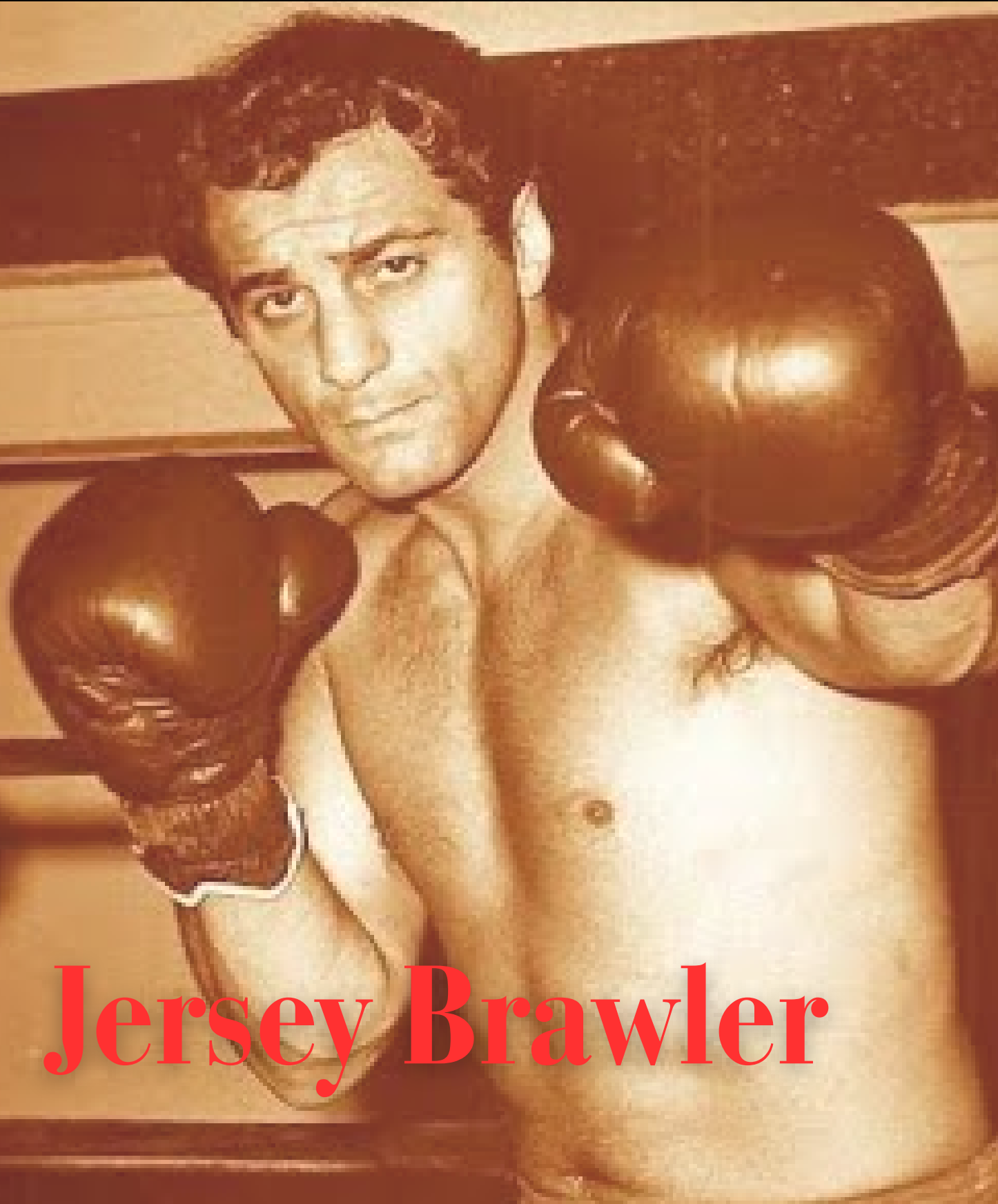


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The Story of Frankie DePaula

Project Summary

Logline: *Raging Bull* meets *Mean Streets*, *Rocky*, *On the Waterfront* in New Jersey.

Jersey Brawler: The True Story of Frankie DePaula explains the story of a heroic, yet troubled street brawler, turned light heavyweight contender. Frankie DePaula became a star in the public eye, and a target in the mafia underworld. His Johnny Boy attitude, and thrill for excitement brought him down a road of destruction. Frankie pushed the limits, and did not like to listen to anybody. He was feared by many, and not afraid of anything. He had no restraints on his tongue and used his fists for respect and allegiance.

Frankie started fighting in the streets of Jersey City, NJ as a young kid. He was known for his power shots, more than likely knocking his street opponent down in one punch. His ability to deliver the power punch garnered him over 1000 knock outs in the streets. It wasn't unusual to see Frankie taking on five to ten guys by himself, knocking them all out.

Frankie's first encounter with his boxing manager, Gary Garafola came in front of the Rag Doll, a Mobbed up Strip Club, in Union City, NJ. Gary was taking on ten guys by himself, when Frankie rushed over to help him out. The two men worked meticulously, knocking out all of their foes. Gary, former heavyweight contender, took a liking to Frankie and offered him a job as a bouncer at the Rag Doll. Frankie accepted and became an enforcer at the club, knocking out rowdy patrons. Gary saw a champion in Frankie and brought him into an underworld web that Frankie would never escape. He began collecting for key mafia figures, and hanging with some dangerous capos. Frankie loved the spotlight and enjoyed his new affiliation with the mob.

Frankie would become a legend in Jersey City throughout his boxing career. He began to build on his talents, becoming a well known fighter who could draw a crowd at the Garden. Jersey City followers tailed Frankie at every fight, waiting to see him massacre his next opponent. His raw power followed him from the streets to the ring. Joe Namath, Frankie Valli, Frank Sinatra all came out to see their friend fight.

At the pinnacle of his boxing career, Frankie was given a shot at the Light Heavyweight Championship against well known champion Bob Foster. The fight was over in the first round. Frankie went down three times, losing on the three knock down rule. After the fight much speculation about a fix was surfacing. Frankie's life and career would take a drastic turn for the worst. His credibility and tolerance was running thin with the mafia. His run-ins with the law couldn't be at a worse time for Frankie, with court hearings and indictments issued, he would have to cancel his future fights. The mafia was getting fed up with Frankie. He had to go, and the one who had to whack him was the one who brought him in, his manager Gary Garafola.

Proposed Cast:

Budget: 17 Million (Cast Contingent)

Frankie Depaula: 30, A Jersey City born street fighter who rose to become a contender for the light heavy weight championship of the world fighting in the garden. (Jeremy White, Oscar Isaac, Noah Centineo, Gabriel Basso)*

Gary Garafolo: Early 40s, A mobbed up club owner, boxing manager, former heavy weight boxer (Vin Diesel, Sly Stallone)

Maryanne DePaula: 19-30, tough Italian mother, raising her kids the hard way, alone and with very little money.

Richard Phelan: Early 30's, A skinny street thug, who will do anything to earn a dollar

Jimmy Napoli: 30-40s - ruthless mob chieftain, with hands buried inside the gambling world. (Joe Cortese)

Robert DePaula: 19-30s, mixed up with addiction and compulsiveness. (Noah Centineo, Gabriel Basso, Frank Grillo).

Bobby Manna: Mob associate, known and feared by many. (Frank Grillo, John Bernthal)

Motts Casella: 40s-50's, mob associate out of New Jersey, tough and ruthless. (Frank Grillo, Vincent Pastore)

Sharon Elwell: 18-20, beautiful, seductive, conniving temptress, who flaunts around like a \$1000 dollar hooker. (Lily-Rose Depp)

Al Braverman: 50s, well-known for getting you a shot at the title in the garden, intelligent, effective trainer of many world champion boxers.

Mario the Midget: 30s, is four foot tall, hired as a watchmen to make sure Frankie trained and behaved. (Peter Dinklage)