

Homer Robertson (The Black Ghost)

Born: January 6, 1904 Pittsburgh

Died:

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 150-162

Race: Black

Manager: Sam and Solly Snyder

Comments: Referred to as the "black ghost" because of his speedy and elusive style. Fought out of the Morgan Community Club in the Hill District of Pittsburgh as an amateur where he compiled an impressive 42-1 record. His reputation in the amateurs was such that five of his opponents chose not to fight him at the inter-city tournament in Montreal. Robertson substantiated their premature fears when he knocked out Canadian Middleweight Champion Johnny Black in one round. Robertson's pro career was somewhat disappointing considering his high standing as an amateur. It was not for lack of effort. He was based in Boston where he was often matched against light-heavyweights and heavyweights. Robertson was rarely knocked out but often out-pointed by larger men because of his inability to match their strength. Possibly a championship caliber boxer, Robertson lacked the management and backing to get him the proper matches that would have made his march toward a championship all the more fruitful. His record is littered with losses that came against men that were far heavier and at times, far more experienced than he. Fought some of the best men of his day including Harry Smith, Lou Bogash, Maxie Rosenbloom, KO Phil Kaplan, Panama Joe Gans, Jeff Smith, Frank Moody, Babe McCorgary and Cuban Bobby Brown.

1923

Won Inter-City Amateur Titles in Boston, New York and Montreal (light-heavy and middleweight).

Won the AAU 160lb Championship--April 10

1924

Jan 21	Jack Reddick	Toronto, ON	LK6
	Roleaux Saguero		LF4

1925

Mar 11	Young Norfolk	Knoxville, TN	W10
Mar 27	Texas Tanner	Knoxville, TN	KO4
Apr 24	Alfred Mareaca	New York, NY	KO2
Jun 6	George Bashara	New York, NY	W10
	Frank Moody		LK5

1926

Jun 25	Jack Elliot	Revere, Ma	W8
Sep 20	Jeff Smith	Portland, Me	L12
Oct 28	Jack Elliot	Worcester, Ma	W10
Oct 30	Frank Senk	Brockton, Ma	NC9
Nov 18	Lou Bogash	Lowell, Ma	W10
Dec 9	Jack Stone	Lowell, Ma	W10

1927

Jan 3	Panama Joe Gans	Lowell, Ma	W12
Feb 12	Pierre Gandon	Biddeford, Me	W10
Mar 15	Pierre Gandon	Portland, Me	L10
Apr 4	KO Phil Kaplan	Pittsburgh, Pa	LF5
May 9	Babe McCorgary	Boston, Ma	W10
May 14	Pal Reed	Portland, Me	W10
Jun 24	Pierre Gandon	Biddeford, Me	KO3
July 20	Billy Vidabeck	Rensellar, NY	L10
Aug 3	Babe McCorgary	Lynn, Ma	L10
Aug 15	Babe McCorgary	Lynn, Ma	W10
Aug 30	Vic McLaughlin	Hartford, Ct	KO9
Sep 23	Chief Jack Elkhart	Pittsburgh, Pa	W10
Oct 17	Maxie Rosenbloom	Pittsburgh, Pa	L10
Oct 20	Charley Arthurs	Providence, RI	KO8
Oct 24	Italian Joe Gans	Lynn, Ma	W10
Nov 9	Jimmy King	New Bedford	W10
Dec 9	Osk Till	Chicago, Ill	L8

1928

Feb 17	Cuban Bobby Brown	Boston, Ma	L10 B:175 R:160
Mar 22	KO White	Davenport, IA	LK5
Apr 20	Willie Walker	Lewiston, Me	KO9
May 10	Frankie Schoell	Buffalo, NY	Sch
May 17	Joe Hartnet	Lewiston, Me	W6
May 31	Jimmy White	Franklin, NH	W10
Jun 18	Cuban Bobby Brown	Philadelphia, Pa	L10
July 12	Jack Palmer	Franklin, NH	W10
Sep 10	Maxie Rosenbloom	Springfield, Ma	L10
Dec	Leo Mitchell	Boston, Ma	L10

1929

Mar 4	Bab Jasse	Lynn, Ma	L10
Mar 15	Ray Still	Boston, Ma	W10
Apr 9	Babe McCorgary	Portland, Me	W10
Jun 6	Ted Coolidge	Franklin, NH	L10
Jun 17	Jimmy Mendes	New Bedford, Ma	W10 M:175 R:158
Jun 25	Harry Smith	Boston, Ma	LK7
Sept 2	George (Wop) Manolian	Bar Harbor, Me	L12
Oct 17	Arthur Flynn	Lawrence, Ma	LK2
Nov 25	Jimmy Mendes	New Bedford	NC10 M:176 R:158

1930

Mar 31	Victorio Livan	Fall River, Ma	L8
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