



Ezzard Charles (1921-1975)

Known as the "Cincinnati Cobra" this local, professional American boxer gained his "World Heavyweight Champion" title in 1949. At the age of nine, he came to the West End to live with his grandmother and great-grandmother. As a teenager, he got into amateur boxing and won 42 amateur welterweight and middleweight fights before beginning his professional boxing career in 1940.

Fact: In 1976, the city recognized Ezzard Charles by renaming Lincoln Park Drive, the street he lived on when he became "World Heavyweight Champion," to Ezzard Charles Drive.

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