

Dave,

Another notable brother boxing duo was Meldrick Taylor and Myron Taylor, contemporaries of Dicky Eklund and Mickey Ward.

Meldrick Taylor was the 1984 Olympic gold medalist in the featherweight division and later on was the IBF junior welterweight champion and the WBA world welterweight champion. Meldrick Taylor's career included two matches with Julio Cesar Chavez, video clips of which can be found on line.

Myron Taylor was a noted featherweight boxer. In 1988 Taylor fought Dominick Monaco at the Felt Forum, Madison Square Garden. I attended that fight. Taylor scored a 7-round TKO over Monaco who put up a stout defense but ultimately could not completely fend off Taylor's devastating punches.

Between Benny Leonard and Lew Tendler, Max Baer and Buddy Baer, and Meldrick Taylor and Myron Taylor there is probably enough material to make several feature motion pictures. My personal favorite would be a Max Baer - Buddy Baer movie. They were two brothers, both openly identifying themselves as Jewish, who fought at a time when anti-Semitism was at its most virulent. If properly treated, their story would make a great movie. These six gentlemen, as well as Julio Cesar Chavez, Dominick Monaco, Dicky Eklund and Mickey Ward, were real-life Rocky Balboas.

Phil

-----Original Message-----

From: pwnycny@aol.com

To:

Sent: Mon, Jan 10, 2011 9:16 am

Subject: Max Baer - Buddy Baer

Dave,

Before the Dicky Eklund-Mickey Ward brother boxing duo, there was another noted brother boxing duo, Max Baer and Buddy Baer.

Max Baer's career was incredible. A world champion himself in 1934-35, he fought four world champions, Max Schmeling, Joe Louis, James J. Braddock and Primo Carnera, as well as other noted heavyweights including King Levinsky, Tony Galento and Lou Nova. Max Baer was also the father of Max Baer, Jr. who played "Jethro" on the Beverly Hillbillies.

Buddy Baer, Max Baer's younger brother, was also a noted heavyweight boxer. He won 52 fights, 46 by knockout. He fought Joe Louis twice, in 1941 and 1942.

After their boxing careers ended, both became Hollywood actors and were featured in several motion pictures. Both brothers had Jewish stars prominently displayed on their trunks.

Film clips of Max Baer and Buddy Baer can be found on Youtube. I strongly recommend that you watch these film clips, especially the 1941 Buddy Baer – Joe Louis fight.

Your decision to help your brother by buying him a condo was act of spirituality, meaning that something inside you inspired or motivated you to perform an extraordinary act of generosity.

Phil

-----Original Message-----

From: pwnycny@aol.com

To:

Sent: Sat, Jan 8, 2011 12:21 pm

Subject: Benny Leonard-Lew Tendler

Dave,

Do you know about the two fights between Benny Leonard and Lew Tendler? They fought twice, in 1922 in Jersey City and 1923 at Yankee Stadium. These fights were two of the biggest sporting events in the 1920s and maybe in American sports history. A 10-minute film clip of the 1922 fight can be found on Youtube.

Also, I strongly recommend that you watch the video clips of Dicky Eklund, including his fight with Sugar Ray Leonard, which are on Youtube. Mr. Eklund was the real-life Rocky Balboa.

It may interest you to know that I wrote a play about boxing, Lesson for Life. It was staged in July 2009. The script can be found at <http://philsliteraryworks.com/pdfs/Plays/Copy-of-LESSON-FOR-LIFE2009-4-1-play.pdf>

If you want, I'll send you a copy of the script.

Phil