

Gennady Golovkin: Showing He Has The Goods!



Gennady Golovkin began fighting professionally in 2006. After twenty seven professional fights, he is an impressive 27 – 0 (24 KO's). His Wins have been by devastating KO or stoppage. His raw power combined with great balance, timing, and ring acumen have made him into a well deserving cult Hero. Only three men have been able to escape Golovkin's destruction, hear a final bell, and fully understand what it meant: Mehdi Bouadla, Ian Gardner, and Amar Amari. They deserve special name recognition, because what Golovkin has done in the ring to other fighters has been complete annihilation. Golovkin is showing he has the "Goods!"

Where in the hell did he come from? Gennady Gennadyevich Golovkin was born April 8, 1982 in the Karagandy Province better known as Kazakhstan or Kazakh. He is of Russian-Korean descent. His amateur record was a ridiculous 345-5. He won the Light Welterweight junior World Championship in 2000, won the Asian games as a Light Middleweight in 2002, won the world championships as a middleweight in 2003 defeating well known fighters Lucian Bute, Andy Lee, and Matvey Korobov (His KO of Lucian Bute is one of the most memorable KO's with Head gear), and in 2004 he won Olympic silver defeating Andre Dirrell in the process, but losing to Russian Gadarbek Gaydarbekov on points. Golovkin fought in the Amateur World Championships in 2005, but lost to Mohamed Hikal in what has been described as a "Sensational Loss." I've yet to find a video on it, but believe it is either an exaggeration because of the magnitude of the upset or a marketing ploy. Either way, GGG is well seasoned in world competition and extremely accomplished.

Shock and Awe! Golovkin has had the goods, but many either forgot about his amateur career or wrote him off because he isn't flashy. While researching Lucian Bute, I stumbled upon GGG devastatingly flattening Bute (in head gear), and have been in shock and awe ever since. I'm not going to say I thought he would be a world champion, but I will say he made me question Bute's chin. To my surprise, Golovkin has Jimmy Walker "Dyno-Mite!" in both hands. The shock comes from watching Golovkin methodically stalk his opponent for a few rounds. He isn't flashy, but he just follows like a lion stalking his prey. Watching GGG matching the rhythm of his opponent is almost a hypnotic dance. While he looks slow and plodding...BAM, the Awe happens. Awe as in, "ah Shit, I hope dude can get up!" He has power in both hands! Power like as in Mike Tyson power. One short combo and everybody starts screaming, "What happened?"

Gennady Golovkin is rare. It's is early, and he might prove to be one of the biggest hype jobs in a machine searching for the next big thing. One day, he might get tested in the Middleweight division by Sergio Martinez, Julio Cesar Chavez Jr, Danny Geale, or Peter Quillin. Until then, let's just enjoy Golovkin delivering the goods!

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