

SHAWN PORTER: IT IS “SHOWTIME!”



Shawn Porter is the current IBF Welterweight champion, and he is very aware the boxing community focuses the majority of their attention on the current Ring, WBA, WBC, and WBO Welterweight champions (Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao). “Showtime” Shawn Porter is putting in the work, and biding his time to make sure the world clearly knows - it is Shawn Porter’s time. It is “SHOWTIME!”

At an early age, Kenny Porter gave his son the nickname “Showtime.” Kenny Porter got the name from Cleveland fighter Jeffery “Showtime” Stoudemire. Stoudemire left a lasting impression on a young Kenny Porter, who watched as Jeffery Stoudemire played the role of protector, shadow boxed, and willingly showed Kenny Porter boxing moves. Kenny Porter took an interest in boxing, and began going to the gym. His first coach, Clint Martin, was also Jeffery Stoudemire’s coach. Stoudemire would move on to become a National AAU champion and ready himself to turn pro, which allowed Kenny Porter to experience one of the most endearing moments in his young life: “I remember going to the gym and looking at this tall locker. Jeffery was the only person with his name on a locker and it said, “Showtime.” That just stayed with me as a little boy looking up to this big locker and this tall, strong, muscular guy who was a champion. When Shawn turned three or four years old, I started calling him Showtime!”

At 24-0-1 (15 KO’s), “Showtime” Shawn Porter is coming off one of the most impressive title defenses in the history of boxing. No, he did not score a devastating KO in the first fifteen seconds of the first round, and no, he did not set a Compubox record for punches thrown in a round, but what he did was even more impressive. He knocked out veteran and former world champion Paulie Malignaggi. Prior to Porter, Malignaggi had five losses, but never by such an annihilating KO. Miguel Cotto didn’t do it, Ricky Hatton didn’t do it, Juan Diaz couldn’t do it, Amir Khan didn’t do it, and Adrien Broner couldn’t do it; However, “Showtime” Shawn Porter put an ass whoopin on Malignaggi that boxing fans will never forget. Porter cut Malignaggi’s left eye in the first round, and he battered him all over the ring in the second. In the third, Porter pinned him to the ropes and teed off on his body and head. Paulie was helpless, but somehow held on. In the fourth, Porter cracked Malignaggi with a big right hand. The Magic man went down, but ill advisedly got back to his feet. Porter was on him like a pit bull on red meat. Porter manhandled him until referee Sam Williams finally stopped the massacre at one minute

and fourteen seconds of the fourth round. “Showtime” Shawn Porter made an emphatic statement that he is here to stay.



Styles make fights and Shawn Porter’s style will eventually lead him to an opportunity at unifying the Welterweight titles. Yes, I said it! Two years ago, I would have been very cautious just thinking it, but Porter has transformed a somewhat bully style into an athletic, powerful, come forward art of the sweet science (think Marcos Maidana with discipline and athletic ability). He and his father have shored up some early defensive lapses and turned those into weapons. In the past, Porter would take a couple shots on the way in to try to deliver a jackhammer of a hook. Now, he feints and uses Mike Tyson like head movement to work his way into his opponent’s body. Once he gets inside, he can overpower you, and his relentless bodywork will break you down.

Porter is the consummate professional. While his father devises a game plan, Shawn buys into it, and prepares hard to perfect the game plan. This can only be accomplished in a loving, trusting, nurturing environment, and as Shawn perfectly states, “My dad kept us in sports, and he always preached hard work. He still preaches that today. Believe it or not, the way I was brought up is the same way I take care of myself today. I work hard every day and do all of the things I did as a young kid.”



Shawn Porter works hard and stays grounded. After taking the IBF championship from Devon Alexander and destroying Paulie Malignaggi, Shawn has stayed humble and not buckled to the pressures of his new found celebrity. He loves the attention, he loves exciting everyone, he loves people screaming his name, he loves giving fans something to look forward to, he loves putting in the work, but Shawn Porter has

not been foolishly intoxicated nor blinded by celebrity. Shawn says it is because his mother told him at an early age, “You are a great person, you have a great heart, you are smart. Don’t ever change!” Combine his mother’s confidence with the discipline and hard work his father has instilled in him and Shawn Porter is a can’t miss talent.

Outside the ring, he is all Yes, Sir! No, Sir! Inside the ring, he is not so polite, but he is a manhandling, athletic, leave it all in the ring, because I’m a whoop that ass tonight machine. “Showtime” Shawn Porter is a champion, and his upside is limitless. He stands by his family’s creed “We know what got us here – It is Hard work!” His grandmother worked hard. His mom and dad work hard. His brothers and sister work hard. The Porters work hard. Regardless of how many accomplishments he achieves, and regardless of how much money he makes, GOD, Love, Trust, Hard Work, and Respect will always be the core of Shawn Porter. Shawn Porter is an exciting fighter and a showman, who will help keep boxing alive. Shawn Porter’s time is now, so It is “SHOWTIME!”

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