

KELLY “The Ghost” PAVLIK

Age: 28 (4-5-82)

Residence: Youngstown, Ohio

Birthplace: Youngstown, Ohio

Record: 36-2, 32 KOs

Height: 6'2"

Reach: 75"

Managers: Michael Pavlik (father), Cameron Dunkin

Trainer: Jack Loew

KELLY “The Ghost” PAVLIK (36-2, 32 KOs)...

- Ranked WBA #3, WBC #4, WBO #4 at 168 pounds; IBF #7 at 160 pounds...
- World championship fights: 4-1, 4 KOs...
- Former WBC, WBO middleweight world champion, three successful defenses...
- Boxing Writers Association of America “2007 Fight of the Year” – Pavlik TKO7 Taylor...
- Former NABF middleweight champion, two successful defenses...
- 1999 U.S. National Under-19 Championships (amateur), 147 pounds – Gold Medalist...
- 1998 National Jr. Golden Gloves Championships (amateur), 147 pounds – Gold Medalist...
- 1998 National Jr. PAL Championships (amateur), 147 pounds – Gold Medalist...

At the age of 28, Kelly is a 10-year pro. A former WBC and WBO middleweight world champion, he won the titles in September, 2007, with a sensational knockout against previously undefeated defending champion **Jermain Taylor**. The fight was voted “2007 Fight of the Year” by the Boxing Writers Association of America.

Kelly made three successful title defenses before losing the title against **Sergio Martinez** in his last fight on April 17.

After the fight, **Dan Rafael** wrote on ESPN.com [excerpts]: Although Pavlik came on strong in the middle rounds and seemed to be inching ahead, especially after scoring a seventh-round knockdown, Martinez dominated...after opening a terrible cut on Pavlik’s right eye in the ninth round. Pavlik also had a lesser cut on his left eye that opened in the first round, but the one in the ninth was very damaging. Pavlik was never the same after the cut.... Blood flowed freely and Martinez targeted the wound. He swept the final rounds and took the decision. [End Rafael item]

Kelly commented after the fight, “Martinez is a smart fighter. He doubled up on his jab a lot after he cut me. I couldn’t get anything going after the eighth or ninth round. In the last third of the fight, around the eighth or ninth round, he began touching me a lot. I tried, but it was very hard to come back at him. I couldn’t see out of my right eye after he cut it. I could not see his left hand coming. I wasn’t hurting, but he just had a lot of volume of punches.”

Regarding his upcoming fight, Kelly said, “This is life and death for me as a fighter. I must win. The future is now.”

Kelly’s webpage address is: www.teampavlik.com.

Key Fights – 2010 – LOST WBC, WBO M WORLD TITLES - in his last fight on 4-17-10 in Atlantic City, NJ, he lost a 12 round unanimous decision against lefthanded WBC super welterweight world champion **Sergio Martinez** (44-2-2): the fight headlined at Boardwalk Hall; Martinez started fast and swept the first four rounds on all three scorecards - he cut Kelly over his left eye in the 1st round, kept him off-balance with movement, and scored repeatedly with his jab and left hand; Kelly rallied in the middle rounds – he swept the 5th, won the 6th round on two scorecards, then scored a knockdown with a right uppercut in the 7th for a 10-8 round on all three scorecards; Kelly won the 8th round on two scorecards, but was cut badly over his right eye in the 9th round; Martinez rallied and finished the fight strongly - he swept the 9th, with one judge scoring the round 10-8 for him, then swept the 10th, 11th, and 12th rounds, and won by scores of 115-111, 115-112, 116-111...

2009 – 3RD WBC-WBO M WORLD TITLE DEFENSE – on 12-19-09 in Youngstown, OH, he TKO'd **Miguel Espino** (20-2-1): the fight headlined at the Beeghly Center, and Kelly dominated; Espino gave a good effort, but was penalized one point for punching after the bell had ended the 1st round; Kelly consistently landed the harder punches and steadily wore down Espino; Kelly scored two knockdowns in the 4th round, the first with a right uppercut that also bloodied Espino's nose, the second with a left hand-right uppercut combination; he scored another knockdown with a series of punches in the 5th round – Espino got up but was unsteady, and the referee stopped the fight at 1:44; after four rounds, Kelly led by scores of 40-33 on all three scorecards; after the fight, Kelly said, "There was a little bit of rust. I tip my hat to him. He came to fight. He was finding his way inside. He was a determined fighter. The kid fought a great fight."...

2ND WBC-WBO M WORLD TITLE DEFENSE - on 2-21-09 in Youngstown he TKO'd **Marco Antonio Rubio** (43-4-1): the fight headlined at the Chevrolet Centre; Kelly consistently pressed forward outworked Rubio, and landed the harder punches; Rubio rallied in the 6th round, but Kelly steadily wore him down and Rubio did not continue after the 9th round; after nine rounds, Kelly led by scores of 90-81 on all three scorecards; after the fight, Kelly said, "I knew he was taking a beating. You could feel it and see it. By the eighth round he didn't have anything."...

2008 – on 10-18-08 in Atlantic City he lost a 12 round unanimous decision against former middleweight world champion **Bernard Hopkins** (48-5-1): the fight headlined at Boardwalk Hall, and Hopkins dominated; he consistently outboxed and outworked Kelly, and landed the sharper punches; Kelly was penalized one point for punching to the back of the head in the 8th round, Hopkins was penalized one point for holding in the 9th; Hopkins rocked Kelly in the 12th round, and won by scores of 117-109, 118-110, 119-106...

1ST WBC-WBO M WORLD TITLE DEFENSE - on 6-7-08 in Atlantic City he TKO'd WBO mandatory challenger **Gary Lockett** (30-1): the fight headlined at Boardwalk Hall, and Kelly dominated; Kelly scored two knockdowns in the 2nd round – both with a series of right hands - when Lockett went to one knee at two different times; Lockett's nose was also bloodied and he was cut over his left eye in the round; Kelly scored another knockdown when Lockett went to one knee in the 3rd, and Lockett's corner threw in the towel to stop the fight at 1:40; after the fight, Kelly said, "He had good power. My jab was working and it helped me set up a lot of things - it stopped him in his tracks. I was catching him with good shots. He was smart to take a knee when I hit him. I knew each time he took a knee I had buzzed him."...

On 2-16-08 in Las Vegas, NV, he won a 12 round unanimous decision in the non-title rematch against former WBC, WBO and The Ring middleweight world champion **Jermain Taylor** (27-1-1): the fight headlined at the MGM Grand and drew a reported attendance of 7,706; it was a fast-paced, exciting fight, and several rounds were close, but Kelly constantly pressed forward behind a stiff jab and consistently outworked Taylor; he bloodied Taylor's nose in the 5th round, but his own nose was bloodied in the 6th; Taylor fought effectively in bursts, scored with hard punches, and rallied in the middle rounds, but Kelly staggered him with a right hand in the 11th and finished the 12th round strongly, and Taylor's right eye was swollen nearly shut at the final bell; scored 117-111, 116-112, 115-113; after the fight, Kelly said, "Jermain taking the rematch made the sport better. Taylor was better tonight than in the first fight, but I was better too. I put the pressure on, but he put the pressure back. I thought we both fought a great fight. I'll fight anybody, whoever they throw at me. We're trying to do the sport good."...

2007 – WON WBC, WBO, THE RING M WORLD TITLE - on 9-29-07 in Atlantic City, NJ, he TKO'd previously undefeated defending champion **Jermain Taylor** (27-0-1): the bout headlined at Boardwalk Hall and drew a crowd of 10,127, an estimated 5,000 of whom made the six-hour drive from Youngstown; it was a very exciting fight - one of the best of the year – as well as a come-from behind victory and a spectacular knockout; after a fast-paced opening round, Taylor staggered Kelly with a right hand midway through the 2nd, then scored a knockdown moments later that dropped Kelly to his hands and knees – clearly dazed, Kelly got up, but Taylor staggered him with a series of punches that sent him stumbling across the ring; Kelly showed tremendous heart and conditioning to survive the round, then rallied and outworked Taylor in the 3rd round; the following rounds were close – Kelly pressed forward, but Taylor moved and boxed effectively and built a lead on the scorecards; both landed hard right hands midway through the 6th, but

Kelly closed the show in the 7th round – he staggered Taylor with a right hand that backed him into the ropes, then scored a devastating knockdown with a series of punches that included crushing left and right uppercuts, and the referee jumped in to stop the fight without a count at 2:14 as Taylor slumped to the canvas; after six rounds, Taylor led by scores of 59-54, 58-55, 58-55; after the fight, Kelly said, “Now, I’m up there with all the great Ohio champions. We’re a small city. We’re a town of only 92,000 people, but those types of world champions out there – it’s an honor to be out there with these guys. Being in there with Jermain, the kid can punch like a mule. He caught me with a good one, I was really hurt bad. I felt like the leaning tower, it took me so long to go down. My legs just went out. I heard the count, then when I got up I still had a tingly feeling in my legs. The fans definitely helped me out - I could hear them yelling, ‘Kelly! Kelly!’ When I got back up he hit me with some more hard shots, but I got through. I was really shaky, I just did what I could to survive the round. I knew if I could survive that round, I’d have the fight. He can take a hell of a punch. Eventually I think it just caught up to him. It was a straight right hand. It was finding its mark all night. One thing I do have is the finishing touch. Those were real shots. If he could’ve gotten up, he would have. I tip my hat to him - he came to fight. He’s a hell of a fighter. It was heart, and it was the fans. The fans had a lot to do with it. I’m out of words. It’s huge. Are we going to Disneyland now?” ...

WBC M WORLD TITLE ELIMINATOR - on 5-19-07 in Memphis, TN, he TKO’d **Edison Miranda** (28-1): the bout was co-featured with the Jermain Taylor-Cory Spinks main event at the FedEx Forum, and it stole the show; it was a fast-paced, exciting fight from the opening bell, and very close through five rounds; Kelly started fast - he constantly pressed forward, backed up Miranda, and rocked him with several right hands in the 1st round; Miranda gave a very strong effort, as well – he bloodied Kelly’s nose in the 2nd round and swept the round on all three scorecards; Kelly scored with hard body punches, rocked Miranda repeatedly with right hands, and swept the 3rd and 4th rounds on all three scorecards; Miranda was warned for low blows in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th rounds, but rallied in the 5th - he rocked Kelly with a number of right hands late in the round, swept the round on the scorecards, and after five rounds, the judges scored 48-47, 48-47 Pavlik, 48-47 Miranda; but Kelly overpowered him in the 6th – he staggered Miranda midway through the round with two right hands, then scored a knockdown with another right hand moments later that dropped Miranda flat on his side - he was very unsteady when he got up and spit out his mouthpiece to gain a few extra seconds to recover, for which he was penalized one point; Kelly scored another knockdown with two left hooks moments later that put Miranda on the seat of his pants – he got up again, and the bell ended the round seconds later; all three judges scored the round 10-7 Pavlik; Kelly staggered Miranda with a series of hard punches in the 7th – Miranda sagged and was held up by the ropes, and the referee stopped the fight without a count at 1:54; after six rounds, Kelly led by scores of 58-54, 58-54, 57-55; after the fight, Kelly said, “We stuck with the game plan that we had, and like I said before, the media created Miranda into what he was. A great fighter, obviously, he can punch like a mule, but our game plan was to keep him going backwards, ‘cause he can’t fight that well going back. We didn’t want him to set the pace or set the tempo with them big right hands, and I think towards the end of the fight we started wearing him down and he didn’t have much left in him at all. He hit me with a couple of clean punches in the first round, and I think what really surprised him was that I took them so well. A lot of these guys feel my power, it don’t look like much on TV, but once they get in there, it’s like, ‘Whoa, this guy is strong!’ I think he felt it from the first round on, also. I think when he seen he couldn’t hurt me and he felt my power, that he was really worried. He spit the mouthpiece out, of course, I wanted the referee to stop the fight right there, the quicker the better. But he did a good job, he did whwat he was supposed to do when Miranda went down. Everybody wants to fight the world champion. Jermain Taylor is the world champion, he has the belt, he has the name, and of course I want to fight him.” ...

2ND NABF M TITLE DEFENSE, WBC M WORLD TITLE ELIMINATOR - on 1-27-07 in Anaheim, CA, he TKO’d **Jose Luis Zertuche** (19-3-2): it was a fast-paced, exciting fight and a spectacular knockout; Zertuche, a 2000 Mexican Olympian, gave a strong effort and scored effectively in the 2nd and 3rd rounds, but Kelly rallied after that and steadily wore him down; he rocked Zertuche with two left hooks in the 5th round, then scored a knockdown with a right hand that put Zertuche flat on his back late in the 6th; Kelly

scored another knockdown in the 8th round – he landed a right hand that froze Zertuche in his tracks, then landed another one that dropped him face-first to the canvas – and the referee jumped in to stop the fight without a count, falling to the canvas with Zertuche, at 1:40; after the fight, Kelly said, “We wanted to box a little more, but the first round, I felt like I was in a little bit of quicksand. Every time I tried to move and get my rhythm going, I just couldn’t do it and I was getting caught with stupid punches. By the third or fourth round, I started finding my rhythm a little bit, my balance was a little more fluid and I was able to sit there and counter his mistakes and take my time little bit more. I’m a humble fighter, and he hit me with some good punches. Take nothing away from him, the kid’s a hell of a fighter. He came to fight tonight, but I was just a better man at the end. You seen the changes I made and how I adapted. You adapt to the fight, and I think I did a good job of that tonight. Anybody that’s in the way of me getting to the world title, I’ll go and fight. I’m there for it.”...

2006 - on 11-2-06 in Youngstown, OH, he TKO’d **Lenord Pierre** (18-2): Kelly headlined in his hometown at the Chevrolet Centre, drew an announced crowd of 4,416, and dominated the fight; Kelly scored a knockdown with a right hand late in the 1st round, and rocked Pierre repeatedly in the 2nd and 3rd; Kelly scored another knockdown with a left hook in the 4th round, and the referee stopped the fight without a count at 0:46; after the fight, Kelly said, “I’ve never hit a guy so hard that didn’t go down.”; after the fight, Dan Rafael of ESPN.com wrote, “Pavlik is a tremendous puncher... He is one of the sport’s bright, young potential stars...”; Boxing News reported, “Pavlik seemingly has the skills and power to dethrone the world champ.”...

1ST NABF M TITLE DEFENSE – on 7-27-06 in Uncasville, CT, he TKO’d former WBO jr. middleweight world champion **Bronco McKart** (48-6): Kelly had the edge in the early rounds, but McKart scored a knockdown when both of Kelly’s gloves touched the canvas in the 4th - replays showed that Kelly fell forward, off-balance, after a glancing blow to his shoulder; Kelly rallied and rocked McKart in the 5th round, then scored a knockdown with a series of punches and cut McKart over his right eye in the 6th; Kelly scored another knockdown with another series of punches later in the round - McKart got up but was unsteady, but the referee stopped the fight at 2:45; after the fight, Kelly said, “I think I ruined his whole game-plan. When he felt my power in the first round, I threw him off his plan. I figured, ‘Eventually you’re going to get tired and not me,’ and that’s what happened. We always train to keep the pace. In the fifth round, my trainers noticed he was keeping his elbow up. I just touched him under the elbow and snuck in another shot. I’ve been doing this for six years, and this was a convincing win. The way I won, it has to open doors, but all I can do is pray to the boxing gods.”...

2005 - WON VACANT NABF M TITLE - on 10-7-05 in Las Vegas, NV, he TKO’d **Fulgencio Zuniga** (17-1-1): it was a fast-paced, exciting fight; Zuniga scored a knockdown with a left hook in the 1st round, but Kelly recovered, dominated most of the rest of the fight, and steadily wore him down; Zuniga was cut over his right eye by a clash of heads, and his corner stopped the fight after the 9th round; after nine rounds, Kelly led by scores of 88-83, 87-83, 87-83; after the fight, he said, “I got it under my belt. He’s a pretty strong guy. I know I should have fought from the outside, but you can’t always do it. He had sneaky quickness.”...

On 8-26-05 in Houston, TX, he TKO’d **Vincent Harris** (12-17-2): at 2:19 of the 2nd round...

On 6-10-05 in Chicago, IL, he TKO’d **Daniel Neal** (9-8-1): at 1:49 of the 1st round...

On 3-4-05 in Choctaw, MS, he TKO’d **Dorian Beaupierre** (12-2-2): Kelly dominated the fight - he scored a knockdown with a right hand midway through the 1st round, and staggered Beaupierre again just before the bell; Kelly scored another knockdown with a right hand in the 2nd round - Beaupierre got up, but Kelly staggered him with a series of punches and the referee stopped the fight at 2:35...

2004 - on 11-27-04 in Las Vegas he won an 8 round unanimous decision against **Ross Thompson** (26-9-2): the fight was on the undercard of the Erik Morales-Marco Antonio Barrera III main event, and Kelly dominated; he consistently outworked Thompson and landed the harder punches, and won by scores of 80-72, 80-72, 79-73...

On 9-18-04 in Las Vegas he knocked out **Carlton Holland** (16-9-1): the fight was on the undercard of the Bernard Hopkins-Oscar De La Hoya main event, and Kelly gave a very strong performance; he scored one knockdown in the 1st round and two more in the 2nd, and Holland was counted out at 2:59...

On 7-2-04 in Struthers, OH, he TKO'd **Pedro Ortega** (30-13-1): Kelly wore down Ortega with body punches, rocked him several times, and Ortega did not continue after the 6th round; after the fight, Kelly said, "This guy was very smart, as he knew to stay away from my power. But because of the body shots, especially to his ribs, I knew it was only a matter of time before he went."...

On 3-26-04 in Phoenix, AZ, he TKO'd **Roberto Baro** (11-3): Kelly scored two knockdowns with body punches in the 2nd round, and Baro was counted out at 2:50...

On 1-23-04 in Kansas City, MO, he won an 8 round unanimous decision against **Anthony Ivory** (28-66-4)...

2003 - on 7-1-03 in Niles, OH, he TKO'd **Rico Cason** (16-7): Kelly entered the fight with a sore right hand, but scored two knockdowns in the 2nd round - the first with a right hand, and the second with a left hook to the body - and the referee stopped the fight at 2:02; after the fight, Kelly said, "It's a dream come true to fight on national television in front of a home crowd. I was very happy with the crowd tonight. On the first knockdown, I knew he was hurt on an earlier shot. I stepped back and nailed him with a right cross. My left has become much stronger because lately I have been favoring it because of the injury to my right. Anytime you can have a guy out early it is beneficial, because the longer an opponent lasts, the better the chance he has of beating you."...

On 3-22-03 in Las Vegas he TKO'd **Cesar Avila** (8-3-1): at 2:00 of the 6th round...

On 2-8-03 in Las Vegas he TKO'd **Eduardo Gutierrez** (31-12-2): Kelly scored one knockdown in the 1st round and another in the 2nd, and stopped Gutierrez at 2:59 of the 2nd round...

2002 - on 9-14-02 in Las Vegas he won a 6 round unanimous decision against **Edson Madrid** (4-3-1): Kelly scored knockdowns in the 1st and 2nd rounds, and won by scores of 60-51, 60-61, 60-52...

On 7-30-02 in Concho, OK, he knocked out **Abel Hernandez** (5-3-1): Kelly scored three knockdowns in the 1st round, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:54...

On 6-21-02 in Las Vegas he knocked out **Eric Olds** (4-2): Kelly scored a knockdown in the 1st round, and Olds was counted out at 2:45...

On 2-23-02 in Las Vegas he knocked out **Robert Dasoyan** (12-6-4): Kelly scored a knockdown in the 2nd round, and Dasoyan was counted out at 2:15...

2001 - on 11-21-01 in Youngstown, OH, he knocked out veteran **Rob Bleakley** (77-40-1): it was Kelly's first fight as a pro in his hometown, and an enthusiastic crowd of 2,000 was on hand; Kelly scored one knockdown late in the 1st round and another one in the 2nd - Bleakley beat the count, but the referee stopped the fight at 1:56; after the fight, Kelly said, "When I dropped him in the second, I knew it was just a matter of time. Jack told me to still be careful. After that, I was just trying to time my punches and pick my spots. It's great. I'd rather fight here than anywhere else. If they ask me would I rather fight here or in Las Vegas, I'd come back here anytime."...

On 8-4-01 in Las Vegas he TKO'd **Mario Lopez** (3-1-1): Kelly scored one knockdown in the 1st round and another one in the 2nd, and Lopez's corner stopped the fight at 1:42...

On 6-8-01 in Baraboo, WI, he TKO'd **Grady Brewer** (7-1): Kelly scored one knockdown in the 1st round and two more in the 2nd, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:48...

He debuted at the age of 18 on 6-16-00 in Indio, CA, and knocked out **Eric Tzand** (0-0-1): in the 3rd round...

AMATEUR, PERSONAL BACKGROUND: Kelly said, "I was born and raised in Youngstown. I have two older brothers. They used to box as amateurs, but they don't box now. My oldest brother is the head tech at the kidney center, and my brother Ricky was in the Navy. He's been out for a couple of years. My dad

sells insurance for AIG. He also works a side job at Mr. Anthony's. My mom, she works at Vic & Syl's, it's a restaurant.

"At the time, I wanted to take up martial arts a lot. I played all the other sports, football, baseball, and I just liked contact. When I was nine, I went down to Southside Boxing Club, where I train now, and **Harry Arroyo** was in there. [note: former IBF lightweight world champion] I didn't even know it was him until I left. My mom told me. I just kind of fell in love with the sport after that. He was a great guy, funny as can be. The first time I got to go in and spar and actually hit somebody, where in martial arts, you didn't do none of that. I got hit and hit people back, it was fun. My amateur record was 89-9.

"I had a lot of hand speed and I was outboxing people then. When I hit 17, the power seemed to really come all of a sudden, and I had more snap to the punches and I was getting more and more stoppages. But I learned those basic boxing skills. I don't have to go in there and slug and rely solely on power. I can box, too."...

In addition to Arroyo, Youngstown is also the hometown of former WBA lightweight world champion **Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini**; Kelly said, "Their careers are an inspiration to me to win a world title and defend it a couple of times. I talked to Boom Boom a lot earlier in my career, and Harry Arroyo I talk to a lot."...

Kelly graduated from Youngstown's Lowellville High School; he studied computer graphics at Mahoning County Joint Vocational School, and graduated in 2000...

He married his longtime girlfriend, Samantha, in a private ceremony in Hawaii in July, 2008; they have two young children – daughter Sydney, born May 11, 2006, and son Kelly Robert Jr., born February 25, 2009...

AMATEUR HIGHLIGHTS:

2000 OLYMPIC TRIALS, Tampa, Florida, 156 pounds, double elimination tournament: in his first fight on 2-9-00 he lost an 11-5 decision against **Jermain Taylor** of Little Rock, AR; in his second fight on 2-10-00 he won a 9-6 decision against **Darnell Wilson** of Lafayette, IN; in his third fight on 2-12-00 he lost a 15-7 decision against **Tony Hanshaw** of Mansfield, OH; looking back on the losses against Taylor and Hanshaw, Kelly said, "They were both really close fights. Both of those fights could have gone either way."...

2000 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Colorado Springs, Colo., 156 pounds – BRONZE MEDALIST: in his first fight on 1-12-00 he won a 20-8 decision against **Darnell Wilson** of Lafayette, Ind.; in the quarterfinals on 1-13-00 he stopped **Dorian Beaupierre** of South River, N.J., at 0:28 of the 4th round; in the semifinals on 1-14-00 he lost a 22-12 decision against **Sechew Powell** of Brooklyn, N.Y.; in the bronze medal box-off on 1-15-00 he stopped **Francisco Diaz** of Kansas City, Mo., at 1:30 of the 2nd round...

1999 U.S. NATIONAL UNDER 19 CHAMPIONSHIPS, Gulfport, Miss., 147 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight he stopped **Alvino Villalobos** of Napa, Calif., at 1:34 of the 4th round; in the quarterfinals he won a 33-6 decision against **Joel Salas** of Oxnard, Calif.; in the semifinals he stopped **Terry Cade** of Gloverton, S.C., at 1:33 of the 3rd round; in the finals he won a 15-6 decision against **James Parison** of San Diego, Calif....

1998 National Jr. Golden Gloves Championships, 147 pounds – Gold Medalist...

1998 National Jr. PAL Championships, 147 pounds – Gold Medalist...

STRENGTHS: At 6'2" tall, is big and strong for the division...has an aggressive style and good skills...has good punching power in both hands...a good body puncher and a good finisher...very tough and determined, has tremendous heart and the ability to overcome adversity...is experienced against top opposition...had a strong amateur background...

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: 38 fights...165 total rounds...36 world championship rounds...

AVERAGE LENGTH OF BOUTS: 4.3 rounds...

KNOCKOUT PERCENTAGE: 88 %...

DISTANCE FIGHTS: 12 rounds – 3 (1-2)...10 rounds – 0...9 rounds - 1 (1-0)...

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Won-Lost-Draw-KO'S
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Jun 16	ERIC TZAND, INDIO, CA.....	KO	3	PRO DEB	155
Aug 05	NELSON HERNANDEZ, MADISON, WI.....	KO	1		156
Sep 15	FRANKIE SANCHEZ, DENVER, CO.....	TKO	1		155
Oct 15	JOSEPH COLLIER, NASHVILLE, TN.....	TKO	1		153
Nov 17	LAFAYETTE RANDOLPH, RENO, NV.....	TKO	2		154
Dec 15	CEDRIC JOHNSON, MADISON, WI.....	TKO	2		155

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Feb 04	MATHIAS BEDBURDICK, CONCHO, OK.....	TKO	3		150
Mar 23	THOMAS WALKER, OWENSBORO, KY.....	TKO	1		156
Jun 08	GRADY BREWER, BARABOO, WI.....	TKO	2		159
Aug 04	MARIO LOPEZ, LAS VEGAS, NV.....	TKO	2		159
Nov 21	ROB BLEAKLEY, YOUNGSTOWN, OH.....	KO	2		164

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Feb 23	ROBERT DASOYAN, LAS VEGAS, NV.....	KO	2		160
Jun 21	ERIC OLDS, LAS VEGAS, NV.....	KO	1		169
Jul 30	ABEL HERNANDEZ, CONCHO, OK.....	TKO	1		161
Sep 14	EDSON MADRID, LAS VEGAS, NV.....	W	6		160

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Feb 08	EDUARDO GUTIERREZ, LAS VEGAS, NV.....	TKO	2		163
Mar 22	CESAR AVILA, LAS VEGAS, NV.....	TKO	6		164
Jul 01	RICO CASON, NILES, OH.....	KO	2		164

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Jan 23	ANTHONY IVORY, KANSAS CITY, MO.....	W	8		161
Mar 26	ROBERTO BARO, PHOENIX, AZ.....	TKO	2		164
Jul 02	PEDRO ORTEGA, STRUTHERS, OH.....	TKO	7		163
Sep 18	CARLTON HOLLAND, LAS VEGAS, NV.....	KO	2		163
Nov 27	ROSS THOMPSON, LAS VEGAS, NV.....	W	8		164

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Mar 04	DORIAN BEAUPIERRE, CHOCTAW, MS.....	TKO	2		160
Jun 10	DANIEL NEAL, CHICAGO, IL.....	KO	1		166
Aug 26	VINCENT HARRIS, HOUSTON, TX.....	TKO	2		169

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Oct 07 FULGENCIO ZUNIGA, LAS VEGAS, NV..... TKO 9 NABF 159

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Jul 27 BRONCO MC KART, UNCASVILLE, CT..... KO 6 NABF 160

Nov 02 LENORD PIERRE, YOUNGSTOWN, OH..... TKO 4 162

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Jan 27 JOZE ZERTUCHE, ANAHEIM, CA..... KO 8 WBC/ELIM 159

May 19 EDISON MIRANDA, MEMPHIS, TN..... KO 7 WBC/ELIM 159

Sep 29 JERMAIN TAYLOR, AC, NJ..... KO 7 BC/BO 159

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Feb 16 JERMAIN TAYLOR, LAS VEGAS, NV..... W 12 164

Jun 07 GARY LOCKETT, AC, NJ..... TKO 3 BC/BO 159

Oct 18 BERNARD HOPKINS, AC, NJ..... L 12 169

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Feb 21 MARCO RUBIO, YOUNGSTOWN, OH..... TKO 9 BC/BO 159

Dec 19 MIGUEL ESPINO, YOUNGSTOWN, OH..... TKO 5 BC/BO 160

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BRIAN VERA

Age: 28 (12-28-81)

Residence: Austin, Texas

Birthplace: Lubbock, Texas

Record: 17-5, 11 KOs

Height: 5'10"

Reach: 73"

Manager, trainer: Dave Watson

BRIAN VERA (17-5, 11 KOs)...

- Former Texas state middleweight champion...

At the age of 28, Brian is a six-year pro. A veteran at 160 pounds – who fought at super middleweight in 2006 and 2007 - he was a participant in the third season of “The Contender.”

Brian has been a “road warrior” in the last couple of years, matched against local favorites or “house” fighters on their home turf, sometimes on short notice without proper time to prepare.

He is 2-4 in his last six fights, but those two wins were both impressive TKO upsets.

On June 11, he scored a third-round TKO against contender **Sebastien Demers** in Demers’ hometown of Montreal.

After the fight, **Dan Rafael** wrote on ESPN.com [excerpts]: Vera took the “Friday Night Fights” co-feature on short notice after the original opponent...wound up not finalizing the bout with Demers. Vera made the most of his unexpected opportunity and pulled the upset over Demers, of Quebec, who was the clear hometown favorite. Vera...knows something about upsets. In March 2008, he stopped heralded prospect **Andy Lee** in the seventh round in a major shocker. Here he was at it again, saying before the fight that it was a do or die situation against Demers....

Vera-Demers was an entertaining and competitive fight through the first two rounds. Then it all changed in the third when Vera unloaded a clean left-right combination that dropped Demers in the center of the ring. Still unsteady after the knockdown, Vera floored him again with a pair of powerful right hands. Demers, who was now badly cut on his nose, continued but had very little left except his heart. He stayed on his feet while taking a shellacking until [the] referee finally stepped in at 1 minute, 57 seconds. [End Rafael item]

He scored another of his career-best wins in March, 2008 – a seventh-round TKO against previously undefeated middleweight prospect and 2004 Irish Olympian **Andy Lee**.

Brian said, “I get in there and lose my head a little bit and want to brawl, but we’ve been working on boxing. I don’t get hit as much, that’s for sure. I like that. The last fight, the first five rounds I did real well boxing, not getting hit or anything.

“Just look for a different style, a different fighter to come out. We’re planning on looking good and winning.”

Fight by Fight – 2010 - in his last fight on 9-4-10 in Dnipropetrovsk, UKR, he lost a 12 round unanimous decision against local favorite **Maksym Bursak** (20-0-1): the fight headlined at Sportpalace Meteor, and it was fast-paced and exciting; both fought aggressively and the early rounds were close - Bursak outworked Brian in the 1st and 2nd rounds, but Brian rallied and rocked Bursak several times in the 3rd and 4th; Bursak boxed and moved in the second half of the fight and dominated most of the middle and late rounds; scored 118-111, 117-111, 119-110...

On 6-11-10 in Montreal, QUE, he TKO’d hometown favorite **Sebastien Demers** (31-2): the fight was co-featured with the David Lemieux-Elvin Ayala main event, and Demers was the clear favorite to win; the 1st and 2nd rounds were close, but Brian scored two knockdowns – the first with a left hook-right hand combination, the second with two right hands - and cut Demers on his nose in the 3rd – Demers got up both times, but Brian rocked him with a series of punches and the referee stopped the fight at 1:57...

On 2-26-10 in Verona, NY, he lost a 10 round majority decision against **Isaac Rodriguez** (16-0): the fight headlined at the Turning Stone Casino; Brian started fast – he pressed forward, landed the harder punches in the early rounds, and appeared to build a lead; but Rodriguez rallied in the middle rounds – he staggered Brian with a right hand in the 5th round, then bloodied his mouth late in the 6th; Brian's nose was also bloodied, and Rodriguez was cut over his left eye in the following rounds; the late rounds were close – both fighters stood and traded hard punches; scored 97-93, 96-94, 95-95...

2009 – on 5-8-09 in Ft. Worth, TX, he lost a 10 round unanimous decision against lefthanded Scottish prospect **Craig McEwan** (14-0): the fight headlined at Sundance Square; Brian pressed forward, but McEwan kept him off-balance with movement and consistently outboxed and outworked him; Brian rocked McEwan with a right hand in the 7th round, but was cut over his left eye; McEwan controlled the late rounds and won by scores of 97-93 on all three scorecards...

2008 - on 11-22-08 he was TKO'd against lefthanded prospect **James Kirkland** (23-0): the fight was co-featured with the Ricky Hatton-Paulie Malignaggi main event, and Kirkland dominated; Brian was the naturally bigger man, but Kirkland consistently outworked him, landed the harder punches to the body and head, and rocked him repeatedly; Kirkland scored two knockdowns in the 2nd round – the first with a left hand that dropped Brian to the seat of his trunks, the second with a right hook that spun him around, facing the ropes, on his knees – and Brian was cut over his right ear in the round; Brian had a few small rallies – he rocked Kirkland with a right hand late in the 4th round, and landed a few good right hands in the 5th and 6th rounds, as well – but they weren't enough to take the momentum; Kirkland scored another knockdown with a right hook in the 8th – Brian got up, but James rocked him again and the referee stopped the fight at 1:45...

On 3-21-08 he TKO'd previously undefeated 2004 Irish Olympian and lefthanded prospect **Andy Lee** (15-0): the fight headlined at Mohegan Sun, and Lee was the clear favorite to win; he scored a knockdown with a left hand in the 1st round and dominated the early rounds – he consistently outworked Brian and rocked him repeatedly with left hands; Brian had his moments – he rocked Lee with a right hand in the 2nd round and cut him badly over his right eye in the 4th round, then rallied and landed several hard right hands late in the 5th round; the 6th round was fast-paced and competitive and had the fans on their feet – at the end of the round, Brian's mouth was bloodied and Lee looked completely exhausted; Brian came on strongly in the 7th round – he staggered Lee four or five times with series of punches, Lee was battered and bloody around his eyes and clinched several times to survive; Brian rocked Lee with another right hand later in the round, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:17...

2007 - on 11-6-07 in Boston, MA, he won a 6 round unanimous decision against lefthanded **Max Alexander** (14-1-1): Brian pressed forward, consistently outworked Alexander, and dominated the fight; Alexander was cut over his left eye by a clash of heads in the 5th round; scored 60-54, 60-54, 58-56...

On 8-9-07 in Los Angeles, CA, he was knocked out against **Jaidon Codrington** (16-1): Codrington scored two knockdowns in the 2nd round, and Brian was counted out at 1:32; after the fight, Brian said, "I didn't think I was in deep trouble at the time, but I didn't know how to react and I should have been grabbing or moving. I got away from my jab. I was on the ropes and the ref felt like I was taking too many shots. I thought I could have gotten out of it, but I have to respect what the ref does."...

On 6-15-07 in Youngstown, OH, he won a 10 round unanimous decision against **Darnell Boone** (14-9-2): Brian generally outworked Boone and landed the harder punches; he was penalized one point for holding behind the head in the 9th round, but won by scores of 97-92, 97-92, 95-94...

On 5-11-07 in Miami, OK, he won a 10 round majority decision against **Samuel Miller** (17-1): it was a controversial decision; Brian pressed forward, but Miller boxed and moved effectively and consistently scored with counterpunches; most observers thought Miller deserved to win, but the judges scored 96-94, 96-94, 95-95...

2006 – on 11-4-06 in Kinder, LA, he TKO'd **Etienne Whitaker** (32-23-2): Brian staggered Whitaker with a right hand in the 1st round; he scored two knockdowns in the 3rd round, and the referee stopped the fight at 1:58...

On 8-18-06 in Dallas, TX, he knocked out **Antonio Garcia** (19-23-1): the fight was on the undercard of the Evander Holyfield-Jeremy Bates main event at American Airlines Arena; Brian stopped Garcia at 1:32 of the 3rd round...

WON VACANT TEXAS STATE M TITLE - on 6-9-06 in Ft. Worth, TX, he TKO'd **Marcus Hicks** (5-3-1): it was the fight of the night; both fought aggressively, and both were rocked a number of times; Hicks staggered Brian in the 4th round and scored a standing-8 count, and both fighters' noses were bloodied; but Brian rallied and scored a knockdown in the 5th round, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:05...

On 2-16-06 in Ft. Worth he won an 8 round unanimous decision against **Antonio Garcia** (10-20-1): it was a close fight; Brian started fast and built a lead, but Garcia rallied in the late rounds; scored 80-72, 78-74, 77-75...

2005 - on 12-16-05 in Austin, TX, he knocked out **Jeremiah Chapman** (2-4): Brian scored two knockdowns in the 1st round; he scored another in the 2nd, and Chapman was counted out at 0:40...

On 11-26-05 in Austin he knocked out **Cardyl Finley** (6-15-1): at 2:47 of the 1st round...

On 7-22-05 in Las Vegas, NV, he TKO'd **Freeman Taft** (3-2-2): Brian staggered Taft with a series of punches in the 2nd round, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:05...

On 6-16-05 in Ft. Worth he TKO'd **Trenice Brown** (2-1): at 2:36 of the 3rd round...

On 3-17-05 in Ft. Worth he won a 4 round unanimous decision against **Javier Diaz** (1-0): Brian pressed forward, consistently outworked Diaz, and dominated most of the fight; scored 40-38, 39-37, 39-37...

On 2-26-05 in Hidalgo, TX, he TKO'd **Juan Ruiz** (2-2): Brian rocked Ruiz several times, and the referee stopped the fight at 1:10 of the 2nd round...

2004 - on 9-30-04 in Austin he TKO'd **Burt Montez** (debut): at 2:32 of the 2nd round...

He debuted at the age of 22 on 8-27-04 in Ft. Worth and won a 4 round unanimous decision against **Avien Cooper** (2-7-1): scored 40-36 on all three scorecards...

AMATEUR, PERSONAL BACKGROUND: Brian said, "I was born in Lubbock, Texas. I got a little brother who's also a professional boxer. His name is **Gilbert Vera**. I got a older brother that lives here in Austin, and I got a half-brother, **Leonard Garcia**, he's a Ultimate Fighter. I got a half-sister that lives in Ft. Worth.

"My mom works for the court here in Austin. My dad was a professional boxer, also. He was heavyweight back in like, '85? He stopped at 10-1 or 10-2, something like that. His name is **Gilbert Vera**.

"My dad took me to the gym probably when I was about four years old and I stayed in the gym until I was about eight or nine. Then I moved to Austin when my parents got divorced. I played other sports, the football and the baseball, and kind of did the boxing on the side. I played baseball at Temple Junior College.

"I started taking boxing serious again and fighting amateur when I turned 19. I had about 50 amateur fights. I had four losses. I lost in the Nationals to **Jaidon Codrington**."...

STRENGTHS: Has an aggressive style and good punching power...physically strong, tough and determined...is experienced against good opposition...

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: 22 fights...117 total rounds...

AVERAGE LENGTH OF BOUTS: 5.3 rounds...

KNOCKOUT PERCENTAGE: 64 %...

DISTANCE FIGHTS: 12 rounds – 1 (0-1)...10 rounds – 4 (2-2)...

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF

BRIAN VERA

LUBBOCK, TX

Date of Birth: 12/28/1981

Won-Lost-Draw-KO'S

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Aug 27 AVIEN COOPER, FT WORTH, TX..... W 4 PRO DEB 163
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GUILLERMO “EI Chacal” RIGONDEAUX

Age: 30 (9-30-80)

Residence: Miami, Florida

Birthplace: La Prueba, Santiago de Cuba (province), Cuba

Record: 6-0, 5 KOs

Height: 5'5"

Stance: Lefthanded

Manager: Gary Hyde

Trainer: Ronnie Shields (former No. 1 ranked jr. welterweight contender)

GUILLERMO “EI Chacal” (The Jackal) RIGONDEAUX (pr. RIG-on-dow) (6-0, 5 KOs)...

- Ranked WBA #3, IBF #13, WBC #30 at 122 pounds...
- 2007 Independence Cup (amateur), 119 pounds – Gold Medalist...
- 2006 Nations Cup (amateur), 119 pounds – Gold Medalist...
- 2006 Cuban Olympics International Tournament (amateur), 119 pounds - Gold Medalist...
- 2006 Central American Games (amateur), 119 pounds – Gold Medalist...
- 2005 World Championships (amateur), 119 pounds - Gold Medalist...
- 2005 World Cup (amateur), 119 pounds – Gold Medalist...
- 2005 Pan American Games (amateur), 119 pounds – Gold Medalist...
- 2004 Olympics (amateur), 119 pounds – Gold Medalist...
- 2003 Pan American Games (amateur), 119 pounds – Gold Medalist...
- 2002 World Cup (amateur) 119 pounds – Gold Medalist...
- 2001 World Championships (amateur), 119 pounds – Gold Medalist...
- 2000 Olympics (amateur) 119 pounds – Gold Medalist...
- 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000 Cuban National Championships (amateur), 119 pounds - Gold Medalist...

At the age of 30, Guillermo is a one-year pro. A sensational prospect at 122 pounds, he is a former international amateur standout - he was a two-time gold medalist at the Olympics, World Championships, and Pan American Games, and won many other prestigious amateur championships, as well.

He is coming off a sixth-round TKO win against **Jose Angel Beranza** in his last fight on August 21.

After the fight, **Dan Rafael** wrote on ESPN.com [excerpts]: If you've never heard of Rigondeaux, you're either not a boxing fan or you've been hiding under a rock somewhere. The 29-year-old Cuban defector is perhaps the greatest amateur in history. His two-time Olympic gold medals are only part of his legendary amateur career that included two World Amateur Championships gold medals, a Pan-American Games gold medal, seven Cuban national titles and nearly 400 fights. Finally, after a failed defection attempt in 2007 with teammate (and now fellow pro prospect) **Erislandy Lara**, Rigondeaux defected in February 2009 and now makes his home in Miami. He turned pro in May 2009, but his pro progress stalled due to all kinds of issues over his management and promotional contracts. However, a couple of months ago, the issues were resolved and Top Rank came on board as his promoter.

This was Rigondeaux's first fight under the new deal, as well as his first fight with trainer **Ronnie Shields**, with whom he trained in Houston alongside one of Shield's other blue chippers, Lara. In the opening bout on "Top Rank Live," Rigondeaux thrashed Beranza.... He counterpunched at will, slipped most of the return fire and dropped Beranza twice in the fourth round because Beranza never saw his incredibly fast hands coming. Rigondeaux punished him throughout the fight until he retired on his stool 10 seconds into the seventh round. Rigondeaux is on the ultra fast track. With all that amateur experience and accomplishment, not to mention his age, there is nothing holding him back from moving very fast. [End Rafael item]

Guillermo is considered by many observers to be one of the greatest amateur boxers of all-time. There have been others with more accomplishments, but they all had significantly longer amateur careers – Guillermo, a two-time Olympic gold medalist, boxed as an amateur only until the age of 26.

Three boxers have won three Olympic gold medals. The first was **Laszlo Papp** of Hungary, who passed away in 2003 – he boxed as an amateur until the age of 30 and won Olympic gold medals at middleweight in 1948 and at light heavyweight in 1952 and 1956. Cuban super heavyweight **Teofilo Stevenson**, who fought exclusively as an amateur until he retired in 1986 at the age of 34, was the super heavyweight gold medalist at the 1972, 1976, and 1980 Olympics; the 1974, 1978, and 1986 World Championships; and the 1975 and 1979 Pan American Games. Cuban heavyweight **Felix Savon**, who fought exclusively as an amateur until he retired in 2000 at the age of 33, was the heavyweight gold medalist at the 1992, 1996, and 2000 Olympics; the 1986, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, and 1997 World Championships; and the 1987, 1991, and 1995 Pan American Games.

Guillermo said through an interpreter, “There’s a big difference training here than in Cuba. There’s more sparring and you’re going deeper rounds. You’re training for a longer race, so you have to work harder.”

Regarding his nickname, he said, “There’s a guy named **Don Francisco** here, who is on Sabado Gigante, and there’s a guy named ‘El Chacal,’ and Chacal just eliminates guys. They do like, singing contests on the show and he comes out and gets rid of people. They started calling me that when I got here in the United States.”

Fight by Fight – 2010 - in his last fight on 8-21-10 in Tijuana, MX, he TKO’d **Jose Angel Beranza** (33-18-2): the fight was co-featured with the Joksan Hernandez-Ira Terry main event, and Guillermo dominated; he consistently outboxed and outworked Beranza, and scored two knockdowns in the 4th round; Guillermo rocked Beranza several more times in the 5th and 6th rounds, and Beranza did not continue after the 6th round...

On 2-5-10 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, he knocked out **Adolfo Landeros** (20-12-1): the fight was on the undercard of the Ed Paredes-Joey Hernandez main event; Guillermo scored a knockdown with a left hand to the body in the 1st round, and Landeros was counted out at 0:28...

2009 - on 12-16-09 in New York, NY, he won an 8 round unanimous decision against **Lante Addy** (6-4-1): the fight headlined at B.B King’s Blues Club, and Guillermo dominated; he scored a knockdown with a left hand in the 1st round, and Addy fought very cautiously after that; Guillermo consistently outworked him, landed the harder punches, and won by scores of 80-71, 80-71, 79-72; after the fight, Guillermo said, “The bout was not difficult for me. It’s just hard to knock someone out when they refuse to engage.”...

On 9-18-09 in Miami, FL, he TKO’d 39 year-old **Giovani Andrade** (51-11): the fight headlined at the Fountainbleau, and Guillermo dominated; he scored a knockdown with a right hook that dropped Andrade to one knee in the 2nd round; he scored another knockdown with a left hand to the body that dropped Andrade to one knee in the 3rd round – he got up but was unsteady, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:53...

On 7-17-09 in Las Vegas, NV, he TKO’d **Robert Guillen** (4-2-2): the fight was on the undercard of the Miguel Vazquez-Breidis Prescott main event; Guillermo scored a knockdown with a left hand to the body in the 1st round, and Guillen was counted out at 2:57...

He debuted at the age of 28 on 5-22-09 in Miami Beach, FL, and TKO’d **Juan Noriega** (3-2): Guillermo dominated the fight; he scored a knockdown with a left hand early in the 1st round; he rocked Noriega repeatedly in the 2nd and 3rd rounds, and the referee stopped the fight at 1:09 of the 3rd; after the fight, Guillermo said, “It was a quick fight. I came and did what I had to do. I’ve fought so many times as an amateur that I feel like I’m a professional already. I’ve always had the pro style. In a few fights, I’ll be ready for a title shot. I came here to be a world champion and I don’t have a doubt in my mind I will be a world champion. Let’s see if I’m as good as everybody says I am.”...

AMATEUR, PERSONAL BACKGROUND: Guillermo said, “ I was born in La Prueba, a little town in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. I have three brothers and three sisters. My parents are farm workers. I lived my whole life on a farm. We grew coffee.

"I started boxing when I was 13. I'm the only boxer in my family. I thought I could fight and I wanted to do it, so I got involved. I went to the gym on my own one day. I'm naturally lefthanded.

"I lived in the Cuban national training camp for nine years. I moved there when I was 17. [note: the Cuban training camp for the national boxing team, located in Havana, is called "La Finca" – literally – "The Farm"]

"I'm married. My wife's name is **Farah Colina Rigondeaux**. We have a son, **Guillermo Rigondeaux Junior**, who's seven year old and I also have a stepson, **Julio Cesar Rigondeaux**, who is 16. I raised him since he was four years old."...

Guillermo said that he had 246 amateur fights, with a record of 243-3...

His family is still in Cuba...

From the Associated Press, Feb. 24, 2009 [excerpts]: Former Olympic boxing champion **Guillermo Rigondeaux** defected to the United States, 18 months after he was kicked off the Cuba team as punishment for a previous defection attempt.

Farah Colina said Tuesday her husband had no choice but to flee Cuba if he wanted to box again.

"I'm surprised on one level because he left home at the end of January saying he was going to Santiago," Colina said, referring to the eastern city that is Cuba's second largest. "But, on another level, I think he was obligated to do this."

Colina said her husband called a neighbor Saturday to say he made it to Miami. The family does not have a phone. She declined to describe his journey to the U.S., but said he sounded happy and nervous on the phone.

She spoke from her home in Havana's Boyeros district that she shared with Rigondeaux, the couple's 7-year-old son and her 17-year-old boy whom the boxer raised as his stepson.

Rigondeaux hoped to try for a third Olympic title at last summer's Beijing Games. But in July 2007 he and 2005 welterweight world champion **Erislandy Lara** disappeared during the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro. Both were accused of overstaying their visas, arrested and sent back to the island.

Rigondeaux and Lara insisted they never intended to defect, but a German promoter said they signed pro contracts. **Fidel Castro** wrote in an essay after their return to Cuba that the pair had "reached the point of no return" with the national boxing team. Lara defected to the U.S. last year.

In an interview with The Associated Press in August, Rigondeaux insisted he deserved a second chance to box for Cuba. His wife said that after her husband returned to Cuba, Rigondeaux trained for months but became increasingly depressed.

"He always thought they would give him another chance," Colina said. "Those were very hard moments and nobody came to even offer him a job." [End AP item]

INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR HIGHLIGHTS:

2007 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 119 pounds: on 7-20-07 he won a 12-4 decision against **Manuel Marrero** of Puerto Rico; on 7-22-07 he lost by walkover against **Carlos Cuadra** of Mexico...

2007 GIRALDO CORDOVA CARDIN INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT, Santa Clara, Cuba, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in the quarterfinals on 5-25-07 he won a 17-4 decision against **Albert Portuhondo** of Cuba; in the semifinals on 5-28-07 he won an 11-8 decision against **Claudio Marrero** of Dominican Republic; in the finals on 5-30-07 he won a 6-4 decision against **Yankiel Leon** of Cuba...

2007 PAN AMERICAN QUALIFIER, San Juan de los Morro, Venezuela, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in the quarterfinals on 5-1-07 he won a 5-0 decision against **Hector Manzanilla** of Venezuela; in the semifinals on 5-6-07 he stopped **Pedro Blanco** of Venezuela in the 2nd round; in the finals on 5-9-07 he stopped **Albert Gonzalez** of Venezuela in the 3rd round...

2007 INDEPENDENCE CUP, Santiago, Dominican Republic, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in the quarterfinals on 2-23-07 he stopped **Julio Perez** of Dominican Republic in the 3rd round; in the semifinals on 2-25-07 he won a 26-10 decision against **Robson Conceicao** of Brazil; in the finals on 2-27-07 he won a 26-11 decision against **McJoe Arroyo** of Puerto Rico...

2006 NATIONS CUP, Baku, Azerbaijan, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight on 10-15-06 he won a 28-10 decision against **Mirzhan Rakhimzhanov** of Kazakhstan; in the quarterfinals on 10-17-06 he won a 21-17 decision against **Rau'shee Warren** of the United States; in the semifinals on 10-19-06 he won by walkover against **Elsad Guliyev** of Azerbaijan; in the finals on 10-21-06 he stopped **Ali Aliyev** of Russia in the 3rd round...

2006 CUBAN OLYMPICS INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT, Havana, Cuba, 119 pounds - GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight on 5-1-06 he won a 10-7 decision against **Jun Tan** of China; in the quarterfinals on 5-3-06 he won a 18-10 decision against **Ariel Maturel** of Cuba; in the semifinals on 5-5-06 he won a 20-8 decision against **Gu Yu** of China; in the finals on 5-6-06 he won a 21-9 decision against **Hector Manzanilla** of Venezuela...

2006 CENTRAL AMERICAN GAMES, Cartagena, Colombia, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in the quarterfinals on 7-21-06 he won a 10-1 decision against **Juan Velasquez** of Puerto Rico; in the semifinals on 7-24-06 he won by walkover against **Jhonathan Romero** of Colombia; in the finals on 7-17-06 he won a 14-3 decision against **Jose Santos** of Mexico...

2005 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, Mianyang, China, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight 11-16-05 he stopped **Vladislav Sokolov** of Latvia in the 2nd round; in his second fight on 11-17-05 he stopped **Ougonchulun Batkhoo** of Mongolia; in the quarterfinals on 11-18-05 he stopped **Bahodirjon Sultonov** of Uzbekistan in the 3rd round; in the semifinals on 11-19-05 he won a 37-23 decision against **Ali Hallab** of France; in the finals on 11-20-05 he won a 19-9 decision against **Rustamhodza Rachimov** of Germany...

2005 WORLD CUP, Moscow, Russia, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight on 7-12-05 he won a 34-16 decision against **Worapoj Petchkoom** of Thailand; in the quarterfinals on 7-13-05 he won a 28-11 decision against **Zsolt Bedak** of Romania; in the semifinals on 7-16-05 he won a 34-7 decision against **Murat Aiyrmasov** of Kazakhstan; in the finals on 7-17-05 he won a 37-21 decision against **Maksim Khalikov** of Russia...

2005 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, Teresopolis, Brazil, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in the quarterfinals on 9-28-05 he won a 16-7 decision against **Arturo Santos** of Mexico; in the semifinals on 9-30-05 he won a 10-0 decision against **John Wampash** of Ecuador; in the finals on 10-2-05 he stopped **Alex de Oliveira** of Brazil in the 3rd round...

2004 OLYMPICS, Athens, Greece, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight on 8-17-04 he won a 21-7 decision against **Liu Yuan** of China; in his second fight on 8-20-04 he stopped **Mehar Ullah** of Pakistan in the 3rd round; in the quarterfinals on 8-23-04 he won a 20-5 decision against **Gennady Kovalev** of Russia; in the semifinals on 8-27-04 he won a 27-13 decision against **Bahodirjon Sultonov** of Uzbekistan; in the finals on 8-20-04 he won a 22-13 decision against **Worapoj Petchkoom** of Thailand...

2003 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight he won a 17-2 decision against **Argenis Mendez** of Dominican Republic; in the quarterfinals he stopped **Alexander Espinoza** of Venezuela in the 2nd round; in the semifinals he won a 22-2 decision against **Andrew Kooner** of Canada; in the finals he won a 17-7 decision against **Abner Mares** of Mexico...

2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, Bangkok, Thailand, 119 pounds: in his first fight he won a 15-1 decision against **Andrzej Liczik** of Poland; in his second fight he lost a 16-13 decision against **Agasi Mamedov** of Russia...

2002 WORLD CUP, Astana, Kazakhstan, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight on 6-4-02 he stopped **Justin Kane** of Australia in the 1st round; in the quarterfinals on 6-5-02 he stopped **Keren Gurgun** of Turkey in the 1st round; in the semifinals on 6-7-02 he won a 13-2 decision against **Chotipat Wongprates** of Thailand; in the final on 6-8-02 he won a 7-6 decision against **Toljen Kanatov** of Kazakhstan...

2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight he stopped **Kazumasa Tsujimoto** of Japan in the 2nd round; in his second fight he stopped **Reidar Walstad** of Norway in the 2nd round; in the quarterfinals he won a 24-8 decision against **Artur**

Mikaelian of Greece; in the semifinals he won a 15-6 decision against **Sergey Danilchenko** of Ukraine; in the finals he won a 30-24 decision against **Agasi Mamedov** of Russia...

2000 OLYMPICS, Sydney Australia, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight on 9-16-00 he stopped **Moez Zemzemi** of Tunisia in the 1st round; in his second fight on 9-21-00 he stopped **Kazumasa Tsujimoto** of Japan in the 3rd round; in the quarterfinals on 9-26-00 he won a 14-5 decision against **Agasi Agaguloglu** of Turkey; in the semifinals on 9-28-00 he won an 18-6 decision against **Clarence Vinson** of United States; in the finals on 9-30-00 he won an 18-12 decision against **Raimkul Malakhbekov** of Russia...

NATIONAL AMATEUR HIGHLIGHTS:

2006 CUBAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Bayamo, Cuba, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight on 1-26-06 he won a 13-2 decision against **Yumaikel Aguilar**; in his second fight on 1-27-06 he won a 26-1 decision against **Yoelvis Gamboa**; in the quarterfinals on 1-29-06 he won a 19-2 decision against **Eldris Terrero**; in the semifinals on 1-31-06 he won an 11-8 decision against Yankiel Alarcon; in the finals on 2-2-06 he won a 7-4 decision against **Idel Torriente**...

2005 CUBAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in the quarterfinals on 1-26-05 he won a 5-2 decision against **Idel Torriente**; in the semifinals on 1-28-05 he won a 9-4 decision against **Yankiel Leon Alarcon**; in the finals on 1-30-05 he won a 12-3 decision against **Oxieris Hernandez**...

2004 CUBAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Camaguey, Cuba, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight he won a 22-5 decision against **Erioldi Nicot**; in the quarterfinals he stopped **Rodolfo Perez** in the 3rd round; in the semifinals he won a 12-2 decision against **Endry Guibert Robles**; in the finals he stopped **Reimi Castellano** in the 3rd round...

2003 CUBAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Holguin, Cuba, – 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight on 1-24-03 he stopped **Yordenis Santos** in the 1st round; in his second fight on 1-25-03 he stopped **Landi Cabilla** in the 2nd round; in the quarterfinals on 1-26-03 he won an 18-3 decision against **Ariel Maturel**; in the semifinals on 1-28-03 he stopped **Eugenio Fonseca Salgado** in the 4th round; in the finals on 1-30-03 he won an 11-3 decision against **Luis Franco**...

2002 CUBAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Las Tunas, Cuba, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight on 1-23-02 he won an 11-2 decision against **Lazaro Rodriguez**; in his second fight on 1-24-02 he won an 11-1 decision against **Roelkis Herrera**; in the quarterfinals on 1-26-02 he won an 18-4 decision against **Yudandi Yaki Perez**; in the semifinals on 1-27-02 he won a 3-0 decision against **Lester Diaz**; in the finals on 1-30-02 he won a 7-1 decision against **Eugenio Fonseca Delgado**...

2001 CUBAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – Santiago de Cuba, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight on 1-22-01 he stopped **Yosvany Bidot Vega** in the 2nd round; in his second fight on 1-23-01 he stopped **Yusbel Melgarejo** in the 2nd round; in the quarterfinals on 1-25-01 he won a 25-10 decision against **A. Barrios Pons**; in the semifinals on 1-26-01 he won a 7-1 decision against **Eduardo Aces**; in the finals on 1-28-01 he stopped **Kenier Mesa Castellanos** in the 1st round...

2000 CUBAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Guantanamo, Cuba, 119 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight he won a 4-0 decision against **Eddy Aguilera**; in his second fight he won a 3-0 decision against **Yudenis Gonzalez**; in the quarterfinals he won a 5-2 decision against **Hector Barrientos**; in the semifinals he won a 12-3 decision against **Alexander Jimenez**; in the finals he won a 6-0 decision against **Puro Pairol**...

STRENGTHS: A lefthander with good skills, speed, and movement...has good punching power...physically strong, is always in top condition...a natural counterpuncher...had a tremendous amateur background...

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: 6 fights...22 total rounds...

AVERAGE LENGTH OF BOUTS: 3.6 rounds...

KNOCKOUT PERCENTAGE: 83 %...

DISTANCE FIGHTS: 8 rounds – 1 (1-0)...6 rounds – 1 (1-0)...

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF
GUILLERMO RIGONDEAUX

SANTIAGO, CUBA
Date of Birth: 09/30/1980

Won-Lost-Draw-KO'S
6 0 0 5

09

May 22	JUAN NORIEGA, MIAMI, FL.....	TKO	3 PRO DEB	122
Jul 17	ROBERT GUILLEN, LAS VEGAS, NV.....	TKO	1	123
Sep 18	GIOVANNI ANDRADE, MIAMI, FL.....	TKO	3 NABA	121
Dec 16	LANTE ADDY, NY, NY.....	W	8	125

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Feb 05	ADOLFO LANDEROS, MIAMI BEACH, FL.....	KO	1	119
Aug 21	JOSE BERANZA, TIJUANA, MEXICO.....	TKO	6	122

RICARDO “Maestrino” CORDOBA

Age: 28 (10-11-82)

Residence: Santa Marta, Panama

Birthplace: Santa Marta, Panama

Record: 37-2-2, 23 KOs

Height: 5'8"

Stance: Lefthanded

RICARDO “Maestrino” (Little Master) CORDOBA (37-2-2, 23 KOs)...

- Ranked WBA #2, IBF #3, WBC #4 at 122 pounds...
- World championship fights: 0-1-2...
- Former super bantamweight world title challenger...
- Former two-time bantamweight world title challenger...
- Interim world championship fights: 1-1, 0 KOs...
- Former WBA interim super bantamweight world champion...
- Former Panamanian super bantamweight champion...
- Former Panamanian bantamweight champion...

At the age of 28, Ricardo is a 10-year pro. A former WBA interim super bantamweight world champion and currently the WBA's No. 2 ranked contender at 122 pounds, he has won three fights in a row.

Ricardo is experienced against top opposition – he is the last fighter to beat current WBA super bantamweight world champion **Celestino Caballero** (W12, May 25, 2004). He has also fought world champions **Bernard Dunne** (TKO by 11), **Luis Perez** (W12), **Wladimir Sidorenko** two times (D12, D12), and **Poonsawat Kartindaeng** (L12).

Key Fights - 2010 - in his last fight on 4-30-10 in Colon, PAN, he won an 8 round unanimous decision against **Jose Gutierrez** (12-7-2): Ricardo dominated the fight; he scored a knockdown in the 7th round, and won by scores of 80-71, 80-70, 79-71...

2009 – on 12-18-09 in Petionville, Haiti, he TKO'd **Luis Murillo** (1-6): in the 3rd round...

On 10-9-09 in Panama City, PAN, he TKO'd **Eddy Julio** (11-1-1): Ricardo scored a knockdown in the 1st round and dominated most of the fight; he stopped Julio at 2:04 of the 10th round...

WBA SB WORLD TITLE CHALLENGE – on 3-21-09 in Dublin, IRE, he was TKO'd against defending champion and hometown favorite **Bernard Dunne** (27-1): the fight headlined at the O2 Arena; it was wild and exciting – one of the best fights of the year – and a dramatic come-from-behind knockout win for Dunne; Ricardo swept the 1st and 2nd rounds on all three scorecards, but Dunne scored a knockdown in the 3rd round, Ricardo swept the 4th, then scored two knockdowns in the 5th; Dunne won the 6th round on two scorecards, and the momentum shifted back and forth in the second half of the fight – Ricardo swept the 7th round on all three scorecards, but Dunne came back and swept the 8th; Ricardo rallied and won the 9th round on two scorecards, then swept the 10th; but Dunne came back and scored three knockdowns in the 11th round, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:59; after 10 rounds, Ricardo led by scores of 95-92, 96-91, 97-90...

2008 – WON WBA INTERIM SB WORLD TITLE - on 9-18-08 in Panama City he won a 12 round unanimous decision against lefthanded former IBF jr. bantamweight and bantamweight world champion **Luis Perez** (25-2): scored 117-111, 117-111, 118-110...

On 7-2-08 in Panama City he won a 10 round majority decision against **Jose Arboledo** (23-3-1): scored 97-93, 97-93, 95-95...

On 5-7-08 in Panama City he TKO'd **Franklin Solis** (11-3-1): at 1:47 of the 3rd round...

2007 – on 9-22-08 in Panama City he TKO'd previously undefeated **Danys Diaz** (11-0-1): Ricardo scored a knockdown in the 3rd round, and Diaz was cut over both of his eyes; his corner stopped the fight on his cuts after the 5th round...

On 6-2-07 in Panama City he won an 8 round unanimous decision against **Hevinson Herrera** (10-2-1): Ricardo scored a knockdown in the 1st round and won by scores of 79-72, 79-72, 80-71...

WBA B WORLD TITLE CHALLENGE – on 3-17-07 in Stuttgart, GER, he had a 12 round draw in the rematch against **Wladimir Sidorenko** (19-0-1): scored 117-111 Sidorenko, 114-114, 114-114...

2006 – on 12-29-06 in Cocle, PAN, he won an 8 round unanimous decision against **Edinson Jimenez** (1-19): scored 80-72, 80-72, 80-71...

On 7-15-06 in Cocle he knocked out **Miguel Cogollo** (17-6-2): t 0:45 of the 1st round...

WBA B WORLD TITLE CHALLENGE – on 3-11-06 in Hamburg, GER, he had a 12 round draw against defending champion **Wladimir Sidorenko** (18-0): scored 118-111 Sidorenko, 114-114, 114-114...

2005 - on 12-10-05 in Panama City he won a 10 round unanimous decision against previously undefeated **Jocklin Herrera** (14-0): Ricardo dominated most of the fight, but Herrera rallied and scored two knockdowns in the 7th round; scored 97-92, 97-92, 97-91...

On 10-15-05 in Panama City he knocked out **Diego Martinez** (0-8): at 2:18 of the 5th round...

WBC INTERIM B WORLD TITLE CHALLENGE – on 8-31-05 in Bangkok, THAI, he lost a 12 round split decision against local favorite **Poonsawat Kratindaeng** (22-0): scored 118-111 Cordoba, 116-114, 116-113 Kratindaeng...

On 4-16-05 in Panama City he won a 10 round unanimous decision against **Jean Sotelo** (15-1): scored 98-94, 98-91, 97-93...

On 1-28-05 in Panama City he knocked out **Dairo Julio** (8-5-1): at 2:28 of the 1st round...

2004 - on 12-3-04 in Colon he TKO'd **Carlos Meza** (20-1-1): Ricardo was knocked down for the first time in his career in the 4th round; Ricardo rallied in the late rounds and stopped Meza at 0:52 of the 12th round; Meza suffered a brain hemorrhage in the fight – he went into a coma and passed away from the injury on December 7...

On 5-25-04 in Panama City he won a 12 round unanimous decision against **Celestino Caballero** (19-1): scored 117-111, 117-111, 117-112; Caballero went on to win the WBA and IBF super bantamweight world titles in October, 2006...

On 3-16-04 in Panama City he TKO'd **Sergio Gonzalez** (17-8-1): at 1:32 of the 1st round...

2003 - on 11-30-03 in Panama City he TKO'd **Davis Arosemena** (11-5): at 1:00 of the 5th round...

On 5-16-03 in Colon he won a 10 round unanimous decision against **Pedro Rincon** (26-5-2): scored 98-92, 98-91, 97-93...

On 1-31-03 in Colon he knocked out **Arquimedes Gonzalez** (4-7-2): at 2:41 of the 5th round...

He debuted at the age of 17 on 9-23-00...

STRENGTHS: Has good skills and movement...has good punching power...is experienced against top opposition...

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: 41 fights...265 total rounds...35 world championship rounds...24 interim world championship rounds...

AVERAGE LENGTH OF BOUTS: 6.4 rounds...

KNOCKOUT PERCENTAGE: 62 %...

DISTANCE FIGHTS: 8 (4-2-2)...11 rounds – 1 (0-1)...10 rounds – 6 (6-0)...

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF
RICARDO CORDOBA

SOUTHPAW

SANTA MARTA, PANAMA
Date of Birth: 10/11/1982

Won-Lost-Draw-KO'S
37 2 2 23

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Sep 23	HUSSEIN SANCHEZ, CHIRIQUI, PANAMA....	TKO	1	PRO DEB	115
Oct 28	LUIS CARPINTERO, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA.	TKO	2		126
Nov 18	PLINIO GONZALEZ, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA.	W	4		115

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Mar 17	PLINIO GONZALEZ, COLON, PANAMA.....	TKO	3		115
May 19	ROYNET CABALLERO, COLON, PANAMA.....	W	4		118
Jun 09	ROYNET CABALLERO, CHIRIQUI, PANAMA...	W	6		
Jul 13	ALEX SAAVEDRA, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA...	TKO	8	FECARBOX	115
Aug 18	ROYNET CABALLERO, COLON, PANAMA.....	TKO	6		
Sep 22	ALEX SAAVEDRA, VERAGUAS, PANAMA.....	TKO	3		120
Nov 16	DAVIS AROSEMENA, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA.	W	12	FECARBOX	115
Dec 15	PLINIO GONZALEZ, COLON, PANAMA.....	TKO	5		

02

Jan 30	MARCOS SANCHEZ, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA..	KO	3	PANAMA	118
Mar 10	ANEL MITRE, CHIRIQUI, PANAMA.....	KO	1		118
Mar 23	WILLIAM GONZALEZ, PENONOME, PANAMA...	TKO	10		118
May 18	JOSE MORALES, CHIRIQUI, PANAMA.....	TKO	2		
Aug 03	ANDRES CIRIACO, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA..	W	8		
Sep 14	JAVIER ESPINOZA, CHIRIQUI, PANAMA....	KO	1		

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Jan 31	ARQUIMEDES GONZALEZ, COLON, PANAMA...	KO	5		122
May 16	PEDRO RINCON, COLON, PANAMA.....	W	10		118
Nov 30	DAVIS AROSEMENA, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA.	TKO	5	WBA/LA	115

04

Mar 16	SERGIO GONZALEZ, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA.	TKO	1	WBC/LA	118
May 25	CELESTINO CABALLERO, PANAMA CITY,	W	12	NABA	121
Dec 03	CARLOS MEZA, COLON, PANAMA.....	TKO	12	WBC/LA	118

05

Jan 28	DAIRO JULIO, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA.....	KO	1		120
Apr 16	JEAN SOTELO, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA.....	W	10		120

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF
RICARDO CORDOBA

SOUTHPAW

SANTA MARTA, PANAMA
 Date of Birth: 10/11/1982

Won-Lost-Draw-KO'S
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Aug 31	POONSAWAT KRATINDAENG, BANGKOK,	L(S)	12	WBA-I	118
Oct 15	DIEGO MARTINEZ, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA..	KO	5		120
Dec 10	JOCKLIN HERRERA, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA.	W	10	WBC/LA	118

06

Mar 11	WLADIMIR SIDORENKO, HEMBURG, GERMANY.	D	12	WBA	117
Jul 15	MIGUEL COGOLLO, COCLE, PANAMA.....	KO	1		122
Dec 29	EDINSON JIMENEZ, COCLE, PANAMA.....	W	8		122

07

Mar 17	WLADIMIR SIDORENKO, STUTTGART,	D	12	WBA	117
Jun 02	HEVINSON HERRERA, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA	W	8		122
Sep 22	DANYS DIAZ, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA.....	TKO	5	WBA/LA	122

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May 07	FRANKLIN SOLIS, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA..	TKO	3		120
Jul 02	JOSE ARBOLEDA, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA...	W(M)	10		122
Sep 18	LUIS PEREZ, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA.....	W	12	WBA-I	122

09

Mar 21	BERNARD DUNNE, DUBLIN, IRELAND.....	TKBY	11	WBA	121
Oct 09	EDDY JULIO, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA.....	TKO	10		123
Dec 18	LUIS MURILLO, PETIONVILLE, HAITI.....	TKO	3		125

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Apr 30	JOSE GUTIERREZ, COLON, PANAMA.....	W	8		124
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MIKE "MJ" JONES

Age: 27 (4-26-83)

Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Birthplace: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Record: 22-0, 18 KOs

Height: 5'11"

Reach: 72"

Stance: Righthanded

Promoters: Russell Peltz, Bob Arum/Top Rank

Managers: Jim Williams, Doc Nowicki

Trainer: Vaughn Jackson

MIKE "MJ" JONES (22-0, 18 KOs)...

- Ranked WBA #2, WBO #3, WBC #4, IBF #4 at 147 pounds...
- NABA welterweight champion, six successful title defenses...
- NABO welterweight champion, one successful defense

At the age of 27, Mike is a four-year pro. A contender at 147 pounds, he has stayed active in the ring, stepped up in class of opposition in recent fights, and made good progress.

He is coming off a fifth-round knockout win against **Irving Garcia** in his last fight on July 9.

After the fight, **Dan Rafael** wrote on ESPN.com [excerpts]: Philadelphia's Jones is right on the cusp of a major fight, so getting through a step-up fight against Puerto Rico's Garcia and looking good was pivotal. Jones, who learned to box in the gym of legendary heavyweight champ **Joe Frazier**, accomplished both tasks, taking Garcia out and setting himself up for potentially big business. With the crowd at Boardwalk Hall's ballroom firmly behind him, Jones started a little bit slowly. Garcia showed a nice jab in the first round, but Jones became much more aggressive in the second round and stayed that way. It was a good, hard-hitting fight, but Jones' power and speed eventually were too much for Garcia. Although Garcia raised a welt under Jones' right eye in the third round, it did not hamper his attack. In the fifth round, Jones unloaded a massive flurry with both hands. He fired more than a dozen blows and had Garcia in major trouble. The last shot of Jones' attack, a left hand, strayed well south of the border - clearly not a purposeful low blow - and Garcia went down to all fours. [The] referee blew the call and ruled it a knockdown before counting Garcia out. Garcia was in very bad shape before the punch and Jones seemingly was on his way to a clean knockout victory. Garcia...posed a legitimate test for Jones, who has a bright future. [End Rafael item]

Co-manager **Jim Williams** said, "Mike's a real modest guy. He's pretty quiet. He's not a trash-talker at all. He's a different type of guy. He's a real good dad. One of his kids comes to the gym with him most of the time because he can't get a babysitter, and the mother has the other one. He's a different type of guy. He's got a machine gun tattooed on his arm, and that is so unlike him. I don't know when he got that done. When I first met him, I said, 'Does that machine gun mean anything? Are you supposed to be a bad guy or something?' 'No, no. Not at all,' he says. You never hear him curse. He's just an unusual person."

Mike said, "I'm just a little smarter now than I was a couple of years ago. I've grown into the welterweight division physically, and experience-wise - each fight that I have, I get a little better. You've got to be smart in the ring, first and foremost.

"I guess I got my discipline from my dad. He's been working for a long time, putting food on the table and everything, and I'm just doing the same thing for my kids.

"I'm just anxious to get in there and do a good job, and put my stamp on the world. I'm hoping to get a title shot after one or two more fights.

"I'm pretty much a boxer. I'm not a slugger. Pretty much a smart boxer. Whatever I see that opens up, I attack. I'm naturally righthanded.

"My knockouts, I basically sum it up as accurate punching. It doesn't take a devastating puncher to get knockouts. You just got to be accurate with your shots.

"I pretty much had a pro style as a amateur. That's probably why I didn't do that well. I didn't throw that many punches.

"I'm going to be the greatest fighter you ever seen before in your life. Check me out."

Fight by Fight – 2010 – 6TH NABA, 1ST NABO W TITLE DEFENSE - in his last fight on 7-9-10 in Atlantic City, NJ, he knocked out **Irving Garcia** (17-4-3): the bout headlined at Boardwalk Hall; Garcia gave a good effort and had a few rallies, but Mike dominated most of the fight - he generally outworked, landed hard body punches, and steadily wore him down; Mike scored a knockdown with a series of punches in the 5th round, and Garcia was counted out at 1:22; after four rounds, Mike led by scores of 39-37, 39-37, 40-36; after the fight, Mike said, "I saw his legs start to buckle every time I hit him to the body, so I tried to capitalize on that. I stepped it up a little more each round, and I thought I did a good job of breaking him down."...

5TH NABA W TITLE DEFENSE, WON VACANT NABO W TITLE - on 4-17-10 in Atlantic City he TKO'd **Hector Munoz** (18-2-1): the fight was on the undercard of the Sergio Martinez-Kelly Pavlik main event, and Mike dominated; he outboxed and outworked Munoz and consistently landed the harder punches; he rocked Munoz in the 1st round and bloodied his mouth in the following rounds; Mike staggered him with a right hand in the 5th round, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:03; after the fight, Mike said, "He's a tough guy. I didn't want to exert myself at the beginning - I wanted to set a good pace because I was a little sluggish my last time out. I could tell he was wearing down, and I tried to counter and make my jab the offense. I wanted to keep the jab to the body. I'd just like to fight every month and half or two months. I'm ready to move."...

4TH NABA W TITLE DEFENSE - on 2-27-10 in Atlantic City he won a 10 round unanimous decision against **Henry Bruseles** (28-3-1): the bout headlined at Bally's and drew a capacity crowd; Mike consistently outboxed and outworked Bruseles and dominated most of the fight; scored 98-92, 98-92, 97-92...

2009 – 3RD NABA W TITLE DEFENSE - in his last fight on 11-7-09 in Atlantic City he TKO'd **Raul Pinzon** (16-3): the fight headlined at Bally's; Pinzon gave a good effort, but Mike dominated - he consistently outworked Pinzon and landed the harder punches; Mike rocked Pinzon with a series of right hands in the 4th round; he staggered Piinzon with a right hand in the 5th, then scored a knockdown moments later with a series of punches – finished by a left hook to the body – and the referee stopped the fight at 1:40...

2ND NABA W TITLE DEFENSE – on 8-8-09 in Atlantic City he won a 10 round unanimous decision against late substitute **Lenin Arroyo** (20-9-1): the fight headined at Bally's, and Mike dominated; he consistently outworked Arroyo, landed the harder punches, and rocked him several times; scored 99-91, 99-91, 98-92...

1ST NABA W TITLE DEFENSE – on 3-6-09 in Philadelphia, PA, he knocked out 1996 Colombian Olympian and late substitute **Dairo Esalas** (31-15): the fight headlined at the Blue Horizon; Mike scored three knockdowns in the 2nd round – the first with a right hand, the second moments later with a series of punches - and Esalas was penalized one point for spitting out his mouthpiece – and the third with a double left hook to the body and head; the referee stopped the fight at 1:56...

2008 – on 12-5-08 in Reading, PA, he knocked out **Luciano Perez** (16-8-1): the fight headlined at the Sovereign Center; Perez pressed forward and gave a good effort, but Mike quickly overpowered him; Mike scored a knockdown with a left hook-right hand combination in the 2nd round; he scored another knockdown with a left hook in the 3rd, and Perez was counted out at 1:56...

WON VACANT NABA W TITLE – on 8-29-08 in Philadelphia he knocked out **Juliano Ramos** (15-1): the fight headlined at the New Alhambra, and Mike dominated; he staggered Ramos with a right hand in the 6th round, then staggered him again with series of punches - finished by a left hook - and Ramos dropped to the canvas as the referee stopped the fight at 1:12; after the fight, Mike said, “It’s awesome. This is my first belt ever, amateur or pro.”...

On 5-9-08 in Philadelphia he won an 8 round unanimous decision against **Gilbert Venegas** (10-5-3): the fight headlined at the New Alhambra, and Mike dominated; he consistently outboxed and outworked Venegas, and rocked him several times; Venegas was cut under his right eye in the 6th round; scored 80-72 on all three scorecards...

On 3-28-08 in Salamanca, NY, he won an 8 round unanimous decision against 38 year-old **Germaine Sanders** (27-5): the fight was co-featured with the Cornelius Bundrage-Kassim Ouma main event; Sanders moved and boxed, but Mike pressed forward, landed the sharper punches, and dominated most of the fight; Sanders rocked Mike with a left hook in the 6th round, but Mike finished the fight strongly and won by scores of 78-74 on all three scorecards...

2007 - on 11-9-07 in Philadelphia, PA, he TKO’d 33 year-old former lightweight world title challenger **Israel “Pito” Cardona** (36-7): the fight headlined at the New Alhambra and Mike dominated; Cardona pressed forward, but Mike kept him off-balance with movement and scored repeatedly with his jab; he stunned Cardona with a right hand to the body-left hook to the head combination that cut Cardona over his left eye in the 3rd round, then rocked him with an unanswered series of punches and the referee stopped the fight at 1:34; after the fight, Mike said, “He was a tough opponent. It took a lot for me to stop him. This was the toughest fight I had so far. I heard he’s only been stopped once. I hurt him with a hook, and everything after that was reaction. Once I saw blood I kept going.”...

On 10-5-07 in Philadelphia he knocked out **Richard Hall** (10-19-2): Mike hurt Hall with a left hook to the body, then scored a knockdown with a series of punches in the 1st round, and Hall was counted out at 1:38; after the fight, Mike said, “I knew he was ready to go when I landed that shot to ribs. I want the jewelry. [note: championship belt] There’s no stopping me until I get it.”...

On 8-31-07 in Niagara Falls, NY, he TKO’d **Martinus Clay** (12-16-2): Mike dominated the fight and steadily wore down Clay; he scored a knockdown with a right hand to the body that dropped Clay to his knees in the 5th round, and he was counted out...

On 7-20-07 in Philadelphia he TKO’d **Doel Carrasquillo** (10-4-1): Mike boxed and moved effectively, and scored repeatedly with his jab and right hand; he bloodied Carrasquillo’s nose badly in the 2nd round, and Carrasquillo did not continue after the 2nd round; after the fight, Mike said, “I think I answered the question that Mike Jones has a chin. I’m now ready for whoever they put in front of me. They will just be my next victims.”...

On 5-4-07 in Las Vegas, NV, he TKO’d **Gilbert Guevara** (5-1-1): at 2:46 of the 1st round...

On 3-2-07 in Philadelphia he TKO’d **Francisco Maldonado** (11-25-4): Mike scored a knockdown with a series of punches late in the 1st round; he scored another knockdown with a series of punches early in the 2nd, and Maldonado was counted out at 0:15...

On 1-15-07 in Airway Heights, WA, he TKO’d **Donald Fosmire** (10-11-1): Mike dominated the fight and stopped Fosmire at 1:23 of the 3rd round...

2006 – on 11-17-06 in Philadelphia he TKO’d **Jason Jordan** (2-3-1): Mike scored two knockdowns, both with left hooks, in the 1st round; Jordan got up but was very unsteady, and the referee stopped the fight at 1:42...

On 9-29-06 in Philadelphia he knocked out **Todd Dillon** (debut): Mike scored a knockdown with two right hands in the 1st round – Dillon got up but was unsteady, and the referee stopped the fight at 1:00...

On 8-2-06 in Philadelphia he knocked out **Ronny Glover** (1-1): Mike scored two knockdowns in the 1st round, and Glover was counted out at 2:44..

On 3-3-06 in Philadelphia he TKO'd **Chris Gray** (1-1): at 2:30 of the 2nd round...

He debuted at the age of 22 on 12-16-05 in Philadelphia and TKO'd **Jason Thompson** (1-0): Mike staggered Thompson with a right hand-left hook combination that sent him stumbling back across the ring in the 2nd round, then scored a knockdown with a series of punches that dropped him flat on his back and the referee stopped the fight at 0:48...

AMATEUR, PERSONAL BACKGROUND: Mike said, "I was born and raised in Philadelphia. I got one older sister. My mom works at a cleaning business and my dad is a C.O., a correctional officer.

"I was about 14 years old when I started boxing. I always liked the sports. I liked to play basketball, football, physical sports, and I wanted to do something more physical. I decided to check out boxing.

"I had about 70 amateur fights. I was about 60-10. I won a few titles, the Golden Gloves. Not the Nationals, but I won the Mid-Atlantic three times and the regional championships three times.

"I have two daughters. Myana is six, and Alyza is four. They both live with their mom, but I have them a lot." ...

Until recently, Mike worked at Home Depot...co-manager **Jim Williams** said, "Mike doesn't work there anymore. He used to work fulltime, but they were very good with him. They used to let him take time-off, no questions asked. But he's made a couple of bucks fighting, and he's at the point now where it's going to cost him to work over there because he's got to get a babysitter. He has a big following at Home Depot. Last time, I think about 20 of them came to see him fight.

"Mike's a serious guy. He's low-key. He never had anything when he was younger. We signed a contract extension with him about six, eight months ago, and at the same time, signed the papers for his house. **Doc Nowicki** had a house in the Frankfurt section of Philly, a nice section of town. Originally, we had a few of the Georgians living in there – **Koba Gogoladze**, **Ramazan Paliani**, and all [note: boxers from the Republic of Georgia that were co-managed by Jim and Doc]. When they were done, Mike moved in there. He's been there for couple of years now. It's a decent house - semi-detached, a nice backyard, new wall-to-wall carpeting. He always wanted a house of his own, for his kids. So Doc sold it to him on a lease-purchase - he pays Doc so much of his fights till he pays him back. When we left the lawyer's office after signing the papers that day, Mike was all smiles. I said, "Man, that's the first time I saw you smile.' And he said, 'It's the first time I've been happy.' Mike's a proud homeowner now. He just wants roots - his world revolves around his daughters. We had a barbeque for him after his last fight, and he showed up late. He said he had to get his daughters' hair done. That came first, before anything else." ...

STRENGTHS: Has good skills, speed, and movement...tall and lanky, has good punching power...a hard worker in the gym, is always in top condition...is experienced against good opposition...had a strong amateur background...

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: 22 fights...86 total rounds...

AVERAGE LENGTH OF BOUTS: 3.9 rounds...

KNOCKOUT PERCENTAGE: 81 %...

DISTANCE FIGHTS: 10 rounds – 2 (2-0)...8 rounds – 2 (2-0)...

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF

MICHAEL JONES

PHILADELPHIA, PA

Date of Birth: 04/26/1983

Won-Lost-Draw-KO'S

22 0 0 18

05

Dec 16 JASON THOMPSON, PHILADELPHIA, PA..... TKO 2 PRO DEB 145

06

Mar 03 CHRISTOPHER GRAY, PHILADELPHIA, PA... TKO 2 146

Aug 02 RONNY GLOVER, PHILADELPHIA, PA..... KO 1 146

Sep 29 TODD DILLON, PHILADELPHIA, PA..... KO 1 148

Nov 17 JASON JORDAN, PHILADELPHIA, PA..... TKO 1 147

07

Jan 15 DONALD FOSMIRE, AIRWAY HEIGHT, WA.... TKO 3 147

Mar 02 FRANCISCO MALDONADO, PHILADELPHIA, PA TKO 2 147

May 04 GILBERT GUEVARA, LAS VEGAS, NV..... TKO 1 146

Jul 20 DOEL CARRASQUILLO, PHILADELPHIA, PA.. TKO 2 146

Aug 31 MARTINUS CLAY, NIAGARA FALLS, NY..... TKO 5 147

Oct 05 RICHARD HALL, PHILADELPHIA, PA..... KO 1 146

Nov 09 ISRAEL CARDONA, PHILADELPHIA, PA..... TKO 3 147

08

Mar 28 GERMAINE SANDERS, SALAMANCA, NY..... W 8 146

May 09 GILBERT VENEGAS, PHILADELPHIA, PA.... W 8 147

Aug 29 JULIANO RAMOS, PHILADELPHIA, PA..... KO 6 NABA 144

Dec 05 LUCIANO PEREZ, READING, PA..... KO 3 144

09

Mar 06 DAIRO ESALAS, PHILADELPHIA, PA..... KO 2 NABA 144

Aug 08 LENIN ARROYO, AC, NJ..... W 10 NABA 146

Nov 07 RAUL PINZON, AC, NJ..... TKO 5 NABA 146

10

Feb 27 HENRY BRUSELES, AC, NJ..... W 10 NABA 146

Apr 17 HECTOR MUNOZ, AC, NJ..... TKO 5 NABANABO 146

Jul 09 IRVING GARCIA, AC, NJ..... KO 5 NABANABO 146

JESUS “Renuente” SOTO-KARASS

Age: 28 (10-15-82)

Residence: Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico

Birthplace: Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico

Record: 24-4-3, 1 ND, 16 KOs

Height: 5’10”

Reach: 73”

Stance: Righthanded

Managers: Francisco Espinoza, Sergio Diaz

Trainer: Joe Goossen

JESUS “Renuente” (Determined) SOTO-KARASS (24-4-3, 1 ND, 16 KOs)...

- Ranked WBC #8, IBF #13 at 147 pounds...
- Former NABF welterweight champion...
- Former WBC Continental Americas welterweight champion, four successful defenses...

At the age of 28, Jesus is a nine-year pro. A contender at 147 pounds, he has stepped up in class of opposition in several recent fights and given impressive performances.

His last two fights, however, have been inconclusive – both were shortened by cuts caused by accidental head clashes.

He is coming off a no decision against **Gabriel Martinez** in his last fight on May 29.

After the fight, **Dan Rafael** wrote on ESPN.com [excerpts]: This bout went down as a no-contest as Soto-Karass leaned far inside while throwing a punch and he and Martinez had a nasty accidental clash of heads. It left Martinez with a gaping cut under his left eye. They finished the round and then the bout was stopped. Too bad, because it was shaping up as entertaining fight. [End Rafael item]

In his previous fight in November, 2009, he had an injury-shortened technical decision loss against **Alfonso Gomez**.

Jesus was undefeated in his previous 15 fights - 13-0-2, with six knockouts – which included several impressive wins and established him as a welterweight contender.

After his 10 round unanimous decision win against **Carson Jones** in February, 2009, Boxing News reported [excerpts]: The Mexican mauler is as hot as he’s ever been in his eight-year career. Soto-Karass was once better known as **Antonio Margarito’s** sparring partner, but his own accomplishments can no longer be ignored. [End Boxing News item]

Jesus told Boxingscene.com, “I have a new team and **Joe Goossen** is now my head trainer. I think that he has made a huge difference in how I fight. I think after this fight I will be able to fight for a regional title, then a Top 10 fighter, and then hopefully a title shot.

“I have made mistakes in past fights that have held me back from getting a title shot, but I think I have learned from those mistakes and I am ready to take the next step in my career.”

Three of Jesus’ losses came in consecutive fights in 2004 and 2005. All three were against undefeated fighters, and all were by decision – **Yuri Foreman** (16-0), who currently holds the WBA super welterweight world title; **Freddy Hernandez** (16-0); and **Nurhan Suleyman** (12-0).

Jesus said through an interpreter, “I came from a boxing family – my father and all of my brothers were boxers. I had a lot of success early in my career without having to try very hard. A few of years ago, I realized I had to do something different. I knew I had to take this seriously and train harder.

“My goal is to become a world champion, make a lot of money, and buy a house for my mother and family. I’m going to give it 100 percent.”

Jesus’ nickname means “determined.” He said, “It’s like, if you knock me down, I’m going to get up and knock you down.”

Key Fights – 2010 - in his last fight on 5-29-10 in Chicago, IL, he had a no decision against **Gabriel Martinez** (24-1-1): the fight headlined at the UIC Pavilion; Martinez was cut badly under his left eye in the

1st round, and the fight was stopped on the cut after the round; the local commission records it as a no decision at 0:01 of the 2nd round...

2009 - on 11-14-09 in Las Vegas, NV, he lost a technical decision against **Alfonso Gomez** (20-4-2): the fight was on the undercard of the Manny Pacquiao-Miguel Cotto main event; Gomez generally outworked Jesus and built a lead on the scorecards; Jesus was also penalized one point for low blows in the 3rd round, and another point for the same foul in the 4th; Gomez was also cut by an accidental clash of heads in the 3rd round; Gomez generally outworked Jesus and landed the sharper punches in the following rounds; the cut worsened, and the fight was stopped on the injury at 2:14 of the 6th round and went to the scorecards – Gomez led by scores of 58-54, 57-55, 57-55...

On 8-29-09 in Grand Prairie, TX, he won a 10 round unanimous decision against **Edvan Barros** (10-6-1): the bout headlined at Quik Trip Park; Jesus pressed forward, kept a busier pace, and dominated most of the fight; Barros fought defensively in the early rounds, but stepped up his attack in the late rounds and there were some good exchanges; scored 99-91, 97-93, 100-90...

On 2-6-09 in Maywood, CA, he won a 10 round unanimous decision against **Carson Jones** (18-6-1): the bout headlined at the Activity Center; Jesus scored two knockdowns, both with left hooks to the body, in the 3rd round, but was penalized one point for punching Jones while he was on one knee after the second knockdown; Jones stepped up his pace and rallied in the middle rounds, but Jesus scored repeatedly with hard left hooks to the body, steadily wore him down, and finished strongly in the late rounds; scored 99-89, 98-90, 97-91; after the fight, Jesus said, "I knew that he was a strong fighter. He took my punches very well. I would have him at times and then he would slip away."...

2008 – on 11-28-08 in Rio Rancho, NM, he TKO'd six-foot tall **Hicklet Lau** (20-17-2): the fight headlined at the Santa Ana Star Center, and Jesus quickly overpowered Lau; he started very fast, and Lau was battered and bloody in the 1st round; Jesus scored a knockdown with a right hand in the 2nd – Lau got up, but Jesus rocked him with a series of punches and the referee stopped the fight at 1:59; after the fight, Jesus said, "I knew I had him when I hit him with my first punch. I felt him go weak when I hit him."...

WON VACANT NABF SW TITLE - on 7-25-08 in Las Vegas he TKO'd **David Estrada** (22-4): the fight headlined at the Hard Rock Casino, and it was fast-paced and exciting; several rounds were close, but Jesus had the edge in most of them and gradually wore down Estrada; Jesus buckled Estrada's knees - almost to the canvas - with a left hook in the 8th round, then scored a knockdown with two right hands that dropped him on his side – Estrada got up but was very unsteady, and the referee stopped the fight at 1:03; after seven rounds, Jesus led by scores of 69-64, 69-64, 67-66; after the fight, Jesus said, "It was a tough fight. He was a very difficult opponent. This was an important fight for me because it was against a world class fighter. My corner kept telling me to step it up, but I thought I was doing well. I thought I was comfortably ahead."...

4TH WBC CONTINENTAL AMERICAS W TITLE DEFENSE - on 4-11-08 in Atlantic City, NJ, he won a 10 round unanimous decision against **Chris Smith** (21-4-1): it was a tremendous battle, hard-fought and very close; Smith started fast – he constantly pressed forward and outworked Jesus in the early rounds; Jesus's right eye became badly swollen, but he rallied in the second half of the fight – he scored with hard body punches at times, and boxed and moved effectively at others; the crowd gave the fighters a standing ovation at the final bell; many observers thought the decision could go either way, but the judges scored 98-92, 96-94, 96-94; after the fight, Jesus said, "When I boxed I did better, but it was too tough not to brawl. It was a real tough fight. I thought I hurt him, but every time I hurt him he kept coming back at me."...

On 1-18-08 in Brownsville, TX, he won a 10 round unanimous decision against lefthander **Germaine Sanders** (27-4): it was a good, close fight; Jesus pressed forward, but Sanders kept him off-balance with movement, boxed effectively at times and scored with counterpunches; Jesus consistently kept a busier pace and landed the harder punches, and won by scores of 97-92, 96-93, 95-93...

2007 – on 11-15-07 in Reading, PA, he won a 10 round unanimous decision against **Juan Buendia** (14-1-1): it was a fast-paced, exciting fight; Jesus scored a knockdown with a left hook that dropped Buendia to his hands and knees in the 2nd round - he got up and gave a strong effort in the following rounds, but Jesus consistently outworked him and landed the harder punches; scored 98-91, 98-91, 97-92...

3RD WBC CONTINENTAL AMERICAS W TITLE DEFENSE - on 8-17-07 in El Paso, TX, he TKO'd **Jose Ojeda** (14-5-3): Ojeda gave a good effort, but Jesus dominated the fight; he staggered Ojeda with a right hand in the 2nd round, then scored a knockdown with another right hand in the 3rd - Ojeda got up, but Jesus rocked him with a series of punches and the referee stopped the fight at 1:30; after the fight, Jesus said, "I wasn't in there looking for the knockout. I was trying to work off the jab, just trying to move around, work off that jab and look for openings. He made a mistake, didn't pay attention, and that's when I caught him."...

2ND WBC CONTINENTAL AMERICAS W TITLE DEFENSE - on 5-25-07 in Albuquerque, NM, he fought to a 12 round draw against **Gilbert Venegas** (10-4-2): the fight headlined at the Isleta Resort & Casino, drew a capacity crowd of 2,800, and was fast-paced and exciting; it was also very close - Jesus pressed forward and started fast, but Venegas counterpunched effectively and rallied in the middle rounds; Jesus rallied in the late rounds, but was penalized one point for low blows in the 9th, which made the difference for him in a win and a draw; both fought hard until the final bell; scored 115-112 Soto-Karass, 114-113 Venegas, 114-114; after the fight, Jesus said, "I really thought I won the fight. I threw more punches, but felt a little tight. I know I can do better. But he was tough, strong. And we both deserve a rematch."...

2006 - on 12-15-06 in Houston, TX, he TKO'd **Luciano Perez** (14-4-1): Jesus gave an impressive performance and dominated most of the fight; he boxed and counterpunched effectively, rocked Perez several times in the early rounds, and bruised him around both eyes; Perez rallied and rocked Jesus in the 4th, but Jesus came back later in the round and cut Perez under his left eye; Jesus steadily wore down Perez, bloodied his mouth, and Perez' corner stopped the fight after the 6th round...

1ST WBC CONTINENTAL AMERICAS W TITLE DEFENSE - on 10-20-06 in Cicero, IL, he TKO'd previously undefeated prospect **Michel Rosales** (11-0): Jesus started fast, but was warned for low blows in the 3rd round; he landed several hard body punches, but was penalized one point for a low blow in the 5th; Rosales rallied in the middle rounds and Jesus was penalized another point for low blows in the 8th; but Jesus came back strongly in the late rounds, scored a knockdown with a series of punches in the 11th round that dropped Rosales to one knee, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:21...

WON VACANT WBC CONTINENTAL AMERICAS W TITLE - on 6-2-06 in Tucson, AZ, he TKO'd 42 year-old former IBF jr. welterweight world champion **Vince Phillips** (48-10-1): the fight headlined at Club Envy, and Jesus dominated; he staggered Phillips in the 2nd round, then cut him over the right eye and bloodied his mouth in the 5th; Jesus steadily wore him down, and Phillips' corner stopped the fight after the 9th round...

On 2-18-06 in Las Vegas, NV, he won an 8 round unanimous decision against **Fernando Mena** (17-6-2): the bout was on the undercard of the Antonio Margarito-Manuel Gomez main event, and it was a fast-paced, exciting fight; Jesus started slowly and Mena gave a strong effort, but Jesus rallied in the middle rounds and finished the fight strongly; Jesus rocked Mena several times, cut him over his left eye, and bloodied his mouth; scored 78-74, 78-74, 77-75...

2005 - on 12-10-05 in Maywood, CA, he won a 6 round unanimous decision against **Juan Cervantes** (11-17-2): scored 59-55, 59-55, 58-56...

On 5-6-05 in Fountain Hills, AZ, he fought to a 10 round draw against **Manuel "Shotgun" Gomez** (28-10-1): Jesus took the fight on short notice and started slowly; Gomez staggered him in the 2nd round, but Jesus came back and outworked Gomez for much of the fight; scored 97-93 Gomez, 95-95, 95-95; after the fight, Jesus said, "Under the circumstances that we came in the ring, I think I felt real good and gave a real good fight. The people didn't like the draw decision, but I could have won the fight as well as Shotgun could have. We both gave a great fight, but we have to accept the decision. I don't want to belittle my opponent, you know, everyone has their point of view. But if I would have come in at 100 percent, I would have knocked him out."...

On 2-24-05 in New York, NY, he lost an 8 round unanimous decision against prospect and hometown favorite **Yuri Foreman** (16-0): Foreman frustrated Jesus with movement and dominated the fight with his jab; scored 80-72, 79-73, 79-73...

2004 - on 7-13-04 in Beverly Hills, CA, he lost a 10 round unanimous decision against **Freddy Hernandez** (16-0): the event was held outdoors at the Playboy Mansion, and it was a tactical fight; Hernandez was cut over his right eye by a clash of heads in the 3rd round, but boxed and moved effectively and generally outworked Jesus; scored 98-92, 98-92, 97-93...

On 1-15-04 in Houston, TX, he lost a 12 round unanimous decision against two-time Turkish Olympian and former European amateur champion **Nurhan Suleyman** (12-0): Jesus took the fight on short notice; Suleyman boxed effectively behind his jab, and dominated the first six rounds; Jesus was penalized one point for fouls in the 7th round, but rallied late in the fight and rocked Suleyman in the 10th; scored 118-108, 117-109, 116-110...

2003 - 7-17-03 in Industry Hills, CA, he TKO'd **Oscar Delgado** (22-19): the early rounds were close; Delgado rallied in the middle rounds, but Jesus scored two knockdowns in the 7th, and the referee stopped the fight without a count at 0:34...

On 5-5-03 in Shreveport, LA, he won an 8 round decision against **Jaime Morales** (7-21-4)...

On 1-18-03 in Los Mochis, MX, he fought to a 10 round draw against **Cristian Solano** (14-4-3)...

2002 - on 7-19-02 in Los Mochis he TKO'd previously undefeated **Marco Antonio Garcia** (2-0): in the 6th round...

On 4-20-02 in Los Mochis he knocked out previously undefeated **Saul Roman** (9-0): in the 1st round...

He debuted at the age of 18 on 6-29-01 in Los Mochis and knocked out **Edgar Inzunza** (0-1): in the 1st round...

AMATEUR, PERSONAL BACKGROUND: Jesus is a lifelong resident of Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico and grew up in a family with four brothers...he said, "It's family of boxers, the whole family.

"My father was a professional boxer. He was in the gym all the time when I was little. I started training when I was 17. I had 14 amateur fights, with 13 wins and one loss. All of my brothers were boxers, but only one still fights, Jose."...

Jesus is married and has three young daughters...

His hometown is a city of 200,000 people on Mexico's eastern shore of the Gulf of California that has also produced former WBC and WBO light flyweight world champion **Jorge Arce**, WBC-WBO bantamweight world champion **Fernando Montiel**, and WBC lightweight world champion **Humberto Soto**...

Co-manager **Francisco Espinoza** said, "Jesus started boxing with **Manuel Montiel**, who has, I think, the best school for boxing in all of Mexico. This school in Los Mochis has been owned for years by the Montiel family. Manuel Montiel is the father of **Fernando Montiel**, the two-time WBO jr. bantamweight world champion, and world champion **Jorge "Travieso" Arce** is another fighter from his school. They've had many, many other good fighters, they are all very skilled and educated."...

STRENGTHS: Has an aggressive style, good skills and movement...tall and lanky for the division...physically strong, tough and determined...has good punching power...a good body puncher...has a strong family boxing background...is experienced against good opposition...

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: 32 fights...209 total rounds...

AVERAGE LENGTH OF BOUTS: 6.5 rounds...

KNOCKOUT PERCENTAGE: 66 %...

DISTANCE FIGHTS: 12 rounds - 2 (0-1-1)...11 rounds - 1 (1-0)...10 rounds - 8 (5-1-2)...

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF
JESUS RENUENTE SOTO

JESUS SOTO-KARASS

SINALOA, MEXICO

Date of Birth: 10/15/1982

Won-Lost-Draw-KO'S

24 4 3 16

01

Jun 29	EDGAR INZUNZA, LOS MOCHIS, MEXICO....	TKO	1	PRO DEB
Aug 01	RAYMUNDO VERDUGO, LOS MOCHIS, MEXICO.	TKO	1	
Sep 14	JOEL GONZALEZ, LOS MOCHIS, MEXICO....	TKO	1	
Nov 03	JOSE OROZCO, LOS MICHOS, MEXICO.....	TKO	4	
Dec 07	FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, CIUDAD OBREGON,	TKO	1	
Dec 21	MARCIAL HIGUERA, LA PAZ, MEXICO.....	KO	1	

02

Feb 22	ERIK RODRIGUEZ, LOS MOCHIS, MEXICO...	KO	5	
Apr 20	SAUL ROMAN, LOS MOCHIS, MEXICO.....	TKO	1	
Jul 19	MARCOS GARCIA, LOS MOCHIS, MEXICO....	TKO	6	

03

Jan 18	CHRISTIAN SOLANO, LOS MOCHIS, MEXICO.	D	10	
May 05	JAIME MORALES, SHREVEPORT, LA.....	W	8	148
Jul 17	OSCAR DELGADO, INDUSTRY HILLS, CA....	KO	7	149

04

Jan 15	NURHAN SULEYMANOGLU, HOUSTON, TX....	L	12	FEDECENT 150
Jul 13	FREDDY HERNANDEZ, BEVERLY HILLS, CA..	L	10	145

05

Feb 24	YURI FOREMAN, NY, NY.....	L	8	156
May 06	MANUEL GOMEZ, FOUNTAIN HILLS, AZ....	D	10	156
Dec 10	JUAN CERVANTES, MAYWOOD, CA.....	W	6	146

06

Feb 18	FERNANDO MENA, LAS VEGAS, NV.....	W	8	145
Jun 02	VINCENT PHILLIPS, TUCSON, AZ.....	TKO	9	WBC/CA 147
Oct 20	MICHEL ROSALES, CICERO, IL.....	TKO	11	WBC/CA 145
Dec 15	LUCIANO PEREZ, HOUSTON, TX.....	TKO	7	147

07

May 25	GILBERT VENEGAS, ISLETA, NM.....	D	12	WBC/CA 146
Aug 17	JOSE OJEDA, EL PASO, TX.....	TKO	3	WBC/CA 146

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Won-Lost-Draw-KO'S

24 4 3 16

Nov 15	JUAN BUENDIA, READING, PA.....	W	10	148
<u>08</u>				
Jan 18	GERMAINE SANDERS, BROWNSVILLE, TX....	W	10	150
Apr 11	CHRISTOPHER SMITH, AC, NJ.....	W	10 WBC/CA	147
Jul 25	DAVID ESTRADA, LAS VEGAS, NV.....	TKO	8 NABF	147
Nov 28	HICKLET LAU, RIO RANCHO, NM.....	TKO	2	149
<u>09</u>				
Feb 06	CARSON JONES, MAYWOOD, CA.....	W	10	150
Aug 29	EDVAN BARROS, GRAND PRAIRIE, TX.....	W	10	148
Nov 14	ALFONSO GOMEZ, LAS VEGAS, NV.....	TL	6 WBC/CA	147
<u>10</u>				
May 29	GABRIEL MARTINEZ, CHICAGO, IL.....	ND	2	149