

## *Al and Manny Quinney*

Al and Mannish Quinney in 1959 became the second set of brothers to win open Buffalo Golden Gloves titles in the same year. They were billed as being from Lackawanna, Buffalo and Niagara Falls, Ontario at different points in their careers.

Older brother Manny won the 175lb novice title in the 1957 Buffalo Gloves. He followed that up the next year winning the 175lb Open title with a third round stoppage of Dan Stafford from Buffalo. Manny again won the 175lb open title in 1959 with a decision win over Ray Whetstone making him a champion in three straight Golden Glove tournaments. In the 1960 Gloves Manny would win his fourth straight and final Golden Glove title by outpointing Vince Vavasori of Hamilton, Ontario.

In 1961 Manny turned professional and started his career with six straight one round knockouts which at the time tied a record. In his seventh fight his opponent was so nervous that he fainted at the opening bell thus causing a disqualification and denying Manny a record for one-round KO's. Quinney's best opponent was Henry Hank in 1969, losing by seventh round TKO. He finished his pro career with a 14-4-1 record. That together with his impressive amateur career warrant induction into the Ring 44 Buffalo Boxing Hall of Fame.

Al Quinney started his Golden Glove career as a 135lb novice in 1958. He was the runner-up that year when he lost a decision to Al Coppola of Buffalo. Quinney would move up to the 147lb open class in 1959 and he would take top honors by earning a decision over Joe Leroy of Hamilton, Ontario before 11,692 fans at Memorial Auditorium. This win would send him and the other Buffalo champions to Madison Square Garden for the Eastern Golden Gloves Championships. Al would make the semi-finals before losing and help the team earn the second place trophy as Ben Sheppard and Ted Whitfield also made the semi-finals. Teammate Bobby Warthon won in the finals and moved to the Nationals. In 1960 Al would win his second straight 147lb open title again defeating Joe Leroy in the finals.

In 1961 Al turned professional along with his brother Manny and started with four straight wins that year. Al was 14-3 when he took on Bennie Briscoe in Philadelphia in 1972. Briscoe who would go on to a middleweight title fight later that year against Carlos Monzon stopped Al in the second round. Quinney would also fight Billy Douglass (father of future world champion Buster Douglass) and top contender Eugene Hart. Al was stopped in the second round against Hart and hung up the gloves with an 18-7 record.

Al and Mannish Quinney had quite a run in the late 50's and early sixties and brought pride to the local boxing community, but who was the better fighter? Older brother Manny knew who, "Al is the better fighter. You don't see him get hit often, and he punches pretty good himself," he would say in 1960.

Tonight Ring 44 determines their qualifications as equal and are proud to induct Mannish and Al Quinney into the Buffalo Boxing Hall of Fame.