

**Standardized Tournaments And Ratings System
AUTHENTICATED KICKBOXING RECORD**

As of 1991 November 23

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JOE LEWIS

Born: 1944 March 07

Citizenship: United States

Birthplace: Knightdale, NC, USA

Height: 5 foot 11 inches (1.80 meters)

Martial Arts Background: Shorin-ryu karate

KICKBOXING RECORD

	Total	Wins	Losses	Draws	No Contests	Knockouts	Kick-Knockouts
Experimental Rules	14	13	1	0	0	13	2
Full-Contact Rules	7	4	3	0	0	2	0
STAR SUMMARY RECORD	21	17	4	0	0	15	2
SUMMARY TOTALS	21	17	4	0	0	15	2

RING STATISTICS

	Championship	Career
Qualifying Bouts	13	21
Rounds-Fought Average	2.1	3.2
Knockout Average	92.3%	71.4%
Kick-Knockout Average	15.3%	9.5%

NICKNAME

Sometimes referred to as the "Golden Boy," a reference to his unprecedented string of major tournament grand championships during the golden era of point karate competition.

SPECIALTY FIGHTING SKILLS

Side kick, ridge hand, double-hook combinations, generalship.

KICKBOXING TITLES
Father of Modern Kickboxing

STAR Historic Undisputed Heavyweight World Champion (Unlimited – Without Clinch-Fighting)
PKA Heavyweight World Champion (Unlimited – Experimental)
First Heavyweight World Champion (Unlimited – Without Clinch-Fighting)
USKA Heavyweight Champion (Unlimited – Experimental)
First Heavyweight US Champion (Unlimited – Experimental)

Date	Result	Weight	Opponent	Location	Method	Round	Sanction Rules	Promoter	Corroboration	W-L-D,KO,KKO
Titles - Notes										
1991 Nov 23	EXB	Unlimited	Leon Spinks	World Martial Arts Extravaganza National Exhibition Centre Birmingham, UK	Draw Exhibition	3	WKA Full-Contact	Unreported	S Video- taped 17	17-4-0,15,2
Kickboxing versus Boxing Mix-Match Exhibition with Decision										
1990 Aug 06	EXB	Unlimited	Bill "Superfoot" Wallace *1	Harrah's Lake Tahoe Hotel Casino Stateline, NV, USA	Majority Draw Exhibition	7	ISKA Full-Contact	Karyn Turner	S PPV, ESPN-TV 18,20	17-4-0,15,2
Exhibition with Decision										
1983 Oct 08	LOSS	194.9 lbs	Kerry Roop	Akron, OH, USA	TKO (cut)	4	PKA Full-Contact	Unreported	S ESPN-TV	17-4-0,15,2
PKA US Heavyweight Title bout (10th Title Bout)										
1983 Jul 16	WIN	194.9 lbs	Melvin Cole	Atlanta, GA, USA	TKO	4 (1:57)	PKA Full-Contact	Joe Corley	S ESPN-TV video 7	17-3-0,15,2
1983 Apr 17	LOSS	194.9 lbs	Tom Hall	Atlantic City, NJ, USA	DECISION	7	PKA Full-Contact	Howard Petschler	S ESPN-TV	16-3-0,14,2
1983 Mar 19	WIN	194.9 lbs	Charlton Young	Battle of Atlanta Karate Championships Atlanta, GA, USA	DECISION	7	PKA Full-Contact	Joe Corley	S ESPN-TV 11	16-2-0,14,2
1983 Feb 04	WIN	194.9 lbs	Curtis Crandall	Charlotte, NC, USA	DECISION	6	PKA Full-Contact	Ted Manios	S ESPN-TV	15-2-0,14,2
1982 Dec 09	WIN	Unlimited	Bill Morrison *2	Greenville, NC, USA	KO	3	PKA Full-Contact	Unreported	S ESPN-TV	14-2-0,14,2
1977 About	EXB	Unlimited	Clyde Davis	Tulsa Civic Center Tulsa, OK, USA	No-Decision Exhibition	3	None Full-Contact	Unreported		13-2-0,13,2
1975 Aug 24	LOSS	Unlimited	Ross Scott *3	Atlantic City, NJ, USA	DECISION	7	WBBL Full-Contact	Bernie Bolnick	S 8,9 video 6	13-2-0,13,2
1975 Jul 26	LOSS	Unlimited	Teddy Limoz *4	World Series of the Martial Arts Championships Honolulu, HI, USA	DECISION	3	WSMAC Experimental	Tommy Lee Marty Mains	S 2,7	13-1-0,13,2
WSMAC Heavyweight World Title bout (9th Title Bout) (PKA Heavyweight World Title Vacated by Sanction)										
1975 Jul 26	WIN	Unlimited	Ron Clay *4	World Series of the Martial Arts Championships Honolulu, HI, USA	KO	1 (1:55)	WSMAC Experimental	Tommy Lee Marty Mains	S 7 video 5	13-0-0,13,2
1974 Sep 14	WIN	Unlimited	Franc Brodar *5	<i>ABC Wide World of Entertainment</i> Los Angeles Sports Arena Los Angeles, CA, USA	KO (ridge hand)	2	PKA Experimental	Mike Anderson	S ABC-TV 3,11,12,13	12-0-0,12,2
Establishes PKA Heavyweight World Title (1st World Championship, 8th Title Bout) STAR Historic Recognition as Undisputed Heavyweight World Champion (2nd World Championship)										
1974 Feb 16	ND: WIN	Unlimited	Herb Thompson *6	1st Florida State Open Karate Championships St. Petersburg Junior College	No-Decision: TKO (quit)	1	None Experimental	David Meredith	S 6,14	11-0-0,11,2

				St. Petersburg, FL, USA						
1973 Sep 2	EXB	Unlimited	Felix Nicholson	1st Annual Open Karate, Kung-Fu and Kick-boxing Championship University of Dayton Field House Dayton, OH, USA	No-Decision Exhibition	2	None Experimental	Sonny Johnson	S 15	10-0-0,10,2
Kickboxing versus Boxing Mix-Match										
1971	WIN	Unlimited	Victor Moore	Kansas City, KS, USA	KO	1 or 2	USKA Experimental	Roger Carpenter	1	10-0-0,10,2
1971	WIN	Unlimited	Unreported #2	St. Louis, MO, USA	KO	2	USKA Experimental	Unreported	6	9-0-0,9,2
Retains USKA Heavyweight Title – 6th Defense (7th Title Bout)										
1971	WIN	Unlimited	Unreported #1	Houston, TX, USA	KICK-KO (to stomach)	3	USKA Experimental	Unreported	1,6	8-0-0,8,2
Retains USKA Heavyweight Title – 5th Defense (6th Title Bout)										
1971 Jun 23	WIN	Unlimited	“Atlas” Jesse King *7	US Championship Kickboxing Sunnyside Gardens New York City, NY, USA	KO	2 (2:30)	USKA PKBO Experimental	Aaron Banks	S CBS News 1,5	7-0-0,7,1
Rematch on Same Night – Retains USKA Heavyweight Title – 4th Defense (5th Title Bout)										
1971 Jun 23	WIN	Unlimited	“Atlas” Jesse King *7	US Championship Kickboxing Sunnyside Gardens New York City, NY, USA	KO	1	USKA PKBO Experimental	Aaron Banks	S CBS News 1,2,5	6-0-0,6,1
Retains USKA Heavyweight Title – 3rd Defense (4th Title Bout)										
1971 Jan 21	WIN	Unlimited	“Ronnie” Norman Barkoot	2nd United Nations Open Karate Championships Sunnyside Gardens New York City, NY, USA	KO	1 (1:25)	USKA PKBO Experimental	Aaron Banks	S 4,6,16 video 4	5-0-0,5,1
Retains USKA Heavyweight Title – 2nd Defense (3rd Title Bout)										
1970	ND: WIN	Unlimited	Wally Slocki *8	Toronto Karate Championships Toronto, ON, CANADA	No-Decision: TKO (quits)	2	None Experimental	Unreported	S televised 22,23,24 video 3	4-0-0,4,1
Rematch on Same Night										
1970	ND: WIN	Unlimited	Wally Slocki *8	Toronto Karate Championships Toronto, ON, CANADA	No-Decision: KICK-KO (knee used as uppercut)	2 (0:25)	None Experimental	Unreported	S televised 22,23,24 video 3	3-0-0,3,1
1970 Jun 20	WIN	Unlimited	“Big” Ed Daniel *9	US Pro Open Karate Championships Dallas Memorial Auditorium Dallas, TX, USA	KO	2 (1:00)	USKA Experimental	Lee Faulkner, Allen Steen	S televised 4,6,10,19 video 2	2-0-0,2,0
Retains USKA Heavyweight Title – 1st Defense (2nd Title Bout)										
1970 Jan 17	WIN	Unlimited	Greg Baines *10	US Professional Team Karate Championships Long Beach Sports Arena Long Beach, CA, USA	KO	2 (0:59)	USKA (PKA) Experimental	Lee Faulkner	S 2,4,19 video 1	1-0-0,1,0
Establishes USKA Heavyweight Title (1st US Championship, 1st Title Bout) Historic first kickboxing bout in North America										

LEGEND



KICKBOXING

Any stand-up combative sport where competitors fight with kicks and punches for a knockout or multi-judge decision over scheduled rounds divided by rest periods. Throughout the 1980s, the STAR System World Kickboxing Ratings strictly distinguished between kickboxing which prohibited clinch-fighting and muay Thai which permitted clinch-fighting. STAR regarded kickboxing and muay Thai as different sports. Since that era, combative sports have become more broadly divided between kickboxing and mixed martial arts. Sanctioning bodies have embraced competition and established kickboxing titles under multiple rule formats. For the sake of the historic record, all prominent rule formats have

been indicated within ring record compilations.

Predominant Kickboxing Rule Formats

Without Clinch-Fighting

INTERNATIONAL – low kicks and footsweeps allowed, no clinch-fighting, no throws (i.e. freestyle, boxe française-savate, WKA style)

FULL-CONTACT – no striking below the waist, no clinch-fighting, no throws, minimum or continual kick requirement (i.e. full-contact karate, American kickboxing, PKA style)

Clinch-Fighting Optional

EXPERIMENTAL – variable rule schemes from the early formative period of kickboxing (i.e. USKA, WSMAC, NKL), or special negotiated rules to enable a mix-match between contestants from otherwise different combative sports (i.e. kickboxer versus muay Thai fighter)

With Clinch-Fighting

ASIAN – low kicks and sweeps allowed, knees to body and legs allowed, limited clinch-fighting allowed, no throws (i.e. K-1, modified muay Thai, muay Euro, Japanese kick-boxing)

CHINESE – low kicks and sweeps allowed, knees to body and legs allowed, limited clinch-fighting allowed, throws and takedowns allowed (i.e. san shou, sanda)

THAI – low kicks allowed, knee and elbow strikes allowed, clinch-fighting permitted, no throws, scoring based on classic techniques (i.e. muay Thai, Thai boxing)

Sanctioning Groups

ISKA – International Sport Karate Association

PKA – Professional Karate Association

PKBO – Professional Kick-Boxing Organization

STAR – Standardized Tournaments And Ratings System

USKA – United States Kickboxing Association

WBBL – World Black Belt League

WSMAC – World Series of the Marital Arts Championships

Official Outcomes

DECISION – three judges score for the winner

MAJORITY DECISION – two judges score for the winner

SPLIT DECISION – two judges score for the winner, one for the loser

DRAW – the judges score for both contestants evenly

MAJORITY DRAW – two judges score evenly

SPLIT DRAW – one judge scores for each contestant, one even

TDRAW – technical draw (fight stopped without basis for a decision)

KO – knockout

KICK-KO (KKO) – kick-knockout

KICK-TKO (TKKO) – technical kick-knockout

TKO – technical knockout

NO-CONTEST – outcome officially set aside

NO-DECISION – competitive bout conducted without judges

M-WIN – official draw or no-decision in which the contemporaneous media sports reporters express a dominant opinion about who won

STAR Equalization Findings

For purposes of world-rated kickboxing competition and record keeping, STAR equalization findings differentiated between amateur and professional bouts, excluded bouts from other related combative sports (boxing, muay Thai, grappling), as well as arbitrated any peculiarities that occurred in the early and unruly era of kickboxing's rapidly changing rules and uneven standards for fair competition. The STAR System had no interest in advancing one competitor over another and never interfered with a competitor's official kickboxing record beyond the aforementioned distinctions.

- *1 **Wallace v Lewis:** The sport's first Pay-Per-View broadcast. Although officially an exhibition, ISKA judges brought in scores of 67-67, 67-67 and 67-66 for Wallace. At age 46, Lewis weighed 199 pounds; at age 45, Wallace weighed 166 pounds. Wallace earned \$25,000; Lewis \$17,500.
- *2 **Lewis v Morrison:** Standard PKA rules with boxing gloves, no striking below the waist, and 8 minimum kicks required per round.
- *3 **Lewis v Scott:** 6 minimum kicks required per round. Final scores: Scott 17, Lewis 12.
- *4 **Lewis v Clay, Lewis v Limoz:** Competition conducted inside a boxing ring wearing Safe-T-Equipment.
- *5 **Lewis v Brodar:** 10,000 spectators. Competition conducted on an open mat wearing Safe-T-Equipment. 3 by 2 minute rounds. A 3-punch rule prohibited

- more than three punches without a kick. Broadcast over ABC-TV's "Wide World of Entertainment" on 27 December 1974 at 11:30 p.m.
- *6 **Lewis v Thompson:** 2,500 spectators. 5-minute no-decision competition conducted wearing Safe-T-Equipment. Thompson abruptly quit the ring just before the end.
 - *7 **Lewis v King 1 & 2:** Jesse King did not realize he was being counted out in the first round. Joe Lewis agreed to an immediate rematch. The confusion led some press coverage to identify the knockout as coming in round 2, other coverage in round 3.
 - *8 **Lewis v Slocki:** Competition conducted on an open space hard floor, originally intended as a no-decision demonstration match. Under formal sanctioning rules, back-to-back bouts would not be permitted, especially bouts after a knockout. Lewis regarded this meeting as double knockouts. Slocki called it a demonstration. They were both correct. For the record books during this early phase of the sport, however, knockouts become official even with no-decision demonstration bouts.
 - *9 **Lewis v Daniel:** Ed Daniel stood 6 foot 6 inches and weighed 285 pounds compared with Joe Lewis at 5 foot 11 inches and 195 pounds. Both men received their black belts in Shorin-ryu karate from Eizo Shimabuku in Okinawa, though at different times. A Dallas police officer and karate instructor, Daniel also had a background in amateur boxing and professional wrestling.
 - *10 **Lewis v Baines:** As suggested by Kenpo master Ed Parker, the rules included kicking, punching, knees, elbows and footsweeps. Only crescent and round kicks were allowed to the head. Striking-and-holding and hitting-below-the-belt were prohibited. 4 by 3-minute rounds were scheduled inside a boxing ring with 12 ounce boxing gloves, barefoot or with elective gym shoes. Isshin-ryu black belt Steve Armstrong of Tacoma, Washington, refereed. Lewis received a standing ovation from the 6,000 spectators in the audience. The United States Kickboxing Association (USKA) sanctioning body was originally called the Professional Karate Association for this event; it had no relationship whatsoever with the subsequent PKA founded in 1974.

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