

# JORDON MURPHY RETURNS TO FIGHT IN FRONT OF HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY FRIDAY MAY 13TH AT PARX CASINO®

Jordon Murphy (2-0, 1K0), originally from Bensalem, PA, and now residing in Deerfield Beach, FL, will be returning to Bensalem to fight in front of his family and friends in a four-round super featherweight bout on Friday, May 13th at Parx Casino®. I had the pleasure to talk with Jordon Murphy and hear his thoughts on fighting in front of his hometown fans in his last fight at Live! Casino and Hotel in South Philly on February 24th. Jordan's career is still young, and he does not take for granted the fact that he gets to fight in front of his friends and family at this stage of his career.

## JORDON MURPHY Q&A

What are your thoughts on your last fight?

"My thoughts were that it was something new. We expected him to come out wild and everything but being in the ring is something different than watching videos it was a new experience it was a tough fight fighting someone that is wild and non-stop like him, it was a tough fight but we got through it and I wasn't that impressed with my performance but as long as we got the job done that all that counts and you will be seeing something different for the next fight."

Did you enjoy fighting at home for your last fight?

"I loved it and I always said that would my dream to fight in front of my family and friends and to do it in my second fight was an amazing experience. I couldn't ask for more it was wonderful having my family and friends out there it is a

different atmosphere than my first fight in Florida so having everyone so close to me in my life around to see that peak like not even a peak on that ladder I have been climbing for years now and to finally be that point to perform in front of them was amazing”

Do you feel this fight is different than your last fight since this one is in your hometown while the last fight was in South Philly?

“Not really we go into every fight doing what we worked on in camp so what we are doing will be the same thing it’s all about just getting used to it being around the crowd and having this arena around you that’s the only difference is the arena the ring and it is different people but we don’t pay attention to that in the ring we just noting different we go in there and do the same stuff we have been working on getting the job done.”

Do you enjoy the pressure of fighting at home?

“I don’t mind the pressure for me I feel like it is not the same for others like my dad for my last two fights when we were backstage, he asked are you nervous? And I said no it’s a dream come true I’m happy to be in the place that I’m at right now at the point where I finally reached my first goal of being a professional boxer and have all there are different experiences, I don’t feel this nervous pressure. I like the crowd that’s why my nickname is jiggy all that stuff excites me. It’s no pressure I like working out I like going to the gym I love boxing and like I love this, and this is my life and what I was raised to do. I’m so used to the pressure I have been on national stages multiple times throughout my career I have had pressure since I was eight years old like being in front of Floyd Mayweather and people the pressure was always on me but now as a pro its something I have gotten used to.”

What are some skills that you want to improve on for this fight?

"In this camp well they fight with Nasir I had a shoulder injury for a little bit and he kind of pulled my arm a little bit in the second round and I wasn't able to consistently throw that jab like I would have liked to. That is something we are working on to improve this camp is to build that shoulder strength up. we already got what we needed to be done for the shoulder. So we are back to normal and the main focus for this camp is building that jab and getting back to where it used to be and we didn't even know I had an injury until we got late into camp. So we had to do what we had to we had to fight through the pain and that's exactly what we did."

If you have one message for the fans what would it be?

"To my fans and family lie, I appreciate every little thing you guys do for me just clicking the like button on my Instagram is more than enough I'm just blessed to have you around I don't need anything in return from everyone this is my work I don't expect anything from everybody I'm going to work regardless but to have my friends and family supporting me as much as they do is more than I could ever ask for and I am truly blessed to have everyone in my corner and on my side supporting mine toward this whole thing ad I promise at the end of all this there will be a return for you all."

The live boxing event, which is produced by Joe Hand Promotions, will feature a six-round heavyweight bout between Sonny Conto (9-0, 7 KOs) out of Philadelphia, PA going up against Justin Rolfe (7-3-1, 5 KOs) fighting out of Fairfield, ME.

2021 Briscoe "Prospect of the year" Shinard Bunch (18-1-1, 15 KOs) out of Trenton, NJ will look to continue his 17-fight undefeated streak when he competes in an eight-round super lightweight fight.

The always entertaining Christopher Burgos (3-5-1, 1 KO), of North Philadelphia, PA, will face Philip Davis (2-5-1) of Worcester, MA, in a six-round lightweight contest.

Making his debut on the card will be 2014 Pennsylvania Golden Gloves champion Karl Wylie out of Coatesville, PA.

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**AUDIO: Jordon Murphy just minutes after his win over Nasir Mickens**

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**VIDEO: Jordon Murphy just minutes after his win over Nasir Mickens**

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# **Sonny Conto Remains Undefeated with Unanimous Decision over Mike Marshall in Philadelphia**

PHILADELPHIA—Sonny Conto remained undefeated with a six-round unanimous decision over Mike Marshall in front of a capacity crowd at Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia.

The show was promoted by Joe Hand Promotions.

Conto dominated the fight as he was able to land hard shots to the head and body. He was very effective with his jab that eventually set up some nice straight rights and left hooks to the body. Marshall showed a good chin, but was never able to get any consistent offense of his own on-track.

Conto, 226.1 lbs of Philadelphia won by shutout margins of 60-54 on all cards is 9-0. Marshall, 248.8 lbs of Danbury, CT is 6-3-1.

Sonny Conto Talks about his unanimous decision win over Mike Marshall

In a crowd pleasing slugfest, Bryce Mills won a six-round unanimous decision over Daiyaan Butt in a super lightweight battle.

In round one, Mills was cut on the left side of the forehead from an apparent headbutt.

Mills was very aggressive throughout the contest, which proved to be the difference in the fight. Butt was able to counter, which set off some nice exchanges.

In round six, Butt was cut badly over his right eye.

Mills, 141.9 lbs of Liverpool, NY won by scores of 60-54 and 58-56 twice to raise his mark to 8-1. Butt, 143.4 lbs of Philadelphia is 10-2.

Carlos Marrero won a six-round unanimous decision over Christopher Burgos in a super lightweight bout.

Marrero, 136.2 lbs of Bridgeport, CT won on all cards by 58-56 scores and is now 3-6-3. Burgos, of North Philadelphia is 3-5-1.

D'Angelo Fuentes remained undefeated with a six-round majority decision over Justice Bland in a featherweight bout.

Fuentes, 123.8 lbs of Coconut Creek, FL won by scores of 60-54, 59-55 and 58-56 to remain perfect at 7-0. Bland, 126 lbs of Brooklyn, NY is 5-2.

Eslih Owusu remained undefeated with a six-round unanimous decision over Evincii Dixon in a super welterweight fight.

Owusu, 155 lbs Worcester, MA won by scores of 60-54 twice and 59-55 and is now 7-0. Dixon, 155.2 lbs of Lancaster, PA is 10-28-2.

Jordon Murphy won a four-round unanimous decision over Nasir Mickens in a lightweight battle featuring undefeated fighters.

Mickens came storming out but was continuously picked apart by Murphy. Murphy, who is from Deerfield Beach, Florida but has a lot of roots in Bensalem, and it showed and was heard by a large throng of fans who came out to support him

Murphy, 128.8 lbs of Bensalem, PA won by scores of 40-36 on all cards and is now 2-0. Mickens, 129.4 lbs of Philadelphia is 2-1.

Quadeer Jenkins destroyed Rahiem Cooke in the opening round of their four-round middleweight fight.

Jenkins was all over Cooke, hurting him with the first punch and was relentless until referee Eric Dali stopped the fight 64 seconds into the contest.

Jenkins, 159.5 lbs of Trenton, NJ is 1-2 with one knockout.  
Cooke, 158.3 lbs of Philadelphia is 0-2.

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# Introducing                      Undefeated Fighters, D'Angelo Fuentes and Jordon Murphy

PHILADELPHIA (February 23, 2022)–Two undefeated fighters will make their Philadelphia debut as part of a big night of boxing that will take place tomorrow night at Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia.

D'Angelo Fuentes and Jordon Murphy, who are managed by Philadelphia native Jereme Cohen, will look to stay undefeated as the battle tough foes on February 24th.

Fuentes of Deerfield Beach, Florida is 6-0 four knockouts. He will be taking on Justice Bland (5-1, 2 KOs) in a six-round junior lightweight fight.

The 23 year-old Fuentes began boxing at the age of 14 as he was getting into trouble, and then he found the local PAL.

His amateur career was brief but productive as he went 21-4 as he won the Ringside World title.

He and Murphy are best friends, and the train under Steve Collazo

He hooked up with Cohen, who just happened to be Murphy's uncle to manage his career.

"Jereme will point and lead me in the right direction, and I



can't wait to see where he takes Jordon and I," said Fuentes.

"I fight in the aggressive-Mexican Style. I watch Roberto Duran, and am amazed how he just walked through everything. That is the style that I try use. I am Puerto Rican, but fight like a Mexican.

"I can't wait to fight on the same card as Jordon, who is like a brother to me."

On Bland, Fuentes knows he is in with someone who will test him, "I know he is tall, lanky and skilled. He is a good opponent for me, and I can't wait to get to Philadelphia and get things cracking."

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Murphy of Deerfield Beach, Florida, was born in Philadelphia has deep Philly roots and is pumped to perform in front of a large contingent of family and friends.

"Just about all of my family is from here. Even though I moved to Florida, I still have a huge fan base in Philly. My father is from South Philadelphia. Ironically he lives there, I will be the home fighter. He will feel that on fight night," said Murphy.

Murphy, 22 years-old is 1-0 with one knockout.

Born in Philadelphia, Murphy moved to Florida at three years-old

Murphy began fighting at age eight as his older brother and father were big fans of The Rocky films. His brother began to box, and after watching his older sibling, Jordon wanted to box when he turned eight years-old.

Jordon had a distinguished amateur career that saw him register a 97-9 record and he won The Junior Golden Gloves,

Ringside World and National Silver Gloves championships.

He turned professional with a 2nd round stoppage over Steven Merrill on August 21, 2021 in Hallandale, Florida.

Murphy has been managed by Cohen, who just happens to be his uncle. Jordon's father and uncle were big boxing fans, with Cohen wanting to get involved and manage a fighter. Cohen did not have to look far as he had a budding star in his own family, and then took over the career of his nephew.

"My father just wanted to keep me on the right path. My uncle knows how to communicate and so far it's been great."

Murphy describes his style as fast, flashy and unpredictable.

On his fight with Mickens, Jordon said, "It seems like he is a big talker. I am a humble guy. I do not talk trash. Let him do that. I do all of my talking in the ring."

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## **PHILADELPHIA-AREA BORN FIGHTER PREPARING TO ENTER RING AT LIVE! CASINO ON FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

Professional fighter, Jordon Murphy, born in Bensalem, PA, and currently fighting out of Deerfield Beach, FL, will put his 1-0 record on the line when he faces Nasir Mickens (2-0, 1 KO), of Philadelphia, PA, in a four-round, lightweight bout at Live! Casino in South Philadelphia on Thursday, February 24. The fight is one of eight fights featured that evening.

Tickets at \$50, \$75 and \$125 are on sale now at <https://philadelphia.livecasinohotel.com/events-and-shows/joe-hand-boxing> and at AXS.com or by calling 215-364-9000. Must be 21 or older to attend.

Here is a question and answer with Murphy for consideration as a preview to the fight and a profile of a fighter.

What got you into boxing?

"Being born in Philadelphia you know Rocky is a huge part of that city, so I grew up a lot watching Rocky with my brother. Then I moved to Florida at a young age, and my brother was so influenced by Rocky, he begged my dad to sign him up for boxing, and we all were playing baseball. It just so happened that my old boxing coach, Butch Santy, came around somehow and started talking to my dad. They started to talk about boxing and then he (Butch) was like I'm opening a boxing gym in a few months and that is how it started, following in my brother's footsteps."

What do you enjoy the most about boxing/fighting?

"Basically everything about it. There is not one specific thing I can say. I love the training. Most people don't like running. I enjoy running; I enjoy the workouts we do; I love sparring; I love being in the ring. What I like the most is seeing myself improve every time I step into the ring and learn new things.

Is there current or former fighters that you took pieces of their style from and implemented into your game?

"I would definitely say Sugar Ray Leonard was a big part of that. I watched Sugar Ray as a kid and then Floyd Mayweather came around. Floyd Mayweather was a huge star, and then Manny Pacquiao and Canelo Alvarez. I like watching those type of guys. They all have a unique style that you don't usually see in boxers."

Did you always want to be a boxer?

"So like I said, at first it was baseball. That was really the

first sport I started playing, and I was really good at it. I always thought I was going to be a professional baseball player, but the first time I stepped into a gym was on my birthday, and that was the only thing I asked my dad for. I said I do not want anything for my birthday; I just want you to put me in boxing. Since the first day, I fell in love with it. My mom was pregnant with my little brother, and every day she would drive us to the gym, and it was something I really admired.”

What is the biggest life lesson you have learned in boxing?

“Definitely you learn a lot of discipline being in boxing. You know how to control your anger a little more. Nobody is perfect. Everyone gets mad, but me personally, I do not like getting mad. Boxing has helped with that over the years. I feel like my temper has gotten a lot better than when I was a kid, and also my discipline and wisdom, as well as how to speak to people when you’re interacting with people nonstop throughout your career. As a kid, I won 4 national titles, 7 regional titles and 12 state titles, so the attention was always on me, and I always had to interact with older people coming up to me. So, it definitely taught me a lot over the years.”

After your last fight, what is something that you have been working on that you want to showcase in the ring?

“It literally is those two things that you said were exactly what I needed to work on. I have watched my pro debut every day, and you start taking little pieces off. I did see I was fighting off of my front foot a lot. Obviously, it’s not good. You have to be sitting on your back foot to generate more power. So, something I have been working on a lot is sitting down more on my back foot and picking up my left hand. Watching Floyd Mayweather throughout my whole life, you probably know from seeing a lot of younger boxers, a lot of kids do the Philly shell now and try to mimic the Floyd Mayweather stance. But in professional boxing, that does not

work.”

What do you find the most rewarding or gratifying in boxing?

“I think the most special part about boxing is definitely winning. That is a huge aspect. You never want to lose; you never want an L on your record even though you can’t be scared to have that on your record. A lot of champions who are still Hall of Famers have multiple L’s on their record. So it’s not something you should be scared of. It’s just something nobody wants. Definitely something special is having those people around you supporting you as well. They walk you step by step. Having my coach teach me new things and learning new things throughout the years, those things are special to me, knowing that I can get better and do better every time I’m in the gym.”

Who are your biggest supporters outside the ring?

“For sure, my girlfriend. I met my girlfriend a few years back. She’s my ride-or-die for sure. She has always had my back. She makes sure I’m eating well, going to the gym and doing the things I need to do. She helps me edit pictures; she does a lot too. She is definitely my number 1. My dad is also like my best friend. He is the one that put me into this sport, and he has been nothing but supportive of me and moving forward in the future. My whole family, I have a big family, I have my mom, my 2 older brothers, my younger brother, my younger sister, my uncle, who is also my manager. So, I have a pretty big team around me. Those people definitely hold a big spot in my heart. Without them, I wouldn’t be able to do this. The support they give is something special for sure.”