



BLACK **HISTORY** **MONTH**

**BLACK AMATEUR CHAMPIONS
DOWN THE YEARS**

INTRODUCTION



As we conclude Black History Month, we take a look at a few of the iconic trailblazing black boxers who have made a huge impact on the Amateur boxing scene. There are many more boxers who are also deserving to be among this group. However, the ones chosen have had significant impact and have all gone on to inspire (or will inspire) the next generation of Black boxers in our great sport.

RANDOLPH TURPIN

Randy began boxing aged 12 for the Leamington Boys Club, where he won 95 out of 100 amateur contests. He became the only British amateur boxer to win the Junior and Senior National ABA titles in the same year, in 1945.



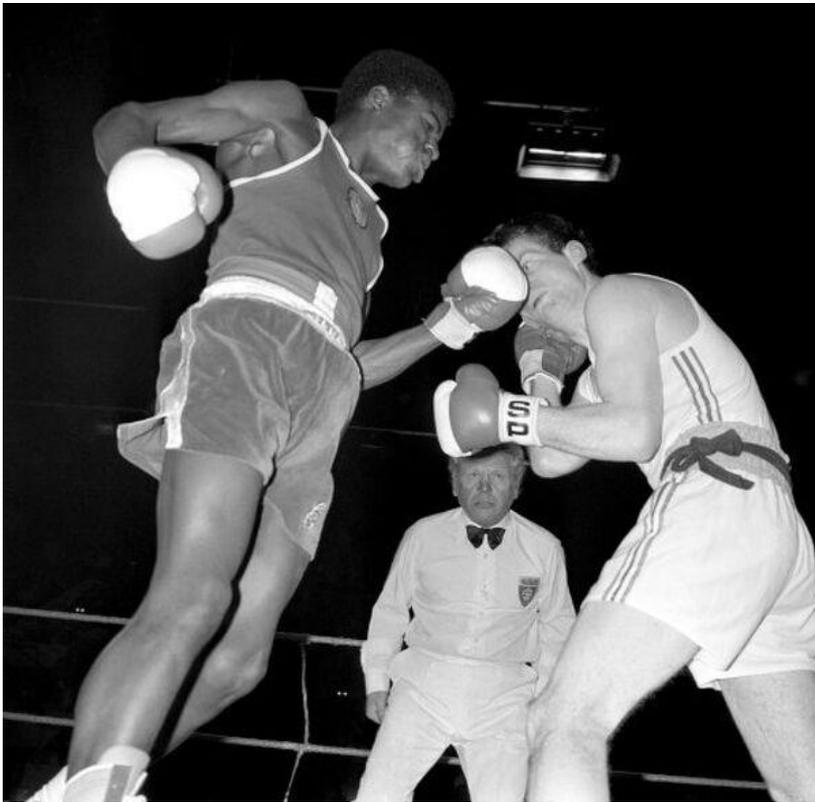
In winning the Senior Title, Randy also became the youngest Senior ABA champion at only 17 years old. He repeated the feat the following year in 1946, then turned professional, where he continued to shine.



ERROL CHRISTIE

One of the greatest amateur boxers ever produced in this country. Champion in every tournament he ever entered, and listed in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the only British boxer to win all 10 amateur titles, Errol also won a European under-19 Gold medal in 1982.

Originally from Leicester, he however boxed his entire amateur career for Standard Triumph ABC in Coventry. Won the Senior ABA National Title in 1981 at Light-Middleweight and won a Bronze medal at the European Championships the same year. Captained England team from 1980 to 1983.



AUDLEY HARRISON

Won Olympic Gold at Super-Heavyweight at Sydney in 2000, thereby becoming Great Britain's first Boxing Gold medallist since 1968 when Chris Finnegan had triumphed at Middleweight in Mexico.



Twice won the Senior National ABA Championship (1997 and 1998) for Repton, and won Commonwealth Gold in 1998. Without Audley, there may never have been a funded GB Boxing programme.



NICOLA ADAMS

The most decorated amateur ever boxer produced in this country. Winning her first ever bout, it took four years to find her second opponent. Became Senior National champion in 2003, and won the title three more times, for Hard and Fast and Haringey.

The first ever female to win an Olympic Gold Medal (2012) and retained the title in 2016. Also won Gold at World, European Championship, European Games, European Union (twice) and Commonwealth Games.



ANTHONY JOSHUA

Best known for winning Gold at the London 2012 Olympics. A relatively late starter in the sport, Anthony only began boxing in 2007, aged 18, at Finchley ABC.

Crowned Senior National ABA Champion in 2010 and again in 2011, Anthony then went on to win silver at the World Amateur Championships that same year.

