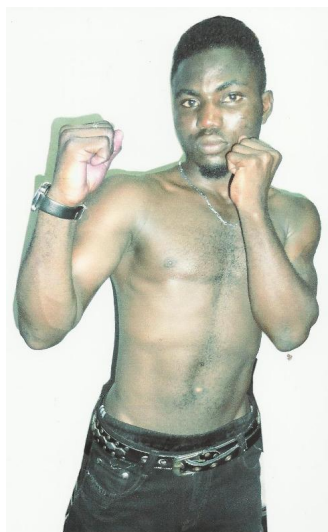


Rafael Mensah ready for tougher fights

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After claiming victory in his first fight outside Ghana and the experience that comes with it, young prospect Rafael Mensah is eyeing bigger fights in bigger boxing avenues. Mensah beat Nigerian Sunday Ajayi via a round 7 TKO in the Benin capital Cotonou last Saturday night to improve his burgeoning career record to 13-0, 11 KOs.

After the splendid performance in Benin, the 20 year old has been earmarked for top fights in 2012 but Rafael Mensah gets straight into action within two weeks when he co-features on the night dubbed 'Put up or Shut up' under the auspices of Landmark Promotions at the Lebanon House in Accra on Boxing Day December 26.

Mensah faces the challenge of Nigerian Prince Nurudeen in a lightweight contest and he says he is ready. "My dream is to be a world champion and I'm happy with the way my career has gone so far especially this year. I am ready to fight anytime, even if it's every week. We are going all the way to the top and nothing is stopping us," Rafael Mensah has told ALL SPORTS.

Meanwhile, in the main bout of the December 26 'Put up or Shut up' bill, Patrick Allotey (17-0, 15 KOs) takes on Burkinabe Patrice Sou Toke, also unbeaten (14-0, 7 KOs) for the vacant WBC international silver Welterweight title.

Also featuring are Joseph Lamptey against Isaac Selorm for the Ghana Light-Middleweight belt, world title chasing Maxwell Awuku versus Sunday Ajayi over 8 rounds as well as George Ashie against Benin's Nazaire Kpadonou, all super featherweight.

Also fighting is latest sensation Emmanuel Danso (7-0, 7 KOs), the pride of Kwahu who has vowed to give his fans at Kantamanto in the business hub of Accra, a Christmas gift with victory over Eric Kwadey. Habib Ahmed also faces George Banson on the same bill.