

Sammy Baker

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Name: Sergeant Sammy Baker
Career Record: [click](#)
Birth Name: Peniel Roy Baker
Nationality: US American
Birthplace: Huntsville, AL
Hometown: Mineola, New York, USA
Born: 1902-03-20
Died: 1984-03-00
Age at Death: 81
Height: 5'8"; 8'Prime;
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26 July 1927 - Ace Hudkins Gains Decision Over Baker

Ace Hudkins, Nebraska "Wildcat" of the welterweight ranks, got back at Sgt.. Sammy Baker for the technical knockout victory the Soldier boxer won over him several weeks ago by slashing his way to a victory in a return 10-round bout here tonight.

Hudkins took the decision by reason of a nine count knockdown in the fourth, while ringsiders also accorded him a majority of the rounds.

They battled on even terms through the opening round, Baker beginning the session by crowding Hudkins into a corner and landing lefts to the head and body. Hudkins opened a two-fisted attack, walloping Baker with left and right in quick succession, but took four hard lefts to the body.

Hot Work.

In the second Hudkins staggered baker with a straight left to the chin. Baker recovered and came back with a right cross to Hudkins' chin Hudkins smashed four lefts to Baker's face. Baker landed with his right every time Hudkins planted a left early in the third. Hudkins in a flourish battered Baker with several left upper cuts and rights to the body and closed the round with two rights to the chin.

Hudkins scored a knockdown in the fourth. Hudkins was forced to take a blow for every one he gave early in the round. After mauling each other in a clinch, Hudkins slashed three left hooks to Baker's head and Sammy came back with a hard right.

Baker Down.

Hudkins knocked Baker down with a right to the head, and the referee had counted nine when the bell rang.

Baker, after a brief exchange of rights in the fifth held on but Hudkins broke loose and knocked Baker down for a one count. Ace scored with a right to the chin, but took a heavy right to the body. Baker's face was bleeding badly but he appeared to have recovered from his grogginess and gave the Nebraskan blow for blow in a sharp exchange of rights and lefts.

Baker fought flat-footed in the sixth, battering Hudkins with hard rights to the head and body. Hudkins after a brief exchange of left jabs to the head, brought over a hard right to Baker's bleeding face. In a clinch Baker scored three rights to Hudkins' stomach, and jabbed with left to the Nebraskan's head.

Hudkins' lip was badly cut and his mouth was bleeding as the seventh started. Baker landed a terrific right to the head and three lefts to Hudkins head. In a clinch Hudkins caught Baker with rights and lefts to the stomach. Baker pounded Ace's injured mouth, but Hudkins was forcing the going.

Baker's Round

Baker made a strong showing in the eighth and ninth rounds. After a bit of wildness early in the eighth in which he missed rights and lefts to the head. Baker found the range and reciprocated for three lefts that Hudkins planted to his head, with several hard rights and lefts to Ace's head. Baker outscored Hudkins in an exchange of lefts to the chin.

Ace scored heavily with rights and lefts in the early part of the ninth, but took a left hook to the body, that appeared to hurt him. Both appeared to be tired, and went into a clinch. As they parted, Baker dropped Hudkins, but the Nebraskan

quickly regained his feet,

Hudkins displayed his fighting heart in the 10th, furiously pounding the soldier on the body and head with both hands. Baker, however, returned rights and lefts to Hudkins' body and head.

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