

Members of the Class of 1989



Everette "Elisha Obed" Ferguson

Elisha Obed was known as a hard-hitting boxer whose early successful career was attributed to his first boxing trainer, Larry Forsythe, a veteran in the field of boxing. Obed's first professional fight was against "Gypsy" Mike Whyms, and it marked the beginning of a brilliant boxing career, which was to extend to as many as 63 wins, 43 of which were by knockout.

Obed's trek to world recognition came after a number of epic fistic duals with Ray Minus Sr. then the top-rated fighter in his weight-class in The Bahamas.

On November 13, 1975, Elisha Obed defeated the reigning world champion in the junior middleweight category to become the World Boxing Council's Junior Middleweight Champion of the World. After enduring eleven grueling rounds, and displaying the utmost skill and courage, Obed, that night, defeated Miguel de Olivera of Brazil, to become the first Bahamian to win a World Title in boxing and the first Bahamian to win such a title in an Independent Bahamas.

Because of his accomplishments, Obed has made many Bahamians proud of their heritage, and he has served to inspire the dreams of many young Bahamians to ignore the odds and to aspire for the top in world level competition.