

Michael Marrone



Michael Marrone's debut in professional boxing was a sensational second round TKO in March 2004. After nearly ten years as a pro boxer, Marrone finally gets it. No, he really gets it. *"I can't just win anymore. I have to win impressively. I have to excite the crowd!"* After a three year hiatus from the ring, Marrone will be looking to move the crowd. Not just a knockout, but an impressive knockout of opponent Robert Dunton on September 20 at The Mela Room in Orlando, FL will be exactly what Michael Marrone needs to add life to his paused, but still promising career. If not, Marrone will have to seriously consider retirement.

Michael Marrone is 20-4 (15 KO's). Formerly fighting out of Vero Beach, FL, his ascension to the top of the cruiserweight division helped him amass a cult like following. Vero Beach is a city made up of 15,000 people, and to a man, Michael was the top dog. As Marrone would eloquently state, *"I was the big fish in a small pond!"* Unfortunately, when you are the big fish, life has a way of providing distractions. Marrone, being a man, would succumb to some of those distractions. *"I definitely got caught up in life, so a change was needed. My move to FL has helped me in so many ways."*

After impressively moving to 18-0, Michael Marrone was given his first title shot. He fought Francesco Pianeta for the WBC Youth World Heavyweight title. The night in the ring did not last long as Pianeta jumped on Marrone early and forced referee Ian John-Lewis to stop the fight at 1:23 of round two. Marrone recovered from the loss and scored a fifth round TKO over Joseph Rabotte. He would then have two tough losses to contenders Darrel Madison and DaVarryl Williamson. Marrone, the "Bounce Back Kid" recovered from those and scored a devastating first round KO of James Pratt. Marrone, a natural Cruiserweight, did all of this while fighting in the Heavyweight division. His win over Pratt was so convincing, he earned a title shot against 3 year title holder and WBA World Cruiserweight Champion Guillermo Jones. At the tender boxing age of 26 and with only 23 professional fights, Marrone admittedly bit off more than he could chew. The veteran Jones easily handled him over six rounds and Marrone's corner finally stepped in at 1:55 of the sixth to end the mismatch.

Michael Marrone, still ultra-talented in the ring, walked away from boxing in 2011. The only sport he knew all of his life was no longer the keystone of his being. He gave it up to see what else life had to offer, and he gave up the one place he can always call home. No, Marrone is not a quitter nor is he turning his back on friends and family. Marrone is becoming a man. He needed change to focus and

reach his goals. On September 20, 2014, 4 days shy of his 29th birthday, Michael Marrone will give boxing fans what they want: An Impressive victory.

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