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## **Jordan Shimmell to box for Team USA vs. Italy**

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Michigan Golden Gloves Association (MGGGA) Boxing Gym's Jordan Shimmell has been selected to represent the United States in a dual against Italy in Harvey, Illinois on March 27, 2010. Jordan will be facing the silver medalist from the Beijing Olympics, Clemente Russo, for the second time in less than a year. Jordan boxed Russo in July 2009 in Italy and Jordan lost a decision. Jordan will now box Russo in more familiar surroundings and hopes to reverse the 2009 outcome and defeat Russo in the USA. Jordan will spend this week in a training camp in Colorado Springs, CO to get ready for the dual and his dad, Dennis Shimmell, Jr., will join him in Chicago at the end of the week and coach Jordan during the competition against Russo on Saturday. This will be Jordan's first bout of 2010 as he has been unable to find an opponent willing to box him at any shows or tournaments so far this year.

Jordan Shimmell is the #1 ranked heavyweight in the United States. Jordan who is only 21 is working hard to reach his goal of winning a gold medal for the United States in the 2012 London Olympic Games. Jordan knows that the experience of boxing an Olympic silver medalist will help him achieve his ultimate goal. In the meantime, Jordan is looking forward to boxing in front of his hometown fans at the 2010 Michigan Golden Gloves State Championships on April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as he attempts to win a 5<sup>th</sup> straight Michigan Golden Gloves title and then travel with the Michigan Golden Gloves team to Little Rock, Arkansas where Jordan will try to win his 2<sup>nd</sup> straight National Golden Gloves title during the week of May 3 – 8, 2010.



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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