

## Gary Stark in Broadway Boxing's "Season's Beatings"

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NEW YORK (Dec. 6, 2005) – Staten Island's unbeaten featherweight star Gary Stark Jr. (12-0, 6 KOs) will fight on his home turf when DiBella Entertainment present "Season's Beatings" on December 15, 2005 in the Grand Ballroom at the Manhattan Center in New York City. Stark, born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, is now fighting out of Staten Island. He has compiled an impressive professional ring record of 12-0, with 6 victories coming by way of knockout. Stark has fought in front of a hometown crowd in three of his last four fights leaving his hometown fans demanding that Gary return to the ring on Dec. 15th.

"It's a great feeling to fight in front of all of your friends and family," he said. "With every combination I throw and every punch I land I know they are cheering me on to victory."

Stark Jr. was born into a boxing family on February 11, 1980. His father Gary Stark Sr. was an amateur boxer from 1978-1988 so he grew up around the fight game. Dad actually began training young Gary when he was only four years old.

Stark began his amateur career with his first competitive tournament at the Metros in 1999, and he made it to the finals. That success began to fuel his love for boxing. The same year, he reached the finals in the Golden Gloves. The following year Gary won the 2000- 112 pounds open Golden Gloves, the 2000 Metros and the Regionals. He also made it to the finals in the Eastern Olympic Trials. Other successes included the winning the Golden Gloves at 119 lbs and the Metros in 2001 and 2002. He also won the Empire State Games in 2002 and reached the quarter-finals in the U.S. championships.

He finished his amateur career as a 3-time Golden Glove champion and was ranked fifth in the country. Gary turned pro in late 2002, and made his pro debut in Birmingham, Alabama against Freddie Collins who had already had seven professional fights. Gary started off his pro career with a bang, knocking out his opponent in the very first round. He went on to reel off 11 consecutive victories and is now 12-0 with 6 KOs, with the help of his father, his trainers, and Damon Dash of Rocafella Records.

"It is a thrill to be fighting again. Unfortunately, this Christmas the only holiday colors my opponent will see are black and blue," stated Stark. "I have been training hard since my last fight in June and I know I will be ready for this fight."

Keep an eye out for this up-and-coming prospect as he looks to extend his unbeaten streak to thirteen. Not only did he appear in a recent issue of Playboy magazine but Gary was also featured on the Emmy Award-winning WB 11 morning news earlier this month.