



Jimmy Bivins **(James Louis Bivins)**

BORN December 6
1919; Dry
Branch,
Georgia
(Fought out
of Cleveland,
Ohio)

HEIGHT 5-11 (Some
sources
report 5-9)

WEIGHT 154-195 lbs

MANAGERS . Wilfred
"Whizzbang"
Carter,
Claude Shane

Bivins was a talented battler who came to fight; At his heaviest, he was essentially a "beefed-up" light-heavyweight who tangled with the best of the big men - fighting champions and top contenders on a regular basis during his fifteen year career

Jimmy defeated such men as Joey Maxim, Bob Pastor, Tami Mauriello, Clarence Henry, Gus Lesnevich, Melio Bettina, Charley Burley, Lloyd Marshall, Billy Soose, Anton Christoforidis, Teddy Yarosz, Lee Savold, Pat Valentino, Lee Q. Murray, "Oakland" Billy Smith, Booker Beckwith, Buddy Scott, Jack "Buddy" Walker, Yancey Henry, Albert "Turkey" Thompson, Johnny Haynes, Willie Bean, Rusty Payne, Leonard Morrow and Coley Wallace

Herb Goldman ranked Bivins as the #8 All-Time Light-Heavyweight; He was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1999

1940

Jan 15 Emory Morgan Cleveland, Oh
TK 1
Feb 12 Tito Taylor Chicago, Il
W 6
Feb 26 Joe Sutka Chicago, Il
W 8
Mar 18 Joe Sutka Chicago, Il
W 8
Mar 27 "Young" Tiger Flowers Cleveland, Oh
KO 3

-Some sources report "Tiger Flowers Jr"

Apr 8 Nate Bolden Chicago, Il
W 8
Apr 15 "Marine" Johnny Dean Cleveland, Oh
KO 3
Apr 25 Enzo Iannozzi Cleveland, Oh
KO 1
May 13 Paul Frazier Chicago, Il
KO 1
Jun 13 Homer Jackson Millvale, Pa
TK 1
Jun 24 Frankie Hughes Chicago, Il
W 8
Jul 1 Mose Brown Millvale, Pa
W 6
Jul 15 Paul Frazier Chicago, Il
W 8
Aug 5 Johnny Barbara Chicago, Il
KO 2
Sep 3 [Charley Burley](#) Millvale, Pa
W 10
Sep 9 Johnny Barbara Chicago, Il
TK 7
Sep 23 Larry Kellum Millvale, Pa
KO 1
Oct 22 Vince Pimpinella Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Nov 15 Anton Christoforidis Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Dec 2 Anton Christoforidis Cleveland, Oh
L 10

1941

Feb 19 Pete Tamalonis Cleveland, Oh
TK 1

-Some sources report 2/09/41;

Some sources report 3/23/41

Mar 5 Teddy Yarosz Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Apr 2 Charles "Buddy" Knox Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Jul 2 [Curtis Sheppard](#) Millvale, Pa
W 10
Jul 14 Lem Franklin Chicago, Il
LT 9
Sep 10 Tony Musto Cleveland, Oh
L 10

-Some sources report 9/11/41

Oct 20 Nate Bolden Chicago, Il
W 10
Nov 17 Melio Bettina Cleveland, Oh
L 10

1942

Jan 13 Billy Soose Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Mar 11 [Gus Lesnevich](#) Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Apr 17 Bob Pastor Cleveland, Oh
L 10
Jun 22 [Joey Maxim](#) Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Jul 23 "Sergeant" Joe Muscato Cleveland, Oh
KO 5
Sep 15 [Tami Mauriello](#) Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Oct 20 Bob Pastor Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Nov 27 Lee Savold New York, NY
W 10

1943

Jan 7 [Ezzard Charles](#) Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Feb 26 Anton Christoforidis Cleveland, Oh
W 15

-Some sources report 2/23/43

Mar 12 [Tami Mauriello](#) New York, NY
W 10
Apr 6 Watson Jones Los Angeles, Ca
W 10
Apr 26 Pat Valentino San Francisco, Ca
W 10
Jun 8 [Lloyd Marshall](#) Cleveland, Oh
KO 13

-Some sources report 7/08/43

Aug 24 Herbert Marshall Washington, DC
KO 6
Sep 15 [Melio Bettina](#) Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Dec 1 Lee Q. Murray Cleveland, Oh
W 10

1944

Feb 29 Lee Q. Murray Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Mar -Bivins entered the United States Army
Nov -Bivins was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army

1945

Feb 5 George Parks Washington, DC
TK 4
Feb 19 Jack "Buddy" Walker Baltimore, Md
KO 2
Feb 27 Johnny Flynn Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Mar 16 [Melio Bettina](#) New York, NY
D 10
Jun 12 Buddy Scott Washington, DC
KO 4
Jul 26 [Curtis Sheppard](#) Pittsburgh, Pa
W 10
Aug 22 [Archie Moore](#) Cleveland, Oh
KO 6
Sep 26 Yancey Henry Washington, DC
W 10

1946

Jan 7 Watson Jones San Francisco, Ca
TK 6
Jan 22 Johnny Haynes Los Angeles, Ca
KO 2
Jan 29 "Oakland" Billy Smith Oakland, Ca
W 10
-Some sources report 1/30/46
Feb 10 Yancey Henry Baltimore, Md
KO 10
-Some sources report 2/11/46
Feb 25 ["Jersey" Joe Walcott](#) Cleveland, Oh
L 10
Jun 20 Lee Q. Murray Cleveland, Oh
L 10
-Some sources report 6/10/46

Nov 12 [Ezzard Charles](#) Pittsburgh, Pa
L 10
Dec 6 Colion Chaney Akron, Oh
KO 5

1947

Jan 16 Johnny Flynn Washington, DC
W 10
Feb 3 Booker Beckwith Chicago, Il
KO 4
Feb 17 [Curtis Sheppard](#) Pittsburgh, Pa
W 10

-Some sources report "Philadelphia, Pa"

Mar 10 [Ezzard Charles](#) Cleveland, Oh
LK 4
Apr 21 [Curtis Sheppard](#) Baltimore, Md
W 10
May 9 Lee Q. Murray Detroit, Mi
L 10
Jun 2 Omelio Agramonte Baltimore, Md
TK 2
Jun 9 Lee Q. Murray Baltimore, Md
W 10
Jul 1 Bobby Zander Los Angeles, Ca
W 10
Sep 8 [Archie Moore](#) Baltimore, Md
LT 9
Nov 12 Sid Peaks Chicago, Il
W 10

1948

Jan 13 Johnny Shkor Buffalo, NY
W 10
Mar 1 Johnny Haynes Baltimore, Md
KO 4
Mar 9 Albert "Turkey" Thompson Los Angeles, Ca
W 10
Apr 12 Billy "Chicken" Thompson Philadelphia, Pa
TK 7
Apr 20 Pat Valentino Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Jun 28 [Archie Moore](#) Baltimore, Md
L 10

-Some sources report 8/28/48

Sep 13 [Ezzard Charles](#) Washington, DC
L 10
Oct 11 Johnny Flynn Philadelphia, Pa
W 10

Nov 17 [Joe Louis](#) Cleveland, Oh
EX 6
Dec 7 [Joey Maxim](#) Cleveland, Oh
L 10

1949

Mar 21 Rusty Payne Pittsburgh, Pa
W 10
Apr 11 [Archie Moore](#) Toledo, Oh
LK 8
Jun 20 Willie Bean Cleveland, Oh
W 10
Jul 5 Leonard Morrow Los Angeles, Ca
L 10
Jul 15 Watson Jones Las Vegas, Nv
KO 2
Sep 21 Leonard Morrow Oakland, Ca
W 10
Sep 27 [Clarence Henry](#) Los Angeles, Ca
TK 8
Oct 26 [Harold Johnson](#) Philadelphia, Pa
L 10

1950

Feb 1 Willis "Red" Applegate Miami, Fl
W 10
Feb 6 Sid Peaks Newark, NJ
L 10

1951

Jan 22 "Young" Harry Wills Baltimore, Md
KO 4
Feb 12 "Tiger" Ted Lowry Baltimore, Md
W 10
Feb 21 [Archie Moore](#) New York, NY
LT 9
May 4 Willie Bean Hollywood, Ca
W 10
May 18 Bob Mitchell Phoenix, Az
W 10
May 29 Willie Bean Los Angeles, Ca
W 10
Jun 26 [Clarence Henry](#) Los Angeles, Ca
L 10
Aug 15 [Joe Louis](#) Baltimore, Md
L 10
Nov 5 Bob Baker Pittsburgh, Pa
L 10

Nov 21 Charley "Doc" Williams New York, NY
W 10

1952

Mar 31 Aaron Wilson Baltimore, Md
TK 3

-Some sources report "Providence, RI"

Sep 19 Coley Wallace New York, NY
KO 9

Oct 22 Wesbury Bascom St. Louis, Mo
W 10

Nov 3 Tommy Harrison Providence, RI
L 10

Nov 26 Ezzard Charles Chicago, Il
L 10

1953

Apr 6 Tommy Harrison Miami, Fl
L 10

Apr 24 Claude Rolfe Tampa, Fl
W 10

Jun 9 Chubby Wright Huntington, WV
W 10

1955

Aug 31 Dan Moray Cleveland, Oh
TK 3

Oct 28 Mike DeJohn Cleveland, Oh
W 6
