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National Champ Jordan Shimmell gets ready for the rest of the World

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Jordan Shimmell's 100th bout was a memorable one. The Michigan Golden Gloves Association (MGGA) Boxing Gym boxer won the USA National Championships on Saturday, June 13, 2009 with a 9-6 points victory over Nicholas Kisner of Baltimore, MD. Kisner, who like Jordan has been boxing for more than 10 years, had over 100 bouts of experience and was the 2008 U-19 National Champion and the 2008 National PAL Champion. Jordan won this tournament one month after he won the 2009 National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions. Jordan became only the 6th heavyweight in history (over 80 years) to win both tournaments in the same year. Prior winners of both in the same year include Greg Page in 1978 who later became professional heavyweight champion of the world and Deontay Wilder in 2007 who won a bronze medal in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Jordan now is the #1 amateur heavyweight in the United States and as such will represent his country as part of the USA National Boxing Team.

After winning the two major U.S. tournaments, Jordan now gets ready to take on the rest of the world. Jordan is training very hard and is eager to arrive in Italy on July 5, 2009 and compete against the 2008 Olympic Silver Medalist Clemente Russo. Jordan is looking forward to testing his mettle against one of the top amateur heavyweights in the world. Jordan wants to show the world that he will be a force to reckon with in London at the 2012 Olympics. Jordan will be in Italy from July 5 – 13, 2009 and the competition dates are July 10 and 12, 2009. Jordan will box Russo twice as the teams square off in Milan, Italy on the 10th and Usica, Italy on the 12th.

After Jordan arrives home from Italy, he will continue training hard prior to leaving for a Training "Depth" Camp at the USOC Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO along with other USA National Team members in the 81kg, 91kg, and 91+kg weight categories. The camp will be held from July 29 – August 5, 2009. Jordan then returns home for a short time prior to returning to Colorado Springs for the AIBA World Championships Preparation Camp from August 16 – 23, 2009. Jordan then travels to Milan, Italy on August 23, 2009 and will have an acclimation camp prior to the AIBA World Boxing Championships from September 1 – 12, 2009. Jordan will depart Italy on September 14, 2009 and return home for a short breather. Jordan will then travel to Colorado Springs, CO and St. Louis, MO for an International Dual – USA vs. Great Britain from October 18 – 25, 2009. Jordan's next Training "Depth" Camp at the USOC Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO will be from October 25 – November 1, 2009. Finally, Team USA may send Jordan to the AIBA President's Cup if AIBA requires the countries to send their top boxers; otherwise, Team USA will send the #2 boxers to the tournament. If Team USA sends the #1 boxers, Jordan will travel to Colorado Springs, CO for another preparation camp from November 22 – 29, 2009 and then go to Baku, Azerbaijan from November 30 – December 14, 2009.



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

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



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