



**World Middleweight Championship**  
**PAVLIK vs. LOCKETT**  
**Saturday, June 7, 2008, Boardwalk Hall**

## FACT SHEET

(12 Rounds, WBC/WBO Middleweight Championship)

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<b>KELLY PAVLIK</b>	vs.	<b>GARY LOCKETT</b>
33-0, 29 KOs		30-1, 21 KOs
Youngstown, Ohio		Cwmbran, Wales

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<b>DANIEL PONCE DE LEON</b>	vs.	<b>JUAN MANUEL LOPEZ</b>
34-1, 30 KOs		21-0, 19 KOs
Huntington Park, California		Caguas, Puerto Rico

**When:** Saturday, June 7, 2008

**Where:** Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, NJ

**Tickets:** \$500, \$300, \$200, \$100, and \$50. On sale Friday, March 28, at Noon ET. Outlets include the Boardwalk Hall box office, calling TicketMaster at (800) 736-1420 or online at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com)

**TV:** Broadcast live on HBO's World Championship Boxing beginning at 9:35 pm ET/6:35 pm PT

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**ATLANTIC CITY (March 27, 2008)** – “Great Caesars Ghost!” Undefeated world middleweight champion **KELLY “The Ghost” PAVLIK** returns to his old haunt -- **Atlantic City’s Boardwalk Hall** -- where he first captured the world title, **Saturday, June 7**, in his first world title defense. Pavlik faces a mandatory sentence when he rumbles with No. 1 contender and mandatory challenger **GARY “The Rocket” LOCKETT**, who will be making his U.S. debut. Promoted by Top Rank, in association with Frank Warren’s Sports Network and Caesars Atlantic City, the Pavlik-Lockett world title fight will be televised live on **HBO *World Championship Boxing***, beginning at **9:35 p.m. EDT / 6:35 p.m. PDT**. Opening the broadcast will be World Boxing Organization (WBO) junior featherweight champion **Daniel Ponce De Leon** defending his title against undefeated No. 1 contender and mandatory challenger **Juan Manuel Lopez**.

Combined, this quartet of sluggers boasts an incredible record of 118-2 (99 KOs), a winning percentage of over 98% and a victory by knockout ratio of 84%!

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"My world title reign is going to be no different than my world title climb. I'm going to keep fighting the best men out there," said Pavlik. "My last two victories over Jermain Taylor proved that I wasn't just the world middleweight champion, but the best man in the game, pound for pound. I promised the fans I would be an active champion and that I wouldn't duck anyone, and I intend to live up to that pledge. It wasn't that long ago that I was the number one contender. I know the hunger Lockett has for my title. It's back to the "factory" for me for heavy training. I will be 150% for this fight!"

"This fight has got all the ingredients for a good old-fashioned punch-up," said Lockett. I know I'm going to be a massive underdog because, worldwide, I'm very, very unknown. But I'm a lot tougher than people think. I've got a good chin and I can pack a wallop myself. And I've got the best trainer in the business in Enzo Calzaghe. Pavlik is among the best pound-for-pound but he looks beatable. He's no Superman, he has plenty of flaws and we will put together an effective system to beat him."

"Kelly Pavlik showed in his last fight he is on his road to becoming a superstar," said Bob Arum, chairman of Top Rank. "But now Kelly faces a tough test against the No. 1 mandatory challenger, Gary Lockett, who has battled hard and has won 14 fights in a row. He has not lost a fight in over five years."

"He can punch and Pavlik doesn't have the best of defenses," said Frank Warren, Lockett's promoter. "But it's a great opportunity for Lockett. Now it's up to him to do the rest."

"Kelly Pavlik is one of the premier prizefighters in the sport today" said Kery Davis, Senior VP of Programming for HBO Sports. "It's great to present his first title defense live on our flagship series. Gary Lockett has the opportunity to show his heart and skill in challenging for the one of the most coveted titles in the sport."

"Caesars is very excited to welcome world champion Kelly Pavlik and his huge contingent of Youngstown, Ohio fans back to Atlantic City," said Harrah's Entertainment Sports & Entertainment Consultant Ken Condon. "We are looking forward to what is sure to be another fabulous night of championship boxing at Boardwalk Hall with these two great match-ups."

Pavlik (33-0, 29 KOs), from Youngstown, Ohio, joins former lightweight champions Harry Arroyo and Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini as hometown world champions. Pavlik *Ghost wrote* a career year in 2007 against three of the best who boasted a combined record of 74-4-3 (55 KOs) when he faced them. The consensus "Fighter of the Year" for 2007, Pavlik knocked out Jose Luis Zertuche (19-3-2, 14 KOs) and Edison Miranda (28-1, 24 KOs), in world title elimination bouts, earning him the right to become Taylor's mandatory challenger. His year-end finale, a seventh-round stoppage of the previously undefeated Taylor, to claim the world middleweight championship, was selected as the "Fight of the Year" by the Boxing Writers Association of America and extended Pavlik's two-year victory by knockout streak to nine bouts. Pavlik defeated Taylor handily in their rematch last February to solidify his claim as one of boxing's top pound for pound fighters.

Lockett (30-1, 21 KOs), from Cwmbran, Wales, is riding a six-year, 14-bout unbeaten streak. His only loss, a split-decision WBO Intercontinental junior middleweight title defense in 2002, was avenged one year later, via a 10-round super middleweight unanimous decision. Trained by BWAA "2007 Trainer of the Year," Enzo Calzaghe, Lockett boasts dangerous punching power as 70% of his victims can attest to having lost to him by knockout. Lockett captured the World Boxing Union middleweight title in 2006, knocking out Gilbert Eastman in the first round, and successfully defended it twice, via a unanimous decision over Ryan Rhodes and a third-round knockout of Lee Blundell in 2006 and 2007, respectively. A teenage prodigy as an amateur, with a 90-8 record, Lockett captured 22 titles at the Welsh level or above, including four British junior crowns and the inaugural 1992 European Under-16 gold medal in Italy.

De Leon (34-1, 30 KOs), from Huntington Park, California, by way of Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua, Mexico, is riding a three-year, 10-bout winning streak, including six defenses of the WBO junior featherweight title he has held since 2005. A 2000 Mexican Olympian and five-time national champion, De Leon, a natural southpaw, is known for his aggressive style, constant pressure, and strong punching power. His best world title victories have been over previously undefeated contenders Rey Bautista and Sod Looknongyabtoy, and two-division world champion Gerry Penalosa.

Lopez (21-0, 19 KOs), from Caguas, Puerto Rico, has held the WBO Latino junior featherweight title since 2006. A member of Puerto Rico's 2004 Olympic team, Lopez has climbed to the top of the ratings in an incredibly short amount of time. To say he is on a tear is no understatement inasmuch as he hasn't gone the distance since June 10, 2006, knocking out his last nine opponents while garnering rave reviews and comparisons to Puerto Rico's finest world champions, including Miguel Cotto, Felix Trinidad and Wilfredo Gomez. A natural southpaw, like De Leon, Lopez's arsenal features good punching power and an aggressive, pressuring style of fighting.

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12 ROUNDS, MIDDLEWEIGHTS – WBC, WBO, THE RING WORLD TITLES  
PAVLIK VS LOCKETT

## KELLY “The Ghost” PAVLIK

Age: 25 (4-5-82)

Residence: Youngstown, Ohio

Birthplace: Youngstown, Ohio

Record: 33-0, 29 KOs

Height: 6’2”

Reach: 75”

Managers: Michael Pavlik (father), Cameron Dunkin

Trainer: Jack Loew

### KELLY “The Ghost” PAVLIK (33-0, 29 KOs)...

- World championship fights: 1-0, 1 KO...
- WBC, WBO, The Ring middleweight world champion...
- Former NABF middleweight champion, two successful defenses...
- 1999 U.S. National Under-19 amateur champion, 147 pounds...
- 1998 National Jr. Golden Gloves amateur champion, 147 pounds...
- 1998 National Jr. PAL amateur champion, 147 pounds...

At the age of 25, Kelly is a seven-year pro. The WBC, WBO, and The Ring middleweight world champion, he was featured in the February 6, 2008, issue of Sports Illustrated.

FORGED TO FIGHT by **Richard Hoffer** [excerpts]:

A proud son of Youngstown, Ohio, and the sport's most exciting new force, middleweight champion **Kelly Pavlik** still draws his strength from the grit and soul of the Steel Valley

Pavlik, known as the Ghost, learned to box at the Southside gym in Youngstown and still trains there.

At Civics: This is basically a walk-in scrapbook, with the additional advantage of a liquor license. The walls of the Youngstown, Ohio, establishment are covered in framed newspaper pages, all of them narrating the career of a South Side scrapper, pale and bony (so pale, he's called the Ghost), who grew up around the corner. PAVLIK BURSTS ONTO SCENE reads a 2001 headline from The Vindicator of Youngstown. KEYSTONER AREA BOXER IS GETTING A W. PA. FOLLOWING is from a month earlier. PAVLIK SET TO FIGHT JULY 1 AT CAFARO FIELD. And on and on they go, wall after wall, a fight here, an appearance there, some bit of news, a ray of hope. No act of aspiration unpublished.

The confidence of the display, while cheerful in its hometown style of support, is also staggering when you think about it.

The 25-year-old Pavlik may be getting this ink not so much because he's from Youngstown but because he is Youngstown. Mancini went off to make movies back in 1985, and who can blame him for leaving. But Pavlik is so grounded in Youngstown that it's difficult to sort the city from the son. He not only returns to his hometown after each win, but he also comes back to Civics, for darts and (when he's not training) beer. This is partly because the ambience suits him but mostly because it's four minutes away. That is, four minutes away from everything - gym, home, parents. His fans find the triangulation quite reassuring.

The day Pavlik returned from Atlantic City (somewhat delayed, his father having left a \$666,750 check on the hotel nightstand), he was met at the Ohio state line by a strobing fleet of police vehicles, which then led him in triumph back to Youngstown. The clipping from that day hangs at Civics, of course. KELLY! KELLY! Pretty big type, too.

On the couch: The house he grew up in barely accommodates the middleweight's wingspan, but this is where the 6'2 1/2" Pavlik retires after each day's workout whenever he's preparing for a bout. Every

day, he visits his fiancée, **Samantha Kocanjer**, and 20-month-old daughter, Sydney, at the house he owns (four minutes away) but ends up here each night, where his father, Mike, can supervise his diet. Pavlik eats the supper his father has prepared - chicken and broccoli, usually, with cabbage soup for a late-night snack - then crashes on the living room couch.

Mike, who worked at Republic Steel before it closed in the 1980s, admits it's a little strange. "Took 25 years to get rid of him," he says. But neither Mike nor Debbie, Kelly's mother, seems to mind having him back that much. "He's the sweetest guy in the world," Mike says, "until you try to get him to go away." And nobody does that. Pavlik doesn't leave for a fight until the final week and, to the consternation of his trainer and small traveling party, often books red-eyes home immediately afterward. [End Sports Illustrated item]

Kelly is coming off a 12 round unanimous decision win in the non-title rematch against **Jermain Taylor** in his last fight on February 16.

After the fight, **Dan Rafael** wrote on ESPN.com [excerpts]: The first fight between Pavlik and Taylor, the epic battle this past September in which Pavlik rallied to knock him out in the seventh round to win the middleweight championship, was a great fight. The much-anticipated rematch, a nontitle bout contracted for a 166-pound maximum (they both weighed 164) as per Taylor's rematch clause, was merely an excellent fight. These guys could fight 100 times and it probably would be an entertaining fight every time. But one other thing also is clear - Pavlik, forced to go past nine rounds for the first time in his career, is just a smidge better than Taylor.

Even though Taylor fought much better than in the first fight, and did so under the tutelage of assistant trainer-turned-head trainer **Ozell Nelson** in the wake of the firing of **Emanuel Steward**, he couldn't do enough. But other than Pavlik, Taylor probably would have beaten any other middleweight in the world on this night, and for sure some of the top super middleweights also. But Pavlik is so strong, so confident and so busy - not to mention that, at 25, he is four years younger than Taylor - that it's going to be tough to beat him. With a pro-Pavlik crowd of 9,706 in the house - thousands of them from Pavlik's beloved Youngstown, Ohio - Pavlik did a good job beating Taylor to the punch and applying relentless pressure. Taylor was effective late in rounds as he tried to steal some of them with bursts, but Pavlik was steadier throughout a fight in which there were many close rounds.

Whoever winds up on Pavlik's dance card, he is now a bona fide star and won't lack for money fights as long as he keeps doing what he has been doing, which is boxing at a high level and making crowd-pleasing fights. [End Rafael item]

Kelly won the world titles in September, 2007, with a sensational knockout victory in his first fight against previously undefeated defending champion Taylor.

After the fight, Fightwriter.com's **Graham Houston** reported [excerpts]: It takes a special kind of fighter to drag himself off the floor and come back from the brink of defeat to batter his way to victory. **Kelly Pavlik** is such a fighter.

In Pavlik's middleweight championship fight against Jermain Taylor...it seemed that the defending champion was just one square-on punch away from victory in the dramatic second round. He could not land it and Pavlik, having survived the worst crisis of his career, never looked back before finally pounding Taylor to his knees in the seventh round.

It was a thrilling, memorable, blood-and-guts triumph for the 25-year-old from Youngstown, Ohio, whose will was unbreakable. MC **Michael Buffer** described this as one of the greatest middleweight championship bouts in boxing history. It was certainly among the most riveting.

The best of Pavlik, I feel, is yet to come." [End Houston item]

Dan Rafael wrote on ESPN.com [excerpts]: What a great night for boxing and what a great night for Pavlik. He must have felt like he was at home in his beloved Youngstown, Ohio, because it seemed like half the city arrived on the Jersey shore for the fight. He was the overwhelming crowd favorite among the 10,127 who poured into Boardwalk Hall to witness one of the fights of the year.

Besides being a terrific young fighter, he's going to be the attraction Taylor never became.

Pavlik's victory is a testament to promoter Top Rank. **Bob Arum** and his staff, notably president **Todd duBoef**, matchmakers **Bruce Trampler** and **Brad Goodman** and publicist **Lee Samuels**, are the very best in the sport at taking a raw prospect (Pavlik was 18 when he signed) and building him properly to make sure he is not only ready to fight for a world title, but also ready to win it. Pavlik had much better professional experience under his belt when he fought for the title than Taylor did and perhaps that's one of the reasons the fight turned out like it did.

Whatever Pavlik decides to do, he has become must-see TV and emerged as one of the sport's most exciting fighters. [End Rafael item]

At the press conference after the fight, Kelly said, "It was another fight where I showed my heart. He came to fight. He has speed and a punch. It just turned out all good. We're not done yet. We've got a lot more exciting fights coming up."

Key Fights – 2008 - in his last fight 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 5<sup>th</sup> round, but his own nose was bloodied in the 6<sup>th</sup>; 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 11<sup>th</sup> and finished the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, but Kelly closed the show in the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> round; Miranda gave a very strong effort, as well – he bloodied Kelly's nose in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and swept the round on all three scorecards; Kelly scored with hard body punches, rocked Miranda repeatedly with right hands, and swept the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> rounds on all three scorecards; Miranda was warned for low blows in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> rounds, but rallied in the 5<sup>th</sup> - 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 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 7<sup>th</sup> – 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."...

2<sup>ND</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rounds, but Kelly rallied after that and steadily wore him down; he rocked Zertuche with two left hooks in the 5<sup>th</sup> round, then scored a knockdown with a right hand that put Zertuche flat on his back late in the 6<sup>th</sup>; Kelly scored another knockdown in the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> round, and rocked Pierre repeatedly in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>; Kelly scored another knockdown with a left hook in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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."...

1<sup>ST</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> - replays showed that Kelly fell forward, off-balance, after a glancing blow to his shoulder; Kelly rallied and rocked McKart in the 5<sup>th</sup> round, then scored a knockdown with a series of punches and cut McKart over his right eye in the 6<sup>th</sup>; 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> round...

On 6-10-05 in Chicago, IL, he TKO'd **Daniel Neal** (9-8-1): at 1:49 of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> round, and staggered Beaupierre again just before the bell; Kelly scored another knockdown with a right hand in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> round and two more in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> round...

On 2-8-03 in Las Vegas he TKO'd **Eduardo Gutierrez** (31-12-2): Kelly scored one knockdown in the 1<sup>st</sup> round and another in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and stopped Gutierrez at 2:59 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> round and another one in the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 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 1<sup>st</sup> round and another one in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> round and two more in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> round...

AMATEUR, PERSONAL BACKGROUND: 1999 U.S. National Under 19 champion, 147 pounds...1998 National Jr. Golden Gloves champion, 147 pounds...1998 National Jr. PAL champion, 147 pounds...

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; regarding 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> round...

1999 U.S. National Under 19 Championships, 147 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in his first fight he stopped **Alvino Villalobos** of Napa, Calif., at 1:34 of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> round; in the finals he won a 15-6 decision against **James Parison** of San Diego, Calif....

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 said, "I'm single, but I've been with my girlfriend for about six years now. We just had a little baby girl. She was born May 11, 2006, her name is Sydney. She's doing new things every day. It's a great thing, but you don't get as much sleep. But her mama's good during training time. She lets me get as much rest as I can. I still like to get up, though, and play around 'cause Sydney don't wake up crying. She wakes up wanting to play and wanting attention, then she'll go back to sleep."...

STRENGTHS: At six-foot two, is big and strong for a middleweight...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 very good opposition...had a strong amateur background...

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: 33 fights...124 total rounds...7 world championship rounds...

AVERAGE LENGTH OF BOUTS: 3.7 rounds...

KNOCKOUT PERCENTAGE: 87 %...

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

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF  
KELLY ROBERT PAVLIK

YOUNGSTOWN, OH  
Date of Birth: 04/05/1982

Won-Lost-Draw-KO'S  
33 0 0 29

2000

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

2001

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

2002

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

2003

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

2004

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

2005

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

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Won-Lost-Draw-KO'S  
33 0 0 29

2006

Jul 27	BRONCO MC KART, UNCASVILLE, CT.....	KO	6 NABF	160
Nov 02	LENORD PIERRE, YOUNGSTOWN, OH.....	TKO	4	162

2007

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

2008

Feb 16	JERMAIN TAYLOR, LAS VEGAS, NV.....	W	12	164
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# **GARY 'THE ROCKET' LOCKETT**

**THE WBU MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD**

WBU World Middleweight Champion Gary Lockett is delighted to get his dream fight against one of the worlds top pound-for-pound fighters later this year – Kelly Pavlik.

The pair are scheduled to meet in America in the summer, and the Rocket Man is already in training now for the big showdown.

The 31-year-old, from Cwmbran, Wales, has already defeated top domestic rivals Ryan Rhodes (pts 12) and Lee Blundell (TKO3) when his WBU title has been on the line, with both fights taking place at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff

Now 30-1 (21) big punching Lockett is hoping to add the undisputed world middleweight championship to his CV against Pavlik.

Lockett has been waiting a long time for his chance, taking on all comers.

In probably the best win of his career, Lockett defeated Rhodes in July 2006, climbing off the floor late on to take a unanimous decision.

He is a previous WBO Intercontinental light-middleweight champion, and regarded as one of the hardest hitters in the world, and is trained by Enzo Calzaghe.

Gary's first 16 fights were all wins, the majority of which came in either the first or second round, and he was among the brightest prospects in the country at light-middleweight.

They included a devastating fourth-round KO of world class Kevin Kelly, who had never been stopped before, in front of the Showtime cameras.

But when Lockett came up against Yuri Tsarenko in Cardiff in 2002, and lost on a split decision, losing his WBO Intercontinental title in the process.

Lockett immediately switched to middleweight having struggled to make light-middleweight, and looked a better fighter for it.

And with a series of wins he has got himself into the world's top 10 – he is the current WBO number one - with the promise of more to come.

**FIGHTS: 31 WINS: 30 LOSSES: 1 KO's: 20**

## "The Rocket Man" GARY LOCKETT

Age: 31 (11-25-76)

Residence: Cwmbran [pr. cum-BRON], Wales

Birthplace: Pontypool, Wales

Record: 30-1, 21 KOs

Height: 5'10"

Reach: 73"

Manager, trainer: Enzo Calzaghe (father and trainer of WBC, WBA, WBO and The Ring super middleweight world champion Joe Calzaghe)

### "The Rocket Man" GARY LOCKETT (30-1, 21 KOs)...

- Ranked WBO #1 at 160 pounds...

At the age of 31, Gary is a 11-year pro. A veteran contender at 160 pounds, he is the WBO's number one-ranked mandatory challenger. He has won 14 fights in a row since his only loss – a split decision that he later avenged - in April, 2002.

Gary is a stablemate of WBC, WBA, WBO and The Ring super middleweight world champion **Joe Calzaghe**, WBA super lightweight world champion **Gavin Rees**, and former WBO cruiserweight world champion **Enzo Maccarinelli** – all are managed and trained by Joe's father, **Enzo Calzaghe**.

Enzo said, "I've been working with Gary probably for about a year. I train him at my gym, the Newbridge Boxing Club.

"Gary's style is what we call a solid all-rounder. There's no flash, but he can box, he can punch, and he can move. He's a hard puncher – his record speaks for itself. He's a hurtful puncher.

"He was European junior champion as an amateur, and I think he won most of his amateur fights by knockout. That's his forte, that's his strength – the power of his punch.

"Pavlik is obviously a class-act – the guy is top-drawer. He's done beat **Jermain Taylor** twice. I'm impressed with him. He's got a great will-to-win. He went down, but he got up and done a job - he broke Taylor's heart.

"But I think of my boy - we do our work. I never enter a fight without the knowledge that we can win. Gary's got power, he's schooled well."

Gary said, "I think **Kelly Pavlik**, he's my kind of fighter. The first time I saw him live was against **Edison Miranda** and I'll be painfully honest – I was hoping he was going to whip Miranda because I don't like that type of fighter. I hate the loud-mouth kind of guy, and I don't think it does guys like us justice.

"Kelly Pavlik is more the working-class, reserved man, and I was praying he was going to beat him. I didn't fancy his chances, I'll be honest, 'cause I'd not seen a lot of him, but he did the job on Miranda and I don't think at any point in the fight there was any doubt that he would do the job.

"I think he's a very, very good fighter. A little unusual – you don't normally get punchers his height, so tough and so hard-headed. And he obviously packs a hell of a wallop, as well.

"To be honest, I think the fight has got all the ingredients for a good old-fashioned punch-up. I know I'm going to be a massive underdog because, world-wide, I'm very, very unknown. But I'm a lot tougher than people think. I've got a good chin and I can pack a wallop myself.

"We're going into the fight with the right kind of strategy. I'm going over there to win, it's as simple as that.

"It is a little disappointing – I've read a little bit of the American press and they said that I was the surprise choice because I've never boxed outside of the U.K. I have, once, but never boxed in the U.S., obviously. And they said I've never fought anywhere near world-class.

"That is a little bit of a fib, really, because I did fight **Kevin Kelly**, who was WBA number four at the time. He'd lost to **David Reid** about a year previous. I fought him back in 2002. It was probably a little bit before I was ready for the fight - I'd only had 15 fights. To be honest, he gave me some problems for the first three rounds, but I landed the knockout shot in the fourth round. He'd never previously been stopped or knocked out. That was a very, very good win for me, but to be honest, it was one of those wins that went unnoticed. I never got the credit for it that I deserved.

"I don't think [promoter] **Frank Warren** would have pushed for this fight unless he thought I had a genuine chance of winning it. I don't see it as the mismatch that a lot of people in Britain are talking about. I think the British public and the American public are very, very different. The British public are very, very nasty people. We've been looking on the internet, and some of the comments are really hurtful. The way that I've been brought up is, if you've got nothing positive to say, then keep your mouth shut. You get these nasty people that go on the internet just to run people down and slag people off.

"But I don't think it's a mismatch that the people in the British public think that it's going to be, and I think it's going to be an entertaining fight. And we could probably say that there's going to be fireworks. We both pack a punch – we have 50 knockouts between us.

"To be honest, it's been really frustrating for me, because my career has been stop-start because of injury and various things - problems with promoters and contracts. It's just a shame that I haven't fulfilled my potential. The groundwork, natural talent, and the schooling is there, I just need a stage to perform on now. It looks very much as though The Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City is going to be that place."

Regarding his nickname, he said, "Well basically, rocket rhymes with Lockett, and it used to be **Gary 'The Rocket' Lockett**. Then someone played a prank on me – I used to have a friend who played the ring entrance music and he played **Elton John** when I walked out to the ring, 'The Rocket Man,' and it stuck ever since. I wasn't too pleased at the time, but no harm done."

Key Fights - 2007 - in his last fight on 12-15-07 in Edinburgh, SCOT, he TKO'd **Kai Kauramaki** (13-13): Gary scored three knockdowns in the 1<sup>st</sup> round – the first two with right hands, the third with a left hook; Kauramaki got up but was unsteady, and the referee stopped the fight at 1:09...

On 4-7-07 in Cardiff, WAL, he TKO'd lefthander **Lee Blundell** (23-4-2): the fight was on the undercard of the Joe Calzaghe-Peter Manfreda main event at Millennium Stadium, and it was Gary's first fight with Enzo Calzaghe as his trainer; he scored two knockdowns with left hooks to the body in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round; Gary scored another knockdown with a right hand in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Blundell was counted out on all fours at 1:35...

2006 – on 11-18-06 in Newport, WAL, he won a 10 round decision against late substitute **Ayitey Powers** (11-4-1): Gary dominated the fight; he consistently outworked Powers and rocked several times; scored 100-90 by the scoring referee...

On 7-8-06 in Cardiff he won a 12 round unanimous decision against **Ryan Rhodes** (35-3): Gary scored a knockdown with a left hook in the 1<sup>st</sup> round – Rhodes floored Lockett moments later, but it was ruled a slip; Gary generally outworked Rhodes and landed the sharper punches, but Rhodes scored a knockdown with a left hook in the 10<sup>th</sup> round – it was the first time Gary had been down as an amateur or pro; scored 117-111, 115-112, 114-112...

On 3-11-06 in Newport he TKO'd **Gilbert Eastman** (20-3): at 2:25 of the 1<sup>st</sup> round...

2005 - on 11-25-05 in Rome, IT, he won an 8 round decision against **Victor Kpodonou** (6-4)...

On 9-10-05 in Cardiff he knocked out **Allan Gray** (17-7-2): at 1:05 of 2<sup>nd</sup> round...

2004 - on 9-3-04 in Newport he TKO'd **Michael Monaghan** (14-10): at 1:40 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> round...

On 6-12-04 in Manchester, ENG, he TKO'd **Matt Galer** (6-4): at 2:01 of the 4<sup>th</sup> round...

On 2-21-04 in Cardiff he TKO'd **Kreshnik Qato** (5-5): in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round...

2003 - on 6-28-03 in Cardiff he won a 10 round decision against **Michael Monaghan** (12-8): scored 97-95 by the scoring referee...

On 5-8-03 in Widnes, ENG, he won a 10 round decision in the rematch against **Yuri Tsarenko** (18-9-1)...

On 3-29-03 in Portsmouth, ENG, he knocked out **Jason Collins** (12-20-6): in the 1<sup>st</sup> round...

2002 - on 11-23-02 in Derby, ENG, he won an 8 round decision against **Victor Fessetchko** (35-24-2)...

On 4-20-02 in Cardiff he lost a 12 round split decision against **Yuri Tsarenko** (12-7): scored 116-115, 115-113 Tsarenko, 115-113 Lockett...

On 2-9-02 in Manchester he knocked out **Kevin Kelly** (27-7-4): in the 4<sup>th</sup> round...

2001 - on 11-24-01 in Bethnal Green, ENG, he TKO'd **Chris Nembhard** (6-2-1)...  
On 9-25-01 in Liverpool, ENG, he TKO'd **Danny Dalton** (6-2): in the 1<sup>st</sup> round...  
On 7-14-01 in Wembley, ENG, he knocked out **Howard Clarke** (26-21-2): in the 1<sup>st</sup> round...  
On 5-8-01 in Barnsley, ENG, he won a 6 round decision against **Mike Algoet** (18-7)...  
On 4-7-01 in Wembley he TKO'd **Howard Clarke** (26-18-2): in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round...  
On 3-3-01 in Wembley he knocked out **Husin Osman** (7-1): at 2:11 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round...  
On 1-23-01 in Crawley, ENG, he TKO'd **Abdelhakim Mehidi** (16-2-2): in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round...  
He debuted at the age of 19 on 9-6-96...

AMATEUR, PERSONAL BACKGROUND: From Boxing News, July, 2001: A teenage prodigy, [Lockett] snared 22 amateur titles at Welsh level or above (including four British junior crowns and the inaugural 1992 European Under-16 gold in Roseto degli Aburzi, Italy). Some 55 victims in his 90-8 amateur slate fell eary – despite Lockett losing five of his first 11. [End Boxing News item]

Gary said, "I was born in a place called Pontypool, Wales. I have one sister. My mother is a chef and my dad is an all-around general builder with his own business. My dad done a little bit of boxing - probably he did a lot more on the streets, not too much in the ring. That's where I think I get my background.

"I think I was about eight years old when I started boxing. To be honest, I can't really remember what got me interested in it. It was probably a couple of mates were going to the local gym and I think my dad was eager for me to start, as well, just to be able to look after myself.

"I had 98 amateur fights, 90 wins. I won no end of Welsh and British and national titles. I think I won about 25 national junior titles.

"I was the 1992 European Junior champion. I can give you the results – I boxed four times, a Romanian, an Englishman, an Irishman in the semis, and an Italian in the final. I won every fight by stoppage or knockout.

"To be honest, I always had a pro style and I think it stood me in good stead when I turned pro to already be half the way there. But I always had problems with my hands. I turned professional at quite a young age, 19. What I should have done was stay amateur for another two or three years and take on some senior experience. The was it was, I had two pro fights in '96 and no end of illness and injuries, mostly to my hands and just various things, kept me out of the ring for about two years. I was keen rugby player when I was younger. Obviously, you know that Rugby Union is the Welsh national sport. When I was a kid, there was no end of injury in rugby and the boxing, as well.

"I'm a married man. I've a 19-month old son. It's fantastic. His name is Jac, spelled in the Welsh way, this weird wonderful way – J-A-C."...

STRENGTHS: Stocky and strong...has good skills and movement...has punching power...tough and durable, has only been knocked down once as an amateur or pro – against **Ryan Rhodes** in July, 2006...had a strong amateur background...

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: 11 years, 9 months...31 fights...129 total rounds...

AVERAGE LENGTH OF BOUTS: 4.1 rounds...

KNOCKOUT PERCENTAGE: 70 %...

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

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF  
GARY LOCKETT

CWMBRAN, WALES  
Date of Birth: 11/25/1976

Won-Lost-Draw-KO'S  
30 1 0 21

1996

Sep 06 ERNIE LOVERIDGE, LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND.. W 4 PRO DEB 159  
Oct 26 CHARLIE PAINE, LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND.... TKO 4 157

1998

Oct 24 LEE BIRD, LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND..... TKO 2 157

1999

Feb 27 CARL SMITH, BETHNAL GREEN, ENGLAND... TKO 2 158  
May 15 MICHAEL WHITTAKER, BLACKPOOL, ENGLAND TKO 2 156  
Jun 22 MICHAEL HALLS, IPSWICH, ENGLAND..... KO 1 156

2000

Mar 09 KEVIN THOMPSON, LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND... KO 2 157  
Nov 04 DAVID BAPTISTE, BETHNAL GREEN, W 4 158

2001

Jan 23 ABDELHAKIM MEHIDI, CRAWLEY, ENGLAND.. TKO 2 157  
Mar 03 HUSIN OSMAN, WEMBLEY, ENGLAND..... KO 2 158  
Apr 07 HOWARD CLARKE, WEMBLEY, ENGLAND..... TKO 2 159  
May 08 MIKE ALGOET, BARNESLEY, ENGLAND..... W 6 157  
Jul 14 HOWARD CLARKE, WEMBLEY, ENGLAND..... KO 1 158  
Sep 25 DENNY DALTON, LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND..... TKO 1  
Nov 24 CHRIS NEMBHARD, BETHNAL GREEN, TKO 2 159

2002

Feb 09 KEVIN KELLY, MANCHESTER, ENGLAND..... KO 4 WBO/INT 153  
Apr 20 YURI TSARENKO, CARDIFF, WALES..... L(S) 12 WBO/INT 154  
Nov 23 VICTOR FESSETCHKO, DERBY, ENGLAND.... W 8 164

2003

Mar 29 JASON COLLINS, PORTSMOUTH, ENGLAND... KO 1 167  
May 08 YURI TSARENKO, WIDNES, ENGLAND..... W 10 165  
Jun 28 MICHAEL MONAGHAN, CARDIFF, WALES..... W 10 164

2004

Feb 21 KRESHNICK OATO, CARDIFF, WALES..... TKO 2 164  
Jun 12 MATT GALER, MANCHESTER, ENGLAND..... TKO 4 163

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Sep 03 MICHAEL MONAGHAN, NEWPORT, WALES..... TKO 3 160

2005

Sep 10 ALLAN GRAY, CARDIFF, WALES..... KO 2 160

Nov 26 VICTOR KPODONOU, ROME, ITALY..... W 8 162

2006

Mar 11 GILBERT EASTMAN, NEWPORT, WALES..... TKO 1 WBU 159

Jul 08 RYAN RHODES, CARDIFF, WALES..... W 12 WBU 159

Nov 18 AYITEY POWERS, NEWPORT, WALES..... W 10 163

2007

Apr 07 LEE BLUNDELL, CCARDIFF, WALES..... TKO 3 WBU 159

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## 12 ROUNDS, JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS – WBO WORLD TITLE – PONCE DE LEON VS LOPEZ

### DANIEL PONCE DE LEON

Age: 27 (7-27-80)

Residence: Huntington Park, California

Birthplace: Cuauhtemoc (pr. KWA-te-mock), Chihuahua (state), Mexico

Record: 34-1, 30 KOs

Height: 5'5"

Reach: 70"

Manager: Joel De La Hoya (Oscar De La Hoya's father)

Trainer: Mario Morales, Ramon Morales (brothers, former pro boxers)

### DANIEL PONCE DE LEON (34-1, 30 KOs)...

- World championship fights: 7-0, 4 KOs...
- WBO jr. featherweight world champion, six successful defenses...
- Former two-time NABO jr. featherweight world champion, one successful defense...
- Former WBC Youth bantamweight champion, one successful defense...
- 2000 Olympic representative for Mexico, 112 pounds...
- 2000 Central American and Caribbean Games amateur champion, 112 pounds...
- 1997 Junior Olympic International amateur champion, 105 pounds...

At the age of 27, Daniel is a seven-year pro. The WBO jr. featherweight world champion and a natural lefthander, he won the title in October, 2005, and has made six successful title defenses.

He has won 10 fights in a row, including all of his world title fights, since his only loss in February, 2005.

He is coming off a 12 round decision win against **Eduardo Escobedo** in his last fight in December, 2007.

After the fight, **Dan Rafael** wrote on ESPN.com [excerpts]: Most Ponce De Leon fights are exciting and end with his opponent on the wrong end of a thudding knockout. But not this one. Of all his recent fights, this one was sort of a stinker. But it wasn't because Ponce De Leon wasn't in there swinging and clubbing away trying to get rid of Escobedo. It was because Escobedo spent more time fleeing and moving backward than standing and fighting. It made for a lackluster fight, but Ponce De Leon still was the clear winner as he retained his 122-pound belt for the sixth time in beating his Mexican compatriot. [End Rafael item]

Daniel's knockout win against previously undefeated **Rey Bautista** in August, 2007, was part of a "Mexico vs. Philippines World Cup" fight card.

Dan Rafael reported, "In Golden Boy's Mexico vs. Philippines World Cup card, the Philippines took home the trophy in the second edition of the event by beating defending champion Mexico 5-1 (a seventh bout was called off). However, Mexico's lone victory was supplied by Ponce De Leon in the main event, and it was spectacular.

He's one of the best punchers in boxing and now Bautista has first-hand knowledge of just how hard he hits. Ponce De Leon ruined the untested 21-year-old mandatory challenger with ease. The aggressive Ponce De Leon was throwing wild punches (as usual) and combinations against Bautista, who couldn't avoid the blows to save his life.

Late in the round, Ponce De Leon dropped him with a heavy right-left combination, and Bautista was badly hurt. He survived, but not for long as Ponce De Leon smashed him with two straight left hands, the second of which sent him down again as referee **Jon Schorle** immediately called it off. [End Rafael item]

Key Fights - 2007 – 6<sup>TH</sup> WBO JF WORLD TITLE DEFENSE - in his last fight on 12-8-07 in Las Vegas, NV, he won a 12 round decision against **Eduardo Escobedo** (20-2): the fight was on the undercard of the Floyd Mayweather-Ricky Hatton main event at the MGM Grand; Daniel constantly pressed forward and kept a fast pace, but Escobedo fought very defensively for most of the fight; Escobedo had a few rallies – he won the the 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> rounds on two scorecards, swept the 7<sup>th</sup> on all three, and won the 10<sup>th</sup> round on two scorecards – but Daniel won by decisive scores of 118-110, 117-111, 115-113; after the fight, Daniel said, “He was more difficult than I expected. His boxing skills were very good. I didn’t expect that. He landed some good shots, and it was hard to connect with him. I tried to knock him out, but I couldn’t.”... On 9-28-07 in Cabazon, CA, he TKO’d **Reinaldo Lopez** (28-4-2): the fight headlined at the Morongo Casino & Resort, and it was a spectacular knockout; Daniel consistently landed the harder punches and steadily wore down Lopez; Daniel scored a knockdown with a left hand in the 5<sup>th</sup> round – Lopez got up but was unsteady, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:39; after the fight, Daniel said, “I didn’t know he had never been knocked out, but I’m not surprised I knocked him out. I didn’t take this fight lightly. I knew he just fought a world title fight. Anything can happen in the ring.”...

5<sup>TH</sup> WBO JF WORLD TITLE DEFENSE – on 8-11-07 in Sacramento, CA, he TKO’d previously undefeated **Rey Bautista** (23-0): Daniel quickly overpowered him – he scored two knockdowns with left hands in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, and the referee stopped the fight without a count at 2:30;

4<sup>TH</sup> WBO JF WORLD TITLE DEFENSE - on 3-17-07 in Las Vegas, NV, he won a 12 round unanimous decision against 35 year-old lefthanded former WBC super flyweight world champion **Gerry Penalosa** (51-5-2): the bout was co-featured with the Juan Manuel Marquez-Marco Antonio Barrera main event at Mandalay Bay, which drew an announced crowd of 8,127, and it was a fast-paced fight; Penalosa, a natural 118-pounder moving up in weight, was physically overmatched but had superior skills; Daniel pressed forward in the early rounds, but Penalosa stood his ground and staggered him with a right hook in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round; the tactics of the fight changed around the 4<sup>th</sup> round – Penalosa consistently pressed forward and landed the sharper punches, and Daniel kept a very fast pace while retreating - although many punches missed – and won nearly every round on the scorecards; the crowd booed Daniel’s defensive style - many ringsiders thought it was a close fight and some thought Penalosa deserved to win, but the judges scored 120-108, 119-109, 119-109, with one judge giving Penalosa only the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and the other only the 11<sup>th</sup>; after the fight, Daniel said, “It was a much tougher fight that I expected. He was a smaller guy and we underestimated him and were very confident we would take care of him. It was a learning experience. I learned you can’t always knock them out. It was good to go 12 rounds. It was a learning experience, but I proved I can box, too.”...

2006 – 3<sup>RD</sup> WBO JF WORLD TITLE DEFENSE - on 10-21-06 in El Paso, TX, he TKO’d **Al Seegar** (27-1): the bout was moved up to main event status at the Don Haskins Center when Juan Manuel Marquez’s Filipino opponent withdrew with visa problems; Daniel constantly pressed forward and dominated the fight; Seegar landed a couple of good right hands in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, but fought very defensively and threw very few punches after that; Daniel scored a knockdown with a left hand in the 4<sup>th</sup> round and staggered Seegar with a right hook in the 5<sup>th</sup>; he became frustrated with Seegar’s constant movement and committed several fouls, but was never penalized; Seegar was penalized one point for holding in the 8<sup>th</sup> round – Daniel rocked him with a series of punches later in the round, and Seegar’s corner stopped the fight at 1:43; after seven rounds, Daniel led by scores of 70-61, 70-61, 70-62 – scoring a 10-8 round on all three scorecards in the 4<sup>th</sup> and a 10-8 on two scorecards in the 7<sup>th</sup>; in the after the fight, Daniel said, “He didn’t want to fight. He was just grabbing and holding. He also fouled me quite a bit. Seegar only wanted to survive. I couldn’t fight my fight. I learned though, like to stay more tranquil when you’re tied up like that. And when he didn’t tie up

he ran. I could have been more patient. I knew that eventually I was going to be able to catch him. I know the people didn't want to see me in the main event. They wanted to see Marquez, but I hope I put on a good show for them."

2<sup>ND</sup> WBO JF WORLD TITLE DEFENSE – on 7-15-06 in Las Vegas he knocked out lefthander **Sod Looknongyantoy** (27-1): the fight was the rematch of their first fight nine months earlier, and was on the undercard of the Shane Mosley-Fernando Vargas rematch at the MGM Grand; Daniel scored a knockdown with a left hand that dropped Looknongyantoy face-first, out cold, in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, and the referee stopped the fight in mid-count at 0:52; after the fight, Daniel said, "I was working on that punch all throughout my camp. We knew he was susceptible to it. I feel I'm going to keep getting better and I'm going to be in great shape for the next couple of years. You can count on me."...

1<sup>ST</sup> WBO JF WORLD TITLE DEFENSE – on 5-27-06 in Carson, CA, he knocked out late substitute **Gerson Guerrero** (31-6): Daniel rocked Guerrero several times in the 1<sup>st</sup> round; he scored a knockdown with a right hook in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round - Guerrero got up, but Daniel scored another knockdown with a series of punches that also bloodied his mouth, and the referee stopped the fight at 1:50...

2005 – WON VACANT WBO JF WORLD TITLE - on 10-29-05 in Tucson, AZ, he won a 12 round decision against previously undefeated lefthander **Sod Looknongyantoy** (25-0): the bout was part of Golden Boy Promotions' first "Boxing World Cup," with six fighters from Mexico versus six fighters from Thailand - Mexico won the tournament 5-1; it was a close fight; Looknongyantoy scored a knockdown with a right hook in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, but several rounds were close after that and fought at a steady pace; Looknongyantoy landed the harder punches, but Daniel generally kept a busier pace; many observers thought the decision could go either way, but the judges scored 115-112, 115-112, 118-109...

WON VACANT NABO JF TITLE– on 6-24-05 in Oceanside, CA, he knocked out **Phillip Payne** (16-13-1): Daniel scored one knockdown with a left hand in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, then another later in the round when Payne's glove touched the canvas; Daniel scored another knockdown with another left hand in the 3<sup>rd</sup>; Daniel was penalized one point for low blows in the 5<sup>th</sup> round, but scored another knockdown with another left hand in the 7<sup>th</sup> round, and Payne was counted out at 0:57; after the fight, Daniel said, "I was over-anxious in the beginning, but settled down."...

On 4-29-05 in Laredo, TX, he knocked out **Ricardo Barajas** (24-4-1): Daniel scored a knockdown with a left hand to the body in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, and Barajas was counted out at 2:13...

IBF JF TITLE ELIMINATOR - on 2-17-05 in Los Angeles, CA, he lost a 12 round unanimous decision against five-foot eleven-inch tall **Celestino Caballero** (20-2): it was a very exciting fight, fast-paced from the first round to the last, and very close; Caballero started fast, outboxed Daniel, and cut him under the left eye in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, but Daniel rocked Caballero with a left hand in the 4<sup>th</sup> and continued to rally in the 5<sup>th</sup> round; But Caballero came back strongly in the 6<sup>th</sup> and Daniel's right eye was swollen badly; Caballero scored a knockdown with a right hand to the body when Daniel's glove touched the canvas, then rocked Daniel with two rights later in the round; the momentum shifted back and forth in the following rounds, but Daniel finished the 12<sup>th</sup> strongly; some observers thought the decision could go either way, but the judges scored 118-109, 117-110, 115-112; Caballero went on to win and currently holds the WBA super bantamweight world title...

2004 - 1<sup>ST</sup> NABF JF TITLE DEFENSE – on 11-19-04 in Tucson he knocked out **Julio Gamboa** (28-8-2): the early rounds were close, but Daniel scored a knockdown with a left hand to the body in the 4<sup>th</sup> round and Gamboa was counted out at 2:04...

WON VACANT NABO JF TITLE – on 10-22-04 in El Paso he knocked out **Emmanuel Lucero** (22-2-1): Daniel scored two knockdown in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round – the first with a left hand to the body, the second with a left hand to the chin – and Lucero was counted out at 2:51; after the fight, Daniel said, “I felt it was just a matter of time. I studied him, and knew I could connect on my punches. I was being a little more careful because we butted heads. But I knew I could probably knock him out, especially with uppercuts. Like I said, it was just a matter of time before I knocked him out.”...

On 6-11-04 in Ft. Worth, TX, he won a 10 round unanimous decision against **Carlos Contreras** (19-9-3): Daniel landed the harder punches, but Contreras outboxed and outworked him in several rounds; most observers thought the fight was closer than the scores indicated - 98-92, 97-93, 97-93; after the fight, Daniel said, “For me, I was winning the fight. I hurt my left hand in the first round after I hit him in the head. My left hand was hurting very bad, so I had to keep it back. If he wants, we can have a rematch. Next time, I will knock him out.”...

On 4-17-04 in Maywood, CA, he knocked out **Anthony Martinez** (19-13-2): Daniel dominated most of the fight with a busier pace and sharper punches; he rocked Martinez with a series of punches in the 7<sup>th</sup> round, and the referee stopped the fight at 1:15; after the fight, Daniel said, “I came into this fight warm and relaxed. He took a lot of punches. I knew he would come in prepared. I wanted to have the same rhythm as in previous fight. I worked on speed for this fight, which I want to carry with me into future fights.”...

On 3-19-04 in Los Angeles he knocked out **Ivan Alvarez** (19-12): Daniel dominated the fight; he scored one knockdown with a jab in the 4<sup>th</sup> round, and another with a left hand to the body in the 5<sup>th</sup>; Alvarez got up but was unsteady, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:02; after the fight, Daniel said, “My style is ugly, but it’s effective and no one has an answer to it.”...

On 2-26-04 in San Diego, CA, he knocked out **Cesar Figueroa** (26-3-2): the early rounds were close, but Daniel steadily wore down Figueroa, and Figueroa’s corner stopped the fight at 2:12 of the 6<sup>th</sup> round...

On 1-16-04 in Hildalgo, TX, he TKO’d **Jesus Perez** (23-3-2): Daniel scored three knockdowns in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, all with left hands, and the the referee stopped the fight at 2:45...

2003 - on 11-20-03 in Cuauhtemoc, MX, he TKO’d **Carlos Duran** (debut): in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round...

On 9-18-03 in Santa Ana, CA, he knocked out **Marcos Badillo** (18-27-1): Daniel scored a knockdown with a right hook to the body in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, and Badillo was counted out at 1:58...

On 8-28-03 in Irvine, CA, he knocked out 36 year-old former IBF flyweight world champion **Francisco Tejedor** (46-16-2): Daniel scored three knockdowns in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, and Tejedor did not continue after the round; after the fight, Daniel said, “I wanted to start the bout quickly against him. The victory says a lot because I beat a former world champion.”...

On 7-19-03 in Maywood he knocked out **Missael Nunez** (2-1): Daniel dominated the fight and wore down Nunez; he rocked Nunez with a series of punches in the 4<sup>th</sup> round, and the referee stopped the fight at 1:14; after the fight, Daniel said, “I was able to break him down little by little. I was not nervous at all. I felt relaxed in the ring. I know that the more I fight, the more experience I will receive.”...

1<sup>ST</sup> WBC YOUTH B TITLE DEFENSE - on 2-22-03 in Mexico City, MX, he TKO’d **Trinidad Mendoza** (20-4-2): the fight was on the undercard of a WBC world title triple-header which drew an estimated crowd of 25,000; headliners Erik Morales, Jose antonio Aguirre, and Jorge Arce all donated their purses to “Vamos Mexico” (Let’s Go, Mexico), a children’s charity headed by Marta Sahagun, wife of Mexican president Vicente Fox; Daniel scored a knockdown in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, and the referee stopped the fight...

2002 - WON WBC YOUTH B TITLE – on 8-17-02 in Santa Ana, NM, he TKO’d **Ildefonso Martinez** (10-2): Daniel dominated the fight, rocked Martinez several times, and the referee stopped the fight in the 4<sup>th</sup> round...

He debuted at the age of 20 on 3-31-01...

AMATEUR, PERSONAL BACKGROUND: Daniel said through an interpreter, "I was born in Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua. I have one brother. My father works for the city of Cuauhtemoc and my mom's a housewife. We're part of the Tarahumara Indian tribe in the state Chihuahua.

"I had four brothers and sisters before me, and they all died. All were under two years old. It could have been a curse on the family, witchcraft, it could have been sickness. There were no doctors in the tribe where we were living in the Sierras. When I was born, it just before my parents broke up. My mom took me to the city in Cuauhtemoc where they had medical services if we needed them. And that's what happened – I became very ill and was about to pass away, but the doctors saved me. My living brother was born after me.

"I started boxing when I was around 14. My neighbor would train his sons. I was sort of a street kid, and I saw them training and I started using his heavy bag and equipment. It was just in their back yard. They had a rope with a heavy bag on it.

"I had about 136 amateur fights, with around 95 wins. I won five national titles in Mexico. I travelled internationally with the Mexican national team to about 12 countries.

"I'm married and I have three children, two boys and one girl. Daniel Jr. is six years old, Geronimo is three, and Estrella is two years old. "...

AMATEUR HIGHLIGHTS: 2000 Olympics, Sydney, Australia, 112 pounds: in his first fight on 9-19-00 he lost a 16-8 decision against **Vladimir Sidorenko** of Ukraine, who went on to win the Olympic bronze medal and currently holds the WBA bantamweight world title...

2000 Central American and Caribbean Games, Caracas, Venezuela, 112 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in the finals he fought to a 4-4 draw, but won the tiebreaker against **Carlos Valcarcel** of Puerto Rico...

1999 Pan American Games, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 112 pounds: he drew a bye in the first round of fights; in the quarterfinals on 8-1-99 he won a 15-4 decision against **Eudis Mendez** of Dominican Republic; in the semifinals on 8-5-99 he lost a 12-8 decision against **Jose Navarro** of the U.S., who went on to win the silver medal...

1997 Junior Olympic International tournament, Mexico City, Mexico, 105 pounds – GOLD MEDALIST: in the finals he won a 14-7 decision against **Carlos Valcarcel** of Puerto Rico...

STRENGTHS: A natural lefthander with an aggressive style and good punching power – at his best, he pressures his opponents and steadily wears them down...physically strong, has good stamina...is somewhat awkward, which can work to his advantage...is experienced against very good opposition...

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: 7 years, 3 months...35 fights...149 total rounds...48 world championship rounds...

AVERAGE LENGTH OF BOUTS: 4.2 rounds...

KNOCKOUT PERCENTAGE: 88 %...

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

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF  
DANIEL DE LEON

DANIEL PONCE-DE LEON/STHP

CUAHUTEMOC, MEXICO  
Date of Birth: 07/27/1980

Won-Lost-Draw-KO'S  
34 1 0 30

2001

Mar 31	SERVANDO SOLIS, CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO	TKO	1	PRO DEB	
May 01	VICTOR RODRIGUEZ, CIUDAD JUAREZ,	TKO	1		120
May 18	ERNESTO RIVERA, CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO	TKO	3		117
Jul 21	JESUS JIMENEZ, OROVILLE, CA.....	KO	1		116
Sep 01	JULIO LUNA, EL PASO, TX.....	TKO	5		117
Nov 02	DIEGO ANDRADE, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO....	TKO	4		
Nov 23	VICTOR BARRETO, CUAUHTEMOC, MEXICO...	KO	1		
Dec 15	TERRY EVANS, CUAHUTEMOC, MEXICO.....	KO	2		

2002

Feb 23	MIGUEL RAMIREZ, CUAUTHEMOC, MEXICO...	KO	1		
Jun 29	JULIO AVILA, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO.....	TKO	2		
Aug 02	MANUEL CASTRO, CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO.	KO	1		119
Aug 17	ILDEFONSO MARTINEZ, SANTA ANA, NM....	TKO	4	WBC/JR	117

2003

Feb 22	TRINIDAD MENDOZA, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO	TKO	2	WBC/JR	118
Jul 19	MISSAEL NUNEZ, MAYWOOD, CA.....	KO	4		123
Aug 28	FRANCISCO TEJEDOR, IRVINE, CA.....	KO	1		121
Sep 18	MARCOS BADILLO, SANTA ANA, CA.....	KO	3		121
Nov 20	CARLOS DURAN, CUAUHTEMOC, MEXICO.....	TKO	3		

2004

Jan 16	JESUS PEREZ, HIDALGO, TX.....	TKO	1		122
Feb 26	CESAR FIGUEROA, SAN DIEGO, CA.....	KO	6		122
Mar 19	IVAN ALVAREZ, LA, CA.....	KO	5		123
Apr 17	ANTHONY MARTINEZ, MAYWOOD, CA.....	KO	7		124
Jun 11	CARLOS CONTRERAS, FT WORTH, TX.....	W	10		124
Oct 22	EMMANUEL LUCERO, EL PASO, TX.....	KO	3	NABO	122
Nov 19	JULIO GAMBOA, TUCSON, AZ.....	KO	4		121

2005

Feb 17	CELESTINO CABALLERO, LA, CA.....	L	12	IBF/ELIM	120
Apr 29	RICARDO BARAJAS, LAREDO, TX.....	KO	2		124
Jun 24	PHILLIP PAYNE, OCEANSIDE, CA.....	KO	7	NABO	122

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CUAHUTEMOC, MEXICO  
Date of Birth: 07/27/1980

Won-Lost-Draw-KO'S  
34 1 0 30

Oct 29 SOD LOOKNONGYANTOY, TUCSON, AZ..... W 12 WBO 121

2006

May 27 GERSON GUERRERO, CARSON, CA..... KO 2 WBO 121

Jul 15 SOD LOOKNONGYANTOY, LAS VEGAS, NV.... KO 1 WBO 122

Oct 21 AL SEEGER, EL PASO, TX..... TKO 8 WBO 122

2007

Mar 17 GERRY PENALOSA, LAS VEGAS, NV..... W 12 WBO/IBA 122

Aug 11 REY BAUTISTA, SACRAMENTO, CA..... TKO 1 WBO 121

Sep 28 REINALDO LOPEZ, CABAZON, CA..... KO 5 123

Dec 08 EDUARDO ESCOBEDO, LAS VEGAS, NV..... W 12 WBO 121

## JUAN MANUEL "Juanma" LOPEZ

Age: 24 (6-30-83)

Residence: Caguas, Puerto Rico

Birthplace: Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Record: 21-0, 19 KOs

Height: 5'7"

Reach: 68"

Manager: Antonio Pinero

Trainer: Alex Caraballo

### JUAN MANUEL "Juanma" LOPEZ (21-0, 19 KOs)...

- Ranked WBO #1 at 122 pounds...
- WBO Latino jr. featherweight champion, three successful defenses...
- 2004 Olympic representative for Puerto Rico, 119 pounds...

At the age of 24, Juan is a three-year pro. A sensational lefthanded prospect at 122 pounds, he was an amateur star in Puerto Rico - a five-time national champion and 2004 Olympian.

Juan is the WBO's number one ranked mandatory world title challenger.

He has stayed active in the ring as a pro, made good progress, and gotten rave reviews.

After Juan's fight in October, 2007, **Dan Rafael** wrote on ESPN.com, "The 24-year-old southpaw...is the island's brightest prospect."

Two months earlier in August, Juan TKO'd former Mexican bantamweight champion **Hugo Dianzo** in the tenth round.

After the fight, Dan Rafael reported, "The 24-year-old southpaw and 2004 Puerto Rican Olympian probably will take away many valuable lessons from the hard-earned victory. Although Lopez dominated, it was not easy. Dianzo is a crafty, experienced pro with experience in world title fights and a résumé dotted with formidable opposition. Lopez worked hard for this victory, which will serve him well down the road."

After Juan TKO'd Mexico City prospect **Cuauhtemoc Vargas** in January, 2007, Fightwriter.com's **Graham Houston** wrote, "There was an impressive maturity about Lopez...and I do think he can become a star in the 122-pound division. He always gave the impression that he could raise the level of his performance whenever he wanted.... Every time Vargas tried to get something going he was countered. The straight punches of Lopez - jabs followed by left hands - repeatedly pushed Vargas back."

Top Rank matchmaker **Bruce Trampler** said, "Juan is a rugged, physical guy, a tremendous talent. He combines the best attributes of **Felix Trinidad**, **Wilfredo Gomez**, and **Miguel Cotto**. That covers all the bases."

Juan lives in Caguas, Puerto Rico, which is also the hometown of WBA welterweight world champion Miguel Cotto.

Juan said through an interpreter, "I train at Jose "Cheo Aponte" Torres Gym in Caguas. **Henry Bruseles** trains here, and **Alex "Nene" Sanchez** used to train here. I know Cotto, but we train at different gyms in Caguas.

"I'm naturally lefthanded. I'm an aggressive fighter, I go forward. I think I have a good defense and other skills. I couldn't really tell you where the power comes from. My mom and dad are big people, they always looked very strong to me. Maybe it's just something I have inside of me.

"People talk about me as being the next great boxer from Puerto Rico. A lot of people compare my style to **Wilfredo Gomez**, and they say my power is something that they rarely see at this weight. I just think it's because I'm so disciplined.

"I think I have some similarities with Gomez, but I have other things, too. I think my style is not like any other boxer's. My favorite fighters are **Felix Trinidad** and **Roy Jones**. I always liked **Oscar De La Hoya**, too."

Regarding his nickname, he said, "Everybody just calls me 'Juanma.' It's short for Juan Manuel."

Fight by Fight – 2008 – 4<sup>TH</sup> WBO LATINO JF TITLE DEFENSE - in his last fight on 2-23-08 in Caguas, PR, he TKO'd **Jonathan Oquendo** (14-1): the fight headlined at Coliseo Hector Sola Bezares, and Juan was very impressive; he scored three knockdowns in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, then scored two more knockdowns in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the referee stopped the fight at 0:49...

2007 – 3<sup>RD</sup> WBO LATINO JF TITLE DEFENSE - on 10-31-07 in San Juan, PR, he TKO'd **Omar Adorno** (16-8-1): the fight headlined at Coliseo Jose Miguel Agrelot; Juan gave an impressive performance and stopped Adorno at 2:18 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round...

2<sup>ND</sup> WBO LATINO JF TITLE DEFENSE - on 8-4-07 in Rosemont, IL, he TKO'd 33 year-old former Mexican bantamweight champion and world title challenger **Hugo Dianzo** (31-11-1): the fight was on the undercard of the David Diaz-Erik Morales main event at the Allstate Arena; Dianzo gave a good effort, but Juan dominated most of the fight – he was penalized one point for low blows in the 7<sup>th</sup> round, but consistently outworked Dianzo and landed the harder punches; Dianzo was cut on the left side of his scalp in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round – the cut worsened as the rounds progressed, and the fight was stopped on the injury at 1:12 of the 10<sup>th</sup> round...

1<sup>ST</sup> WBO LATINO JF TITLE DEFENSE - on 6-22-07 in San Juan, PR, he TKO'd **Giovanni Andrade** (54-10): the fight headlined at Coliseo Jose Miguel Agrelot, and Juan quickly overpowered Andrade; Juan scored a knockdown with a series of punches in the 1<sup>st</sup> round – Andrade got up but was unsteady, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:59...

WON WBO LATINO JF TITLE - on 4-28-07 in Barranquilla, COL, he TKO'd **Jorge Otero** (17-8-2): Otero gave a good effort, but Juan gave a strong performance and stopped him in the 7<sup>th</sup> round...

On 3-3-07 in San Juan, PR, he TKO'd **Leiva Brea** (16-3-3): Juan scored two knockdowns in the 1<sup>st</sup> round – the first with a right hook, the second with a left hand; Juan scored another knockdown with a right hand in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round – Brea got up, but Juan staggered him with another right hook and the referee stopped the fight at 2:24 as Brea sank to his knees; after the fight, Juan said, "We are getting to where we want to be. I still need four or five fights before I can think about fighting for a world title. I am still learning. I still need more experience but I'll be ready. Tonight, I was patient and just looked for the opportunities."...

On 1-19-07 in Phoenix, AZ, he TKO'd **Cuauhtemoc Vargas** (15-1-1): Juan dominated the fight; he consistently outworked Vargas, landed the sharper punches, and steadily wore him down; Vargas did not continue after the 6<sup>th</sup> round; after the fight, Juan said, "I knew I was getting to him and he was taking a lot of punches, but I was surprised when he didn't come out. Vargas was definitely one the toughest guys I have fought so far. I am very pleased with my performance. I think with a little more experience, I will be ready to take on the top guys. I know it is time for me to move up. But I also know I have to be patient."...

2006 – WON VACANT WBO LATINO JF TITLE - on 9-30-06 in Caguas, PR, he TKO'd **Jose Alonso** (31-10-2): Juan gave an impressive performance - he scored a knockdown in the 1<sup>st</sup> round and dominated the fight; Juan staggered Alonso with a series of punches in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:59...

On 7-21-06 in Uncasville, CT, he TKO'd **Edel Ruiz** (28-14-4): Ruiz gave a good effort, but Juan dominated the fight; he steadily wore down Ruiz, and Ruiz did not continue after the 6<sup>th</sup> round; the Mohegan Sun commission records it as a TKO at 0:02 of the 7<sup>th</sup> round...

On 6-10-06 in New York, NY, he won a 6 round unanimous decision against previously undefeated **Sergio Mendez** (4-0): the bout was on the undercard of the Miguel Cotto-Paulie Malignaggi main event at Madison Square Garden, which drew a crowd of 14,365; Juan dominated the fight - he consistently outworked Mendez and landed the harder punches, and won by scores of 60-54 on all three scorecards...

On 4-7-06 in San Juan, PR, he TKO'd **Alberto Chuc** (8-6): Juan cut Chuc under his right eye, and the referee stopped the fight on the injury at 0:02 of the 6<sup>th</sup> round...

On 3-4-06 in Bayamon, PR, he won an 8 round unanimous decision against **Gilberto Bolanos** (5-9-1): the fight was on the undercard of the Miguel Cotto-Gianluca Branco main event, which drew a capacity crowd at Coliseo Ruben Rodriguez; Juan dominated the fight...

On 1-21-06 in Las Vegas, NV, he TKO'd **Jose Luis Caro** (10-3-1): the fight was on the undercard of the Erik Morales-Manny Pacquiao rematch at Thomas & Mack Center that drew an announced crowd of 14,618, and Juan scored a spectacular one-punch knockout; he scored one knockdown with a right hook in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round - it was a cuffing-type punch that dropped Caro to his hands and knees; Juan scored another knockdown with a counter right hook in the 4<sup>th</sup> that put Caro flat on his back - he

struggled to get up, but the referee stopped the fight at 1:44...

2005 - in his last fight on 12-10-05 in San Juan, PR, he TKO'd **Manuel Sarabia** (15-16-6): the fight was on the undercard of the Ivan Calderon-Daniel Reyes main event at Coliseo Roberto Clemente; Juan rocked Sarabia with a series of punches in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, and the referee stopped the fight at 2:50...

On 11-18-05 in Hato Rey, PR, he TKO'd former Colombian jr. bantamweight champion and fellow-southpaw **Luis Bolano** (41-4): it was a step up in class of opposition for Juan, and an exciting fight while it lasted; both exchanged hard punches for two rounds, but Bolano did not continue after the 2<sup>nd</sup> round claiming an injury to his left hand...

On 9-30-05 in San Juan he knocked out **Roberto Chacon** (11-5-1): Juan scored two knockdowns in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, and Chacon was counted out at 2:10...

On 8-20-05 in Ponce, PR, he knocked out **Charles Jones** (2-2): Juan was knocked down, but came back to score three knockdowns, all in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, and the referee stopped the fight at 3:00; after the fight, Juan said, "It was weird to find myself on the floor. It was mostly because I was off-balance but that's the first time I ever went down in my life. I always heard from my trainers that I should take my time getting up but I was fine and I knew he couldn't take my punches, so I decided to shut him out."...

On 6-11-05 in New York, NY, he TKO'd **Eric Nemo** (5-0-1): the fight was on the undercard of the Miguel Cotto-Muhammad Abdulaev main event at Madison Square Garden; Juan dominated the fight and scored a knockdown in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round; Nemo got up, but Juan rocked him with series of punches and the referee stopped the fight at 2:17...

On 4-30-05 in San Juan he knocked out **Efrain Perez** (1-0) in the 1<sup>st</sup> round...

On 2-26-05 in Bayamon, PR, he TKO'd **Ivan Cordero** (0-2): the fight was on the undercard of the Miguel Cotto-DeMarcus Corley main event that drew 12,000 fans; Juan stopped Cordero in the 1<sup>st</sup> round...

He debuted at the age of 21 on 1-29-05 in Bayamon and knocked out **Luis Colon** (debut) at 1:06 of the 1<sup>st</sup> round...

AMATEUR, PERSONAL BACKGROUND: Juan said, "I was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. I have two brothers, I'm in the middle. My father manages a restaurant called El Caldero. My older brother used to box as an amateur, but he never turned pro. My father used to go to the gym, but he never really boxed.

"I used to fight a lot in school and they told me, 'You know, you shouldn't be doing that in the streets. You should go to a gym.' So that's what I did.

"I started boxing when I was about 10 years old. I had 150 amateur fights with 126 wins and 24 losses. I was national champion of Puerto Rico for five straight years, from 2000 to 2004. The first year, I won at 112 pounds. The next four years were at 119 pounds.

"I won the bronze at the Central American Games in El Salvador in 2002. I fought for the bronze medal at the Pan American Games in Santo Domingo in 2003, but I didn't win it.

"I've been living in Caguas for eight years, but I've actually been training here for 13 years.

"I've been married for eight years. My wife had three children when we were married, and we have two children together."...

AMATEUR HIGHLIGHTS: 2004 Olympics, Athens, Greece, 119 pounds: in his first fight on 8-17-04 he lost a 27-19 decision against **Khavazhi Khatsigov** of Bulgaria...

2004 Americas Olympic Qualifier, Tijuana, Mex., 119 pounds: in his first fight on 3-14-04 he won a 32-22 decision against **Roberto Benitez** of New York, N.Y.; in his second fight on 3-17-04 he won a 21-15 decision against **Algenis Mendez** of Dominican Republic; in the championship round on 3-20-04 he lost a 29-18 decision against **Andrew Kooner** of Canada...

2003 Pan American Games, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 119 pounds: in his fight on 8-8-03 he won a 27-10 decision against **Castulo Gonzalez** of Guatemala; in the quarterfinals on 8-10-03 he lost a 24-21 decision against **Abner Mares** of Mexico...

2002 Central American and Caribbean games, San Salvador, El Salvador, 119 pounds – BRONZE MEDALIST: in the quarterfinals he won a 23-16 decision against **Antonio Nunez** of El Salvador; in the semifinals on 12-4-02 he lost a 23-19 decision against **Abner Mares** of Mexico...

STRENGTHS: A natural lefthander with an aggressive style, good skills and movement...physically strong, has good punching power...had a strong amateur background...

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: 3 years, 5 months...21 fights...77 total rounds...

AVERAGE LENGTH OF BOUTS: 3.6 rounds...

KNOCKOUT PERCENTAGE: 90 %...

DISTANCE FIGHTS: 10 rounds – 1 (1-0)...8 rounds - 1 (1-0)...7 rounds – 2 (2-0)...

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF  
JUAN MANUEL LOPEZ

JUAN M. LOPEZ-RIVERA/STHPW

RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO  
Date of Birth: 06/30/1983

Won-Lost-Draw-KO'S  
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2005

Jan 29	LUIS COLON, BAYAMON, PR.....	KO	1	PRO DEB	122
Feb 26	IVAN CORDERO, BAYAMON, PR.....	TKO	1		123
Apr 30	EFRAIN PEREZ, SAN JUAN, PR.....	KO	1		127
Jun 11	ERIC NEMO, NY, NY.....	TKO	3		121
Aug 20	CHARLES JONES, PONCE, PR.....	KO	1		120
Sep 30	ROBERTO CHACON, SAN JUAN, PR.....	KO	1		120
Nov 18	LUIS BOLANO, HATO REY, PR.....	TKO	3		124
Dec 10	MANUEL SARABIA, SAN JUAN, PR.....	TKO	1		125

2006

Jan 21	JOSE CARO, LAS VEGAS, NV.....	KO	3		123
Mar 04	GILBERTO BOLANOS, BAYAMON, PR.....	W	8		125
Apr 07	ALBERTO CHUC, HATO REY, PR.....	TKO	6		124
Jun 10	SERGIO MENDEZ, NY, NY.....	W	6		121
Jul 21	EDEL RUIZ, UNCASVILLE, CT.....	TKO	7		122
Sep 30	JOSE ALONSO, CAGUAS, PR.....	TKO	3	WBO/LA	121

2007

Jan 19	CUAUHTEMOC VARGAS, PHOENIX, AZ.....	TKO	6		123
Mar 03	LEIVI BREA, SAN JUAN, PR.....	TKO	2		123
Apr 28	JORGE OTERO, BARRANQUILLA, COLMBIA...	TKO	7		121
Jun 22	GIOVANNI ANDRADE, HATO REY, PR.....	TKO	1		122
Aug 04	HUGO DIANZO, ROSEMONT, IL.....	TKO	10	WBO/LA	120
Oct 31	OMAR ADORNO, SAN JUAN, PR.....	TKO	2	WBO/LA	121

2008

Feb 23	JONATHAN OQUENDO, CAGUAS, PR.....	TKO	3	WBO/LA	120
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