

# **IBRO ALL-TIME RATINGS**

**June 30, 2019**

## **Lightweight Ratings**

1. **Roberto Duran (614)**
2. **Benny Leonard (602)**
3. **Joe Gans (576)**
4. **Pernell Whitaker (438)**
5. **Henry Armstrong (429)**
6. **Tony Canzoneri (428)**
7. **Ike Williams (418)**
8. **Barney Ross (332)**
9. **Carlos Ortiz (295)**
10. **Lou Ambers (287)**
11. **Julio Cesar Chavez (246)**
12. **Freddie Welsh (233)**
13. **Packey McFarland (219)**
14. **Alexis Arguello (196)**
15. **Joe Brown (159)**
16. **Battling Nelson (116)**
17. **Jack Blackburn (114)**
18. **Floyd Mayweather (107)**
19. **Lew Tandler (85)**
20. **Shane Mosley (82)**

**Others receiving votes (50 or more points) Jack McAuliffe (66), Kid Lavigne (63)**

### **Summary:**

- **Roberto Duran of Panama led the field overtaking Benny Leonard for the top spot. Hands of Stone Duran had 15 first-place votes, 8 second-place votes, and 9 third-place votes. No one had Duran outside of the top 3, which is impressive.**
- **Benny Leonard, who won the last poll nearly 15 years ago, finished with a strong 2nd place just 12 points behind Duran. No one else had over 600 points. Leonard had 9 first-place votes, 12 second-place votes, 7 third-place votes, only 4 voters had him lower than the top 3.**

- Joe Gans finished firmly in 3rd as the only other boxer approaching 600 points with 576. No other boxer scored over 500 points. Gans had 6 first-place votes, 6 second-place votes, 10 third-place votes, only 2 voters had him outside of the top 5, none had him outside of the top 10.
- We see a drop off outside of the big 3 of the lightweight division Roberto Duran, Benny Leonard and Joe Gans with close to a 140 point drop off.
- Finishing in 4th is Pernell Whitaker. It should be noted that Sweet Pea's strong placing happened before his untimely death. All the votes were in by the end of June/before the 4th of July. Whitaker passed on July 14. Pernell received solid ratings across the board with only one voter denying him a spot. 26 of 32 voters had him in the top 10. Whitaker has moved up 3 spots from his finish in the 2005-2006 poll.
- Henry Armstrong finished in 5th place at 135 pounds just one spot below his finish nearly 15 years ago. 19 voters had him in the top 5 at 135 pounds. 28 of 32 voters had him in the top 20, only 2 voters had him lower than the top 10.
- Tony Canzoneri finished in the 6th spot only 1 point behind Armstrong! Canzoneri also finished only one spot lower than he did a decade and a half ago. Every single voter had Canzoneri in the top 20, only 6 voters had him outside of the top 10.
- Ike Williams also finished one spot lower than the previous polling at 7th place. 28 of 32 voters had him in the top 10. Only one voter denied Williams a spot in the top 20. Williams was within 10 points of the spot above him.
- Barney Ross finished in the same spot, 8th place, that he did in the previous decade. 25 of 32 voters had him in the top 20. 7 chose not to vote for Ross at this weight.
- Carlos Ortiz of Puerto Rico moved up two spots from the previous polling breaking into the top 10 at the 9th position. 30 of 32 voters had Ortiz in the top 20.
- Lou Ambers finished in the same spot he did nearly 15 years ago rounding out the top 10. All but one voter gave him a spot in the top 20.
- Julio Cesar Chavez of Mexico finished just outside the top 10 in the 11th spot, down 2 spots from the previous poll. Amazingly 9 voters chose not to rate Chavez in the top 20 at 135 pounds. Although he did not hang around in the division he did score a convincing victory over Edwin Rosario 31-2 for the WBA Lightweight title and unified the Lightweight WBA-WBC titles with a victory over Jose Luis Ramirez and should have been considered by every voter.
- Freddie Welsh and Packey McFarland moved up from 15-16 last time to 12-13 this time. Welsh received votes from 28 of 32 voters while McFarland received votes from 24 voters.
- Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua finished in the same spot he did in the previous decade and a half at # 14. He received support from 24 of 32 voters.
- Joe Brown rose from 18 to 15 from last time out. He received votes from 25 of 32 voters.
- Jack Blackburn dropped from 12 to 17 while Battling Nelson dropped from 13 to 16 this time out. Only 2 points separated Nelson at 16 and Blackburn at 17.

- **Floyd Mayweather Jr., who finished in the top 3 at Jr. Lightweight, appears in the lightweight all-time ratings for the first time at number 18. Floyd's low rating is likely the result of the majority of voters not rating Floyd at this weight. It should be noted Lightweight was more of a pit stop for Floyd as he only had 4 fights at 135 pounds and one of those was his most controversial win, a split decision over Jose Luis Castillo.**
- **Also breaking into the top 20 is Lew Tendler who finished at 19. He barely missed the cut last time. The great southpaw boxer received votes from roughly 43% of voters.**
- **Shane Mosley who finished 19th last time dropped one spot, but still made the top 20.**
- **Jack McAuliffe who finished 20th last time just missed the cut.**

**-Boxers are from the USA unless otherwise noted-**

**The Rules:**

**Vote for 20 fighters**

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

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

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