

# **After fighting through a broken rib, Mike Lee looks towards the future**

Chicago, Illinois (June 11, 2018) -Newly crowned NABO Light Heavyweight champion Mike Lee is eyeing a future world title opportunity after his latest conquest, where he fought through a broken rib in his 10-round unanimous decision over Jose Hernandez this past Friday night at AllState Arena in Rosemont, Illinois.

“And the NEW NABO Champ! Tough fight last night. I fractured my RIB in Round 2 and kept fighting 8 more rounds to a victory. It was not a pretty fight, and FAR from my best performance, But I’m proud of myself for pushing through the pain and doing whatever it took to get the W. THANK YOU for all the love and support last night. It means the world. 21-0 !! @ Allstate Arena.”, Lee said on his Facebook account after the fight.

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## **Mike Lee Breaks Rib in 1st round and despite not being able to breathe, defeats Jose Hernandez to claim NABO Light**

# Heavyweight title

Chicago, Illinois (June 9, 2018) -WBO number-3 ranked light heavyweight contender Mike Lee Broke his rib in the 1st round, but still claimed the NABO Light Heavyweight title with a 10-round unanimous decision over Jose Hernandez at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Illinois.

Lee pressed the action as he looked to land power shots early. Hernandez fought gamely, but Lee was consistent with his right and left hands.

Lee showed incredible heart, as in round one, he suffered a broken rib and had trouble breathing throughout the whole ten round fight.

Hernandez was cut from Lee's work, and the Notre Dame graduate cruised home with the victory by scores of 97-93 on all judges cards.

With the victory, Lee remains perfect with a record of 21-0, and will now look to face any of the world champions in either the light heavyweight or super middleweight divisions.

"I came out wanting the knockout," said Lee. "I give credit to Jose, he was tough. I got a little excited early, and I was a little sloppy. In the beginning, I was just throwing power shots, I wasn't double jabbing and using my athletic ability. Every fight is a learning lesson, and tonight I had to bite down and get the win."

With the win, Lee will now look to challenge any of the champions and big names in and around his weight class.

"Let's go. I want a shot at the world title. Whether it is at 168 pounds or 175 pounds, I am just waiting on a phone call. We wanted to fight Julio Cesar Chavez, Jr., but I don't know what happened with that. I just want someone with the belt."

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# Renaissance Man Mike Lee inching towards a world title shot

Chicago, Illinois (June 5, 2018) -There might not be a more well-rounded fighter on the planet.

Mike Lee (20-0, 11 KOs), who takes on Jose Hernandez (19-3-1, 9 KOs) this Friday night for the WBO Junior World Light Heavyweight World Title at The Allstate Arena in Chicago, brings all the intangibles that one would want in a professional athlete.

The card will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network (9 PM ET) with an all-star announce team of International Boxing Hall of Famer Barry Tompkins and renowned Teddy Atlas.

Lee has not taken the route that most fighters take to get to the door of competing for a world title.

There isn't the big name promoter. In fact there is no promoter at all. In a day when most fighters are afraid to test themselves, Lee's last five opponents (Including Hernandez) have a combined record of 78-10-5.

Does Lee, take a vacation or just relax between fight? No he doesn't, you have just as much chance to see Lee talking to major corporations or being a national spokesperson for a major company as you do as seeing him raising money for cancer stricken children.

Lee also brings a heart and determination into the ring as he battled and overcame autoimmune disease

“Training camp in Los Angeles has been great. We had a good camp, I am 20-0 for a reason,” said Lee.

“I am not looking past Hernandez, but my dream is to win a world championship one day. June 8th is a step towards that. I have everything in my body and mind towards that, and when I am determined, I am very difficult to beat.”

When Lee talks about what motivated to speak to companies around the country, it was that illness that almost derailed his career that came to mind.

“My career was almost taken away with autoimmune disease, and I wanted to tell my story. I have been lucky to speak to people and give techniques of visualization and mindset.”

“I am excited to fight in my hometown with a great crowd. I love fighting in a bigger venue which is a phenomenal arena. I have waited for this moment, and I can’t wait for Friday night.”

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# **WORLD RANKED LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT MIKE LEE**

Chicago, Illinois (June 4, 2018) -When WBO number-3 ranked light heavyweight contender Mike Lee (20-0, 11 KOs) takes on Jose Hernandez (19-3-1, 9 KOs) this Friday night at The Allstate Arena in Chicago. The card will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network (9 PM ET) with an all-star announce team of International Boxing Hall of Famer Barry Tompkins and renowned Teddy Atlas.

Tompkins, who has been calling the biggest fights in the world for nearly 40 years, has seen his share of fighters, but not many with the versatility of a fighter who could be speaking to corporate America one day, and competing at a championship level in the ring... the very next day.

"This fight will be a nice little test for Lee. This is something that he has been striving for a long time, and I will be happy to see him get that chance that he has been wanting. It is a real opportunity for him to show himself as one of the great fighters around," said Tompkins.

Lee, who is one of a real select few that is able to give motivational speeches to Fortune-500 companies, is a national spokesperson for major corporations, and be a world class fighter all wrapped up in one.

Lee, who holds a finance degree from Notre Dame, spends time and money for kids diagnosed with terminal cancer, so he is always fighting for a higher cause

"He is a very sellable guy whether he fights or not, and that's the thing. He has the opportunity to be a real spokesman, not only for himself but for the sport of boxing in general. He is that in general He can really fill a room and he is excellent at dealing with all walks of life and all

generations of people. I haven't been around too many that can do that. "Sugar" Ray Leonard comes to mind who can do that. Leonard has a very galvanizing personality, and Mike has a lot of that in him. He is very good spokesperson for the sport."

With a win on Friday night, Lee could be just a fight or two away for fighting for a coveted world championship.

"I know that is something he has looked forward to. I am in favor of him getting an opportunity. His record says that he is worthy of an opportunity."