



Jack Blackburn (Charles Henry Blackburn) ("Chappie")

BORN 1883;
Versailles,
Kentucky

DIED April 24
1942;
Chicago,
Illinois
(possibly
4/25/42)

HEIGHT 5-10

WEIGHT 133-160 lbs

Blackburn was lean and lanky, quick, and clever, and knew how to fight; He possessed fast hands, a careful yet aggressive style, and utilized a lethal jab accompanied by a snapping left hook; Jack often fought bigger and heavier men and more than held his own; He claimed to have had nearly 400 bouts in his career

Blackburn fought many outstanding men of boxing and despite a size disadvantage (in many bouts) gave them all they could handle; Among them were Joe Gans (3 times), Sam Langford (6 times), George Cole (3 times), Larry Temple (2 times), Dave Holly (5 times), George Gunther (10 times), "Philadelphia" Jack O'Brien, Ed "Gunboat" Smith, Harry Greb, Joe Borrell (2 times), Kid Norfolk, and Panama" Joe Gans

Among those he defeated during his career were Steve Crosby, Howard Wilson, Vernon Campbell, Jimmy Gardner, Harry Lenny,

Charles Hitte, Joe Grim, Cy Flynn, Jack Williams, George Gunther, Cleve Hawkins, George Cole, Herman Miller, Fred Bradley, Jim Barry, Harry Lewis, Mike Donovan, Jack Bonner, Terry Martin, Tony Caponi, Harry Mansfield, Tommy Howell, and Henry Hauber

After he retired from the ring, Blackburn trained fighters -- among them were Sammy Mandell, Charles "Bud" Taylor, and Jersey Joe Walcott (briefly); He is most famous for instructing the "Brown Bomber, " Joe Louis, in the finer points of pugilism

Charley Rose ranked Blackburn as the #3 All-Time Lightweight; In 1992, he was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame for his work as a trainer

1901

	Kid Miller	Indianapolis, In
KO 8		
	Albert Bean	Cleveland, Oh
KO 5		
	Billy Love	Alexandria, In
KO 2		
	Jack Cullen	Indianapolis, In
D 10		
	Kid Robinson	Indianapolis, In
D 10		

1902

	Jesse Clark	Indianapolis, In
KO 4		
	Kid Ashe	Cincinnati, Oh
WF 7		
	Joe Troyan	Indianapolis, In
KO 4		
	Bob Farming	Frankfurt, In
TK 17		
	Kid Stevens	Indianapolis, In
KO 3		
	Steve Crosby	Indianapolis, In
W 10		
Dec 16	Eddie Gardner	Indianapolis, In
TK 10		

1903

W 15	Eddie Gardner	Terre Haute, In
	Charley McDonald	Pittsburgh, Pa
KO 11		
Feb	Kid Reynolds	Pittsburgh, Pa
KO 2		
Mar	James Frazier	Pittsburgh, Pa
ND 6		
May 4	Dave Holly	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
May 5	Herman "Kid" Stein	Philadelphia, Pa
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	-This bout was scheduled; The outcome is not known	
May 5	Jack McKenzie	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Jun 19	Jack Sullivan	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Jul 3	Kid Terrell	Philadelphia, Pa
TK 4		
Sep 1	Howard Wilson	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Sep 15	Tommy Wild	Philadelphia, Pa
TK 2		
Sep 18	Vernon Campbell	Philadelphia, Pa
TK 4		
Sep 25	Tom Daly	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Oct 12	Eddie Kennedy	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Nov 2	Joe Gans	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Nov 21	Dave Holly	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Dec 23	Sam Langford	Boston, Ma
D 12		
Dec 31	Mike "Twin" Sullivan	Boston, Ma
D 15		

1904

Jan 2	Jimmy Gardner	Boston, Ma
W 12		
Jan 8	Sam Bolen	Baltimore, Md
D 12		
	-Some sources report "D 15"	
Jan 11	Sam Langford	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Jan 19	Charles Mulhall	Tamaqua, Pa
ND 6		
Jan 25	Kid Wilson	Chester, Pa
ND 6		

Mar 1 [Danny Duane](#) Boston, Ma
 LK 2
 -Some sources report "Lebanon, Pa"
 Mar 25 [Joe Gans](#) Baltimore, Md
 L 15
 Apr 5 Kid Ferry Lehigh Valley, Pa
 KO 8
 Jul 18 Harry Lenny Philadelphia, Pa
 TK 5
 Aug 26 [Dave Holly](#) Philadelphia, Pa
 ND 6
 Sep 14 Blink McCloskey Philadelphia, Pa
 ND 6
 Sep 23 Charles Hitte Philadelphia, Pa
 TK 3
 Nov 3 Joe Grim Philadelphia, Pa
 ND 6
 Dec 1 Joe Grim Philadelphia, Pa
 ND 6
 Dec 3 [Sam Bolen](#) Philadelphia, Pa
 ND 6
 Dec 9 [Sam Langford](#) Marlboro, Pa
 D 15

1905

Jan 12 Joe Grim Philadelphia, Pa
 ND 6
 Jan 20 [Dave Holly](#) Philadelphia, Pa
 ND 6
 Jan 31 Kid Ferry Allentown, Pa
 KO 8
 Feb 27 Ed Smith Allentown, Pa
 W 10
 Feb 27 Cy Flynn Sharon, Pa
 W 12

-Different sources report the same date for the previous 2 bouts

Apr 3 [Dick Fitzpatrick](#) Sharon, Pa
 KO 2
 Apr 22 ["Fighting" Joe Allen](#) Philadelphia, Pa
 TK 3

-Some sources report "TK 1"

Jun 10 [George Cole](#) Philadelphia, Pa
 ND 6
 Aug 10 Jack Williams Philadelphia, Pa
 ND 6
 Aug 18 [Sam Langford](#) Leiperville, Pa
 L 15
 Sep 4 [Larry Temple](#) Sharon, Pa
 ND 12

Sep 20	Sam Langford	Allentown, Pa
D 10		
Oct 4	Harry Senter	Wilmington, De
ND 6		
Oct 4	Jack Williams	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
-The previous 2 bouts were held the same date		
Oct 7	Sam Langford	Philadelphia, Pa
NC 1		
Oct 13	Larry Temple	Marlboro, Ma
D 15		

1906

Jan 19	Paddy O'Rourke	New York, NY
ND 3		
Jan 31	George Gunther	New Castle, Pa
W 10		
Feb 7	George Gunther	Pittsburgh, Pa
ND 6		
Mar 8	Jack Williams	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Mar 20	Kid Wilson	Indianapolis, In
W 8		
	Sailor Burke	New York, NY
ND 3		
May 1	Cleve Hawkins	New York, NY
KO 2		

-Some sources report 5/02/06;

Some sources report "W 2"

May 4	Sammy Campbell	New York, NY
ND 4		
May 11	Sammy Campbell	New York, NY
ND 4		
Jun 7	Kid Wilson	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Jun 29	Joe Gans	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Jul 5	George Gunther	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Aug 2	Billy Burke	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Aug 23	Billy Burke	Philadelphia, Pa
TK 3		
Oct 11	Dave Holly	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Nov 29	Eddie Haney	Philadelphia, Pa
TK 2		

1907

Jan 1	George Cole	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Jan 24	Kid Henry	Lancaster, Pa
ND 6		
Jan 25	Billy Burke	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Apr 18	George Gunther	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
May 15	George Gunther	New York, NY
ND 10		
May 17	Herman Miller	Philadelphia, Pa
KO 3		
May 23	George Gunther	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
May 27	Fred Bradley	Philadelphia, Pa
KO 2		
Jun 7	George Cole	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Jun 17	Terry Martin	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Jun 27	Billy Burke	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Jul 8	Jim Barry	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Sep 5	Jim Barry	Bridgeport, Ct
W 6		
Oct 18	Mike Donovan	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Nov 20	Harry Lewis	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Dec 6	George Gunther	Philadelphia, Pa
KO 5		
Dec 20	Jack Morgan	Philadelphia, Pa
TK 3		
Dec 24	Mike Donovan	Reading, Pa
W 10		

1908

Jan 9	George Gunther	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Jan 17	Jack Bonner	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Jan 21	Charles Hitte	Albany, NY
TK 14		
Feb 27	George Gunther	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Mar 14	Terry Martin	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Mar 20	"Young" Tommy Coleman	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		

Apr 13 Bill Heveron Philadelphia, Pa
TK 3
Apr 21 Mike Donovan Easton, Pa
D 10
May 1 Mark Anderson Philadelphia, Pa
TK 2
May 1 Steve Crosby Philadelphia, Pa
W 3

-The previous 2 bouts were held the same date

Jun 10 ["Philadelphia" Jack O'Brien](#) Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6

[Johnny Willetts](#)

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Jun 18 [George Gunther](#) Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6

Sep 14 Tony Caponi Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6

Sep 26 John Wille Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6

Oct 1 Cy Flynn Rochester, NY
ND 6

Nov 23 Mike Donovan Pittsburgh, Pa
ND 6

Dec 10 Mickey McDonough Philadelphia, Pa
ND 3

Dec 10 Jack Robinson Philadelphia, Pa
ND 3

-The previous 2 bouts were held the same date

Dec 14 Jack Robinson Philadelphia, Pa
ND 3

[Johnny Willetts](#)

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Dec 29 Harry Mansfield Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6

1909

Jan 12 -Blackburn was arrested for the murder of Alonzo Polk and the attempted murder of Polk's wife, Mattie; He was convicted and given a prison sentence

1909-1913

-Blackburn served time in prison

1914

Apr 4 [Tommy Howell](#) Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6

May 20	Ed "Gunboat" Smith	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Sep 12	Jack McCarron	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Oct 5	"Young" Tommy Coleman	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Oct 10	Bill Watkins	Brooklyn, NY
LK 4		
Oct 29	Emmett "Kid" Wagner	Allentown, Pa
LK 4		
Dec 16	Al Grayber	Altoona, Pa
W 6		

1915

Jan 18	Harry Baker	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Jan 25	Harry Greb	Pittsburgh, Pa
ND 6		
Aug 2	Eddie Palmer	Memphis, Tn
L 8		
Dec 25	One-Round Sylvester	St. Louis, Mo
ND 8		

1916

Jun 12	Joe Rosen	Philadelphia, Pa
Nd 6		
Jun 20	Willie Baker	Philadelphia, Pa
KO 4		
Jun 28	K.O. Samson	Philadelphia, Pa
KO 2		
Aug 23	Young Ahearn	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Sep 8	Young Ahearn	New York, NY
ND 10		
Oct 17	Eddie Revoire	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Oct 27	Joe Borrell	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Nov 3	Joe Borrell	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Nov 17	Eddie Revoire	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Nov 21	Jackie Clark	Pottstown, Pa
L 10		

1917

Jan 22	Christy Williams	Columbus, Oh
W 10		

Feb 1	Harry Baker	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Feb 15	Henry Hauber	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Mar 29	Harry Baker	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
May 31	Larry Williams	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Jun 15	Joe Borrell	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Jul 16	Henry Hauber	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Aug 13	Pat O'Malley	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Sep 6	Joe Rosen	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Oct 4	Henry Hauber	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		
Dec 7	Herman Miller	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		

1918

Apr 22	Willie Langford	Toledo, Oh
ND 12		
Sep 20	Larry Williams	Atlantic City, NJ
ND 8		
Nov 22	Harry Baker	Pennsgrove, NJ
ND 8		
Nov 25	Jimmy Lyggett	Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6		

1920

Jun 22	Kid Norfolk	New York, NY
LK 4		

1921

Dec 20	"Young" Jack Johnson	Boston, Ma
WF 3		

1922

Apr 7	Calvin Respress	Elgin, Il
ND 10		
Apr 25	Bonecrusher McNally	Clinton, Ia
KO 2		
Jul 24	"Panama" Joe Gans	Indianapolis, In
LK 4		

1923

Mar 9 Ray Pelkey
LK 3

Oakland, Ca

-Blackburn retired from boxing and became a boxing instructor and trainer; Among his most prominent proteges were Sammy Mandell, Bud Taylor, and Joe Louis

***** The Following Bouts Are Reported But Not Confirmed *****

1903

Oct 10 [William "Spike" Sullivan](#) Chester, Pa
ND 6

-Some sources report 10/06/1903

1905

Jan 19 [Charles Mulhall](#) Tamaqua, Pa
ND 10

1907

Dec 11 Walter Stanton New York, NY
ND 6

1908

Nov 7 Jimmy Burns Philadelphia, Pa
ND 6

Undated

Otto Knopp Philadelphia, Pa
W 6