

Standardized Tournaments And Ratings System
AUTHENTICATED KICKBOXING RECORD

As of 1993 December 04

Revised: 2012 April 13



BENNY "THE JET" URQUIDEZ

Born: 20 June 1952

Citizenship: United States

Birthplace: Tarzana, CA, USA

Height: 5 foot 5½ inches (1.68 meters)

Martial Arts Background: Kenpo-Shotokan karate

judo

boxing

KICKBOXING RECORD

	Total	Wins	Losses	Draws	No Contests	Knockouts	Kick-Knockouts
Undocumented Bouts *1	9	9	0	0	0	9	4
Experimental Rules	24	24	0	0	0	21	6
International Rules	20	19	0	0	1	13	3
Full-Contact Rules	11	9	0	1	1	5	1
STAR SUMMARY RECORD	64	61	0	1	2	48	14
Asian Rules	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Thai Rules	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
SUMMARY TOTALS	67	62	1	2	2	49	14

RING STATISTICS

	Championship	Career
Qualifying Bouts	36	67
Rounds-Fought Average	4.7	4.0
Knockout Average	63.9%	73.1%
Kick-Knockout Average	13.9%	20.9%

ORIGIN OF NICKNAME

Dubbed “The Jet” by Darnel Garcia while he encouraged Benny from the sidelines to throw jump kicks during a match at a 1972 karate tournament held at Madison Square Garden in New York City. A year later, the Elton John song “Benny and the Jets” was released and soon rose to number-one on the music charts. The nickname *Benny “The Jet”* stuck ever after.

SPECIALTY FIGHTING SKILLS

Spin back kick, left hook, right cross: machinegun kick-punch combinations punctuated by jump kicks on the outside, bunches of punches on the inside, and train engine pacing that begins gradually in the early rounds but gains speed, power and pace as the bout progresses.

KICKBOXING TITLES

WKA Super Welterweight World Champion (154 lbs / 69.9 kg – International)
STAR Undisputed Welterweight World Champion (147 lbs / 66.8 kg – Without Clinch-Fighting)
WKA Welterweight World Champion (147 lbs / 66.8 kg – International)
MTBN Welterweight World Champion (66 kg / 145.5 lbs – International)
STAR Undisputed Super Lightweight World Champion (140 lbs / 63.9 kg – Without Clinch-Fighting)
WKA Super Lightweight World Champion (142 lbs / 64.5 kg – Full-Contact, Experimental, International)
PKA Lightweight World Champion (145 lbs / 65.8 kg – Full-Contact)
STAR Undisputed Super Welterweight World Champion (154 lbs / 69.9 kg – Without Clinch-Fighting)
NKL / IKL Lightweight World Champion (155 lbs / 70.4 kg – Experimental)
WPKO Lightweight World Champion (145 lbs / 65.8 kg – Experimental)
WSMAC Open Division Champion (Catchweight – Experimental Mixed Martial Arts)
WSMAC Lightweight Champion (175 lbs / 79.5 kg – Experimental Mixed Martial Arts)

AWARDS & HONORS

1999 Martial Arts Hall of Fame (*Martial Arts Online* magazine, [Martial Info.com](http://MartialInfo.com))
1976-1984 STAR Career Champion – Top-Rated Kickboxer of All Time (StarSystemKickboxing.net)
1978 Black Belt Hall of Fame – Competitor of the Year (*Black Belt* magazine)

1980 Kickboxing Hall of Fame – Fighter of the Year (*Official Karate* magazine)
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1986 Kickboxing Hall of Fame – Runner-Up Fighter of the Year (*Official Karate* & *American Karate* magazines)

Date	Result	Weight	Opponent	Location	Method	Round	Sanction Rules	Promoter	Corroboration	W-L-D,KO,KKO
Titles – Notes										
1993 Dec 04	WIN	154 lbs	Yoshihisa Tagami *2 (田上敬久)	“The Legend’s Final Challenge” Mirage Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, NV, USA	SPLIT DECISION	12	WKA International	Blinky Rodriguez	S videotaped 18,19,20, 38,39	53-1-2,40,10

Re-establishes Vacant WKA Super Welterweight World Title Vacates WKA Super Welterweight World Title											
1989 Aug 24	DRAW: M-WIN	150 lbs	Shinya Asuka *3 (飛鳥信也)	“Super Powers Clash” Tokyo Dome Tokyo, JAPAN	NO-DECISION DRAW	5	NJPW Asian	Seiji Sakaguchi	S	1,31,33,40	52-1-2,40,10
1985 Nov 16	WIN	147 lbs	Tom Larouche	Northridge, CA, USA	DECISION	12	WKA International	Ruben Urquidez	S	1,29	52-1-1,40,10
Re-establishes Vacant WKA Welterweight World Title STAR recognition as Undisputed Welterweight World Champion Vacates WKA Super Lightweight World Title Vacates WKA Welterweight World Title											
1984 Jan 15	WIN	145.5 lbs 66 kg	Iwan “The Tank” Sprang	Jaap Edenhal Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS	TKO (stopped)	5 (3:44)	MTBN International	Thom Harinck	S	1,10	51-1-1,40,10
Wins MTBN Welterweight World Title											
1983 Sep 12	WIN	142 lbs	“Iron” Fujimoto (アイアン藤本)	Korakuen Hall Tokyo, JAPAN	KO	6 (1:37)	WKA International	All Japan Promotion Co.	S	Ashai-TV Video 1 41	50-1-1,39,10
Retains WKA Super Lightweight World Title – 16th Defense											
1983 Jan 08	WIN	142 lbs	Kunimasa Nagae (長江国政)	Tokyo, JAPAN	KO	4	WKA International	All Japan Promotion Co.	S	Ashai- TV 42,43	49-1-1,38,10
Retains WKA Super Lightweight World Title – 15th Defense											
1982 Jun 21	WIN	142 lbs	Yutaka Koshikawa (越川豊)	Vancouver, BC, CANADA	KICK-KO (spin back kick)	6 (1:48)	WKA International	Cliff Loree	S	CBC-TV 44 Video 1, 2	48-1-1,37,10
Retains WKA Super Lightweight World Title – 14th Defense											
1982 Feb 02	WIN	154 lbs	Jesse Orrozzo	Queen Elizabeth Stadium British Hong Kong, CHINA	DECISION	6	WKA International	Russell Choi Reno Lam Simon Hung	S	TVB-TV	47-1-1,36,9
1981 Apr 09	WIN	142 lbs	Kong Fu Tak *4	Queen Elizabeth Stadium British Hong Kong, CHINA	KICK-TKO (cut)	4	WKA International	Russell Choi Reno Lam Simon Hung	S	TVB-TV 10,11 Video 3	46-1-1,36,9
Retains WKA Super Lightweight World Title – 13th Defense											
1980 Nov	WIN	None	Unreported #13 *5 (Chinese)	British Hong Kong, CHINA	KO (body)	4	NONE Thai	Unreported		3,10,52	45-1-1,35,8
Private Underground Event, STAR Excludes from STAR-rated Kickboxing Ratings											
1980 Aug 09	NC	154 lbs	Billye Jackson *6	West Palm Beach Auditorium West Palm Beach, FL, USA	NO CONTEST	7	WKA Full-Contact	Richard Stacey	S	10,14,17, 27 Video 4	44-1-1,34,8
WKA Ruling Transmutes Outcome to No-Contest											
1980 Apr 19	WIN	142 lbs	Frank Holloway *7	Vancouver, BC, CANADA	DECISION	9	WKA International	Mike Gorval	S	USA Cable- TV	44-1-1,34,8
Retains WKA Super Lightweight World Title – 12th Defense											
1980 Jan 26	WIN	142 lbs	Shinobu Onuki (大貫忍)	Tropicana Casino Hotel Las Vegas, NV, USA	KO (left hook)	7	WKA International	Howard Hanson	S	NBC-TV 2,5,12,45 Video 7	43-1-1,34,8
Retains WKA Super Lightweight World Title – 11th Defense											
1979	WIN	142 lbs	Unreported #12 (Mexican)	Tijuana, BJ, MEXICO	KO	4	WKA International	Angel Gutierrez		2	42-1-1,33,8
1979 Oct 01	WIN	142 lbs	Yoshimitsu Tamashiro (玉城良光)	Tokyo, JAPAN	DECISION	9	WKA AJKBA International	Tatsumi Okamura	S	Ashai- TV 2,5,46 Video 1	41-1-1,32,8
Retains WKA Super Lightweight World Title – 10th Defense											
1979 Sep 14	WIN	142 lbs	Frank Holloway	Ensenada, BJ, MEXICO	DECISION	9	WKA International	Angel Gutierrez	S	2,3	40-1-1,32,8
Retains WKA Super Lightweight World Title – 9th Defense											
1979	WIN	142 lbs	Unreported #11 (Thai)	Tijuana, BJ, MEXICO	KO	2	WKA International	Angel Gutierrez		2	39-1-1,32,8
1979 Jul 05	WIN	142 lbs	Unreported #10 (Canadian)	Northland Pavillion Edmonton, AB, CANADA	KO		WKA International	Frank Lee		2	38-1-1,31,8
1979 May 26	WIN	145 lbs	Mike Hollobaugh	West Palm Beach Auditorium West Palm Beach, FL, USA	KO (takedown injury)	1	WKA International	Don Haynes, Steve Shepherd		53	37-1-1,30,8
1979 May 02	WIN	142 lbs	Rick Simerly	South Lake Tahoe, NV, USA	KO	6	WKA	Howard	S	NBC-TV	36-1-1,29,8

Retains WKA Super Lightweight World Title – 8th Defense (PKA Lightweight World Title Vacated by Sanction in August 1978)											
1978 Aug 02	LOSS	None	Prayud Sittiboonlert (Prayout Srisontob - ประยูร สิทธีบุญเลิศ) *8	Denen Coliseum Tokyo, JAPAN	DEC	6	NCSF Asian	Kenji Kurosaki	S	1,6,13,26, 49 Video 6,8	35-1-1,28,8
STAR Classifies Bout as Modified Muay Thai, Excludes from STAR-Rated Kickboxing Ratings											
1978 Apr 29	WIN	142 lbs	Shinobu Onuki *9 (大貫忍)	Tokyo, JAPAN	TKO (injury)	3 (1:17)	WKA AJKBA Experimental	Tatsumi Okamura	S	Ashai- TV 2,5,6,45 Video 10,15	35-0-1,28,8
Retains WKA Super Lightweight World Title – 7th Defense AJKBA Ruling Transmutes Disqualification to No-Contest WKA Ruling Transmutes No-Contest to TKO upon Merger with AJKBA											
1978 Feb 04	EXB	None	Frank Lee	Edmonton, AB, CANADA	EXHIBITION	2	WKA International	Frank Lee	S		34-0-1,27,8
1978 Apr 10	WIN	142 lbs	Takeshi Naito *10 (内藤武)	Osaka, JAPAN	KICK-KO (jump spin back kick)	1 (1:16)	NCSF Experimental	Kenji Kurosaki	S	1,3,5,47 Video 8,10	34-0-1,27,8
1978 Apr 5	WIN	142 lbs	Dave Paul	Vancouver, BC, CANADA	TKO	4	WKA International	Jim Wright	S	2,5,6	33-0-1,26,7
Retains WKA Super Lightweight World Title – 6th Defense											
1977 Nov 14	WIN	142 lbs	Kunimatsu Okao *11 (岡尾国光)	“The Great War in Martial Arts” Nippon Budokan Hall Tokyo, JAPAN	KO	4 (1:31)	WKA AJKBA Experimental	Tatsumi Okamura, Ikki Kajiwara	S	Ashai-TV 2,5,9,10, 12,48 Video 1, 9, 10	32-0-1,25,7
Retains WKA Super Lightweight World Title – 5th Defense											
1977 Aug 02	WIN	142 lbs	Katsuyuki Suzuki *12 (鈴木勝幸)	“Real World Martial Arts Championship” Nippon Budokan Hall Tokyo, JAPAN	KO (left hook)	6	WKA AJKBA (NJPW) Experimental	Kanji “Antonio” Inoki, Tatsumi Okamura	S	2,3,5,10, 12,31,32, 49,50 Video 1,9, 10	31-0-1,24,7
Retains WKA Super Lightweight World Title – 4th Defense WKA Renames Weight Division STAR Historic Recognition as Undisputed Super Lightweight World Champion											
1977 Jul	WIN	145 lbs	Unreported #9 (Mexican)	Tijuana, BC, MEXICO	KICK-KO	1	WKA International	Angel Gutierrez		2	30-0-1,23,7
Retains WKA Lightweight World Title – 3rd Defense											
1977 Apr 23	WIN	145 lbs	Howard Jackson	Hilton Hotel Casino Las Vegas, NV, USA	TKO (stopped)	4 (1:26)	PKA Full-Contact	Don & Judy Quine	S	CBS-TV 5,10 Video 1,11	29-0-1,22,6
Retains PKA Lightweight World Title – 2nd Defense											
1977 Mar 12	NC	145 lbs	Narongnoi Kiatbandit *13	Grand Olympic Auditorium Los Angeles, CA, USA	NC	9	WKA International	Howard Hanson, Arnold Urquidez	S	2,3,5,10, 12,28 Video 5	28-0-1,21,6
WKA Lightweight World Title Bout – 1st Defense First Official WKA Sanctioned Event WKA Ruling Accepts California Athletic Commission’s No-Contest Declaration											
1976 Oct 01	WIN	145 lbs	Eddie Andujar	Los Angeles, CA, USA	TKO	8	PKA (WKA) Full-Contact	Howard Hanson, Don & Judy Quine	S	CBS-TV 2	28-0-1,21,6
Retains PKA Lightweight World Title – 1st Defense WKA Founded Immediately after Event by Principal Promoter, Recognizes as WKA Lightweight World Champion											
1976 Aug 28	WIN	145 lbs	Earnest Hart, Jr.	Neal Blaisdell Center Honolulu, HI, USA	DECISION	9	PKA Full-Contact	Howard Hanson, Don & Judy Quine	S	CBS-TV 6,10,12	27-0-1,20,6
Re-establishes Vacant PKA Lightweight World Title											
1976	WIN	155 lbs	Unreported #8 (Thai)	Tijuana, BJ, MEXICO	KICK-KO	3	NONE Full-Contact	Angel Gutierrez		2	26-0-1,20,6
1976 Jun	WIN	155 lbs	Sanun Plypoolsup	Dallas, TX, USA	DEC	8	NONE Full-Contact	Unreported		5,6,30	25-0-1,19,5

1976 Feb 14	DRAW	155 lbs	Earnest Hart, Jr. *14	Grand Olympic Auditorium Los Angeles, CA, USA	TDRAW (cut)	1	USCKC Full-Contact	Arnold Urquidez, Howard Hanson	S	2,10,37	24-0-1,19,5
USCKC Lightweight Title Bout											
1976	WIN	155 lbs	Unreported #7 (American)	Detroit, MI, USA	KO	1	IKL Experimental	Valerie Williams		6	24-0-0,19,5
Retains IKL / NKL Lightweight World Title – 8th Defense											
1975 Dec	WIN	155 lbs	Unreported #6 *15 (American)	Detroit, MI, USA	KO	2	NKL (IKL) Experimental	Valerie Williams	S	NBC-TV, ABC-TV 34	23-0-0,18,5
Retains IKL / NKL Lightweight World Title – 7th Defense IKL Ruling / STAR Finding transmutes disqualification											
1975 Oct 11	WIN	155 lbs	Unreported #5 (American)	Los Angeles, CA, USA	KO	3	NONE Full-Contact	Unreported		2	22-0-0,17,5
1975 Sep 21	WIN	160 lbs	Randy Sojot	Honolulu International Center Arena Honolulu, HI, USA	TKO	3	NONE Full-Contact	Howard Hanson, Mike Stone, Henry Awau	S	2,12	21-0-0,16,5
1975 Aug	WIN	155 lbs	Marcelino Torres	San Juan, PR, USA	KO	1 (0:29)	NKL Experimental	Unreported		10	20-0-0,15,5
Retains NKL Lightweight World Title – 5th Defense											
1975 Jul	WIN	155 lbs	Sammy Pace	Los Angeles, CA, USA	KO	1	NKL Experimental	Chuck Norris		6	19-0-0,14,5
Retains NKL Lightweight World Title – 4th Defense											
1975 Jun 28	WIN	155 lbs	Eddie Andujar	LA Stars vs. NY Puppets Los Angeles Sports Arena Los Angeles, CA, USA	DECISION	3	NKL Experimental	Chuck Norris		6,35	18-0-0,13,5
Retains NKL Lightweight World Title – 3rd Defense											
1975 Jun 21	WIN	175 lbs	Burnis White	Honolulu International Center Honolulu, HI, USA	TKO (toe injury)	2	WSMAC Experimental	Tommy Lee Marty Mains	S	8,22	17-0-0,13,5
Retains WSMAC Lightweight Title – 3rd Championship											
1975 Jun 21	WIN	175 lbs	Sanun Plypoolsup	Honolulu International Center Honolulu, HI, USA	TKO (cut)	2	WSMAC Experimental	Tommy Lee Marty Mains	S	5,8,22	16-0-0,12,5
1975 May 30	WIN	155 lbs	Ken Riley	Oakland, CA, USA	KO	2	NONE Experimental	Unreported	S	5	15-0-0,11,5
1975 May 16	WIN	175 lbs	Bill Henderson *16	Los Angeles Sports Arena Los Angeles, CA, USA	TKO (quits)	3 (0:28)	WSMAC Experimental	Tommy Lee Marty Mains	S	NBC-TV 5,8,21,22 Video 12	14-0-0,10,5
Retains WSMAC Lightweight Title – 2nd Championship											
1975 May 16	WIN	175 lbs	Roland Talton	Los Angeles Sports Arena Los Angeles, CA, USA	KICK-KO (knee as uppercut)	2 (2:04)	WSMAC Experimental	Tommy Lee Marty Mains	S	5,8,22 Video 13	13-0-0,9,5
1975 May 10	WIN	145 lbs	Tayari Casel *17	Nassau Veteran's Memorial Coliseum New York, NY, USA	DECISION	3	WPKO Experimental	Aaron Banks Bob Arum	S	ABC-TV 3,5,23,24	12-0-0,8,4
Establishes WPKO Lightweight World Title											
1975 Mar	WIN	155 lbs	Demetrius "The Greek" Havanas *18	Tarrant County Convention Center Ft. Worth, TX, USA	DECISION	3	NKL Experimental	Unreported	S	5,16,25	11-0-0,8,4
Retains NKL Lightweight World Title – 2nd Defense											
1975 Mar	WIN	155 lbs	Unreported #3 (American)	Atlanta, GA, USA	KICK-KO	2	NKL Experimental	Unreported	S	6	10-0-0,8,4
Retains NKL Lightweight World Title – 1st Defense											
1975 Mar	WIN	145 lbs	Ken Kolodziej	Milwaukee, WI, USA	KICK-KO (knee)	4	NONE Experimental	Dan Schroeder	S	6	9-0-0,7,3
1975 Feb	WIN	155 lbs	Butch Bell *19	Savanah, GA, USA	TKO	2	NKL Experimental	Chuck Norris, Arnold Urquidez	S	3,5,10,51	8-0-0,6,2
Establishes NKL Lightweight World Title STAR Historic Recognition as Undisputed Super Welterweight World Champion											
1974 Nov 15	WIN	Unlimited	Dana Goodson *20	Honolulu International Center Honolulu, HI, USA	DECISION	3	WSMAC Experimental	Tommy Lee Marty Mains	S	3,4,5,7,8, 10,12,15 Video 14	7-0-0,5,2
Establishes WSMAC Open Division Title											

1974 Nov 15	WIN	Lightweight	Burnis White	Honolulu International Center Honolulu, HI, USA	DECISION	3	WSMAC Experimental	Tommy Lee Marty Mains	S	3,7,8,10	6-0-0,5,2
Establishes WSMAC Lightweight Title											
1974 Nov 14	WIN	Lightweight	Bill Rosehill	Honolulu International Center Honolulu, HI, USA	TKO (quit)	3	WSMAC Experimental	Tommy Lee Marty Mains	S	7,8,10	5-0-0,5,2
1974 Nov 14	WIN	Lightweight	Futi Semanu	Honolulu International Center Honolulu, HI, USA	KO	2	WSMAC Experimental	Tommy Lee Marty Mains	S	7,8,10	4-0-0,4,2
1974 Nov 14	WIN	Lightweight	"Ironman" Tom Mossman	Honolulu International Center Honolulu, HI, USA	KICK-KO (footsweep)	3	WSMAC Experimental	Tommy Lee Marty Mains	S	7,8,10	3-0-0,3,2
1974 Nov 14	WIN	Lightweight	Unreported #2 *21 (American)	Honolulu International Center Honolulu, HI, USA	KICK-TKO	2	WSMAC Experimental	Tommy Lee Marty Mains		7,30	2-0-0,2,1
1974 Nov 14	WIN	Lightweight	Unreported #1 *21 (American)	Honolulu International Center Honolulu, HI, USA	KO	2	WSMAC Experimental	Tommy Lee Marty Mains		7,30	1-0-0,1,0

LEGEND



KICKBOXING

Any stand-up combative sport where competitors fight with kicks and punches for a knockout or multi-judge decision over scheduled rounds divided by rest periods. Throughout the 1980s, the STAR System World Kickboxing Ratings strictly distinguished between kickboxing which prohibited clinch-fighting and muay Thai which permitted clinch-fighting. STAR regarded kickboxing and muay Thai as different sports. Since that era, combative sports have become more broadly divided between kickboxing and mixed martial arts. Sanctioning bodies have embraced competition and established kickboxing titles under multiple rule formats. For the sake of the historic record, all prominent rule formats have been indicated within ring record compilations.

Predominant Kickboxing Rule Formats

Without Clinch-Fighting

INTERNATIONAL – low kicks and footsweeps allowed, no clinch-fighting, no throws (i.e. freestyle, boxe française-savate, WKA style)

FULL-CONTACT – no striking below the waist, no clinch-fighting, no throws, minimum or continual kick requirement (i.e. full-contact karate, American kickboxing, PKA style)

Clinch-Fighting Optional

EXPERIMENTAL – variable rule schemes from the early formative period of kickboxing (i.e. USKA, WSMAC, NKL), or special negotiated rules to enable a mix-match between contestants from otherwise different combative sports (i.e. kickboxer versus muay Thai fighter)

With Clinch-Fighting

ASIAN – low kicks and sweeps allowed, knees to body and legs allowed, limited clinch-fighting allowed, no throws (i.e. K-1, modified muay Thai, muay Euro, Japanese kick-boxing)

CHINESE – low kicks and sweeps allowed, knees to body and legs allowed, limited clinch-fighting allowed, throws and takedowns allowed (i.e. san shou, sanda)

THAI – low kicks allowed, knee and elbow strikes allowed, clinch-fighting permitted, no throws, scoring based on classic techniques (i.e. muay Thai, Thai boxing)

Sanctioning Groups

AJKBA – All Japan Kick-Boxing Association
(全日本キックボクシング協会)

NCSF – New Combative Sports Federation
(Shin-Kakutogi Federation – 新格闘術連盟)

MTBN – Muay Thai Bond Nederland (Netherlands Muay Thai Union)

Official Outcomes

DECISION – three judges score for the winner

MAJORITY DECISION – two judges score for the winner, one even

SPLIT DECISION – two judges score for the winner

DRAW – the judges score for both contestants evenly

MAJORITY DRAW – two judges score evenly

NJPW – New Japan Pro-Wrestling
(Shin Nihon Puroresu – 新日本プロレス)
NKL / IKL– National Karate League
(became International Karate League)
NONE – Independent promotion or smaller startup sanctioning group
PKA – Professional Karate Association
STAR – Standardized Tournaments And Ratings System
USCKC – United States Contact Karate Championships
WKA – World Kickboxing Association
WPKO – World Professional Karate Organization
WSMAC – World Series of the Marital Arts Championships

SPLIT DRAW – one judge scores for each contestant, one even
TDRAW – technical draw (fight stopped without basis for a decision)
KO – knockout
KICK-KO (KKO) – kick-knockout
KICK-TKO (TKKO) – technical kick-knockout
TKO – technical knockout
NO-CONTEST – outcome officially set aside
NO-DECISION – competitive bout conducted without judges
M-WIN – official draw or no-decision in which the contemporaneous media sports reporters express a dominant opinion about who won

STAR Equalization Findings

For purposes of world-rated kickboxing competition and record keeping, STAR equalization findings differentiated between amateur and professional bouts, excluded bouts from other related combative sports (boxing, muay Thai, grappling), as well as arbitrated any peculiarities that occurred in the early and unruly era of kickboxing's rapidly changing rules and uneven standards for fair competition. The [STAR System](#) had no interest in advancing one competitor over another and never interfered with a competitor's official kickboxing record beyond the aforementioned distinctions.

- *1 **Undocumented Bouts:** The STAR authenticated kickboxing record for Benny Urquidez documents all professional bouts for which some evidence could be located, while excluding any transitional pro-karate tournaments. The summary record count also includes 9 undocumented bouts which, based on the testimonials of WKA President Howard Hanson, STAR Administrator Paul Maslak, and Urquidez's brothers and managers, STAR believes also occurred.
- *2 **Urquidez v Tagami:** Despite a severe training injury to his left wrist, Urquidez refused to reschedule this bout. During the match, Urquidez slipped in round two, but continued to press the action in every round against an opponent who would not back down. Urquidez compensated for his diminished left hook with superior kicking attacks, edging out Tagami in most rounds. Tagami scored a flash-knockdown in round nine but, otherwise, neither contestant was hurt or ever in serious trouble. Fred Royers, the Japanese-requested judge and a former WKA world champion from Netherlands, scored the fight 116-113 for Urquidez. Judge Dayle Baykey, a WKA women's champion from BC, Canada, scored the fight 115-113 for Tagami. The final judge scored the fight 114-113 for Urquidez. At ringside, former world champions Bill "Superfoot" Wallace and Kathy Long thought the bout was close enough to be called a draw; whereas recently-retired world champion Don "The Dragon" Wilson, after reviewing the videotape as color commentator, concluded that Urquidez had won convincingly.
- *3 **Urquidez v Asuka:** 53,600 spectators. This non-title no-decision bout was promoted by New Japan Pro-Wrestling (NJPW), the group that originally helped introduce American kickboxers to Japan. Rules followed the Asian format: no throws, no elbows, but limited clinch-fighting permitted using knees strikes to the body. The NJPW reports the contestants fought for a knockout or draw; no judges. Shinya Asuka is sometimes translated into English as Nobuya Asuka, a variation of the same name Shinya.
- *4 **Urquidez v Kong:** This world title bout was contested under WKA rules but on an open mat rather than within a roped ring.
- *5 **Urquidez v Unreported #13:** During a promotional tour after filming *Force: Five*, "The Jet" accepted a challenge match from a promoter sitting in the live audience of a TV talk show in Hong Kong: \$20,000 plus a mink coat for his wife for unlimited rounds until someone wins. The next day, after payment was received at his hotel, Urquidez showed up inside an old cockfighting arena for gambling where his Chinese opponent shouted, "To the death!" before charging him using classic muay Thai techniques. Urquidez defeated him with a brutal fourth-round knockout. Because this bout was conducted without specific rules, officials, sanctioning authority or media coverage, and under circumstances that encouraged striking-while-holding, the [STAR System](#) disregarded this bout in its STAR kickboxing ratings and STAR summary record count for Urquidez.
- *6 **Urquidez v Billye Jackson:** 2,000 spectators. In March 1986, the WKA governing authority declared this WKA non-title bout to be a no-contest owing to uneven glove assignments and a coerced last-minute rule modification that unfairly impacted Urquidez's performance in an otherwise close contest. The STAR System authenticated this ruling directly with the WKA when it occurred.

This bout has been the subject of much persistent controversy: Present at the live event were WKA President Howard Hanson, PKA/WKA promoter Jim Wilson, future WKA champion Don "The Dragon" Wilson, then-WKA world champion Graciela "The Goddess" Casillas, and STAR Chief Administrator Paul Maslak. Billye Jackson was a last-minute substitute for scheduled opponent Glen Mehlmen in the main event bout. The STAR ratings chief personally

witnessed the official weigh-in when Mr. Jackson's representatives first announced that they would not allow Jackson to step into the ring unless Urquidez agreed to give up the WKA-allowed "leg kicks". Under duress and out of a sense of financial obligation to the promoter, Urquidez very reluctantly acquiesced.

During the bout, Urquidez gave away the first three rounds as was his custom. Jackson won the fourth round outright, even scoring a flash knockdown. Urquidez, however, was visibly impacted by the coerced promise to withhold low kicks. The flash knockdown occurred right after Urquidez started a combination that included a low kick. Urquidez stopped in mid-kick, leaving himself off balance and vulnerable to the flash knockdown. The low kick disorientation clearly affected Urquidez on a few other occasions over the multiple rounds. The fifth round was even. Urquidez then unleashed a non-stop hurricane of powerful kicking and punching combinations for the next two rounds, winning both by a wide margin. The physical fight was close, although Jackson was announced the winner.

Upon cutting the tape over the glove laces, the local WKA representative at the event discovered that Jackson and Urquidez were not using the same gloves. Jackson had worn his own better "knockout" Casanova gloves; Urquidez wore the softer Reyes gloves provided by the promoter. Urquidez's management immediately protested the decision to the WKA on the basis of: a) the last-minute substitute of a tougher opponent, b) the last-minute heavier weight limit, c) the unequal gloves and d) the last-minute prohibition against WKA-allowed low kicks. At the time, the WKA executive officers were feuding with Urquidez's manager over unrelated business matters and flatly refused to arbitrate their protest. The STAR ratings carried the loss on Mr. Urquidez's record for more than five years.

Eventually the WKA agreed to review the long-pending Urquidez protest and transmuted the decision owing to uneven glove assignments and the last-minute rule change. The WKA provided both Mr. Urquidez and Mr. Jackson with written confirmation of this ruling. The STAR System was also copied on the ruling as the WKA's official rankings source.

*7 **Urquidez v Holloway-2:** 8,000 spectators.

*8 **Urquidez v Prayud Sittiboonlert** (ประยุทธ์ สิทธิบุญเลิศ): 5,000 spectators: Upon viewing video footage, the STAR System determined that clinch-fighting dominated the competition and classified this bout as modified muay Thai as opposed to STAR-rated kickboxing competition. Urquidez's management alleged that when Urquidez's scheduled opponent cancelled on short notice, Urquidez agreed to perform a no-decision bout against a Thai middleweight under the New Combative Sports Federation's Shin Kakuto Jutsu ("New Fighting Art") rules. At the end of the bout, a non-title points decision was awarded to Prayud Sittiboonlert (aka Prayout Srisontob in Japanese).

Without direct contact with NCSF officials, STAR could not determine whether a "meeting of the minds" had occurred for a contested bout. In 1981, the NCSF group was among the many Japanese sanctioning groups disbanded in the wake of a Yakuza scandal. Nevertheless, because the bout was conducted under rules that focused on striking-while-holding, the [STAR System](#) disregarded this bout in its kickboxing ratings. Further, because of the weight discrepancy as well the appearance of a possible manufactured outcome, STAR removed this bout from Urquidez's STAR summary record count, although continued to show the bout on his STAR detailed record. (At the time of this bout, the New Combative Sports Federation was known in English as *Kakutogi*, sometimes incorrectly shortened to *Katogi*, which actually means "combat sports" or more recently "mixed martial arts".)

*9 **Urquidez v Onuki-1:** This bout concluded when Onuki dislocated his shoulder from a throw by Urquidez. Urquidez was responding to a perceived attempt at a chokehold by Onuki. Judo throws, however, were illegal under Japanese rules though they were thought legal by the Americans under the mixed-rules for the bout. Urquidez was disqualified at the time of the bout. Under protest, given that "Tiger Mask" Saturo Sayama had been permitted to use every imaginable pro-wrestling throw in his bout against Marc Costello, the AJKBA then transmuted the disqualification to a no-contest. Afterwards, for all future international title bouts, the Americans agreed to give up throws and the Japanese agreed to give up clinch-fighting. This understanding solidified the so-called *International Rules* pioneered by the WKA. In October 1981, when the AJKBA merged with the WKA, the WKA officially transmuted this disqualification to a TKO victory for Urquidez.

*10 **Urquidez v Naito:** Takeshi Naito's real name is Shinichi Miyakoshi (宮越真).

*11 **Urquidez v Okao:** 14,500 spectators. This event was appropriately billed as "The Great War in Martial Arts" (Kakutōgi Daisensō). After sustaining the hardest knockdown of his career from Okao's right cross, Urquidez rose to his feet and retaliated against Okao with the longest continuous kick-and-punch combination in the sport's championship history, ending with an unambiguous knockout victory for Urquidez. At the end of his career, Urquidez acknowledged that Okao had been his most dangerous opponent owing to his sledgehammer punching power, his ability to absorb punishment, and his relentless fighting spirit. One of the Japanese event promoters was Ikki Kajiwara, better-known in Japan as the famous manga author and filmmaker Asao Takamori. The bout inspired Kajiwara to create a local graphic novel (manga) series that featured a fictionalized Benny "The Jet" Urquidez as its protagonist.

- *12 **Urquidez v Suzuki (鈴木勝幸):** 10,000 spectators; this was the semi-main event on the “Antonio” Kanji Inoki versus “Monster Man” Everett Eddy Real World Martial Arts Championship (wrestling-karate mix-match). For the Urquidez v Suzuki kickboxing match, compromise mixed-rules allowed knees to the body and low kicks but restricted clinch-fighting. Urquidez delighted the Japanese public with an unexpected knockout victory, launching his fad popularity.
- *13 **Urquidez v Narongnoi Kiatbandit:** In the final round, a riot broke out in the audience among Thai spectators when Narongnoi Kiatbandit was penalized for fouls. The California State Athletic Commission halted the proceedings and declared a no-contest outcome. The WKA officially accepted the Athletic Commission’s determination. When the STAR System verified this outcome in 1981, ringside judge Tom Schlesinger (later a WKA referee) as well as event promoter WKA President Howard Hanson separately reported that the fight was physically closer than the scores should have indicated and might have gone either way save for the two flash knockdowns and five throws scored by Urquidez, as well as for the foul deduction assessed to Kiatbandit. Narongnoi Kiatbandit was warned for knee and groin kicks in rounds 4, 5, 7 and 8. Referee Joey Orbillo, a retired heavyweight boxer, could have assessed penalties on each of those occasions but showed leniency owing to the unaccustomed rules for Kiatbandit as well as his own unfamiliarity with Thai fighting techniques: This bout was the first time a major American kickboxing champion encountered low kicks that targeted the thighs and groin or illegal hold-and-strike knee attacks. Most American competitors wore shin pads underneath their long pants. Nevertheless, according to *Karate Illustrated* magazine (August 1977), Urquidez was ahead in the fight going into the final round by a score of 113-110. A point deduction was finally assessed against Narongnoi in round 9 shortly before Narongnoi scored his only flash knockdown. Disruptive audience members then invaded the ring and halted the bout before the round concluded. (After this bout, Urquidez’s record was reported as 30-0-2 with 25 KOs.)
- *14 **Urquidez v Hart-1:** Hart suffered a cut lip resulting from a legal throw in the first round. Following the three-punch rule fiasco in Detroit with Urquidez v Unreported #6, this event was the first in California promoted inside a boxing ring and without the three-punch rule.
- *15 **Urquidez v Unreported #6:** The rules at the time required one kick for every three punches. Urquidez was disqualified for knocking out his opponent with a fourth punch. This outrageous ruling, that awarded a victory to Urquidez’ knocked out opponent, received national exposure through the tabloid news show “Weekend” on NBC-TV and “ABC Sports Report” on ABC-TV’s *Wide World of Sports*. The bout’s referee had been the opponent’s martial arts instructor. The opponent’s name has faded into history. This embarrassment to the new sport put further television coverage at risk, provoked interest in regulating the sport by several state athletic commissions, and motivated Chuck Norris to expel the president of the National Karate League (NKL) and reform as the short-lived International Karate League (IKL). An IKL action, as well as a subsequent STAR Finding, transmuted this disqualification into a KO victory for Urquidez.
- *16 **Urquidez v Henderson:** WSMAC competition was conducted inside a boxing ring with competitors wearing Safe-T-Equipment. Footsweeps, throws and pins were permitted. Henderson was trained by Sil Lum kung-fu sifu Douglas Wong. Urquidez was awarded a \$3,000 championship prize. The fight aired on NBC-TV’s “The Champions”.
- *17 **Urquidez v Casel:** 5,000 spectators; televised on ABC-TV’s “Wide World of Sports” with color commentary by Frank Gifford and Ed Parker; originally scheduled for Madison Square Garden was moved to the Nassau Coliseum. Peculiar title bout in which kung-fu stylist Casel attempted to fight Urquidez from the ground, eventually receiving warnings by the referee for failing to engage. Once on his feet Casel engaged Urquidez aggressively, though Urquidez narrowly dominated. Casel later protested that, though allowed under the rules, his groundfighting tactics were not appropriately respected by the referee.
- *18 **Urquidez v Havanas:** 5,000 spectators. Hard fought battle between two aggressive fighters with good punching and good kicking. Havanas tended to kick higher and faster but with less power. Urquidez won round 1, Havanas round 2 and Urquidez round 3. Final score: 42-39 for Urquidez. (Before this bout, press coverage reported Urquidez with 5 knockout victories in the National Karate League, 2 more victories than his STAR record presently details.)
- *19 **Urquidez v Bell:** NKL rules prohibited cling-fighting but included throws, footsweeps and no more than three consecutive punches without a kick. Urquidez counted Butch Bell among the most difficult opponents of his long career owing to his great punching power.
- *20 **Urquidez v Goodson:** 6,000 spectators; Bob Wall emceed. Rules allowed 3 by 3-minute rounds with 1-minute rest periods, punching, kicking, knee and elbow strikes, footsweeps, throws, grappling and submission holds. Elbow pads required for elbow strikes. Point awards included 3 points for takedowns with 5-second hold or simulated follow-up combination, 2 points for takedowns without follow-up, 2 points for carrying opponent out of the ring, 1 point for each effective blow or combination. Striking a downed opponent was prohibited. Wins were recognized by forfeit, decision, submission, 7-count KO or TKO. Goodson stood 6 feet 1 inch tall and weighed 230 pounds compared with Urquidez at 5 foot 6 inches and 145 pounds. Urquidez throws and pins Goodson in the third round for 3 points before resuming the bout from their feet. Urquidez wins the \$5,000 championship prize; Goodson \$1100.
- *21 **Urquidez v Unreported #1 and #2:** According to *Professional Karate* magazine (March 1975), 58 contestants fought on the first day of competition.

Coverage began with the semi-finals. The names of Urquidez's first two opponents have been lost to time.

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