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Johnny Cooke (Bootle)

Active: 1960-1971

Weight classes fought in:

Recorded fights: 92 contests (won: 51 lost: 34 drew: 7)

Fight Record

1960

Jun 28 Ken Pugh (Liverpool) **WRSF4(6)** Victoria Hall, Hanley

Source: *Boxing News* 08/07/1960 page 3

Cooke 9st 12lbs 12ozs Pugh 9st 7lbs 8ozs

Promoter: Johnny Best

facial injury

Aug 11 John Bacon (Grangetown) **WKO1(6)** Stadium, Liverpool

Source: *Boxing News* 19/08/1960 page 5

Cooke 9st 10lbs Bacon 9st 10lbs

Promoter: Mickey Duff

Sep 15 Sammy Etioloja (Nigeria) **WRTD3(6)** Stadium, Liverpool

Source: *Boxing News* 23/09/1960 pages 8 and 9

Cooke 9st 8lbs Etioloja 9st 9lbs

Promoter: Mickey Duff

- Sep 29 Junior Cassidy (Nigeria) **WPTS(8)** Stadium, Liverpool
Source: Boxing News 07/10/1960 page 7
 Cooke 9st 11lbs 12ozs Cassidy 9st 11lbs 8ozs
- Oct 21 Mickey Driscoll (Brierley Hill) **WPTS(8)** Tower Circus, Blackpool
Source: Boxing News 28/10/1960 page 7
 Cooke 9st 11lbs Driscoll 9st 10lbs 8ozs
Promoter: Mickey Duff
- Nov 17 Alex McMillan (Glasgow) **WPTS(8)** Stadium, Liverpool
Source: Boxing News 25/11/1960 page 4
 Cooke 9st 9lbs McMillan 9st 10lbs
- Dec 15 Dave Coventry (Liverpool) **DRAW(8)** Stadium, Liverpool
Source: Boxing News 23/12/1960 page 2
 Coventry boxed for the British Lightweight Title 1965.
 Cooke 9st 9lbs 4ozs Coventry 9st 10lbs 4ozs
 Attendance: 4000

1961

- Jan 16 Jim Spike McCormack (Belfast) **WPTS(8)** Free Trade Hall, Manchester
Source: Boxing News 20/01/1961 page 7
 McCormack boxed a British Lightweight Title Eliminator 1967 and was
 Northern Ireland Area Lightweight Champion 1958.
 Cooke 9st 12lbs 8ozs McCormack 9st 12lbs 4ozs
Promoter: Gus Demmy
- Feb 22 Jimmy Gibson (Dunfermline) **WPTS(8)** Ice Rink, Paisley
Source: Boxing News 03/03/1961 page 2
 Gibson was Scottish Area Lightweight Champion 1960-61.
 Cooke 9st 13lbs 2ozs Gibson 9st 13lbs
Promoter: Peter Keenan
- Mar 13 Maurice Cullen (Shotton) **LPTS(8)** Free Trade Hall, Manchester
Source: Boxing News 17/03/1961 page 2
 Cullen was British Lightweight Champion 1965-68.
 Cooke 9st 8lbs 8ozs Cullen 9st 10lbs
Promoter: Gus Demmy
- Mar 23 Peter Heath (Coventry) **WPTS(8)** Stadium, Liverpool
Source: Boxing News 31/03/1961 page 2
 Cooke 9st 10lbs Heath 9st 8lbs
- Apr 24 Byron Hollingsworth (Trinidad) **WPTS(8)** Belle Vue, Manchester
Source: Boxing News 28/04/1961 page 3
 Cooke 9st 11lbs Hollingsworth 9st 11lbs 8ozs
Promoter: Harry Levene
- May 10 Roy Jacobs (Nigeria) **WPTS(8)** Kelvin Hall, Glasgow
Source: Boxing News 19/05/1961 page 3
 Cooke 9st 11lbs 4ozs Jacobs 9st 9lbs 10ozs
Promoter: Peter Keenan

May 15 Epiohane Akono (France) **DRAW(8)** New St James Hall, Newcastle

Source: *Boxing News* 19/05/1961 page 4

Cooke 9st 10lbs 8ozs Akono 9st 12lbs

Cooke sub for Maurice Cullen

Jul 6 Ebe Mensah (Ghana) **WPTS(8)** Stadium, Liverpool

Source: *Boxing News* 14/07/1961 page 5

Cooke 9st 11lbs Mensah 9st 9lbs 8ozs

Promoter: Mickey Duff

Sep 4 Dave Higgins (Fife) **WKO1(8)** Free Trade Hall, Manchester

Source: *Boxing News* 08/09/1961 page 5

Higgins boxed for the Scottish Lightweight Title 1961.

Cooke 9st 12lbs 12ozs Higgins 9st 7lbs 8ozs

Promoter: Gus Demmy

Oct 24 Brian Jones (Nottingham) **WPTS(8)** Stadium, Liverpool

Source: *Boxing News* 27/10/1961 page 3

Cooke 9st 11lbs 12ozs Jones 9st 10lbs 8ozs

Dec 7 Chico Velez (Puerto Rico) **WPTS(8)** Stadium, Liverpool

Source: *Boxing News* 15/12/1961 page 3

Cooke 9st 11lbs 4ozs Velez 9st 11lbs

Promoter: Mickey Duff

1962

Jan 30 Dave Coventry (Liverpool) **WPTS(12)** Stadium, Liverpool

Source: *Boxing News* 02/02/1960 page 4

(Central Area Lightweight Title)

Cooke 9st 8lbs 8ozs Coventry 9st 9lbs

Promoter: Mickey Duff

Mar 29 Guy Gracia (France) **WPTS(10)** Stadium, Liverpool

Source: *Boxing News* 06/04/1962 page 4

Cooke 9st 10lbs 8ozs Gracia 9st 9lbs

Promoter: Mickey Duff

May 15 James Ellis (USA) **LRSF8(10)** Stadium, Liverpool

Source: *Boxing News* 18/05/1962 page 5

Cooke 9st 12lbs Ellis 9st 10lbs

Referee: Jim Mahoney

Jun 18 Boswell St Louis (Trinidad) **WPTS(8)** National Sporting Club, Piccadilly

Source: *Boxing News* 22/06/1962 page 13

Cooke 9st 13lbs St Louis 9st 12lbs 12ozs

Oct 4 Maurice Cullen (Shotton) **LPTS(12)** Stadium, Liverpool

Source: *Boxing News* 12/10/1962 pages 4 and 5

(British Lightweight Title Final Eliminator)

Cooke 9st 7lbs 10ozs Cullen 9st 8lbs 12ozs

Promoter: Mickey Duff

Nov 6 Vic Andreetti (Hoxton) LPTS(8) Town Hall, Shoreditch
Source: Boxing News 09/11/1962 page 15
Andreetti was British Junior Welterweight Champion 1969-70.
Cooke 9st 10lbs Andreetti 9st 10lbs 12ozs

Dec 10 Nat Jacobs (Manchester) WPTS(8) Free Trade Hall, Manchester
Source: Boxing News 14/12/1962 page 4
Jacobs boxed for the British Middleweight Title 1966 and was Central Area Middleweight Champion 1965.
Match made at 10st 9lbs Cooke 10st 4lbs Jacobs 10st 8lbs 12ozs
Referee: Jim Mahoney Promoter: Gus Demmy

1963

Jan 14 Johnny Kramer (West Ham) WPTS(8) National Sporting Club, Piccadilly
Source: Boxing News 18/01/1963 page 2
Kramer was Southern Area Welterweight Champion 1962-63 and 1963-64 and Southern Area Middleweight Champion 1966-68.
Cooke 10st 7lbs 8ozs Kramer 10st 8lbs 12ozs

Feb 11 Al Sharpe (Belfast) WPTS(8) National Sporting Club, Piccadilly
Source: Boxing News 15/02/1963 page 4
Sharpe boxed a British Middleweight Title Eliminator 1966 and was Northern Ireland Area Lightweight Champion 1957-58 and Northern Ireland Area Welterweight Champion 1959-62.
Cooke 10st 5lbs 8ozs Sharpe 10st 8lbs

Feb 25 Joe Shaw (USA) WPTS(8) Belle Vue, Manchester
Source: Boxing News 01/03/1963 pages 8 and 9
Match made at 10st 2lbs Cooke 10st 3lbs 2ozs Shaw 10st 2lbs 12ozs
Referee: Wally Thom Promoter: Harry Levene

Mar 28 Jan De Vos (Holland) WPTS(8) Stadium, Liverpool
Source: Boxing News 05/04/1963 page 4
Match made at 10st 9lbs Cooke 10st 3lbs 4ozs De Vos 10st 8lbs 12ozs
Promoter: Ray Peers(Birkenhead) and Jack Turner(Preston)

Apr 19 Mauri Backman (Finland) LPTS(8) Helsinki Finland
Source: Boxing News

Jun 11 Joe Shaw (USA) LRSF1(8) Royal Albert Hall, Kensington
Source: Boxing News 14/06/1963 pages 5 and 8
Match made at 10st 9lbs Cooke 10st 4lbs 8ozs Shaw 10st 3lbs 8ozs
Promoter: Mike Barrett

Sep 12 Wally Swift (Nottingham) LPTS(8) Stadium, Liverpool
Source: Boxing News 20/09/1963 page 5
Swift was British Welterweight Champion 1960 and British Middleweight Champion 1964-65.
Cooke 10st 8lbs Swift 10st 11lbs 8ozs
Referee: Roland Dakin Promoter: Ray Peers and Jack Turner

Oct 21 Jackie Harwood (Bolton) WPTS(8) Free Trade Hall, Manchester

Source: Boxing News 25/10/1963 pages 12 and 16

Harwood boxed for the Central Area Middleweight Title 1967.

Match made at 11st 1lb Cooke 10st 7lbs 13ozs Harwood 11st 1lbs

Promoter: Gus Demmy

Nov 28 Wally Swift (Nottingham) WPTS(10) Stadium, Liverpool

Source: Boxing News 06/12/1963 page 5

Match made at 11st Cooke 10st 8lbs 8ozs Swift 11st 0lbs 4ozs

1964

Jan 13 Lucien Fernandez (France) LRSF8(10) Free Trade Hall, Manchester

Source: Boxing News 17/01/1964 page 4

Cooke 10st 6lbs 8ozs Fernandez 10st 6lbs 8ozs

Referee: Jack Lord Promoter: Gus Demmy

Mar 19 Jimmy McGrail (Liverpool) WPTS(12) Stadium, Liverpool

Source: Boxing News 27/03/1964 pages 4 and 7

(British Welterweight Title Final Eliminator)

McGrail boxed a British Welterweight Title Eliminator 1961 and 1964.

Cooke 10st 4lbs 4ozs McGrail 10st 5lbs

Promoter: Jack Turner & Ray Peers

Jul 28 Brian Curvis (Swansea) LRTD5(15) Coney Beach Arena, Porthcawl

Source: Boxing News 31/07/1964 page 5

(British and European Welterweight Title)

Curvis was British and British Empire Welterweight Champion 1960-66.

Cooke 10st 5lbs 12ozs Curvis 10st 5lbs 4ozs

Referee: Harry Gibbs Promoter: Jack Solomons Attendance: 12000

Sep 17 Tony Smith (Bootle) DRAW(8) Stadium, Liverpool

Source: Boxing News 50/02/1964 page 4

Smith boxed for the British Welterweight Title 1963 and was Central

Area Welterweight Champion 1962-65.

Match made at 10st 9lbs Cooke 10st 7lbs 4ozs Smith 10st 5lbs 8ozs

Referee: Mr Warner

Nov 12 Sammy McSpadden (Fulham) LPTS(10) Cambridge Hall, Southport

Source: Boxing News 20/11/1964 page 12

McSpadden boxed for the British Welterweight Title 1965.

Cooke 10st 7lbs 8ozs McSpadden 10st 4lbs 8ozs

Referee: Harry Humphreys Promoter: John James

Nov 26 Tony Smith (Bootle) LPTS(8) Stadium, Liverpool

Source: Boxing News 04/12/1964 page 3

Cooke 10st 7lbs Smith 10st 5lbs

Referee: Lew Smith

1965

- Jan 28 Tony Smith (Bootle) **WPTS(10)** Stadium, Liverpool
Source: Boxing News 05/02/1965 page 2
(Central Area Welterweight Title)
Match made at 10st 7lbs Cooke 10st 6lbs Smith 10st 6lbs 13ozs
Referee: Roland Dakin Promoter: Ray Peers and Jack Turner
- Feb 15 Jackie Harwood (Bolton) **WPTS(8)** Free Trade Hall, Manchester
Source: Boxing News 19/02/1965 page 4
Cooke 11st 0lbs 8ozs Harwood 11st 5lbs 8ozs
Referee: Harry Humphreys
- Mar 15 Jim Swords (Manchester) **WPTS(10)** Free Trade Hall, Manchester
Source: Boxing News 19/03/1965 page 5
Swords boxed a British Middleweight Title Eliminator 1965.
Cooke 11st 0lbs Swords 11st 3lbs 8ozs
Referee: Wally Thom
- Mar 30 Paul Armstead (USA) **WPTS(10)** Belle Vue, Manchester
Source: Boxing News 02/04/1965 page 5
Cooke 10st 6lbs Armstead 10st 1lbs 8ozs
Referee: Jim Mahoney
- Aug 15 Bo Hogberg (Sweden) **LPTS(8)** Gothenburg Sweden
Source: Boxing News
- Sep 10 Giuliano Nervino **WPTS(10)** Milan Italy
Source: Boxing News
- Oct 4 Jim Swords (Manchester) **WPTS(10)** Free Trade Hall, Manchester
Source: Boxing News 08/10/1965 pages 6 and 7
Match made at 11st 6lbs Cooke 10st 11lbs Swords 11st 4lbs 8ozs
Referee: Jack Board Promoter: Gus Demmy
- Dec 11 Willie Ludick (South Africa) **LKO2** Johannesburg South Africa
Source: Boxing News 17/12/1965 page 16

1966

- Jan 28 Bo Petersson (Sweden) **WPTS(8)** Gothenburg Sweden
Source: Boxing News 04/02/1966 page 11
- Feb 4 Aldo Battistuta (Italy) **WPTS(8)** Rome Italy
Source: Boxing News
- Mar 18 Stig Walterson (Sweden) **WPTS(10)** Gothenburg Sweden
Source: Boxing News
- Apr 14 Peter Schmidt (Canada) **WRSF5(10)** Stadium, Liverpool
Source: Boxing News 22/04/1966 page 5
Cooke 10st 6lbs 12ozs Schmidt 10st 8lbs
Promoter: Liverpool Stadiums
- May 13 Jose Gonzalez (Spain) **LRSF4** Marseilles France
Source: Boxing News

- Jun 20 Peter Cobblah (Ghana) WPTS(10) Hilton Hotel, Mayfair
 Source: *Boxing News* 24/06/1966 page 2
 Cooke 10st 7lbs 8ozs Cobblah 10st 6lbs 4ozs
 Promoter: Anglo-American Sporting Club
- Jul 14 Oblitey Commey (Ghana) LRSF5(8) World Sporting Club, Mayfair
 Source: *Boxing News* 22/07/1966 page 5
 Cooke 10st 5lbs 8ozs Commey 10st 5lbs 8ozs
 Referee: Bill White
- Sep 28 Ernest Musso (Rhodesia) LPTS(8) Midlands SC, Solihull
 Source: *Boxing News* 07/10/1966 page 4
 Cooke 10st 7lbs 12ozs Musso 10st 8lbs 4ozs
 Referee: Austin O'Connor
- Oct 10 Sugar Bill Robinson (Dulwich) WPTS(3) World Sporting Club, Mayfair
 Source: *Boxing News* 14/10/1966 pages 2 and 5
 ((Middleweight competition 1st series))
 Cooke 10st 12lbs 8ozs Robinson 11st 8lbs
- Oct 10 Liam Ske Mullen (Dublin) WPTS(3) World Sporting Club, Mayfair
 Source: *Boxing News* 14/10/1966 pages 2 and 5
 ((Middleweight competition semi-final))
 Cooke 10st 12lbs 8ozs Mullen 11st 0lbs
- Oct 10 Jackie Harwood (Bolton) LPTS(4) World Sporting Club, Mayfair
 Source: *Boxing News* 14/10/1966 pages 2 and 5
 ((Middleweight competition final))
 Cooke 10st 12lbs 8ozs Harwood 11st 6lbs 8ozs

1967

- Feb 13 Brian McCaffrey (Liverpool) WPTS(15) Belle Vue, Manchester
 Source: *Boxing News* 17/02/1967 pages 8 and 9
 (British Welterweight Title)
 McCaffrey boxed for the British Welterweight Title 1967.
 Cooke 10st 5lbs McCaffrey 10st 4lbs 4ozs
 Referee: Roland Dakin Promoter: Harry Levene
- Mar 30 Bo Petersson (Sweden) WPTS(8) Gothenburg Sweden
 Source: *Boxing News*
- May 9 Shaun Doyle (Barnsley) WPTS(15) Stadium, Liverpool
 Source: *Boxing News* 12/05/1967 page 4
 (British Welterweight Title)
 Doyle boxed for the British Welterweight Title 1967 and was Central
 Area Welterweight Champion 1965.
 Cooke 10st 6lbs Doyle 10st 5lbs 8ozs
 Referee: Harry Gibbs Promoter: Gus Demmy
- Aug 16 Carmelo Bossi (Italy) LRSF12(15) San Remo Italy
 Source: *Boxing News*
 (European Welterweight Title)

Oct 16 Lennox Beckles (Guyana) WPTS(15) Stadium, Liverpool

Source: *Boxing News* 27/10/1967 page 5

(British Empire Welterweight Title)

Referee: Roalnd Dakin Promoter: Lawrie Lewis

1968

Jan 4 Fred Powney (Doncaster) WPTS(10) Stadium, Liverpool

Source: *Boxing News* 12/01/1968 pages 4 and 6

Powney was Central Area Welterweight Champion 1968.

Match made at 10st 9lbs

Referee: Jack Lord

Feb 20 Ralph Charles (West Ham) LPTS(15) Royal Albert Hall, Kensington

Source: *Boxing News*

(British Welterweight Title)

Charles was British and British Empire/Commonwealth Welterweight Champion 1968-72 and European Welterweight Champion 1970-71.

Referee: Harry Gibbs Promoter: Mike Barratt

Apr 29 Len Gibbs (St Pancras) DRAW(8) Free Trade Hall, Manchester

Source: *Boxing News*

Gibbs boxed for the Southern Area Middleweight Title 1966.

Cooke 10st 11lbs 12ozs Gibbs 10st 12lbs

Referee: Billy Simpson(Blackpool)

Jun 10 Chuck Henderson (Peterlee) LPTS(10) Liverpool

Source: *Boxing News*

Henderson boxed for the British Welterweight Title 1969.

Sep 7 Oblitey Commey (Ghana) LPTS(10) Accra Ghana

Source: *Boxing News*

Nov 4 Bob Cofie (Ghana) WPTS(8) Liverpool

Source: *Boxing News*

Nov 12 Mark Rowe (Camberwell) LPTS(8) Pool, Wembley

Source: *Boxing News*

Rowe was British and Commonwealth Middleweight Champion 1970.

Dec 9 Don Davis (Jamaica) WPTS(8) Kensington

Source: *Boxing News*

1969

Mar 3 Roger Menetrey (France) DRAW(10) Paris France

Source: *Boxing News*

Apr 13 Lennox Beckles (Guyana) LPTS(10) Georgetown Guyana

Source: *Boxing News*

May 31 Robert Gallois (France) LPTS(10) Rheims France

Source: *Boxing News*

Sep 22 Edwin Mack **LPTS(10)** Rotterdam Holland

Source: Boxing News

1970

Jan 29 Tony Ortiz (Spain) **LPTS(8)** Madrid Spain

Source: Boxing News

Mar 10 Gus Farrell (Dublin) **WPTS(8)** Ulster Hall, Belfast

Source: Boxing News

Cooke 10st 6lbs 12ozs Farrell 10st 7lbs 4ozs

Referee: Billy Duncan

Mar 21 Marcel Cerdan (France) **LPTS(10)** Lyons France

Source: Boxing News

Apr 14 Des Rea (Belfast) **WPTS(10)** Ulster Hall, Belfast

Source: Boxing News

Rea was British Junior Welterweight Champion 1968-69.

Jul 9 Donato Paduano (USA) **LPTS(10)** Montreal Canada

Source: Boxing News 17/07/1970 page 2

Nov 11 Les Pearson (Pontefract) **LPTS(8)** USAF Base, Burtonwood

Source: Boxing News 20/11/1970 page 17

Pearson boxed a British Welterweight Title Eliminator 1971 and 1972

and was Central Area Welterweight Champion 1970-71.

Cooke 10st 8lbs 8ozs Pearson 10st 6lbs 8ozs

Referee: Billy Simpson

Nov 23 Eric Blake (Leatherhead) **LPTS(8)** Anglo-American Sporting Club, Mayfair

Source: Boxing News 27/11/1970 page 9

Blake boxed a British Middleweight Title Eliminator 1972 and was

Southern Area Middleweight Champion 1970-72.

Cooke 10st 12lbs Blake 10st 13lbs 8ozs

Referee: Benny Caplan

Dec 14 Alan Tottoh (Manchester) **WPTS(8)** Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester

Source: Boxing News 18/12/1970 page 4

Tottoh boxed for the Central Area Welterweight Title 1970 and 1973.

Cooke 10st 9lbs 8ozs Tottoh 10st 8lbs 8ozs

Referee: Billy Simpson

Dec 30 Tommy Gray (Fife) **WPTS(8)** Palace Lido, Douglas

Source: Boxing News

Cooke 10st 11lbs 8ozs Gray 11st 1lbs 8ozs

Referee: Ron Hackett

1971

Jan 16 Robert Gallois (France) **DRAW(10)** Rheims France

Source: Boxing News

Feb 22 Dick Duffy (Cardiff) WPTS(8) Afan Lido, Aberavon

Source: *Boxing News*

Duffy boxed a British Welterweight Title Eliminator 1967 and boxed a British Middleweight Title Eliminator in 1970.

Cooke 10st 10lbs 4ozs Duffy 11st 3lbs

Mar 4 Antonio Torres (Spain) LPTS(10) Barcelona Spain

Source: *Boxing News*

Apr 2 Garibaldi Pereira LPTS(10) Villeurbanne France

Source: *Boxing News*

Sep 2 Jorgen Hansen (Denmark) LPTS(8) Aarhus Denmark

Source: *Boxing News*

Nov 17 Les Pearson (Pontefract) LPTS(12) Midlands SC, Solihull

Source: *Boxing News* 26/11/1971 pages 4 and 5

(British Welterweight Title Eliminator)

Cooke 10st 5lbs 12ozs Pearson 10st 3lbs 8ozs

Referee: Roland Dakin

Nov 29 Giele Buitendag (South Africa) DRAW(10) Johannesburg South Africa

Source: *Boxing News* 03/12/1971 page 15

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