

Latino 2008 Boxing Awards

Promoter of the Year-Carlos Llinas of Clip Promotions

Produced 8 Michigan promotions in the year 2008. Without Clip Promotions boxing would have been non-existent in the State. Also combined forces with Ron Remus Productions and Heavy Hitters Promotions to keep the sport alive.

Michigan Boxer of the Year-Alexis Hloros

Alexis Hloros started 2008 with a 1-2-1 record fought 8 times in 2008 going 7-0-1 for a career record of 8-2-2, 7 KO's. Here is a fighter that dedicated himself for the year and has completely turned his career around. He added veteran ring trainer Greg Owen and the result was instantaneous as he KO'd Cory "The Mad Bomber" Peterson in 24 seconds of the first round. Hloros earned this accomplishment against comparable opponents. 2008 was a banner year and a word of advice the competition gets tougher on the way up. Stay focused!

Comeback Fighter of the Year-James Lester, Jr.

Following a 4 round decision loss to ring veteran Pete Cantu in January 2007, Lester disappeared from the boxing scene for 18 months with a 3-2 record. He re-emerged in 2008 fighting 4 times and compiling a 4-0 record with 3 KO's for the year and now stands at 7-2, 4 KO's. His last fight on October of 2008 was a crowd-pleasing barnburner.

Rising Star of the Year-Darryl Cunningham

This was the year for Darryl "The People's Choice" Cunningham. Fighting 5 times in 2008 compiling 5 wins with 3 KO's for a career record of 12-2, 6 KO's, Cunningham KO'd formerly undefeated Patrick Wesson in one to capture the Mid-American Light Heavyweight title in November. With the title recognition Cunningham must now move up in rounds and tougher competition in hopes of breaking into the rankings and eventually a title shot.

Tough Break of the Year-Jonathon Banks

After having his shot at the WBO Cruiserweight world title get postponed twice Banks was finally set when he suffered an injury in training. Hopefully he can finally get his shot at the world title in the first quarter of 2009.

Fight of the Year-Israel Vasquez W12SD Rafael Marquez WBC Super Bantamweight

Pound for Pound Champion-Manny "PacMan" Pacquiao

Female Fighter of the Year-Holly Holm

Her two defeats over former unbeaten Mary Jo Sanders with the latter on Sanders home turf cemented the honor in her favor.

Michigan Prospect of the Year-Domonique Dolton 3-0, 2 KO's Jr. Middleweight

Michigan Amateur Star of the Year-Ermie Garza 2008 National Golden Glove Bantam Champ.

