

## **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ JR.**

Age: 25 (2-16-86)

Residence: Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico

Birthplace: Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico

Record: 43-0-1, 1 NC, 30 KOs

Height: 5'11"

Reach: 73"

Stance: Righthanded

Manager: Billy Keane

Trainer: Freddie Roach (five-time Boxing Writers Association of America "Trainer of the Year")

### **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ JR. (43-0-1, 1 NC, 30 KOs)...**

- WBC middleweight world champion...
- Former WBC Silver middleweight champion, one successful defense...
- Former WBC Latino super welterweight champion...
- Former WBC Continental Americas super welterweight champion, one successful defense...
- Former WBC Youth super welterweight champion...

At the age of 25, Julio is a seven-year pro. The WBC middleweight world champion, he is the oldest son and namesake of the legendary "El Grande Campeon Mexicano" - former four-time world champion **Julio Cesar Chavez**, who was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame on June 12, 2011.

Julio Jr. won the WBC title with a 12 round unanimous against previously undefeated defending champion **Sebastian Zbik** in his last fight on June 4.

After the fight, **Dan Rafael** wrote on ESPN.com [excerpts]: Julio Cesar Chavez Sr., the greatest and most popular fighter in Mexican history, will be inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame. But before making his way to Canastota, N.Y., to participate in that piece of history, he was ringside at Staples Center for another piece of family history. His oldest son, 25-year-old Chavez Jr., won a world title in the same city where Chavez Sr. had won his first championship and in the same building where he won his 107<sup>th</sup> and final professional fight in 2005 (headlining a card his son also fought on).

Chavez Jr. has come a long way since he turned pro as a 17-year-old in 2003....

In Zbik, Chavez was facing the best opponent of his career.... Zbik clearly won most of the early rounds before Chavez began to pick it up in the fifth round, when he wobbled Zbik with a right hand in the final seconds. Chavez had another big round in the seventh in what was an increasingly exciting slugfest. The fight was tight down the stretch, but Chavez was clearly landing harder punches. He was destroying Zbik with his body attack, especially late in the fight. He closed very strong, sweeping the final three rounds on all three scorecards to win the majority decision that perhaps could have gone either way by a point or two.

All credit to the son of the legend. Chavez Jr. showed a lot of heart and determination, put on a terrific fight and won a title. In doing so, father and son become the fifth such duo to win titles in boxing history. [End Rafael item]

Fightwriter.com's **Graham Houston** reported [excerpts]: The son of Mexico's most celebrated fighter showed guts, determination and stamina in his hard-working and deserved majority decision win over Sebastian Zbik to capture the WBC middleweight title.... It was a fight that saw Zbik having success in the early rounds while Chavez finished strongly. Some of the middle rounds were open to debate, but rounds 10, 11 and 12 were all Chavez.

Chavez showed improvement under trainer **Freddie Roach**. Junior dug in and showed the heart and desire of a real fighter. He threw combinations more impressively than I have ever seen him throw them, letting his hands go in a way that impresses the judges. When the chips were down he had to fight - and fight hard - to win the belt.

Chavez...showed that he can fight and battle through adversity. Zbik...had come to win, having prepared for a month in Los Angeles, and he wasn't a pushover.

Chavez clearly paid his dues in the gym. The way he came on in the late rounds showed a high degree of fitness. His body punching evoked memories of his father.... The left hook downstairs is a punishing weapon. Zbik had a sturdy look, but the body battering had drained his resources by the 10<sup>th</sup> round.

Chavez's physical strength surprised me.

The Mexican fans love him, and why not? The young man comes to fight. [End Houston item]

A turning point in the career of **Manny Pacquiao** came when trainer **Freddie Roach** introduced him to the right hook. Roach introduced Julio to physical conditioning and proper preparation for a fight.

Freddie said, "This was my third fight working with Julio. Julio has total dedication in the gym. He's never said 'No' to me. Whatever I tell him to do, he does. He's working great. All those rumors about him being lazy and so forth, I find not to be true.

"The thing is, when you don't have the amateur experience, you've got to take the long road and you don't fight a good level of competition at first. He's still learning his trade as a pro. Most amateurs, if they have 150 or something amateur fights, they've learned their trade in the amateurs. You can move them up as a pro a lot quicker. So they moved him along in the correct manner. He's taken those small steps up."

Strength and conditioning coach **Alex Ariza** said, "Like everybody else, I heard the rumors and stories. It wasn't until the Duddy fight, when I was training him, that I just didn't see what everybody was saying about him – lack of intensity, lazy, doesn't train hard.

"I've been very fortunate. I think I've worked with the best in the sport, from **Manny Pacquiao** to **Vanes Martirosyan** to **Amir Khan**, and now Julio. I was surprised, after hearing all the stories, that he was able to keep up with these guys speed-wise. Strength-wise, forget about it because he's probably the strongest kid I've ever had. It was just one of those things that I just had to figure out how to tap into it. Once I could get his confidence that he wasn't going to get tired, he wasn't holding back. He wasn't trying to reserve himself. Then, I knew he had it.

"If you watch the Duddy fight, from the ninth round till the 12<sup>th</sup> round is when he really just turned it on. That's when everybody came up to me and said they couldn't believe it. The funny thing is, I was in the bus with **John Duddy** on the way to the airport after the fight and he said, 'I thought Chavez couldn't make it past six rounds but once I saw what was going on, I knew I was in trouble.' "

Julio said through an interpreter, "Back in the day, I trained myself. I didn't know anything about exercise or dieting or anything like that. My problem was always conditioning. If things had stayed the same, my career would have gone nowhere.

"Now, with Freddie and Alex, I follow the regimen and it's changed everything drastically. You never realize what you're capable of because without conditioning, you're just relying on instinct. Now that my conditioning is good and I know that I won't get tired, a lot more things, skill-wise, are starting to come out of me."

When Julio was born in February, 1986, his father was 23 years old and had a professional record of 49-0. He had won the WBC super featherweight world title 17 months earlier and made three successful title defenses. Julio Senior first won WBC super lightweight world title at the age of 22 in his 44<sup>th</sup> pro fight.

Julio Junior's webpage address is [jcchavezjr.com](http://jcchavezjr.com). The webpage address for Julio Junior and his father is [chavez360.com](http://chavez360.com).

**Key Fights – 2011 – WON WBC M WORLD TITLE** - in his last fight on 6-4-11 in Los Angeles, CA, he won a 12 round majority decision against previously undefeated defending champion **Sebastian Zbik** (30-0): the fight headlined at Staples Center – it was fast-paced and exciting, and very close; Zbik started fast – he consistently outworked Julio in the early rounds and built a lead of the scorecards – he won the first four rounds on one scorecard, and three of the first four on the other two - but Julio repeatedly landed hard body punches and steadily wore him down; Julio rallied in the middle rounds – he staggered Zbik with a right hand in the 5<sup>th</sup> round and swept the round on all three scorecards, won the 6<sup>th</sup> on two scorecards, then swept the 7<sup>th</sup> round and won the 8<sup>th</sup> on two scorecards; Zbik came back and swept the 9<sup>th</sup> round, but Julio finished the fight very strongly – he swept the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and won by scores of 115-113, 116-112, 114-114; after the fight, Julio said, “I am very excited in winning the title. This was a great learning experience. This is the beginning of a new story and a new stage for me. It was very important to win the title. I hope to maintain myself as a champion for many years to come. I am ready for the big fights and I want to thank God. I hope everyone enjoyed the fight, and I won the title for Mexico. I am proud to be able to continue the legend that my father began, and I promise to defend this title proudly.”...

**1<sup>ST</sup> WBC SILVER M TITLE DEFENSE** - on 1-29-11 in Culiacan, MX, he won a 10 round unanimous decision against **Billy Lyell** (22-8): the fight headlined at Estadio Banorte – it drew a capacity crowd of around 12,000, and Julio dominated; he consistently outworked Lyell, landed the harder punches, and rocked him several times; Lyell was cut over his left eye in the 6<sup>th</sup> round, and over his right eye later in the fight; scored 98-92, 99-92, 96-94...

**2010 – WON VACANT WBC SILVER M TITLE** - on 6-26-10 in San Antonio, TX, he won a 12 round unanimous decision against **John Duddy** (29-1): the fight headlined at the Alamodome and drew a crowd of 8,172 – Julio was accompanied on his ring walk by his father, to thunderous applause; Duddy gave a very determined effort, but Julio dominated most of the fight - he boxed and moved well in the early rounds, then stood and slugged in the middle rounds and got the better of those exchanges, as well; Duddy rallied and staggered Julio with a right hand in the 6<sup>th</sup> round, but Julio came back and bloodied Duddy's nose in the 7<sup>th</sup>, and finished the middle and late rounds strongly; scored 117-111, 120-108, 116-112; after the fight, Julio said, “John is the toughest fighter I've faced so far. He kept the pressure on and really pushed me farther than I've been to this point in my career. But I knew coming in that he was going to be challenging, and I was happy to walk away with the victory. To fight in the same building that my father did is almost surreal for me. I never thought in my wildest dreams that I'd be headlining at the Alamodome.”...

**2009 –** on 11-14-09 in Las Vegas, NV, he had a 10 round no contest against **Troy Rowland** (25-2): the fight was co-featured with the Manny Pacquiao-Miguel Cotto main event; the early rounds were close, but Julio rallied in the middle and late rounds - he consistently landed the harder punches, dominated most of the fight, and won a unanimous decision by scores of 99-91, 98-92, 97-93; but Julio tested positive for a diuretic after the fight, and the result was changed to “no contest”...

**1<sup>ST</sup> WBC LATINO SW TITLE DEFENSE** - on 9-12-09 in Tepic, MX, he TKO'd **Jason LeHoullier** (21-1-1): the fight headlined at El Palenque de la Feria; Julio scored a knockdown with a left hook in the 1<sup>st</sup> round – it was the first time LeHoullier had been knocked down in his career; he got up, but Julio rocked him with a series of punches and the referee stopped the fight at 2:43...

WON VACANT WBC LATINO SW TITLE - on 3-28-09 in Tijuana, MX, he won a 10 round unanimous decision against previously undefeated **Luciano Cuello** (23-0): the fight headlined at the Plaza de Toros and drew a reported crowd of 22,000; it was a fast-paced, exciting battle, and very bloody; several rounds were close, and the momentum shifted back and forth; Julio pressed forward and scored with hard body punches in the early rounds; Cuello's nose was bloodied in the 4<sup>th</sup> round, and Julio was cut over his right eye in the 6<sup>th</sup> round; Julio boxed and moved more in the middle rounds, but Cuello rallied late in the fight and won the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> rounds on two judges' scorecards; scored 97-93, 96-95, 96-94; after the fight, Julio said, "This was a good fight for me. I learned a lot over 10 rounds. It was probably one of my best fights."...

2008 – on 11-1-08 in Las Vegas he won a 10 round unanimous decision in the rematch against **Matt Vanda** (39-7): the fight headlined at Mandalay Bay, and Julio dominated; he pressed forward, consistently outworked Vanda, and landed the harder punches; he was also very consistent throughout the fight, and finished the late rounds strongly; scored 99-91, 98-91, 97-93; after the fight, Julio said, "The way I boxed tonight, it showed that I was sick during the first fight. I dictated the pace inside the ring. I was boxing with him and exchanging with him. I wanted him to see an entirely different fighter than the last time. I was able to change it up."...

On 7-12-08 in Hermosillo, MX, he won a 10 round split decision against **Matt Vanda** (38-6): it was a fast-paced, exciting fight; Julio started fast – he pressed forward, landed the harder punches, and scored effectively with body punches; but he tired badly in the middle rounds; Vanda rallied, and came on strongly in the late rounds – he rocked Julio several times in the 8<sup>th</sup> round, but Julio came back and fought hard in the 9<sup>th</sup> round; both went all-out in the final round; scored 100-90, 97-93 Chavez, 96-95 Vanda...

1<sup>ST</sup> WBC CONTINENTAL AMERICAS SW TITLE DEFENSE - on 4-26-08 in Queretaro, MX, he knocked out previously undefeated **Tobia Giuseppe Loriga** (24-0-1): the bout headlined at Plaza de Toros, and Julio dominated most of the fight; he scored a knockdown with a right hand in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and scored repeatedly with hard body punches; Julio staggered Loriga with a right hand in the 9<sup>th</sup> round, then landed a series of punches that had Loriga out on his feet, and the referee stopped the fight at 1:47...

WON VACANT WBC CONTINENTAL AMERICAS SW TITLE - on 2-9-08 in Leon, MX, he TKO'd lefthanded former three-time U.S. national amateur champion and 2000 Olympic alternate **Jose Celaya** (31-3): the bout headlined at the Domo de la Feria, and it was a close, hard fight; Julio scored a knockdown with a left hook in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, and Celaya's left eye became badly swollen; Celaya switched back and forth effectively between the lefthanded and righthanded stances in the following rounds, consistently outworked Julio, and appeared to build a lead on the scorecards, but Julio kept pressing forward, landed the harder punches, and gradually wore him down; Celaya's left eye was swollen nearly shut by the 7<sup>th</sup> round, and he was cut over his right eye, as well; Julio scored a knockdown with a right hand in the 8<sup>th</sup> round - Celaya got up but motioned that he could not continue, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:14; after the fight Julio said, "I never felt I was losing the fight, but I did not feel I was doing the best I could. I know I can do a lot better."...

2007 - on 12-1-07 in Albuquerque, NM, he knocked out lefthanded hometown favorite **Ray Sanchez III** (20-1): the bout headlined at Tingley Coliseum and drew a crowd of 6,077; it was an exciting fight - Julio pressed forward and landed the harder punches, but Sanchez boxed and moved effectively and consistently kept a faster pace; Julio staggered Sanchez and bloodied his nose with a series of punches late in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, but Sanchez came back and outworked him in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>; Julio steadily wore down Sanchez in the 5<sup>th</sup> round, then scored a knockdown with a series of punches

midway through the 6<sup>th</sup>, and Sanchez was counted out on all fours at 1:33; after five rounds, the fight was scored 49-46, 49-46 Sanchez, 48-47 Chavez; after the fight, Julio said, "I knew it would take more than one punch. But you can see the combos finally put him down. He hits very hard and will continue in his career. I think I'm almost ready for a title fight, maybe after two or three more meaningful fights. I'm ranked so, God willing, it will happen soon."...

On 8-4-07 in Rosemont, IL, he TKO'd **Louis Brown** (15-2): the fight was on the undercard of the David Diaz-Erik Morales main event, and Julio dominated; he wore down Brown with body punches, and scored a knockdown with a body punch in the 4<sup>th</sup> round; he staggered Brown with a right hand in the 5<sup>th</sup> round and the referee stopped the fight at 2:42; after the fight, Julio said, "I'm ready to move on to bigger and better things. I hurt my middle knuckle on my right hand in the first round. I was hitting him a lot of times, and he kept fighting back. It was a really tough fight."...

On 6-9-07 in New York, NY, he knocked out **Grover Wiley** (30-9-1): the fight was on the undercard of the Miguel Cotto-Zab Judah main event at Madison Square Garden, and Julio has some extra incentive against Wiley – Wiley TKO'd Julio's father in September, 2005, and sent him into retirement; Julio Jr. dominated; he scored a knockdown with a left hook to the body that dropped Wiley to his knees late in the 1<sup>st</sup> round; Julio scored two more knockdowns in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, both with left hooks to the body, and Wiley was counted out at 2:27...

On 4-14-07 in San Antonio, TX, he knocked out **Anthony Shuler** (20-4-1): Julio was very impressive; he staggered Shuler early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, then scored two knockdowns – the first with a left hook that sent Shuler stumbling backwards to the seat of his trunks, the second with a left hook that put him flat on his back – and the referee stopped the fight without a count at 1:32...

On 3-9-07 in Hidalgo, TX, he TKO'd **Raul Munoz** (18-10-1): the fight headlined at the Dodge Arena, drew an estimated crowd of over 3,800, and Julio gave an impressive performance; he dominated the fight and scored a knockdown with a left uppercut late in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round; he scored a second knockdown with a series of punches in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the referee stopped the fight at 1:29...

2006 – on 12-16-06 in Culiacan, MX, he won a 10 round unanimous decision against **Christian Solano** (19-10-4): Solano fought very defensively, but Julio steadily wore him down and scored a knockdown in the 8<sup>th</sup> round...

On 9-23-06 in Hidalgo, TX, he TKO'd **Shad Howard** (12-8-3): Julio wore down Howard with body punches, and he did not continue after the 3<sup>rd</sup> round; the Texas commission records it as a TKO at 0:10 of the 4<sup>th</sup> round...

WON VACANT WBC YOUTH SW TITLE - on 8-19-06 in El Paso, TX, he TKO'd **Jermaine White** (14-1): it was Julio's first scheduled 10-rounder; he weighed 147, but the WBC Youth welterweight title was already taken, so this bout was approved for the super welterweight title; the fight headlined at the Don Haskins Center, drew an announced 5,500 fans, and was televised on pay-per-view; Julio fought aggressively, dominated the fight, and wore down White; he scored a knockdown in the 4<sup>th</sup> round and the referee stopped the fight at 1:52; after three rounds, Julio led by scores of 30-27 on all three scorecards; after the fight, Julio said, "I was hitting him with my left all night. He couldn't stand my punches. I feel very proud to win my first belt. I look forward to defending it many times."...

On 6-10-06 in New York he TKO'd **Aaron Drake** (10-1): the fight was on the undercard of the Miguel Cotto-Paulie Malignaggi main event at Madison Square Garden; Julio scored a knockdown in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round that dropped Drake flat on his back - he got up but was unsteady, and the referee stopped the fight at 1:53...

On 4-8-06 in Las Vegas he knocked out **Tyler Zolkowski** (8-2): the fight was on the undercard of the Floyd Mayweather-Zab Judah main event; Julio stopped Zolkowski at 2:40 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round...  
On 2-18-06 in Las Vegas he won a 6 round majority decision in the rematch against **Carlos Molina** (8-1-1): the bout was on the undercard of the Antonio Margarito-Manuel Gomez main event, and it was an exciting fight; Molina started fast, but Julio rallied as the rounds progressed - he landed the harder punches and wore down Molina with body punches; some observers thought the decision could go either way, and the announcement of the decision drew a mixed reaction from the crowd; scored 58-56, 58-56, 57-57...

2005 - on 12-16-05 in Monterrey, MX, he fought to a 6 round draw against **Carlos Molina** (8-1): it was a good, hard fight and several rounds were close; many observers thought the decision could go either way, and the crowd booed the announcement of the decision...

On 10-8-05 in Las Vegas he TKO **Jeremy Stiers** (9-4): the fight was on the undercard of the Jose Luis Castillo-Diego Corrales II main event; Stiers was game and determined, but Julio dominated the fight; he consistently outworked Stiers and wore him down with body punches; he rocked Stiers with a series of punches in the 5<sup>th</sup> round, and the referee stopped the fight at 0:45...

On 9-17-05 in Phoenix, AZ, he TKO'd **Corey Alarcon** (12-10): the fight was on the undercard of the Julio Cesar Chavez Sr.-Grover Wiley main event, the second fight of Julio Sr.'s farewell tour, and drew an announced crowd of 7,893 to the America West Arena; Julio Jr.'s nose was bloodied in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, but he came back to score one knockdown in the 1<sup>st</sup> round and another in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the referee stopped the fight at 0:35; Julio Sr. was stopped in the 5<sup>th</sup> round of his fight against Grover Wiley, claiming an injured hand; Julio Jr. now plans to fight Wiley on November 12 to avenge his father's loss...

On 8-12-05 in Laredo, TX, he TKO'd **Jonathan Nelson** (10-10): Julio headlined the card, and a crowd of around 5,000 was on hand to pay homage to his father, who was at ringside; it was spectacular one-punch knockout - Julio scored a knockdown with a left hook in the 1<sup>st</sup> round that dropped Nelson flat on his back, and the referee stopped the fight without a count at 0:54; after the fight, Julio said, "Knowing what my father meant to the fans just makes me want to fight harder."...

On 6-25-05 in Atlantic City, NJ, he TKO'd **Ruben Galvan** (21-6-2): the fight was on the undercard of the Floyd Mayweather-Arturo Gatti main event; Galvan gave a good effort, but Julio dominated the fight; he hurt Galvan with two left hooks to the body in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, and consistently landed the harder punches; Julio scored a knockdown with a series of punches in the 4<sup>th</sup> round and bloodied Galvan's nose; Galvan got up, but Julio staggered him again, Galvan's corner threw in the towel, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:22...

On 5-28-05 in Los Angeles he knocked out **Adam Wynant** (9-3-1): the fight was on the undercard of the Julio Cesar Chavez Sr.-Ivan Robinson main event at the Staples Center; it was the first fight of Julio Sr.'s "farewell" tour, and drew an announced attendance of 17,692; Julio scored a knockdown in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, and the referee stopped the fight at 0:42; after the fight, Julio Jr. said, "I couldn't be happier. I'm happy I did it in Los Angeles, and did it on my father's card."; Julio Sr. said, "I'm very proud of my son. He's a great fighter. He showed tonight that he'll carry on what I have done, and I hope my fans are as good to my son as they have been to me. Goodbye, Los Angeles. Please keep my son."...

On 4-22-05 in Hidalgo he TKO'd previously undefeated **Travis Hartman** (5-0-1): Julio scored three knockdowns in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, Hartman's corner threw in the towel, and the referee stopped the fight at 0:51...

On 3-19-05 in Las Vegas he TKO'd **Ryan Maraldo** (17-15-1): Julio staggered Maraldo in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round - Maraldo was also cut under the left eye, and Julio was penalized one point for low blows in the round; Julio rocked Maraldo with a right hand late in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:56...

On 2-11-05 in San Diego, CA, he knocked out **Leroy Newton** (5-5): Julio scored two knockdowns in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:11; after the fight, Julio said, "I felt I could finish him early, so I went for the kill."...

On 1-21-05 in Culiacan he knocked out **Jose Cruz** (2-0): Julio scored two knockdowns in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, and Cruz was counted out...

2004 - on 12-18-04 in Culiacan he knocked out **Eliseo Urias** (0-2): Julio scored two knockdowns in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, and Urias was counted out...

On 11-26-04 in Ciudad Juarez, MX, he TKO'd **Sheldon Mosley** (1-6): in the 5<sup>th</sup> round...

On 10-23-04 in Tucson, AZ, he TKO'd **Michael Walker** (5-5): Julio scored three knockdowns in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:21...

On 9-4-04 in Tijuana, MX, he TKO'd **Miguel Galindo** (5-8): in the 4<sup>th</sup> round...

On 7-31-04 in Las Vegas he won a 4 round decision against **Jason Smith** (4-3): Julio dominated the fight; he bloodied Smith's nose and mouth, and won by shutout scores of 40-36 on all three scorecards...

On 6-25-04 in Culiacan he TKO'd **Jose Huerta** (debut): at 0:52 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round...

On 5-22-04 in Mexico City, MX, he knocked out **Antonio Aguilar** (0-1): the bout was on the undercard of the Julio Cesar Chavez Sr.-Frankie Randall "Farewell to Mexico" main event at Plaza Monumental; Julio scored two knockdowns in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, and Aguilar was counted out at 1:10; younger brother Omar also appeared in an amateur exhibition bout; after the fight, Julio Jr. said, "I feel very proud of my father. I wanted to win by knockout tonight to honor the family name."...

On 4-24-04 in Tuxtla Gutierrez, MX, he knocked out **Arturo Ocampo** (1-4): in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round...

On 3-27-04 in Tijuana he knocked out **Guadalupe Arce** (0-13): at 2:06 of the 1<sup>st</sup> round...

On 2-28-04 in Las Vegas he won a 4 round unanimous decision against **Oisin Fagan** (4-1): Julio Jr. entered the arena accompanied by his father, and the crowd chanted "Chavez, Chavez..."; he scored a knockdown in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, and won by scores of 39-36, 39-36, 39-37...

On 1-29-04 in Houston, TX, he won a 4 round unanimous decision against **Jose Luis Burgos** (0-2): scored 40-36 on all three scorecards...

He debuted at the age of 17 on 9-26-03 in Culiacan and won a 4 round unanimous decision against **Jonathan Hernandez** (0-1); after the fight, J.C. said, "I've got a long way to go before I can be compared to my father. I felt the weight of the Chavez name on his shoulders."...

AMATEUR, PERSONAL BACKGROUND: Julio said, "I was born and raised in Culiacan. I have two brothers, Omar and Cristian. I've lived in Culiacan my whole life except for one year when I lived with my mother in Riverside, California. That's when I was 16.

"I went to the gym with my father as far back as I can remember – I must have been two years old at the time. I played almost every sport when I was little – soccer, baseball, tennis, just whatever was going on at the time.

"When I lived in Riverside, I had a friend that had a boxing gym here. I went there to train, and that's when I started to take everything seriously.

"I didn't have any amateur fights. I just boxed in a couple of exhibitions when I was about 12 or 13." [note: one of the exhibitions was against Jorge Paez Jr., the son of former IBF featherweight world champion Jorge "Maromero" Paez]...

From [chavez360.com](http://chavez360.com) [excerpts]: Julio Cesar Chavez Carrasco was born on February 16, 1986, to legendary boxing champion **Julio Cesar Chavez Gonzalez** and **Amalia Carrasco**. At the time, his father had already won fifty professional fights and had three successful defenses of his WBC super featherweight title. It wasn't long before Julito started going with him to watch him fight, and the boy would be seen carried around the ring after his father's victories. Early on, Julito developed a love for the sport, even though he didn't completely realize the significance of his father's ring presence.

Though the young Chavez was so fond of boxing, he never thought of becoming a boxer. Growing up, he played soccer, baseball and basketball and at one point even thought of becoming a professional baseball player.

At first, Julio Sr. was set against the idea of his son becoming a boxer, but Julio Jr. was even more determined. In a way, his whole life had been leading up to it, and he couldn't think of anything he wanted more. Junior was finally able to convince his parents to give him a shot.

"10 fights," his dad said. He would let his son fight 10 fights, as his own mother had allowed him to do, in order to see whether Julio Jr. had what it takes to make it in the ring. [End [chavez360.com](http://chavez360.com) item]

Julio's younger brother Omar is a pro welterweight; youngest brother Cristian does not box...Julio is single and has no children...

**STRENGTHS:** Has an aggressive style, good skills and movement...a sharp puncher, punches in combinations...a good body puncher, especially with the left hook...physically strong...has shown improvement in conditioning and technique since being trained by Freddie Roach and his team...comes from a strong family boxing background...

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** 45 fights...206 total rounds...12 world championship rounds...

**AVERAGE LENGTH OF BOUTS:** 4.5 rounds...

**KNOCKOUT PERCENTAGE:** 71 %.....

**DISTANCE FIGHTS:** 12 rounds – 2 (2-0)...10 rounds – 6 (6-0)...9 rounds – 1 (1-0)...