

Name: Tracy Harris Patterson

Years: December 26, 1964 to Present

Residence: New Paltz, New York

Brief Biography: Tracy was born on December 26, 1964 in Alabama. At the age of 11, Tracy moved to New Paltz where he joined the Huguenot Boys Club, which was a boxing gym that was owned and run by former Golden Glove and World Heavyweight Champion Floyd Patterson. Floyd took an interest in young Tracy and ended up adopting two years later. Floyd trained and managed Tracy to become a great featherweight boxer.

As an amateur, Patterson won two New York Golden Gloves Championships in 1984 and 1985. His second professional fight was at the Mid Hudson Civic Center in Poughkeepsie where he defeated Paul Mays in 38 seconds by KO. Patterson won the WBC Super Bantamweight title in 1992 with a TKO over Thierry Jacob in two rounds. He defended the title four times before losing the belt to Hector Acero Sanchez in 1994. After that fight, Tracy fired Floyd Patterson as manager and trainer and their relationship was never the same. In 1995 he captured the IBF Super Featherweight title with a TKO

over Eddie Hopson, but lost the belt later in the year when defending against Arturo Gatti. In 1997 he had a rematch with Gatti, but again lost in a decision. Tracy never retained the title again, and retired in 2001 at the age of 37 with a career record of 63-8-2.

Major Accomplishments: 1984 Golden Gloves Championship at 119lb and 1985 Golden Gloves Championship at 125lb, 1x WBC Super Bantamweight Champion in 1992, 1x IBF Super Featherweight Champion in 1995.

References: http://www.boxrec.com/media/index.php/Tracy_Harris_Patterson, http://www.answers.com/topic/floyd-patterson.