

**JUAN MANUEL LOPEZ and YURIORKIS GAMBOA  
HEADLINE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLEHEADER  
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**JUAN MANUEL LOPEZ**

"I would love to develop the following here in New York that I have in Puerto Rico.

*Regarding a future Gamboa fight and fighting on the same card...* "I think it's important for people to get to know both of us and we both get bigger. We sparred in France before the Olympics. It wasn't friendly sparring, we went at it pretty good. I got to watch him in a lot of amateur tournaments also. We never fought each other in those but we got to see each other often. I know there are other fights that people talk about but I only concentrate on my next opponent in my next fight."

*Gaining experience?* "You can always learn something new in boxing but I am a professional and will fight anyone in the world."

*Tinidad...* "I am honored to be compared to Felix Trinidad. He was my idol growing up and I would love to achieve the things he did. I spoke to Tito last week and he was telling me, 'you win your fights in the gym. If you don't train hard, you can't expect to win the fight.'"

"On October 10 I will realize my dream of fighting at Madison Square Garden, and it is sooner than I planned. I am very excited to be fighting here. Even though Mtagwa doesn't have the great record I know he is dangerous. I not only promise that I win on the 10<sup>th</sup>, but I will knock him out."

**ROGERS MTAGWA**

"This is what I've been working for my whole career – a chance to fight for the world title and to be able to fight at Madison Square Garden. I am going to do everything possible to win this fight."

**YURIORKIS GAMBOA**

"Given that Madison Square Garden has great history it is an honor to fight here and it is great that they bring in young champions to let us be a part of that history. I am going to come in at my best and I promise everyone will see a great show on October 10."

"I have seen and fought against different fighters from all over the world and can adapt to any style. (My greatest asset is) My combination of speed, quick reflexes and my intelligence in the ring. My job is not to knockout my opponent but to win by exhibiting my skills. Yes, I have had obstacles along the way since turning pro, but I have been able to overcome them and be successful."

*Cuban boxing...*”It is a great tradition and a lot of confidence in the system. The torch keeps getting passed along. We get to meet the great fighters that we have look up to our whole lives, and we get to train with them also.”

**ODLANIER SOLIS**

“On October 10 I plan to win then make some noise in this division. I will be coming in tip-top shape and with the help of my trainers will be using everything at mu disposal to get the win.”