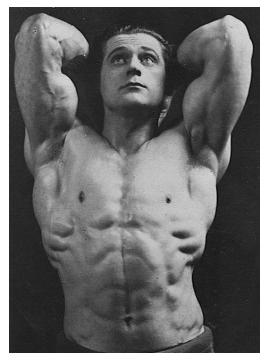




## **Ronald Walker**

Former World and Olympic Snatch Record Holder

## Olympian



Ronald Walker was one of the greatest global weightlifters in the 1930's who achieved superstardom setting World & Olympic records in the Super-Heavyweight division.

From 1931 to 1937, Walker who resided in Wakefield reigned as the British Heavyweight Champion.

He won silver at the European Championships in 1935 and the following year he recorded an official snatch world record of 135kg in the Super-Heavyweight division at an event in London.

Walker represented Great Britain at the 1936 Olympics. He set an Olympic record of 125kg in the snatch but had to settle fourth overall.

In 1948 he died from cancer at the age of 40.

During his lifetime Walker held 26 British Heavyweight records.