

The Longhaired Boxer: Ed Malave and His Legacy in the Ring

Ed Malave, known affectionately as "The Longhaired Boxer," was a true pioneer in the sport of boxing. With his distinctive long hair and relentless fighting spirit, Malave became an icon in the boxing world, inspiring countless young fighters and leaving an enduring legacy that continues to this day.



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Early Life and to Boxing

Ed Malave was born on December 2, 1949, in New York City to Puerto Rican parents. Growing up in a tough neighborhood, Malave found solace and discipline in boxing. He began training at the age of 13 at the legendary Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn, where he honed his skills under the tutelage of renowned trainer Cus D'Amato.

Malave's lanky frame and unorthodox style set him apart from his peers. He possessed lightning-fast reflexes, slippery footwork, and a never-say-die attitude. Despite his unconventional approach, Malave quickly rose through the ranks, earning a reputation as a formidable opponent.

Professional Career as "The Longhaired Boxer"

In 1970, Malave turned professional and adopted his iconic moniker, "The Longhaired Boxer." With his long hair flowing behind him, Malave became a spectacle in the ring. He fought with passion and determination, captivating audiences with his fearless style.

Malave's early career was marked by a string of impressive victories. He defeated future world champions such as Roberto Duran and Esteban De Jesus, establishing himself as a serious contender in the lightweight division. In 1974, Malave earned his first world title shot against the legendary Roberto Mano de Piedra Duran.

Despite a valiant effort, Malave lost a close decision to Duran. However, his courageous performance against one of the greatest boxers of all time only solidified his status as a true warrior. Malave continued to fight at a high level throughout the 1970s, challenging for world titles on multiple occasions.

Becoming a Journeyman and Trainer

As Malave entered the latter stages of his career, he transitioned from a contender to a journeyman. He fought some of the most skilled and dangerous fighters of his time, including Tommy Hearns, Sugar Ray Leonard, and Marvin Hagler. Malave's experience and knowledge proved invaluable to these rising stars.

After retiring from the ring, Malave dedicated his life to training the next generation of fighters. He returned to Gleason's Gym, where he mentored countless boxers, sharing his wisdom and unwavering spirit. Malave's legacy as a trainer continues to inspire and shape the careers of young boxers to this day.

Personal Life and Legacy

Outside the ring, Malave was a devoted family man and a respected member of his community. He married his wife, Kathy, and had three children. Malave was known for his kindness, generosity, and his unwavering support for his fellow boxers.

Ed Malave passed away on July 27, 2020, at the age of 70. His legacy as "The Longhaired Boxer" lives on as a symbol of resilience, determination, and the power of the human spirit. Malave's impact on the sport of boxing is immeasurable, inspiring generations of fighters and leaving an enduring mark on the boxing world.

Ed Malave was more than just a boxer. He was a true pioneer who broke down barriers and made an indelible mark on the sport. His long hair, relentless spirit, and unwavering determination continue to inspire fighters and fans alike. Malave's legacy as "The Longhaired Boxer" will forever be etched in the annals of boxing history, reminding us of the indomitable spirit that lies within us all.



Caption: Ed Malave in the ring during his fight against Roberto Duran in 1974.

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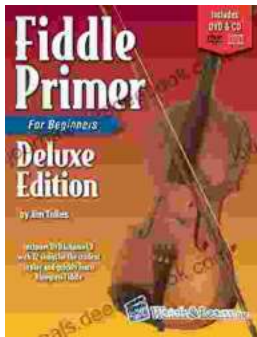
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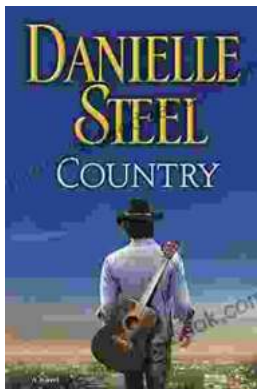
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