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Aside from Al Haymon, he is probably the most highly regarded manager-advisor in the business. TSS caught up with Cameron Dunkin at the Pacquiao-Bradley press conference on Thursday and asked him about his stable.

Top of that heap is Nonito Donaire. Dunkin said he'll do a title fight at 118, in the earlyish summer. Dunkin didn't want to let out the contenders for the gig, but promoter Bob Arum let slip that he was thinking Cristian Mijares. Jonathan Oquendo, Victor Terrazas, and Teon Kennedy could get the call as well.

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James Kirkland, another client, gloves up March 24, against Carlos Molina, in Houston.

Kelly Pavlik, he said, is "training very hard" and staying sober in Cali. Top Rank's Carl Moretti piped in, saying that the Youngstowner will likely glove up in March or April.

Mikey Garcia will meet Bernabe Concepcion on March 10 in PR.

Brandon Rios, Dunkin said, is now working with a nutritionist and a "real strength trainer," so he shouldn't have the same troubles making 135 as he did on December 3. "I kept calling doctors, I was wanting to pull him out, it was that bad. The doctors said he won't die. We won't let that happen again," he said. Dunkin said the kid always worked his tail off, but he liked his junk food and soda pop. For anyone wondering, no, Dunkin said, he doesn't overindulge in too much beer. Hawaiian Punch is a problem, though. Readers, you like him over Yuriorkis Gamboa on April 14 in Las Vegas? I'm picking the super slick Gamboa over the fan-friendly brawler-boxer Rios.

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Radam G says:

It will be a great bout if all is true about "Bam Bam." I don't buy that "Hawaiian Punch" jive, though. Bam Bam was born in Lubbock, Texas, so he also get down with the Tex-Mex food, Kansas-Mex and Cali-Mex. It is something about that mix of food that will swell your hinny up. Now pure Mexican food is aight! It apparently doesn't much swelling. Holla!