

Ring 44 Inductee



BILLY NICHY Heavyweight



Born in Beaver Valley, Pennsylvania Nichy won many amateur championships including the Pittsburgh Golden Gloves and the Tri-State (Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia) titles.

After scoring 31 straight amateur wins he decided to turn professional in 1932. Billy made his way to Buffalo in 1933 under the guidance of manager Paul "Red" Carr. His record was only three wins with four losses in Pittsburgh rings when he started training with Carr. Of his first 11 fights in Buffalo he scored 10 knockouts and had one draw.

He was 14-1-1 with Carr when he fought a huge main event against Ring 44 Hall of Famer Big Boy Brackey at the Broadway Auditorium. Billy was outweighed 212 to 177 and after winning the first 2 rounds he was caught with a famous Brackey right hand that finished it.

He defeated Buddy McArthur in 1935 for the West Virginia heavyweight title. The next year he defeated Ernie Anderson fresh from winning Jack Kearns' white-hope tournament in Chicago, for the District of Columbia title.

He upset top rated heavyweights like Lee Oma and Eddie Mader.

In 1939 he beat undefeated and Buffalo's top light heavyweight prospect Rudy Stiller in what was called the Western NY light heavyweight championship. Stiller never fought again.

In 1942 he fought Jackie Conn of Pittsburgh, brother of champion Billy Conn in Memorial Auditorium. Conn would not fight again after the thrashing from Nichy.

There was talk of Nichy fighting Billy Conn and then Bob Olin for their light heavyweight titles but that unfortunately never materialized.

Nichy fought 27 of his 81 pro fights in Buffalo and finished with a 51-28-2 record recording 20 knockouts. He was a crowd favorite and never let the paying customer down.

After retiring from the ring he worked for Republic Steel as a special policeman and had a barber shop in the Black Rock area of Buffalo. Billy passed away in 1987 at the age of 75.

Tonight Ring 44 remembers Billy Nichy with his induction into the Buffalo boxing Hall of Fame.
