



# PAULIE MAHONEY

MIDDLEWEIGHT

1934-42

During a nine-year career Paulie Mahoney compiled a record of 31 wins (14 by knockout), 15 losses, and 1 draw. He began his career in 1934 and won his first 17 bouts. Being a fan favorite from South Buffalo and managed by Paul "Red" Carr drew comparisons to former great Jimmy Slattery.

In his first 30 bouts Mahoney had 25 wins with only 5 losses. The losses were to only two men, Ralph DeJohn of Syracuse and Jimmy Clark of Jamestown. DeJohn was a world rated fighter and Clark ( a Buffalo Hall of Fame member) was a former amateur champion. In fact the round robin fights of the three were talked about for years by the boxing experts and fans of the area.

Although he was not victorious in any of these bouts, Mahoney concluded his career against some of the top fighters in the world. He lost ten-round decisions to former middleweight champions Teddy Yarosz and Ken Overlin. Yarosz came into his fight against Mahoney with 89 victories, while Overlin had 126 victories. In his last fight Mahoney suffered a 9th round knockout at the hands of Anton Christoforidis, the former Light Heavyweight champion of the world. Mahoney said, "I have to pick Christoforidis as the best of those champions. After all, he flattened me."

In his obituary manager Red Carr said that Paulie, "The feisty Middleweight was never a champion, but always a contender." In a September 1, 1954 an article in the Buffalo Courier featured an article by Ray Ryan that rated Paulie Mahoney along with Jimmy Clark and Ralph DeJohn as the top three Western New York Middleweights in the 1930's and early 1940's

After World War II Mahoney moved to Florida with frequent returns to the Buffalo area. Ten years later he moved to California where he died in 1983.

Tonight Ring #44 is honored to enshrine Paulie Mahoney into the Buffalo Boxing Hall of Fame.