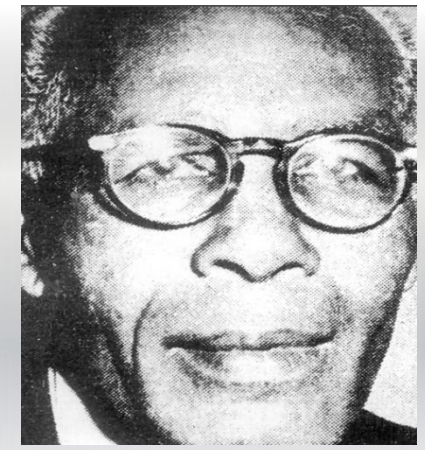
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HALL OF FAME



Frederick Alexander

Boxing

Inducted in 1984

Frederick 'Fearless Freddie' Alexander, fighting in an era when weight classification meant little to the boxing authorities, 'Fearless Freddie' Alexander would go on to claim titles – and victims – across three weight divisions.

In his prime fighting years, the frequency of boxing matches also meant little, meaning that like many boxers, Alexander would take to the ring with great regularity. It did not make any difference, he still won his bouts, working his way to the top in the Lightweight division, and winning the national championship in 1923.

Having achieved all that was possible for him as a Lightweight in Trinidad, Alexander moved up to fight Welterweight boxers and defeated everyone in that category as well.

By 1927, he had run out of challengers on the local scene and so opted for nearby Venezuela. There, he beat all pretenders to his crown, necessitating fight promoters to get creative.

On one occasion a promoter arranged for the seemingly unbeatable Alexander to fight three boxers in one night. Freddie proceeded to knock out the first two opponents, then won the third bout on points.

He returned to Trinidad and got the best challenge of his career to date when he met Barbadian boxer, 'Busy' Billy, in a bruising, bloody bout in St. Vincent Street, Port of Spain. Alexander would come out on top, the referee having to stop the fight to stop Billy receiving any further punishment. By this time Alexander was now the holder of three titles for three different weights, having also taken the national Middleweight title (which would not be possible with today's stricter division rules).

By 1931 his formidable powers were on the wane. He lost the titles of the higher weight divisions, leaving him with just the Lightweight title. At this point he fought Taffy Holder, seven years his junior, and Fearless Freddie lost the crown to the younger man. Despite this, his record remains a glowing one, having dominated boxing for eight thrilling years, and in 1984 he was part of the first batch of inductees into the Trinidad and Tobago Sports Hall of Fame.