

**The History of Boxing at the Baltimore Coliseum  
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**COCOA KID**



**Harry Jeffra, former bantam champ**



*Holman Williams, whose victory over Charley Burley places him with the leaders among welters.*

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When the new Baltimore Coliseum opened on April 27, 1939 at 2201 N. Monroe Street, it started right off as a major competitor to the Carlins Park Arena as Baltimore's premier boxing venue. By 1942 The Coliseum had overtaken Carlins Park and was to become one of the most important boxing arena's in the world during the 1940's. During this period the Coliseum was to become chief employer, under the banner of the Century A.C., to the top Black boxers in America as an exciting round robin of matches involving these men (and top white fighters, as well) were presented almost every week to the delight of the Baltimore fight fans.

By 1951, competition with boxing on television, four nights a week, had really cut into local attendences at the shows and although The Coliseum was able to obtain an occasional televised date from the IBC it was slowly fading from the boxing scene. Sadly the last known show at the Coliseum resulted in the tragic death of local favorite, Ernie Knox, after his bout with heavyweight Wayne Bethea on October 14, 1963 before a slim gathering of 869 witnesses.

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- 4/27/39-Steve Mamakos TKO 2 Mickey Makar.
- 5/4-Lew Feldman TKO 4 Lou Gevinson.
- 5/11-Andre Jessurun W10 Wicky Harkins.
- 5/18-Ken Overlin W10 Harvey Massey.
- 5/26-Lew Feldman D10 Tommy Spiegial.
- 6/8-Joey Greb W 8 Charley Gilley, Jack Hatcher TKO 4 Lawrence Gunn.
- 6/15-Cocoa Kid TKO 3 Bobby Masters, Paul Tennessee Lee W10 Marius Pitt.
- 6/22-Show presented ten 4 round bouts.
- 7/6-Paul Tennessee Lee KO 3 Jack Hatcher.
- 7/20-Cocoa Kid W10 Steve Mamakos.
- 7/27-Paul Tennessee Lee W10 Johnny Marcelline.
- 8/3-Cocoa Kid W10 Buster Carroll.
- 8/10-Tommy Spiegial W 8 Charley Gilley, Vic Finazzo TKO 6 Joey Greb.
- 8/17-Mike Belloise W10 Paul Tennessee Lee.
- 8/24-Frankie Wills W 8 Vic Finazzo.
- 8/31-Marius Pitt W10 Paul Tennessee Lee.
- 9/7-Howard Landgrathe KO 6 Al Lowman.



**CHALKY WRIGHT**

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9/21-Nick Fiorentino W10 Marty Gallagher.  
9/29-Steve Mamakos TKO 3 Wildcat O'Connor.  
10/5-Pete Galiano D10 Frankie Terranova.  
10/12-Tommy Spiegall TKO 7 Charley Burns.  
10/26-Pat Comiskey KO 1 Alex Youssef.  
11/2-Ben Brown D 8 Irish Eddie Pierce, Vic Finazzo D 8 Norman Hurdman.  
11/9-Jay Macedon W 8 Vic Finazzo, Joey Spangler W 8 Norman Hurdman.  
11/30-Pat Comiskey TKO 6 Maynard Daniels.  
12/7-Cocoa Kid W10 Tommy Bland.  
12/14/39-Charley Gomer TKO 8 Norment Quarles.

1/11/40-Cocoa Kid W15 Holman Williams.  
1/18-Freddie Red Cochrane W 8 Norman Hurdman.  
1/25- Holman Williams W12 Steve Mamakos.  
2/1-Joe Catafalmo TKO 8 Bobby Woods.  
2/8-Wild Bill McDowell W10 Francesco Montanari.  
2/15-Joe Catafalmo W10 Herbie Gilmore.  
2/22-Lew Feldman D10 Joe Ghouly, Chalky Wright TKO 3 Mike Martinez.  
2/29-Joe Catafalmo TKO 3 Chang Collura.  
3/7-Laurence Gunn W 6 Hitoshi Tanaka.  
3/28-Saverio Turiello TKO 8 Victor Troise.  
4/4-Lew Feldman W10 Joe Ghouly.  
4/25-Larry Marino W10 Bill Comiskey.  
5/20-Harry Jeffra W15 Joey Archibald (126 lb. title)...att - 5,200...\$17,000.  
6/3-Jimmy Collins KO 7 Sammy LaPorte.  
6/10-Charley Gomer W10 Everett Rightmire.  
7/4-Holman Williams W10 Milo Theoredescu  
9/2/40-Wild Bill Boyd W 8 Johnny Shkor, Johnny Kapovich KO 6 Lambertine Williams.

1/30/41-Lee Q. Murray TKO 6 Curtis Sheppard, Slugger White TKO 7 Leonard Bennett, Lou  
Transparenti W10 Small Montana.  
2/13-Bill Poland W10 Joe O'Gatty, Sammy LaPorte W8 Al Brown.  
2/27-Sammy LaPorte W10 Al Brown, Pete Galiano W 8 Leonard Bennett.  
3/6-Lou Transparenti W10 Lou Salica, Al Williams W10 Leroy Haynes.  
3/13-Young Gene Buffalo KO 2 Eddie Carroll.  
3/20-Fritzie Zivic KO 2 Felix Garcia, Lee Q. Murray TKO 6 King Kong Clayton.  
3/24-Johnny Kapovich W10 Henry Cooper, Frankie Wills KO 4 Eddie Finazzo.  
3/27-Holman Williams W10 Young Gene Buffalo.  
3/31-Georgie Pace KO 2 Tony Dupre.  
4/2-Harry Bobo TKO 1 Armand Roy, Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson W10 Matt Perfetti.  
4/7-Anton Christoforidis TKO 5 Italo Colonello.  
4/9-Leo Rodak W10 Slugger White.  
4/14-Izzy Jannazzo W15 Jimmy Leto (Maryland "world" 147 lb. title).  
4/21-Sal Bartolo W10 Davey Crawford, Harry Jeffra W10 Henry LaBarba, Johnny Kapovich  
KO 3 Jack Rose.  
4/25-Lou Salica W15 Lou Transparenti (118 lb. title).  
5/2-Henry Hook W10 Matt Perfetti, Sammy Julian TKO 5 Pete Galiano.  
5/9-Lou Transparenti KO 5 Sammy Rivers.  
5/19-Red Burman TKO 6 Mike Alfano, Jimmy Collins W 8 Billy Banks.  
6/2-Gus Dorazio W10 Johnny Kapovich.  
6/9-Slugger White W10 Frankie Wills, Johnny Shkor KO 3 Buddy Moore.  
6/16-Bob Montgomery KO 1 Manuel Villa II, Jimmy Collins D 8 Billy Banks.  
6/23-Red Burman KO 2 Al Hart, Slugger White TKO 6 Manuel Villa I.  
6/26-Bill Poland KO 8 Harry Bobo, Lee Savold KO 6 King Kong Clayton...Memorial Stad.  
7/7-Johnny Shkor KO 3 Henry Moroz.  
7/14-Bob Montgomery W10 Slugger White, Pedro Hernandez W 8 Al Brown  
7/17-Chalky Wright W10 Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson, Lou Transparenti W10 Joey  
Archibald...Oriole Park.  
7/28-Buddy Walker W10 Johnny Kapovich.  
8/4-Buddy Walker W10 Johnny Shkor.  
8/7-Bob Smith W10 Johnny Flynn, Joey Silva NC 9 Joe Marinelli...Oriole Park.  
8/11-Mike Evans W10 Slugger White.  
9/1-Buddy Walker W10 Roscoe Toles.  
9/8-Slugger White W12 Mike Evans, Willie Roache KO 4 Jimmy Collins.  
9/15-Harry Jeffra W12 Lou Transparenti...(SRO) ..\$ 8,500.

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9/24-Jimmy Hatcher W10 Willie Roache.  
10/13-Red Burman W10 Buddy Walker.  
10/20-Pedro Hernandez W10 Sal Bartolo, Jimmy Hatcher W10 Billy Speary.  
10/27-Tommy Forte W10 Lou Transparenti.  
11/3-Slugger White W10 Jimmy Leto, Lou Brooks KO 1 Johnny Kapovich.  
11/10-Lou Brooks KO 8 Johnny Kapovich, Pedro Hernandez KO 1 Tommy Forte.  
11/17-Slugger White KO 8 Jimmy Leto.  
12/1-Gus Dorazio W10 Buddy Walker.  
12/8-Cocoa Kid W15 Slugger White.  
12/22-Holman Williams D10 Cocoa Kid.  
12/29/41-Kid Tunero W10 Irving Proctor, Deacon Brown D10 Frankie Wills.

1/5/42-Slugger White W10 Joey Peralta.  
1/19-Holman Williams W12 Cocoa Kid.  
1/26-Slugger White W10 Dave Castilloux.  
2/2-Kid Tunero W10 Mose Brown.  
2/9-Deacon Brown W10 Phil Furr, Billy Banks W 8 Willie Roache.  
2/16-Red Burman W12 Johnny Shkor.  
2/23-Claudio Villar KO10 Buddy Walker.  
3/2-Cocoa Kid W15 Holman Williams.  
3/9-Holman Williams W12 Kid Tunero.  
3/16-Harry Jeffra W10 Billy Banks.  
3/23-Joey Maxim W10 Lou Brooks.  
3/30-Tony Shucco W12 Buddy Walker, Harry Jeffra TKO 2 Sonny Brentz.  
4/6-Billy Banks W10 Pedro Hernandez, Deacon Brown W 8 El Brookman.  
4/13-Cocoa Kid TKO 6 Bobby Britton.  
4/20-Pedro Hernandez W10 Billy Banks.  
4/27-Holman Williams W12 Kid Tunero.  
5/4-Lou Brooks KO 1 Johnny Kapovich.  
5/11-Bobby Ruffin W10 Billy Banks, Jimmy Collins W 6 Willie Roache.  
5/18-Lou Transparenti D10 Pedro Hernandez, Johnny Jackson W10 Billy Carrigan.  
5/25-Lou Brooks KO 1 Buddy Walker.  
6/1-Lou Transparenti W10 Pedro Hernandez.  
6/8-Johnny Jackson W10 Izzy Jannazzo.  
6/19-Chalky Wright TKO 10 Harry Jeffra (126 lb. title)...Oriole Park..att..6,900..\$ 21,000.  
6/29-Allie Stolz W10 Billy Banks.  
7/6-Slugger White W10 Jimmy Hatcher.  
7/13-Chalky Wright TKO 4 Lou Transparenti.  
7/20-Slugger White W10 Billy Davis.  
7/27-Leo Rodak W10 Slugger White.  
8/3-Tony Shucco W10 Al Blake.  
8/10-Jimmy Collins W10 Billy Banks.  
8/24-Slugger White W12 Leo Rodak.  
8/31-Cocoa Kid W10 Johnny Jackson  
9/7-King Kong Clayton W 8 Earl Lowman, Deacon Brown W 8 Al Cortez, Billy Carrigan W 8 Charley Chaney.  
9/14-Jimmy Collins W10 Lou Transparenti.  
9/21-Johnny Kapovich W 8 Al Blake.  
9/28-Lou Brooks D10 Big Boy Brown.  
10/5-Jimmy Collins W10 Petey Scalzo.  
10/12-Al Tribuani W10 Billy Carrigan, Billy White W 8 Deacon Brown, Pete Galiano KO 3 Jimmy McAllister.  
10/19-Lou Brooks W10 Tony Musto.  
1026-Big Boy Brown TKO 5 Red Burman, Buddy Walker W 8 Teddy Wint.  
11/2-Lou Transparenti W10 Joey Archibald, Billy Carrigan D10 Billy White.  
11/9-Lou Brooks W12 Tony Musto.  
11/16-Lee Savold TKO 2 Johnny Kapovich.  
11/23-Big Boy Brown W15 Lou Brooks...(Maryland "world" heavyweight title)..6,100..\$10,000.  
11/30-Billy White TKO 8 Al Tribuani.  
12/7-Tony Musto W10 Al Blake.  
12/14-California Jackie Wilson W10 Cocoa Kid.  
12/21-Big Boy Brown W10 Pat Comiskey.  
12/28/42-Billy White W10 Billy Carrigan.

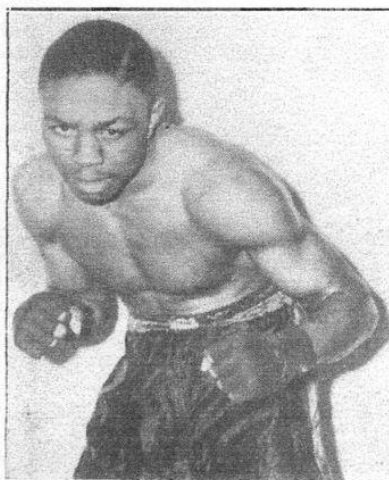
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1/4/43-Slugger White W15 Willie Joyce..(Maryland "world" 135 lb. title).  
 1/18-Charley Eagle W10 Lou Brooks.  
 1/25-Harry Bobo W15 Big Boy Brown (Maryland "world" heavyweight title).  
 2/1-Buddy Walker W10 Tony Musto.  
 2/8-Charley Eagle W12 Lou Brooks.  
 2/15-Willie Pep W10 Billy Speary.  
 2/22-Lee Q. Murray KO 6 Buddy Walker.  
 3/1-Frankie Carto Ko 1 Pete Galiano, Deacon Brown W10 Billy Carrigan.  
 3/8-Deacon Brown W10 Sonny Horne.  
 3/22-Deacon Brown D12 Billy Carrigan.  
 3/29-Lulu Constantino W10 Frankie Carto.  
 4/5-Joe Baksi W10 Lou Brooks.  
 4/19-Frankie Carto W12 Lulu Constantino.  
 4/26-Lee Q. Murray W15 Lou Brooks.  
 5/3-Cocoa Kid W15 Deacon Brown.  
 5/10-Big Boy Brown KO 8 Lee Oma.  
 5/17-Chalky Wright TKO 8 Frankie Carto.  
 5/24-Lee Q. Murray KO 8 Big Boy Brown.  
 5/31-Buddy Walker W12 Charley Eagle.  
 6/7-George Kochan W10 Cocoa Kid.  
 6/14-Pedro Hernandez W12 Frankie Carto.  
 6/21-Buddy Walker TKO 6 Lee Oma.  
 6/28-Johnny Shkor W12 Big Boy Brown.  
 7/5-George Kochan TKO 7 Howard Bennett.  
 7/12-Tami Mauriello TKO 7 Tony Musto.  
 7/19-George Kochan D10 Howard Bennett.  
 8/8-Lee Q. Murray TKO 8 Harry Bobo ..(Maryland duration "world" heavyweight title)...att..9,566...\$ 27,772...Oriole Park..  
 8/16-George Kochan W13 Howard Bennett.  
 8/23-Buddy Walker W15 Charley Eagle.  
 8/30-Steve Belloise TKO 5 Howard Bennett.  
 9/6-Lee Oma TKO 5 George Parks  
 9/13-Jackie Cooper W10 Cecil Hudson.  
 9/20-Buddy Walker W10 Lee Oma.  
 10/4-Curtis Sheppard TKO 1 Wallace Cross.  
 10/11-Holman Williams W10 Joe Carter.  
 10/18-Joe Baksi W10 Johnny Shkor.  
 10/25-Steve Belloise W10 Jackie Cooper.  
 11/1-Curtis Sheppard KO11 Big Boy Brown.  
 11/8-Harry Jeffra W10 Phil Terranova.  
 11/22-Jimmy Collins W10 Al Guido.  
 11/29-Joe Baksi KO 5 Buddy Walker.  
 12/6-Curtis Sheppard KO 1 Clent Conway.  
 12/13-Jimmy Hatcher W10 Jimmy Collins.  
 12/20-Howard Bennett W10 Nick Kirsch.  
 12/27/43-Curtis Sheppard W10 Dan Merritt.



*Billy Carrigan, Baltimore's former Golden Glover, now a pro lightweight.*



*Slugger White, the Baltimore, Md., lightweight.*

1/3/44-Howard Bennett W10 Nick Kirsch.  
 1/10-Curtis Sheppard W12 Al Hart.  
 1/17-Joe Baksi KO 7 Dan Merritt.  
 1/24-Harry Jeffra W10 Frankie Rubino.  
 1/31-Joe Carter W10 Jackie Cooper.  
 2/7-Harry Jeffra W10 Jimmy Collins.  
 2/14-Joe Carter W12 Howard Bennett, Ellis Stewart W 8 Johnny Finazzo.  
 2/21-Jimmy Collins KO 3 Lew Hanbury.  
 2/28-Curtis Sheppard W12 Al Hart.  
 3/6-Lloyd Marshall W10 Joe Carter.  
 3/13-Harry Jeffra W10 Frankie Rubino, Howard Bennett TKO Bob Jacobs.  
 3/20-Cleo Shans W10 Lew Hanbury.  
 3/27-Harry jeffra W10 Lou Salica.  
 4/3-Tommy Bell NC 8 Jackie Cooper.  
 4/10-Cleo Shans W10 Ellis Phillips.  
 4/17-Curtis Sheppard KO 8 Buddy Walker.  
 4/24-Howard Bennett KO 5 Tarzan Roy, Sammy Daniels W10 Ernie Cat Robinson.  
 5/1-Carmine Fatta KO 2 Bucky Taylor, Buddy Thomas W 8 Felix Del Paoli.

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5/8-Curtis Sheppard KO 5 Tony Shucco.  
 5/15-Joe Carter W10 Coley Welch.  
 5/22-Chalky Wright KO 8 Sammy Daniels.  
 5/31-Cleo Shans W10 Harry Jeffra, Lee Oma TKO 8 Danny Cox, Berlie Lanier W10 Howard Bennett...Oriole Park.  
 6/19-Lee Q. Murray W12 Curtis Sheppard...Oriole Park.  
 6/26-Harry Bobo W10 Big Boy Brown.  
 7/3-Berlie Lanier W12 Howard Bennett.  
 7/10-George Kochan KO 7 Lou Jones, Deacon Brown KO 6 Bobby Brown.  
 7/17-Buddy Walker KO 8 Henry Bones Jones.  
 7/24-Howard Bennett D10 George Kochan.  
 7/31-Buddy Walker W10 Big Boy Brown.  
 8/7-Pedro Hernandez W10 Hubert Samuels.  
 8/14-Holman Williams W10 Joe Reddick.  
 8/21-Coley Welch W10 Berlie Lanier, Vic Dellicurti D10 Johnny Walker, Freddie Archer W10 Sammy Daniels, Johnny Carter W10 Deacon Logan....Memorial Stadium.  
 8/28-Cleo Shans W10 Victor Creelman.  
 9/4-Buddy Walker KO 1 Harry Bobo.  
 9/11-George Kochan W10 Howard Bennett  
 9/18-Curtis Sheppard W10 Big Boy Brown.  
 10/2-Curtis Sheppard KO 9 Buddy Walker.  
 10/16-Lee Oma TKO 9 Al Blake, Vic Dellicurti W10 Johnny Walker.  
 10/23-Popeye Woods KO 8 Howard Bennett.  
 10/30-Buddy Walker W10 Yancey Henry.  
 11/6-Holman Williams W10 Kid Tunero.  
 10/13-Lee Q. Murray KO 3 Buddy Walker.  
 10/16-Yancey Henry W10 Gunner Barlund.  
 10/20-Popeye Woods W10 Berlie Lanier.  
 11/27-Cleo Shans KO 3 Carmine Fatta.  
 11/30-Jimmy Doyle W10 Sammy Daniels, Jimmy McAllister KO 7 Julian Malavez.  
 12/4-Lee Q. Murray KO 4 Yancey Henry.  
 12/11-Popeye Woods TKO 8 Ellis Stewart.  
 12/18/44-Buddy Walker W10 Perk Daniels.

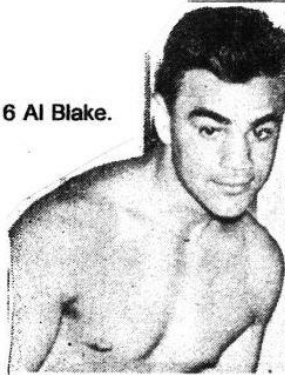
1/8/45-Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson W10 Harry Jeffra.  
 1/15-Buddy Walker W10 Yancey Henry.  
 1/22-Nate Bolden W10 Popeye Woods.  
 1/29-Joe Carter W10 Cocoa Kid.  
 2/5-Popeye Woods W10 Berlie Lanier.  
 2/19-Jimmy Bivins KO 2 Buddy Walker.  
 2/26-Lee Q.Murray W10 Al Hart.  
 3/5-Nate Bolden KO 2 Popeye Woods.  
 3/12-Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson W10 CLeo Shans.  
 3/19-Lloyd Marshall W10 Teddy Randolph.  
 4/2-Archie Moore W10 Nate Bolden.  
 4/9-Chalky Wright NC 7 Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson.  
 4/16-Maxie Starr W10 Lew Maxwell, Ellis Stewart W 8 Howard Bennett.  
 4/23-Archie Moore TKO 9 Teddy Randolph.  
 4/30-George Kochan W10 Johnny Carter, Howard Bennett W8 Billy Pappas.  
 5/4-Elmer Violent Ray KO 8 Perk Daniels.  
 5/7-Freddy Schott W10 Jimmy Bell.  
 5/14-Holman Williams W12 Cocoa Kid.  
 5/21-Archie Moore W10 Lloyd Marshall.  
 5/28-Jimmy Bell W10 Charley Crump, Johnny Finazzo W10 Howard Bennett.  
 6/1-Jimmy McAllister W10 Georgie Cooper, Yancey Henry KO 3 Johnny White.  
 6/4-George Kochan KO 8 Reedy Evans.  
 6/11-Lee Q. Murray KO 9 Clayton Worlds.  
 6/18-Archie Moore TKO 6 George Kochan...\$18,000.  
 6/25-Freddie Russo W10 Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson.  
 7/2-Ellis Stewart KO 8 Bert Daniels, Joe Reddick W10 Johnny Finazzo.  
 7/9-Shamus O'Brien W10 Dixie Oliver, Freddy Schott D10 Fernando Minichelli.  
 7/16-Phil Muscato W10 Nate Bolden.  
 7/23-Fernando Minichelli D10 Louis Long, Sandy Saddler TKO 3 Herbie "Biff" Jones.  
 7/27-Yancey Henry NC 9 Larry Lane.  
 7/30-Cocoa Kid W10 Joe Carter.



Curtis Sheppard,

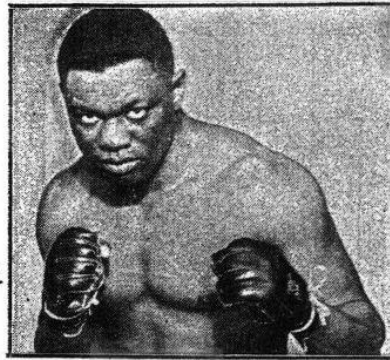
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8/6-Bert Lytell KO 9 Ellis Stewart.  
8/13-Vic Dellicurti W10 Coley Welch, Reedy Evans KO 6 Steve Mamakos, Leroy Jackson  
KO 7 Al Pennino...Benefit show...\$100,000.  
8/20-Phil Muscato W10 Coolidge Miller, Smuggy Hursey W10 Sammy Daniels.  
8/27-Reedy Evans W10 Phil Muscato.  
9/3-Curtis Sheppard W10 Nate Bolden.  
9/10-Louis Long Tko 8 Fernando Menichelli.  
9/17-Archie Moore TKO 8 Cocoa Kid.  
9/24-Freddie Russo W10 Leroy Jackson.  
10/1-Aaron Wade W10 Bert Lytell.  
10/8-Johnny Walker W10 Smuggy Hursey.  
10/15-Curtis Sheppard W12 Perk Daniels.  
10/22-Holman Williams W10 Archie Moore.  
10/29-Freddie Russo W10 Harry Jeffra, Jimmy Bell Ko 6 Al Blake.  
11/5-Arturo Godoy TKO 7 Louis Long.  
11/12-Jersey Joe Walcott W DQ 9 Lee Q. Murray.  
11/19-George Kochan KO 5 Reedy Evans.  
11/26-Archie Moore TKO 11 Holman Williams...(SRO).  
12/3-Jimmy Bell W10 Joe Baksi...2,205...\$5,908.  
12/10-Jersey Joe Walcott KO10 Curtis Sheppard.  
12/17-Frankie Carto W10 Georgie Cooper.  
12/27/45-Nate Bolden W10 Billy Grant.



FRANKIE CARTO

1/7/46-Frankie Carto W10 Freddie Russo.  
1/14-Lee Oma W10 Jimmy Bell.  
1/21-Deacon Brown W10 Lou Woods.  
1/28-Archie moore W12 Curtis Sheppard...5,342...\$ 16,472.  
2/4-Dorsey Lay KO 6 Maxie Starr.  
2/11-Jimmy Bivins KO10 Yancey Henry.  
2/18-Freddie Russo W10 Frankie Carto.  
2/25-Deacon Brown W10 George Kochan.  
3/4-Curtis Sheppard TKO 9 Yancey Henry.  
3/11-Santa Bucca W10 Dorsey Lay.  
3/18-Buddy Walker KO 2 Earl Lowman.  
3/25-Billy Graham W10 Charley Milan.  
4/1-Joey Maxim W10 Buddy Walker.  
4/8-Deacon Brown W10 Coolidge Miller.  
4/15-Elmer Violent Ray KO 1 Colion Chaney.  
4/22-Dorsey Lay KO 9 Santa Bucca...2,783...\$ 7,335.  
4/29-Charley Milan W10 Maxie Starr.  
5/6-Big Boy Brown D10 Elza Thompson.  
5/13-Steve Belloise W10 Henry Jordan.  
5/20-Billy Graham W10 Jimmy Joyce.  
5/27-Charley Milan W10 Cleo Shans.  
6/3-Curtis Sheppard KO 3 Clarence Jones...4,627...\$ 11,542.  
6/10-Wesley Mouzon TKO 6 Leo Rodak.  
6/17-Elmer Violent Ray KO 3 Vern Escoe.  
6/24-George Wildcat Henry W10 Deacon Logan.  
7/1-O'Dell Riley W10 Curtis Sheppard.  
7/8-Howard Bennett KO 5 Joe O'Connell.  
7/22-Curtis Sheppard TKO 8 Jimmy Bell...4,280...\$ 10,748.  
7/29-Roman Alvarez W10 Charley Milan.  
8/5-Cleo Everett W10 Johnny Kapovich, Bobby Lee TKO 5 Terry Moore.  
8/12 Curtis Sheppard KO 6 O'Dell Riley...Att...5,000.  
8/19-Archie Moore KO 4 Buddy Walker...att.5,100.  
8/26-Curtis Sheppard W10 Johnny Shkor.  
9/2-Deacon Brown TKO 2 Bert Lytell.  
9/9-Archie Moore TKO 2 Shamus "Brien.  
9/23-Charley Milan KO 5 Bobby Williams, Jimmy Bell KO 1 Johnny Kapovich.  
9/30-Curtis Sheppard KO 3 Willie Barrow.  
10/7-Ralph Zannelli W10 Henry Jordan.  
10/14-O'Dell Riley KO 5 Jimmy Bell.  
10/21-Charley Milan W10 Maxie Starr.  
10/28-Curtis Sheppard KO 5 George Fitch.  
11/4-Gene Jones W10 Erv Sarlin.



Elmer Ray, Dusky Destroyer from Miami

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11/11-Curtis Sheppard KO 4 Big Boy Petersen.  
 11/18-Buddy Walker KO10 Johnny Shkor.  
 11/25-Curtis Sheppard KO 2 Clarence Brown.  
 12/2-Charley Milan W10 Buster Tyler.  
 12/9-Odell Riley KO 7 Gene Jones.  
 12/16-Charley Milan KO 1 Pat Scanlon  
 12/23/46-Billy Fox KO 2 Reedy Evans.

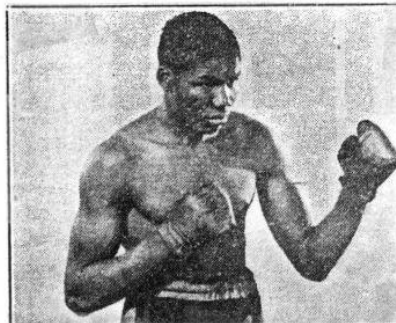
1/13/47-Buddy Walker TKO 7 Odell Riley.  
 1/27-Curtis Sheppard W10 Sandy McPherson.  
 2/3-Harry Jeffra W10 Leslie Harris, Bobby Lee W 8 Billy Miller.

2/10-Dorsey Lay W10 Charley Milan.  
 2/17-Bert Lytell W10 Charley Burley.  
 2/24-Leo Matricciani W10 Sandy McPherson.  
 3/3-Eddie Giosa W10 Bobby Lee.  
 3/10-BeeBee Washington W10 Roy Williams.  
 3/17-Leo Matricciani W10 Cleo Everett.  
 3/31-Smuggy Hursey W10 Roy Williams.  
 4/7-Bobby Lee W10 Johnny Williams.  
 4/14-Charley Milan KO 8 Santa Bucca.  
 4/21-Jimmy Bivins W10 Curtis Sheppard...att...5,000..  
 5/5-Charley Milan D10 Santa Bucca.  
 5/12-Bobby Lee W10 Dorsey Lay.  
 5/19-Curtis Sheppard KO 1 Charley Doc Williams.  
 5/26-Charley Milan W10 Buddy Garcia.  
 6/2-Jimmy Bivins TKO 2 Omelio Agramonte.  
 6/9-Jimmy Bivins W10 Lee Q. Murray.  
 6/16-Al Hoosman W10 Buddy walker.  
 6/23-Bobby Lee W12 Charley Milan.



*Jimmy Zaico, lightweight from Baltimore.*

7/7-Roy Williams W10 Frank Lacey, Leo Matricciani W 8 Charlie Crump.  
 7/14-Archie Moore W10 Bert Lytell.  
 7/21-George Kochan W10 Deacon Brown.  
 8/4-Frank Lacey W10 Meyer Siegal.  
 8/11-Curtis Sheppard KO 4 Al Hart.  
 8/18-Kid Gavilan W10 Bobby Lee.  
 8/25-Frank Lacey W10 BeeBee Washington.  
 9/8-Archie Moore TKO 9 Jimmy Bivins (this Century A.C. promotion was held at 5th Regiment Armory).  
 9/15-Kid Gavilan TKO 1 Charley Milan.  
 9/21-George Kochan W10 Deacon Brown.  
 9/22-Leo Matricciani W10 Buddy Walker.  
 9/29-Roy Williams W12 Frank Lacey.  
 10/6-Lee Q. Murray W12 Curtis Sheppard.  
 10/27-Lee Q. Murray W12 Curtis Sheppard.  
 11/3-Kid Gavilan TKO 10 BeeBee Wright.  
 11/10-Archie Moore TKO 6 George Fitch.  
 11/17-Terry Moore W10 Freddie Archer.  
 11/24-Bobby Lee KO 2 Neva Esparza.  
 12/8-Sonny Boy West W10 Danny Webb.  
 12/15/47-Charley Milan KO 7 Joe Poodles.



**BIVINS.**

1/5/48-Sonny Boy West W10 Herbie "Biff" Jones.  
 1/12-Terry Moore W10 Charley Milan.  
 1/19-Harry Jeffra D10 Leslie Harris, Bobby Lee D10 Frank Vingeant, Billy Brown W10 Frank Lacey.  
 2/2-Harry Jeffra W10 Leslie Harris, Sonny Boy West W10 Johnny Forte.  
 2/9-Joe Louis Exh. 4 Leo Matricciani, Charley Milan TKO 4 Charlie Bennett.  
 2/16-Sonny Boy West W10 Maxie Starr.  
 3/1-Jimmy Bivins TKO 4 Johnny Haynes.  
 3/8-Stonewall Jackson TKO 5 Willard Coffey, Jesse Underwood KO 8 Yg.Lee Q. Murray.  
 3/15-Terry Moore W10 Sammy Secreet.  
 4/5-Stonewall Jackson W10 Sammy Secreet.  
 4/12-Archie Moore TKO 7 Dusty Wilkerson.  
 4/19-BeeBee Wright W10 Bobby Lee.  
 5/3-Sonny Boy West W10 Jimmy McAllister.

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5/10-Terry Moore W10 George Larover.  
 5/24-Jimmy McAllister W10 Charley Riley.  
 6/7-Jimmy McAllister W10 Sonny Boy West.  
 6/21-BeeBee Wright W10 Terry Moore.  
 6/28-Archie Moore W10 Jimmy Bivins.  
 7/12-Stonewall Jackson W10 Sonny Boy West.  
 8/2-Archie Moore W10 Tiger Ted Lowry.  
 8/16-Sonny Boy West KO 1 Al Pennino.  
 8/23-Vern Mitchell W10 Tiger Ted Lowry.  
 9/6-Sonny Boy West W10 Jimmy McAllister.  
 9/20-Archie Moore KO 4 Oakland Billy Smith.  
 10/11-Leo Matricciani W10 Johnny Shkor.  
 11/1-Sonny Boy West W10 Jimmy Carter.  
 11/15-Archie Moore W10 Henry hall.  
 12/6-Gene Burton W10 Terry Moore.  
 12/27/48-Archie Moore Ko 7 Charley Doc Williams.



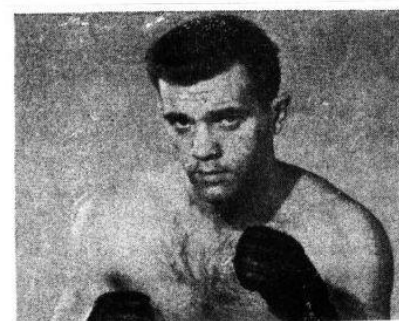
*Terry Moore, a Baltimore favorite.*

1/17/49-Sonny Boy West W10 Pedro Carrasco  
 2/7-Sonny Boy West W10 Johnny Williams.  
 2/21-Gene Gosney TKO 4 Joe Weiden.  
 2/28-Red Top Davis TKO 7 Jimmy McAllister.  
 3/7-Jimmy Zaicko W10 Ray Klingmeyer.  
 3/21-Red Top Davis TKO 8 Maxie Starr.  
 4/4-Elis Ask TKO 4 Filberto Osario.  
 4/25-Red Top Davis KO 5 Al Highers.  
 5/2-Terry Moore W10 Doug Radford.  
 5/9-Jimmy Zaicko D10 Julius Reed.  
 5/16-Jimmy Cooper TKO 7 Marvin Dick.  
 5/23-Tommy Sheppard W10 Julius Reed, Tex Newby KO 1 Joe Poodles.  
 5/30-Terry Moore W10 Gene Hairston.  
 6/27-Leo LeBrun W10 Jimmy Cooper.  
 7/25-Sonny Boy West KO 3 Johnny Williams.  
 8/15-Red Top Davis D10 Tommy Sheppard.  
 9/5-Maynard Jones W10 Johnny Kapovich.  
 9/12-Red Top Davis W10 Tommy Sheppard.  
 9/26-Sonny Boy West W10 Red Top Davis.  
 10/10-Joe Louis Exh., Holly Mims W10 Billy Wyatt.  
 10/17-Sonny Boy West KO 2 Willie Beltram.  
 10/24-Abel Cestac KO 2 Maynard Jones.  
 11/21-Terry Moore W10 Sonny Bunn.  
 12/5-Red Top Davis W10 Tommy Sheppard.  
 12/12/49-Terry Moore W10 Holly Mims.



**BOBBY LEE**

1/2/50-Sammy Angott D10 Sonny Boy West.  
 1/23-Harold "Baby Face" Jones TKO 7 Red Top Davis, Sammy Angott TKO 7 Clem Custer.  
 1/30-Sonny Boy West TKO 7 Leroy Willis.  
 2/27-Jimmy King W10 Bobby Lee.  
 3/20-Sonny Boy West W10 Sammy Angott.  
 4/3-Jimmy King W10 Terry Moore.  
 5/22-Terry Moore D10 Bobby Lee.  
 5/29-Arthur King W10 Georgie Dunn.  
 10/9-Sonny Boy West W10 Charley Salas.  
 10/16-Jimmy Slade W10 Chubby Wright.  
 10/23-Red Top Davis KO 8 Massimo Sanna.  
 10/30-Cesar Brion W10 Keene Simmons.  
 11/6-Holly Mims W10 Johnny Bratton.  
 11/13-Terry Moore W12 Bobby Lee.  
 11/20-Young Harry Wills W10 Freddie Beshore.  
 11/27-Holly Mims W10 Johnny Bratton.  
 12/4-Sonny Boy West W10 Billy Justine.  
 12/11/50-Ted Calaman KO 2 Jimmy Bell, Vinnie Cidone KO 7 Jimmy Doxie.



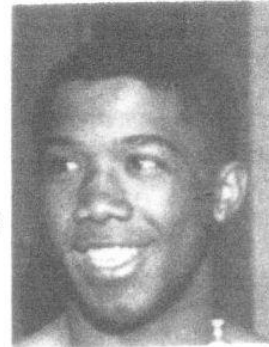
**AL SCHLIMM**

1/5/51-Chink Williams W10 Johnny Cunningham.  
 1/8-Elmer Barksdale W 9 Leo LeBrun.  
 1/22-Jimmy Bivins KO 4 Young Harry Wills.

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1/29-Elmer Barksdale W 9 Freddie Russo.  
2/5-Vinnie Cidone KO 3 Milton Larrimore.  
2/12-Jimmy Bivins W10 Tiger Ted Lowry.  
2/26-Elmer barksdale TKO 4 Charlie Titone.  
3/12-Harold Jones W10 Harry Snuffy Smith, Ross Virgo W10 Johnny Cunningham.  
3/19-Harry Snuffy Smith W10 Ronnie Harper.  
4/2-Elmer Barksdale D10 Proctor Heinhold.  
4/16-Bobby Lee W10 Billy Justine.  
4/23-Proctor Heinhold W10 Elmer Barksdale.  
4/30-Gene Gunter W 8 Ray Klingmeyer.  
5/14-Archie Moore TKO 4 Art Henri.  
5/21-Elmer barksdale D10 Jimmy Cooper, Jimmy McAllister KO 8 Rosa Valentino.  
6/4-Willie Pep W10 Jesus Compos.  
6/11-Roland LaStarza KO 3 Gene Felton.  
6/18-Rocky Graziano KO 5 Freddie Lott...1,871...\$ 4,108.  
6/25-Chubby Wright W10 Tiger Ted Lowry.  
7/2-Elmer barksdale W10 Jesus Compos.  
7/30-Baby Ortiz W10 Jimmy McAllister.  
8/15-Joe Louis W10 Jimmy Bivins...Memorial Stadium...18,215...\$ 75,217.  
8/17-Young Harry Wills W10 Jesse Manigault.  
8/27-Bobby Lee TKO 8 Charlie Early.  
9/12-Baby Ortiz TKO 8 Jimmy McAllister.  
9/24-Basil Marie W10 Elmer Barksdale.  
10/8-Bobby Lee TKO 4 Eddie Holtz.  
10/29-Basil Marie W10 Jimmy McAllister.  
11/26-Eddie Marshall W10 Tex Newby.  
12/10-Eddie Marshall TKO 3 Tex Newby, Jesus Compos W 8 Jimmy McAllister.  
12/27/51-Jesus Compos W 8 Jimmy McAllister.

GENE SMITH



1/7/52-Terry Moore W10 Freddie Lott  
1/14-Carl Coates W10 Orlando Zulueta.  
1/28-Artie Towne TKO 1 Eddie Marshall.  
2/11-Charley Doc Williams W10 Chubby Wright.  
2/18-Carl Coates KO 7 Don Braun.  
3/17-Ike Williams KO 5 Johnny Cunningham.  
3/24-Art Swiden W 8 Young Harry Wills.  
3/31-Freddie Lott W10 Tex Newby.  
4/30-Johnny Saxton TKO 7 Bobby Lee...(TV)  
6/26-Archie Moore W10 Clarence Henry...Memorial Stadium...(TV)  
10/20-Carl Coates TKO 6 Harry LaSane.  
12/14/52-\*\*Fire guts large portion of the Coliseum. \*\*

4/22/53-Joe Brown D10 Orlando Zulueta...(TV).  
8/28-Bert Whitehurst KO 1 Al Schlim.  
9/30-Johnny Bratton W10 Al Sugar Wilson.  
11/12/53-Jimmy Cooper TKO 8 Tony Longo, Bert Whitehurst TKO 4 Jimmy Vines.

3/11/54-Willie James W10 Bert Whitehurst. Johnny Shkor KO 2 Jim Wiley...1,134...\$ 2,510  
4/8-Don Braun W12 Johnny Cunningham.  
5/5-Holly Mims KO 9 Georgie Johnson...1,525...\$ 3,948...(TV).  
7/16-Ei Conscripto W10 Carl Coates.  
8/19-Elmer Barksdale W10 Earl Clemons.  
10/25/54-Tony Baldoni W10 Rocky Tomasello...607...\$ 1,106.

2/9/55-Bob Baker KO 2 Willie James...918...\$ 2,542...(TV).  
11/2/55-Frankie Ryff W10 Paddy DeMarco...1,727...\$ 3,373...(TV).

5/10/56-Warnell Lester TKO 5 Terry Moore...1,439...\$2,403.

1957-No Boxing Shows

7/7/58-Tony Baldoni KO 5 Johnny Cunningham.  
10/3-Tony Anthony KO 9 Archie McBride...(TV).  
10/20/58-Warnell Lester W10 Clarence Floyd, Tony Baldoni W 8 Young Joe Walcott.

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1/19/59-Warnell Lester W12 Bert Whitehurst.  
 2/16-Wayne Bethea KO10 Warnell Lester, Rudy Watkins KO 5 Bobby Hughes...1,658.  
 3/23-Wayne Bethea KO10 Rudy Watkins...1,023...\$2,031.  
 4/20-Dave Bailey W10 Warnell Lester...1,023...\$2,060.  
 5/11-Warnell Lester W10 Young Beau Jack...700...\$ 1,354.  
 8/17-Johnny Gilden W 8 Joe Salci, Tony Baldoni W 8 Chico Corsey...669...\$ 940.  
 9/18-Tony Anthony W10 Alonzo Johnson...(TV)..Warnell Lester W10 Calvin Butler.  
 10/12/59-Joe Salci W 8 Johnny Gilden.

2/2/60-Warnell Lester W10 Ernie Knox.  
 4/2-Sugar Ray Robinson KO 1 Tony Baldoni...(SRO)...4,500...\$ 11,986.  
 4/25-Steve Hayward W 8 Eddie Henderson, Johnny Ford KO 7 Ralph Stokes.  
 5/16-Candy McFarland W10 Don Jordan, Johnny Gilden W10 Joe Salci, Sugar Ray Robinson failed to show up for a bout with Pedro Gonzales. 2,014...\$ 6,448., Memorial Stadium.  
 9/19-Warnell Lester W10 Calvin Butler...\$ 606.  
 10/24-Holly Mims W12 Jimmy Beecham ...(Southern 160 lb. title)..1,262.. \$ 4,044..  
 12/5/60-Harold Carter KO 8 Warnell Lester.

1/30/61-Holly Mims W10 Ike White, Johnny Gilden W10 Ray Lancaster.  
 2/27-Johnny Alford KO 1 Johnny Ford.  
 4/17-Holly Mims W10 Mel Collins...540...\$ 900.  
 5/22-Joe Salci W10 Ronnie Cohen...380.  
 10/23/61-Archie Moore TKO 6 Pete Radamacher...(TV)..Holly Mims W10 Al Avant...3,869...\$ 12,ii6.

1962-No Boxing Shows found.

10/14/63-Wayne Bethea KO 9 Ernie Knox...869...\$ 1,620... Ernie Knox died after this bout which was the last boxing event I found at the Coliseum.

Boxing in Baltimore started to comeback with successful cards at the Civic Center and Steelworkers Hall.

The Coliseum still stands at the corner of N.Monroe St. and Windsor Ave. but has not been used in almost 50 years.

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World traveler Archie Moore (above) is a big favorite



**HOLLY MIMS**



**BERT WHITEHURST**

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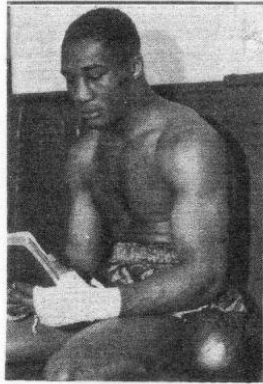
THEY STARRED AT THE COLISEUM :

Of more interest is what happened in the heavyweight division when Joe Louis went into service. Not one "Duration Heavyweight Champion" erupted from the muddle but several.

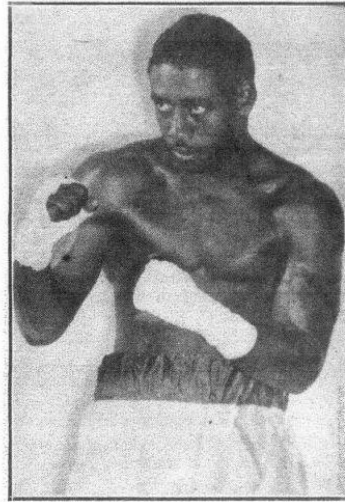
For instance, in Maryland a split fifteen rounds decision over Lou Brooks gave Big Boy Brown the "Duration Heavyweight Title," with sanction coming from the State Athletic Commission. The date was November 23, 1942.

A month later, on December 29, Harry Bobo defeated Buddy Walker in a ten rounder at Columbus in a bout okayed by the Columbus (Ohio) Boxing Association as for the "Duration Heavyweight Title"—and we only had forty-six more states to go!

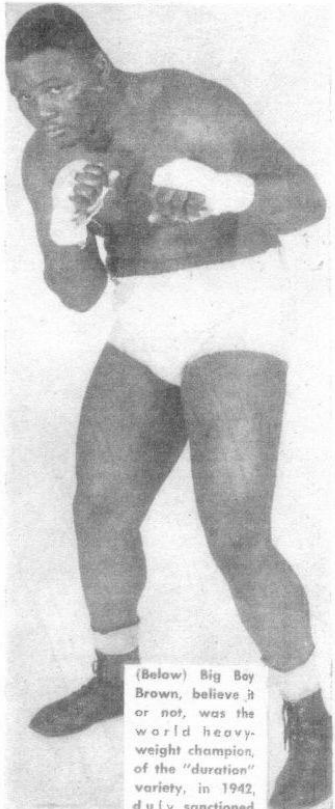
Brown successfully defended his title against Pat Comiskey on December 21, 1942 and on January 25, 1943 some semblance of order was preserved when Brown and Bobo met at Baltimore with the "Duration Heavyweight Title" at stake with the blessings of the commissions of Maryland, Delaware and Ohio. For those who are interested, Bobo won the fifteen rounds decision.



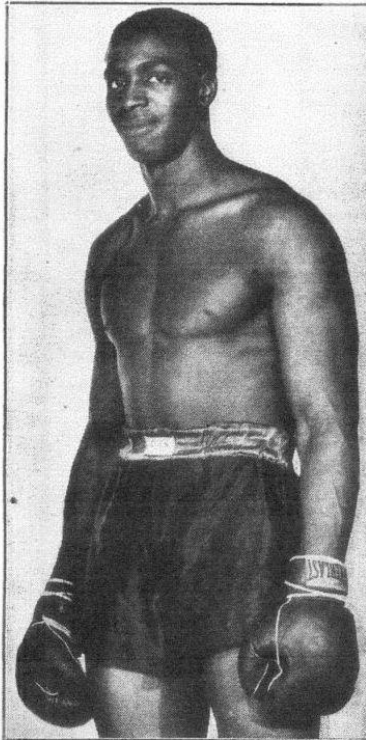
....HARRY BOBO.....



Lou Brooks, Delaware heavyweight sensation.



(Below) Big Boy Brown, believe it or not, was the world heavyweight champion, of the "duration" variety, in 1942, duly sanctioned by the Maryland State Athletic Commission.



Lee Q. Murray, a hard-hitting heavyweight, managed by the radio star, Col. Stoopnagle.



BUDDY WALKER  
 Columbus, Ohio—Weight 200 lbs.

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### The Benny Troтта Story

When Nicholas and Rose Magliano immigrated to the United States from Naples, Italy, they settled in Pueblo, Colorado in order to be close to relatives.

It was there, on July 8, 1913, that Benjamin Magliano was born.

There were 8 other children in the Magliano household. The girls were Margaret, Jeannette, Anna, Rita and Josephine. The boys were Nicholas, Jr., Anthony and Vincent.

Shortly after Benny's birth, Father Magliano's work in the coal mines and on the railroads took the family to Chester, Pa., and on to Baltimore where they settled permanently in Highlandtown.

In 1929, Benny visited an Uncle in the Bronx and, while there, he wandered into Bobby Gleason's gym to watch the fighters train. It was there that the boxing bug bit Benny and he began working out with the fighters. Bobby Gleason was so taken by Benny's natural talent and enthusiasm that he soon had him in the ring for his first pro fight, sans amateur experience. Benny adopted his mother's maiden name, Troтта, for his new career. The free swinging youngster rang up 6 straight victories before returning to Baltimore.

Home again, Benny met the former Estelle Brady and they both instantly knew that they were meant for each other. They were married on Feb. 27, 1930.

Taking on the responsibilities of a newly married man, Benny returned to the ring under Freddy Barth's guidance and began to make his mark on the local scene as a welterweight to watch. He scored 11 victories and lost 3 times before injuries received in an automobile accident ended his career.

The hustling, bustling Benny worked full-time at Sparrow's Point and moonlighted at his first love, boxing. He became quite active as a second, trainer, manager and later, as a promoter.

Some of those in Benny's stable were Pete Galiano, Young Raspi, Billy Carrigan, Nick Kirsh, Lou Transperanti, Jimmy McAllister, and Holly Mims. Galiano and Transperanti were both inducted into the Maryland Hall of Fame.

Benny's great dream of managing a champion never materialized. He came so close with Lou Transperanti, whom he piloted into a shot at Lou Salica's bantamweight title in 1941. Again, he just missed with the great Holly Mins, who was a perennial middleweight contender during the fifties.

However, on August 15, 1951, Benny did have the satisfaction of promoting the biggest fight ever held in Baltimore. A record breaking crowd of 18,215 fans turned out to see Joe Louis defeat Jimmy Bivins at the old Stadium.

Another of Benny's artistic successes was the Ralph Dupas-Denny Moyer, Jr. Middleweight Championship fight at the Civic Center on June 17, 1963.

For many years, Benny operated the Club Troc at 400 E. Baltimore St. This club is still run by brother, Nick.

Benny was a great believer in charity promotions and he did much for the Mary Dobkin Children's Fund.

Benny was well known on a national level and two of his best friends were super stars, Joe DiMaggio and Rocky Marciano. He said goodbye to Rocky the night that the retired champ left Chicago on the ill fated air plane trip.



**Benny Troтта**

Benny was quite adept at soccer and golf, but boxing was always foremost in his mind.

In the words of his cherished Estelle, "Benny put his heart and soul into whatever he was doing. He would have succeeded at anything that he tried."

Benny and Estelle were the parents of 4 children. They are Benjamin, Jr., Mrs. Dolores Munafo, Mrs. Patricia Neubert and Mrs. Marcy Badger.

There are 7 grandchildren. They are Pamela, Karen, Nancy and Michael Ryan Neubert and GiGi and Mark Munafo.

It was on July 25, 1971 that Benjamin Troтта Magliano passed away. He is laid to rest in Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

His name will forever be honored in the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame!