

## Chavez Jr.-Lee Weigh-In Report

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Middleweights Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. and Andy Lee both made weight Friday ahead of their scheduled showdown in El Paso, Texas. The bout will be televised live Saturday on HBO World Championship Boxing beginning at 10:00 p.m. ET.

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Challenger Andy Lee was first to the scale where officials announced a weight of 159.25 pounds. The usually mild-mannered Lee appeared focused and determined, even going so far as to wear a scowl for the majority of the time he stood on the dais.

Next up was Chavez, who was cheered on heavily by the robust, pro-Mexican crowd of spectators who had waited patiently in line outside the venue to see him before jamming themselves into one of the city's more famous landmarks, the historic Plaza Theatre.

Chavez, son of legendary Mexican champion of the same name, has developed a reputation as of late for not taking training camps as seriously as perhaps his handlers would like, but he looked fit and ready to rumble this go around, weighing in at 159 pounds.

Both fighters appeared to be in impeccable shape and ready to rumble. While fans of Chavez made up the majority of spectators present as expected, there was a noticeable contingent of pro-Lee supporters donning classic gold and black Kronk gym colors there as well.

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Several notable prospects are on the bill for Saturday night in non-televised action. Local kid Abie Han (16-0, 10 KOs) enjoyed the loudest cheers of anyone not named Chavez from the vocal cast of on-lookers. The middleweight prospect from El Paso will face New Mexico's Joseph Gomez (18-5-1, 8 KOs).

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One of San Antonio's best young prospects, bantamweight Adam Lopez, (2-0, 1 KO) will continue his young career Saturday night. Trained by notable cornerman Ronnie Shields, Lopez will try and bolster his stock by shellacking Raul Carillo (1-5, 1 KOs).

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Welterweight Alex Saucedo (3-0, 3 KOs) from Oklahoma City will face James Harrison (1-0-1, 1 KOs) in a battle of undefeateds. Top Rank brass have high hopes for the 17-year-old Saucedo so mark him down as someone to keep an eye on.

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The co-featured bout of the evening will be IBF lightweight titlist Miguel Angel Vazquez (30-3, 13 KOs) taking on Daniel Attah, who has lost four of his last five fights.

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Before the weigh in began, Mayor John Cook presented WBC president Jose Sulaiman a ceremonial key to the city of El Paso, thanking him for his outstanding contributions to some of El Paso's biggest sporting events.

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### **SouthPaul says:**

Chavez looks gaunt and Lee per usual look fragile. I like Chavez by late TKO/ko

### **ultimoshogun says:**

Yeah, Chavez is gonna wreck this dude. Lee won't be able to fight at Jr's pace for 12 and will be forced to fight a brawl when Jr. takes his best Sunday punch and keeps coming. Chavez will stalk Lee all night and bust him up to the body...Chavez by late round stoppage.

### **TotoyBato says:**

Lee will outbox Chavez. Chavez's fear of losing will carry him through the fight. He will pressure and overwhelm Lee.

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### **deepwater says:**

Follow the money ladies and gentleman. Who brings in the most \$\$\$\$. Andy lee needs a knockout or fuggendaboutit.arums boy Sheldon aldeson just pledged 100 million to Romney so he will bomb Iran/Syria. Where did he get the loot? Ask judge ford who talks basketball when asked about boxing. The arum/ford theft would be script for oceans 11. Boxing is corrupt. It was Told to me at my first smoker at a Italian restaurant in queens ny. After we cleared the tables out of the way my trainer told me let the guy hit you for 2 rounds then take him out. It worked out that way

### **Buzz Murdock says:**

I like Chavez Jr. His fights always turn into brawls, he crouches real low to work the body (emulating his father's left-hook), seems to be a sportsman devoted to a legendary parent, and if not the most gifted athlete, he has fortitude---chavez Jr. chose a hard road to go, and he's ridden it better than Dylan Davis, Arron Pryor Jr., or Ronald Hearn. Being managed smartly isn't a crime. And he creates a buzz.

### **the Roast says:**

Buzz Murdock.....arent you Daredevil's dad? Happy Fathers Day.

### **brownsugar says:**

Finally the return of one of the most mythical title holders in boxing,.... The oft celebrated Chavez jr puts his Houdini belt on the line one more time.

So convoluted and orchestrated was Juniors' rise to the top that I half expect his cornermen to thrust their buckets and sponges into the air and shout "By the Power of Greystone!"(while the spit bucket boy pulls a rabbit out of a tophat). It's amazing that over the last 3-4 years we've watched a partime boxing playboy transformed by the enchanted influence of Bob Arum into one of the top marquee draws in boxing...right before our eyes as if it was orchestrated by David Copperfield.

He still can't box but he works so hard in the gym and has inherited enough of the concrete that his fathers chin was built out of,... he can usually crowd and flail his way to victory against fringe contenders and aging chumps.

Enter Andy Lee,... A warrior who trains at the excruciatingly hot Kronk Gym,.. partime beloved sparring partner of Wlad Klitschko,... and past KO victim of Texas Brawler Brian Vera.

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Lee's not that good on the inside, but at every other distance... he has way more tools at his disposal.

If Lee can soften Jr up with sharp straight lefts and liver shots, early..... he may be able to avoid being ground down by the human windmill in the later rounds.

Give me Lee, whom I believe will snap Juniors magic wand and release the spell of mediocrity(or curse) that Chavez has placed on the middleweight division.

### **amayseng says:**

from the looks of them both im just hoping neither die of starvation before the fight

### **dino da vinci says:**

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### **Radam G says:**

The highly, likely results in that bout is that JCJ will get ROBBED! Top-Notch-Trainer always READY Freddie's pugilists, who are not "BOOOOOOOOOOOORRRNNNNNNNNNN IN DA USA", are being target by the scumbags, skunks, scammers, scoundrels and hard-to-get-rid-of "Ugly American."

Amir Khan didn't lose on the East Coast, Da Manny Pacquiao didn't lose on the East Coast and Julio Cesar Chavez won't lost on the Middle [Gulf] Coast. Holla!

### **ali says:**

Did y'all see how Freddie the \*\*\*\* Roach reacted to Lee's camp when the asked to weigh Chavez gloves? The cockroach is really starting to rub me the wrong way why couldn't he just way the damn gloves.

### **brownsugar says:**

[QUOTE=dino da vinci;17413]I was just wondering if we can get forum and blog posters such as Brown Sugar inducted into Canastota's Hall of Fame in the non-participant category?[/QUOTE]

LOL Dino,...

I would trade an induction into the Canastota's Hall of Fame for one real good article about the real meat and potatoes of the middleweight division.

Specifically speaking ....

We need an article about the upcoming Golovkin vs Pirog title unification bout,

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In these modern times,.. how did an epic bout of this magnitude ever get made?..... and why this colossal MW confrontation is being ignored in the U.S.?

### **Radam G says:**

SCLA Ali is such a paradox. WOW! Holla!

### **SouthPaul says:**

[B]Brownsuga[/B]

Excellent description of the traveling Shhhhhhhaavez Jr circus. Bad enough all the favoritism in his fights now you got some power trip fool in the Texas commission denying the gloves to be weighed. Truthfully, not only house fighter love, but I am thinking its racial favoritism as well. Nice going, Mr Latino Comission...

### **brownsugar says:**

Yeah, .... SouthPaul ...Chavez's middle name should be " Fugazer' but if Lee doesn't take advantage of his superior skills and starts brawling he will lose.

### **SouthPaul says:**

I hear you but I ain't too impressed with Lee as a fighter. This is all to Chavez' advantage. Top Rank is so damn good at matching their circus fighters. Look how long they milked Mia St John. I put Chavez somewhat in that same category of fighters. To his credit he has gotten better at the craft. Still. My friend called and wanted me to describe Chavez' fighting style. I said, ummmm, he fights like that of a classic nepotism? lol. I am being too hard on him but it is all sort of bothersom...

### **riverside says:**

B -Sug. The Motivator, i'll go against you in the Chavez Vs Lee fight, Growing up and being dragged by my parents to see the Chavez sr fights made me a loyal Chavez fan. The loyalty has been carried to Jr as many other fans have also. Jr will do what he has being doing good the last fight, dig deep, body, head, head body and stalked the weaker lee.

### **jagan12 says:**

S-P. I totally agree! Chavez will always look good because he fights in a lower weight class than he really is and all because of Top Rank's marketing.. you are so right, circus fighters! Probably he should go fight Mia. I loved his father but Jr, does not impress me one bit! There is another good upcoming fighter from Mexico, a blonde, I cannot remember his name, why Chavez Jr not fight him... nawwww, he is Chavez's weight and size class and might beat him badly. Wish someone would tell Jim Lampley this so he can stop bragging on how good Chavez is!!

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