

WBO BOXING CHAMP JULIO GONZALEZ

by Eric Morales



They say you are the first Mexican to win a major belt as a light heavyweigh is that verdad?

Yeah, I'm the first Mexican Light Heavyweight Champion of the world. I'm also the Physically biggest and heaviest built Mexican to win a title. For me to get that I had to face Dariusz Michalczewski who was the retaining WBO champion of 9 years and was trying beat Rocky Marcianos all time record of 49-0 as a champion, and I did it in his house beating him in Germany.

I haven't seen any of your fights is it true you took that sucka Roy Jones Jr. to 12 rounds before he beat you?

Simon carnal, and I was pushing him back trying to make him fight, but he was using his skills and speed to beat me in 12 rounds.

You were also on the Mexican Olympic team did you win a medal?

No I didn't win a medal, but I did go to the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta representing Mexico, and just being there was one of my dreams that I accomplished. There have been some great Mexican boxers Chavez who is your favorite boxers Mexicano first?

Of course the legendary, Teocallo Julio Cesar Chavez will always be the all time best for me.

My favorite boxers were Duran, Naseem Hamed, Ali, Vargas what do you think of this crop?

They're all great champions except for Hamed who all the pisanos dislike.

I think some of the decisions lately have been pretty corrupt what do you think?

I agree with you and all the fans but then again I guess it wouldn't be boxing if it didn't have it's controversy like that. There's definitely some controversial fights but then again there's also some really great fights.

When is your next fight and is it on HBO?

I think It's going to be on HBO and we're working hard for it be on Dec. 18th here in L.A.

Why is that Mexican fighters brawl and most other fighters like to dance?

We just like to get in there and fight. It's not in us to dance, or ser culones we're macho men, lol...

What do you think of Trinidad and Camacho Jr.?

Trinidad is a good fighter, that likes to fight and puts on a good show. Camacho Jr. seem to be to much hype his dad gave him to much hype.

What is your greatest skill in the ring?

I would think my upper cuts but like all great Mexican fighters I think it's my heart, and attitude not to give up.

How has winning a WBO Light Heavyweight changed your life?

Not much except for that a lot more people know me, and taking seriously every fight.

Didn't Ruiz also win a Heavyweight title but his was not a major sanctioning body?

They're all major bodies and Ruiz is Puerto Rican. Mexicans don't mix with Puerto Ricans in the ring we have beef with them, like a Lakers vs. Kings rivalry.

I think De La Hoya should hang up the gloves what do you think?

No I don't think he needs to hang them up, I think he needs to come back down to 154lbs and make more money and give other people a chance to make money, because in boxing he's the moneyman, he's the bank.

I watched a lot of Olympic boxing I think the scoring stinks?

Yeah it definitely sucks, if all 4 judges don't press the button almost at the same time it's not a point.

Anything else you like to do Julio?

I won the title and then lost it so I'm still in a quest to get my title back with in the next year.

Any advice would you give young Chicanos and people of all races on getting into boxing?

I would say to take the sport serious, and not to be a punching bag for anyone, and the rest will come.