



FRANKIE SCHOELL

WELTERWEIGHT and MIDDLEWEIGHT

Old timers who saw Frankie Schoell box all agreed that the "East Side Dutchman", as he was known, was one of the best. Although he was never a champion, he fought and beat many of the champs of those days, while usually conceding his opponents considerable poundage.

Frankie was born on Buffalo's East Side in 1901, and lived his entire life in this city. He attended St. Mary's school where he completed the 9th grade, and started fighting as a lightweight in 1918 in an era of no-decision bouts. Managed by Bert Finch, he quickly became a crowd favorite, and moved into 10-round main events by the following year, fighting such veterans as Joe (Kid) Kansas, Jake Schiffer, Willie Jackson, and Lockport Jimmy Duffy. In 1922 and 1923, Schoell was matched against top-notchers such

as Dave Shade, Soldier Bartfield and future champion Pete Latzo. Frankie beat Jack Britton in 1923, a year after Britton lost his welterweight title. By this time, Schoell was a full-fledged welterweight.

By 1924, Frankie was ranked in the top 10 of the welterweight division by Ring Magazine, and started taking on the best of his division, and even such good middleweights such as Tiger Flowers, in which Schoell was outweighed by 11 pounds. (Frankie got a draw)

None of the ranked contenders or champions cared to meet Frankie in the ring, so he was forced to box men who outweighed him. In 1926, Frankie fought the first of a 7 bout series with future light . . . heavyweight champion Maxie Rosenbloom, and Maxie always had a 10 pound or more advantage.

Although Frankie Schoell fought 7 different world champions, either before or after they won titles, he never got a title fight himself. The closest he came to landing a championship fight was when promoter Charley Murray signed Mickey Walker to defend his welterweight championship in a 15 round bout against Schoell, to be held in Buffalo's Broadway Auditorium in 1926. But Walker decided to take a tune-up bout against Pete Latzo in Scranton prior to the Schoell fight, and to increase the gate it was decided to make it a championship affair. Latzo won a 10-round decision and the world's welterweight crown. Although Latzo had fought Frankie 4 previous times, he refused to give Schoell a title shot. Latzo lost his championship a year later to Joe Dundee.

Frankie Schoell was only knocked out once in over 150 fights, when he disregarded his corner's advice to box and decided to slug it out with the heavier (by 13½ pounds) Jimmy Slattery. Slats KO'd Schoell in the 3rd round.

Schoell continued to fight until the end of 1930, when he hung up his gloves and took a job as a maintenance employee with the Buffalo Parks Department. He later took a similar position at Memorial Auditorium, retiring in 1958. He also continued to give advice to aspiring young boxers, based on his wide experience. Frankie died in Buffalo in 1981, at the age of 80.

Tonight Ring #44 is very proud to honor one of the greatest of all-time Buffalo fighters, Frankie Schoell, by inducting him into its Hall of Fame.

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1918

May 17	Tommy Goodrich	Buffalo	ND
Jun. 3	Eddie Davern	Buffalo	ND-W 4
Jun. 13	Terry Rivers	Buffalo	TKO 2
Jun. 24	Roy McFarland	Buffalo	ND-W 4
Aug. 9	Ralph Brady	Syracuse	L KO 3
Aug. 26	Joe Schabley	Buffalo	KO 3
Sept. 2	Battling Ray	Buffalo	ND-W 4
Sept. 17	Roy McFarland	Buffalo	ND-W 6
Sept. 27	Young Taylor	Syracuse	ND-D 6
Dec. 17	Battling Blake	Buffalo	ND-D 6

1919

Jan. 24	Nate Lewis	Buffalo	ND-L 6
Mar. 10	Ted Mitchell	Buffalo	KO 5
Apr. 11	Harry Boyle	Buffalo	ND-W 6
May 2	Billy Wagner	Buffalo	KO 1
May 13	Frankie Bull	Buffalo	ND-L 6
May 23	Roy McFarland	Buffalo	ND-W 6
May 29	Johnny Paske	Buffalo	N7D-W 6
Jul. 14	Joe Kansas	Buffalo	ND-L 10
Jul. 22	Nate Lewis	Buffalo	ND-W 6
Jul. 28	Chick Simler	Buffalo	ND-W 10
Aug. 4	Jake Schiffer	Buffalo	ND-L 10
Sept. 1	Eddie Moy	Buffalo	ND-W 10
Sept. 12	Harry Boyle	Buffalo	ND-W 10
Sept. 22	Jake Schiffer	Buffalo	ND-W 10
Sept. 29	Frankie Bull	Buffalo	ND-W 10
Oct. 10	Cal Delaney	Buffalo	ND-W 10
Oct. 24	Frankie Bull	Toronto	D 10
Oct. 30	Harvey Thorpe	Buffalo	ND-L 10
Nov. 14	Al Murphy	Endicott, N.Y.	ND-W 10
Dec. 2	Harry Boyle	Syracuse	ND-W 8
Dec. 5	Lockport Jimmy Duffy	Buffalo	ND-L 10
Dec. 19	Freddie Reese	Buffalo	ND-W 10

1920

Jan. 8	Johnny Clinton	Johnson City, N.Y.	ND-W 10
Jan. 9	Jimmy Sullivan	Buffalo	ND-D 10
Jan. 26	Eddie Fitzsimmons	Buffalo	ND-D 10
Jan. 30	Frankie Bull	Toronto	D 10
Feb. 27	Willie Jackson	Buffalo	ND-L 10
Mar. 8	Mel Coogan	Buffalo	W dsq 5
Mar. 23	Young Blades	Boston	TKO 4
Apr. 17	Pinky Mitchell	Milwaukee	NO-L 10
Apr. 26	Johnny Downes	Boston	W 12
May 4	Pete Hartley	Boston	D 12
Jun. 1	Johnny Flynn	Boston	L 12
Nov. 18	Ray Graham	Jamestown, N.Y.	L 10
Dec. 4	Ray Pryel	Pittsburgh	ND-W 10
Dec. 20	Mixer Mitchell	Buffalo	W 10

1921

Jan. 1	Harry Pierce	Buffalo	W 10
Jan. 4	Johnny Clinton	Boston	W 12
Feb. 7	Charley White	Buffalo	L 10
Feb. 21	Pete Scott	Buffalo	W 10
Apr. 6	Johnny Sheppard	Buffalo	TKO 2

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May 9	Billy Freeman	Buffalo	TKO 4
May 10	Shaver O'Brien	Boston	W 10
Jun. 27	Rocky Kansas	Buffalo	L 12
Aug. 12	Mixer Mitchell	Syracuse	D 15
Aug. 26	Harry Freeman	Toronto	W 10
Sept. 9	Nick Michaels	Syracuse	W 15
Sept. 19	Chief Halftown	Buffalo	TKO 9
Sept. 30	Patsy Cline	Syracuse	W 15
Nov. 7	Soldier Bartfield	Buffalo	W 12
Nov. 28	Barney Adair	Buffalo	W 10
Dec. 20	Nate Lewis	Buffalo	TKO 6

1922

Jan. 2	Willie (KO) Brennan	Buffalo	W 12
Jan. 26	Pete Latzo	Scranton	ND-W 10
Mar. 2	Jack Perry	Scranton	ND-W 10
Mar. 13	Dave Shade	Buffalo	W 15
Mar. 20	Jack Perry	Buffalo	W 10
Mar. 27	Barney Adair	Cincinnati	W 10
Apr. 10	Jack Perry	Buffalo	W 15
Jun. 15	Jimmy Jones	Youngstown, O.	ND-L 12
Jun. 23	Jimmy Jones	Buffalo	W 12
Jul. 3	Johnny Paske	Buffalo	W 10
Sept. 21	Soldier Bartfield	Syracuse	W 12
Oct. 2	Johnny Shea	Buffalo	W 10
Oct. 3	Pete Latzo	Scranton, Pa.	ND-W 10
Oct. 16	Steve Latzo	Buffalo	TKO 3
Oct. 26	Paul Doyle	Scranton, Pa.	ND-W 10
Nov. 13	Bryan Downey	Omaha	W 12
Dec. 15	Dave Shade	Omaha	L 10
Dec. 26	Steve Latzo	Buffalo	W 10

1923

Jan. 1	Billy Ryan	Canton, O.	ND-W 12
Jan. 9	Paul Doyle	Scranton, Pa.	ND-W 10
Jan. 17	Berm. Billy Wells	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	ND-W 10
Jan. 22	Harvey Thorpe	Buffalo	W 10
Feb. 15	Morrie Schlaifer	Omaha	W 10
Feb. 19	Pete Latzo	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	ND-L 10
Mar. 2	Berm. Billy Wells	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	ND-W 10
Mar. 16	Berm. Billy Wells	Omaha	L 10
Mar. 27	Johnny Oriffiths	Scranton	ND-W 10
Apr. 2	Berm. Billy Wells	Toronto	NC 4
Apr. 23	Jack Oakes	Buffalo	W 6
May 4	Jimmy Jones	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	ND-L 10
May 7	Bryan Downey	Buffalo	W 6
May 21	Jack Oakes	Buffalo	W 6
Jun. 14	Allentown Joe Gans	Hazleton, Pa.	ND-W 10
Oct. 1	Frank Mantell	Scranton, Pa.	TKO 4
Oct. 10	Johnny Tillman	Buffalo	W 6
Nov. 20	Jack Britton	Boston	W 10
Nov. 27	Berm. Billy Wells	Scranton, Pa.	NC 3
Dec. 7	Mickey Brennan	Buffalo	W 6
Dec. 26	Jackie Clarke	Buffalo	W 6

1924

Jan. 14	Pete Latzo	Scranton, Pa.	W 10
Feb. 5	Frankie Venchell	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	L 10
Feb. 11	Billy Shade	Buffalo	W 6
Feb. 25	Frankie Venchell	Buffalo	W 6

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Mar. 17	Joe Eagan	Buffalo	W 10
Apr. 14	Dave Shade	Buffalo	L 10
May 23	Johnny Karr	Cleveland	D 10
Jun. 9	Johnny Karr	Buffalo	W 10
Sept. 29	Augie Ratner	Buffalo	W 6
Dec. 8	Mike Burke	Buffalo	W 6
Dec. 26	Tiger Flowers	Buffalo	D 6

1925

Jan. 12	Art Weigand	Buffalo	W 6
Feb. 2	Jimmy Slattery	Buffalo	L KO 3
Feb. 20	Jim Montgomery	Buffalo	TKO 6
Mar. 13	Larry Estridge	New York	W 10
Apr. 18	Jimmy Duffy	San Francisco	W 10
May 13	Frankie Denny	Oakland, Calif.	D 10
May 27	Bob Sage	Oakland, Calif.	W 10
Jun. 2	Chick Roche	San Jose, Calif.	W 10
Aug. 8	Dave Shade	San Francisco	L 10
Sept. 11	Harry Galfund	New York	W 12
Nov. 2	Cowboy Padgett	Buffalo	TKO 7

1926

Jan. 25	Maxie Rosenbloom	Buffalo	D 10
Feb. 15	Joe Anderson	Cincinnati	W dsq 2
Apr. 19	Maxie Rosenbloom	Buffalo	L 10
May 26	Jimmy Kelly	Buffalo	W 6
Aug. 23	Billy Ryan	Cincinnati	ND-W 10
Sept. 20	Maxie Rosenbloom	Buffalo	W 12
Oct. 25	Larry Estridge	Buffalo	W 10

1927

Feb. 28	Len Darcy	Buffalo	W 6
Apr. 11	Maxie Rosenbloom	Buffalo	L 15
Apr. 29	Bob Holmes	Buffalo	TKO 8
Aug. 1	Harry Fuller	Buffalo	W 6
Oct. 28	Pete Latzo	Buffalo	W 10
Nov. 11	Tillie Herman	Buffalo	W 10
Dec. 30	Willie Lavin	Buffalo	W 10

1928

Jan. 2	Maxie Rosenbloom	Cincinnati	ND-L 10
Mar. 20	Maxie Rosenbloom	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	D 10
Mar. 30	Jack McVey	Buffalo	W dsq 2
Apr. 13	Jack McVey	Buffalo	W 10
Aug. 11	Walcott Langford	Toledo	ND-L 12
Sept. 5	Walcott Langford	Buffalo	W 10
Sept. 28	Walcott Langford	Buffalo	W 10

1929

Jan. 28	Johnny Mason	Dayton, O.	ND-L 12
Mar. 8	Wilson Yarbo	Buffalo	W 10
Dec. 26	Bob Cicerone	Buffalo	TKO 3

1930

Feb. 28	Harry Fuller	Buffalo	L 6
Mar. 7	Harry Fuller	Buffalo	L 10
Apr. 4	Jack Gibbs	Buffalo	D 6
Apr. 28	Harry Fuller	Buffalo	L 15
Dec. 15	Tony Tozzo	Buffalo	L 10

Schoell may also have fought Jimmy Goodrich, Nick Michaels, and Jack Reddick, but definite information about these fights is lacking.

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