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Billy Spider Kelly (Derry)

Active: 1951-1962

Weight classes fought in: feather, light

Recorded fights: 81 contests (won: 54 lost: 23 drew: 4)

Born: 21st April 1932

Fight Record

1951

- Feb 21 Pat McCusker (Belfast) WKO2(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast**
Source: Boxing News 07/03/1951 page 10
Kelly 9st 3lbs 12ozs McCusker 8st 13lbs 8ozs
- Mar 7 Maurice Gordon (Dublin) WRD3(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast**
Source: Boxing News 14/03/1951 page 13
Kelly 9st 3lbs Gordon 8st 9lbs 8ozs
- Mar 17 Bob O'Hara (Portadown) WPTS(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast**
Source: Boxing News 28/03/1951 page 12
Kelly 9st 1lbs 8ozs O'Hara 8st 13lbs 12ozs
- Apr 4 Jackie Molloy (Liverpool) WRSF6(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast**
Source: Boxing News 11/04/1951 page 13
Kelly 9st 4lbs Molloy 9st 2lbs 4ozs
- Apr 14 Nelson Blackburn (Paisley) WPTS(6) St Mungo Hall, Glasgow**
Source: Boxing News 18/04/1951 page 13
Kelly 9st 3lbs 8ozs Blackburn 9st 1lbs 8ozs

Apr 21 Jackie Molloy (Liverpool) WKO1(6) St Mungo Hall, Glasgow
Source: Boxing News 25/04/1951 page 12
Kelly 9st 5lbs Molloy 9st 7lbs

Apr 30 Don McTaggart (Paisley) LPTS(6) Ice Rink, Ayr
Source: Boxing News 09/05/1951 page 10
McTaggart was Scottish Area Lightweight Champion 1953.
Kelly 9st 3lbs 7ozs McTaggart 9st 0lbs 8ozs

May 26 John Griffen (Belfast) WRD4(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 06/06/1951 page 12
Griffen was Northern Ireland Area Featherweight Champion 1953.
Kelly 9st 2lbs 4ozs Griffen 9st 0lbs

Jun 23 Jim O'Brien (Belfast) WKO8(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 04/07/1951 page 11
Kelly 9st 5lbs O'Brien 9st 7lbs 8ozs

Jun 30 Peppy Smith (Jamaica) WKO3(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 11/07/1951 page 12
Kelly 9st 1lbs 12ozs Smith 9st 3lbs 8ozs
Promoter: George Connell

Jul 14 Len Shaw (Sheffield) WPTS(8) Grosvenor Park, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 25/07/1951 page 10
Kelly 9st 0lbs 8ozs Shaw 8st 9lbs 12ozs

Jul 28 Bobby Dodoo (Gold Coast) WPTS(8) Grosvenor Park, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 08/08/1951 pages 12 and 13
Kelly 9st 1lbs Dodoo 8st 11lbs

Sep 5 Harry Croker (Leeds) WPTS(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 12/09/1951 page 14
Kelly 9st 1lbs 8ozs Croker 8st 12lbs 8ozs

Sep 15 Hugh Mackie (British Guiana) LRSF3(8) Guildhall, Derry
Source: Boxing News 26/09/1951 page 10
Kelly 9st 3lbs 4ozs Mackie 9st 4lbs 8ozs
cut eye

Oct 31 Pat McCoy (Galway) WPTS(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 07/11/1951 page 13
Kelly 9st 3lbs McCoy 9st 2lbs 4ozs

Nov 17 Arthur Jarrett (Jamaica) WRSF7(8) Guildhall, Derry
Source: Boxing News 28/11/1951 page 13
Kelly 9st 5lbs 8ozs Jarrett 9st 1lbs 8ozs

Dec 1 Jock Bonas (Rotherham) WPTS(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 12/12/1951 page 7
Match made at 9st 3lbs Kelly 9st 4lbs 8ozs Bonas 9st 1lbs
Kelly overweight and paid forfeit

Dec 22 Joe King (Belfast) WPTS(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 09/01/1952 page 11

Kelly 9st 5lbs 4ozs King 9st 2lbs 4ozs

cut eye

1952

Jan 5 Roy Bennett (Salford) WPTS(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 16/01/1952 page 11

Kelly 9st 6lbs 4ozs Bennett 9st 5lbs 8ozs

Jan 19 Charlie Simpkins (Bridlington) WPTS(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 30/01/1952 page 11

Kelly 9st 2lbs Simpkins 9st 2lbs 12ozs

Feb 16 Harry Croker (Leeds) WPTS(8) Derry

Source: *Vic Hardwicke (Boxing Historian)*

Feb 23 Brian Jelley (Bury) WRSF4 King's Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 05/03/1952 pages 12 and 13

Kelly 9st 3lbs Jelley 9st 2lbs 8ozs

Mar 22 Dan Collie (Nigeria) WPTS(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 09/04/1952 page 10

Kelly 9st 4lbs 12ozs Collie 9st 8lbs 4ozs

Apr 12 Bobby Dodoo (Gold Coast) WPTS(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 30/04/1952 page 10

Kelly 9st 4lbs Dodoo 9st 2lbs 4ozs

Apr 26 Gene Caffrey (Glasgow) WPTS(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 07/05/1952 pages 12 and 13

Kelly 9st 3lbs Caffrey 8st 12lbs 4ozs

Jun 7 Bernard Fairbanks (Hanley) WRSF4(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 18/06/1952 pages 11 and 12

Kelly 9st 3lbs Fairbanks 9st 0lbs

Jun 21 Jack Walton (Leeds) WKO3(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 02/07/1952 pages 10 and 11

Kelly 9st 1lbs 8ozs Walton 8st 13lbs 8ozs

Jun 28 Jackie Horseman (West Hartlepool) WPTS(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 09/07/1952 page 11

Horseman was Northern Area Featherweight Champion 1951.

Kelly 9st 2lbs Horseman 8st 13lbs 12ozs

Jul 19 Teddy Odus (Nigeria) WPTS(8) Brandywell Grounds, Derry

Source: *Boxing News* 30/07/1952 page 10

Kelly 9st 2lbs Odus 9st 3lbs

Promoter: Willie Gallagher

Sep 27 George Lamont (Glasgow) WPTS(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 08/10/1952 page 10

Kelly 9st 3lbs 12ozs Lamont 8st 13lbs

Oct 11 Tommy Miller (Blackburn) LPTS(8) King's Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 22/10/1952 page 10
Miller boxed a British Featherweight Title Eliminator twice in 1952 and was Scottish Area Featherweight Champion 1952.
Kelly 9st 2lbs Miller 8st 8lbs 8ozs
Attendance: 11000

Nov 29 Eddie Moran (Leeds) WRTD5(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 10/12/1952 page 12
Kelly 9st 4lbs Moran 9st 1lbs

Dec 27 Jim Travers (Coatbridge) DRAW(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 07/01/1953 page 11
Kelly 9st 1lbs 8ozs Travers 9st 2lbs

1953

Jan 17 Rufus Cobson (Gold Coast) WRTD5(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 28/01/1953 page 11
Kelly 9st 2lbs 4ozs Cobbson 9st 3lbs 12ozs

Mar 7 Denny Dawson (Sheffield) WPTS(8) King's Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 18/03/1953 page 11
Dawson was Central Area Featherweight Champion 1953.
Kelly 9st 1lbs 4ozs Dawson 9st 3lbs 12ozs
Attendance: 14000

Apr 11 Tommy Miller (Blackburn) WPTS(8) King's Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 22/04/1953 page 10
Kelly 9st 2lbs Miller 8st 12lbs
Promoter: Nat Joseph

May 2 Tommy Higgins (Hanley) WRTD6(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 13/05/1953 page 11
Higgins boxed for the Midlands Area Featherweight Title 1953.
Kelly 9st 3lbs 8ozs Higgins 9st 2lbs 4ozs

May 16 Hugh Mackie (British Guiana) WPTS(8) Guildhall, Derry
Source: Boxing News 27/05/1953 page 15
Kelly 9st 2lbs 8ozs Mackie 9st 3lbs

Jul 29 John Griffen (Belfast) WPTS(12) Guildhall, Derry
Source: Boxing News 12/08/1953 page 11
(Northern Ireland Area Featherweight Title)

Aug 29 Al Young (Jamaica) WPTS(8) Ulster Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 09/09/1953 page 11
Kelly 9st 3lbs Young 9st 2lbs

Oct 3 Ronnie Clayton (Blackpool) LRTD9(10) King's Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 07/10/1953 page 3

Clayton was British Featherweight Champion 1947-54 and British Empire Featherweight Champion 1947-51 and European Featherweight Champion 1947-48.

Match made at 9st 2lbs

Attendance: 15000

damaged nose

Nov 21 Eddie McCormick (Deal) WPTS(10) King's Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 25/11/1953 page 14

Kelly 9st 2lbs 8ozs McCormick 9st 0lbs

McCormick sub for Gavino Furesi(Italy)

Dec 8 Hogan Bassey (Nigeria) WPTS(8) Arena, Harringay

Source: *Boxing News* 16/12/1953 pages 3, 04 and 5

Kelly 9st 1lbs 12ozs Bassey 9st 1lbs

1954

Feb 16 Altidori Polidori (Italy) WRSF2(8) Arena, Harringay

Source: *Boxing News* 19/02/1954 pages 3 and 4

Kelly 9st 1lbs Polidori 9st 1lbs 8ozs

cut eye

Apr 10 Roy Ankarah (Gold Coast) LPTS(10) King's Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 16/04/1954 page 5

Match made at 9st 2lbs

Referee: Billy Duncan

Jun 11 Jacques Legendre (France) WPTS(10) King's Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 18/06/1954 page 3

Kelly 9st 1lbs Legendre 9st 0lbs 12ozs

Jul 17 Juan Cardenas (Spain) WDSQ6(10) Windsor Park, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 23/07/1954 page 12

Kelly 9st 1lbs 12ozs Cardenas 8st 12lbs

Referee: Jack Hinds Promoter: Bob Gardiner Attendance: 3000

Oct 2 Roy Ankarah (Gold Coast) WPTS(15) King's Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 08/10/1954 page 5

(British Empire Featherweight Title)

Kelly 8st 13lbs 4ozs Ankrah 8st 11lbs

Dec 11 Juan Alvarez (Belgium) WPTS(10) King's Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 17/12/1954 pages 9 and 11

Kelly 9st 2lbs Alvarez 9st 0lbs 3ozs

1955

- Jan 22 Sammy McCarthy (Stepney) WPTS(15) King's Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 28/01/1955 pages 8, 09 and 10
(British Featherweight Title)
McCarthy was British Featherweight Champion 1954-55.
Kelly 8st 13lbs McCarthy 8st 13lbs 12ozs
- Mar 15 Teddy Peckham (Bournemouth) WPTS(10) Ice Rink, Streatham
Source: Boxing News 18/03/1955 pages 4 and 4
Peckham boxed a British Featherweight Title Eliminator 1952 and was
Southern Area Featherweight Champion 1955-56.
- May 27 Ray Famechon (France) LPTS(15) Donnybrook Bus Depot, Dublin
Source: Boxing News 03/06/1955 pages 8, 09 and 10
(European Featherweight Title)
Kelly 8st 12lbs 8ozs Famechon 8st 13lbs 1ozs
Attendance: 7000
- Sep 10 Flavio Ciancarelli (Italy) WPTS(10) Ulster Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 16/09/1955 page 11
Kelly 9st 2lbs 8ozs Ciancarelli 9st 2lbs
- Nov 19 Hogan Bassey (Nigeria) LKO8(15) King's Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 25/11/1955 pages 8 and 9
(British Empire Featherweight Title)
Kelly 8st 13lbs 2ozs Bassey 8st 12lbs
- Dec 27 Louis Poncy (France) WPTS(10) King's Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 30/12/1955 page 11
Kelly 9st 3lbs 8ozs Poncy 9st 1lbs

1956

- Feb 4 Charlie Hill (Cambuslang) LPTS(15) King's Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 10/02/1956 page 16
(British Featherweight Title)
Hill was British Featherweight Champion 1956-59.
Kelly 8st 13lbs 8ozs Hill 8st 13lbs 12ozs
Referee: Tommy Little
- Feb 27 Salvator Vangi (France) WPTS(10) Belle Vue, Manchester
Source: Boxing News 09/03/1956 page 4
Vangi 9st 0lbs 7ozs
- Apr 21 Charlie Tucker (Camberwell) LRSF7 Ulster Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 27/04/1956 page 4
Tucker boxed for the Southern Area Featherweight Title 1955.
Kelly 9st 2lbs 8ozs Tucker 9st 1lbs
cut eye

Oct 23 Percy Lewis (Trinidad) LPTS(8) Royal Albert Hall, Kensington

Source: Boxing News 26/10/1956 pages 8 and 9

Kelly 9st 8lbs 6ozs Lewis 9st 3lbs 4ozs

Dec 15 Syd Greb (Liverpool) WPTS(10) King's Hall, Belfast

Source: Boxing News

Kelly 9st 11lbs 4ozs Greb 9st 11lbs 8ozs

1957

Mar 16 Boswell St Louis (Trinidad) LRSF7(10) King's Hall, Belfast

Source: Boxing News 22/03/1957 page 5

Kelly 9st 11lbs St Louis 9st 10lbs 8ozs

Attendance: 12000

cut eye

Aug 15 Willie Toweel (South Africa) LPTS(10) Kelvin Hall, Glasgow

Source: Boxing News 23/08/1957 page 7

Referee: Frank Logan Attendance: 3500

Sep 6 Johnny Mann (Birmingham) LKO8(10) Belle Vue, Manchester

Source: Boxing News 13/09/1957 page 9

Mann was Midlands Area Lightweight Champion 1956-58.

Kelly 9st 8lbs 8ozs Mann 9st 7lbs 8ozs

Oct 5 Fernand Nollet (France) DRAW(10) Ulster Hall, Belfast

Source: Boxing News 11/10/1957 page 7

Kelly 9st 10lbs 8ozs Nollet 9st 9lbs

Referee: Jim McCreanor Promoter: George Connell

Nov 23 Jimmy Brown (Belfast) WPTS(10) King's Hall, Belfast

Source: Boxing News 29/11/1957 page 7

Brown boxed for the British Featherweight Title 1957 and was Northern

Ireland Area Lightweight Champion 1958.

Kelly 9st 9lbs Brown 9st 8lbs 12ozs

Attendance: 15000

1958

Mar 8 George Martin (Bermondsey) WPTS(12) King's Hall, Belfast

Source: Boxing News 14/03/1958 page 4

(British Lightweight Title Eliminator)

Martin boxed a British Lightweight Title Eliminator 1958.

Kelly 9st 8lbs Martin 9st 8lbs 12ozs

Apr 19 Ron Hinson (Dagenham) LPTS(12) King's Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 25/04/1958 page 7

(British Lightweight Title Final Eliminator)

Hinson boxed a British Lightweight Title Eliminator twice 1958 and was Southern Area Lightweight Champion 1958-59.

Kelly 9st 8lbs 8ozs Hinson 9st 8lbs 8ozs

Attendance: 12000

Sep 17 Guy Gracia (France) LRSF9(10) Kelvin Hall, Glasgow

Source: *Boxing News* 26/09/1958 page 12

Kelly 9st 10lbs 2ozs Gracia 9st 10lbs 14ozs

cut eye

Nov 29 Louis Ven Hoeck (Belgium) LRTD7 King's Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 05/12/1958 page 4

Kelly 9st 10lbs 8ozs Ven Hoeck 9st 9lbs

1959

Apr 18 Guy Gracia (France) DRAW(10) King's Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 24/04/1959 pages 8 and 9

Kelly 9st 9lbs 8ozs Gracia 9st 10lbs 4ozs

Referee: Ike Powell

Jun 17 Dave Charnley (Dartford) LDSQ6(10) Firhill Park, Glasgow

Source: *Boxing News* 26/06/1959 page 7

Charnley was British Lightweight Champion 1957-65 and British Empire Lightweight Champion 1959-62 and European Lightweight Champion 1960-61.

Referee: Frank Wilson

Oct 20 Barney Beale (Lambeth) WPTS(10) Empire Pool, Wembley

Source: *Boxing News* 23/10/1959 pages 8 and 9

(British Featherweight Title Eliminator)

Beale boxed a British Lightweight Title Eliminator twice 1959.

Kelly 9st 8lbs 4ozs Beale 9st 8lbs 4ozs

Dec 5 Ron Hinson (Dagenham) WPTS(8) King's Hall, Belfast

Source: *Boxing News* 11/12/1959 page 5

Kelly 9st 10lbs 2ozs Hinson 9st 10lbs 3ozs

1960

Feb 18 Teddy Best (Cardiff) LRSF4(8) Theatre Royal, Dublin

Source: *Boxing News* 26/02/1960 page 3

Best was Welsh Area Lightweight Champion 1957-63.

Kelly 9st 10lbs Best 9st 10lbs

Promoter: Larry McMahon

cut eye

Apr 23 Johnny Van Rensburg (South Africa) LPTS(10) King's Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 29/04/1960 page 5
Match made at 9st 12lbs Kelly 9st 9lbs 8ozs Van Rensburg 9st 9lbs 8ozs
Referee: Jim McCreanor Promoter: George Connell

Aug 30 Peter Heath (Coventry) LRTD5 Ice Rink, Streatham
Source: Boxing News 02/09/1960 pages 4 and 5
Match made at 9st 11lbs
Promoter: Stan Baker

Oct 28 Sammy Etioloja (Nigeria) WPTS(8) City Hall, Cork
Source: Boxing News 04/11/1960 page 3
Kelly 9st 10lbs Etioloja 9st 12lbs 8ozs
Promoter: Mike Callahan

Nov 24 Darkie Hughes (Cardiff) LPTS(12) Sophia Gardens Pavilion, Cardiff
Source: Boxing News 02/12/1965 page 8
(British Lightweight Title Final Eliminator)
Hughes boxed for the British Lightweight Title 1961.
Kelly 9st 8lbs 8ozs Hughes 9st 8lbs
Referee: Tommy Little

1961

Feb 24 Brian Jones (Nottingham) LPTS(8) Civic Hall, Birmingham
Source: Boxing News 03/03/1961 page 2
Kelly 9st 10lbs 8ozs Jones 9st 10lbs 13ozs
Promoter: Lew Phillips

Dec 7 Dave Coventry (Liverpool) LKO2(8) Stadium, Liverpool
Source: Boxing News 15/12/1961 page 3
Coventry boxed for the British Lightweight Title 1965.
Kelly 9st 13lbs 8ozs Coventry 9st 11lbs
Promoter: Mickey Duff

1962

Mar 3 Jim Spike McCormack (Belfast) DRAW(8) King's Hall, Belfast
Source: Boxing News 09/03/1962 page 8
McCormack boxed a British Lightweight Title Eliminator 1967 and was
Northern Ireland Area Lightweight Champion 1958.
Match made at 9st 12lbs Kelly 9st 11lbs 12ozs McCormack 9st 9lbs 12ozs
Promoter: George Connell

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