

2nd BATTALION

THE ROYAL YORKSHIRE REGIMENT



Boxing

FINALS

27th July 2023

"Boxing is the ultimate challenge. There's nothing that can compare to testing yourself the way you do every time you step in the ring." - Sugar Ray Leonard

COMMANDING OFFICER'S FOREWORD

A very warm welcome to the 2 R YORKS Inter-Company Boxing Finals.

Boxing in the Army is a much-valued sport that engenders the qualities we admire and encourage in our people.

Win or lose tonight, each and every boxer warrants genuine recognition. The importance of competitive sport in the military must not be underestimated. It forms a significant part of how this Battalion builds and maintains its ethos and values. The courage to commit oneself to the point of no return, to the highest levels of self-discipline, teamwork, humour and finally the loyalty to one's own team while retaining respect for one's adversary. All of these qualities underpin tonight's fighters and our Army.

Boxing is perhaps the loneliest and toughest of sports. Perhaps nowhere in life is a man or woman's basic nerve and courage so tested, nowhere is ambition so hazardous but so capable of drawing out every fibre of body and spirit. There is also an elegant intelligence to boxing. Boxers must outsmart their opponent and expose their weakness. And when the weakness is identified, a boxer must be ruthless. Between the seconds of each bell a boxer must display a determination to win by being willing to inflict and suffer more blows than their opponent.

Boxing is about talking less and doing more. It is about asserting and affirming who you are within the rules of decency and honour. It takes self-discipline, courage, and robustness of the highest order to overcome the demons that whisper to you to turn and run when the punches keep coming. The best boxers have an aura about them that is difficult to describe. A confidence. A fighting spirit. It is not always about brute strength. Dedication is perhaps the most important quality in a boxer. You have to be a grafter.

A boxer epitomises the individual and professional qualities upon which we place the highest value. Tonight, is your opportunity to witness and admire those qualities in our soldiers. It is a privilege to serve alongside all of them and I wish each and every boxer the very best of luck. The safety of the participants and control of the sport tonight are of course also of prime importance.

To close I would like to thank personally Capt Andy Baird and WO2 Marsh for the endless hours organising this evening. The coaches for the hours of effort turning soldiers to match fit boxers. The judges, officials, and medical teams for making it possible. The Chefs for the fine food and drink. And finally, the donors for their contributions that have made tonight viable. Thank you all. I have no doubt that it will prove a stepping stone to success at boxing in the future.

And to the boxers, we salute you.

Enjoy the evening.

Lt Col Mike Wade-Smith

Commanding Officer

Fortune Favours the Brave

SPECTATORS CONDUCT

Out of respect to the boxers, for their safety, and to help the officials, the following behaviors are expected from all spectators:

Please give your support to every boxer. Support should always be positive and respectful.

You are to be silent when:

- The Regimental Sergeant Major speaks or blows the whistle.
 - The referee stops the fight and is talking to the boxers.
 - There is a knockout, or a count is being given.
 - The Medical Officer is in the ring.
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Smoking of any type is only allowed in the designated areas outside of the gymnasium.

No Alcoholic drinks are to be consumed in the gym.

The changing areas for the boxers, coaches, medical staff and officials. They are strictly out of bounds to all spectators.

"Boxing is the toughest and loneliest sport in the world" -

Frank Bruno

FIGHT CARD

Light Middleweight (66Kg - 70Kg) (F)

Light Weight (57Kg - 60Kg)

Light Middleweight (67Kg - 71Kg)

Middleweight (71Kg - 75Kg)

Middleweight (71Kg - 75Kg)

Light Heavyweight (75Kg - 80Kg)

Cruiserweight (80Kg - 86Kg)

Heavyweight (86Kg - 92Kg)

Super Heavyweight (92Kg +)

Welterweight (63.5Kg - 67Kg)

Evening Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1700	Guests Arrive	Refreshments served in the Officer's Mess
1800	All guests and spectators Seated in Gym	
1810	National Anthem	
1812	Walkover Light Middleweight	LCpl Walker (Helmand)
1815	FIGHT 1 Light Weight	Pte Heaney (Alma) vs LCpl Langton (Quebec)
1830	FIGHT 2 Light Middleweight	Pte Storey (Alma) vs Cpl Morgan (Quebec)
1845	FIGHT 3 Middleweight	Pte Sharrocks (Burma) vs Cpl Fishburn (Helmand)
1900	FIGHT 4 Middleweight	Pte Tuinasauvuki (Burma) vs Cpl Finch (Helmand)
1915	FIGHT 5 Light Heavyweight	Pte Patterson (Alma) vs Pte Burdis (Burma)

Evening Schedule contd.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1930	Interval	Refreshments served in the WO's & Sgt's Mess. Spectators to be seated back by 2015
2020	Fight 6 Cruiserweight	Pte Chambers (Alma) vs Lt Chattaway (Alma)
2035	Fight 7 Heavyweight	Pte Bevan (Alma) vs Sgt Morris (Quebec)
2050	Fight 8 Heavyweight	Pte Stalker (Alma) vs Cpl Senior (Quebec)
2105	Fight 9 Super Heavyweight	Pte Vuakaca (Quebec) vs Pte Hill (Quebec)
2120	FIGHT 10 Welterweight	Pte Ashworth (Burma) vs LCpl Waterhouse (Burma)

"Everybody has a plan until they get punched in the mouth" - Mike Tyson

Prizes presented by

Walkover

Col Forbes – DComd NWHQ

Bout 1

Rick Jennings – Silver lady

Bout 2

Chris Promfret – Motif8

Bout 3

James Lawson – Hesling

Bout 4

Gary Metcalf – Auxasia Homes

Bout 5

Andy Reid – Standing tall Foundation

Bout 6

Rich Q-Roberts – Mitmark

Bout 7

David Paxton – Mitmark

Bout 8

Lieutenant Colonel Mike Wade-Smith

Bout 9

Col Forbes – DComd NWHQ

Bout 10

Colonel Toby Till MBE – Comd ETG

Best Boxer – Col Toby Till MBE

Most Courageous – Lieutenant Colonel Mike Wade-Smith

Winning Company - Lieutenant Colonel Mike Wade-Smith

DECISIONS

1. **Win on Points:** The judges score for clean hits to the body or head determining which boxer won each round. Winning a round scores 10 points with the other boxer scoring between 9 to 6 points. The boxer with the most points after three rounds is declared the winner: either unanimous or split between the three judges.
2. **Win by Disqualification:** The referee has the power to caution or disqualify without warning. If a boxer is disqualified, their opponent is the winner. If both boxers are disqualified the decision shall be decided by the judges.
3. **Win by Knockout:** If a boxer is 'down' and fails to recover within ten seconds, their opponent is the winner by KO.
4. **Win by Referee Stopping Contest:**
5. **Outclassed:** If a boxer, in the opinion of the referee, is being out-classed, or is receiving excessive punishment, the bout will be stopped, and their opponent declared the winner.
6. **Injury:** If the referee thinks a boxer is unfit to continue because of injury, the bout will be stopped, and the opponent declared the winner. This decision rests with the referee, who may consult the Medical Officer. If consulted, the referee must follow their advice. If the referee calls the Medical Officer into the ring to examine a boxer, only these two officials should be present. No seconds are allowed into the ring or onto the apron.
7. **No Contest:** A bout may be terminated by the referee owing to an issue outside the responsibility of the boxers or the referee, such as the ring becoming damaged, the failure of the lighting supply, etc. In such circumstances the bout shall be declared "No Contest". If the incident occurs in the last round of a bout, the contest shall be terminated, and the judges asked to give a decision as to the winner of the bout.

The decision of the judges or referee is final.

"We can't be brave without fear" - Muhammad Ali

BOXING OFFICERS

Boxing Officer: Captain A Baird

Boxing Warrant Officer: WO2 K Marsh

Master of Ceremonies: RSM S Greenwood

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

OIC Officials:

WO2 (QMSI) Craig Morton RAPTC

Referees:

WO2 Chris Jennings R YORKS

Sgt Sam Wilcox RAPTC

Sgt Abi Lang RLC

Judges and Timekeepers:

Sgt Stu King RAPTC

Sgt Danny Miley RAPTC

Medical Staff:

Flt Lt Oliver Brown RAF GDMO

Cpl Mcurdy RAMC

LCpl McGarrity RAMC

CIPHER Medical

"Once that bell rings, you're on your own. It's just you and the other guy" -

Joe Louis

Walkover (Light Middleweight)



LCpl Walker (Helmand)

Bout 1 (Lightweight)



Pte Heaney (Alma)



LCpl Langton (Quebec)

Bout 2 (Light Middleweight)



Pte Storey (Alma)



Cpl Morgan (Quebec)

Bout 3 (Middleweight)



Pte Sharrocks (Burma)



Cpl Fishburn (Helmand)

"To me, boxing is like ballet. Except there's no music, no choreography, and the dancers hit each other" - Jack Handy

Bout 4 (Middleweight)



Pte Tuinasauvuki (Burma)



Cpl Finch (Helmand)

Bout 5 (Light Heavyweight)



Pte Patterson (Alma)



Pte Burdis (Burma)

Bout 6 (Cruiserweight)



Pte Chambers (Alma)



Lt Chattaway (Alma)

Bout 7 (Heavyweight)



Pte Bevan (Alma)



Sgt Morris (Quebec)

Bout 8 (Heavyweight)



Pte Stalker (Alma)



Cpl Senior (Quebec)

Bout 9 (Super Heavyweight)



Pte Vaukaca (Quebec)



Pte Hill (Quebec)

FIGHT 10 (Welterweight)

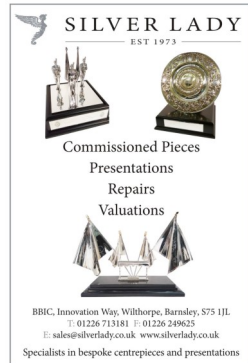


Pte Ashworth (Burma)



LCpl Waterhouse (Burma)

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"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

- Theodore Roosevelt





**With thanks from the
2nd Battalion The Royal
Yorkshire Regiment**

