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WBC INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

GOLOTA VS AUSTIN

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OFFICIAL BOUT SHEET

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WBC INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP 12 ROUNDS



ANDREW GOLOTA

Olympic Bronze Medalist
Chicago, Ill. (Poland)
41-6-1 (33 KOs)

VS

RAY AUSTIN

Cleveland, Ohio
24-4-4 (16 KOs)



WBC HEAVYWEIGHT ELIMINATION 12 ROUNDS



JAMEEL McCLINE

Former WBC Continental
Americas Champion
West Palm Beach, FL (Harlem, NY)
38-9-1 (23 KOs)

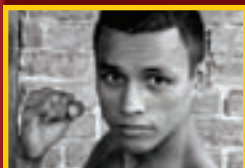
VS

MIKE MOLLO

Former WBA Fedelatin Champion
Chicago, Ill.
19-2 (12 KOs)



WBC STRAWWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP 12 ROUNDS



JUAN PALACIOS

WBC World Champion
Managua, Nicaragua
24-2 (19 KOs)

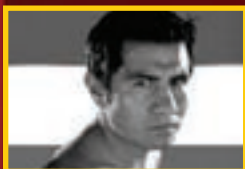
VS

TERUO MISAWA

Japanese Champion
Tokyo, Japan
18-4-4 (7 KOs)



SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT ATTRACTION 12 ROUNDS



MARCO ANTONIO BARRERA

Former WBC, WBO, IBO Super
Featherweight Champion
Mexico City, Mexico
63-6-0 (42 KOs)

VS

SAMMY VENTURA

Former FECARBOX Champion
Cardenas, Mexico
25-19-0 (20 KOs)



WBC FEMALE MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP 10 ROUNDS



WANG YA NAN

WBC Female Middleweight
Champion
Shanghai, China
7-0-0 (3 KOs)

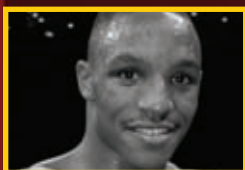
VS

AKONDAYE FOUNTAIN

Ranked Contender
Houston, Texas
7-1-0 (4 KOs)



SUPER LIGHTWEIGHT ATTRACTION 10 ROUNDS



DEVON ALEXANDER

WBC No. 1 Ranked Contender
St. Louis, MO.
15-0-0 (8 KOs)

VS

SUN HAENG LEE

Rugged Korean
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9-3-1 (4 KOs)



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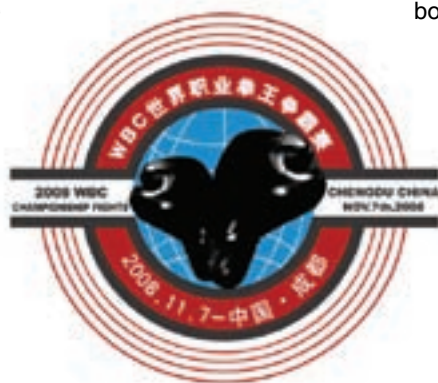
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WBC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING
Sichuan Gymnasium - Nov. 7, 2008 - Chengdu, China

To whom it may Concern,

The grand opening of 2008 World Championship Boxing will be staged on the beautiful city, hometown of panda—Chengdu. The hospitable Chengdu people sincerely welcome Mr. Don King and his team, all the fighters and coaches, referees, and officials, media representatives and the great fans who are gathering at this exciting event.

Ever since Chengdu was granted the hosting of the 2008 WBC World Championship Boxing, the local organizing committee has gone through a dedicated and thorough preoperational process, and shall keep providing premium services and facilities for the event and the people.



With the collective efforts, the boxing is bound to be a grand gala, a media carnival, and a great festival for all boxing fans.

We wish all of you distinguished guests and media friends great health, and enjoy your stay!

2008 WBC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING CHENGDU CHINA
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE





Dear Fight Fans:

Tonight is a special night to be here in Chengdu, China, for many reasons.

First, and most important, tonight's event shows the fortitude and resilience of the Chinese people, who suffered a devastating earthquake in May here in Sichuan Province where thousands perished and 1.5 million people were displaced from their homes.

The Chinese adopted one of Chairman Mao's phrases in the recovery effort—*Wo Men Zai Yi Qi*—which translates in English to *We Are Together*. As a tribute to the Chinese people, I made *We Are Together* the theme for tonight's event to show solidarity.

Second, we must congratulate the Chinese government and the Chinese people on the fantastic job they did in presenting their first Olympic Games in Beijing last summer. I lobbied strongly in 2001 on behalf of China prior to the vote by the International Olympic Committee that selected Beijing. It is now obvious that the "new China" has arrived on the world stage.

Third, it is great for me to be back in China promoting prizefighting in a country where Chou En-lai banned professional boxing for over 40 years. It is also very special to be promoting this event in Sichuan Province where the great former General Secretary of China Deng Xiaoping was born.

Fourth, we welcome all of those here tonight who have participated in the World Boxing Council's 46th convention that was also held in Chengdu this week.

We truly are in this together. Jose Sulaiman and Mauricio Sulaiman from the World Boxing Council wanted to host their annual convention in Chengdu,

and their sentiments only grew after the earthquake. After the temblor, I stayed together with my Chinese co-promoters at Chengdu Sports Industry, led by Qin Wenlin, Zhang Dongsheng and Cheng Heng, in an effort to make sure this event would take place as planned.

All of you in attendance tonight have joined together with us to support the spirit of those residing in Chengdu and the Sichuan Province. There is no doubt *We Are Together*.



We have brought over some of the best boxers in the sport to entertain you. Andrew Golota is the best Polish heavyweight ever—and one of the best heavyweights in history who has never won a world title—and he will take on former No. 1-ranked Ray Austin, who hails from my hometown of Cleveland, Ohio, for the WBC international USNBC title.

Two more great heavyweights, Jameel McCline and Mike Mollo, will compete in an important WBC elimination bout, and Juan Palacios will defend his WBC strawweight title opposing Japanese champion Teruo Misawa.

As a bonus one of the best fighters of this era and one of the fastest-rising stars in the sport will compete in separate bouts. Former five-time world champion "The Baby Faced Assassin" Marco Antonio Barrera (63-6, 42 KOs), from Mexico City, will box at lightweight and undefeated WBC No. 1-ranked super lightweight Devon Alexander "The Great" (15-0, 8 KOs), from St. Louis, Mo., will compete at the 140-pound limit.

Please enjoy yourself this evening during this history-making event.

Sincerely,

Don King

Don King





THE WBC ENTERS THE GREAT COUNTRY OF CHINA AND
**A NEW ERA OF
BOXING**
BEGINS...





China, with a population of more than 1.3 billion people and with the great demonstration shown during the past Olympic Games, is without a doubt the biggest potential country for boxing. We are all proud to be part of the world opening for professional boxing in this country.

More than 500 delegates from around the globe will meet in this memorable convention in Chengdu where a magnificent boxing card has also been put together by one of the greatest promoters in the history of boxing, Don King.

A year of elections for the next term (2009-2012) for the WBC presidency and board of governors; the many rules and regulations that will be addressed for the safety of boxing; the ratings and mandatory's as well as a combination of several workshops will make this convention a very important one with regards to the sport. The traditional Chinese culture will be enjoyed by all attendants during the scheduled tours.

The WBC, formed by 10 continental federations representing 164 countries in the world, has changed boxing in the last 33 years under the leadership of José Sulaiman as reigning champion of the WBC presidency. Safety has become the greatest concern and priority in the world, leading not only boxing, but all sports into a path of regulation and administration.



TALE OF THE TAPE

WBC INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP 12 ROUNDS

ANDREW GOLOTA

HEIGHT: 6'4"

WEIGHT: 245

REACH: 78"

NECK: 18"

CHEST (NORMAL) 47"

CHEST (EXPANDED) 51"

BICEP: 18"

FOREARM: 12"

WRIST: 8"

FIST: 13"

WAIST: 38"

THIGH: 26"

CALF: 17"

RAY AUSTIN

HEIGHT: 6' 6"

WEIGHT: 247

REACH: 80"

NECK: 17 1/2"

CHEST (NORMAL) 42 1/2"

CHEST (EXPANDED) 45"

BICEP: 19"

FOREARM: 14 1/4"

WRIST: 7 1/2"

FIST: 12"

WAIST: 40"

THIGH: 24 1/2"

CALF: 17"

ANKLE: 11"



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THE WORLD IS HIS ARENA

By Bob Goodman

Easily one of the most recognizable figures on the planet, Don King is in China, tonight, a land he has come to love and respect. Promoting a world championship event here in Chengdu, China in conjunction with the 46th annual convention of the World Boxing Council, is something that Don felt he had to do.

"We were going to be the first when we were doing John Ruiz and Evander Holyfield in Beijing," he stated. "Ruiz was injured and we couldn't do it. I've been so intrigued with the history and culture of China; I felt we had to come back."

"I've enjoyed going around the globe to open new markets and get a chance to exchange ideas and cultures," says the 77-year old King. "I guess I always wanted to be an international promoter almost from the start."

Even with the market good for boxing in the United States, King was always a guy who thought outside the box. He and some associates at Video Techniques wound up in Kingston, Jamaica with the "Sunshine Showdown" with George Foreman taking on "Smokin" Joe Frazier for the world heavyweight title.

We can still hear the booming voice of Howard Cosell's exciting call – "and down goes Frazier, down goes Frazier," as Foreman lifted Frazier up off the canvas with a thudding shot from underneath. Frazier actually bounced when he hit.

It was the start of globetrotting for King, who saw real inspiration in promoting big fights overseas.

That was in 1973 and Foreman's capture of the WBC and WBA world heavyweight crowns. King continued the globalization of the heavyweight title by taking Foreman on a trip to Japan to meet the smallish but game Puerto Rican,

Joe "King" Roman. Foreman and a Puerto Rican in Japan? King had it all figured out. Roman was a creation of a slick old boxing manager named Bill Daly, maybe the slickest of his day.

Daly knew his way around the fight game and was the manager of the great former lightweight champion Carlos Ortiz. He also had ties to Jack Dempsey's former manager Jack Kearns, one of boxing's solid citizens. Daly saw a "natural" in King as someone who could be the best promoter in the sport.

Roman didn't last too long, but the relationship between Daly and King did. They then took "Big George" and his titles to Caracas, Venezuela to fight the impressive Ken Norton, to open a brand new arena called "El Poliedro". A good time was had by all and Foreman stopped Norton in two rounds.

Nobody before him or since was taking fights like this around the world. During this process the P.T. Barnum like King was becoming an international icon himself.

King was larger than life, with his booming voice, infectious laugh and hair that stood at attention like bristles on a broom. You could usually hear him long before you could see him, but you knew he was some kind of different.

Then came one of the greatest international promotions in history, when King took George Foreman and Muhammad Ali to Kinshasa, Zaire in 1974 and had sold the Zaire government on not only a site fee of \$10,000,000.00 but transportation, housing, interpreters, and a week long festival as a prelude to the championship event called the "Festival in Zaire".

Ali had tagged the fight, "The Rumble in the Jungle". It was amazing how Ali, a beloved figure around the world, managed to paint "Big George" as the "bad guy" – the cowboy with the black hat. Ali sold himself well, endearing himself to the people in the street. The chant was – "Ali – boom ay yea", which meant Ali – kill him or something to that effect. As Foreman secluded himself more, the chant of the street grew louder with every passing day.

The great Ali of course, upset Foreman, knocking him out in the 8th round. It was an amazing scene that was created by King, who was never bigger. His offices on the top of Rockefeller Plaza above the Rainbow Room, now seemed like they were an elevator stop below the clouds.

With Ali pulling one of boxing's greatest upsets, King took him to Kula Lumpur, Malaysia to defend his crowns against Britisher, Joe Bugner, who had made a good fight with Ali years earlier in Las Vegas. The press of the world was into the King championship travels.

Bugner just survived in the 110 degree heat in the outdoor stadium. But the world was now aware of a great city through the media, who really highlighted the





beauty and modernization of Kuala Lumpur. It showed how far global boxing had become and just what a huge part Don had played in the globalization.

It was like they wanted to know what exotic place King and Ali would bring them next. King didn't make them wait too long as he came up with another, that would remain among the top world heavyweight championship fights in history.

It was October 1, 1975 and the "rubber match" between Ali and Joe Frazier. Again another exotic location that Ali tagged – "The Thrilla in Manila". Don King took us and the world to the Philippines to witness one of the greatest heavyweight championship battles in history.

On Feb. 20, 1993, he promoted the WBC super lightweight championship with Julio Cesar Chavez defending his crown against Greg Haugen in the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City, which drew a record 132,247 fans. King can be very reflective of all his world-wide promotions and all the new places he brought the sports media of the world and into your homes and then closed-circuit locations. "It's truly unreal that coming from my background, I could have met kings, queens, rulers and royalty," he looks back. "I was very touched meeting and speaking with Mandela in South Africa.

"When we were in Venezuela, Hugo Chavez was in charge of my security," he recalls. "I met the Pope in Italy, shared a meal with Royalty in Malaysia and had an audience with President Marcos and his wife Imelda. I spent time with President Mobutu in Zaire. I've been with many leaders and U.S. Presidents and have found that my life has been incredible."

He's spent time promoting in England, France, Italy and Germany, not to mention Africa, Asia, South America and the Islands. King was the first to truly globalize boxing in such a big way. His hair might not stand quite as tall or look as black as it once did, but make no mistake about it. There's no mistaking Don King for anyone else in this world.

He still travels internationally at a hectic pace. He wears his patriotism on his sleeve and means it. It's very evident by the crowds that he draws on almost any street he walks that he enjoys the show and the fame that has come with his flamboyance and recognition of the common man.

You might see him waving a flag and shouting -- viva Italia, or viva Puerto Rico, or Mexico. If you'll notice, that American flag is always in his hand and as global as he is, he'll always say – "It's great to be an American!"







ANDREW "POWERFUL POLE" GOLOTA Heavyweight Contender

Born on Jan. 5, 1968, in Warsaw, Poland, now living in Chicago, Illinois
Height 6' 4" - Weight: Heavyweight
Record: 41-6-1, 33 KOs

By Ron Borges

This is not Andrew Golota's first trip to China but it is very likely his last chance to win a shot at the heavyweight championship of the world.

The 40-year-old Golota has had four chances at boxing's biggest prize, including a remarkable three straight title fights in 2005-06, none of which led to a fulfillment of his long-held dream of becoming a world champion. So tonight Golota will arrive at the Sichuan Gym in Chengdu on a three-fight winning streak facing ring veteran Ray Austin in a fight Golota knows he cannot afford to lose.

Ranked in the top 10 by the WBC, WBA and IBF, Golota steps in against an opponent well-versed in competing at this level, having unsuccessfully fought for the world title himself in 2007. Perhaps just as significantly Austin (24-4-4, 16 KO) stands a towering 6-foot-6, weighs in excess of 250 pounds and himself understands that if he can upset Golota tonight he could reinsert himself into what remains a scrambled heavyweight picture.

Because of Austin's size, Golota (41-6-1, 33 KO) intended to come in some 10 pounds heavier than his normal 235-240, which is saying something when you



stand 6-4 and are built like a Polish tank. Yet size has never been the problem for Golota. Rather, his problem has been a sometimes shaky resolve, a question Golota believes he finally answered in his last outing.

On Jan. 19 at Madison Square Garden, Golota came back from a worrisome start and persevered through a painful scenario in which his left eye was grotesquely swollen and shut tighter than a Venetian blind. Unable to see for the final four rounds, Golota soldiered on to win a 12-round decision from surprisingly aggressive Mike Mollo, nearly stopping him late in the fight.

"I couldn't see anything after the eighth round," Golota admitted later. "I had to box more by feel than by what I could see. I hope nobody will call me a quitter again."

That has been the knock on Golota after bizarre losses to Mike Tyson, Michael Grant (after dropping him twice early in the fight) and twice by disqualification to Riddick Bowe. In the latter fights, Golota was dominating Bowe only to be disqualified for repeated low blows.

Golota also has had an odd history in his four world title fights, seemingly having beaten then IBF champion Chris Byrd in 2004 only to hear the fight called a draw; twice sending then WBA champion John Ruiz to the canvas yet still losing a close decision; and being stopped in one round by both then WBO champion Lamon Brewster in what was considered a stunning upset at the time and by then WBC champion Lennox Lewis 11 years ago in Golota's first title challenge.

Each time Golota, with the aid of promoter Don King, has risen from the ashes of defeat to put himself back into title contention. That is what he is again trying to do tonight in Chengdu and he's hopeful his second fight in China will go as well as his first did when he stopped Marcus Rhode in three rounds eight years ago in the first professional prize fight in the country's history.

"I had success here before," Golota said. "I will have success here again." If he does, both King and Golota's long-time manager, Sam Colonna, believe the enigmatic Golota will soon be standing in the ring with towering 7-foot WBA heavyweight champion Nikolay Valuev, hoping that the fifth time for him will be the charm.





RAY "THE RAINMAN" AUSTIN Heavyweight Contender

Born on Oct. 31, 1970, in Cleveland, Ohio
Height: 6' 6" Weight: Heavyweight (247)
Record: 25-4-4, 16 KOs

By Ron Borges

Ray Austin is considered a trial horse these days but if he is he's one that didn't miss being something more by much. That fact is what has brought him to China tonight.

Austin is in Chengdu looking for the same thing his opponent, four-time heavyweight title challenger Andrew Golota, is looking for. He's searching for another chance.

The 37-year old Austin has suffered only one loss in the past six years, a crushing second round knockout at the hands of unified heavyweight title holder Wladimir Klitschko 17 months ago, but other than that he's been oh so close oh so many times that he believes there remains oh so much reason to hope this night will be different.

Three of Austin's four losses came so early in his career they are inconsequential today. What is significant though are the unusual four draws on his resume against Lance Whitaker, Zuri Lawrence, Larry Donald and former heavyweight champion Sultan Ibragimov. What they say about him is that the difference between him and most of the other heavyweights plying their trade today may not be as wide a gulf as some might believe.

The last of those draws came two years ago and was a toe-to-toe slugfest for 12 rounds in a fight that saw both Austin and the previously undefeated Ibragimov hit the canvas and scramble back up before the decision was finally announced. What this seems to say is that while he was unable to defeat Klitschko, Austin has been competitive against other ranked heavyweights even on the nights, as was the case with Ibragimov, when he was only supposed to be there to showcase his opponent's talents.

"That's a fight I know I won," Austin (25-4-4, 16 KO) said. "The way they had the deck stacked against me I guess I should be happy I got the draw. I've proven I can fight."

That is the journeyman's fate for it is a difficult life to live in boxing. Austin has been fighting professionally for over 10 years and while he has fought for the IBF version of the title as well as in a title eliminator against Ibragimov he has never made the kind of money associated with the apex of the division.

Yet he fights on tonight, stepping in against someone who has challenged unsuccessfully for the title four times, believing he is only one right night away from re-inserting himself into the still muddled heavyweight picture.

What makes Austin's challenge of Golota particularly fascinating is that both are flawed but powerful fighters and Austin has shown a resilient chin throughout his career. The loss to Klitschko was only the second time he'd been stopped in 32 fights and he not only has those four draws to speak of he also holds wins over only once defeated Jo-el Scott (TKO 8) in what proved to be the last fight of Scott's career, and Owen Beck, a split decision victory in a fight Austin said he accepted on only one week's notice.

To this point, the draw with Ibragimov, in which he dropped the future champion in the seventh round, was the high water mark for Austin, who believes he deserved better than he got that night. Now he is back one last time to try and prove he's more than the boxing world thought he was after the Klitschko defeat.

Austin knocked off the considerable ring rust that accumulated during an 18-month layoff in September when he easily outpointed Domonic Jenkins on the under card of the Shane Mosley-Ricardo Mayorga fight in California and then quickly agreed to headline tonight's show at the Sichuan Gymnasium against Golota.

Although they traveled different roads to get here, both aging heavyweights are now on the same voyage. Each is here seeking redemption and one last chance to live out a boxing dream.







JAMEEL "BIG TIME" McCCLINE Former WBC Americas and NABO Heavyweight Champion

Height: 6' 6" Weight: Heavyweight (268)
Record: 38-9-3, 23 KOs

By Ron Borges

Jameel McCline and Andrew Golota have more than size in common. They are also among the few fighters in boxing history to have fought four times for the heavyweight championship of the world. The sad fact that neither won the title also binds them and that is something McCline would dearly love to have the opportunity to change.

For that to happen he first must do tonight what Golota did in January, which is survive an expected stiff challenge from young Chicago heavyweight Mike Mollo. Mollo staggered Golota early in their 12-round showdown at Madison Square Garden and then closed his left eye by midway through the fight. Although he ultimately lost the decision, Mollo made the point that if one is ill-prepared for his aggressive approach it can be a long night.

"I come to fight," Mollo (19-2, 12 KO) said and no one, least of all McCline, would question that.

The 38-year-old McCline, who stands 6-foot-6 and weighs over 260 pounds, will tower nearly a half foot above the 6-2 Mollo and he will bring with him more than a clear size advantage. He will also come armed with a long resume of having faced the heavyweight division's best fighters.

Both McCline's capabilities and his weaknesses have been on full display in three of those four world title fights. In two of those instances it seemed he was one or two more punches away from having his hand raised, first when he dropped then IBF titleholder Chris Byrd with a massive right hand in the second round of their 2004 confrontation and later when he had Samuel Peter down three times.

Those fights were three years apart but are a reminder of his capabilities. That he tired in both and lost the decisions is a reminder of what he has as yet been unable to do as well as what he is capable of in his best moments.

Three years after losing to Byrd, McCline would fight his way back into title

contention only to be frustrated by bizarre circumstances when he injured his knee at the end of the third round of a bout with WBA champion Nikolay Valuev in Basel, Switzerland. McCline led on two of the three judges' cards at the time his knee gave out. After that, one would think good fortune might come his way and it did when he immediately landed another title shot nine months later for the interim WBC title.

Originally scheduled to face former champion Vitali Klitschko, McCline learned Klitschko had sustained an injury that forced him to withdraw on Sept. 22, 2007. Four days later, then WBC champion Oleg Maskaev also suffered an injury in training and had to pull out of a scheduled title defense against power-punching Nigerian Samuel Peter.

Unwilling to leave the WBC title in limbo, it was ordered that a new opponent be found for Peter and an interim heavyweight title be at stake. With McCline both in training and available a call was made, he accepted and initially it appeared McCline's moment had finally come after he dropped Peter in the second round with a flash knockdown and then twice drove him to the floor in Round 3.

Peter rose wobbling and in major trouble but McCline appeared to become overly excited and, though needing only one more knockdown to likely become WBC champion, he tired noticeably and was unable to land another telling blow, eventually losing a unanimous decision despite that early four point lead after three rounds.

"I could have finished him," McCline said of that night. "I should have finished him. I thought I had him but I didn't finish him. He got away. That's why he's still champion."

Rewarded once again for what almost happen, McCline faced two-time WBA champion John Ruiz in March in a WBC heavyweight eliminator to name a new mandatory contender for Peter but lost a unanimous decision and so again finds himself on a familiar trail tonight - the comeback trail.







"MERCILESS" MIKE MOLLO Former World Boxing Association Fedelatin Champion

Height: 6' 1" - Weight: Heavyweight (222)
Record: 19-2 (12 KOs)

By Ron Borges

"When we execute a game plan perfectly, I don't see how I can lose," Mollo insists. "I got a fighter's heart. I'm a pressure fighter. I come forward. I like to bang."

Mollo (19-2, 12 KO) has come up short in his two previous attempts to step up in class, as he will be doing tonight. The first time came two years ago when he was stopped by DaVarryl Williamson in four rounds. The second came in January when he lost a unanimous decision to Golota for the WBC Fedelatin heavyweight title in January but not without extracting some pain and inflicting some punishment on Golota.

Because of Mollo's style and aggressiveness, his long-time promoter, Don King, has given him another opportunity to make himself heard in the Land of the Giants. Win or lose, Jameel McCline will know he was in a fight when the final bell tolls tonight.



Mike Mollo has warned you. As a matter of fact, he's warned everybody he ever fought. Most of them didn't listen but it's not like he didn't try to tell them.

So no one should be surprised any more at what they are getting into when they agree to square off with the Chicago heavyweight prospect for he is the epitome of a guy who comes to the arena with only one intention – bad intentions. Win or lose, he's there to fight.

"I don't plan on being a heavyweight that's going to throw a few punches and stand there in front of the guy and wait for him to throw a few," Mollo long ago promised. "I'm going to be in, out, off to the side. I'm going to work the body. Be ready for a busy night."

Tonight, at Sichuan Gynasium in Chengdu, four-time heavyweight title challenger Jameel McCline had best take those words to heart. If he has any doubts about their validity he need only walk down the corridor to the locker room of tonight's main event headliner, Andrew Golota, and ask him about Mollo.

Or, if he doesn't want to disturb him, he can just go online to YouTube and watch the replay of Mollo's stirring effort against Golota last January at Madison Square Garden. That night Golota prevailed but not without suffering through the kind of fight that had him staggered several times and left his left eye closed shut by the end of the 12-round fight.

Tonight Mike Mollo must face another towering opponent in the 6-foot-6 McCline (38-9-3, 23 KO) but size means nothing to him, a point he first made obvious when he stepped in and quickly destroyed 6-foot-6, 278 pound Kevin McBride 40 seconds into the second round of their match up two years ago in Chicago.

McBride, who had previously retired Mike Tyson with a stoppage, was supposed to be using the 6-foot-1 Mollo as a stepping stone but, in the end, it turned out to be Mollo who stepped over McBride by using his non-stop, aggressive style to overwhelm him in the same way he did an unexpected Golota in the early rounds of their fight.





JUAN "EL EXTERMINADOR" PALACIOS World Boxing Council Interim Strawweight Champion

Born On Oct. 8, 1980, in Managua, Nicaragua
Height: 5' 4" - Weight: Strawweight (105)
Record: 24-2, 19 KOs

By Ron Borges

If ever there was a little big man it is Juan Palacios. Or at least a little man with a big punch. A very big punch.

The WBC interim strawweight (105 pound) champion will defend the title he won in concussive fashion in August tonight against Japan's Tervo Misawa (18-4-4, 7 KO) and if how Palacios won the title is any measuring stick Misawa had best have mastered the art of covering up.

When Palacios squared off with Omar Soto in Soto's native Puerto Rico on Aug. 2, it was the first time in six years Palacios had fought outside of his native Nicaragua. The last time Palacios ventured outside the country of his birth he lost a split decision to then strawweight champion Jose Antonio Aguirre in a hotly disputed decision in which two judges saw it for Aguirre, 115-112, while the third saw it the reverse, scoring it for the challenger by the same score.

Apparently having learned from that bitter experience, Palacios took no chances and no prisoners when his second shot at a world title finally came.

After having had a point deducted in the fifth round for hitting behind the head, Palacios turned up the heat on Soto, dropping him twice in the seventh round and twice more in the 10th, dominating him so clearly by that point that the fight was stopped by referee Roberto Ramirez, Jr. That seemed a wise decision.

That victory left Palacios (24-2, 19 KO) with a portion of the WBC title, which he now shares with reigning official champion Oleydong Sithsamerchai of Thailand.

Eventually Palacios hopes to remove the interim from his title and Sithsamerchai from any hold on the 105-pound championship but first he must get past Misawa and retain the belt that made him only the ninth Nicaraguan ever to win a world championship.

He did it, obviously, in concussive fashion and that should come as no surprise because that is how he fights. Palacios comes to the ring with one intention in mind - to put his opponent to sleep.

Palacios has done this in eight of his last 10 fights and in 19 of his 24 victories and tonight he is expecting nothing less against Misawa and, frankly, nothing less against the guy with his hand on half the belt he now wears - Oleydong Sithsamerchai - too.

The latter is a job for another night however. Tonight there is only one thing on the 28-year-old Palacios' mind. He wants to show Chinese boxing fans what a knockout is all about and teach Terno Misawa what it felt like to be Omar Soto two months ago.







'THE BABY FACED ASSASIN'
MARCO ANTONIO BARRERA
 Former Five-Time World Champion in Three Weight Divisions (122, 126 & 130)

Born on Jan. 17, 1974, in Mexico City, Mexico
 now residing in Iztacalco, Mexico
 Height: 5' 7" – Weight: Super Featherweight (130)
 Record: 63-6, 42 KOs

By Ron Borges

Barrera (63-6, 42 KO) returns to the ring tonight in Chengdu to test himself for the first time in the lightweight division in the hope that he will soon become the first Mexican-born fighter to win world titles in four different weight divisions. Not Chavez, not Erik Morales (with whom Barrera fought three classic wars and won two of them), not Salvador Sanchez, not anyone has yet accomplished that feat but Barrera's enthusiasm for boxing has been rekindled by the thought of one last milestone to accomplish.

To do it, Barrera left Golden Boy Promotions, where he had become a partner with Oscar De La Hoya in his promotional company, and signed a promotional deal with Don King, with one purpose in mind. Getting a shot at the lightweight title.

King presently holds promotional agreements with both unified champion Nate Campbell and WBA title holder Yusuke Kabori and Barrera initially hoped his first fight at 135 pounds would be against Kabori.

That idea was eventually altered and instead of going immediately to a title fight one of boxing's biggest names decided to appear in China tonight in a tune-up fight first against veteran Sammy Ventura (25-19, 16 KO). If things go as expected, Barrera is hopeful that King will put him in against one of his lightweight champions for perhaps the biggest challenge of his career early in 2009.

Some guys are never satisfied. One of them is Marco Antonio Barrera. At 34, the legendary Mexican warrior has won world titles in three separate weight divisions and managed to become a worthy successor to Julio Cesar Chavez in the eyes of most Mexican fight fans. Yet after a year off following back-to-back losses by decision to first Juan Manuel Marquez and then Manny Pacquiao, Barrera has come back to boxing in search of accomplishing something not even Chavez could achieve.



Barrera's five-year deal with King shocked the boxing world, who believed he had fought his last after the loss to Pacquiao. Barrera had argued hotly that he had outpointed Marquez when they squared off with much Mexican pride at stake but he had little dispute with the points loss to Marquez.

It seemed at that point that he had fought his last but as time passed he became intrigued at the thought of trying to pursue a sixth world title in a fourth weight division. When King agreed that he was perhaps only one or two wins away from being given such an opportunity, Barrera jumped at the opportunity and no one who knows his impressive resume would doubt the possibility.

Barrera has beaten nearly every major name in his weight divisions, including Morales, Prince Naseem Hamed, Paulie Ayala, Johnny Tapia, Rocky Juarez and many others during a 19-year career in which he won the junior featherweight, featherweight and junior lightweight titles.

Perhaps more impressively, he achieved a level of respect among fight fans that he became one of the few fighters who did not need a world title to command big paydays and convince other champions to give up their belts to face him. Whether crowned or uncrowned, for much of the past decade Marco Antonio Barrera has been a champion in the mind's of the boxing public.

Tonight he begins a new journey, his final quest for a fourth and final world championship. If he achieves it the trip will have begun tonight in Chengdu.







DEVON ALEXANDER "The Great"

Undefeated World Boxing Council Continental Americas Super Lightweight Champion And Former World Boxing Council Youth Welterweight Champion

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, on Feb. 10, 1987
Height: 5, 8 1/2" , Weight: Super Lightweight (140)
Record: 14-0, 8 KOs

By Ron Borges

Unlike too many of his contemporaries, all Devon Alexander wants to do is fight.

The 21-year-old junior welterweight from St. Louis may well be the best prospect in the 140-pound division and his one obsession is getting the chance to prove it. Despite the presence in that weight class of more highly publicized fighters like Victor Ortiz, Lamont Peterson and Mike Alvarado, the undefeated Alexander is already ranked No. 1 by the World Boxing Council despite having only 15 professional fights and the reason for that is obvious.

"This kid is special," said Kevin Cunningham, Alexander's trainer and leading advocate. "You got good fighters and you got special fighters. He's in the latter category."

Alexander has already shown that twice this year, defeating former WBO junior welterweight champion DeMarcus Corley and ex-world title contender Miguel Callist before journeying half way around the world to fight in Chengdu tonight in a tuneup fight he hopes will lead him to a shot at WBC champion Timothy Bradley by no later than early next year.

"I'm ready to go," Alexander (15-0, 8 KO) said. "I want to fight more. I want to unify everything. I want people to see me. I'm always ready to fight."

Alexander first came to Cunningham's attention at seven years old when he drafted a number of young kids from a local elementary school in St. Louis into his fledgling boxing program, which at the time was running out of a basement at the Hyde Park police station. Trainers learn quickly not to make snap judgments but one thing about Alexander became apparent over time. To this day it remains his strongest assets.

"He was always excited about learning," recalled Cunningham, who also trained former IBF light middleweight and former undisputed welterweight champion Cory Spinks. "He loves to train. The more you push him the harder he works. "You don't have to baby-sit him. He eats, drinks, sleeps boxing. That's the difference. If anything, you have to slow him down."

Unfortunately, that's been done by others in boxing this year but not in the ring.



While Alexander and Cunningham are chomping at the bit for more work, finding opponents willing to face him is not as easy as one might think. Naturally, Alexander is anxious for his mandatory title shot at Bradley yet is well aware that he cannot afford any missteps while trying to keep busy and prepared for that day.

Some would argue that traveling halfway around the globe to take on an opponent who cannot improve Alexander's ranking is foolhardy and risky. Cunningham sees it another way however.

"Devon isn't turning down nothing but his collar," his trainer said. "It's crazy for him to sit around for seven months (without fighting)."

At 21, Alexander is still learning the roughest trade in boxing while at the same time rising to within a step of a world title. That may seem an odd juxtaposition but Cunningham has never once doubted the level to which his young fighter would ascend.

"We've tried to match him with tough competition," Cunningham said. "This kid has always been ahead of the curve. He was always the youngest kid in the tournament but he's a winner. He's ready to fight anyone at 140 pounds.

"He reminds me of Henry Armstrong. That's who Devon really is. He has that Henry Armstrong grit. Hammerin' Hank. When that bell rang, he WENT. Devon is like that."

Devon Alexander intends to prove that whenever he gets into the ring. Get in and go...all the way.





DON KING CAREER FACTS

- World-renowned promoter of boxing luminaries including Muhammad Ali, “Smokin” Joe Frazier, “Big” George Foreman, Larry “The Easton Assassin” Holmes, “Iron” Mike Tyson, “Sugar” Ray Leonard, Roberto “Manos de Piedra” Duran, Julio Cesar Chavez, Evander “The Real Deal” Holyfield, Roy Jones Jr., Felix “Tito” Trinidad, Bernard “The Executioner” Hopkins, Ricardo “Finito” Lopez, Salvador Sanchez and Wilfredo Gomez, to name a few.

- Promoter of over 500 world championship fights—so far. Nearly 100 boxers have earned \$1 million or more in Don King Productions-promoted fights—so far.

- Don King Productions holds the distinction of having promoted or co-promoted seven of the 10 largest pay-per-view events in history, as gauged by total buys, including: Holyfield vs. Tyson II, 1.99 million buys, June 1997; Tyson vs. Holyfield I, 1.6 million buys, November 1996; Tyson vs. McNeeley, 1.58 million buys, August 1995; and Bruno vs. Tyson, 1.4 million buys, March 1996.

- Don King Productions holds the distinction of having promoted or co-promoted 11 of the top 15 highest-grossing live gates in the history of the state of Nevada including four of the top five: Holyfield vs. Lewis II, paid attendance: 17,078, gross: \$16,860,300 (NOTE: Also second-highest live-gate gross for any event in the history of the world.), date: Nov. 13, 1999; Holyfield vs. Tyson II, paid attendance: 16,279, gross: \$14,277,200, date: June 28, 1997; Holyfield vs. Tyson I, paid attendance: 16,103, gross: \$14,150,700, date: Nov. 9, 1996; Tyson vs. McNeeley, paid attendance: 16,113, gross: \$13,965,600, date: Aug. 19, 1995; and De La Hoya vs. Trinidad, paid attendance: 11,184, gross: \$12,949,500, date: Sept. 18, 1999. (Second-most pay-per-view buys ever for a non-heavyweight fight, 1.4 million.)

- His first boxing promotion is staged on Monday, Aug. 28, 1972, a charity

even to benefit the minority Forest City Hospital featuring Muhammad Ali in his hometown Cleveland Arena, which becomes the second-largest gross in history for a boxing exhibition (\$80,000).

- First to guarantee the then unprecedented amount of \$10 million, split between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman to participate in the classic Rumble in the Jungle in Zaire, Africa, on Oct. 30, 1974. This prizefight also holds the place in history of being the first television boxing event to be viewed by one billion people worldwide.

- First to receive \$1 million to deliver a prime-time network television match for Muhammad Ali vs. Ron Lyle on May 16, 1975.

- Promoted the classic third and final epic battle between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier dubbed by King as the Thrilla in Manila viewed by over one billion people worldwide on Oct. 1, 1975, in Quezon City, Philippines.

- First promoter to sell a fight for \$2 million to a network featuring heavyweight contenders when Ken Norton faced Jimmy Young on ABC at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nev., on Nov. 5, 1977.

- First promoter to sell Home Box Office a heavyweight world-title fight telecast for I Love New York featuring Larry Holmes vs. Mike Weaver at Madison Square Garden in New York City on June 22, 1979. He declined an \$800,000 bid from ABC in favor of HBO for \$125,000.

- Promoter of The Last Hurrah featuring Larry Holmes vs. Muhammad Ali, which produced the then-largest live gate in history, \$6 million, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nev., on Oct. 2, 1980.

- First promoter to guarantee a boxer \$10 million when he paid that amount to Sugar Ray Leonard to face Roberto Duran at Olympic Stadium in Montreal, Canada, on June 20, 1980.

- First promoter to guarantee \$1 million fight purses to featherweights when Salvador Sanchez met Wilfredo Gomez at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nev., on Aug. 21, 1981. It took 13 years for another boxing promoter to match this feat.

- Promoter of The Pride and the Glory featuring Larry Holmes vs. Gerry Cooney, which produced the then-largest live gate in history, \$8 million, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nev., on June 11, 1982. The event is also remembered for then being the highest amount paid for a tape-delayed re-broadcast of a boxing match, \$3 million, by ABC.





bouts headlined by Julio Cesar Chavez facing Greg Haugen, which holds the record for largest in-person paid attendance in boxing history with 132,274 people packed into Estadio Azteca in Mexico City, Mexico, on Feb 20, 1993. (This broke the previous record held by Jack Dempsey vs. Gene Tunney for their fight in Philadelphia, Pa., on Sept. 23, 1926.)

- Promoter of The Fight between Pernell Whitaker and Julio Cesar Chavez attended by 59,995 (the second-highest attendance ever for an indoor bout) at The Alamodome in San Antonio, Tex., on Sept. 10, 1993, which becomes the then-highest-grossing non-heavyweight match in history—breaking his own record for the third time in less than a year. Pay-per-view audience tops 1 million buys.

- Co-promoted Judgment Day between Nigel Benn and Chris Eubank for Benn's WBC super middleweight title, which set the record for highest attendance for a British boxing match, 47,000, on the grounds of the Manchester United Club at Old Trafford Stadium on Oct. 9, 1993.

- Promoter of Explosive Fury: Battle in Puebla featuring Julio Cesar Chavez vs. Andy Holligan, which draws 45,000 people in Puebla, Mexico, on Dec. 18, 1993.

- Promoted, for the second time in his career, more than 20 world-title fights in one calendar year: 22 in 1993. Named Promoter of the Century by the World Boxing Association for 1993.

- First and only promoter to put five world championships on one card—and he did it not once but four times in just over one year: Global Warfare II in the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nev., on March 18, 1994; Revenge... The Rematches in the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nev., on May 7, 1994 (Frankie Randall v Julio Cesar Chavez II; Gerald McClellan v Julian Jackson II; Simon Brown v Terry Norris II & Azumah Nelson v Jessie James Leija II); The Real Thing in the Bull Ring at the Plaza de Toros in Mexico City on Nov. 12, 1994; and Burden of Proof at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nev., on April 8, 1995.

- First and only promoter to ever hold six world-title fights on the same card—and he did it twice in one year: Judgment Day in Monterrey on Dec. 10, 1994, in Mexico and Unfinished Business on Sept. 17, 1994, in Las Vegas, Nev.

- Promoted an incredible 47 world championship fights in 1994—shattering his previous record of 25 title bouts in 1986. Named Greatest Promoter of All Time by the World Boxing Council in 1994. Named Promoter of the Year by the World Boxing Association for 1994.

- Only boxing promoter named to Sports Illustrated's 40 Most Influential Sports Figures of the Last 40 Years in 1994.

- Promoter of He's Back featuring Mike Tyson vs. Peter McNeeley, which became the then-highest-grossing event in history, \$13,965,500, at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nev., on Aug. 19, 1995. Also marked the first time a boxer (Mike Tyson) received \$25 million for a 10-round fight.

- Named Promoter of the Year by the World Boxing Association for 1995.

- First promoter to pay \$30 million to a boxer when Mike Tyson received that amount to face World Boxing Council champion Frank Bruno in The Championship Part 1 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nev., on March 16, 1996.

- Promoter of Finally featuring Mike Tyson vs. Evander "The Real Deal" Holyfield, which became the then-highest-grossing event, \$14,150,700, in the

- Promoted an unprecedented 13 world champions, exclusively, and was the first promoter to stage 23 world championship fights in the same year—1982.

- First promoter to sell Home Box Office a fight for \$2 million for Michael "Dynamite" Dokes vs. Mike Weaver at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nev., on Dec. 10, 1982.

- First promoter to establish his own television network, the Don King Sports and Entertainment Network, in 1982.

- First and only promoter to place two world-heavyweight title bouts on the same card during The Crown Affair, which pitted Larry Holmes against Tim Witherspoon for the World Boxing Council title as well as the second clash between Michael Dokes and Mike Weaver for the World Boxing Association championship in Las Vegas, Nev., on May 20, 1983. First promoter to sell a package to these three television entities: closed circuit, pay television and network television.

- Promoter of the Jackson Five's Jacksons Victory Tour in 1984. This worldwide mega-event grossed \$150 million. Don King then brokered an enormous product-endorsement deal on behalf of Michael Jackson to appear in a series of television commercials for Pepsi-Cola.

- Sold Home Box Office a \$26 million heavyweight elimination series in 1986, which resulted in Mike Tyson being crowned the first undisputed heavyweight champion since Muhammad Ali.

- First promoter to stage 25 world-title bouts in one year, 1986, breaking his record of 23 set in 1982. Named Promoter of the Year by the World Boxing Association for 1986.

- Named Promoter of the Year by the World Boxing Association for 1987.

- Promoter of Once and for All featuring Mike Tyson vs. Michael Spinks, which became the then-highest-grossing event in history exceeding \$13 million at the Trump Plaza Convention Center in Atlantic City, N.J., on June 27, 1988. The fight also held the distinction for the then-largest single payday in history with Mike Tyson receiving an estimated \$22 million and Leon Spinks \$13.5 million.

- Promoter of Ultimate Glory between legendary Mexican champion Julio Cesar Chavez and Hector "Macho" Camacho, which became the then-highest-grossing non-heavyweight fight in history and fastest sellout in the history of the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nev., on Sept. 12, 1992.

- Promoter of the Grand Slam of Boxing featuring four world championship





MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nev., on Nov. 9, 1996. It also became the then-most-watched pay-per-view event in history with 1.6 million buys. The match was seen around the world in more than 100 countries—shattering all previous boxing-event viewership records.

- Named Promoter of the Year by the World Boxing Association for 1996.
- Named Promoter of the Decade by the International Boxing Federation in 1996.
- Paid Mike Tyson more than any other athlete in history—\$120 million—during the 15 months between Aug. 19, 1995, and Nov. 9, 1996, to face the following opponents: Peter McNeeley, \$25 million, Las Vegas, Nev., Aug. 19, 1995; Buster Mathis Jr., \$10 million, Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 16, 1995; Frank Bruno, \$30 million, Las Vegas, Nev., March 16, 1996; Bruce Seldon, \$25 million, Las Vegas, Nev., Sept. 7, 1996; and Evander Holyfield, \$30 million, Las Vegas, Nev., Nov. 9, 1996.
- Promoter of The Sound and the Fury featuring the second pairing of Evander “The Real Deal” Holyfield and Mike Tyson, which grossed more than its predecessor to become the then-highest-grossing event in history, \$14,277,200, at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nev., on June 28, 1997. This event also eclipsed its predecessor to become the most-watched pay-per-view event in history with 1.95 million buys.
- First promoter inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, N.Y., in 1997. Named Promoter of the Year by the World Boxing Association for 1997.
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- Three streets in Newark, N.J., Irvington, N.J., and Orange, N.J. re-named Don King Plaza in September 1998 in recognition of King’s decades-long business and philanthropic efforts in the state of New Jersey.
- Promoter of Kings’ Crowning Glory... The Undisputed World Heavyweight Championship between Evander “The Real Deal” Holyfield and Lennox Lewis, which holds the record highest-grossing event ever in Madison Square Garden history and New York state history at \$11,425,494 on March 13, 1999. It also holds the record for the fastest sellout for a boxing event in MSG history.
- Co-promoted the Fight of the Millennium between Oscar De La Hoya and Felix “Tito” Trinidad Jr., which holds the record for highest-grossing non-heavyweight fight, \$12,949,500, at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev., on Sept. 18, 1999. This match also holds the record for most-

watched non-heavyweight pay-per-view event in history at 1.4 million buys.

- Promoted Unfinished Business... Search for the Truth re-match between Evander “The Real Deal” Holyfield and Lennox Lewis, which holds the record for largest gross in history at, \$16,860,300—the event sold out in 90 minutes—at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nev., on Nov. 13, 1999.
- Named Promoter of the Millennium by the World Boxing Association in 1999.
- Named Promoter of the Year for the year 1999 by www.SecondsOut.com
- First promoter to host a boxing card at the AmericanAirlines Arena with Glory & Adventure: A Tale of Two Cities featuring Felix “Tito” Trinidad vs. Mammadou Thiam on July 22, 2000. The 12,506 paid spectators contributed to a gross of over \$1.2 million.
- Promoted Forces of Destruction featuring Felix “Tito” Trinidad vs. “Ferocious” Fernando Vargas at the Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas on Dec. 2, 2000. An epic battle that included six knockdowns, Trinidad emerged victorious with a knockout in the final round, which garnered him Fighter of the Year and Fight of the Year honors. Holds record for eighth-largest live-gate gross in the history of the state of Nevada.
- Promoted The Middleweight World Championship Series to determine the first undisputed 160-pound champion since Marvelous Marvin Hagler held that distinction from 1980 through 1987. Longtime International Boxing Federation middleweight champion Bernard “The Executioner” Hopkins outpointed World Boxing Council middleweight champion Keith Holmes in The Theater at Madison Square Garden on April 14, 2001, to advance to the championship round. WBA and IBF 154-pound champion Felix “Tito” Trinidad left his 154-pound titles behind to enter the 160-pound fray and defeated two-time World Boxing Association middleweight champion William Joppy by technical knockout in front of 18,235 fans that comprised the fourth-largest live-gate gross in Madison Square Garden boxing history on May 12, 2001. In the MWCS finale, Hopkins dominated the previously undefeated Trinidad and won the tournament with a dramatic final-round TKO in front of 19,075 fans that comprised the second-largest live-gate gross in Madison Square Garden boxing history on Sept. 29, 2001.
- Promoted Cory Spinks vs. Zab Judah II: Arch Rivals... Meet Me in St. Louis, which boasted the second-largest attendance for a boxing match at an indoor arena in history when 22,370 patrons sold out the Savvis Center in advance to witness Zab Judah knock out Cory Spinks in the ninth round to become the undisputed world welterweight champion on Feb. 5, 2005.
- Block of Mississippi Ave. in Atlantic City, N.J., where it meets the famed Boardwalk (adjacent to the former Atlantic City Convention Center now known as Boardwalk Hall), is re-named Don King Plaza on March 13, 2006. King was recognized “for his tireless commitment to establish Atlantic City as one of the great resort destinations of the world.” Unveiling ceremony attended by Don King, Atlantic City Mayor Robert Levy and New Jersey Athletic Commissioner Larry Hazzard. Bally’s President Ken Condon served as Master of Ceremonies.



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CHENGDU TOURISM

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THE CAPITAL OF ABUNDANT LAND

THE CENTER CITY IN WEST CHINA

Located at 102°54'-104°53'EL and 30°5'-31°26'NL Chengdu borders on the juncture of South and North China, composed of three landforms from west to east, mountainous region, plains, and hilly land that amount to a total acreage of 12,390 sq. Km. It has a population close to 11 million.

As the center of the Abundant Land and capital of Sichuan Province, Chengdu has been the financial, commercial, technological center as well as the traffic and communication hub in Southwest China. Regarding the comprehensive competitiveness, it ranks top in West China cities.

AN IMPORTANT SHOWCASE FOR THE WEST CHINA

TO HAVE EXCHANGES WITH THE REST OF WORLD

Although Chengdu is landlocked, people's pioneering and tolerant spirit have never been absent. It thus absorbs and accommodates other advanced foreign cultures despite the existence of its own long-standing civilization, all-embracing yet shaping its unique characteristics. The local people, while enjoying a prosperous life in this paradise, have made great efforts in expanding their exchanges with external communities. For instance, as far back as 300 BC, people in Chengdu established, starting from their city, a sea route, as it is called now, the Silk Road in South China. The first European who stepped onto the Southern Silk Road is probably Marco Polo, the Italian traveler, who visited Chengdu in the spring of 1287, and was deeply touched by its gentleness, liveliness, and prosperity.

Today, however, Chengdu is far more than how it was in 1287. At the bustling Shuangliu International Airport, railway stations and coach stations, visitors all around the world arrive or leave every day. It has become a city that has the largest number of foreign consulates, offices, cultural and commercial institutions and enterprises in West China.



ONE OF CHINA'S BEST TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND HISTORICALLY RENOWNED CITIES

Chengdu is one of the 24 "Historically Renowned Cities in China", the birthplace of Taoism, and a key city of Buddhism. There are Jinsha Ruins of ancient Shu civilization, Mount Qingcheng of Taoism, Dujiangyan Irrigation System—a miracle in world technological history, Wuhou Shrine that is in memory of Prime Minister Zhuge Liang of Shu Han State in Three Kingdoms Period, Du Fu Thatched Cottage—a place where Du Fu, a great poet in Tang Dynasty and the "Sage of Chinese poems", resided when he took refuge in Chengdu, Lu You's Memorial Hall that commemorates this prominent poet as an official in Chongzhou County of Chengdu, all rendering an antique picture that lingers in tourists' mind, times and times again.

Chengdu was selected by World Tourism Organization and China National Tourism Administration as "China's Best Tourist City" in 2007. It is also listed as one of the 7 "Forest Cities in China". Jinjiang, a river running across the city, was granted "Habitat Scroll of Honor Award", and Sha River project was the 2006 Australia International Thiers River Prize Winner for its improvement in urban aquatic environment and excellent contributions to human settlement. Nature bestows on Sichuan beautiful landscapes that in turn have nurtured the pandas we all love. With favorable natural sights, overwhelmingly large number of historical sites, charming folk customs, well-known Sichuan cuisine, and a unique culture for recreation, it is a city worth experiencing, an ideal place to live in and start career.



HOME OF GIANT PANDAS

As Chinese National Treasure, the giant panda is one of the rarest animals in the world, currently with a total number of 1500 and plus in the wild, 80% of them are in Sichuan Province.

A breeding center for giant pandas was founded on the north suburbs of Chengdu. It is the only one of its kind on the earth that has its location in a metropolis. For the protection of wild giant pandas, Chengdu also has established a few nature reserves in Dujiangyan City, Chongzhou City, and Dayi County. Sichuan Wolong Giant Panda Nature Reserve, the biggest of its kind in the world, is only 130km from Chengdu.

The western world came to know giant pandas only after a French missionary named David first discovered this species in Sichuan Province, in 1869. Now, the somewhat clumsy lovable giant panda is a symbol not only for World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), but also for world peace and friendship. They are also a messenger of friendly communication between Chengdu and other cities abroad in the U.S.A, Germany, Spain, Thailand, Austria, Japan, as well as Mexico.

CHINA'S TOP TEN CITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

CHENGDU FOREIGN INVESTMENT PROMOTION CENTER

In June 2007, Chengdu was awarded the title "China's Top Ten Cities for Development" when four authoritative institutions including Research Center for Urban Development and Environment, CASS, Real Estate Development Association of Hong Kong, and Association of Urban Development jointly conducted the activity, "Selection of China's Most Valued Cities for Development in 2007" at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

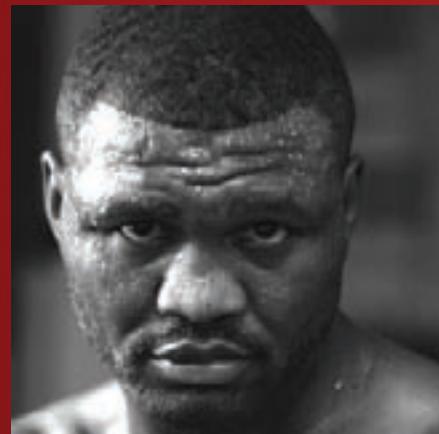
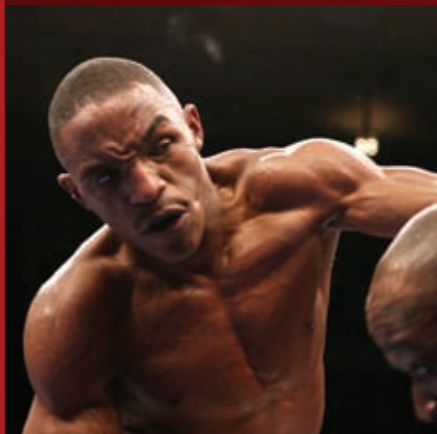
In 2004, Chengdu municipality established The Foreign Investment Promotion Center. As the representative of the municipality, the responsibilities of the center are collecting information regarding significant foreign investment programs and conducting preparatory promotion for investment programs.

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