



**JHONNY GONZALEZ PUTS HIS TITLE ON THE LINE AGAINST  
GARY RUSSELL JR. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28,  
FROM THE PEARL AT PALMS CASINO RESORT IN LAS VEGAS  
ON SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING® DOUBLEHEADER**

*Plus, Undefeated Rising Star Jermell Charlo Takes on Vanes Martirosyan  
in a Super Welterweight Showdown*

*Live on SHOWTIME® at 10 p.m. ET/7 p.m. PT*

**LAS VEGAS** (March 26, 2015) – A world-class doubleheader, featuring featherweight world champion **Jhonny Gonzalez** (57-8, 48 KOs) defending his 126-pound title against exciting young star **Gary Russell Jr.** (25-1, 14 KOs) in the main event on **SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING**, will take place at The Pearl at Palms Casino Resort in Las Vegas, on Saturday, March 28, live on **SHOWTIME** (10 p.m. ET/7 p.m. PT).

In the co-feature, undefeated rising star **Jermell “Iron Man” Charlo** (25-0, 11 KOs) faces a tough test when he takes on the experienced former U.S. Olympian **Vanes Martirosyan** (35-1-1, 21 KOs) in an important super welterweight showdown.

Tickets for the live event are priced at \$200, \$100, \$75, \$50, and \$25, plus applicable fees are on sale now. Tickets may be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000 or by clicking [HERE](#). Tickets are also available online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

“I’m very excited to be coming back to the United States. Every time I have fought on American soil, it has been career-changing for me,” said Gonzalez. “In 2012, [Daniel] Ponce De Leon stopped me in Las Vegas and made me reconsider my whole strategy. I came back to the U.S. in 2013 and I stopped an undefeated champion, Abner Mares. Now I’m back and once again I’m facing a tough opponent. Russell is not an easy test, but I’m confident I’m going to surprise everybody once more. Nobody thought I had a chance in 2013 and I stripped Mares of his title. Food for thought.”

“I’m blessed to be back on this stage, fighting once again for a world title,” said Russell Jr. “I came up short at my first opportunity for the title and that has me more motivated than ever to get the job done on March 28. I will finally hold up my very own belt.”

“I love fighting on SHOWTIME and I’m excited to put on a show for the fans in Las Vegas,” said Charlo. “I have a tough opponent, people think I might not be ready, but on March 28, they’re going to know that I’m taking over the sport.”

“This is a great opportunity for me and I’m just thankful to get the chance to showcase my talents,” said Martirosyan. “Charlo is a tough kid, but I’ve been around this sport longer and I’m going to show him some things he’s never seen before. The fans better get ready for an awesome show.”

“This edition of SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING is guaranteed to be action-packed,” said Lou DiBella, President of DiBella Entertainment, promoter of the event. “The main event presents the classic boxer versus puncher matchup, with the slick, talented former Olympian Russell looking for redemption and the title against reigning, three-time world champion brawler Gonzalez. The co-feature between Charlo and Martirosyan is a highly competitive clash of styles. A big fight is in the future for the winner of this bout.”

“March 28 should be a tremendous night of fights to kick off a stacked run on boxing on SHOWTIME and CBS,” said Stephen Espinoza, Executive Vice President & General Manager, SHOWTIME Sports. “Both bouts on the SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING telecast have world title implications. The main events match the one-punch knockout power of world champion Jhonny Gonzalez versus the speed of Gary Russell, who is one of the most skilled boxers in any division. And with Jermell Charlo vs. Vanes Martirosyan, we have a matchup of two top 154-pounder contenders, each on the verge of a world title opportunity.”

“Boxing continues to be a major draw for Las Vegas,” said Billy Conn, Vice President of Entertainment and Special Events for The Pearl at Palms Casino Resort. “The Pearl is one of the most intimate venues where you can catch those world class athletes in action.”

One of the best Mexican fighters of this era, Mexico City’s **Gonzalez** has held world championships at 118 and 126 pounds, defeating the likes of Hall-of-Famer Mark “Too Sharp” Johnson and former world champions Fernando Montiel, Irene Pacheco, and Hozumi Hasegawa, along the way. The 33-year-old Gonzalez’ last loss came in 2012 to Daniel Ponce De Leon, but he has won his last five fights, including a shocking 2013 first-round knockout over defending beltholder Abner Mares resurrecting his career. He has defended the title twice in Mexico and now he returns to the U.S. in a very tough defense on March 28.

A supremely talented boxer, Capitol Heights, Maryland’s **Russell Jr.** is looking to strike world championship gold in his second shot at a belt. The 2008 U.S. Olympian looks to wipe out the memory of his first opportunity, when he fell by 12-round majority decision to Vasyl Lomachenko. He was able to return to his winning ways in December 2014, when he dominated Christopher Martin on his way to a unanimous decision. Now Russell Jr. has his eyes set on Gonzalez’ featherweight crown.

Younger-by-one-minute than his identical twin Jermall, **Charlo** is also a highly ranked young fighter looking to get one step closer to a world title shot. A tall fighter for his division, Charlo stepped up in class in 2014 and delivered three wide unanimous decision victories over Gabriel Rosado, Charlie Ota and Mario Lozano. On March 28, he takes on another tough challenge when he meets the experienced Martirosyan.

Born in Armenia, but fighting out of Glendale, Calif., **Martirosyan** represented the U.S. at the 2004 Olympics and has put together a stellar pro career since. He won his first 32 fights before fighting current world champion Erislandy Lara to a draw in 2012. He suffered a narrow defeat by split decision in his first world title shot against Demetrius Andrade but has rebounded with nice wins over Mario Lozano and Willie Nelson.

The event takes place at The Pearl at Palms Casino Resort in Las Vegas and will air on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/7 p.m. PT). In the co-main event, Jermell Charlo takes on Vanes Martirosyan in super welterweight action. The SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING telecast will also be available in Spanish via secondary audio programming (SAP).

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Jhonny Gonzalez

Height – 5-7 ½

Weight – 126 (featherweight)

Date of Birth – September 15, 1981

Birthplace – Pachuca, Mexico

Hometown – Mexico City, Mexico

Record – 57-8 (48 KOs)

An exciting fighter with devastating power in his fists, WBC Featherweight World Champion Jhonny Gonzalez has a well-earned reputation as one of boxing's most compelling warriors. And even at 33 years old, boxing insiders believe that the best is yet to come for the 126-pound bomber.

Given the name Jhonny (spelled that way on his birth certificate), Gonzalez was practically born to be a fighter, as his father Miguel was a professional boxer who began teaching his son the ways of the prize ring when he was 12 years old.

A stellar amateur, Gonzalez compiled a record of 164-14, and was a three-time national champion in Mexico. He also earned a bronze medal at the 1998 Pan American Games and was a member of the Mexican Olympic team before a dispute with the Mexican Olympic Committee caused him to leave the team.

Leaving the amateur ranks behind, Gonzalez turned pro on August 14, 1999, and lost a four round majority decision to Mario Perez. Gonzalez also came up on the short end of a judges' verdict three months later against Hugo Vargas, and admittedly was not taking boxing too seriously.

But in 2000, Gonzalez turned over a new leaf, and started showing some of the skills that made him one of Mexico's top young fighters, a fact bore out when he was named Mexico's Prospect of the Year for 2000. He also took the advice of his friends and former world champions Pipino Cuevas and Humberto Gonzalez, and in 2000 and 2001 ran off 13 consecutive wins without a defeat.

On October 26, 2001, Gonzalez would face his toughest test to date in Ablrh Sowah, at the Pechanga Entertainment Center in Temecula, California. At stake was the vacant NABF bantamweight title, and Jhonny delivered, stopping Sowah in ten heated rounds.

Four months later, Gonzalez would face veteran Ricardo "Chapo" Vargas at the Soboba Casino in San Jacinto, California. The two warriors would battle evenly over ten rounds, earning Fight of the Year nominations from many in the press, but in the end, it was Vargas who emerged victorious via a close unanimous decision.

Both fighters would battle again two months later, this time with Gonzalez' NABF crown on the line, and again Gonzalez would fall short, this time by a seventh round technical decision.

Gonzalez was undeterred by the consecutive defeats though, and has since run off seven wins in a row. In each bout, he has also brought his own judges to the ring, winning each contest by knockout.

Along the way, Gonzalez added two championships to his resume: the WBC Continental Americas Bantamweight crown which he won by knocking out Francisco Mateos in a single round on December 14, 2002, and the Mexican Bantamweight title, which he won by stopping Ramon Leyte in four rounds.

On February 27, 2004, Gonzalez successfully defended his WBC Continental Americas crown with a fifth round stoppage of Moises Zamudio. He followed up that win with his most impressive outing as a pro, a sixth round TKO of highly regarded and previously unbeaten Roger Gonzalez on March 25, a bout televised nationally on HBO Latino.

Not resting on his laurels, Gonzalez continued to impress boxing fans as he scored four more KO wins in 2004 - over Alejandro Montiel to win the NABO bantamweight crown (TKO 6), Francisco Tejedor (TKO 1), Hugo Vargas (KO 3), and previously unbeaten Gabriel Elizondo (TKO 2).

Gonzalez kicked off his 2005 campaign with an impressive 12 round decision win over seasoned veteran Adonis Rivas in a WBC bantamweight title elimination bout on February 17, and he followed that victory up with a decisive third round stoppage of Trinidad Mendoza on April 1, a near-shutout ten round decision over Adolfo Landeros on June 16, and an entertaining third round KO of gutsy William Gonzalez (no relation).

With these victories in hand, Gonzalez finally received his long-deserved shot at a world championship on October 29, when he battled Thailand's Ratanachai Sor Vorapin for the WBO world bantamweight title. Gonzalez made the most of his shot, stopping the hard-nosed veteran in seven rounds to become one of boxing's most exciting world champions.

In 2006, Gonzalez began leaving a path of destruction as he opened up the year with a decisive eighth round knockout of legendary champion Mark "Too Sharp" Johnson on February 25. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, Gonzalez added another high-profile name to his list of victims when he scored a 12 round split decision over two-division champion Fernando Montiel in an all-Mexican war, and though he fell short in his effort to defeat another countryman and add another world title on September 16, 2006, when he lost a ten round classic to WBC super bantamweight champion Israel Vazquez at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, Gonzalez bounced back in style in March of 2007, returning to the bantamweight division to stop former world champion Irene Pacheco in the ninth round to defend his title for the second time.

On August 11, 2007, Gonzalez would lose his crown via seventh round knockout in his third defense, against seasoned veteran Gerry Penalosa, but with six straight wins over Jose Beranza (W10), Giovanni Urbina (TKO2), Edel Ruiz (KO3), Mauricio Pastrana (TKO4), Leivi Brea (TKO1), and Reynaldo Lopez (KO4), the Mexico City knockout

artist earned a 122-pound title shot against WBC champ Toshiaki Nishioka on May 23, 2009. Gonzalez was stopped in the third round, a harsh signal that his body could no longer make super bantamweight comfortably and keep him at his best on fight night.

Moving up to featherweight, Gonzalez was a new man, and it showed in the ring, as he won seven straight, all by knockout, leading up to his first 126-pound title shot against WBC champ Hozumi Hasegawa on April 8, 2011. The champion didn't have a chance, as Gonzalez stopped him in four rounds to become the new featherweight titlist.

Gonzalez successfully defended the belt four times, stopping Tomas Villa, Rogers Mtagwa, and Roinet Caballero, and decisioning Elio Rojas, before losing the belt by way of an eight round technical decision to countryman Daniel Ponce De Leon on September 15, 2012.

Undeterred by the setback, Gonzalez reeled off back-to-back wins over Eusebio Osejo (W12) and Akihiko Katagiri (TKO4) in the early stages of 2013, earning him a shot at the new WBC featherweight king, Abner Mares, on August 24 at the StubHub Center in Carson, California. He took full advantage of that opportunity by putting on a dominating performance that led to a first round knockout for the new champ.

Gonzalez has gone on to defend his title twice, first with a technical decision victory over Clive Atwell in May 2014 and later in October with an 11<sup>th</sup>-round TKO over Jorge Arce. Now he faces a highly regarded contender in Gary Russell Jr. who will look to knock the Mexican veteran off the throne.

**JHONNY GONZALEZ**  
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO  
Date of Birth: 09/15/1981  
**Won - Lost - Draw - KO**  
**57    8    0    48**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>WT.</b>	<b>RESULT</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
<b><u>1999</u></b>					
08/14/1999	MARIO PEREZ	MEX	111	UD	4PRO DEB
11/06/1999	HUGO VARGAS	MEX	118	MD	4
<b><u>2000</u></b>					
01/29/2000	MARIO RODRIGUEZ	MEX	118	PTS	4
02/12/2000	HUGO CAMPOS	MEX	117	TKO	4
03/04/2000	GERMAN LOZADA	MEX	118	TKO	5
04/22/2000	FRANCISCO PAREDES	MEX	118	PTS	6
06/24/2000	CECILIO MARINO	MEX	118 ½	TKO	4
09/02/2000	ARTURO HERNANDEZ	MEX	119	KO	3
10/14/2000	JAIME ORTIZ	MEX	118	TKO	5
12/09/2000	GABRIEL AREVALO	MEX	117	TKO	4
<b><u>2001</u></b>					
01/27/2001	ULISES FLORES	MEX	118	TKO	4
04/07/2001	JULIO CESAR AVILA	MEX	118	TKO	1
05/25/2001	CARLOS GARCIA	MEX	117	KO	2
07/14/2001	JUAN LUIS TORRES	TX	120 ½	TKO	4
09/06/2001	SAUL BRISENO	MEX	119	TKO	8
10/26/2001	ABLORH SOWAH	CA	116 ½	TKO	10
<b><u>2002</u></b>					
02/08/2002	RICARDO VARGAS	CA	118	UD	10
04/07/2002	RICARDO VARGAS	CA	118	TD	7 NABF
07/06/2002	GILBERTO BOLANOS	MEX	117	RTD	6
08/31/2002	RUBEN LOPEZ	MEX		KO	2
12/14/2002	FRANCISCO MATEOS	MEX	118	KO	1 WBC
<b><u>2003</u></b>					
03/28/2003	DIEGO ANDRADE	MEX	118 ½	TKO	1
06/13/2003	RAMON LEYTE	MEX	118	TKO	4 MEX
TITLE					
10/10/2003	JORGE ALBERTO REYES	MEX	118	KO	1 MEX
TITLE					
<b><u>2004</u></b>					
02/27/2004	MOISES ZAMUDIO	MEX	116	TKO	6 WBC

03/25/2004	ROGER GONZALEZ	CA	118 ½	TKO	6	
05/13/2004	ALEJANDRO FELIZ MONTIEL	CA	117 ¼	TKO	6	
	WBO/NABO					
06/19/2004	FRANCISCO TEJEDOR	AZ	119 ½	TKO	1	
09/03/2004	HUGO VARGAS	AZ	116 ½	KO	3	
11/18/2004	GABRIEL ELIZONDO	TX	118	TKO	2	
	WBO/WBC					
<b>2005</b>						
02/17/2005	ADONIS RIVAS	CA	116	UD	12	
04/01/2005	TRINIDAD MENDOZA	TX	122 ¼	TKO	3	
06/16/2005	ADOLFO LANDEROS	TX	118 ¾	UD	10	
09/01/2005	WILLIAM GONZALEZ	AZ	117	KO	3	WBO/NABO
10/29/2005	RATANACHAI SINGWANCHA	AZ	116 ½	TKO	7	
<b>2006</b>						
02/25/2006	MARK JOHNSON	NV	117	KO	8	
05/27/2006	FERNANDO MONTIEL	CA	117 ¾	SD	12	WBO
09/16/2006	ISRAEL VAZQUEZ	NV	121	TKO	10	WBC
<b>2007</b>						
03/30/2007	IRENE PACHECO	AZ	117 ½	TKO	9	WBO
08/11/2007	GERRY PENALOSA	CA	116 ¾	KO	7	WBO
11/16/2007	JOSE ANGEL BERANZA	IL	123	UD	10	
<b>2008</b>						
02/29/2008	GIOVANNI URBINA	MEX	119 ¼	TKO	2	
04/04/2008	EDEL RUIZ	CA	124	KO	3	
05/16/2008	MAURICIO PASTRANA	CA	123	TKO	4	
08/01/2008	LEIVI BREA	AZ	124 ½	TKO	1	
11/21/2008	REYNALDO LOPEZ	CA	123 ¼	KO	4	
<b>2009</b>						
05/23/2009	TOSHIAKI NISHIOKA	MEX	122	TKO	3	
09/05/2009	JOSE FRANCISCO MENDOZA	MEX	127	KO	1	
12/16/2009	MARLON AGUILAR	MEX	124 ½	TKO	4	
<b>2010</b>						
03/20/2010	ANTONIO DAVIS	MEX	126	TKO	2	WBC
05/15/2010	JEAN JAVIER SOTELO	MEX	125 ¾	TKO	2	
	WBC/FECAR					
07/24/2010	ARISTIDES PEREZ	MEX	126	TKO	2	
	WBC/FECAR					
09/15/2010	JACKSON ASIKU	NV	126	TKO	6	INTL TITLE

**2011**



04/08/2011	HOZUMI HASEGAWA	JAP	125	TKO	4	WBC
07/09/2011	TOMAS VILLA	NJ	125	TKO	4	WBC
09/15/2011	ROGERS MTAGWA	TX	125	TKO	2	WBC
12/03/2011	ROINET CABALLERO	MEX	126	KO	2	WBC

**2012**

04/28/2012	ELIO ROJAS	MEX	125	W	12	WBC
09/15/2012	DANIEL PONCE DE LEON	NV	125	L-TD	8	WBC

**2013**

02/23/2013	EUSEBIO OSEJO	MEX	126	UD	12	
04/27/2013	AKIHIKO KATAGIRI	MEX	125	TKO	4	
08/24/2013	ABNER MARES	CA	126	KO	1	WBC

**2014**

05/24/2014	CLIVE ATWELL	MEX	126	TD	10	WBC
10/04/2014	JORGE ARCE	MEX	126	TKO	11	WBC

Gary Russell Jr.  
Height – 5-5  
Weight – 126 pounds (featherweight)  
Date of Birth – June 5, 1988  
Birthplace – Washington, DC  
Hometown – Capitol Heights, MD  
Record – 25-1 (14 KOs)

One of the top amateurs to emerge from the United States in this era, Gary Russell Jr. has the style and charisma to make a huge impact on the pro scene in the coming years, and he is willing to put in the hard work to get there and put the featherweights back on the mainstream map.

A boxer since the age of seven who comes from a fighting family that includes five brothers who have boxed, Russell learned the sport at an accelerated pace that amazed onlookers. In 2004, the teenager won the Junior Olympics, and just a year later he earned the US and National Golden Gloves titles, one of only two boxers in history to win both before the age of 17.

These wins earned him USA Boxing's Athlete of the Year award in 2005, but he wasn't done yet, as he went on to win another national title and a bronze medal in the world championships before qualifying for the 2008 Olympic Games.

Unfortunately, a dehydrated Russell was forced to withdraw from the games, but by January of 2009 he began a new fistic journey – this one to win a world title in the pro ranks.

After his third round TKO of Antonio Reyes in his pro debut, Russell dazzled fans, impressed boxing insiders, and struck fear into the hearts of opponents as he quickly compiled a 10-0 pro record that included seven knockout wins.

On July 22, 2010, he was expected to face his sternest test to date when he battled former world champion Mauricio Pastrana in the main event of Golden Boy Promotions' "Fight Night Club" at Club Nokia in Los Angeles, but instead, it took him just 1:46 to defeat Pastrana and make a statement to the boxing world that he had arrived.

Two more wins followed in 2010, as he knocked out Willie Villanueva in a single round in September and shut out Guadalupe De Leon over six rounds in October. And as 2011 picked up speed, so did Russell, as he dropped and then defeated respected contender Feider Vilorio via technical decision on January 28th.

Russell was back in the ring on April 15th in San Francisco, shutting out veteran Adolfo Landeros before delivering a blistering fourth round knockout of 24-9-1 Antonio Meza in Texas on June 17th.

July 23rd was boxing fans' next opportunity to see Russell in action, and he dished out another shutout, this time over 9-1 Eric Estrada on the Amir Khan vs. Zab Judah undercard in Las Vegas.

Two months later, it was a repeat performance for Russell as he dominated 32-3 veteran Leonilo Miranda, and on November 26th, he closed out the biggest year of his pro career thus far with a first round knockout of 47-11-2 standout Heriberto Ruiz.

His performances earned him recognition as the 2011 Prospect of the Year from many major media outlets, including ESPN.com, SI.com, and RingTV.com, and he kicked off his 2012 campaign on June 30th with a third round TKO of Christopher "Huracan" Perez that was followed by a spectacular third round knockout of Roberto Castaneda on November 9th.

Russell returned to the ring on March 2, 2013 with a 10 round shutout win over Vyacheslav Gusev, and after winning a dominant 10 round unanimous decision over Juan Ruiz on August 9, 2013, he knocked out Miguel Tamayo to earn his first world title shot, fighting for a vacant belt against Vasyl Lomachenko.

Russell dropped a narrow decision to Lomachenko but bounced back in December 2014 with a near shutout victory by unanimous decision over Christopher Martin. Now he looks to take advantage of his second world title opportunity when he faces off against Jhonny Gonzalez on March 28.

**GARY RUSSELL JR.**  
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

Date of Birth: 06/05/1988

**Won - Lost - Draw - KO**

**25    1    0    14**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>WT.</b>	<b>RESULT</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
<b><u>2009</u></b>					
01/16/2009	ANTONIO REYES	OK	127	TKO 3	PRO DEB
02/14/2009	JOHN WAMPASH	FL	126	W 4	
05/01/2009	ALVARO MURO	CA	125	W 4	
08/07/2009	JASON JONES	NV	126	TKO 1	
10/23/2009	NOE LOPEZ	TX	126	W 4	
12/18/2009	RODRIGO ROMERO	MN	126	TKO 3	
<b><u>2010</u></b>					
01/30/2010	DAVID OROSCO	MS	126	TKO 1	
02/19/2010	JAIRO DELGADO	OH	125	KO 1	
04/16/2010	CARLOS DIAZ	TN	127	KO 1	
06/24/2010	RODRIGO ARANDA	CA	126	KO 2	
07/22/2010	MAURICIO PASTRANA	CA	126	KO 1	
09/25/2010	WILLIAM VILLANUEVA	MS	126	KO 1	
10/28/2010	GUADALUPE DE LEON	CA	126	W 6	
<b><u>2011</u></b>					
01/28/2011	FEIDER VILORIA	CA	127	TW 7	
04/15/2011	ADOLFO LANDEROS	CA	128	W 6	
06/17/2011	ANTONIO MEZA	TX	126	KO 4	
07/23/2011	ERIC ESTRADA	NV	126	W 8	
09/03/2011	LEONILO MIRANDA	MS	127	W 8	
11/26/2011	HERIBERTO RUIZ	OH	127	KO 1	
<b><u>2012</u></b>					
06/30/2012	CHRISTOPHER PEREZ	CA	126	KO 3	
11/09/2012	ROBERTO CASTANEDA	CA	127	KO 1	
<b><u>2013</u></b>					
03/02/2013	VYACHESLAV GUSEV	NV	127	W 10	
08/09/2013	JUAN RUIZ	CA	127	W 10	
<b><u>2014</u></b>					
01/30/2014	MIGUEL TAMAYO	NY	126	KO 4	
06/21/2014	VASYL LOMACHENKO	CA	126	L-MD 12	
12/20/2014	CHRISTOPHER MARTIN	WA	126	UD 10	

Jermell Charlo  
Height – 6-0  
Weight – 154 (Super Welterweight)  
Date of Birth – May 19, 1990  
Birthplace – Houston, TX  
Hometown – Houston, TX  
Pro Record – 25-0 (11 KOs)

A talented junior middleweight, Houston's Jermell Charlo is a 24-year-old prodigy looking to announce his arrival in the pro game. Charlo graduated to the elite level on the amateur boxing scene after just two years, winning a Bronze medal at the 2005 Junior Olympics at 15 years old.

Charlo ended his amateur career with a 56-8 record and began his pro career on December 8, 2007 with a four round decision win over Corey Sommerville. On April 19, 2008, he stopped Jesus Villareal in three rounds and after scoring an impressive first round TKO over Dwayne Jones in June, Charlo added the names Rodrigo Villareal (TKO4) and Deon Nash (W6) to his victims list before the year was out.

2009 was great for Charlo as well, as he scored a shutout four round decision over Juan Serrano on February 28<sup>th</sup>, decisioned Carlos Garcia over six rounds on April 4<sup>th</sup>, TKOed Federico Flores Jr. in the eighth round on June 26<sup>th</sup>, decisioned Vardan Gasparyan in six, and then finished up the year with a second round knockout of unbeaten (6-0) prospect Abdon Lozano, moving him ever faster up the ladder.

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, Charlo kicked off 2010 with an eight round win over Utah's Gerardo Prieto, and by the end of the year, he showed off his power with knockouts of Adan Murillo and Quinton Whitaker, and a near shutout decision victory over unbeaten prospect Luis Grajeda.

After a brief layoff, Charlo revved up his engine in June of 2011 with a six round decision win against Larry Smith, and he was back in action on Showtime's ShoBox series on October 7<sup>th</sup>, winning a clear-cut unanimous decision over Francisco Santana.

2012 was the breakout year for the talented Texan though, as knockout wins over fellow prospects Chris Chatman (TKO3) and Denis Douglin (KO5), along with a year-ending decision victory over Dashon Johnson.

He carried that momentum into 2013 with victories over Harry Joe Yorgey, Demetrius Hopkins and Jose Angel Rodriguez.

2014 saw more challenges and triumphs for Charlo, first when he blasted through longtime contender Gabriel Rosado in January and later in the year with dominant victories over Charlie Ota and Mario Alberto Lozano. His biggest challenge to date will come on March 28 when he takes on the very dangerous Vanes Martirosyan.

**JERMELL CHARLO**  
**HOUSTON, TEXAS**  
Date of Birth: 5/19/1990  
**Won - Lost - Draw - KO**  
**25 0 0 11**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>WT.</b>	<b>RESULT</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
<b><u>2007</u></b>					
12/08/2007	COREY SOMERVILLE	MS	147	W	4 PRO DEB
<b><u>2008</u></b>					
04/19/2008	JESUS VILLARREAL	NV	148	TKO	3
06/13/2008	DWAYNE JONES	TX	151	TKO	1
09/06/2008	RODRIGO VILLARREAL	TX	149	TKO	4
10/10/2008	DEON NASH	AZ	148	W	6
<b><u>2009</u></b>					
02/28/2009	JUAN SERRANO	TX	147	W	4
04/04/2009	CARLOS GARCIA	TX	148	W	6
06/26/2009	FEDERICO FLORES	AZ	148	TKO	8
08/22/2009	VARDAN GASPARYAN	TX	146	W	6
12/12/2009	ADBON LOZANO	IL	146	KO	2
<b><u>2010</u></b>					
03/27/2010	GERARDO PRIETO	NV	149	W	8
06/18/2010	ADAN MURILLO	TX	155	TKO	1
08/06/2010	QUINTON WHITAKER	TX	151	TKO	2
11/12/2010	LUIS GRAJEDA	TX	148	W	8
<b><u>2011</u></b>					
06/17/2011	LARRY SMITH	TX	153	W	8
10/07/2011	FRANCISCO SANTANA	NV	153	W	8
<b><u>2012</u></b>					
03/24/2012	CHRIS CHATMAN	TX	155	TKO	3
06/23/2012	DENIS DOUGLIN	CA	153	KO	5
11/24/2013	DASHON JOHNSON	CA	154	KO	5
<b><u>2013</u></b>					
01/26/2013	HARRY JOE YORGEY	NV	154	KO	8
06/08/2013	DEMETRIUS HOPKINS	CA	154	UD	12 USBA
10/14/2013	JOSE ANGEL RODRIGUEZ	FL	154	TKO	10
<b><u>2014</u></b>					
01/25/2014	GABRIEL ROSADO	DC	154	UD	10

05/24/2014	CHARLIE OTA	CANADA	154	UD	12
12/13/2014	MARIO ALBERTO LOZANO NV		154	UD	10

Vanes Martirosyan  
Height – 5-11 ½  
Weight – 154 (Super Welterweight)  
Date of Birth – May 1, 1986  
Birthplace – Abovyan, Armenia  
Hometown – Glendale, California  
Record – 35-1-1 (21 KOs)

Nicknamed “The Nightmare”, Vanes Martirosyan is a feared man in the 154-pound division who has never backed down from a challenge. He was a highly regarded amateur who represented the United States at the 2004 Olympics. He earned that spot by winning a gold medals at the 2004 Olympic Trials, the Western Olympic Trials and the Americas Olympic Qualifier. He also owns amateur victories over future world champions Austin Trout, Andre Berto and Timothy Bradley.

He has recently undergone significant changes in his career, going from being trained by Freddie Roach and promoted by Top Rank to being trained by Joe Goossen and promoted by Goossen Promotions. These changes led to a big 2014 as Martirosyan scored two strong unanimous decision victories over Mario Alberto Lozano and Willie Nelson.

His only loss came right before that, in November 2013, a split decision defeat in a WBO Super Welterweight world title clash with Demetrius Andrade. Coming into that bout, the only blemish on Martirosyan’s record was a technical draw against Erislandy Lara in 2012.

Before reaching contender status, Martirosyan fought frequently and picked up the WBO NABO super welterweight title, NABF super welterweight title and the WBC silver super welterweight title.

On March 28, “The Nightmare” takes on one of his biggest challenges of his career in the undefeated Jermell Charlo. While Charlo is considered a future star, Martirosyan is looking to show that he’s ready for another world title opportunity.



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ABOVYAN ARMENIA

Super Welterweight

Date of 05/01/1986

Recno 043097

Won - Lost - Draw - KO'S

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DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	WEIGHT	DECISION
04/08/2005	JESSE ORTA	FOUNTAIN HILLS, AZ	152	W 4 PRO DEB
05/28/2005	JOVANNI RUBIO	LA, CA	153	TKO 1
08/26/2005	FERNANDO VELA	HOUSTON, TX	154	W 4
09/10/2005	GERARDO PRIETO	LA, CA	153	W 6
10/08/2005	ANTONIO MORALES	LAS VEGAS, NV	155	TKO 1
11/12/2005	ABDIAS CASTILLO	LAS VEGAS, NV	152	TKO 5
02/18/2006	JUAN MONTES DE OCA	LAS VEGAS, NV	154	TKO 3
04/08/2006	TEFO SEETSO	LAS VEGAS, NV	154	KO 3
06/03/2006	OSCAR GONZALEZ	LAS VEGAS, NV	154	TKO 1
08/12/2006	MARCUS BROOKS	LAS VEGAS, NV	152	W 6
11/18/2006	EDGAR REYES	LAS VEGAS, NV	153	TKO 4
01/27/2007	TARONZE WASHINGTON	ANAHEIM, CA	154	KO 2
04/27/2007	NELSON ESTUPINAN	HOUSTON, TX	155	TKO 2
06/29/2007	ALBERTO MERCEDES	CAMP VERDE, AZ	155	TKO 7
08/30/2007	ALEXIS DIVISON	HOUSTON, TX	155	TKO 3
10/04/2007	PATRICK THOMPSON	LAS VEGAS, NV	155	W 5
12/20/2007	O'DANIEL WALLACE	LAS VEGAS, NV	155	TKO 1
01/04/2008	CLARENCE TAYLOR	LA, CA	155	W 6
02/07/2008	JORGE MUNOZ	LAS VEGAS, NV	155	TKO 3
06/26/2008	ANGEL HERNANDEZ	LAS VEGAS, NV	154	W 10
09/19/2008	MICHAEL MEDINA	PRIMM, NV	154	W 10
11/01/2008	CHARLES HOWE	LAS VEGAS, NV	157	TKO 1
02/07/2009	WILLIAM LYELL	ANAHEIM, CA	152	W 8
05/16/2009	HARRISON CUELLO	PRIMM, NV	154	TKO 1
06/27/2009	ANDREY TSURKAN	AC, NJ	154	TKO 6
12/19/2009	WILLIAM LEE	YOUNGSTOWN, OH	153	TKO 3
01/16/2010	KASSIM OUMA	LAS VEGAS, NV	153	W 10 NABANABO NABF
06/05/2010	JOE GREENE	BRONX, NY	153	W 10 NABFNABO
03/19/2011	BLADIMIR HERNANDEZ	MONTREAL, CANADA	158	KO 2
06/04/2011	SAUL ROMAN	LA, CA	153	TKO 7 WBC/SILV
10/29/2011	RICHARD GUTIERREZ	THACKERVILLE, OK	158	W 10
02/04/2012	TROY LOWRY	SAN ANTONIO, TX	153	TKO 3 WBC/CA
11/10/2012	ERISLANDY LARA	LAS VEGAS, NV	153	TD 9 WBC/ELIM
06/15/2013	RYAN DAVIS	DALLAS, TX	154	TKO 2

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DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	WEIGHT	DECISION
11/09/2013	DEMETRIUS ANDRADE	CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	153	L(S) 12 WBO
03/21/2014	MARIO LOZANO	CABAZON, CA	154	W 10
10/04/2014	WILLIE NELSON	MASHANTUCKET, CT	153	W 10

Comment 06/03/2006  
Comments NV-DOC MUST X-RAY & OK RIGHT HAND  
06/09/06-NV-SUSPENSION LIFTED

Comment 02/07/2009  
Comments CA-DOC MUST OK 3RD METACARPAL RIGHT HAND  
05/11/09-CA-SUSPENSION LIFTED

Comment 11/10/2012  
Comments NV-SUSP UNTIL 01/11/13, NO CONTACT UNTIL 12/26/12  
12/27/12-NV-SUSPENSION LIFTED

Comment 10/25/2013  
Comments CA-ID # ISSUED//EXP 10/25/17  
HEIGHT 6'0"

Comment 10/04/2014  
Comments MASHANTUCKET-SUSP45DAYS

