

## **GREEKS IN THE NEWS**

### **GEORGE “FEROCIOUS” KAMBOSOS, JR.**



Twenty-seven-year-old Greek Australian George Kambosos, Jr. is on the verge of stardom in the boxing ring. The lightweight (130-135 Lbs) is a perfect 18-0 in his professional career so far and has had an extremely eventful year and a half. He started 2019 with a unanimous decision victory over Rey Perez at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, which was only Kambosos' second fight on US soil. The fight was on the undercard of Manny Pacquiao's victory over Adrien Broner. In June of last year, Kambosos fulfilled one of his boyhood dreams and headed to Greece to fight at the sold-out Galatsi Olympic Arena, and he didn't disappoint by knocking out Venezuelan Richard Pena, thrilling thousands of Greeks in attendance. Finally, in December, Kambosos, known as "Ferocious," made his debut at Madison Square Garden in New York City and dispatched former IBF Lightweight Champion Mickey Bey by a split decision, putting himself squarely on the radar of the top promoters.



Now ranked the #3 Lightweight in the world, Kambosos was looking forward to a fight with Welshman Lee Selby next month, but it was canceled due to COVID concerns. In the meantime, two lightweight champions – American Teofimo Lopez (IBF champion) and Ukrainian Vasiliy Lomachenko (WBO, WBA, and WBC champion) – are scheduled to fight October 17 on ESPN, with the winner probably facing the winner of Selby and Kambosos when they eventually do fight. The Sydney native Kambosos was very disappointed that his fight with Selby was canceled, especially considering the Lopez / Lomachenko fight is still going to take place. “Things change and when you keep focusing on that dream, that goal, the public start to realize who the top dog in Australia is, who the guy who's been out there making serious noise and who's on the cusp of a world title against not just anyone, on the cusp of fighting one of the all-time pound-for-pound greats in Lomachenko,” said Kambosos. Lomachenko is currently ranked the best pound-for-pound boxer in the world, and a chance to take on the best is what “Ferocious” is aiming toward. In the meantime, keep an eye out for Kambosos and keep reading this column as we’ll have you ready for his next fight when it does get announced.

## **GIANNIS ANTETOKOUNMPO**

In our last column, we told you that the Milwaukee Bucks were on the verge of elimination at the hands of the Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference Semifinals of the NBA. Unfortunately, the Heat took down Giannis Antetokounmpo and his Bucks, ending their season. The good news for Giannis, though, is that it’s now Awards Season. “The Greek Freak” already took home the NBA Defensive Player of the Year Award a few weeks ago, and just a couple days ago was named to the All-NBA First Team for the second

straight year. Giannis is certain to take home the league's top honor this week as the league's MVP, but now that the Bucks have been eliminated, questions abound as to whether or not Giannis will stay in Milwaukee. "It's too early to make that kind of decision, though right now I'm under contract with Milwaukee and I intend to stay here and bring a championship to this city." Only time will tell where Giannis winds up, but good things are certainly only beginning for the 25-year-old.

## ***THOUGHTS AND HUNCHES MAKING MONEY IN BUNCHES AND SUCKER PUNCHES***

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-Stonie