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Jordan Shimmell selected for World Cup Tournament in Russia

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Michigan Golden Gloves Association (MGGA) Boxing Gym's Jordan Shimmell was selected to represent the United States at the prestigious World Cup of Petroleum Countries boxing tournament in Russia next month. The tournament is a top level AIBA international competition with some of the best boxers from around the world competing. Team USA will be traveling to Russia on December 12th and will have a short acclimation training camp in Russia from December 12 – 16, 2009. The tournament will be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia from December 17 – 20, 2009 with Team USA leaving Russia on December 21st.

Jordan Shimmell is the #1 ranked heavyweight in the United States. Jordan who just turned 21 is now embarking on a nearly three year path towards the 2012 London Olympic Games. Jordan recently lost two close bouts to Stephen Simmons of Great Britain (3-5 and 9-12). Simmons is talented and showed it by defeating the world's current #1 ranked boxer, Cuba's Osmay Acosta Duarte, at the Strandja Tournament last year by a score of 21-16. Jordan also lost a decision this year to John M'Bumba of France who is currently ranked #5 in the world and lost a decision to Italy's Clemente Russo, currently ranked #2 in the world. Jordan knows that the experience of boxing some of the world's best heavyweights is making him better and he is continuing to work hard towards his goal of winning a gold medal in the 2012 London Olympics. Jordan looks forward to gaining some more international experience and boxing skills by training and competing in Russia, the world's boxing powerhouse. He hopes to notch some wins and bring home a medal from the tournament in Russia.

Jordan has been continuing to train hard after winning the coveted #1 spot in the United States. He knows he needs to continue to learn and develop if he wants to achieve his next goal of becoming #1 in the world. Jordan thanks his fans for supporting him and he hopes that they will continue to follow his career as he travels around the world for this international boxing tournament.

Jordan and his MGGA teammates hope you will come out to the 10th Annual Bernie Schmidt Memorial boxing show on Friday, November 27, 2009 at the Boys and Girls Youth Commonwealth, 235 Straight Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 to help support their boxing gym as the show is a fund-raiser for the Michigan Golden Gloves Association Boxing Club.



AP photo: Jordan Shimmell shows off his USA Boxing National Championship belt

For additional information on the upcoming boxing schedule or about Jordan Shimmell, please contact Dennis Shimmell, Jr. at (616) 560-8622.



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