

Undefeated and number-one ranked Julian “J Rock” Williams ready for Jermall Charlo next

PHILADELPHIA (MAY 31, 2016)—On May 21, three of the four world championships in the hot junior middleweight division were contested as Erislandy Lara defended his WBA title with a unanimous decision over Vanes Martirosyan; Jermall Charlo defended his IBF title with a unanimous decision over former champion Austin Trout and Jermell Charlo scored a come-from-behind stoppage over John Jackson to capture the WBC belt.

Sitting ringside was IBF number-one ranked contender, undefeated Julian “J Rock” Williams. Williams was a very interested observer and was interviewed on the SHOWTIME® broadcast with his thoughts on the happenings of the evening.

“Jermell did his thing. I thought he was losing but Jermell has a clutch gene. He comes through in close fights. He knows what it’s like to be in tough. He’s doing well under Derrick James. He looked better on TV than he did live at the fight. He was losing but he was walking Jackson down. The sand was running out of the hour glass for Jackson. Jermell can punch better than his record indicates. And that style would be better for him because people always called him boring but it was nothing boring about the KO,” said Williams.

“Lara did what he always does. He boxed and moved and he won.”

” I honestly didn’t think Trout would last with Jermall. I was surprised at how competitive that fight was. Jermall has every advantage over Trout on paper but fights aren’t won on paper. Trout proved something. I was actually going to congratulate him but I heard him say to Jermall “smack J Rock for me”. I

don't know what's up with these guys. He had a chance to fight me for a whole year and he asked another man to smack me. But that's old news Trout is out of the picture."

With that being, said the undefeated fighter from Philadelphia is focused in bring back the hardware back to the "City of Brotherly Love."

"My focus is on Jermall Charlo. It's going to be a great fight. I think he's a heck of a fighter. This is legacy defining. This is a real number-one contender against a real champion. This is a real mandatory. This is like Bernard Hopkins having to defend against Jermain Taylor. Or Jermain Taylor having to defend against Kelly Pavlik. Or Felix Trinidad having to fight Oba Carr. This is a real fight and I'm excited. I'm excited to test my skills against one of the best young fighters in the game.

Even though, Williams was ringside, he just wanted to observe and take mental notes of the perspective future opponents.

"I didn't get in the ring like Charles Hatley did because that's not my style. Hatley is a talented fighter. I remember him from the amateurs but to each his own. Jermall and Jermell deserve respect and most importantly I know the difference between the two brothers. Hatley got in the ring with Jermall who has to fight me, instead of Jermell who has to fight him. That was Jermall's moment to shine he had just won a tough fight. Everybody knows he has to fight me. There would be no need for me to get in the ring."

Even though Williams has been avoided, the powers that be in boxing can not keep Williams from realizing his dreams, and that opportunity will be coming sooner rather than later.

"From my understanding we have to come to an agreement in June. I believe in the IBF. They seem to enforce their mandatory bouts. The IBF did not rank me number-one, not to have me fight for their belt. Jermall said making weight

wasn't that bad. He hired a chef. I know he's prideful. He's a champion. He feels he's better than me, I feel I'm better than him. There is only one way to prove it. Let's fight."

I can't get into details but I believe the fight will be in September as the co- main to a BIG card. I'm super excited to finally get this opportunity.