



# HARRIS BLAKE

LIGHTWEIGHT

1938-49

Born in Georgia in 1917, Harris Blake moved to Buffalo when he was a youngster. In 1932, he started boxing, weighing only 99 pounds.

A slick boxer, Blake fought, and ultimately became, one of Buffalo's most successful amateur fighters, winning Niagara A.A.U. Senior championships in 1936 and 1938 in the featherweight and lightweight divisions. He was also a Golden Gloves champion and a New York Inter-city titleholder.

Turning professional in 1938 under the management of Z.M. Zementsh, Blake was undefeated in his first 11 bouts, winning decisions over well-known boxers such as Tony Sciolino, Jackie Callura, and 30 year old former champion, Tony Canzoneri. The year 1940, Blake fought 6 times, winning 4, losing one, with one draw. Included in these 4 wins was a decision over future champion

Jackie Wilson in New Orleans. The next year, 1941, Blake returned to the Crescent City, and outpointed Herschel Joiner, but suffered his first K.O. loss, when he was over-matched against Canadian lightweight champion Dave Castilloux in Toronto. Three months later Harris was stopped by Joey Pirrone of Cleveland, and after 2 more losses, retired from the ring.

Although Harris Blake was touted as a tremendous prospect, his lack of a KO punch was a severe handicap. Blake finished his boxing career with a record of 17 wins, 6 losses, and 2 draws.

Tonight Ring 44 is honored to induct Harris Blake into the Buffalo Boxing Hall of Fame.

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**Harris BLAKE**  
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