



## **Black Bill (Claude Brooks)**

**BORN** May 13 1877;  
Norfolk,  
Virginia  
(Lived in  
Merchantville,  
New Jersey;  
Fought out of  
Memphis,  
Tennessee)

**HEIGHT** 5-7 (Some  
sources report  
5-8; Some  
report 6-0)

**WEIGHT** 165-197 1/2  
lbs

**MANAGER** Ben Forrest,  
John J. Frost

**Black Bill (Claude Brooks) was a light heavyweight who tangled with anyone from middleweight to heavyweight; He was quick and clever and especially game**

**During his career, "Bill" defeated such men as Joe Jeannette, Morris Mahoney, "Battling" Jack Brooks and Bob Lee and won a high percentage of newspaper verdicts in the "No Decision" bouts in which he fought**

### **1897**

Nov 8 Al Hendrickson  
W 6

Trenton, NJ

Nov 24 Jimmy Casey  
KO 3

Bordertown, NJ

### **1898**

Feb 4 Jim Weldron  
KO 1

Trenton, NJ

Mar 7 Jim Medford Trenton, NJ  
W 6  
Aug 16 Young Sykes Trenton, NJ  
EX 3

## 1901

Jan 11 Bert Roby Bordertown, NJ  
ND 6  
Mar 11 George Krall Trenton, NJ  
LK 5

## 1902

Nov 22 Big Chief Philadelphia, Pa  
TK 4  
Dec 27 Morris Mahoney Philadelphia, Pa  
KO 3

## 1903

Jan 10 Jack Langdon Philadelphia, Pa  
TK 1  
Jan 30 Charles Smith Philadelphia, Pa  
TK 1

### -Some sources report "Jim Peterson"

Feb 6 "Cyclone" Bill Larry Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6  
Feb 27 Charles Stevenson Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6  
Mar 6 Jack Hirst Philadelphia, Pa  
TK 2

### -Some sources report "ND 6" against "Baltimore Bully"

Mar 13 George Maples Philadelphia, Pa  
KO 1  
Mar 20 Charles Stevenson Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

### -Some sources report "LK 5"

Apr 17 Joe Conaghy Philadelphia, Pa  
KO 1  
Apr 24 [George Cole](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6  
May 22 [Larry Temple](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
LK 3

### -Some sources report 11/23/03

Aug 13 Fred Cooley Philadelphia, Pa  
LK 1  
Aug 18 [Bob Long](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6  
Sep 7 ["Young" Peter Jackson](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

Oct 26 [Bob Long](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
SCH

-This bout was scheduled; The outcome is not known

Nov 19 Charles Stevenson Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

-Some sources report 11/18/03

Nov 24 "Scaldy" Bill Quinn Philadelphia, Pa  
SCH

-This bout was scheduled; The outcome is not known

Dec 17 Charles Stevenson Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

## 1904

Jan 16 [Bob Long](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

-Some sources report "WF 6"

Feb 15 [Jack Johnson](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

-Some sources report 2/16/04

Feb 26 [Joe Walcott](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

-Some sources report 2/26/05

Mar 11 "[Young](#)" [Peter Jackson](#) Baltimore, Md  
D 15

Apr 14 "[Young](#)" [Peter Jackson](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 5

-Some sources report "NC 5"

Jul 21 Charles Stevenson Chester, Pa  
ND 6

Jul 28 [George Cole](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

Nov 18 "[Philadelphia](#)" [Jack O'Brien](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

-Some sources report 11/17/04

Dec 3 Charles Stevenson Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

Dec 9 [Morris Harris](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
LK 5

## 1905

Jan 5 [Morris Harris](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

Mar 16 [Morris Harris](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

Apr 7 [Larry Temple](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

Apr 20 [Joe Jeannette](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
KO 2

May 2 [Jack Johnson](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
LK 4

-Some sources report 5/03/05

Jun 8 [Joe Jeannette](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

Jul 13 [Jack Johnson](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

-Some sources report "ND 3"

Oct 11 [Joe Jeannette](#) Wilmington, De  
LK 7

Nov 2 [Joe Jeannette](#) Wilmington, De  
ND 3

-Some sources report "LF 3"

Some sources report "ND 6"

Some sources report "D 6"

## 1906

Jan 11 Neromus Philadelphia, Pa  
KO 5

-Some sources report 2/02/06

Feb 9 [Morris Harris](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

Apr 16 [Jack Johnson](#) Pittston, Pa  
LK 7

Jun 14 [Klondike \(John Haines\)](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
ND 6

Sep 6 [Joe Jeannette](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
LK 4

Sep 20 ["Young" Peter Jackson](#) Baltimore, Md  
D 4

## 1907

Jun 11 [Joe Jeannette](#) New York, NY  
LT 4

-Some sources report "ND 6"

Jul 17 [Morris Harris](#) Philadelphia, Pa  
LK 1

-Some sources report "LK 3"

## 1910

Mar Steve Crosby Westport, Pa  
L 10

Sep 30 Tom Overby New York, NY  
ND 6

Nov 10 [Joe Jeannette](#) New York, NY  
LK 5

## 1911

Apr 5 [Jeff Clark](#) New York, NY  
ND 10  
Oct 25 "Battling" Jack Brooks New York, NY  
TK 8

## 1912

Feb 29 Bill Watkins New York, NY  
LK 6

-Some sources report "ND 6"

Apr 4 [Joe Jeannette](#) Lewiston, Me  
LK 3  
Jun 15 [Joe Jeannette](#) Brooklyn, NY  
LF 6

-Some sources report "LK 6"

Nov 13 "[Battling](#)" Jim Johnson Brooklyn, NY  
LK 7

-Some sources report 11/12/11;

Some sources report "LK 8"

Dec 21 Bob Lee Brooklyn, NY  
KO 3

## 1913

Mar 18 Bill Watkins Brooklyn, NY  
LT 1  
May 21 [Joe Jeannette](#) Brooklyn, NY  
ND 10

## 1914

Apr 4 Bob McAllister Lewiston, Me  
LK 3  
Jun 15 Bob McAllister Brooklyn, NY  
LK 6  
Jul 4 Bob Lee Brooklyn, NY  
KO 3  
Aug 1 [Joe Jeannette](#) Brooklyn, NY  
LT 9  
Aug 27 Bill Watkins New York, NY  
ND 10

-Some sources report "D 10"

## 1915

Jan 11 Fred Robinson New York, NY  
KO 3

## 1916

Feb 22 "Sailor" Jack Carroll  
LT 2

Norristown, Pa

**\*\*\* The Following Bout Is Reported But Not Confirmed  
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1927

Feb 10 Homer Smith  
LK 3