



BOBBY MCQUILLAR

FEATHERWEIGHT

1938-48

Bobby McQuillar was born in Memphis, Tennessee on May 23, 1923 and died in Buffalo in April of 1986. Between those times he also lived in Lackawanna and Port Huron, Michigan. Bobby had a successful amateur career in Michigan winning state titles in the 112-pound class in 1938 and the 118-pound title in 1939. He re-located to Lackawanna in 1940, winning the Niagara, New York State and Eastern Golden Gloves featherweight titles that year. Bobby followed that by winning the Niagara District Golden Gloves champion as a lightweight and annexed the district Diamond Belt championship and the Hearst All American Diamond Belt titles. Bobby turned professional on September 10, 1942 and reeled off seven straight wins. His first loss was to International Boxing Hall of Fame member Ike Williams in his 8th pro fight. McQuillar entered the armed forces in 1943 and served until 1945 when he was honorably discharged. While in the armed forces he had 35 fights, winning them all. Bobby returned to Port Huron, MI after his discharge and fought out of that city until 1948. His best wins were against, Sandy Saddler (144-16-2), who would win the Featherweight Championship two years later from Willie Pep, Jimmy Carter (81-31-9), who went on

to win the Lightweight title three years later and Joe "Old Bones" Brown (105-46-13), who would win the Lightweight title eight years later. Bobby finished with a 36-6-2 record (although he may have had more fights yet to be found). McQuillar retired from boxing after his 9/29/48 win over Kid Dinamita at Chicago Stadium. Dinamita died from the injuries sustained in that fight and Bobby could not bring himself to lace up the gloves again because of this. There were other reports that McQuillar failed a physical that showed a heart problem that also led to his retirement.

McQuillar took some time off from boxing to earn his college degree. Soon after he went on to become a successful trainer and coach to many fighters. He worked with Chico Vejar, Tony Anthony and also with Muhammad Ali among others. In September of 1985 Bobby was inducted into the Port Huron Sports Hall of Fame.

Tonight Ring 44 is proud to induct Bobby McQuillar into the Buffalo Boxing Hall of Fame.