



Peter Felix

BORN July 17
1866; St.
Croix,
West
Indies

DIED November
10 1926;
Sydney,
Australia
(heart
disease)

HEIGHT 6-3 1/2

WEIGHT 176-186
lbs

Felix was a first cousin of Peter Jackson; He was tall like Peter with long arms but lacked the finesse, movement and power of Jackson; Nat Fleischer wrote that he was a good hitter (with a very long reach) and was clever; His prospects seemed great at the beginning of his career but as he met better competition, he ran into difficulties

He was a fancy dresser who liked the bright lights and big city; This may have been a major factor in him not reaching his potential

From the Peter Felix record on www.boxrec.com --

Peter Felix was born on the 17th July 1866 on the West Indian Island of St.Croix, the same birthplace as the immortal Peter Jackson, who he claimed to be his first cousin (Jackson was actually in Felix's corner for some of his fights). Felix was tall for his time, standing at 6' 3" tall, and weighing in around 180 pounds. He was said to be a flashy dresser,

extravagant and a bit of an extrovert, quite the opposite of the quiet, gentlemanly Jackson. He started his pugilistic career in Australia in 1894, with a 12th round knock out win over Dan Keeley in Melbourne. The year of 1895, proved to be one of the most fruitful of his career, with three very impressive points victories over the wild man Joe Goddard, and a points victory over the superbly skilled but light punching Mick Dooley. 1896 saw him defeat Starlight Rollins, beat Mick Dooley in two out of three fights, and beat Dan Keeley for the Victorian Heavyweight title with a 5th round knock out win. The next two years saw him draw with Mick Dooley, Tut Ryan and Bill Doherty. It must also be noted that during the depression years of the 1890's that Peter Felix also fought in unofficial bouts in travelling boxing troupe's, which toured the agricultural shows of Australia, putting on their fights in tents.

Next up, he scored a draw with an old and sick Peter Jackson over 25 rounds in Melbourne, then he captured the coveted Australian Heavyweight title with a 7th round knock out win over Bill Doherty in Kalgoorlie. Racist attitudes had raised their ugly heads prior to this bout, when Doherty had beaten Dooley to win the Australian crown. Dooley has been quoted as saying "You're too good for me Bill, but I would sooner lose to you than Felix. Keep" - his voice broke and died to almost a whisper - "Keep the championship white". Doherty failed to do this. Felix defended his title successfully with a 20 round draw with Doherty, but then lost it to the ubiquitous Doherty via a 20 round points loss. Felix never won the Australian title again, though he challenged for it three times, once against Doherty for a points loss in 1902, and twice against world title challenger Bill Lang for two knock out losses in 1907 and 1908 (Felix was 41 years old when he faced Lang).

In Felix's next notable bouts he beat the giant woodchopper Bill Heckenberg with a 2nd round knock out, drew with Arthur Cripps and beat the Maori, George Renaulf on points. Age was starting to catch up with the old warhorse, though he was still fighting in main events. The years of 1904 and 1905 saw him lose inside the distance against world title challengers "Boshter" Bill Squires (3 times) and "Gunner" James Moir. In 1907, Felix challenged the legendary Jack Johnson for World Coloured Heavyweight Championship. Felix was knocked out in 1 round.

Felix kept fighting until 1915 (aged 48 years old), though his last real "big time" fight was in 1908 in the very first main event ever held at the Sydney Stadium, in Rushcutters Bay (the stadium where Jack Johnson beat Tommy Burns). In this fight he lost on points over 20 rounds to Sid Russell.

Peter Felix retired to Sydney where he passed away on the 10th November 1926 of a heart attack aged sixty. He fought a large number of world class fighters, and held his own against most of them. He was

perhaps a bit unfortunate that his career started at the advanced age of 28 years old.

Record - Total Bouts: 50, Wins 24 (9 KO), Losses 19 (12 KO by), Draws 7

1894

Dec 27 Dan Keeley Melbourne, Vic, Aus
KO 12

1895

Jan Dan Keeley

W 10

Mar 4 [Joe Goddard](#)

Melbourne, Vic, Aus

W 10

Jul 10 Tom Ball

Sydney, NSW, Aus

W 10

Oct 16 J. Murphy

Blenheim, South Island, NZ

KO 1

1896

Apr 4 [Mick Dooley](#)

Melbourne, Vic, Aus

LK 2

-Heavyweight Championship of Australia

Jun 27 [Mick Dooley](#)

Melbourne, Vic, Aus

ND 8

-Felix lasted and claimed the win

Aug 1 [Mick Dooley](#)

Melbourne, Vic, Aus

ND 10

-Felix lasted and claimed the win

Sep 26 Dan Keeley

Melbourne, Vic, Aus

D 10

Oct 10 [Starlight \(Edward Rollins\)](#) Melbourne, Vic, Aus

W 15

Oct 31 Dan Keeley

Melbourne, Vic, Aus

KO 5

1897

Jul 3 [Mick Dooley](#)

Brisbane, Que, Aus

D 10

-Heavyweight Championship of Australia

1898

Oct 8 James "Tut" Ryan

Melbourne, Vic, Aus

D 20

-Heavyweight Championship of Australia;

Some sources report "D 15"

Dec 24 Bill Doherty Fremantle, WA, Aus
D 20

1899

Dec 2 Bill Doherty Kalgoorlie, WA, Aus
TK 7

-Heavyweight Championship of Australia;
Some sources report 12/04/99

1900

Jul 16 Bill Doherty Sydney, NSW, Aus
L 20

-Heavyweight Championship of Australia;
Some sources report "D 20" in "Kalgoorlie, WA, Aus"

Dec 3 Bill Doherty Kalgoorlie, WA, Aus
D 20

-Heavyweight Championship of Australia;
Some sources report "L 20" in "Ultimo, NSW, Aus"

1901

Jun 17 [Mick Dooley](#) Melbourne, Vic, Aus
KO 2
Bill Doherty
L 20

1902

Jul 7 Bill Doherty Melbourne, Vic, Aus
LK 13

-Heavyweight Championship of Australia

1903

May 18 Bill Doherty Melbourne, Vic, Aus
L 20
Jul 27 Bill Heckenberg Sydney, NSW, Aus
KO 2
Sep 22 Jim Scanlon Melbourne, Vic, Aus
WF 15

-Heavyweight Championship of Australia

Nov 23 Alf James Melbourne, Vic, Aus
KO 3

-Heavyweight Championship of Australia

1904

Jan 4 George Ruenalf Melbourne, Vic, Aus
D 16

Apr 12 "Soldier" Jack Thompson Sydney, NSW, Aus
KO 5
Jun 4 Bill Smith Sydney, NSW, Aus
LF 6
Aug 20 Bill Squires Newcastle, NSW, Aus
LF 11
Sep 7 Arthur Cripps Sydney, NSW, Aus
D 20

-Heavyweight Championship of Australia

Nov 22 Bill Squires Sydney, NSW, Aus
LK 1

1905

Feb 14 James "Gunner" Moir Sydney, NSW, Aus
LK 2

-Some sources report 2/13/05

Dec 12 Bill Squires Sydney, NSW, Aus
LK 7

1906

May 1 Mally Johnson Sydney, NSW, Aus
WF 3

Jun 19 Arthur Cripps Sydney, NSW, Aus
WF 17

-Some sources report "WF 16"

Jul 31 Peter Kling Sydney, NSW, Aus
LK 4

Oct George Ruenalf Cobar, NSW, Aus
LF 11

Nov 27 Tim "Draffin" Murphy Sydney, NSW, Aus
LF 5

1907

Feb 19 [Jack Johnson](#) Sydney, NSW, Aus
LK 1

-Negro Heavyweight Championship of the World

Some sources report 12/19/06

Aug 26 Malley Jackson Broken Hill, NSW, Aus
KO 14

Oct 3 Bill Lang Broken Hill, NSW, Aus
LK 12

-Heavyweight Championship of Australia;

Some sources report 10/07/07

1908

Feb 17 Bill Lang Melbourne, Vic, Aus
LT 7

-Heavyweight Championship of Australia

Aug 21 Sid Russell Sydney, NSW, Aus
L 20

1909

Apr 13 Sid Russell Sydney, NSW, Aus
KO 16
May 25 Jack Whittaker Sydney, NSW, Aus
W 20
Jul 5 Mike Williams Melbourne, Vic, Aus
LK 1
Sep 8 Bill Turner Hobart, TAS, Aus
LK 8
Nov 27 Bob Fitzsimmons Sydney, NSW, Aus
EX 2
Dec 8 Billy McColl Tamworth, NSW, Aus
LK 7

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

1895

Joe Goddard
W 20
Joe Goddard
W 10

1911

May 22 Bill Turner Broken Hill, NSW, Aus
LK 2
