

Godfrey wants to clean up Cruiserweight Division

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Unbeaten cruiserweight prospect Matt Godfrey (6-0, 4 KOs) has made a New Year's resolution to clean-up the cruiserweight division in New England next year.

Like a boxing version of a modern day gunslinger, Godfrey plans to take on the six-state N.E. regions best 176-to-200 pounders, one by one, if necessary, until he's the area's King of the Cruiserweights by next summer.

"I feel that, right now, I'm better than any cruiserweight in New England," the 23-year-old Providence native said. "I want to start cleaning-up the cruiserweight division in New England as soon as possible. I'm ready. I've already had six fights in six months and along with the great sparring I've had against top guys like (heavyweight Lawrence) Clay-Bey and even (middleweight Chad) Dawson, I feel like I've been a pro for two years. I want to have one more six-round fight and then go eight."

Godfrey had a 194-23 amateur record and captured six national championships, including the 2004 Everlast U.S. Championships. He also was a Bronze medal winner at the 2001 Pan-American Games and second alternate for the U.S. Olympic Team.

"Matt's on the fast track," his promoter Jimmy Burchfield noted, "and he's ready to take on any cruiserweight in New England – (Richie) LaMontagne, (Roy) Payne or (John) Rainwater. He has tremendous upside and we believe Matt's going to be cruiserweight champion of the world some day."

Gifted with tremendously quick hand and foot speed, Godfrey switches from orthodox to southpaw stance from round to round, punch to punch, with equal effectiveness.