



Buddy Baer

Buddy Baer (b. June 11, 1915, d. July 18, 1986) was an American boxer, and the brother of heavyweight champion Max Baer. He was born Jacob Henry Baer, but was known as "Buddy". Standing 6'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall, Baer fought from 1934 to 1942 and was a good puncher. He and his brother Max knocked out colorful contender Tony Galento and fought Joe Louis. He boxed 57 professional fights, won 50 with 44 knockouts, and was defeated 7 times. Baer was chosen for the Ring Magazine's list of 100 greatest punchers of all time.

The highlight of his boxing career occurred in his unsuccessful attempt to win the heavyweight boxing championship from Joe Louis. Baer caught Louis with a big left hook in the first round and knocked the champion out of the ring. Louis, however, climbed back in before the count of ten, and eventually won the fight on a disqualification. Baer claimed that he had been hit, and knocked down, after the bell in the seventh round, and refused to come out for the next round. The referee therefore disqualified him. Louis knocked Baer out in the first round in their rematch. Later, Baer remarked "The only way I could have beaten Louis that night was with a baseball bat."

Buddy retired after the Louis bout and joined the US-Armed Forces, as did his brother Max. After the war Buddy appeared in movies and TV, owned a bar and worked as a Marshal at the California State Legislature.

Buddy appeared in several films. In 1949, Baer had a bit role in the Abbott and Costello romp, Africa Screams. He also appeared in Flame of Araby (1951), Quo Vadis (1951), Jack & the Beanstalk (1952) (another Abbott & Costello film), The Big Sky (1952), Slightly Scarlet (1956), The Giant from The Unknown (1958), and Snow White and the Three Stooges (1961). His television credits include guest roles in: The Adventures of Superman, Captain Midnight, Cheyenne, Circus Boy, Climax!, Gunsmoke, Have Gun, Will Travel, Peter Gunn, Rawhide, Sky King, and Toast of the Town.

Buddy as well as Maxi were known as the "professional good guys" or "the genial giants". The Sacramento sports reporter Billy Conlin wrote: "When they died, the "sweet science" lost two of the sweetest!" Buddy is buried in East Lawn Sierra Hills Memorial Park, Sacramento.

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Date of birth (location)

11 June 1915

Omaha, Nebraska, USA

Date of death (details)

18 July 1986

Martinez, California, USA.

Mini biography

Giant-sized brother of heavyweight prizefighter-turned-actor Max Baer... ([show more](#))

Actor - filmography

([1960s](#)) ([1950s](#)) ([1940s](#)) ([1930s](#))

1. Ride Beyond Vengeance (1966) Mr. Kratz
... aka Night of the Tiger
2. "Rawhide"
- Incident at El Crucero (1963) TV Episode Big Will Cornelius
3. The Bashful Elephant (1962) Tavern Owner
4. The Magic Fountain (1961) (voice) Big Benjamin
... aka Santa's Magic Fountain (USA)

5. Snow White and the Three Stooges (1961) Hordred
... aka Snow White and the Three Clowns
6. "Tales of the Vikings" (1959) TV Series Viking
... aka The Vikings
7. "Sky King"
- The Wild Man (1958) TV Episode The Wild Man
8. "Peter Gunn"
- The Chinese Hangman (1958) TV Episode Clarence
9. Once Upon a Horse... (1958) Beulah's brother
... aka Hot Horse (USA: reissue title)
10. "Wagon Train"
... aka Major Adams, Trail Master
- The Dan Hogan Story (1958) TV Episode The Tinsmith
11. Giant from the Unknown (1958) Vargas the Giant
... aka Giant from Devil's Crag
... aka Giant from Diablo Point
... aka The Diablo Giant
12. "Playhouse 90"
- Lone Woman (1957) TV Episode Angel
13. "Gunsmoke"
... aka Gun Law (UK)
... aka Marshal Dillon (USA: rerun title)
- Never Pester Chester (1957) TV Episode Stobo
14. "Have Gun - Will Travel"
- High Wire (1957) TV Episode Bolo
15. Hell Canyon Outlaws (1957) Henchman Stan
... aka The Tall Trouble (UK)
16. "Circus Boy"
- The Gentle Giant (1957) TV Episode
17. "Adventures of Superman"
- Three in One (1957) TV Episode Atlas
18. "Cheyenne"
- Big Ghost Basin (1957) TV Episode Moccasin Joe
19. "Jane Wyman Presents The Fireside Theatre"
... aka Jane Wyman Presents (USA: rerun title)
... aka Jane Wyman Theater (USA)
- The Way to Heaven (1956) TV Episode Toro Luez
20. Slightly Scarlet (1956) Lenhardt, Caspar Goon
21. "Climax!"
... aka Climax Mystery Theater (USA)
- The Fifth Wheel (1956) TV Episode Moe
22. "Captain Midnight"
... aka Jet Jackson, Flying Commando
- Doctors of Doom (1955) TV Episode Bluchner
23. "Damon Runyon Theater"
- Earthquake Morgan (1955) TV Episode

24. "Sheena: Queen of the Jungle"
- The Rival Queen (1955) TV Episode Bull Kendall
 25. Jubilee Trail (1954) Nicolai Gregorovitch Karakozeff 'Handsome Brute'
 26. The Marshal's Daughter (1953) Guest in card game
 27. Dream Wife (1953) Vizier
 28. Fair Wind to Java (1953) King
 29. The Big Sky (1952) Romaine
 30. Jack and the Beanstalk (1952) Sgt. Riley/The Giant
 31. Flame of Araby (1951) Hakim Barbarossa
... aka Flame of the Desert (USA)
 32. Two Tickets to Broadway (1951) Sailor on Bus
 33. Quo Vadis (1951) Ursus

 34. Africa Screams (1949) Boots Wilson
... aka Abbott and Costello in Africa

 35. Take It from Me (1937) Kid Brody
... aka Transatlantic Trouble

 1. "Toast of the Town"
... aka The Ed Sullivan Show (new title)
- Episode #2.27 (1949) TV Episode Actor
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