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David Benavidez, left, hits David Morrell Jr. during their light heavyweight title bout Saturday night in Las Vegas. AP Photo/John LocherDavid Benavidez defeated David Morrell by unanimous decision in the main event of a boxing card at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas on Saturday night.Benavidez retained his WBC light heavyweight interim title and won Morrell's WBA light heavyweight "regular" belt. Artur Beterbiev is the undisputed champion at 175 pounds.Benavidez had been lobbying for a fight against super middleweight champion Canelo Alvarez for years, but after many tries, Benavidez moved up in weight. In his first fight at light heavyweight, he defeated Oleksandr Gvozdyk by unanimous decision.After a successful amateur career, Morrell turned professional in August 2019. After scoring nine knockouts in his first 10 fights, Morrell went the distance against Radivoje Kalajdzic on the Terence Crawford vs. Israil Madrimov undercard in August. Morrell defended the WBA belt six times before losing to Benavidez. Artur Beterbiev defeated Dmitry Bivol by majority decision to become the first undisputed light heavyweight champion in the four-belt era, in a rare match between the two best fighters in the division.Beterbiev (21-0, 20), the WBC, WBO and IBF titleholder, added the WBA belt, but saw his KO streak end. He was boxing's only champion with a 100% knockout ratio entering the fight, but he needed to go the distance against Bivol. Beterbiev has been a 175-pound champion since 2017.The fight has been years in the making. There hasn't been an undisputed champion in the division since Roy Jones Jr. vacated one of his titles in 2000 (three-belt era).Bivol (23-1, 12 KOs) had made 12 defenses of the belt before facing Beterbiev.Beterbiev and Bivol were scheduled to fight June 1 but a month before the bout, Beterbiev suffered a ruptured meniscus and underwent knee surgery, forcing the postponement. Bivol wanted to keep busy and fought Malik Zinad on that date, a sixth-round TKO victory, his only stoppage win in his past 10 fights.Stay here for fight results and round-by-round analysis. The stage is set for the blockbuster megafight between Canelo Alvarez and Terence Crawford.Crawford will challenge Alvarez, the freshly minted undisputed super middleweight champion, on Sept. 12 at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas.The details of the fight were confirmed following Alvarez's unanimous decision win to reclaim the IBF title from William Scull in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on Saturday. Following the victory, Crawford stepped into the ring for a stare-down with Alvarez, cementing their highly anticipated fight.Crawford, 37, will move up two weight classes to challenge Alvarez.Crawford last fought in August, when he outpointed Israil Madrimov to win a title at 154 pounds. Crawford (41-0, 31 KOs) is a four-division world champion and one of only three men to become undisputed champion in two weight classes in the four-belt era (since 2004). ESPN's No. 3 pound-for-pound fighter, he won his first title at 135 pounds and became undisputed at 140 pounds and 147 pounds.If Crawford defeats Alvarez, he would become the first undisputed champion in three weight classes.Alvarez, 34, is a two-time undisputed super middleweight champion. After failing in his attempt to win the WBA light heavyweight championship against Dmitry Bivol in 2022, Alvarez (63-2-2, 39 KOs) moved back down to 168 pounds, where he has won six straight. Alvarez is ranked No. 6 on ESPN's pound-for-pound list.The Alvarez-Crawford card will be the first event promoted by Turki Alalshikh and Dana White's TKO Boxing, Alalshikh announced on his X account later Saturday. Alalshikh said that a TV platform for the event would be announced at a later date.The card will take place on a Friday, avoiding competition from college football as well as the UFC's Noche UFC event the following day. It also will be the first boxing match held in Allegiant Stadium, home of the Las Vegas Raiders, which opened in July 2020. Editor's note: This story was originally published on Aug. 20 when the fights was announced, and updated on Wednesday, Sept. 24 with weight for the fight, number of rounds and other information.The announcement that Jake Paul's next opponent will be WBA lightweight champion Gervonta "Tank" Davis on Friday, Nov. 14, at Kaseya Center in Miami (streamed live on Netflix) came out of nowhere, as Paul had been in the news for a potential heavyweight showdown with former unified champion Anthony Joshua, and Davis had been linked to a rematch with Lamont Roach Jr. after their majority draw in March. However, Paul and Davis came to an agreement on Aug. 20 for a fight between two of the biggest names in boxing that is labeled as an exhibition.After the news comes the question: Why is this fight happening? How did it come together, what happened to the other names each fighter was linked to and, ultimately, what does it all mean? Let's try to make sense of this fight between a 135-pound world champion and a YouTuber-turned-prizefighter who last fought at the cruiserweight limit of 200 pounds.Why is Jake Paul fighting Gervonta Davis? View this post on Instagram A post shared by Jake Paul (@jakepaul) In August 2021, Paul revealed a "hit list" of opponents he wanted to fight. At the time, Paul was 3-0 in his boxing career with wins over fellow YouTuber AnEsonGib, NBA Slam Dunk champion Nate Robinson and MMA fighter Ben Askren. The future opponents list included Tyron Woodley (who Paul was slated to fight later that month), Canelo Alvarez, UFC fighters Nate or Nick Diaz, Kamaru Usman and Conor McGregor, boxers "Timmy Fury" (Tommy Fury), Gervonta Davis, fellow YouTuber KSI and Paul's older brother, Logan, who now competes in WWE.He has since fought three people on that list (Nate Diaz, Fury and Woodley, twice). Davis will be the fourth. In 2021, many of these names seemed out of reach, considering Paul's lack of experience, but as his stature in the sport has grown, Paul has become a name that many fighters want to fight because of the tremendous visibility and financial upside it brings. Davis has long shown interest in fighting Paul, and the two have sent jabs at each other on social media.Earlier this year, the two sides negotiated a fight, but when Davis fought to a surprising majority draw with Roach in March, plans were put on hold, sources close to the negotiations told ESPN. Paul went on to fight Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. while Davis mulled his options. Ultimately, Davis put the rematch with Roach on the back burner and finalized the deal with Paul.Why is the fight happening?Watch your favorite events in the newly enhanced ESPN App. Learn more about what plan is right for you. Sign Up Now Both sides realize this fight would be a big cultural event. Like it or not, Paul is one of the biggest attractions in boxing, and Davis has proved to be box office whenever he fights. Although Paul is significantly larger than Davis, he believes Paul would be easy work. Paul and his Most Valuable Promotions will put on the event that will no doubt reach a massive audience when it streams globally on Netflix.Ever since McGregor and Floyd Mayweather Jr. raked in millions with their crossover fight in 2017, the boxing world has seen the absurd financial upside of these types of fights. Are they cashing in? Absolutely.As Mayweather once said on the HBO show "24/7" ahead of his fight with Shane Mosley: "I'm a prizefighter. That's what I'm supposed to fight for: a prize!"Is this a real fight? Isn't Gervonta Davis a champion at 135 pounds, and isn't Jake Paul a 200-pound cruiserweight?Define "real." Will Paul and Davis try to take each other's heads off when the bell rings? Yes. That will be real. Will it be an actual sanctioned boxing match? Probably not. There will be a sizable weight difference when they meet on fight night. When asked if the fight would be an exhibition, Most Valuable Promotions co-founder Nakisa Bidarian told ESPN that the contracted weight and number of rounds had yet to be agreed upon. All of this is still being negotiated. The weight difference will be the biggest reason why the fight may end up as an exhibition, but that will all be determined once the Florida Athletic Commission gets involved with the rules. Stranger things have happened, though.What are the rules for an exhibition match, and how does this differ from a pro fight?The rules for an exhibition match are far more flexible than a sanctioned professional boxing match. The number and length of rounds, glove size, referee and other things can be negotiated. No winner is declared in an exhibition fight, nor does it count toward a fighter's professional record. Exhibition fights are purely for entertainment.The boxing match between Paul and Davis has been officially deemed an exhibition, however, there still will be a result as three judges will determine the outcome if the fight goes the distance.The fight will be contested at a catchweight of 195 pounds. Paul weighed in at 199.4 pounds for his June win over Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. His career high weight was 227.2 pounds for his November 2024 fight with Mike Tyson and his career low was 183.75 pounds for his February 2023 loss to Tommy Fury. Davis weighed in at 133.8 pounds in his last fight against Lamont Roach Jr. He has never weighed more than 140 pounds for a fight.The fight will be a 10, three-minute rounds with both fighters wearing 12-ounce boxing gloves. By comparison, boxers who fight professionally at welterweight (147 pounds) and lower wear 8-ounce gloves, which is what Davis is accustomed to. Paul has fought all his bouts with 10-ounce gloves -- normal for professional fights above welterweight -- outside of the Mike Tyson exhibition last November, when both fighters wore 14-ounce gloves.Is this like when Logan Paul fought Floyd Mayweather Jr.?Logan Paul, left, and Floyd Mayweather Jr. fought eight rounds without a knockout in an exhibition bout in 2021. AP Photo/Lynne SladkyYes. But Jake is a more skilled boxer than Logan, and Davis is still in his prime, while Mayweather was retired when he fought the social media influencer.Like Mayweather-Logan Paul, there will be a significant weight disparity between the fighters. Logan came into that fight at 189.5 pounds. Mayweather weighed 155 pounds, and it never really felt like Mayweather was trying to hurt Logan when they met. There is certainly more of a bad blood element between Jake and Davis, considering that a loss for "Tank" would be a big hit for his professional career. Paul will want to impress if he plans on being taken seriously as a boxer moving forward. Being knocked out by the much smaller Davis would do significant damage to the idea of Jake fighting Joshua next year.Speaking of ...Wasn't Jake Paul supposed to fight Anthony Joshua?Yes, the fight was never expected to happen in 2025, according to MVP. Bidarian told ESPN that if terms can be agreed upon, a fight between Paul and Joshua at heavyweight could still take place in 2026.ESPN spoke with Joshua's promoter, Eddie Hearn, last month and learned that the former unified champion is recovering from elbow surgery and planning to fight again before the end of 2025. Joshua has been linked to a return fight with French heavyweight Tony Yoka. Paul and Joshua have been keen on the fight taking place in 2026. However, if Paul were to be knocked out by Davis in November, those plans could change. "If 'Tank' knocks out Jake, I don't know what the demand will be to see the potential of Joshua knocking out Jake," Bidarian said. "Of course there's always a potential impact on the Joshua fight depending on the outcome of Paul's fight with Davis." Paul addressed the possibility of facing Joshua after Davis in a statement Wednesday."First, I am going to kill David [Davis], then I will go on to slaughter Goliath [Joshua], and you are all going watch me do it," Paul said.What happens with the Gervonta Davis-Lamont Roach Jr. rematch?Gervonta Davis, left, and Lamont Roach Jr. fought to a majority draw in March in Brooklyn, New York. AP Photo/Frank Franklin IIIt can still happen. It just won't happen next.Roach has been on board with the rematch for months, and it was rumored it would happen in August. However, ESPN confirmed that Davis never signed a fight contract and instead opted for a significantly higher payday against Paul.As for Roach, sources have told ESPN that he is planning for a return to the ring this fall against an opponent to be determined. Should both Davis and Roach emerge victorious and unscathed in their respective next fights, the rematch could be revisited for early 2026.Wasn't Gervonta Davis arrested last month?Yes, his misdemeanor battery charge stemming from an alleged domestic incident on Father's Day was dismissed earlier this month. Artur Beterbiev captured the undisputed light heavyweight championship with a majority decision victory over Dmitry Bivol on Saturday at Kingdom Arena in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.Beterbiev closed the battle of Russian boxers strongly and prevailed via scores of 115-113, 116-112 and 114-114 in an entertaining fight contested at the highest skill level.With the victory in the long-awaited summit meeting, Beterbiev became boxing's first undisputed 175-pound champion in the four-belt era. Bivol entered the bout rated No. 1 by ESPN at light heavyweight and No. 4 pound for pound. Beterbiev was No. 2 in the division and No. 6 pound for pound."Of course it's a tough fight because Dmitri is a champion, too," Beterbiev said. "He has good skills, maybe better than me. But today, Allah chose me."PunchesBeterbievBivolTotal landed137142Total thrown682423Percent20%34%Jabs landed4758Jabs thrown376255Percent13%23%Power landed9084Power thrown306168Percent29%50%Beterbiev (21-0, 20 KOs) entered the bout as boxing's only champion with a 100% KO ratio, a streak that ended Saturday with the biggest victory of his storied career.Beterbiev turns 40 in January and was coming off knee surgery to repair a ruptured meniscus, a procedure that postponed the fight from June. But he was still able to rally over the second half of the bout to cement himself as a Hall of Fame fighter.Bivol (23-1, 12 KOs) controlled the action over the first half, especially early on as he unleashed his excellent jab and footwork to keep the power puncher at bay.Bivol was the cleaner, sharper puncher and did well to counter Beterbiev with a left hook over his vaunted power jab. But Beterbiev never stopped coming. Even when his punches were blocked -- and most of them were -- they seemed to still have an impact on Bivol's high guard.Bivol, 33, entered the bout with the edge in big-fight experience following his career-best win over boxing's top star, Canelo Alvarez, in May 2022. But it was Beterbiev who swept the final three rounds to pull out the victory."I did my job," Bivol said. "I felt that I could do better. ... He is powerful, very powerful."And you see I have a bruise from my hand," he said, holding his hand up by his eye. "He always beat it and it was so hard, even he reached my eye."Bivol emerged with his left eye badly bruised and swollen, and he also had marks around his right eye."I'm aware I have to do everything perfect, and I don't have any explanation because it could look like excuses," Bivol said. "I just [give] congratulations to Artur and his team. He deserves it, no problem. I just have time to make another decision for my future."The fight clearly called for a rematch, with many observers and fans scoring it for Bivol. There should be plenty of demand, too, considering the drama of the contest and the lack of a clear winner.Bivol's promoter, Eddie Hearn, expressed anger over the fight's result, particularly the 116-112 score in favor of Beterbiev."Listen, I don't want to disrespect Beterbiev," Hearn said. "But you saw the body language, they knew they'd lost the fight. 116-112 Beterbiev? You gave Bivol four rounds? This is a joke. Of course [we want a rematch], he was robbed of the undisputed championship tonight. I cannot believe you could give Bivol four rounds. ... It's absolutely disgusting. I'm absolutely baffled and disgusted at 116-112."Bivol said he "of course" wants another shot at Beterbiev: "Why not? ... If I have this chance, yes. This is my dream to be undisputed."But it was Beterbiev who achieved his dream of collecting all four belts when he added Bivol's WBA title to go along with the IBF, WBC and WBO titles."I wanted to box today with more quality," Beterbiev said. "I don't know why, but I didn't like this fight. But I'll be better one day. ... If His Excellency [Turki Alalshikh] wants [the rematch], then we can do it." Vergil Ortiz Jr. tightened his grip as ESPN's No. 1-ranked junior middleweight with a two-round destruction of Erickson Lubin in Fort Worth, Texas, on Saturday night.Although Lubin was expected to give Ortiz a challenge, the fight was one-sided. From the outset, Ortiz backed Lubin into the ropes behind a solid jab and body work. Lubin's only escape plan aside was covering up and hoping for the best. The strategy didn't last long as a pair of short right hands crashed through Lubin's guard in Round 2 and left him dazed. Ortiz followed up with a violent barrage of left hooks, as the ropes were the only thing keeping Lubin upright. The referee mercifully ended the fight at the 1:30 mark.Lubin only managed to land three punches the entire fight. The thorough beating sent him out of ESPN's top 10 junior middleweights and he is replaced at No. 10 by Brandon Adams.Ortiz holds firm at No. 1 and is now set for a collision course with Jaron "Boots" Ennis in a highly anticipated showdown that will likely take place in early 2026.ESPN's divisional boxing rankings highlight the best in the sport in every weight class. Rankings will change based on recent results and performances. Fighters who have announced they are moving to a different weight class will be ranked in that new division, if warranted, only once they fight in that weight class. Fighters who currently own titles in two divisions can be ranked in both.Fighters who haven't competed in the past 12 months -- and don't have a fight scheduled -- will be dropped from the rankings until they fight again. Any fighter who tests positive for a performance-enhancing substance will also be removed. That boxer will be eligible to reenter the rankings after his next bout.For a list of the current champions in all weight classes, click here. For ESPN women's divisional rankings, click here.Heavyweight - Cruiserweight - Light heavyweight - Super middleweight - Middleweight - Junior middleweight - Welterweight - Junior welterweight - Lightweight - Junior lightweight - Featherweight - Junior featherweight - Bantamweight - Junior bantamweight - Flyweight - Junior flyweight - StrawweightHEAVYWEIGHT (UNLIMITED)playOleksandr Usyk unanimously defeats Tyson Fury in rematchOleksandr Usyk retains the heavyweight championship with another decision victory over Tyson Fury on Saturday, this time unanimously in an epic rematch.1. Oleksandr Usyk Previous ranking: 1Record: 24-0, 15 KOs Last: W (KO5) Daniel Dubois, July 19 Next: TBA2. Tyson Fury Previous ranking: 2Record: 34-2-1, 24 KOs Last: L (UD12) Oleksandr Usyk, Dec. 21 Next: TBA3. Daniel Dubois Previous ranking: 3Record: 22-3, 21 KOs Last: L (KO5) Oleksandr Usyk, July 19 Next: TBA4. Fabio Wardley Previous ranking: 4Record: 20-0-1, 19 KOs Last: W (TKO11) Joseph Parker, Oct. 25 Next: TBA5. Joseph Parker Previous ranking: 5Record: 36-4, 24 KOs Last: L (TKO11) Fabio Wardley, Oct. 25 Next: TBA6. Agit Kabayel Previous ranking: 6Record: 26-0, 18 KOs Last: W (KO6) Zhilei Zhang, Feb. 22 Next: TBA7. Filip Hrgovic Previous ranking: 7Record: 19-1, 14 KOs Last: W (UD10) David Adeleye, Aug. 16 Next: TBA8. Moses Itauma Previous ranking: 8Record: 14-0, 12 KOs Last: W (TKO1) Dillian Whyte, Aug. 16 Next: Jan. 24 vs. Jermaine Franklin Jr.9. Zhilei Zhang Previous ranking: 9Record: 27-3-1, 22 KOs Last: L (KO6) Agit Kabayel, Feb. 22 Next: TBA10. Martin Bakole Previous ranking: 10Record: 21-2-1, 16 KOs Last: D (Majority draw 10) Efe Ajagba, May 3 Next: TBAEditor's note: Anthony Joshua and Andy Ruiz Jr. have been removed for inactivity.CRUISERWEIGHT (UP TO 200 POUNDS)1. Jai Opetaia Previous ranking: 1Record: 28-0, 22 KOs Last: W (KO5) Claudio Squeo, June 8 Next: Dec. 6 vs. Huseyin Cinkara2. Gilberto Ramirez Previous ranking: 2Record: 46-1, 30 KOs Last: W (UD12) Yuniel Dorticos, June 28 Next: TBA3. Chris Billam-Smith Previous ranking: 3Record: 21-2, 13 KOs Last: W (UD12) Brandon Glanton, April 26 Next: TBA4. Badou Jack Previous ranking: 4Record: 29-3-3, 17 KOs Last: W (MD12) Norair Mikaeljan, May 3 Next: Dec. 13 vs. Norair Mikaeljan5. Norair Mikaeljan Previous ranking: 5Record: 27-3, 12 KOs Last: L (MD12) Badou Jack, May 3 Next: Dec. 13 vs. Badou Jack6. Aleksei Papin Previous ranking: 6Record: 19-1, 17 KOs Last: W (UD10) Miljan Rovcanin, July 19 Next: TBA7. Michal Cieslak Previous ranking: 7Record: 28-2, 22 KOs Last: W (TKO4) Jean Pascal, June 28 Next: TBA8. Ryan Rozicki Previous ranking: 8Record: 20-1-1, 19 KOs Last: D (Majority draw 12) Yamil Peralta, Dec. 7 Next: TBA vs. Akani Phuzi9. Yamil Peralta Previous ranking: 9Record: 17-1-1, 9 KOs Last: D (Majority draw 12) Ryan Rozicki, Dec. 7 Next: TBA10. Leonardo Mosquea Previous ranking: 10Record: 17-0, 10 KOs Last: W (TKO9) Ivan Gabriel Garcia, June 12 Next: TBALIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT (UP TO 175 POUNDS)playThe numbers behind Bivol's rematch victory against BeterbievTake a look at the statistics from Dmitry Bivol's win against Artur Beterbiev.1. Dmitry Bivol Previous ranking: 1Record: 24-1, 12 KOs Last: W (MD12) Artur Beterbiev, Feb. 22 Next: TBA2. Artur Beterbiev Previous ranking: 2Record: 21-1, 20 KOs Last: L (MD12) Dmitry Bivol, Feb. 22 Next: TBA3. David Benavidez Previous ranking: 3Record: 30-0, 24 KOs Last: W (UD12) David Morrell Jr., Feb. 1 Next: Nov. 22 vs. Anthony Yarde4. Callum Smith Previous ranking: 4Record: 31-2, 22 KOs Last: W (UD12) Joshua Buatsi, Feb. 22 Next: TBA5. David Morrell Jr. Previous ranking: 5Record: 12-1, 9 KOs Last: W (SD12) Imam Khataev, July 12 Next: TBA6. Imam Khataev Previous ranking: 6Record: 10-1, 9 KOs Last: L (SD10) David Morrell Jr., July 12 Next: TBA7. Anthony Yarde Previous ranking: 7Record: 27-3, 24 KOs Last: W (UD12) Lyndon Arthur, April 26 Next: Nov. 22 vs. David Benavidez8. Oleksandr Gvozdyk Previous ranking: 8Record: 21-2, 17 KOs Last: W (KO3) Anthony Hollaway, April 19 Next: TBA9. Albert Ramirez Previous ranking: 9Record: 22-0, 19 KOs Last: W (TKO7) Jerome Pampellone, Aug. 8 Next: TBA10. Joshua Buatsi Previous ranking: 10Record: 20-1, 13 KOs Last: W (MD10) Zach Parker, Nov. 1 Next: TBASUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT (UP TO 168 POUNDS)playTeddy Atlas fired up by Terence Crawford's performance vs. Canelo AlvarezTeddy Atlas and Timothy Bradley Jr. break down Terence Crawford's victory over Canelo Alvarez.1. Terence Crawford Previous ranking: 1Record: 42-0, 31 KOs Last: W (UD12) Canelo Alvarez, Sept. 13 Next: TBA2. Canelo Alvarez Previous ranking: 2Record: 63-3-2, 39 KOs Last: L (UD12) Terence Crawford, Sept. 13 Next: TBA3. Diego Pacheco Previous ranking: 3Record: 24-0, 18 KOs Last: W (UD12) Trevor McCumby, July 19 Next: Dec. 13 vs. Kevin Lele Sadjo4. Hamzah Sheeraz Previous ranking: 4Record: 22-0-1, 18 KOs Last: W (KO5) Edgar Berlanga, July 12 Next: TBA5. Christian Mbilli Previous ranking: 5Record: 29-0-1, 24 KOs Last: D (Split draw 10) Lester Martinez, Sept. 13 Next: TBA6. Lester Martinez Previous ranking: 6Record: 19-0-1, 16 KOs Last: D (Split draw 10) Christian Mbilli, Sept. 13 Next: TBA7. Jermall Charlo Previous ranking: 7Record: 34-0, 23 KOs Last: W (TKO6) Thomas LaManna, May 31 Next: TBA8. Edgar Berlanga Previous ranking: 8Record: 23-2, 18 KOs Last: L (KO5) Hamzah Sheeraz, July 12 Next: TBA9. Jose Armando Resendiz Previous ranking: 9Record: 16-2, 11 KOs Last: W (SD12) Caleb Plant, May 31 Next: TBA10. Caleb Plant Previous ranking: 10Record: 23-2, 14 KOs Last: L (SD12) Jose Armando Resendiz, March 31 Next: TBAMIDDLEWEIGHT (UP TO 160 POUNDS)1. Janibek Alimkhanuly Previous ranking: 1Record: 17-0, 12 KOs Last: W (TKO5) Anauel Ngamissengue, April 5 Next: Dec. 6 vs. Erislandy Lara2. Carlos Adames Previous ranking: 2Record: 24-1-1, 18 KOs Last: D (Split draw 12) Hamzah Sheeraz, Feb. 22 Next: TBA3. Chris Eubank Jr. Previous ranking: 3Record: 35-4, 25 KOs Last: L (UD12) Conor Benn, Nov. 15 Next: TBA4. Conor Benn Previous ranking: 4Record: 23-1, 14 KOs Last: W (UD12) Chris Eubank Jr., Nov. 15 Next: TBA5. Anauel Ngamissengue Previous ranking: 5Record: 14-1, 9 KOs Last: L (TKO5) Zhanibek Alimkhanuly, April 5 Next: TBA6. Etinosa Oliha Previous ranking: 6Record: 22-0, 10 KOs Last: W (TKO3) Ivan Njegac, Sept. 12 Next: TBA7. Fiodor Czerkaszyn Previous ranking: 7Record: 26-1, 16 KOs Last: W (TKO2) Patrick Allotey, Feb. 1 Next: TBA8. Yoenli Hernandez Previous ranking: 8Record: 8-0, 7 KOs Last: W (TKO1) Ramon De La Cruz Sena, Oct. 12 Next: TBA9. Troy Isley Previous ranking: 9Record: 15-0, 5 KOs Last: W (UD10) Etoundi Michel William, June 7 Next: TBA10. Austin Williams Previous ranking: 10Record: 19-1, 13 KOs Last: W (TKO9) Ivan Vazquez, July 19 Next: TBAEditor's note: Erislandy Lara has been removed for inactivity.JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT (UP TO 154 POUNDS)1. Vergil Ortiz Jr. Previous ranking: 1Record: 24-0, 22 KOs Last: W (TKO2) Erickson Lubin, Nov. 8 Next: TBA2. Sebastian Fundora Previous ranking: 2Record: 23-1-1, 14 KOs Last: W (TKO8) Tim Tszyu, July 19 Next: TBA vs. Keith Thurman3. Jaron Ennis Previous ranking: 3Record: 35-0, 31 KOs Last: W (TKO1) Uisma Lima, Oct. 11 Next: TBA4. Xander Zayas Previous ranking: 4Record: 22-0, 13 KOs Last: W (UD12) Jose Garcia Perez, July 26 Next: Jan. 31 vs. Abass Baraou5. Israil Madrimov Previous ranking: 5Record: 10-2-1, 7 KOs Last: L (UD12) Vergil Ortiz Jr., Feb. 22 Next: TBA6. Tim Tszyu Previous ranking: 6Record: 25-3, 18 KOs Last: L (TKO8) Sebastian Fundora, July 19 Next: TBA7. Keith Thurman Previous ranking: 7Record: 31-1, 23 KOs Last: W (TKO3) Brock Jarvis, March 12 Next: TBA vs. Sebastian Fundora8. Jesus Ramos Jr. Previous ranking: 8Record: 23-1, 19 KOs Last: W (TKO7) Guido Emmanuel Schramm, March 22 Next: Dec. 16 vs. Shane Mosley Jr9. Abass Baraou Previous ranking: 9Record: 17-1, 9 KOs Last: W (UD12) Yoenis Tellez, Aug. 23 Next: Jan. 31 vs. Xander Zayas10. Brandon Adams Previous ranking: NRRecord: 26-4, 16 KOs Last: W (UD10) Serhii Bohachuk, Sep. 13 Next: TBAEditor's note: Bakhram Murtazaliev has been removed for inactivity.WELTERWEIGHT (UP TO 147 POUNDS)1. Brian Norman Jr. Previous ranking: 1Record: 28-0, 22 KOs Last: W (KO5) Jin Sasaki, June 19 Next: Nov. 22 vs. Devin Haney2. Mario Barrios Previous ranking: 2Record: 29-2-2, 18 KOs Last: Draw (Majority draw 12) Manny Pacquiao, July 19 Next: TBA3. Devin Haney Previous ranking: 3Record: 32-0-1 NC, 15 KOs Last: W (UD12) Jose Ramirez, May 2 Next: Nov. 22 vs. Brian Norman Jr.4. Manny Pacquiao Previous ranking: 4Record: 62-8-3, 39 KOs Last: Draw (Majority draw 12) Mario Barrios, July 19 Next: TBA5. Liam Paro Previous ranking: 5Record: 27-1, 16 KOs Last: W (UD12) David Papot, Sept. 18 Next: TBA6. Shakhram Giyasov Previous ranking: 6Record: 17-0, 10 KOs Last: W (KO4) Franco Ocampo, April 12 Next: TBA7. Giovani Santillan Previous ranking: 7Record: 34-1, 18 KOs Last: W (UD10) Angel Beltran, May 10 Next: TBA8. Rolando Romero Previous ranking: 8Record: 17-2, 13 KOs Last: W (UD12) Ryan Garcia, May 2 Next: TBA9. Souleymane Cissokho Previous ranking: 9Record: 18-0, 9 KOs Last: W (UD10) Egidijus Kavaliauskas, May 10 Next: TBA10. Lewis Crocker Previous ranking: 10Record: 22-0, 11 KOs Last: W (SD12) Paddy Donovan, Sept. 13 Next: TBAJUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT (UP TO 140 POUNDS)1. Teofimo Lopez Previous ranking: 1Record: 22-1, 13 KOs Last: W (UD12) Arnold Barboza Jr., May 2 Next: TBA2. Richardson Hitchins Previous ranking: 2Record: 20-0, 8 KOs Last: W (TKO8) George Kambosos Jr., June 14 Next: TBA3. Subriel Matias Previous ranking: 3Record: 23-2, 22 KOs Last: W (MD12) Alberto Puello, July 12 Next: Jan. 10 vs. Dalton Smith4. Alberto Puello Previous ranking: 4Record: 24-1, 10 KOs Last: L (MD12) Subriel Matias, July 12 Next: TBA5. Gary Antuanne Russell Previous ranking: 5Record: 18-1, 17 KOs Last: W (UD12) Jose Valenzuela, March 1 Next: TBA6. Arnold Barboza Jr. Previous ranking: 6Record: 31-2, 11 KOs Last: L (UD12) Teofimo Lopez, May 2 Next: TBA7. Sandor Martin Previous ranking: 7Record: 42-4, 15 KOs Last: L (SD12) Alberto Puello, March 1 Next: TBA8. Andy Hiraoka Previous ranking: 8Record: 24-0, 19 KOs Last: W (TKO9) Ismael Barroso, Sept. 3, 2024 Next: TBA9. Dalton Smith Previous ranking: 9Record: 18-0, 13 KOs Last: W (UD12) Mathieu Germain, April 25 Next: Jan. 10 vs. Subriel Matias10. Lindolfo Delgado Previous ranking: 10Record: 24-0, 16 KOs Last: W (SD12) Gabriel Gollaz Valenzuela, Nov. 15 Next: TBALIGHTWEIGHT (UP TO 135 POUNDS)1. Shakur Stevenson Previous ranking: 1Record: 24-0, 11 KOs Last: W (UD12) William Zepeda, July 12 Next: TBA2. Gervonta Davis Previous ranking: 2Record: 30-0-1, 28 KOs Last: Draw (Majority draw 12) Lamont Roach, March 1 Next: TBA3. Keyshawn Davis Previous ranking: 3Record: 13-0, 9 KOs Last: W (KO4) Denys Berinchyk, Feb. 14 Next: TBA4. William Zepeda Previous ranking: 4Record: 33-1, 27 KOs Last: L (UD12) Shakur Stevenson, July 12 Next: TBA5. Lamont Roach Previous ranking: 5Record: 25-1-2 10 KOs Last: Draw (Majority draw 12) Gervonta Davis, March 1 Next: Dec. 6 vs. Isaac Cruz6. Andy Cruz Previous ranking: 6Record: 6-0, 3 KOs Last: W (TKO5) Hironori Mishiro, June 14 Next: Jan. 24 vs. Raymond Muratalla7. Raymond Muratalla Previous ranking: 7Record: 23-0, 17 KOs Last: W (UD12) Zaur Abdullaev, May 10 Next: Jan. 14 vs. Andy Cruz8. Frank Martin Previous ranking: 8Record: 18-1, 12 KOs Last: L (KO8) Gervonta Davis, June 15 Next: Dec. 6 vs. Rances Barthelemy9. Floyd Schofield Previous ranking: 9Record:19-0, 13 KOs Last: W (KO1) Tevin Farmer, June 28 Next: TBA10. Denys Berinchyk Previous ranking: 10Record: 19-1, 9 KOs Last: L (KO4) Keyshawn Davis, Feb. 14 Next: TBAJUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT (UP TO 130 POUNDS)1. Emanuel Navarrete Previous ranking: 1Record: 39-2-1, 31 KOs Last: NC (no contest) Charly Suarez, May 10 Next: Feb. 28 vs. Eduardo Nunez2. Anthony Cacace Previous ranking: 2Record: 24-1, 9 KOs Last: W (TKO9) Leigh Wood, May 10 Next: TBA3. O'Shaquie Foster Previous ranking: 3Record: 23-3, 12 KOs Last: W (SD12) Robson Conceicao, Nov. 2 Next: Dec. 6 vs. Stephen Fulton4. Ray Ford Previous ranking: 4Record: 18-1-1, 8 KOs Last: W (UD10) Abraham Nova, Aug. 16 Next: TBA5. Robson Conceicao Previous ranking: 5Record: 20-3-1 1 NC, 10 KOs Last: W (KO6) Yonnaiquer Rondon, Aug. 2 Next: TBA6. Eduardo Nunez Previous ranking: 6Record: 29-1 27 KOs Last: W (UD12) Christopher Diaz, Sept. 6 Next: Feb. 28 vs. Emanuel Navarrete7. Andres Cortes Previous ranking: 7Record: 24-0, 13 KOs Last: W (KO4) Derlyn Hernandez-Gerarldo, Oct. 18 Next: TBA8. Charly Suarez Previous ranking: 8Record: 18-0, 10 KOs Last: NC (No contest) Emanuel Navarrete, May 10 Next: TBA9. James Dickens Previous ranking: 9Record: 36-5, 15 KOs Last: W (KO4) Albert Batyrgaziev, July 2 Next: Dec. 27 vs. Hayato Tsutsumi10. Joe Cordina Previous ranking: 10Record: 18-1, 9 KOs Last: W (UD10) Jaret Gonzalez Quiroz, July 5 Next: Dec. 13 vs. Gabriel Flores Jr.FEATHERWEIGHT (UP TO 126 POUNDS)1. Nick Ball Previous ranking: 1Record: 23-0-1, 13 KOs Last: W (UD10) Sam Goodman, Aug. 16 Next: TBA2. Rafael Espinoza Previous ranking: 2Record: 28-0, 24 KOs Last: W (KO11) Arnold Khegai, Nov. 15 Next: TBA3. Stephen Fulton Previous ranking: 3Record: 23-1, 8 KOs Last: W (UD12) Brandon Figueroa, Feb. 1 Next: Dec. 6 vs. O'Shaquie Foster4. Angelo Leo Previous ranking: 4Record: 26-1, 12 KOs Last: W (MD12) Tomoki Kameda, May 24 Next: TBA5. Bruce Carrington Previous ranking: 5Record: 16-0, 9 KOs Last: W (UD12) Mateus Heita, July 26 Next: TBA6. Luis Alberto Lopez Previous ranking: 6Record: 31-3, 18 KOs Last: W (KO1) Eduardo Montoya, March 29 Next: TBA7. Brandon Figueroa Previous ranking: 7Record: 26-2-1, 19 KOs Last: W (UD12) Joet Gonzalez, July 19 Next: TBA8. Tomoki Kameda Previous ranking: 8Record: 42-5, 23 KOs Last: L (MD12) Angelo Leo, May 24 Next: TBA9. Robeisy Ramirez Previous ranking: 9Record: 14-3, 9 KOs Last: L (TKO6) Rafael Espinoza, Dec. 7 Next: TBA10. Mirco Cuello Previous ranking: 10Record: 16-0, 13 KOs Last: W (TKO2) Sergio Rios Jimenez, Aug. 8 Next: TBAJUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT (UP TO 122 POUNDS)Naoya Inoue, left, dominated Murodjon Akhmadaliev in a unanimous decision victory to retain his undisputed junior featherweight championship Sunday in Nagoya, Japan. AP Photo/Shuji Kajiyama1. Naoya Inoue Previous ranking: 1Record: 31-0, 27 KOs Last: W (UD12) Murodjon Akhmadaliev, Sept. 14 Next: Dec. 27 vs. David Picasso2. Marlon Tapales Previous ranking: 2Record: 41-4, 22 KOs Last: W (KO6) Fernando Toro, Oct. 29 Next: TBA3. Murodjon Akhmadaliev Previous ranking: 3Record: 14-2, 11 KOs Last: L (UD12) Naoya Inoue, Sept. 14 Next: TBA4. Sam Goodman Previous ranking: 4Record: 20-1, 8 KOs Last: L (UD10) Nick Ball, Aug. 16 Next: TBA5. Luis Nery Previous ranking: 5Record: 36-2, 28 KOs Last: W (TKO7) Kyonosuke Kameda, Feb. 22 Next: TBA6. David Picasso Previous ranking: 6Record: 32-0-1, 17 KOs Last: W (MD10) Kyonosuke Kameda, July 19 Next: Dec. 27 vs. Naoya Inoue7. Ramon Cardenas Previous ranking: 7Record: 25-2, 14 KOs Last: L (TKO8) Naoya Inoue, May 4 Next: TBA8. Shabaz Masoud Previous ranking: 8Record: 14-0, 4 KOs Last: W (SD12) Liam Davies, Nov. 2 Next: TBA9. TJ Doheny Previous ranking: 9Record: 26-6, 20 KOs Last: L (TKO10) Nick Ball, March 15 Next: TBA10. Ra'eese Aleem Previous ranking: 10Record: 22-1, 12 KOs Last: W (UD10) Rudy Garcia, May 4 Next: Nov. 24 vs. Mikito NakanoEditor's note: John Riel Casimero moved up to the featherweight division.BANTAMWEIGHT (UP TO 118 POUNDS)1. Junto Nakatani Previous ranking: 1Record: 31-0, 24 KOs Last: W (TKO6) Ryosuke Nishida, June 8 Next: Dec. 27 vs. Sebastian Hernandez2. Ryosuke Nishida Previous ranking: 2Record: 10-1, 2 KO Last: L (TKO6) Junto Nakatani, June 8 Next: TBA3. Christian Medina Previous ranking: 3Record: 26-4, 19 KOs Last: W (TKO4) Yoshiki Takei, Sept. 14 Next: TBA4. Yoshiki Takei Previous ranking: 4Record: 11-1, 9 KOs Last: L (TKO4) Christian Medina Jimenez, Sept. 14 Next: TBA5. Seiya Tsutsumi Previous ranking: 5Record: 12-0-3, 8 KOs Last: D (Unanimous draw 12) Daigo Higa, Feb. 24 Next: TBA6. Takuma Inoue Previous ranking: 6Record: 20-2, 5 KOs Last: L (UD12) Seiya Tsutsumi, Oct. 13 Next: Nov. 24 vs. Tenshin Nasukawa7. Daigo Higa Previous ranking: 7Record: 21-3-3, 19 KOs Last: Draw (Unanimous draw 12) Antonio Vargas, July 30 Next: TBA8. Antonio Vargas Previous ranking: 8Record: 19-1-1, 11 KOs Last: Draw (Unanimous draw 12) Daigo Higa, July 30 Next: TBA9. Tenshin Nasukawa Previous ranking: 9Record: 7-0, 2 KOs Last: W (UD10) Victor Santillan, June 8 Next: Nov. 24 vs. Takuma Inoue10. Jason Moloney Previous ranking: 10Record: 27-4, 19 KOs Last: L (UD10) Tenshin Nasukawa, Feb. 24 Next: TBAEditor's note: Roman Gonzalez, Juan Francisco Estrada and Emmanuel Rodriguez have been removed for inactivity.JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT (UP TO 115 POUNDS)1. Jesse Rodriguez Previous ranking: 1Record: 22-0, 15 KOs Last: W (TKO10) Phumelele Cafu, July 19 Next: Nov. 22 vs. Fernando Martinez2. Fernando Martinez Previous ranking: 2Record: 18-0, 9 KOs Last: W (UD12) Kazuto Ioka, May 11 Next: Nov. 22 vs. Jesse Rodriguez3. Kazuto Ioka Previous ranking: 3Record: 31-4-1, 16 KOs Last: L (UD12) Fernando Martinez, May 11 Next: TBA4. Phumelele Cafu Previous ranking: 4Record: 11-1-3, 8 KOs Last: L (TKO10) Jesse Rodriguez, July 19 Next: TBA5. Carlos Cuadras Previous ranking: 5Record: 44-5-1, 28 KOs Last: W (UD10) Luis Guzman Torres, May 15 Next: TBA6. David Jimenez Previous ranking: 6Record: 18-1, 12 KOs Last: W (KO11) Kenbun Torres, July 20 Next: TBA7. Suzumi Takayama Previous ranking: 7Record: 9-0, 8 KOs Last: W (TKO2) Isao Aoyama, Nov. 12 Next TBA8. Willibaldo Garcia Perez Previous ranking: 8Record: 23-6-2, 13 KOs Last: W (SD12) Rene Calixto Bibiano, May 23 Next: Dec. 27 vs. Kenshiro Teraji9. Andrew Moloney Previous ranking: 9Record: 27-4, 17 KOs Last: W (KO3) Jakrawut Majungoen, Dec. 15 Next: TBA10. Charlie Edwards Previous ranking: 10Record: 21-2, 7 KOs Last: W (UD10) Salvador Juarez, Sept. 5 Next: TBAEditor's note: Kosei Tanaka retired and has been removed. KJ Cataraja has been removed for inctivity.FLYWEIGHT (UP TO 112 POUNDS)1. Ricardo Sandoval Previous ranking: 1Record: 27-2, 18 KOs Last: W (SD12) Kenshiro Teraji, July 30 Next: TBA2. Kenshiro Teraji Previous ranking: 2Record: 25-2, 16 KOs Last: L (SD12) Ricardo Sandoval, July 30 Next: Dec. 27 vs. Willibaldo Garcia Perez3. Seigo Yuri Akui Previous ranking: 3Record: 21-3-1, 11 KOs Last: L (TKO12) Kenshiro Teraji, March 13 Next: TBA4. Francisco Rodriguez Jr. Previous ranking: 4Record: 40-6, 27 KOs Last: W (UD12) Galal Yafai, June 21 Next: TBA5. Masamichi Yabuki Previous ranking: 5Record: 18-4, 17 KOs Last: W (TKO12) Angel Ayala, March 29 Next: TBAJUNIOR FLYWEIGHT (UP TO 108 POUNDS)1. Rene Santiago Previous ranking: 1Record: 14-4, 9 KOs Last: W (UD12) Shokichi Iwata, March 13 Next: TBA2. Kyosuke Takami Previous ranking: 2Record: 10-0, 8 KOs Last: W (TKO10) Erick Rosa, July 30 Next: TBA3. Elwin Soto Previous ranking: 3Record: 21-3-1, 13 KOs Last: D (Split draw 10) Moises Caro, Nov. 23 Next: Nov. 29 vs. Erik Badillo Mares4. Carlos Canizales Previous ranking: 4Record: 28-3-1, 20 KOs Last: W (KO5) Petchmanee CP Freshmart, Aug. 1 Next: TBA5. Thanongsak Simsri Previous ranking: 5Record: 39-1, 34 KOs Last: W (SD12) Cristian Araneta, June 19 Next: TBASTRAWWEIGHT (UP TO 105 POUNDS)1. Oscar Collazo Previous ranking: 1Record: 13-0, 10 KOs Last: W (TKO7) Jayson Vayson, Sept. 20 Next: TBA2. Pedro Taduran Previous ranking: 2Record: 19-4-1, 13 KOs Last: W (UD12) Christian Balunan, Oct. 26 Next: TBA3. Melvin Jerusalem Previous ranking: 3Record: 25-3, 12 KOs Last: W (UD12) Siyakholwa Kuse, Oct. 29 Next: TBA4. Knockout CP Freshmart Previous ranking: 4Record: 28-1, 11 KOs Last: W (TKO4) Saichon Wongwai, Aug. 27 Next: Dec. 4 vs. Carlos Canizales5. Yudai Shigeoka Previous ranking: 5Record: 9-2, 5 KOs Last: L (UD12) Melvin Jerusalem, March 30 Next: TBA As Canelo Alvarez enters a new and probably final era of his epic career, it is a good time to reflect on the most significant fights of his future Hall of Fame career.While the announcement that Canelo would face William Scull -- a boxer little known beyond hardcore boxing fans -- was a little underwhelming, it is the start of a new chapter for the super middleweight boss.It marks Alvarez's first of four fights with Saudi Arabia's Riyadh Season and will offer him the chance to win back the IBF belt he was stripped of last year after he declined to fight the mandatory challenger Scull. A bigger fight also lies in wait for Alvarez (62-2-2, 39 KOs) -- if he wins -- against two-division undisputed champion Terence Crawford in September, which is likely to be the biggest boxing event of 2025.Becoming undisputed super middleweight champion again would be a major landmark in Alvarez's 20-year career, but there have been many others.Here's a look at the 11 biggest moments of one of this era's biggest boxing stars.11. Unanimous decision win vs. Matthew Hatton -- May 3, 2011Canelo Alvarez, right, defeated Matthew Hatton by unanimous decision in 2011 to win a vacant junior middleweight world title. Jae C. Hong/APAt just 20 years of age, Alvarez won his first world title with a dominant decision win over Hatton, brother of two-weight world champion Ricky Hatton."This was my first world title shot, but it's the first of many and I'll win them all for my fans, I'm going to be the next big name of Mexico," Canelo said after the fight.He was not wrong.Alvarez won the vacant WBC junior middleweight title and for many boxing fans, it was the first time they had seen him in action.Canelo, who had already been a professional for five years, earned landslide scores of 119-108 on all three scorecards at the Honda Center in Anaheim, California. He was docked a point for hitting Hatton out of a clinch but otherwise won every round."I knew straight away he was a super fighter -- he was very strong and picked his punches so well. It was a painful night for me," Hatton told ESPN in 2021. "I was a career welterweight and he had a huge size advantage over me so I was really up against it. It was like going into battle with a pea shooter."10. Unanimous decision win vs. Shane Mosley -- May 5, 2012Canelo Alvarez, left, landed 52% of his punches in a unanimous decision win over Shane Mosley in 2012. Jake Roth/USA TODAY SportsFor the second successive year, Canelo recorded a career-changing win on Cinco de Mayo weekend, and this triumph was the launchpad to bigger fights.Mosley, 40 at the time, was a shadow of his former self, with declining reflexes and speed. But claiming a victory over a boxing legend was an important boost for the then 21-year-old's career and profile.Canelo's unanimous decision win was chief support to Floyd Mayweather's win over Miguel Cotto at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas and rocked Mosley multiple times as he landed 348 of 673 punches (52%)."I didn't expect him to be that fast or that good," Mosley said of Canelo after the fight. "He's up there with the top guys I've faced. Mayweather is fast, Cotto, all those guys I fought. He's up there with them."9. Unanimous decision win vs. Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. -- May 6, 2017Canelo Alvarez, right, easily defeated Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. at the T-Mobile Arena in 2017, winning every round in all three judges' scorecards. Tom Hogan - Hoganphotos/Golden Boy PromotionsNational pride was never in doubt when Canelo moved up to super middleweight and utterly dominated Chavez on Cinco de Mayo weekend -- and then immediately announced he would be fighting unified middleweight champion Gennadiy Golovkin on Sept. 16, Mexican Independence Day weekend.The most exciting part about the unanimous 120-108 scores in a one-sided, predictable fight at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas was the launchpad to a very entertaining Canelo vs. Golovkin trilogy.The boxing world rejoiced at the confirmation of the long-awaited showdown.Chavez was overmatched and the fight overhyped, but his name (the son of the legendary Julio Cesar Chavez, a three-weight world champion) meant this was a big fight for Mexico. Canelo was much quicker against the biggest opponent he had ever faced. He had a 228-71 edge in punches landed and an 83-15 advantage in jabs landed.Canelo's victory cleared the way for Golovkin and perhaps gave Alvarez the confidence he could compete beyond middleweight.8. TKO8 win vs. Billy Joe Saunders -- May 8, 2021Canelo Alvarez, right, unified three super middleweight world titles with a Round 8 TKO win over Billy Joe Saunders in May, 2021 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. Al Bello/Getty ImagesAfter a vitriolic buildup, Canelo handed out a spiteful beatdown on Saunders in the super middleweight title unification clash.Saunders was hit with a pulverizing right uppercut in Round 8 that closed his right eye and caused enough damage that it forced his corner to stop the fight before the ninth round.Canelo enjoyed the final eighth round at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, as he waved to the 73,126 fans in attendance (a record for an indoor boxing event) as he inflicted damage that left Saunders needing surgery to repair a fractured right orbital bone.Saunders was tipped to give Alvarez problems with his southpaw movement and slick boxing, but Canelo delivered a performance that showed why he was considered a top pound-for-pound fighter. At the time of the stoppage, Saunders was down 78-74, 77-75 and 78-74 on the official scorecards. This win saw Canelo add the WBO title to his WBC and WBA super middleweight belts.7. Unanimous decision win vs. Miguel Cotto -- Nov. 21, 2015Canelo Alvarez, left, won his first middleweight world title with a unanimous decision victory over Miguel Cotto in 2015. AP Photo/John LocherCanelo became a two-weight world champion with a unanimous decision win over the popular Cotto.Cotto, 35, was 10 years older than Canelo, but his experience as a four-division world champion led many to believe Cotto was Canelo's toughest test since losing to Mayweather two years previously.But Canelo was too sharp and heavy-handed as he won the vacant WBC middleweight crown at Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas."I will always respect him and he's a great champion, but now it's my era," Alvarez said following the fight.Beating Cotto marked Alvarez as boxing's next big star following the retirement of Mayweather two months earlier, and this fight reportedly generated 900,000 pay-per-view buys. It also boosted Canelo's status in pound-for-pound lists.6. Majority decision loss vs. Floyd Mayweather -- Sept. 14, 2013Canelo Alvarez, left, suffered the first loss of his career in a majority decision against Floyd Mayweather in 2013. AP Photo/Eric JamisonAlvarez's first defeat only enhanced his reputation.Canelo lost a majority decision to Mayweather on the biggest stage at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, in an event billed as "The One."One judge scored it a draw, the others had it 117-111 and 116-112 to Mayweather, who took Canelo's WBC belt and defended his WBA title."Canelo is a young, strong champion. A great Mexican champion," Mayweather said following the fight. "I take my hat off to him and to Mexico. He can take a loss and bounce back."Mayweather made Alvarez miss like no other opponent was able to do against him. Mayweather's slick movement meant he could outbox Canelo for periods."I couldn't catch him, he was very elusive," Canelo said after suffering his first defeat.But Canelo's performance on Mexican Independence Day weekend, still elevated his career to an even higher level. The fight shattered the all-time record for highest-grossing pay-per-view fight of all time, generating $150 million in revenue from 2.2 million pay-per-view buys. This fight underlined Canelo's ability to generate revenue as one of boxing's biggest draws.5. TKO11 win vs. Caleb Plant -- Nov. 6, 2021Canelo Alvarez, right, sent Caleb Plant to the canvas twice in an 11th-round stoppage win in 2021. AP Photo/Steve MarcusAlvarez became the first undisputed world champion at 168 pounds when he stopped Caleb Plant in his eighth fight at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.Canelo squeezed a pinpoint left hook through Plant's guard to the temple followed by a right uppercut for the first knockdown in Round 11. He followed that up with a volley of punches to return an unsteady Plant to the canvas and secure victory."It means so much to me, for the history of Mexico, to be an undisputed champion," said Alvarez, who earned a guaranteed $40 million.Plant was behind on all three scorecards at the time of the stoppage: 96-94, 98-92 and 97-93. Canelo added Plant's IBF belt to his WBC, WBA and WBO super middleweight titles.It was Canelo's third stoppage in a row, a hot run of form that confirmed his status at the time as pound-for-pound No. 1.4. KO11 win vs. Sergey Kovalev -- Nov. 2, 2019Canelo Alvarez, right, won a light heavyweight world title with an 11th-round KO of Sergey Kovalev in 2019. AP Photo/John LocherAlvarez, the reigning middleweight world champion, moved up two weight divisions and 15 pounds to score an 11th-round knockout win over Kovalev to win the WBO belt at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.Considering the opponent (Kovalev was a career light heavyweight), this brilliant KO finish was better than those versus James Kirkland, Amir Khan, Plant and Liam Smith -- all worth checking out.The landmark win also saw a then-29-year-old Canelo become a world champion in a fourth weight class, a feat which leveled him with fellow Mexicans Juan Manuel Marquez, Erik "Terrible" Morales and Jorge "Travieso" Arce.It was a competitive fight early on, with Kovalev relying on his jab and Canelo targeting the body. Kovalev's size and jab limited Canelo's success, but Canelo was on top at the time of the stoppage 96-94 on two scorecards and 95-95 on the third. Canelo's speed, energy and combinations came to the fore in the later rounds before he landed a left hook to the jaw that staggered Kovalev, followed by a big right hand which left him draped over the ropes."It was a very close fight because he was defensive, he was closing up his guard. All he was doing was try to establish points, but we knew what was coming. Inevitably it would come, and everything came out the way we had planned," said Canelo, who earned a reported $35 million for the fight.Alvarez landed 133 of 345 punches (39%) and Kovalev landed 115 of 745 (15%), according to CompuBox statistics.3. Split draw vs. Gennadiy Golovkin -- Sept. 16, 2017The hyped first bout between Canelo Alvarez, left, and Gennadiy Golovkin in September 2017 ended in a controversial split draw. Joe Camporeale-USA TODAY SportsSome felt Golovkin was unlucky not to win their first fight, which ended in a split draw in 2017 at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.In the buildup to the fight, Golovkin-Canelo was compared to the thrilling and ferocious middleweight title fight between Marvin Hagler and Thomas Hearns in 1985. But Canelo did not engage enough with GGG to be a classic and Golovkin did not land the clean blows that have taken out nearly all his professional opponents up to that point. Alvarez attempted to counter Golovkin, who was the aggressor and busier.Canelo was hurt by the reaction to the first fight, which many gave to Golovkin. That fight did more than 1.3 million pay-per-view buys. One judge scored it even, another 115-113 to GGG while a third judge was heavily criticized for a 118-110 verdict for Canelo."This is terrible for sport, for boxing," Golovkin said after the fight.Canelo was even booed by some fans following the announcement of a draw, but this fight was the beginning of a trilogy that would cement Canelo's career, and gave him the opportunity to get the better of one of the best middleweight champions in boxing history to silence criticism.2. Majority decision win vs. Gennadiy Golovkin -- Sept. 15, 2018Canelo Alvarez, left, defeated Gennadiy Golovkin by majority decision in their rematch on Sept. 15, 2018 in Las Vegas. Tom Hogan/Golden Boy/Getty ImagesA positive PED test for Alvarez in March 2018 forced the rematch to be postponed, and cast more bad blood into the mix, and they entered their second fight despising each other. Alvarez blamed tainted meat consumed in his native Guadalajara for the positive test.The second fight at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas was better and so was Alvarez. The majority decision in his favor was also debated, but it wasn't as hotly disputed as the first encounter. Once again, there were no knockdowns as Canelo won by scores of 115-113 twice, with a third scoring it a 114-114 draw. Canelo was the aggressor and backed up GGG, handing him his first professional defeat for the best win of his career."He was the one who was backing up, it was a clear victory," Canelo said after the fight.The victory gave Canelo the chance to move away from GGG, going 7-1 in his next eight fights before their trilogy fight.1. Unanimous decision win vs. Gennadiy Golovkin -- Sept. 17, 2022Canelo Alvarez, right, retained his undisputed super middleweight championship with a decision victory against Gennadiy Golovkin in their trilogy fight in September 2022. AP Photo/John LocherCanelo's trilogy with Golovkin, also at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas, is a story of controversy, redemption and finally triumph for Alvarez.The final fight, four years after the second, was not as entertaining as the first two, as Canelo emerged a clear winner over a then 40-year-old Golovkin. Alvarez retained his undisputed super middleweight crown with a unanimous decision victory after scorecards of 115-113, 115-113 and 116-112.But what was important is that the victory helped Canelo to settle the trilogy with a must-needed win to respond to a decision loss to Dmitry Bivol at light heavyweight just four months earlier."Everybody knows this is high-level class. This is the best fighter in boxing. Everyone knows who is Canelo," Golovkin said. "This fight is more tactical. Today, Canelo is better. Congrats to Canelo."Canelo has been unbeaten since. Nov 5, 2025, 11:39 AM ETWith 17 weight classes in boxing and four major sanctioning bodies that bestow world titles, keeping track of who holds each of the belts can be difficult -- especially when there are sometimes multiple titlists in each organization because of interim and secondary belts.To make it easier for boxing fans, below is a quick reference chart of who holds each of the titles in the four organizationsTo check the top 10 fighters in each division, visit ESPN's divisional rankings.For a list of the best fighters regardless of weight class, check ESPN's pound-for-pound rankings.Heavyweight (Unlimited)WBO: Oleksandr Usyk*IBF: Oleksandr UsykWBA: Oleksandr Usyk**WBC: Oleksandr Usyk****Fabio Wardley is the WBO heavyweight interim champion**Kubrat Pulev is the WBA "regular" heavyweight champion, and Fabio Wardley is the WBA interim heavyweight champion***Agit Kabayel is the WBC heavyweight interim championCruiserweight (200 lbs.)WBO: Gilberto RamirezIBF: Jai OpetaiaWBA: Gilberto RamirezWBC: Badou JackLight heavyweight (175 lbs.)WBO: Dmitry Bivol*IBF: Dmitry BivolWBA: Dmitry Bivol**WBC: David Benavidez*Callum Smith is the WBO light heavyweight interim champion**David Benavidez is the WBA "regular" light heavyweight championSuper middleweight (168 lbs.)WBO: Terence CrawfordIBF: Terence CrawfordWBA: Terence Crawford*WBC: Terence Crawford***Caleb Plant is the WBA super middleweight interim champion**Christian Mbilli is the WBC super middleweight interim championMiddleweight (160 lbs.)WBO: Janibek AlimkhanulyIBF: Janibek AlimkhanulyWBA: Erislandy LaraWBC: Carlos AdamesJunior middleweight (154 lbs.)WBO: Xander ZayasIBF: Bakhram MurtazalievWBA: Abass Baraou*WBC: Sebastian Fundora***Jaron Ennis is the WBA junior middleweight interim champions.**Vergil Ortiz Jr. is the WBC junior middleweight interim championWelterweight (147 lbs.)WBO: Brian Norman Jr.IBF: Lewis CrockerWBA: Rolando RomeroWBC: Mario BarriosJunior welterweight (140 lbs.)WBO: Teofimo Lopez Jr.IBF: Richardson HitchinsWBA: Gary Antuanne RussellWBC: Subriel Matias**Devin Haney is the WBC junior welterweight champion in recess, and Isaac Cruz is the WBC interim championLightweight (135 lbs.)WBO: VacantIBF: Raymond MuratallaWBA: Gervonta DavisWBC: Shakur StevensonJunior lightweight (130 lbs.)WBO: Emanuel NavarreteIBF: Eduardo NunezWBA: Lamont Roach*WBC: O'Shaquie Foster*Albert Batyrgaziev is the WBA junior lightweight interim championFeatherweight (126 lbs.)WBO: Rafael EspinozaIBF: Angelo LeoWBA: Nick BallWBC: Stephen Fulton**Rey Vargas is the WBC featherweight champion in recess and Bruce Carrington is the WBC interim featherweight championJunior featherweight (122 lbs.)WBO: Naoya InoueIBF: Naoya InoueWBA: Naoya InoueWBC: Naoya InoueBantamweight (118 lbs.)WBO: Christian MedinaIBF: Junto NakataniWBA: Antonio Vargas*WBC: Junto Nakatani*Nonito Donaire is the WBA bantamweight interim championJunior bantamweight (115 lbs.)WBO: Jesse RodriguezIBF: Willibaldo Garcia PerezWBA: Fernando Martinez*WBC: Jesse Rodriguez*David Jimenez is the WBA junior bantamweight interim championFlyweight (112 lbs.)WBO: Anthony OlascuagaIBF: Masamichi YabukiWBA: Ricardo SandovalWBC: Ricardo Sandoval**Francisco Rodriguez is the WBC flyweight interim championJunior flyweight (108 lbs.)WBO: Rene SantiagoIBF: ThanongsakSimsriWBA: Kyosuke TakamiWBC: Carlos CanizalesStrawweight (105 lbs.)WBO: Oscar CollazoIBF: Pedro TaduranWBA: Oscar CollazoWBC: Melvin Jerusalem