

## **THE BEST OF 2010 – WORLD BOXING COUNCIL**

### **Fighter of the Year: Sergio “Maravilla” Martinez**

He won the WBC middleweight world title by defeating Kelly Pavlik and dramatically knocked out Paul Williams in his first title defense. Two great fights in the year.

### **Fight of the Year: Jean Pascal vs. Bernard Hopkins**

This bout was held on December 18 in Quebec (the first city founded in Canada) and was a total sellout. It was one of the greatest fights of recent years.

### **Knockout of the Year: Sergio Martinez vs. Paul Williams**

This bout that was held on November 20 in Atlantic City. A knockout that will go down in history.

### **Exemplary World Champion of the Year: Vitali Klitschko**

In addition to being WBC heavyweight world champion whom no one can defeat, he has shown exemplary behavior and is a model for the young people of the world.

### **Most Dramatic Fight of the Year: Fernando “Cochulito” Montiel vs. Hozumi Hasegawa**

A great bout held in Tokyo, Japan. Montiel landed a punch that broke Hasegawa’s jaw and won the WBC Bantamweight world title.

### **Hope and Revelation of the Year: Julio Cesar Chavez Jr.**

The WBC Silver middleweight world champion, he is undefeated and has built a record of 41 wins (30 KOs) and 1 draw.

### **Saul “Canelo” Alvarez**

The WBC Silver super welterweight world champion, he is undefeated and has built a record of 35 wins (26 KOs) and 1 draw.

### **Boxer of the Decade: Manny Pacquiao**

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CORK, Ireland (January 2, 2011) – Interim WBA World Super Bantamweight Champion Guillermo “El Chacal” Rigondeaux, arguably the greatest amateur boxer of all-time, is preparing to school challenger Willie “Big Bang” Casey when they square-off March 19 in Dublin.

The Guillermo-Casey title fight features a pair of unbeaten boxers headlining a show promoted by Top Rank, Nowhere 2 Hyde Promotions and Dolphil Promotions.

Rigondeaux (7-0, 5 KOs), a southpaw now fighting out of Miami, was a 2-time Olympic Gold Medalist, as well as a 7-time national champion who captured a pair of World Championship

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titles during his incredible 243-4 amateur career.

“Rigo” defected from Cuba and made his pro debut May 22, 2009, won the NABA super bantamweight title in his third action as a pro and last November in only his seventh fight, he won a unanimous 12-round split decision against Ricardo Cordoba (37-2-2) to become the Interim WBA 122-pound divisional champion.

“Casey doesn’t belong in the same ring as me,” the 30-year-old Rigondeaux said, “but I admire his courage for wanting to fight me. I’m excited about fighting in Ireland again, where I won my first World Championship as an amateur in 2001. My last fight, against Cordoba, was on the Pacquiao-Margarito card. Millions of people watching on pay-per-view, along with 61,000 fans in Dallas, watched me do what I had to do to win the WBA title.

“I am world champion. Casey and all of the fans in attendance will see a true world champion in action March 19. If Casey thinks I’m going to Ireland to lose my world title belt, he’s making a big mistake because I’m going to win, and in sensational fashion. He is tailor-made for me. I watched a couple of rounds of Casey’s previous fights and concluded that he’s a bit of a one-trick pony. We are as far apart in class as in residence, make no mistake about that and when the bell rings March 19th, that will certainly be evident to all.”

Casey (11-0, 7 KOs) stopped Paul Hyland in the fourth-round of their Nov. 6 fight in Willie’s hometown, Limerick (Ireland), to capture the vacant European super bantamweight crown. The 29-year-old Casey, however, must relinquish that belt in order to fight Rigondeaux.

Irishman Gary Hyde has been Rigondeaux’ manager since signing “El Chatel” (The Jackal) to an exclusive management agreement, in Cuba, back in March, 2007. “Willie is a warrior and a manager’s dream,” Hyde noted, “but unfortunately for Team Casey, Rigondeaux is unlike any boxer Casey has ever faced. ‘Rigo’ is a freak of nature! His amateur pedigree is unmatched in boxing history and he has already stamped his unique talent on the professional scene by winning the WBA World Interim Title in just his seventh pro fight.”

Rigondeaux will be working with Ronnie Shields as his head trainer for his third straight bout. “Casey is very tough and he appears to have a big heart,” Shields added. “Once Rigondeaux catches Casey, though, ‘Rigo’s’ power will shake him down to his boots. ‘Rigo’ hits hard for his weight and Casey will be punching the air most of the night because ‘Rigo’ is also a defensive master. I’ve worked with him for his last two fights and we understand each other very well.”

Rigondeaux reports January 3 to his training camp in Houston, Texas.

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New video, surveillance footage, has shown up on TMZ, featuring the Floyd Mayweather vs Baby Mama drama. Josie Harris, the mother of his children, is seen being wheeled out of her residence on a stretcher by EMTs on Sept. 9, the night of the fracas pitting her against the boxer. Mayweather goes to court on January 24 to face charges which could net him 34 years in the clink.

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Minneapolis, MN (December 29, 2010) – USBA Light Heavyweight titlist Otis “Triple OG” Griffin and Yusaf Mack will battle it out to become IBF champion Tavoris Cloud’s mandatory challenger when they meet Friday, January 7 in the main event of “New Year’s Bash” from the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis.

The card is presented by Seconds Out Promotions in association with Brewer Sports International and tickets start at \$30.

Griffin, who won Oscar De La Hoya’s reality show “The Next Great Champ” owns a solid 23-6-2 pro ledger with 9 wins by way of knockout. The Sacramento, CA native has shared the squared circle with the likes of Danny Green, Jeff Lacy, Marcus Oliveira, Enad Licina and Jesse Brinkley. Last May, Griffin won the USBA belt with a shocking eighth round knockout of two time WBA Super Middleweight champion Byron Mitchell.

Mack, 28-3-2 (17 KO’s), is universally recognized as a player in the light heavyweight division that has fought some of the world’s best. Born and bred in the fighting city of Philadelphia, PA, Mack holds impressive victories title challengers Chris Henry and DeAndrey Abron while falling just short against Glen Johnson, Alejandro Berrio and Librado Andrade.

“This is going to be an outstanding fight and the fans are in for a real treat,” said Promoter Tony Grygelko of Seconds Out Promotions. “Both men have been in the ring with top fighters and the winner will be one victory away from becoming an elite light heavyweight.”

Griffin-Mack is scheduled for 12 rounds.

Unbeaten junior lightweight Ismail “Sharp Shooter” Mudendo will look to move to 8-0 with 7 knockouts when he faces an opponent to be named in the six round co-feature. The Minneapolis based Ugandan is regarded as one of the Midwest’s best prospects and at age 22 has plenty of time to develop.

Also appearing on the undercard will be former amateur star Javonte Starks (4-0, 4 KO’s), Charles Meier (4-1-1, 2 KO’s), the pro debuts of Mellissa Littlejohn and Tristan McNutt in separate bouts and two mixed martial arts bouts featuring local favorites.

Tickets can be ordered by going to [soboxing.com](http://soboxing.com) or calling 612-807-5547.

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Las Vegas - The popular Magdaleno brothers -- Diego and Jesse - of Las Vegas will fight on a Top Rank Live! championship boxing card at the Texas Station Gambling Hall and Casino on Saturday, January 22.

Bob Arum of Top Rank made the announcement today. Tickets at \$40 for ringside and \$25 for general admission will go on sale Tuesday, January 4, 10 am. Tickets may be purchased at

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any Station Casinos Reward Center and the Fiestas, by calling (702) 547-5300 or logging onto [www.stationcasinos.com](http://www.stationcasinos.com)

"Our matchmakers put together a tremendous lineup for this event at Texas Station," said Arum.

In the main event, Diego Magdaleno, 17-0, will take on Marcos Leonardo Jimenez, 18-2, of Santo Domingo in a NABF Super Featherweight Championship. Diego's younger brother Jesse - an amateur superstar who just signed with Top Rank - will face Sergio Herrera, 3-1-1, of Oxnard, Ca. in a four-round featherweight bout. Jesse has a record of 1-0-0.

One of the top young stars, Roberto Marroquin, 17-0, of Dallas, Texas, will face tough Leon Bobo, 18-7-1, of St. Louis in an eight round featherweight fight. The most exciting fighter from Arizona, unbeaten Jose Benavidez, 9-0, is on the card. The very popular Anthony Lenk, 8-1, of Las Vegas, will box in a six round bout. □ □ Seven bouts will be on the card. The main bouts will be televised live on FSN. Texas Station is located at 2101 Texas Star Lane near Lake Mead Blvd and North Rancho Drive in North Las Vegas. Texas Station offers the best in locals entertainment including five restaurants such as the award-winning Austin's Steakhouse, 200 hotel rooms, the Dallas Events Center that hosts a variety of concerts and events, a 60-lane bowling facility, an 18-screen movie theatre, exciting table games and more than 2,300 slot and video poker machines.

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### **Radam G says:**

I largely agree with the article, and I am going on record saying that da Manny is going to hurt Sugar Shane Mosley to the body. Most boxers, especially in the pros, have ignore the Sugarman's vulnerable body. It is all coming back to me now. The Sugarman with those fast hands, but turtle legs, has a psychosomatic problems with taking ripping shots to the body. [He doesn't dig that body snatching jive from waayyy back in the day.] This is something that the ole, wise super genie Naazim won't be able to fix. Even the old hypnotist, Dr. Dean, who put the whammy on Ken Norton, [and caused Norton to believe that his GOAT-Ali-jaw-breaking arse was part Superman and part Mandingo warrior] would not be able to help the Sugarman. We of Posse Pac got some Pinay Visayan wakwaks and some Luzon aswangs to distract the darn old wise super genie. He won't be able to resist the charm. And on the Sugarman, da Manny will be able to put the harm and the whoopa whop swarm. Holla!

### **JaketheSnake says:**

I also agree with most of the choices, though these awards tend to suffer from "last three months syndrome", as these are the fights that are in the most recent memory of the public. Chavez at 41 fights needs to fight more than journeymen already. He's been babied for too long.

Also, to the admin, a little suggestion: please make the titles of the articles a lot more bigger as in the old site. Right now, the titles don't pop out and are lost in that colored band near the top. I

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like the larger pictures though and can't wait to see how our lovely female boxers will look like in bigger pics!

### Isaiah says:

Anyone who thinks Chavez Jr. needs to step his competition up is a hater. Anyone who thinks Bernard Hopkins deserved fighter of the decade over Manny Pacquiao doesn't know what they're saying. King Manny is the fighter of the decade as well as the fighter of the year. No, don't tell me how Sergio Martinez's wins totally destroy what Manny has done for 2010. I said, King Manny reigns supreme! Haters! Floyd Mayweather's undefeated! He don't need to prove it by fighting or staying busy at all, especially against an opponent with a pulse, naw, his baby's mama and his security guards make great punching bags! Undefeated baby, just like Chavez Jr! Nothing like only fighting once in 2010 against a crusty, 16 month inactive and blood drained Shane Mosley. Who's Manny fighting next? Shane Mosley? Shoot, now Shane will only be coming off a one sided loss and a horrible draw and be a super spry 39 years old, but this time, Shane will only be 8 months inactive this time. You're the man Manny! Thanks for fighting the "best!" No need to take out someone like Andre Berto or fight 3 times in 2011 since you're starting off with a gimmie. Nope, no need for King Manny to go out of his way again. Hey Fraud Duckweather! No need to stop being a joke, a punk, a sissy, a supreme waste of talent, to grow a pair once in your life, stop making up your own rules and just fight the guy everyone wants you to fight!

### MisterLee says:

Go manny! haven't seen floyd staggered like this since chop chop corley, or maybe jose luis castillo...

### brownsugar says:

I'm sure Pac is the fighter of the last 4 or 5 years,... but fighter of the decade could go in several directions,.. Still it's not a bad choice and I won't debate it. Floyd had his greatest impact at the beginning of his career and seems to have gradually tapered off as he got older,.. while Pac has intensified his campaign as numero uno P4P great during the latter part of his career... and surely there are many other notables to discuss.....but to remain at the top of your game in sport that ravishes the mind body and soul like boxing does is an extraordinary feat for anybody who can last 10 -15 years and still be have a place at the top of the heap. I'm impressed with a number of boxers...Wlad K,... a class act who pays tribute to Ali every chance he gets is a shining example of your "Wheaties Box" athlete... Ivan Calderone just barely missed making it to the end of the decade but he should still be recognized for 9 INCREDIBLE years... but Chavez Jr for the hope and revelation award?? ....is that anything like the Kelly Pavlik "I'm-pouring-a-drink-on-the-ground-for-the-fighters-who-are-no-longer-here-award?? or is it like the Ronald Hearn's "My Daddy Says I Can Fight For The Title" award??... anyway I'm looking for some boxers vacating positions they have held for a long time and others confirming what we have always believed about them.. boxing is not dead and 2011 will see a lot of doors open,.. and few doors closed(PERMANENTLY).

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