

Ted Lowry



Ted Lowry was a nationally ranked boxer who was New England heavyweight champion and New England light-heavyweight champion at the same time. He defeated Bernie Reynolds for the heavyweight title in 1943 after beating Vic Palmieri, the Italian Jack Dempsey, for the light-heavy crown in 1942.

For the last 10 years, Ted has managed the Greater Norwalk Boxing Association, an organization whose primary purpose is to help young Norwalk men to become productive citizens. But, in his heyday, Ted nearly made it to the top of his field.

Over his 15-year career, from 1940 through 1955, he fought five world champions, including light-heavyweights Archie Moore, Joey Maxim, and Tiger Jack Fox, as well as Rocky Marciano. He is the only boxer to go the distance twice with Marciano.

During his stint as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army, during World War II, he fought an exhibition match with the then-reigning champion of the world, Joe Louis, in Camp Polk, Louisiana. The exhibition was staged for the benefit of the servicemen in the area.

Over his lifetime, Lowry was an active and aggressive athlete. He played baseball, track, basketball, and soccer in his native New Haven area, as well as in the Portland, Maine area. He played college football with Allen University, in Columbia, South Carolina, and coached football and boxing in Portland after his boxing career was over.

As director of the Greater Norwalk Boxing Association, Lowry has won plaudits from many, including a letter of commendation from then President Ronald Reagan in 1985. His group has numbered as many as 50 youths during winter months and currently has 28 members.