

## Melson Wants To Get To Next Level

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New York, NY (September 17, 2012) – Although popular junior middleweight Boyd “Rainmaker” Melson won 9 of his 10 professional fights including four by knockout, he believes the best is yet to come.

As an amateur, the West Point graduate a number of tournaments and traveled with some of the world’s most heralded boxers for international competitions. Along the way, he impressed beat future pro standouts such as Charles Hatley, DeAndre Latimore and Keith Thurman. Melson also battled future world champion Austin Trout and rising stars Erislandy Lara, Danny Jacobs, Adam Trupish and Demetrius Andrade amongst others.

“I was right there with all of the top guys,” said Melson, who was a member of the Army’s World Class Athlete Program (WCAP). “As a pro, I’ve done a decent job but to get to the next level, adjustments are necessary.”

On Saturday evening, Melson will have the chance to make the aforementioned adjustments when he meets Brooklyn based Cuban Yolexycy Leiva in a six round special feature bout at the World Casino in Queens, NY. Leiva, 5-4 (4 KO’s), faced four undefeated foes, most recently losing a split decision to Thomas LaManna in Atlantic City, NJ. Like many fighters from his native land, Leiva’s a tough fighter that has no issue turning a boxing match into a dogfight.

To ensure he’s ready for a high-paced fight, Melson’s added additional cardio and endurance drills so he can be in the best condition of his pro career.

“This was something I had to do. In the amateurs, people knew me as a well-conditioned fighter that threw a lot of punches. As a pro, my energy level hasn’t been where I wanted it to be but that will all change. My camp for this fight helped me make the necessary changes so I can return to top form and entertain the fans come Saturday evening.”

Melson’s entire fight purse is being donated to [Justadollarplease.org](http://Justadollarplease.org) to support a trial in American to help cure chronic Spinal Cord Injuries.

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Tickets are available on [Teamfighttowalk.com](http://Teamfighttowalk.com) and all tickets purchased will be left at the will call window under the cardholder's name.

In association with the 501 (C) 3 nonprofit [Justadollarplease.org](http://Justadollarplease.org), Melson and his best friend Christan Zaccagnino created Team Fight to Walk, whose mission is to raise awareness within the boxing community as well as the entire nation about the importance of bringing Clinical Trials to the United States to help cure Spinal Cord Injuries. Team Fight to Walk is comprised of Melson, Zaccagnino, former Rutgers football player/ESPY honoree Eric LeGrand, two-time cruiserweight champion Steve "USS" Cunningham, title contender DeAndre "The Bull" Latimore, Edgar "El Chamaco" Santana, Hector "Machito" Camacho Jr., 2008 US Olympians Demetrius "Boo" Andrade and Shawn Estrada along with prospects Sid "The Messenger" El Harrak, Jeff "TNT" Spencer, Denis "Da Momma's Boy" Douglin, Will "Power" Rosinsky, Floriano "Italiano" Pagliara, Danny "Little Mac" McDermott, Vinny "The Lion" O'Brien, Ahmed "Prince of Egypt" Samir and Delen "Sniper" Parsley.