gerald McClellan (Photo by Mike Greenhill)

The B.W.A.A. membership and guests gave a hearty welcome to fallen gladiator Gerald McClellan (blind, deaf, wheelchair-bound former WBC Champion), and a roomful of celebrities which included, among others, Iran Barkley, Cedric Kushner, Harold Lederman and Emile Griffith. Ed and Jeff Brophy were on hand representing the Canastota, NY, I.B.H.O.F., and writing/photography confreres Patty Orr, Ray Bailey and Mike Greenhill also guested (and "worked the crowd").

This comer was honored to join (President) Reinaldo Oliveira and "Iron Mike" Pusateri in representation of I.V.B.A. Ring FOUR (Boston), and were tabled with lightweight champion Juan La Porte and Boxing Manager/Advisor Johnny Bos. At the conclusion of the event incidentally, Johnny foot-soldiered the three of us over to W. 44th St. for a too brief visit with Jimmy Glenn (at his Jimmy's Corner" tavern): a great ending to a perfect day. before AmTracking it back home on the Red Eye" out of Penn Station.

Shouldn't you plan on being there next year?

"It's Not Over Yet"



Eric Lucas - Vinny Pazienza (Photo by Mike Greenhill)

Those concluding words of Vinny Paz, at the post-fight press conference following his unanimous decision loss to Eric Lucas (FOXWOODS, March 1st), signaled he will continue his quest for a 50th win-to the surprise of no one.

Father Time, plus super middleweight champ Eric Lucas' height, reach, youth and an educated left Jab combined to make it a long evening for PAZ-the consummate warrior, courageous to the ninth degree. but suddenly looking his 39 years.

It was a good fight, not a great one (as some felt), with Lucas viewing it as more tactical than physical," while Paz, in hindsight, felt it was closer than the 116-110, 119-112 and 119-110 scoring of the Judges. This corner had it for Lucas too, 116-1 12.

Wherever, whenever, Paz will bag that so-far elusive 50th win. Stay tuned, You'll want to be there?



WBC Super Middleweight Champion

Eric Lucas (Photo by Mike Greenhill)



Vinny Pazienza (Photo by Mike Greenhill)

BOXING SHORTS...

Wire services are reporting that renowned referee/TV Judge Mills Lane is showing marked improvement from a stroke suffered a few weeks back and is presently recuperating at a New York facility. Get well wishes will now reach Mills directly by addressing same to the Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, 785 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, NY 10605.

AAPRP ANNOUNCES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM...

(News Release, edited, Mt. Vernon, NY)

Citing the need and in response to recent increased boxing injuries, Dr. Michael Schwartz, Chairman of the American Association of Professional Ringside Physicians, Inc. (AAPRP), announced that the AAPRP has developed a certification program for ringside physicians, in an effort to bring some national standards to the sport.

We need to make certain that only specially trained, experienced physicians are at ringside during boxing matches. Dr. Schwartz explained. "That's why we asked a distinguished panel of physicians and boxing experts to develop a program that would assure consistency in training among the physicians who attend to fighters at these events."

The AAPRP Certification Program requires knowledge of the sport of boxing and standard boxing rules, medical standards and the rules and regulations of the ABC.

In addition, physicians must have worked at a minimum of three full-card events and have completed training in either an Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) or an AAPRP safety course every five years. In addition, certified physicians must also participate at an AAPRP Medical Seminar at least once every two years. Sugar Ray Leonard was among the many boxing luminaries present at AAPRP's initial seminar at FOXWOODS last November, and stated I really believe in what the AAPRP is trying to accomplish and I offer my full support."

SHORT JABS...

Ring FOUR's Reinaldo Oliveira. Jimmy Connors; Clem Crowley, Leo Pratt and yours truly Joined former Mass. Boxing Commissioner Ben Doherty, Mass. State Senator Bob Travaglini and Boston City Councilor Jim Kelly, family and friends at a March 4th Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Church, East Boston, for former Feather-weight Champion of the World and boxing flail-of-Famer Sal Bartolo, also a former Ring 4, Boston, President. Current Ring FOUR President Reinaldo Oliveira presented a check for the Italian Home for CHildren in behalf of the V.B.A., In Sal's honor. at the reception that followed in the tower church.

Condolences will be gratefully received by the Bartolo family in care of Sal Bartolo, Jr., 111 Strand, #3 (Rear), Winthrop, MA 02152.

Shane Mosley publicist Norman D. Horton seeks film footage involving his Dad, Norman Horton, a Dayton, Ohio contending middle weight of the 40/50's who fought a slew of New Englanders, including "Rocking Chair" Ralph Zanelli (4 times) and middleweight champ Paul Pender, in fights that took place in Providence, New Bedford and Boston. If you can help, or know someone who possibly can. Please be in touch with "Punchlines," or directly to Norman at 5780 W. Centinela Avenue (#1-409), Los Angeles, CA 90045-1599.

105 years ago this Sunday (the 17th), Bob Fitzsimmons KOed "Gentleman Jim" Corbett in their 14th round to win the heavyweight championship of the world. Although the smaller opponent, Fitzsimmons explained his victory with his famous declaration - "The bigger they are, the harder they fall."

THE BOXING RECORD BOOK. 2002

Orders are now being accepted for "Fight Fax," Volume 19. The complete record of active boxers, including 200 females - from all over the world - plus B.W.A.A. award winners, listing of every Olympic Gold medal winner (Since 1904), title-bout records of Judges and referees and all IBF, IBO, WBA, WBC and WIBO champions in chronological order (by weight class). And more.



Unbelievably, the price remains at \$64. Shipments will begin next month, and you should order NOW from: Fight Fax, Inc., 590 South Lenola, Road (#239), Maple Shade, NJ 08052-1602 and/or E-Mail your orders to: fightfax.boxing@verizon.net. If you are seriously into boxing, you need this book.

Ernie Shavers autobiography "Welcome to the Big Time" is now available and orderable. Each book is personally autographed by and a free autographed photograph of Ernie will also be included - while they last. For more information write to Earnie Shavers Autobiography, 3834 Red Fox Drive, Roanoke, Virginia 24017.

Question...

Name the punchers who fashioned the following "secret" punches for themselves - The Waltz Punch, The Kangaroo Punch, The Corkscrew Punch, The Bolo Punch and the Cosmic Punch? (Answer elsewhere.)

All the best to boxing's newest promoter - Roberto "Hands of Stone" Duran, who announced his retirement due to the problems of lingering injuries (being 50 just didn't do it) suffered as a result of an automobile accident in Argentina, last October. It's being mentioned



Kassim Ouma (right) (16-1-1,11KO) TKO8 Jason Papillion (34-8-1,22KO) (USBA Jr.Middleweight Title), 5-10-02 (Photo by Mike Greenhill)



Fighters (L-R): Dale Crowe, Tim Witherspoon, Kassim Ouma, former middleweight champ Vito Antuofermo and Bones Adams support Ouma in the post-fight lockerroom after ESPN withdraws his \$15,000 purse for wearing "Golden Palace.com" on his back, without permission, during his TKO victory over Jason Papillion at Dover Downs Slots in Delaware.

that Hollywood is looking to put his life up on the bog screen.

Ten Counts...

Boxing Hall of Fame Promoter "Tito" Lectoure answered his last hell, at age 65, in his native land - Argentina. Rightly heralded as the premier promoter of South American boxing, he promoted 24 world title fights at the famed Luna Park Stadium in Buenos Aires, 18 South American Championships, and 87 matches for the Argentine crown ... which included such Hall of Fame fighters as Carlos Monzon, Pascual Perez, Emile Griffith and Victor Galindez. He was elected into the IBHOF in



Tito Lectoure at the 2000 IBHOF Inductions. (Photo by Mike Greenhill)

Canastota, in 2000. Where flags were recently flown at half-staff in his honor. R.I.P

Fight Fax Results

Jun-11	Chester	Angel Manfredy 136 (40-6-1,29KO) W (M) 10 98-92, 97-93, 95-95 Antonio Ramirez 136 (18-5-6,14KO)
Jun-08	Dessau	Malik Dziarra (8-0,6ko) W12 119-108, 119-108, 115-112 Jairo Siris (12-7-1,11ko) (IBF/Intercontinental Super Middleweight Title)
Jun-08	Dessau	Dirk Dzemski (17-0,11ko) W12 117-110, 116-111, 115-112 Kippy Warren (17-5-2,9ko) (NBA Middleweight Title)
Jun-08	Glasgow	Scott Harrison (17-1-1,9ko) TKO6 Victor Santiago (16-2-1,12ko) (WBO/Interim Featherweight Title)
Jun-08	Glasgow	Alex Arthur (11-0,9ko) TKO5 Nikolai Eremeev (17-6-2,7ko) (WBO/Intercontinental Jr.Lightweight Title)
Jun-08	Memphis	Lennox Lewis (40-2-1,31ko) KO8 Mike Tyson (49-4-2NC,43ko) (IBO-IBF-WBC Heavyweight Titles)
Jun-08	Memphis	Manny Pacquiao (34-2-1,25ko) KO2 Jorge Julio (44-4,32ko) (IBF Super Bantamweight Title)
Jun-08	Memphis	Joel Casamayor 133 (26-1,17ko) TKO8 Juan Arias 132 (33-3-1,27ko)
Jun-08	Pleasant	Chris Byrd 215 (35-2,20ko) TKO3 Jeff Pegues 224 (18-10,15ko)
Jun-07	Las Vegas	Jeremy Williams 229 (38-4,32) W10 98-91, 97-92, 96-93 Ron Guerrero 237 (15-5-2,10ko)
Jun-07	Las Vegas	Taurus Sykes 238 (19-1,5ko) W (M) 10 97-91, 95-94, 94-94 James Walton 212 (18-2-2,10ko)
Jun-07	Reno	Jose Lopez 113 (25-7-1,23ko) W10 100-89, 99-90, 99-90 Alejandro Moreno 113 (19-9-1,10ko)
Jun-07	Reno	Jorge Arce 113 (29-3-1,20ko) KO2 Ramon Hurtado 112 (14-6,9ko)
Jun-07	Scottsdale	Joseph Mesi 232 (23-0,21ko) TKO5 Talmadge Griffis 217 (21-3-3,13ko)
Jun-07	Scottsdale	Leavander Johnson 135 (31-3-2,25ko) DRAW10 98-92, 94-96, 95-95 Emanuel Burton 135 (26-19-5,13ko)
Jun-07	Verona	Frank Houghtaling (16-7-5,4ko) TKO12 Louie Bizzarro (18-2,1ko) (IBA/Americas Jr.Welterweight Title)
Jun-06	Laredo	Manuel Gomez 151 (21-10,16ko) W10 100-89, 100-89, 100-89 Pedro Garcia 145 (31-36,19ko)
Jun-04	Savannah	Derek Bryant 225 (14-0,12ko) TKO4 Robert Wiggins 209 (14-1-1,7ko)
Jun-04	Savannah	Emmanuel Clottey 141 (18-4,12ko) W10 Hicklet Lau 141 (17-8-2,8ko)
May-18	Choctaw	Tim Witherspoon 252 (55-11-1,38KO) W10 Ahmad Abdin 239 (30-3-4,14KO)
May-18	Cordoba	Dario Gimenez 139 (21-1,17KO) W (S) 10 98 1/2-92, 96 1/2-95 1/2, 93-97 Victor Paz 137 (69-31-3-2ND,27KO)
May-18	Las Vegas	KOnstantin Tszyu (29-1-1,23KO) W12 120-108, 120-108, 119-109 Benjamin Tackie (24-3,15KO) (IBF-WBA-WBC Super Lightweight Title)
May-18	Las Vegas	Kuvanych Toygonbaev 153 (18-1,12KO) W10 100-87, 99-88, 99-88 Oba Carr 154 (54-6-1,31KO)
May-18	London	Naseem Hamed (36-1,31KO) W12 120-110, 119-109, 119-109 Manuel Calvo (33-5-1,14KO) (IBO Featherweight Title)
May-18	London	Michael Brodie (33-1,23KO) W12 118-111, 116-111, 116-111 Pastor Maurin (46-3,26KO) (WBF Featherweight Title)
May-18	London	Colin Dunne (37-1,26KO) TKO10 Wayne Rigby (20-8,9KO) (WBF-WBU Lightweight Titles)
May-18	Saitama	Osamu Sato (26-1-2,15KO) KO8 Yodesenan Sithyodetong (27-1-1,12KO) (WBA Super Bantamweight Title)
May-18	Saitama	Shigeru Nakazato (22-5-17KO) KO3 Yongin Cho (14-4,8KO) (OPBF Super Bantamweight Title)
May-18	Uncasville	Mickey Ward 141 (38-11,27KO) W (M) 10 95-93, 94-93, 94-94 Arturo Gatti 141 (34-6,28KO)
May-17	Baton Rouge	Rodney Moore 179 (16-2-2,6KO) DRAW10 96-92, 94-94, 93-95 Tom Reid 179 (28-9-1,11KO)
May-17	Chaco	Javier Alvarez 129 (25-1-1,14KO) W10 Vicente Burgo 129 (14-14-4,4KO)
May-17	Frosinone	Paolo Ferrara (14-1-1-1NC,6KO) W10 Emiliano Verna (8-3,3KO) (Italian Cruiserweight Title)
May-17	Las Vegas	Kingsley Ikeke (15-1,8KO) TKO5 Marlon Hayes (21-2,12KO) (NABA Middleweight Title)
May-17	Las Vegas	Humberto Soto 130 (21-4-2,10KO) TKO3 Marco Perez 130 (16-3,9KO)
May-17	Midrand	Andre Thyse (12-1,8KO) KO1 Brandon Hulley (10-5,4KO) (South African Super Middleweight Title)
May-17	Philadelphia	Luis Santiago (12-3,7KO) W10 Mambea Bakari (12-8-2,4KO) (State Jr.Welterweight Title)
May-17	Sacramento	Israel Vazquez (33-2,25KO) KO12 Oscar Larios (43-4-1,30KO) (WBC/Interim Super Bantamweight Title)
May-17	Sacramento	Javier Jauregui 132 (44-10-2,32KO) KO6 Miguel Casillas 132 (24-3-1,16KO)
May-16	Sacramento	Ron Weaver 164 (28-10,21KO) W (S) 10 96-94, 96-94, 94-97 Eduardo Gutierrez 165 (30-11-2,2KO)
May-16	Sacramento	Alex Bunema 152 (20-3-2,12KO) DRAW10 95-92, 94-94, 93-94 Carlos Bojorquez 155 (18-3-6,14KO)
May-15	Carnival City	Jan Bergman (42-3,31KO) W12 Pavel MelniKOv (12-3,3KO) (WBU Welterweight Title)
May-15	Corpus Christi	Jorge Paez 132 (72-14-5,48KO) KO5 Mike Juarez 132 (23-12-2,9KO)
May-15	Honolulu	Lovemore Ndou 137 (31-4-1,19KO) KO2 Jun Gorres 138 (25-3-1,22KO)
May-15	Honolulu	Brian Vilorio 113 (7-0,5KO) KO1 Sandro Oviedo 112 (22-18-2,4KO)
May-15	New Orleans	Lisa Foster (5-3-1,2KO) KO9 Katherine Williams (13-4,4KO) (IFBA Jr.Featherweight Title)
May-14	Sao Paulo	Roberto Coelho (30-6,21KO) W10 Peter Venancio (38-7-1,29KO) (State Light Heavyweight Title)
May-11	Buenos Aires	Marcelo Dominguez (33-4-1,17KO) W12 119-109, 118-110, 118 1/2-110 Pedro Franco (21-10,17KO) (Argentinean Heavyweight Title)
May-11	Buenos Aires	Ramon Britez 162 (33-14-1,23KO) TKO4 Nestor Sanabria 162 (11-6-1ND,4KO)
May-11	Dagenham	Johnny Armour (29-1,17KO) W12 116-114, 114-114, 114-114 Francis Ampofo (15-9-4,11KO) (WBU Bantamweight Title)
May-11	Dagenham	Michael Alldis (24-8,14KO) KO8 Vuyani Phulo (15-9-4,11KO) (Commonwealth Super Bantamweight Title)
May-11	East London	Anton Nel (16-6-2,9KO) KO10 Osborne Machimana (5-1-1,4KO) (South African Heavyweight Title)

May-11	San Juan	Felix Trinidad 160 (41-1,34KO) TKO4 Hacine Cherifi 159 (32-6-1,20KO)
May-11	San Juan	Diosbelys Hurtado (35-2-1,23KO) KO7 Randall Bailey (25-2,25KO) (WBA Super Lightweight Title)
May-11	San Juan	Rocky Torres (22-4,8KO) TKO11 Danny Santiago (22-1,14KO) (WBA/LA Light Heavyweight Title)
May-11	San Juan	Antonio Cermeno (40-4,27KO) KO10 Shamir Reyes (13-2-2,6KO) (WBA/LA Super Featherweight Title)
May-11	San Juan	Alexander Sanchez (29-2-1,20KO) DRAW12 Jose Burgos (27-13-2,13KO) (IBF/Eliminator Jr.Flyweight Title)
May-11	San Juan	Rhoshee Wells 156 (15-0-2,8KO) TD2 Johnny Rivera 156 (12-3-1,7KO)
May-11	San Juan	Felix Flores 148 (19-3,15KO) TKO3 Jeffrey Hill 148 (22-3,17KO)
May-11	San Juan	Carlos Quintana 147 (13-0,11KO) TKO6 Vincent Harris 148 (8-7-2,6KO)
May-11	San Juan	Jose Quintana 127 (11-2-2,6KO) W (S) 10 Cesar Soto 127 (53-11-3,39KO)
May-11	Segrate	Mourade Hakkar (29-3,18KO) TKO7 Cristian Sanavia (25-1,11KO) (European Middleweight Title)
May-11	Tacoma	Luis Villalta 130 (27-1-1,23KO) KO5 Pedro Garcia 131 (10-3,6KO)
May-10	Dover	Kassim Ouma (16-1-1,11KO) TKO8 Jason Papillion (34-8-1,22KO) (USBA Jr.Middleweight Title)
May-10	Dover	Mike Stewart 139 (29-1-2,14KO) W10 98-92, 98-92, 98-92 John Bailey 138 (20-9-2,12KO)
May-10	El Paso	Ubaldo Hernandez 139 (18-8-2,9KO) DRAW10 95-95, 95-93, 93-95 Juan Lopez 139 (18-2-1,13KO)
May-10	New South Wales	Bob Mirovic (14-10-2,6KO) W (S) 12 Colin Wilson (23-14,14KO) (Australian Heavyweight Title)
May-10	New South Wales	Solomon Haumono (7-0,7KO) TKO6 Auckland Aumatagi (3-3,1KO) (State Heavyweight title)
May-10	Salice	Mario Tonus (24-3,13KO) W10 Olivier Beard (15-7,12KO) (EU Light Heavyweight Title)
May-09	London	Michael Sprott (17-5,9KO) TKO7 Pele Reid (15-4-1,14KO)
May-05	Pueblo	Ronnie Longakit (6-3,3KO) TKO2 Corey Alarcon (6-2,3KO) (State Super Featherweight Title)
May-04	Bethnal Green	Mehrud Takaloobighashi (19-2,15KO) TKO10 Gary Logan (31-6-1,17KO) (WBU Jr.Middleweight Title)
May-04	Buenos Aires	Paulo Sanchez 153 (28-14,14KO) W10 98-92, 98-94, 97 1/2-93 Walter Crucce 157 (39-5,31KO)
May-04	Buenos Aires	Ariel Oliveira 134 (16-1-3,9KO) TKO2 Roberto Arrieta 135 (12-3-3,4KO)
May-04	Managua	Adonis Rivas (18-2-1,1KO) W (M) 12 115-113, 115-113, 114-114 Jair Jimenez (11-1-1,9KO) (WBO Flyweight Title)
May-04	Mexico City	Isaac Bustos (18-6-3,9KO) KO1 Fernando Luna (13-7,7KO) (NABF Minimumweight Title)
May-04	Montichiari	Michele Delli Paoli (17-0-1,7KO) KO8 Oneboy Makhwelo (13-7,9KO) (IBF/Intercontinental Lightweight Title)
May-03	Las Vegas	James Crayton 137 (33-15-2,19KO) TKO7 Ernesto Zepeda 137 (30-6-3,25KO)
May-03	Las Vegas	Miguel Cotto 140 (9-0,6KO) TKO7 Juan Macias 147 (26-6-2,19KO)
May-03	Oroville	Cosme Rivera (23-7-2,17KO) W12 119-109, 118-110, 117-111 Wilfredo Negron (20-7,17KO) (IBA/Continental Welterweight Title)
May-03	Queensland	Rick Thornberry 170 (26-4,12KO) W10 100-90, 100-90, 100-90 Christopher Buthelezi 170 (8-7-1,1KO)
May-03	San Antonio	Tony Ayala Jr. 163 (30-1,26KO) TKO2 Urbano Gurrola 162 (18-9,11KO)
May-03	San Antonio	Gabriel Elizondo 112 (11-0,7KO) TKO7 Manny Melchor 111 (38-34-6,6KO)
May-03	San Lazzaro	Simone Rotolo (15-0,9KO) TKO8 Pasquale Perna (43-11-1,21KO) (Italian Super Welterweight Title)
May-03	Southfield	Damian Fuller (18-2,9KO) W12 120-108, 120-108, 118-110 Michael Davis (21-9,9KO) (NBA/Continental Lightweight Title)
May-03	Southfield	Rico Tan (5-0-2,4KO) TKO8 Jeff Passero (20-17-1,10KO) (WBS Jr.Middleweight Title)
May-02	Bossier City	James Johnson 146 (9-5-2,5KO) W10 99-91, 99-91, 98-92 Charles Sims 139 (2-17-1,1KO)
May-01	Aracaju	Kelson Pinto (9-0,9KO) TKO2 Luiz Ferreira (17-5,10KO) (WBO/LA Jr.Welterweight Title)
May-01	BangKOk	Veerapol Sahaprom (37-1-1,26KO) W12 118-109, 117-110, 117-109 Julio Coronel (21-17-1,16KO) (WBC Bantamweight Title)
Apr-30	Pont Audemer	Jean Mendy (10-0,7KO) W10 Youssef Tlemsoury (11-12-1,6KO) (French Super Middleweight Title)
Apr-27	Anaheim	Julio Gonzalez 176 (29-1,19KO) KO7 Joseph Kiwanuka 175 (27-5-2,20KO)
Apr-27	Anaheim	Arnulfo Castillo 137 (35-1-3,20KO) TW6 59-55, 58-55, 58-57 Jesus Zatarin 137 (21-6-4,14KO)
Apr-27	Cebu	Rev Santillan (15-0-1,12KO) KO4 Yonghwa Choi (8-1-1,1KO) (OPBF Welterweight Title)
Apr-27	Cebu	Randy Suico (17-0,15KO) TKO6 Sungho Yuh (13-3-1,7KO) (OPBF Super Featherweight Title)
Apr-27	Huddersfield	James Hare (20-0-1,10KO) TKO6 Julian Holland (28-3-1,18KO) (Commonwealth Welterweight Title)
Apr-27	Huddersfield	Mark Hobson 189 (17-3-1,7KO) W10 96-95 Lee Swaby 190 (12-13-2,5KO)
Apr-27	Las vegas	Kevin Kelley 131 (52-5-2,35KO) TKO2 Raul Franco 132 (23-16-2,18KO)
Apr-27	Las Vegas	Emmett Linton 159 (29-3-1-1NC,14KO) TKO5 Rene Herrera 156 (25-14,17KO)
Apr-27	Montevideo	Diego Gimenez 137 (20-1,17KO) TKO5 Walter Rodriguez 135 (38-18-2,10KO)
Apr-27	Montevideo	Gustavo Cuello 133 (22-17-2,12KO) TKO4 Wilson Galli 135 (31-8-1,13KO)
Apr-27	New York	John Tapia (52-2-2,28KO) W (M) 12 115-113, 115-113, 114-114 Manuel Medina (60-12,27KO) (IBF Featherweight Title)
Apr-27	New York	Jameel McCline 264 (28-2-3,16KO) W10 99-90, 99-90, 99-90 Shannon Briggs 268 (36-4-1,30KO)
Apr-27	Oklahoma City	Carlos Navarro 132 (23-2-1,18KO) DRAW10 95-95, 95-95, 95-95 Omar Adorno 129 (13-2-1,10KO)
Apr-27	Oklahoma City	William Abeylan 126 (18-4-1,9KO) W10 100-90, 100-90, 99-91 Jesus Salud 127 (63-13,38KO)
Apr-27	Portland	Francisco Mendez 150 (14-24-1,6KO) W (S) 10 Tony Martinez 149 (14-2-2,7KO)
Apr-27	Riesa	Markus Beyer (25-1,10KO) W12 120-107, 120-107, 119-109 Mustapha Ilir (18-6-2,13KO) (WBC/International Super Middleweight Title)
Apr-27	Riesa	Aslanbek Kozoev (8-1,5KO) W12 118-108, 116-109, 113-112 Jerry Elliott (31-2-1,23KO) (WBC/International Middleweight Title)

Apr-27	Riesa	Danilo Haussler (19-0,6KO) TKO4 Mustapha Ilir (18-6-2,13KO) (European Super Middleweight Title)
Apr-27	Turmero	Leo Gamez 118 (34-8-1,25KO) W10 Fidel Romero 118 (7-2,4KO)
Apr-27	Uncasville	Clifford Etienne 226 (24-1,17KO) W10 97-93, 97-93, 96-93 Terrance Lewis 236 (30-11,20KO)
Apr-26	Barcelona	Javier Castillejo (53-5,36KO) KO7 Pierre Moreno (20-6,4KO) (EU Middleweight Title)
Apr-26	Caguas	Henry Bruseles 141 (16-0,11KO) TKO5 Isander Lacen 143 (12-16-6,2KO)
Apr-26	Chicago	O'Neil Bell 194 (18-1-1,17KO) TD4 Ernest Mateen 192 (25-9-3,9KO)
Apr-26	Chicago	Anwar Oshana 170 (22-2,13KO) KO3 Laverne Clark 168 (14-15-1,9KO)
Apr-26	Columbus	Gabriel Hernandez 152 (14-4-2,6KO) DRAW12 Charles Howe 153 (13-3-1-1ND,8KO)
Apr-26	Coventry	Steve Bendall (16-0,9KO) TKO10 Victor FessetchKO (32-23-1,15KO) (IBO/Intercontinental Middleweight Title)
Apr-26	Friant	Carlos Bojorquez (18-3-5,14KO) TKO7 Luis Vazquez (31-24,25KO) (IBA/Continental Jr.Middleweight Title)
Apr-26	Friant	Oscar Andrade 116 (28-21-1,16KO) KO2 Jorge Gonzalez 116 (14-2,5KO)
Apr-26	Lemoore	Omar Weis 141 (35-3-3,16KO) W10 Arturo Urena 140 (19-3,15KO)
Apr-26	Lemoore	Juan Valenzuela 136 (15-4,6KO) KO1 Julio Diaz 136 (24-2,18KO)
Apr-26	Mississauga	Dale Brown (26-2-1,17KO) W12 Greg Wright (18-8-2,6KO) (NABA Cruiserweight Title)
Apr-26	Somerset West	Rashil Matumla (24-3-1,20KO) TKO6 Gary Murray (32-9,20KO) (IBU Middleweight Title)
Apr-26	St.Joseph	Rob Calloway 217 (39-3-2ND,29KO) TKO3 Marcus Rhode 262 (26-20-1,25KO)
Apr-25	Tallahassee	Jorge Julio 124 (44-3,32KO) W10 Daryl Pinckney 129 (24-40-3,16KO)
Apr-23	Helsinki	Jyri Jkall (23-1,17KO) TW (M) 10 98-97, 96-91, 94-94 Monney Seka (9-3-1,7KO) (NBA Welterweight Title)
Apr-23	New York	Elvir Muriqi 175 (23-1,13KO) KO1 Mike Coker 173 (9-5-1,7KO)
Apr-21	Hyerer	Aziz Daari (17-6-1,16KO) W10 95-93, 95-93, 95-93 Serge Vigne (14-2,5KO) (French Welterweight Title)
Apr-21	Laughlin	Jeremy Williams 226 (37-4,34KO) KO1 David Bostice 237 (27-6-1,14KO)
Apr-21	Laughlin	Sherman Williams 267 (20-6-1,13KO) W (M) 10 99-91, 97-93, 95-95 Samson Po'uha 235 (20-5-1,18KO)
Apr-20	Aprica	Athos Menegola (20-6-3,6KO) W10 Michele Landi (9-4,3KO) (EU Super featherweight Title)
Apr-20	Aprica	Leonardo Turchi (12-1-1,5KO) W10 Massimiliano Saiani (18-10-1,9KO) (Italian Light Heavyweight Title)
Apr-20	Cardiff	Joe Calzaghe (33-0,27KO) W12 119-109, 118-111, 117-112 Charles Brewer (37-9,26KO) (WBO Super Middleweight)
Apr-20	Cardiff	Yuri TsarenKO (13-6-1,9KO) W (S) 12 116-115, 115-113, 113-115 Gary Lockett (16-1,13KO) (WBO/Intercontinental Jr.Middleweight Title)
Apr-20	Catamarca	Fabio Oliva (18-0,12KO) W (S) 12 Hugo Soto (52-8-2-1ND,35KO) (Argentinean Super Bantamweight Title)
Apr-20	Gdansk	Mariusz Michalczewski (46-0,36KO) KO2 Joey DeGrandis (29-5,13KO) (WBO Light Heavyweight title)
Apr-20	Gdansk	Michel Trabant (36-0,17KO) W12 117-112, 117-112, 117-111 Christian Bladt (22-2-1,6KO) (European Welterweight Title)
Apr-20	Las Vegas	Floyd Mayweather Jr. (28-0,20KO) W12 116-111, 115-111, 115-111 Jose Luis Castillo (45-5-1,41KO) (WBC Lightweight Title)
Apr-20	Las Vegas	Steve Johnston (34-2-1,16KO) W (M) 12 116-112, 115-113, 114-114 Alejandro Gonzalez (48-5-1,33KO)
Apr-20	London	Stephen Smith (31-1,17KO) W12 Rocky Martinez (36-7-1,19KO) (IBC Jr.Welterweight Title)
Apr-20	London	Nicky Cook (17-0,10KO) TKO4 Jackie Gunguluza (39-8,19KO) (WBF/Intercontinental Jr.Lightweight Title)
Apr-20	Osaka	Akira Ohigashi 160 (35-7-3,23KO) KO4 Seunguep Kim 159 (4-3-2,4KO)
Apr-20	Osaka	Akihiro Kanai 124 (16-1,13KO) TKO5 Shinji Kawahara 123 (6-12-2,5KO)
Apr-20	Parkersburg	David McNemar (10-0,9KO) W (M) 12 118-110, 116-112, 114-114 Jeremy Bates (13-4-1,13KO) (State Heavyweight Title)
Apr-20	Tokyo	Katsushiga Kawashima (21-2,14KO) W (S) 10 97-96, 96-95, 94-97 Shingo Sasaki (16-3-1,12KO) (Japanese Super Flyweight Title)
Apr-19	Aarhus	Evans Oure Ashira (21-0,11KO) W12 119-111, 118-110, 116-110 Francisco Mora (34-5,23KO) (WBA/International Middleweight Title)
Apr-19	Auburn Hills	Charles Lee 173 (12-10-2,4KO) W (M) 10 Etianne Whitaker 172 (24-6-2,14KO)
Apr-19	Chicago	Alfredo Cuevas 151 (20-4,14KO) TKO7 Charles Murray 150 (44-7,26KO)
Apr-19	Copenhagen	Johnny Bredahl (52-2,26KO) KO9 Eidy Moya (15-2,8KO) (WBA Bantamweight Title)
Apr-19	Copenhagen	Steffen NorsKOv (15-2,KO) W12 120-108, 119-109, 119-109 Franck Gorjuk (904,KO) (WBA/International Flyweight Title)
Apr-19	Edinburg	Danny Perez 149 (27-2,17KO) TKO10 Pedro Ortega 151 (29-10-1,18KO)
Apr-19	Edinburg	Heriberto Ruiz 120 (25-1-2,12KO) W10 97-92, 97-92, 96-93 Trinidad Mendoza 119 (19-3-2,14KO)
Apr-19	Las Vegas	Brandon Mitchum 160 (20-4-1,8KO) TW (S) 4 39-37, 39-37, 37-39 Rito Ruvalcaba 161 (27-5,24KO)
Apr-19	Tampa	Saul Montana (36-11,32KO) TKO7 China Smith (23-1,22KO) (NBA Heavyweight Title)
Apr-19	Tampa	Danny Batchelder 166 (19-0-1,11KO) KO3 Roosevelt Walker 167 (22-12-1,14KO)
Apr-19	Taunton	Jermell Barnes 189 (15-2,4KO) W (S) 10 97-93, 96-94, 92-98 Hector Sanjurjo 188 (12-7-5,7KO)
Apr-19	Udine	Paolo Vidoz (10-0,7KO) TKO6 Alessandro Guni (10-3-1,4KO) (Italian Heavyweight Title)
Apr-19	Vigo	Jorge Araujo (17-0-2,2KO) W10 Bendele Ilunga (12-4,5KO) (EU Super Welterweight Title)
Apr-18	Dallas	Ricardo Medina (25-24-5,16KO) W (S) 12 117-111, 116-112, 113-115 Gilberto Corrales (19-1-1,16KO) (NABF Super Bantamweight Title)
Apr-18	Dallas	Jason Robinson (16-2,1KO) TKO9 Mark Peters (13-5,8KO) (WBA/CA Cruiserweight Title)
Apr-18	Laredo	Rodolfo Gomez 144 (29-11-2,24KO) TW8 70-62, 70-62, 70-62 Verdell Smith 146 (40-38-1-5ND,17KO)

Apr-18	New Orleans	Fernando Mena 147 (14-3-2,12KO) W10 99-91, 98-92, 97-93 Wayne Boudreaux 146 (27-22-1,15KO)
Apr-09	Rosemont	Antwun Echols (27-4-1,24KO) W12 119-110, 119-110, 119-110 Kabary Salem (16-2,10KO) (NABF Super Middleweight Title)
Apr-08	Tokyo	Joya Kawai (15-3,4KO) W10 99-94, 98-95, 98-94 Eiji Shida (11-3-2,6KO) (Japanese Super Welterweight Title)
Apr-08	Tokyo	Setsuo Kawamasu 122 (16-3,7KO) KO3 Keiji Yamaguchi 122 (29-81,11KO)
Apr-07	San Jacinto	Ricardo Vargas (32-9-3,11KO) TW7 70-63, 69-65, 68-66 Jhonny Gonzalez (14-4,12KO) (NABF Bantamweight Title)
Apr-07	San Jacinto	Jose Juarez 135 (14-4-1,11KO) W (M) 10 97-91, 96-92, 94-94 Lovemore Nodu 135 (30-4-1,18KO)
Apr-07	Shizuoka	Jess Maca (42-16-5,17KO) W12 120-108, 117-114, 117-113 Hiroaki MuraKOshi (19-6-2,15KO)
Apr-06	Alatri	Mercurio Ciaramitaro (18-9-7,8KO) TKO7 Michelangelo Chirco (7-6-2,3KO) (Italian & EU Flyweight Title)
Apr-06	Buenos Aires	Javier Alvarez 133 (24-1-1,14KO) W10 99-91, 99-91, 98-90 Juan Barbero 135 (11-5-1,5KO)
Apr-06	Buenos Aires	Carlos Rios 132 (51-8-2-2ND,32KO) TKO2 Diego Jaurena 131 (17-7,9KO)
Apr-06	Copenhagen	Johnny Nelson (42-12-1,28KO) KO8 Ezra Sellers (24-5,22KO) (WBO Cruiserweight Title)
Apr-06	Copenhagen	Harry Simon (23-0,17KO) W12 116-112, 116-112, 116-113 Armand Krajnc (26-1,19KO) (WBO Middleweight Title)
Apr-06	Mont de Marsan	Mustapha Bouzid (20-8-1,KO) W10 Antonio de Brito (10-8) (French Welterweight Title)
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Apr-06	Osaka	Manabu Fukushima 124 (22-4-1,16KO) KO7 Arnel Barotillo 124 (25-13-3,17KO)
Apr-06	Osaka	Masato Hatakeyama 107 (8-2-,2KO) W (S) 10 MaKOto Miyagi 108 (10-2-1,3KO)
Apr-06	Osaka	Kenichi Hashiura 134 (16-4-1,3KO) TW7 MaKOto Saito 135 (11-8-1,2KO)
Apr-05	Buffalo	Joseph Mesi 227 (22-0,20KO) TKO6 Keith McKnight 222 (41-4,28KO)
Apr-05	Buffalo	Carlos Leon (22-2,15KO) W12 119-108, 119-110, 117-110 John Michael Johnson (30-8,23KO) (IBA Featherweight Title)
Apr-05	Tijuana	Fernando Velardez (22-4-1,6KO) WDSQ9 Diego Morales (27-2,22KO) (USBA Jr.Featherweight Title)
Apr-05	Tijuana	Gerardo Martinez 119 (23-3-2,18KO) W (S) 10 Arturo Valenzuela 120 (18-6-1,16KO)
Apr-05	Tokyo	Teruo Misawa 105 (10-1-3,5KO) W (M) 10 Hidekazu Miyagi 105 (9-2,4KO)
Apr-04	Mashantucket	Scott Pemberton (23-2-1,20KO) TKO3 Lloyd Bryan (20-8,9KO) (NABO Super Middleweight Title)
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Apr-04	Worley	Cleveland Corder 162 (26-1,14KO) W10 100-89, 100-89, 100-89 Robert Stowell 160 (8-19-1,3KO)
Apr-04	Worley	Dumont Welliver 145 (12-0-1,4KO) TKO3 Steve Valdez 140 (19-29-2,12KO)
Apr-02	Memphis	Tom Reid 177 (28-9-1NC,11KO) KO1 Carl Harrell 179 (7-4,3KO)
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Apr-01	Gold Coast	Anthony Mundine (12-1,9KO) TKO4 Roland Francis (22-11-4,13KO) (PABA Super Middleweight Title)
Mar-30	Buenos Aires	Omar Narvaez (10-0-1,7KO) KO1 Francisco Rodriguez (8-2-1,6KO)
Mar-30	Concho	Zahir Raheem (19-0,10KO) W12 119-107, 118-108, 114-112 Joe Morales (16-7,4KO) (NABA Featherweight Title)
Mar-30	Concho	Jeffrey Lacy (9-0,8KO) W10 97-93, 97-93, 96-94 Bobby Jones (13-4,10KO)
Mar-30	Denver	Verno Phillips (33-9-1,KO) TKO5 Lloyd Joseph (11-4-3,KO) (NBA Jr.Middleweight Title)
Mar-30	Pomona	Kelson Pinto (9-0,9KO) KO1 Mauro Lucero (34-10-1,22KO) (WBO/LA Welterweight Title)
Mar-30	Pomona	Sal garcia 120 (10-2-2,4KO) KO6 Lester Fuentes 120 (11-2,10KO)
Mar-30	Reading	Ricardo Mayorga (23-3-1-1NC,21KO) TKO5 Andrew Lewis (20-1-1-1NC,19KO) (WBA Welterweight Title)
Mar-30	Reading	Felix Machado (23-2-1,12KO) TW6 58-56, 58-56, 58-56 Martin Castillo (21-1,13KO) (IBF J.Bantamweight Title)
Mar-30	Reading	Demetrius Jenkins (27-7-1,16KO) TKO7 Frank Lile (32-3,29KO) (NABO Light Heavyweight Title)
Mar-30	Reading	Jaffa Ballogou (40-4,25KO) TKO11 Henry Porras (23-1,18KO) (WBC/LA Super Middleweight Title)
Mar-30	Reading	Danny Santiago 175 (22-0,14KO) W10 98-91, 96-92, 96-92 Tyrus Armstead 174 (10-16-3,4KO)
Mar-30	Tacoma	Ken Ellis 158 (27-4-2,16KO) W10 100-89, 99-90, 97-92 Kippy Warren 160 (16-5-2,8KO)
Mar-29	Denver	Verno Phillips (32-9-1,17KO) TKO5 Lloyd Joseph (11-4-3,5KO) (NBA Jr.Middleweight Title)
Mar-29	Detroit	Damian Fuller (17-2,9KO) W10 Roberto Ortega (14-7-1,11KO) (MWBF Jr.Welterweight Title)
Mar-29	Detroit	Rubin Williams (6-0,5KO) TKO3 Warren Jackson (8-2,3KO) (State Light Heavyweight Title)
Mar-29	Detroit	Marlon Thomas 153 (22-5-1-1NC,15KO) TKO1 Samuel Harvey 157 (12-11,6KO)
Mar-29	Las Vegas	Ross Thomspon (25-5-1,17KO) TKO1 Ron Johnson (17-13,9KO) (WBA/CA Super Middleweight Title)
Mar-29	Las Vegas	Attila Levin (24-1,20KO) W10 98-92, 97-93, 97-93 Ron Guerrero (15-4-2,10KO)
Mar-29	Las Vegas	Vincent Phillips (44-6-1,32) W10 98-92, 97-93, 97-93 Nick Acevedo (15-1,9KO)
Mar-29	Sacramento	Efren Hinojosa (24-1,16KO) W (S) 12 Ernesto Zavala (14-2,6KO) (IBA/Americas Lightweight Title)
Mar-29	Sacramento	Eric Regan 166 (17-0,11KO) KO4 Juan Barreto 171 (8-27-4,1KO)
Mar-28	Halifax	Brenda Vickers (5-4,1KO) W10 Doris Hackl (6-1,2KO) (IFBA Lightweight Title)
Mar-28	Louvroil	Rachid Bouaita (6-0,2KO) W10 John Bogue (9-13-1,3KO) (French Featherweight Title)
Mar-28	Washington DC	Sharmba Mitchell (48-3,29KO) W10 Barnard Harris (21-16-2,10KO)
Mar-26	Lafayette	Tony Tubbs 240 (40-9-3ND,22KO) TKO2 Michael Shanks 200 (1-8,1KO)
Mar-26	Lafayette	Shannon Landberg 162 (53-10-3,23KO) KO6 Ray Shanks 162 (5-8,3KO)
Mar-24	Gifu	Yusuke Moriyama 112 (10-1-4,1KO) W10 100-98, 97-95, 97-96 Takayuki KOrogi 111 (9-2-2,3KO)
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Mar-24	Hachioji	Satoru Suzuki (16-3,10KO) W10 Toshiyuki Inazawa (8-1,4KO) (Japanese Middleweight Title)
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Mar-23	Bayamon	Carlos Gerena 134 (38-3,30KO) W10 Mark Burse 133 (10-3-1,6KO)
Mar-23	Bayamon	Carlos Gerena 134 (38-3,30KO) W10 Mark Burse 133 (10-3-1,6KO)
Mar-23	Buenos Aires	Fabio Oliva (17-0,10KO) W12 118-113, 117-112, 117-113 Jorge Espindola (11-4-4,4KO) (South American S.Bantamweight Title)
Mar-23	Buenos Aires	Fabio Oliva (17-0,10KO) W12 118-113, 117-112, 117-113 Jorge Espindola (11-4-4,4KO) (South American S.Bantamweight Title)
Mar-23	Kiev	Alexandre Vetoux (17-0,13KO) KO1 Ashley Whiteboy (14-14,1KO) (WBC/JR Welterweight Title)
Mar-23	Kiev	Victor FessetchKO (32-22-1,15KO) W10 Anthony Ivory (28-61-3,11KO) (WBF/CE Middleweight Title)
Mar-23	Kiev	Alexandre Gurov 190 (32-3-1,27KO) KO1 Patrick Madzinga 187 (5-10-1,2KO)
Mar-23	Kiev	Alexandre Vetoux (17-0,13KO) KO1 Ashley Whiteboy (14-14,1KO) (WBC/JR Welterweight Title)
Mar-23	Kiev	Victor FessetchKO (32-22-1,15KO) W10 Anthony Ivory (28-61-3,11KO) (WBF/CE Middleweight Title)
Mar-23	Kiev	Alexandre Gurov 190 (32-3-1,27KO) KO1 Patrick Madzinga 187 (5-10-1,2KO)
Mar-23	Las Vegas	Kelvin Davis (17-0-1,12KO) W (S) 12 116-112, 116-112, 112-116 Arthur Williams (34-7-1,24KO) (USBA Cruiserweight Title)
Mar-23	Las Vegas	Fitzroy Vanderpool (23-4-4,13KO) TKO4 Floyd Trumpet (9-2-1,4KO) (CABOFE Super Welterweight Title)
Mar-23	Las Vegas	Kelvin Davis (17-0-1,12KO) W (S) 12 116-112, 116-112, 112-116 Arthur Williams (34-7-1,24KO) (USBA Cruiserweight Title)
Mar-23	Las Vegas	Fitzroy Vanderpool (23-4-4,13KO) TKO4 Floyd Trumpet (9-2-1,4KO) (CABOFE Super Welterweight Title)
Mar-23	London	Steve Roberts (29-0,14KO) W12 Kirino Garcia (32-22-1,25KO) (WBF Jr.Middleweight Title)
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Mar-23	YoKOhama	Masamori Tokuyama (26-2-1,7KO) TKO9 Kazuhiro RyuKO (13-2-3,4KO) (WBC Super Flyweight Title)
Mar-23	YoKOhama	Tadashi Yuba (18-1-2,11KO) TKO7 Kiyoshi Adachi (20-6-1,14KO) (Japanese Super Light weight Title)
Mar-23	YoKOhama	Masamori Tokuyama (26-2-1,7KO) TKO9 Kazuhiro RyuKO (13-2-3,4KO) (WBC Super Flyweight Title)
Mar-23	YoKOhama	Tadashi Yuba (18-1-2,11KO) TKO7 Kiyoshi Adachi (20-6-1,14KO) (Japanese Super Light weight Title)
Mar-22	Boston	Rich LaMontagne 195 (25-4-1,20KO) TKO2 Wilfredo Muniz 194 (11-4,3KO)
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Mar-22	Mazatlan	Jose Cruz-Felix (28-0-1,23KO) DRAW12 115-113, 112-114, 113-113 Carlos Baldomir (36-9-6,10KO) (WBC/Eliminator Welterweight Title)
Mar-22	Mazatlan	Jose Cruz-Felix (28-0-1,23KO) DRAW12 115-113, 112-114, 113-113 Carlos Baldomir (36-9-6,10KO) (WBC/Eliminator Welterweight Title)
Mar-22	Ontario	Enrique Sanchez 125 (30-2-2) TW4 39-37, 39-37, 39-37 Nelson Medina 129 (24-21-2,7KO)
Mar-22	Ontario	Enrique Sanchez 125 (30-2-2) TW4 39-37, 39-37, 39-37 Nelson Medina 129 (24-21-2,7KO)
Mar-22	Pala	Yoni Vargas (22-3,12KO) KO6 Ever Beleno (38-10,35KO) (State Lightweight Title)
Mar-22	Pala	Yoni Vargas (22-3,12KO) KO6 Ever Beleno (38-10,35KO) (State Lightweight Title)
Mar-22	Phoenix	James Toney 195 (63-4-2,40KO) W10 100-90, 100-90, 99-91 Sione Asipeli 195 (17-4-2,8KO)
Mar-22	Phoenix	Orlando Salido 131 (12-8-1,7KO) W10 97-93, 96-94, 96-94 Lamont Pearson 130 (17-1-1,10KO)
Mar-22	Phoenix	James Toney 195 (63-4-2,40KO) W10 100-90, 100-90, 99-91 Sione Asipeli 195 (17-4-2,8KO)
Mar-22	Phoenix	Orlando Salido 131 (12-8-1,7KO) W10 97-93, 96-94, 96-94 Lamont Pearson 130 (17-1-1,10KO)
Mar-22	Savannah	Nate Campbell (19-0,16KO) TKO4 Alric Johnson (20-12,10KO) (NABA Super Featherweight Title)
Mar-22	Savannah	Nate Campbell (19-0,16KO) TKO4 Alric Johnson (20-12,10KO) (NABA Super Featherweight Title)
Mar-21	Atlanta	Sam Garr 152 (30-5,27KO) WDSQ9 Vincent Harris 148 (8-6-2,6KO)
Mar-21	Atlanta	Sam Garr 152 (30-5,27KO) WDSQ9 Vincent Harris 148 (8-6-2,6KO)
Mar-21	Phoenix	Omar Weis 141 (34-3-3,16KO) W10 96-93, 96-94, 95-94 Hector Camacho Jr.147 (33-1,19KO)
Mar-21	Phoenix	Tontcho Tontchev 132 (26-1,16KO) KO6 Gustavo Corral 132 (10-4-3,6KO)
Mar-21	Phoenix	Omar Weis 141 (34-3-3,16KO) W10 96-93, 96-94, 95-94 Hector Camacho Jr.147 (33-1,19KO)
Mar-21	Phoenix	Tontcho Tontchev 132 (26-1,16KO) KO6 Gustavo Corral 132 (10-4-3,6KO)
Mar-21	St.Petersburg	Evgeny Strausov (3-0,2KO) W10 Sergey AndreychiKOv (3-2-1,1KO) (Russian Featherweight Title)
Mar-21	St.Petersburg	Evgeny Strausov (3-0,2KO) W10 Sergey AndreychiKOv (3-2-1,1KO) (Russian Featherweight Title)
Mar-16	Buenos Aires	Rodrigo Barrios (33-1-1ND,24KO) W10 99-91 1/2, 99-94, 97-93 Victor Paz (69-30-3-2ND,27KO)
Mar-16	Buenos Aires	Rodrigo Barrios (33-1-1ND,24KO) W10 99-91 1/2, 99-94, 97-93 Victor Paz (69-30-3-2ND,27KO)
Mar-16	Bushkill	Emmanuel Lucero (20-0,12KO) W12 117-108, 116-110, 115-111 Frank Archuleta (20-2-1,12KO) (WBC/CA Super Bantamweight Title)
Mar-16	Bushkill	Carlos Vilches 141 (35-1-2,23KO) TKO7 Scott DePompe 140 (22-3,9KO)
Mar-16	Bushkill	Emmanuel Lucero (20-0,12KO) W12 117-108, 116-110, 115-111 Frank Archuleta (20-2-1,12KO) (WBC/CA Super Bantamweight Title)
Mar-16	Bushkill	Carlos Vilches 141 (35-1-2,23KO) TKO7 Scott DePompe 140 (22-3,9KO)
Mar-16	Las Vegas	Daniel Santos-Pena (25-2-1,20KO) TKO11 Luis Campas (79-5,67KO) (WBO Jr.Middleweight Title)
Mar-16	Las Vegas	Antonio Margarito (26-3,18KO) TKO10 Antonio Diaz (37-4,26KO) (WBO Welterweight Title)
Mar-16	Las Vegas	Daniel Santos-Pena (25-2-1,20KO) TKO11 Luis Campas (79-5,67KO) (WBO Jr.Middleweight Title)
Mar-16	Las Vegas	Antonio Margarito (26-3,18KO) TKO10 Antonio Diaz (37-4,26KO) (WBO Welterweight Title)
Mar-16	Magdeburg	Sven Ottke (26-0,5KO) W12 120-108, 120-108, 120-108 Ricky Thornberry (23-4,12KO) (IBF Super Middleweight Title)

Mar-16	Magdeburg	Jerry Elliott (31-1-1,23KO) W12 Sean Sullivan (36-10,15KO) (WBC/International Middleweight Title)
Mar-16	Magdeburg	Sven Ottke (26-0,5KO) W12 120-108, 120-108, 120-108 Ricky Thornberry (23-4,12KO) (IBF Super Middleweight Title)
Mar-16	Magdeburg	Jerry Elliott (31-1-1,23KO) W12 Sean Sullivan (36-10,15KO) (WBC/International Middleweight Title)
Mar-16	Stuttgart	Wladimir Klitschko (38-1,35KO) TKO8 Frans Botha (44-4-1-1NC,28KO) (WBO Heavyweight Title)
Mar-16	Stuttgart	Juan Gomez 216 (35-0,30KO) TKO5 Ken Murphy 229 (21-6-1,15KO)
Mar-16	Stuttgart	Wladimir Klitschko (38-1,35KO) TKO8 Frans Botha (44-4-1-1NC,28KO) (WBO Heavyweight Title)
Mar-16	Stuttgart	Juan Gomez 216 (35-0,30KO) TKO5 Ken Murphy 229 (21-6-1,15KO)
Mar-15	Bushkill	Miguel Figueroa 142 (19-3-1,12KO) W10 98-91, 97-92, 97-92 Bradley Jensen 142 (11-4-1,5KO)
Mar-15	Bushkill	Miguel Figueroa 142 (19-3-1,12KO) W10 98-91, 97-92, 97-92 Bradley Jensen 142 (11-4-1,5KO)
Mar-15	New York	Golden Johnson (22-5-2,16KO) TKO11 Chantel Stanciel (21-2-1) (NABF Welterweight Title)
Mar-15	New York	Tokunbo Olajide (16-0,14KO) KO4 Trevor Brown (12-3,9KO)
Mar-15	New York	Golden Johnson (22-5-2,16KO) TKO11 Chantel Stanciel (21-2-1) (NABF Welterweight Title)
Mar-15	New York	Tokunbo Olajide (16-0,14KO) KO4 Trevor Brown (12-3,9KO)
Mar-15	Veracruz	Cruz Carbajal (21-11-1,17KO) TKO9 Mauricio Martinez (19-4-1,14KO) (WBO Bantamweight Title)
Mar-15	Veracruz	Cruz Carbajal (21-11-1,17KO) TKO9 Mauricio Martinez (19-4-1,14KO) (WBO Bantamweight Title)
Mar-15	Viborg	Spend Abazi (21-1,7KO) W12 117-111, 116-112, 115-114 Dimitri Kirilov (20-1,5KO) (European Bantamweight Title)
Mar-15	Viborg	Thomas Damgaard 147 (28-0,23KO) TKO2 Wilfrido Ruiz 148 (29-7,21KO)
Mar-15	Viborg	Spend Abazi (21-1,7KO) W12 117-111, 116-112, 115-114 Dimitri Kirilov (20-1,5KO) (European Bantamweight Title)
Mar-15	Viborg	Thomas Damgaard 147 (28-0,23KO) TKO2 Wilfrido Ruiz 148 (29-7,21KO)
Mar-15	Ycuamandiyuu	Juan Gimenez (50-10-3,34KO) W (M) 12 Nicasio Moray (23-15,12KO) (Paraguay Light Heavyweight Title)
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Mar-14	Burbank	Carlos Madrigal (19-3,14KO) KO5 Osvaldo Guerrero (29-15,26KO) (WBO/Intercontinental Bantamweight Title)
Mar-14	Burbank	Carlos Madrigal (19-3,14KO) KO5 Osvaldo Guerrero (29-15,26KO) (WBO/Intercontinental Bantamweight Title)
Mar-14	New Orleans	David Donis 123 (17-4-2,4KO) W10 Ricardo Medina 122 (24-24-5,16KO)
Mar-11	Glasgow	Scott Harrison (16-1-1,8KO) TKO3 Tony Wehbee (30-8-1,23KO) (Commonwealth Featherweight Title)
Mar-11	Glasgow	Alex Arthur (10-0,8KO) TKO10 Dariusz Snarski (12-10-1,1KO) (WBO/Intercontinental S.Featherweight Title)
Mar-10	Las Vegas	Gerson Guerrero (24-4,18KO) KO2 Mariano Gonzalez (17-6-2,11KO) (NABF Flyweight Title)
Mar-10	Las Vegas	Tim Witherspoon 249 (54-11-1,38KO) KO2 Darroll Wilson 231 (26-6-2,20KO)
Mar-09	Buenos Aires	Aldo Rios 136 (30-2-1ND,4KO) W10 Diego Gimenez 136 (19-1,16)
Mar-09	Frankfurt	Danilo Hausser (18-0,5KO) W (M) 12 114-111, 114-111, 113-113 Glenn Catley (26-6,20KO) (European Super Middleweight Title)
Mar-09	Frankfurt	Markus Beyer (24-1,10KO) TKO7 Anton Robinson (24-5-1,9KO) (WBC/International Super Middleweight Title)
Mar-09	Pittsburgh	Paul Spadafora (35-0,14KO) W12 115-113, 115-113, 115-113 Angel Manfredy (39-6-1,29KO) (IBF Lightweight title)
Mar-09	Pittsburgh	Juan Marquez (38-2,30KO) TKO10 Robert Peden (20-2,10KO) (NABF-USBA Featherweight Title)
Mar-09	Springfield	Mitchell Green (18-6-1-1NC,11KO) W12 Danny Wofford (17-94-2,10KO) (WBS Heavyweight Title)
Mar-08	Bergamo	Luca Messi (19-2-1,10KO) W (S) 10 97-94, 96-93, 93-95 Antonio Lauri (15-2-1,6KO) (Italian Welterweight Title)
Mar-08	Kissimmee	Francisco Tejedor (46-11-1,31KO) W12 Cuauhtemoc Gomez (48-12,28KO) (Fecarbox Bantamweight Title)
Mar-08	Oroville	Carlos Bojorquez (17-3-5,13KO) KO4 Norberto Sandoval 154 (13-6,10KO)
Mar-08	Oroville	Juan Lazcano 133 (29-2-1,22KO) TKO7 Julio Sanchez-Leon 136 (19-13-1,14KO)
Mar-04	Madrid	Alexander Mahmutov (38-6,19KO) W12 120-110, 118-111, 117-113 Mimoun Chent (15-2,6KO) (European Flyweight Title)
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Mar-04	Queensland	Daniel Rowsell (18-2-1,8KO) TKO9 Peter Kariuki (4-2-1,4KO) (PABA Cruiserweight Title)
Mar-04	Queensland	Paul Briggs (14-1,11KO) TKO4 Paul Smallman (20-15-1,13KO) (OPBF Light Heavyweight Title)
Mar-04	Queensland	Anthony Mundine 170 (11-1,8KO) W10 Brad Mayo 170 (15-9,4KO)
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Mar-04	Queensland	Anthony Mundine 170 (11-1,8KO) W10 Brad Mayo 170 (15-9,4KO)
Mar-02	Bethnal Green	Dmitry Bakhtov (11-2,8KO) TKO5 Mathew Ellis (17-2-1,9KO) (WBC/International Heavyweight Title)
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Mar-02	Brakpan	Pablo Sarmiento (32-12-3,15) TKO2 Stephanus Carr (16-2,13KO) (IBO Jr.Welterweight Title)
Mar-02	Brakpan	Silence Mabuza (11-0,10k) TKO Jose Sanjuanelo (20-2,14KO) (IBO Bantamweight Title)
Mar-02	Brakpan	Sebastian Rothman (14-1-2,10KO) W12 Garry Delaney (30-6-1,17KO) (WBU Cruiserweight Title)
Mar-02	Brakpan	Phillip Ndou (26-1,25KO) TKO NiKolai Eremeev (16-3-2,6KO) (WBU Jr.Lightweight Title)

Mar-02	Brakpan	Jacob Matlala (53-12-2,26KO) TKO Juan Herrera (25-6-3,15KO) (WBU Jr.Flyweight Title)
Mar-02	Brakpan	Pablo Sarmiento (32-12-3,15) TKO2 Stephanus Carr (16-2,13KO) (IBO Jr.Welterweight Title)
Mar-02	Brakpan	Silence Mabuza (11-0,10k) TKO Jose Sanjuanelo (20-2,14KO) (IBO Bantamweight Title)
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Mar-02	Brakpan	Jacob Matlala (53-12-2,26KO) TKO Juan Herrera (25-6-3,15KO) (WBU Jr.Flyweight Title)
Mar-02	Buenos Aires	Alberto Sicurella (57-5,13KO) W (M) 10 97-96, 98 1/2-95, 97-97 Ricardo Silva (59-22-3-1ND,26) (Argentinean Light weight Title)
Mar-02	Buenos Aires	Alberto Sicurella (57-5,13KO) W (M) 10 97-96, 98 1/2-95, 97-97 Ricardo Silva (59-22-3-1ND,26) (Argentinean Light weight Title)
Mar-02	Makati	Gerry Penalosa (44-4-2,28KO) TW8 79-72, 79-72, 79-73 Joel Avila (25-11-3,13KO) (WBC/International Super Flyweight Title)
Mar-02	Makati	Gerry Penalosa (44-4-2,28KO) TW8 79-72, 79-72, 79-73 Joel Avila (25-11-3,13KO) (WBC/International Super Flyweight Title)
Mar-02	Mexico City	Rodrigo Garcia (12-12,7KO) W12 Lee Sandoval (17-7-2,9KO) (WBC/CA Light Flyweight Title)
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Mar-01	Bay St.Louis	Tipton Walker 188 (11-3,4KO) W (S) 10 Andrew Greeley 190 (8-2,5KO) (Italian Super Featherweight Title)
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Mar-01	Entre Rios	Marcela Acuna (8-2,4KO) W10 Carmen Montiel (0-1) (Argentinean Featherweight Title)
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Mar-01	Grosseto	Marco Dell'Uomo (11-16-3,1KO) WDSQ3 Gianluca Jommarini (15-4,5KO) (Italian Middleweight Title)
Mar-01	Grosseto	Alberto Servidei (11-0,5KO) W10 100-89, 100-91, 98-91 Angelo Iodice (10-8-1,3KO)
Mar-01	Grosseto	Marco Dell'Uomo (11-16-3,1KO) WDSQ3 Gianluca Jommarini (15-4,5KO) (Italian Middleweight Title)
Mar-01	Grosseto	Alberto Servidei (11-0,5KO) W10 100-89, 100-91, 98-91 Angelo Iodice (10-8-1,3KO)
Mar-01	Mashantucket	Eric Lucas (35-4-3,13KO) W12 119-110, 117-111, 117-112 Vinny Pазienza (49-10,30KO) (WBC Super Middleweight Title)
Mar-01	Mashantucket	Gary Balleto 135 (24-0-2,21KO) TKO9 Mike DiBenedetto 136 (21-1-2,14KO)
Mar-01	Mashantucket	Joe Gatti 167 (29-6,21KO) TKO Tim Shocks 166 (21-12-1,14KO)
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Mar-01	Mashantucket	Joe Gatti 167 (29-6,21KO) TKO Tim Shocks 166 (21-12-1,14KO)
Mar-01	Verona	Frank Houghtaling (17-7-5,3KO) DRAW12 Lemuel Nelson (22-5-1,11KO) (IBC/AM Jr.Welterweight Title)
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Feb-28	Baltimore	Israh Girgrah (19-3-2,8KO) W (S) 10 Tracy Byrd (12-4,4KO) (UBA Lightweight Title)
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Feb-28	Tallahassee	Gabriel Rodriguez 150 (14-4-1,6KO) W (M) 10 Vincent Harris 150 (8-5-2,6KO)
Feb-28	Tallahassee	Gabriel Rodriguez 150 (14-4-1,6KO) W (M) 10 Vincent Harris 150 (8-5-2,6KO)
Feb-26	Indianapolis	Jose Spearman 170 (15-4-2,8KO) TKO4 Dan Thornton 168 (13-7,9KO)
Feb-24	Cincinnati	Ricardo Williams 140 (7-0,5KO) W10 Anthony Washington 135 (15-1-1,3KO)
Feb-23	Atlantic City	Alicia Ashley (7-3-1,0KO) W (s) 10 Kelsey Jeffries (11-7,1KO) (WIBF Featherweight Title)
Feb-23	Atlantic City	Ray Mercer 224 (30-4-1,22KO) TKO1 Troy Weida 228 (41-11-2,29KO)
Feb-23	Chiba	Yosam Choi (24-1,13KO) KO10 Shingo Yamaguchi (11-3-1,5KO) (WBC Light Flyweight Title)
Feb-23	Las Vegas	Paul Ayala (34-1,12KO) W12 118-110, 118-110, 117-111 Clarence Adams (41-5-3,19KO) (IBO Super Bantamweight Title)
Feb-23	Las Vegas	Rafael Marquez (27-3,25KO) TKO8 Mark Johnson (40-3,27KO) (USBA Bantamweight Title)
Feb-23	Marseille	Jean Mormeck (27-2,19KO) TKO9 Virgil Hill (46-4,22KO) (WBA Cruiserweight Title)
Feb-23	Marseille	Medhi Sahnoune (19-0,17KO) W12 Andrei SchkaliKOv (41-7-2,20KO) (WBA/Elimination S.Middleweight Title)
Feb-23	Marseille	Yacine Kingbo (11-9,4KO) TKO10 Alain Martin (10-3-1,7KO) (French Heavyweight Title)
Feb-23	Marseille	Ali Oubaali (6-0,5KO) W10 Adolph Avadja (8-8,2KO) (French Super Featherweight Title)
Feb-23	Milan	Vincenzo Cantatore (27-2,26KO) TKO5 Hector Avila (7-1,4KO) (WBC/International Cruiserweight Title)
Feb-23	Norfolk	Chris Mills 173 (23-1,20KO) TKO2 Tony Pope 175 (14-10,11KO)
Feb-22	Boston	Leavander Johnson 137 (31-3-1,14KO) Jesus Zatarin 136 (21-5-4,14KO)
Feb-22	Boston	Luis Villalta (26-1-1,22KO) TKO Freddy Cruz (51-32-10,17KO)
Feb-22	Columbus	Vivian Harris (20-1-1,15KO) W12 115-108, 115-108, 112-111 Michael Clark (26-2,13KO) (IBA Jr.Welterweight Title)
Feb-22	Columbus	Anthony Hanshaw 171 (14-0,10KO) W10 98-90, 98-91, 98-91 Dana Rucker 171 (13-4,10KO)
Feb-22	Las Vegas	Roger Medal 131 (15-3,7KO) TKO4 Marco Perez 128 (16-2,12KO)
Feb-22	Lemoore	Julio Gonzalez 173 (28-1,18KO) KO1 Tyrone Armstead 167 (13-13-3,7KO)
Feb-22	Lemoore	Jorge Paez 129 (71-14-5,47KO) KO2 Thomas Johnson 128 (51-10-2,28KO)
Feb-22	Micosukee	Orlando Soto (32-7,20KO) W (M) 12 Hector Velazquez (33-9-1,26KO) (WBC/CA Featherweight Title)

The National Boxing Commission Act of 2001 - S.893

by George L. Otto, Esquire



First of all Democratic Senator Harry Reid of Nevada introduced this legislation in May of 2001. Co-sponsoring it was Republican Senator John McCain of Arizona. This writer believes that it will not be voted upon with any finality by

Congress until October of 2002:

This legislation, if passed, would set up a National Boxing Commission (NBC) made up of five members appointed by the President and approved by Congress. Furthermore, it would create a federal governmental agency designed to carry out the following functions: license and register boxing personnel; maintain a unified national computerized registry for the collection, storage, and retrieval of information related to the performance of its duties; prescribe regulations for the sport of professional boxing that ensure the safety of participants; establish minimum standards for the availability of medical services at professional boxing matches; support the establishment of a life, accident, and health insurance fund for professional boxers and other members of the professional boxing community; establish minimum standards for manufacturing and using boxing equipment; creating agreements with other nations to monitor boxing involving foreign countries and affiliated boxing personnel; creating standards for making contracts and other understandings regarding professional boxing; creating standards and regulations applicable to establishing championship divisions and the awarding of championship titles; prescribing the role of the sanctioning bodies in the sport; and prescribing regulations prohibiting conflicts of interest relating to boxing matches.

Other provisions include not interfering with local boxing shows and their authorities and possibly serving as the coordinating body for all efforts in the United States to establish and maintain uniform minimum health and safety standards for professional boxing; publishing a newspaper, magazine, or other publication consistent with the purposes of the Commission; procure the temporary and intermittent services of experts and consultants at rates the Commission determines to be reasonable; and take any other action that is necessary and proper to accomplish the purpose of the Act consistent with its purposes.

From an enforcement standpoint, this bill gives the Commission both civil and criminal law powers to revoke licenses, suspend individuals and organizations from utilizing granted licenses, and responding to actions characterized by bribery, extortion, and unlawful threats.

Also, the current version of this proposal contains a requirement that local boxing authorities, with assistance from the Commission, would have to submit a plan with

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Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) introduced the following bill, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To establish the National Boxing Commission, and for other purposes.

As enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'National Boxing Commission Act of 2001'.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress makes the following findings:

- (1) Professional boxing is beset with wide-ranging problems that are beyond the scope of the current system of State regulation.
- (2) The rules governing professional boxing and the enforcement of those rules vary widely among States.
- (3) Unlike other professional sports, professional boxing is not successfully regulated by a private entity, and there is no prospect for meaningful self-regulation.
- (4) The problems facing professional boxing include the exploitation of boxers, conflicts of interest, questionable judging, and corruption.
- (5) These problems endanger the health, safety, and welfare of boxers and undermine the credibility of the sport with the public.

SEC. 3. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to establish a national commission to prescribe and enforce uniform regulations for professional boxing in order to protect the health and safety of boxers and to ensure fairness in the sport.

SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

- (1) The term 'boxing match' means a professional boxing match, or any part of such a match, that is held within the United States. The term does not include an amateur boxing match.
- (2) The terms 'Indian lands' and 'Indian tribe' have the meanings given those terms by paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively, of section 4 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2703).
- (3) The term 'local boxing authority' means--
 - (A) any agency of a State, or of a political subdivision of a State, that has authority under the laws of the State to regulate professional boxing; and
 - (B) any agency of an Indian tribe that is authorized by the Indian tribe or the governing body of the Indian lands to regulate professional boxing on Indian lands.
- (4) The term 'person' has the meaning given the term in section 1 of title 1, United States Code.
- (5) The term 'promoter' means any person licensed under this Act--
 - (A) to hold, give, or otherwise conduct a boxing match, program, or exhibition; or
 - (B) to broadcast a boxing match.
- (6) The term 'sanctioning organization' means any entity that authorizes or sanctions a championship boxing match.

(E) TERMS-

- (1) PERIOD- Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), each member of the Commission shall be appointed for a term of 5 years. Members of the Commission may be reappointed.
- (2) EXCEPTION FOR MIDTERM VACANCY- A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of that unexpired term.
- (3) CONTINUATION PENDING REPLACEMENT- A member may serve after the expiration of that member's term until a successor has taken office.

(E) The boxing matches in which the boxer has participated including--

- (i) the dates of the matches;
- (ii) the outcome of each match, including whether the match resulted in a knockout or technical knockout or was ended upon the decision, urging, or intervention of a medical professional; and
- (iii) the total number of matches won and lost.

- (C) Height and weight.
- (D) Business associates.

timely updates for regulating the sport to the NBC stating how it would do this. Thus the Association of Boxing Commissions would appear to come under the control of the NBC if this passes in its current form.

This proposed bill does not refer to the other federal laws on boxing, the Professional Boxing Safety Act and the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act, or the findings of the 1997 National Institute Of Occupational Safety and Health study. Like those other two laws, it contains no free legal services to those who

wish to pursue legal redress to right Wrongs in the courts.

In July of 2001 the Association of Boxing Commissions voted not to support the passage of this bill. However, they could end up voting again on it because Congress could dramatically change its provisions thus maybe forcing the ABC to reconsider it.

George Otto is a adviser for American Association for the Improvement of Boxing and The Jerry Quarry Foundation for Pugilistica Dementia

JIMMY McLARNIN, MASTER OF THE RETURN BOUT

By Angelo Prospero

The manner in which Lennox Lewis disposed of Hasim Rahman in a return bout was reminiscent of the way former welterweight champion Jimmy McLarnin handled opponents in return contests.

No one was better. It seemed Jimmy had an obsession bordering on paranoia of not having the final say with an opponent.

Jimmy McLarnin turned 95 a few months ago and the anniversary of his birth brought back memories of a baby-faced Irishman who was the greatest welterweight in the world in an era of great welterweights.

McLarnin was born in Inchacore, Ireland on December 19, 1906 and moved to Canada at an early age. Born to fight, he started at age 16 in 1923 as a 112 lb. bantamweight, Jimmy won his first 25 fights before drawing with flyweight champion, Fidel LaBarba.



Pop Foster and Jimmy McLarnin

Jimmy McLarnin had a manager, Pop Foster, who treated him like a son and guided his career and finances brilliantly. After the six round draw with LaBarba, Pop figured his warrior was ready for ten rounders and his first opponent over this distance was the same LaBarba.

They met on January 25, 1925 in Vernon, California and McLarnin, now a favorite son in



Kid Kaplan - Jimmy McLarnin



Jimmy McLarnin

the movie state, punched out an easy points decision. Californians loved his fighting heart, stout chin and combination punching.

Finally, McLarnin's win streak was snapped when he lost a ten round decision to the famed Terra Haute Terror, Bud Taylor. When criticized for taking a fight against such an experienced foe, Pop Foster said, "He can't learn anything fighting bums."

So next it was another champion, Pancho Villa and Jimmy won a hard fought ten round decision. Then he followed with another win over Coast favorite, Irish Mickey Gill. His next opponent was another future champ, Jackie Fields, the first of a long line of Jewish fighters McLarnin would meet and beat. In fact, he was called the "Jewish Nemesis" beating Fields, Kid Kaplan, Sid Terris, Ray Miller, Sgt. Sammy Baker, Ruby Goldstein, Al Singer, Benny Leonard and Barney Ross.

McLarnin stunned Fields with a second round knockout and then reversed his only loss beating Bud Taylor on a foul. He called Taylor one of the best he ever faced.

Fighting mostly on the Pacific Coast the next two years, he won eight, lost three and drew one, before being summoned to Chicago to battle Louis "Kid" Kaplan, former featherweight champion and veteran of a hundred fights.

Kaplan stunned and hurt McLarnin early before Jimmy recuperated bravely and shocked the crowd by knocking out the favorite in eight rounds. His crisp punching floored Kaplan four times.

Word about the prowess of this dynamite puncher with the choir boy looks reached Tex Rickard in New York and he quickly contacted Pop Foster to bring his new sensation to the Mecca of Boxing to meet Jewish Idol, Sid Terris.

Pop Foster was a much loved man in fistic circles and the aura of his respectability kept the mob from touching his fighter. Many underground figures had infiltrated the fight game during this era. McLarnin's only meeting with these undesirables came before the Terris fight, threatening him in the dressing room the night of the fight. Foster came in and threw



Jimmy McLarnin - Barney Ross

them out bodily. They never gave them trouble again.

Neither did Terris, who succumbed to the McLarnin onslaught of punches and was counted out in two minutes of round one. New York fans went wild and demanded to see more of this new dynamo. Immediately, Jimmy received a title shot against lightweight champion, Sammy Mandell, but he lost a close fifteen round decision. The champ was a bit too experienced and cagey.



The challenger then beat contenders, Phil McGraw, a one round kayo and Stan Loayza. Next came the one ignominious mark in his career, an eight round stoppage by left hook artist, Ray Miller, later famous as the substitute referee for Ruby Goldstein in round ten of the Ray Robinson-Joey Maxim fight. It was the

only time in McLarnin's illustrious career of 77 bouts that he failed to go the distance and it disturbed him greatly. McLarnin fretted the rest of 1928 and the winter of 1929 before he got his revenge.

A master of solving styles and avenging losses, Jimmy gave Miller a boxing lesson on March 22nd in Madison Square Garden, winning nine rounds. He also evened the score with Mandall winning two easy ten round decisions, one in 1929 and one in 1930. He also kayoed Sgt. Sammy Baker in one round, Ruby Goldstein in two, lightweight champ Al Singer in three and decided future welterweight champ Young Jack Thompson in ten, all great fighters. Jimmy was on a roll.

The most magnificent feature of Jimmy McLarnin's career was the outstanding caliber of his opposition. Starting with Billy Petrolle on November 21, 1930 in New York, he closed his career with thirteen fights, all against world champions, except Petrolle, and the Fargo Express was one of the greatest not to hold a title.

Petrolle won the first, but McLarnin won their next two battles. Lou Brouillard, a welter and middleweight champion, won a close decision but McLarnin rebounded with kayo wins over comebacking Benny Leonard and tough Sammy Fuller.

Finally, ten years after he started his pro career, in his 71st bout, Jimmy McLarnin captured his first world title. He challenged champion Young Corbett and after a bitter pre-fight verbal confrontation, complete with ethnic name-calling, kayoed the San Francisco Italian in one round. The name-calling lasted longer than the fight.

1934 and 1935 saw McLarnin and Barney Ross capture the attention of the sports world with three brilliant title fights, 45 rounds of pure pugilistic skill. All the ingredients of greatness were encompassed in these three bouts featuring two outstanding champions in their prime. Ross won the first and third, McLarnin the second. Experts say either fighter could have won all three, they were that close.



Tony Canzoneri - Jimmy McLarnin

In 1936, Tony Canzoneri upset McLarnin and the new Mrs. McLarnin urged her husband to quit. "What, and have to invite Canzoneri to dinner every time he comes to town?" retorted the quizzical spouse. The master of the return bout who defeated Bud Taylor, Ray Miller,

Sammy Mandell, Billy Petrolle and Barney Ross after losses was right again when he said, "I'll know when to quit." He pummeled Canzoneri, in a second fight five months later, winning a unanimous decision.

Six weeks later, another future lightweight champion, Lou Ambers, fell to the all around skill of McLarnin. At age 30, he appeared to be better than ever.

All through his career, McLarnin, with the aid of the astute Pop Foster, was wisely investing his money and building up his stock portfolio. One of the most popular figures, not only in boxing circles, but in the movie and entertainment field, McLarnin was enjoying a round of golf with his friend Bob Hope, when he received a telegram from impresario Mike Jacobs.

It was an offer for 50,000 Depression dollars to fight knockout sensation, Homicide Henry Armstrong. With money, not a factor, he put the telegram away and told Hope, "It's all over. The pool cue is in the rack to stay." Jimmy McLarnin retired and stayed retired. He purchased a tool and die factory and became a civic leader in the Los Angeles area. In addition to golf, he was active with the Cauliflower Alley Club with his friend, Mike Mazurki. He is a loving husband and father of four children.

Jimmy McLarnin, now in a nursing home near the Canadian border, is the consummate gentleman, one of the greatest ever to lace on a pair of gloves and master of the return bout.

Jimmy McLarnin's Scorecard

- Fought 14 World Champions
- Favorite Fighter - Tommy Loughran
- Best Boxer he faced - Barney Ross
- Best Puncher - Ray Miller
- Most Endurance - Bud Taylor
- Most Influential - Pop Foster- a Manager; mother & father to me



ESPN Fight Analyst Teddy Atlas

(Photo by Pat Orr)

How High Should Bowe Go?

By Jim amato



Hopefully the one time heavyweight champion of the world Riddick Bowe will never fight again. His post career problems have been well documented.

The question now is, where does Bowe rank among the great heavyweights of all time? How would he have fared against Louis, Marciano, Frazier or even dream fights in his own time against Lewis or Tyson? Here is a boxer who may have never realized his full potential or when he was near it his career declined due to his own self-indulgence.

After Lennox Lewis in the 1988 Olympics stopped Riddick he was considered a risky project. Rock Newman took the risk of managing Bowe and convinced the skeptical but astute Eddie Futch to undertake the task of molding Riddick. The rest is history. Bowe progressed nicely thru the ranks turning pro in 1989 by halting future contender Lionel Butler in two rounds. In 1990 he stopped faded ex-champion Pinklon Thomas in nine. He also destroyed Bert Cooper in two.

In 1991 he kayoed Tyrell Biggs in eight and outscored ex-champ Tony Tubbs. He later kayoed future titleholder Bruce Sheldon in one round. In 1992 he cemented a shot at the title by halting South African Pierre Coetzer in seven rounds.

Finally Riddick "Big Daddy" Bowe was in the ring facing heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield. The well-schooled and well-conditioned Bowe won a hard fought but



Riddick Bowe - Evander Holyfield (Photo by Pat Orr)

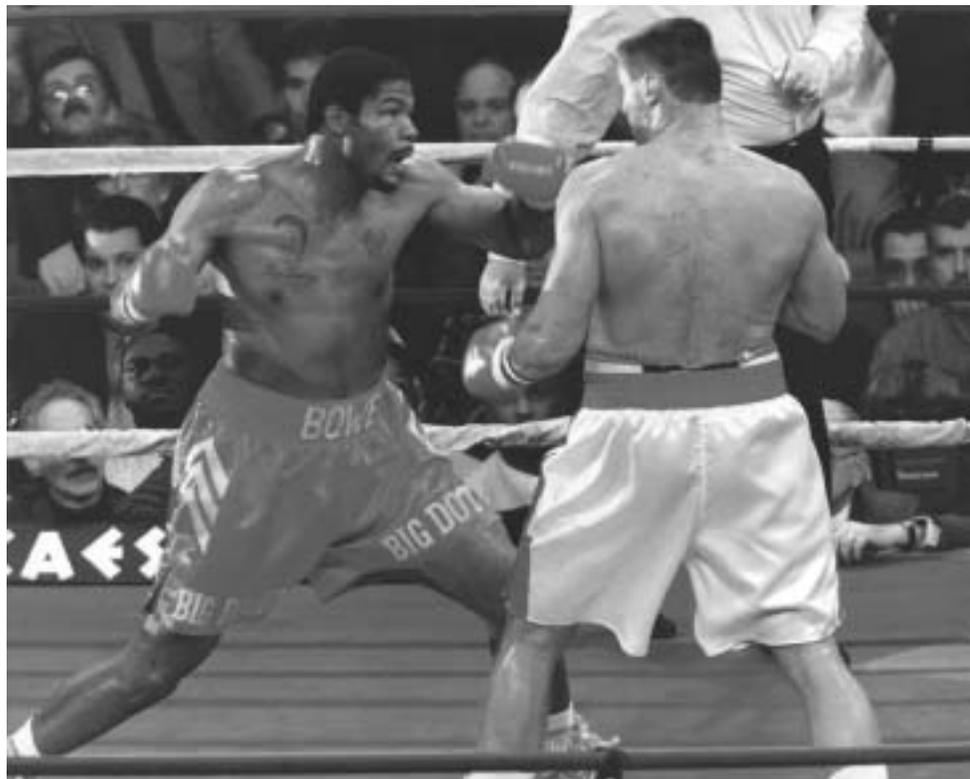
convincing decision and the crown. Was this the turning point of his career? Was it the beginning of the end? The night Bowe won the title from Holyfield he could have arguably competed with any heavyweight who ever lived. He was that good.

So where did it all go wrong? Did Riddick

believe he was unbeatable? Easy defense against ex-champ Michael Dokes and shopworn journeyman Jesse Ferguson did little to sharpen his skills. His weight as well as his ego began to swell. By the time he met Holyfield in their rematch he had become a different fighter. So had Evander who had totally dedicated himself in training. Their second bout is mainly remembered for the "Fan Man" incident but reality it was a highly entertaining fight. Even at the height of his skills against an ill prepared Bowe, Evander had all he could do to win the decision and regain the title. Without the championship, Riddick had become an enigma to himself. Would he rededicate himself or let the talent he had slip through his fists

Riddick began his march toward reclaiming his crown. He would beat once highly regarded Herbie Hide and knockout overrated Jorge Luis Gonzalez who had beaten Riddick in the amateurs. He would again meet a now ex-champion Holyfield in a rubber match. He would pick himself off the canvas to knockout Evander and it appeared Riddick was still a prime player in the heavyweight sweepstakes. All that came crashing down following two brutal and highly controversial bouts against Andrew Golota.

Golota was a native of Poland. He was big, strong, talented and white. He was dubbed the next "White Hope" and a victory over Bowe would put him in the thick of the title picture. Bowe was still considered too good for the upstart but things changed abruptly when the fight started. Riddick lost too much weight too fast in training. He was weak and lethargic.



Riddick Bowe - Andrew Golota (Photo by Pat Orr)



(Photo by Pat Orr)

Golota out boxed, out slugged and outfought Bowe but he also landed repeated low blows. Finally the foul punches cost Golota the bout as he was disqualified in round seven. In their rematch Riddick vowed to be in condition. It did not matter, Golota was again the dominant fighter and he was again guilty of repeated low blows that led to his disqualification in round nine. The Riddick Bowe who "won" dubious disqualification victories over Golota was only a shell of the Bowe who had won the crown from Holyfield. The Bowe may have been able to beat Liston

who destroyed Patterson or the Dempsey that ravaged Luis Firpo. He may have beaten the Louis who crushed Schmeling or the Marciano who rendered Jersey Joe unconscious. He may have defeated the Joe Frazier who whipped Ali or the Ali who whipped Foreman or the Foreman who bounced Frazier like a rubber ball. Maybe he could have even beaten the Clay who humbled Liston.

Could he have defeated his amateur nemesis Lennox Lewis? Could he have handled the pressure of neighborhood for Mike Tyson? Unfortunately, we'll never know.



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Johnny Tapia and Kevin Kelly



Brian Adams, Ray Mercer and Jameel McCline

(Photo by Mike Greenhill)



Christy Martin

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International Rankings May 2002

As compiled by Steve Farhood at "www.boxingranks.com".



This poll is conducted between the 15th and the 25th of each month. Therefore, regarding fight results that take place later in the month, shifts in the rankings may be more accurately reflected in the following month's poll.

International Rankings

As of 5/1/2002

Heavyweight

Greater than 190 lbs

1. Lennox Lewis (1)
2. Wladimir Klitschko (2)
3. Chris Byrd (T-3)
4. Mike Tyson (T-3)
5. Hasim Rahman (6)
6. Kirk Johnson (5)
7. David Tua (10)
8. John Ruiz (7)
9. Evander Holyfield (9)
10. Jameel McCline (8)

Cruiserweight

Less than 190 lbs

1. Vassiliy Jirov (1)
2. Johnny Nelson (2)
3. Jean-Marc Mormeck (4)
4. Wayne Braithwaite (3)
5. James Toney (6)
6. O'Neill Bell (5)
7. Virgil Hill (9)
8. Fabrice Tiozzo (7)
9. Alexandre Gurov (10)
10. Jorge Castro (NR)

Light Heavyweight

175 lbs

1. Roy Jones (1)
2. Dariusz Michalczewski (2)
3. Eric Harding (3)
4. Antonio Tarver (4)
5. Reggie Johnson (5)
6. Clinton Woods (T-6)
7. Bruno Girard (T-6)
8. Montell Griffin (8)
9. David Telesco (9)
10. Lou Del Valle (10)

Super Middleweight

168 lbs

1. Joe Calzaghe (1)
2. Sven Ottke (2)
3. Byron Mitchell (3)
4. Eric Lucas (5)
5. Antwun Echols (4)
6. Thomas Tate (6)
7. Omar Sheika (9)
8. Charles Brewer (7)
9. Markus Beyer (10)

10. Manuel Siaca (8)

Middleweight

160 lbs

1. Bernard Hopkins (1)
2. Felix Trinidad (2)
3. William Joppy (3)
4. Harry Simon (6)
5. Howard Eastman (5)
6. Keith Holmes (4)
7. Tito Mendoza (8)
8. Armand Krajnc (7)
9. Erland Betare (9)
10. Carl Daniels (10)

Super Welterweight

Junior Middleweight

154 lbs

1. Oscar De La Hoya (4)
2. Fernando Vargas (2)
3. Winky Wright (3)
4. Bronco McKart (4)
5. Daniel Santos (6)
6. Javier Castillejo (5)
7. Mamadou Thiam (7)
8. Kasim Ouma (8)
9. Steve Roberts (9)
10. Roman Karmazin (10)

Welterweight

147 lbs

1. Vernon Forrest (1)
2. Shane Mosley (2)
3. Antonio Margarito (4)
4. Ricardo Mayorga (T-9)
5. Michele Piccirillo (5)
6. Thomas Damgaard (7)
6. Andrew Lewis (3)
8. Cory Spinks (T-8)
9. Antonio Diaz (T-8)
10. Manuel Gomez (7)

Super Lightweight

Junior Welterweight

140 lbs

1. Kostya Tszyu (1)
2. Zab Judah (3)
3. Sharmba Mitchell (2)
4. Demarcus Corley (4)
5. Ben Tackie (5)
6. Randall Bailey (6)
7. Arturo Gatti (7)
8. James Leija (10)
9. Micky Ward (8)
10. Diosbelys Hurtado (9)

Lightweight

135 lbs

1. Floyd Mayweather, Jr. (8)
2. Stevie Johnston (2)
3. Jose Luis Castillo (1)
4. Artur Grigorian (4)
5. Paul Spadafora (3)
6. Leonard Dorin (6)
7. Juan Lazcano (5)
8. Raul Balbi (7)

9. Arnulfo Castillo (NR)

10. Angel Manfredy (10)

Super Featherweight

Junior Lightweight

130 lbs

1. Acelino Freitas (1)
2. Joel Casamayor (2)
3. Jesus Chavez (4)
4. Steve Forbes (3)
5. Yodsanan Nanthachai (NR)
6. Philip Ndou (6)
7. Carlos Hernandez (9)
8. Lakva Sim (7)
9. Alejandro Gonzalez (8)
10. Jorge Barrios (NR)

Featherweight

126 lbs

1. Marco Antonio Barrera (1)
2. Erik Morales (2)
3. Naseem Hamed (3)
4. Juan Manuel Marquez (4)
5. Johnny Tapia (6)
6. Derrick Gainer (5)
7. Juan Pablo Chacon (7)
8. Manuel Medina (8)
9. Mbulelo Botile (NR)
10. Victor Polo (10)

Super Bantamweight

Junior Featherweight

122 lbs

1. Paulie Ayala (1)
2. Manny Pacquiao (2)
3. Bones Adams (3)
4. Willie Jorin (4)
5. Agapito Sanchez (T-6)
6. Yoddamrong Sithyodthong (8)
7. Lehlo Ledwaba (5)
8. Oscar Larios (T-6)
9. Israel Vazquez (9)
10. Yober Ortega (10)

Bantamweight

118 lbs

1. Tim Austin (1)
2. Veerapol Sahaprom (2)
3. Johnny Bredahl (5)
4. Rafael Marquez (4)
5. Cruz Carbajal (7)
6. Eidy Moya (3)
7. Toshiaki Nishioka (8)
8. Genaro Garcia (NR)
9. Adan Vargas (6)
10. Heriberto Ruiz (9)

Super Flyweight

Junior Bantamweight

115 lbs

1. Masanori Tokuyama (1)
2. Alexander Munoz (3)
3. Felix Machado (2)
4. Pedro Alcazar (T-5)
4. Gerry Penalosa (4)
6. In Joo Cho (T-5)

7. Celes Kobayashi (9)
8. Mauricio Pastrana (T-7)
9. Martin Castillo (10)
10. Samson Lukchaopomasak (T-7)

Flyweight

112 lbs

1. Eric Morel (1)
2. Pongsaklek Wonjongkam (2)
3. Irene Pacheco (3)
4. Fernando Montiel (5)
5. Hawk Makepula (4)
6. Alejandro Montiel (6)
7. Alexandre Mahmutov (7)
8. Damaen Kelly (8)
9. Peter Culshaw (T-10)
10. Gerson Guerrero (T-10)

Junior Flyweight

108 lbs

1. Ricardo Lopez (1)
2. Yo Sam Choi (3)
3. Rosendo Alvarez (2)
4. Jorge Arce (5)
4. Beibis Mendoza (4)
6. Nelson Dieppa (6)
7. Pichitnoi Siriawat (7)
8. Melchor Cob Castro (8)
9. Zolani Petelo (9)
10. Jake Matlala (T-10)

Strawweight

105 lbs

1. Jose Antonio Aguirre (1)
2. Robert Leyva (2)
3. Chana Porpaoin (3)
4. Kermin Guardia (5)
5. Keitaro Hoshino (4)
6. Joma Gamboa (6)
7. Daniel Reyes (8)
8. Noel Arambulet (7)
9. Miguel Barrera (9)
10. Yutaka Niida (T-10)



Naomi

Boxing Ministry Banquet

By Mike Varveris

YOUNGSTOWN, OH ---

Greg Richardson, who ruled the bantamweight division in the early 1990's, was given special recognition by the World Boxing Commission (WBC) at the annual Boxing Ministry Gala held at the beautiful Old North Church in nearby Canfield.

Over 300 were on hand to honor Richardson and other former champions and outstanding fighters mostly from the Youngstown area the "hot bed" of boxing in Ohio.

Richardson was presented the WBC "Gold Medal of Excellence" plaque for his "outstanding character both inside and outside the ring. Making the presentation was Mike Elliott, president of Boxing Ministry.

Richardson was also presented with a beautiful "championship belt" by Elliott. Greg won the WBC title by defeating Raul Perez of Mexico in 1991. He retired in 1994.



Congressman James Traficant presents Emile Griffith a congressional pewter tray.

(Photo by Mike Varveris)

Emile Griffith, the outstanding belter from the Virgin Islands, was special guest. He held the welterweight championship three times and middleweight title.

Griffith, who won 85 fights in the 1960's and '70's and is a member of the World Boxing Hall



Greg Richardson, Congressman James Traficant and Harry Arroyo (Photo by Mike Varveris)

of Fame, was honored for "meritorious service to boxing".

Congressman James Traficant made a surprise appearance to honor Griffith, Richardson and former heavyweight contender Earnie Shavers. He presented pewter trays with the Congressional seal to Griffith and Shavers and a plaque to Richardson.

Traficant, who said he has a special affection for Shavers, also presented the hard-punching contender, who almost won the title from Mohammed Ali, with an American flag which flew over the nation's capitol.

Former heavyweight champ Larry Holmes, who was scheduled to attend the banquet, sent in his regrets. He said he was going into training

for his scheduled bout with Butter Bean on June 7. The 52-year-old former champ was challenged by Bean, who has lost only one fight.

Holmes said he wants to shut Bean's mouth feeling he can beat the likes of Bean anytime and anywhere even as a 52-year-old. He said he hopes to attend next year's gala.

Other former champs and fighters on hand were Harry Arroyo, former IBF lightweight champion, who is a spokesperson for Boxing Ministry; Jeff Lampkin, IBF cruiserweight champion in 1990; Howard Davis, former Olympic lightweight champion in 1976 and often called the "uncrowned" lightweight champ who fought the very best in his division and lost close title fights ending with a 42-6 record.

Also, Kelly Pavlick, a tall hard-punching middleweight with a 12-0 record, all 12 wins by knockout, who is looked upon as Youngstown's next champion. Ken Sigurani, former WBC welterweight champion and a spokesperson for Boxing Ministry, Doyle Baird, leading middleweight contender from Akron; Randy Stephens, former IBA cruiserweight champion from Braceville and Jose Luis Rivera, world-ranked light-heavyweight from Cleveland.

Film clips of each honored boxer were shown as the fighter was introduced.



Former heavyweight contender Earnie Shavers (Photo by Mike Varveris)



Howard Davis and George Otto

(Photo by Mike Varveris)



Mr. & Mrs. Harry Arroyo and welterweight contender Kelly Pavlick (Photo by Mike Varveris)

Atty. George Otto of Youngstown, an official with the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing, founded by the late Rocky Marciano and Steve B. Acunto to bring about reform in boxing, told of the work AAIB continues to do to help boxers.

Also introduced were Mike Varveris, author of "Rocky Marciano; The 13th Candle," Sal Marino, boxing writer and host of a radio program on boxing; former State Senator Harry Meshel, who is a leading official with the IBC (International Boxing Council), referee Bernie Profato of Niles, OH who has arbitrated many title fights; Tony Maiorana, former lightweight fighter who runs a boxing gym and trains fighters; Johnny Hobart, a former boxer who handles several area fighters and Tom Miller, a judge for the World Boxing Organization.

The Rev. Brent Alles, pastor of the church, gave an inspiring message on how "we can work

together with love to help people who are in need of our help."

Boxing Ministry was formed five years ago by Elliott and others as a pastoral outreach program to aid boxers and trainers during and after their careers in boxing.

"We felt there was a need to help young boxers before they fell into the traps of drugs. The careers of too many young talented boxers have been cut short because of drugs," said Elliott.

"We feel we are being rewarded by seeing young boxers lead good, clean lives," he added.

The Ministry can be reached through www.boxingministry.com or be contacting Elliott at 330-792-4452.

Jim Borgen, the organizations public relations director and owner of Borgen's Collectibles, served as master of ceremonies.



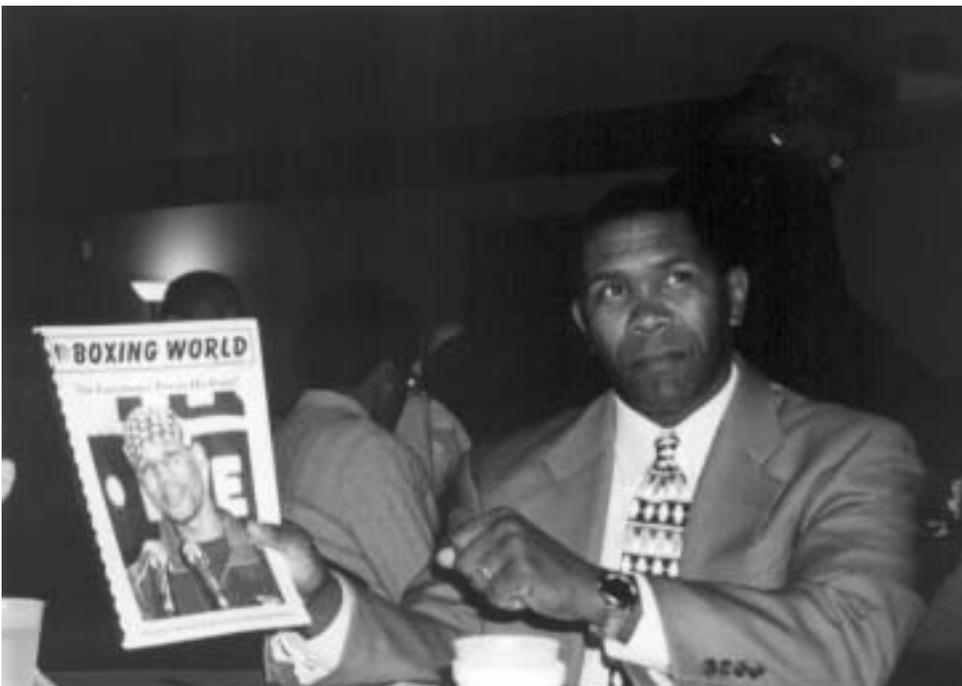
Mike Stewart (right) 139 (29-1-2,14KO) W10
John Bailey 138 (20-9-2,12KO)
(Photo by Mike Greenhill)



Mike Stewart after the above win over Mike Stewart
(Photo by Mike Greenhill)



(Photo by Mike Wick)



1976 Olympic lightweight gold medal winner Howard Davis Jr. (Photo by Mike Varveris)



Heavyweight contenders Wladimir and Vitali Klitschko at the Lewis-Tyson bout.
(Photo by Mike Greenhill)