

Name: Jack Dillon
Career Record: [click](#)
Alias: Hoosier Bearcat
Birth Name: Ernest Cutler Price
Nationality: US American
Birthplace: Frankfort, IN
Born: 1891-02-02
Died: 1942-08-07
Age at Death: 51
Stance: Orthodox
Height: 5' 7½"
Reach: 72 inches
Managers: [Sam Marburger](#) (1912-1920); [Al Harter](#) (1920-1923); [Judge Joe Flanagan](#) (circa 1918)



Ernest Cutler Price (better known as **Jack Dillon** and **Hoosier Bearcat**; born [February 2, 1891](#) in [Frankfort, IN](#) – died [August 7, 1942](#) in [Chattahoochee, Florida](#)) was [light heavyweight](#) boxing champion of the world.

Personal

Dillon's real name was Ernest Culter Price. and he took his "Jack Dillon" name from the famous racehorse, [Sidney Dillon](#). Price worked at the farm/stable where the horse was housed. At his first fight, Price appeared very nervous. When asked his name, he said Sidney Dillon. The referee misunderstood him, and bawled out "Jack Dillon!" ([May 20, 1916](#) Tacoma Daily News).

Professional Boxing Career

Dillon turned pro in 1908 and won the vacant World Light Heavyweight title with a win over [Battling Levinsky](#) in 1914. In 1916 he lost the belt in a rematch with Levinsky over 12 rounds.

Dillon was often referred to as "Jack the Giant Killer" for his ability to handle the most dangerous heavyweights of his era.

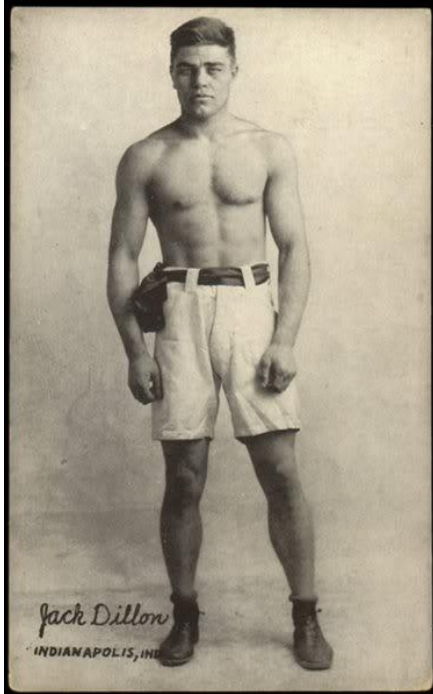
Life After Boxing

In retirement, Dillon lived next door to a restaurant he owned in operated. Dillon died on [August 7, 1942](#), in [Chattahoochee, Florida](#).

Dillon was elected into the [World Boxing Hall of Fame](#) in 1995.

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Dillon Easy Winner In Levinsky Tangle



Jack Dillon stung in the fifth round by the hardest punch Battling Levinsky could muster, tore into the New Yorker in their fight at the Holland arena last night and from then on piled up a big lead which he topped off with having Levinsky weary and wobbly in the final round. Dillon outboxed, outfought and outgeneraled Levinsky, who was game but not aggressive enough to mix with Jack.

When Levinsky was stung he would open up occasionally, but when he did Dillon punched harder. From the ninth round on Levinsky was only able to counter feebly. Several times the Hebrew tried to stem the tide, but to no avail. Few boxers could in the face of the ever-rushing covered-up Indianapolis boy, who was a 10-to-9 favorite. Levinsky said that after the ninth round his strength appeared to leave him. A stiff overhand swing: spun Levinsky around in that session and another opened up his nose. Levinsky has beaten heavy weights like Jim Flynn, but as a contender for the world's heavy-weight championship he would better pass up Gunboat

Smith, from his work against Dillon, who had him on the ropes numerous times.

Dillon was faster than Levinsky, whose left did not even loosen up Jack's nasal organ. Against a boxer Levinsky would get a decision in many cases, but when it is fight or get out he cannot claim premier honors. Only once did Jack hesitate, that was in the fifth, but it was unfortunate for Levinsky that he stung Dillon, for it angered him and he showed no mercy to the Hebrew. Dillon showed a fighter's instinct and courage, for he let Levinsky land his best and then bored in, weakening his opponent with stomach and kidney smashes.

Same All the Way

Every round was a succession of sameness, with Levinsky doing the Marathon stunt until driven into a corner and then fighting back. Only once or twice did he use a right blow, and then in exploration work. Levinsky at first seemed willing to fight it out, but what could he do when he was hurt from every side? Dillon whipped in stomach, kidney and head punches every round, and it was only when in a half embrace that Levinsky showed his class. After the fight he had no excuses to make to Referee Harry Stout of Milwaukee. Stout was a real referee and he made it a good fight because he pried open every clinch. He knew the game and it was pleasant to see him work. Jack Regan, matchmaker for the Treasure State club, has signed Stout for the club's

next show.

The tireless stomach punches of Dillon showed when Levinsky was rubbed down. His ribs were black and blue. An overhand chop was Dillon's favorite weapon In working on Levinsky's stomach and midship section. It was not the clips to the jaw that weakened Levinsky.

Official's Comment.

Referee Stout said: "It was a. tough fight, with both boys in fine condition and both trying hard which made it hard for me to keep them apart. Towards the last Levinsky was doing the holding. From the ninth round on he was weary. In the fifth round Levinsky made his stand. He used that loop-the-loop uppercut on Dillon and it shook Jack up, and from then on Dillon was the aggressor.

From simply building up a lead Dillon became a fierce fighter. Dillon was the aggressor and a bulldog, while Levinsky was the boxer. Jack kept on Levinsky so close he smothered his blows, Dillon's short left punches as he came in hurt the battler. Levinsky said that in the ninth round he was all in; from then on it was all Dillon. Until then he was feeling aggressive. The punishment that hurt him was a wild overhand swing that took Levinsky on the nape of the neck In the eighth round,"

Their Statements.

Dillon said: "The only chance I had was to keep after him. Levinski is a good boxer — fine for his weight. It came out as I figured and I would have finished him if I had taken a chance after the seventh round, when I saw that the body punches had weakened him. He struck me one telling blow. It is hard to fight when you have to chase a clever boxer."

Levinsky said: "I blew up after the seventh and did not have my strength. I think that Dillon is a real champion and I have no excuses to make. He is, a wonder at infighting,"

The fight drew the largest gathering ever recorded in Butte. The receipts were \$8,221 , Levinsky received about \$2,100 and Dillon about \$2,000. The nearest approach to last night's gate was the -Nelson-Herrera fight, when about \$7,600 was taken in.

By Rounds

Round 1

Dillon rushed and landed first a light left to the head. Levinsky snapped his fast-working left to Jack's head, but it was a slight blow. Dillon was cautious in spite of his leading when he landed a right and left to the jaw, Levinsky had shown clever feinting, but he lost the round.

Round 2.

Both landed rights and lefts that did little damage, and then Dillon worked short-arm jabs into

Levinsky's stomach and the Yiddisher was content to rest with his cleverness. In a corner exchange to which Levinsky was driven he bested Jack for a moment, but in the set punches Dillon snapped them in harder and oftenor. In spite of his laying himself open to lead, it was Dillon's round.

Round 3.

Jack sent a damaging right to the stomach and then a left to the head before Lewinsky could swing in a light left, Levinsky then winced under a hard lot of kidney punches, which were followed by crushing rights and lefts to the jaw that made Barney hesitate. Dillon again.

Round 4.

Dillon pursued Levinsky with a stiff left and was after Barney like a wild man. He never let up in his task and Barney clinched after getting some head punches. Suddenly Levinsky shot a stiff right to Dillon's jaw and it made Jack stop. After he recovered he tore into the Hebrew and put a hard right to the kidneys. Jack's round.

On Even Terms

Round 5

Barney shot in kidney blows in the clinch and made Dillon halt as he shot in a hard left upper cut. Dillon put left to the jaw. They fought evenly. Dillon landed lightly on the jaw. Levinsky was aggressive in this even round.

Round 6.

Levinsky ran away from stiff punches. The Yiddisher landed a light left and caught a right and left to the Jaw. Dillon smothered Levinsky in a earner and Dillon hit hard, and in a toe-to-toe exchange they were even. It was a round with plenty of exchange both ways.

Round 7.

It was vigorous from the start and they fought in the clinches. Dillon held, but found Levinsky more clever. Dillon put right to stomach, the Yiddisher covering up. At infighting they broke even. Dillon had a shade.

Round 8

Dillon missed a terrific right, and other short rights and lefts to the head, and made a chopping block out of Levinsky. Levinsky was retreating fast, his blows lacked steam and he was wrestling. He put in a telling left at the end, Dillon landed a right in the stomach. Dillon's round.

Round 9

Dillon charged Levinsky and complained of the holding, Levinsky's hard left hurt Dillon, but Dillon stopped him with a stinging right and then caught a right on his own Jaw. Levinsky was showing more spirit. An even round.

Round 10

Again Dillon rushed Levinsky, who whipped in two lefts and Dillon did likewise in fierce milling counters. Dillon landed straight left to head. Barney showed his rights in two punches. In hard fighting in a clinch it was even. Dillon had a shade.

Round 11.

Levinsky's left was not hard and he shed blood from the nose. Levinsky fell and Jack was after him. when he arose, like a wild man. Barney hung on. Dillon landed left in jaw as he chased Levinsky about. And then made Levinsky groggy with another. He was trying for a knockout, but Levinsky was careful. It was all for Dillon.

Round 12.

Levinsky appeared tired and Dillon did not force his lead, he put a right on Barney and a left to the jaw of the retreating New Yorker and put a right and left to Levinsky's jaw that had him reeling, but he was game in his feeble countering. He was weak at the gong.