Danny Green

Former IBO cruiserweight champion - "The Green Machine"

Danny 'The Green Machine" Green is an Australian professional boxer and a three-time world boxing champion.

Born in Perth, Western Australia, Danny developed a reputation as a knockout puncher during his very first amateur fight in 1992 when he KO'd a more experienced opponent in the West Australian amateurs.

Displaying a frightening ferocity and explosiveness in the ring, Danny achieved his goals as an amateur by winning various state, national and oceanic titles.

This led to him being selected for an Australian Institute of Sport scholarship and he competed in the 1998 Commonwealth Games and the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney - the pinnacle of his amateur career.

After the Olympics, Danny turned professional under former three-time world champion Jeff Fenech, winning his first 16 fights by KO. He was controversially disqualified in his next bout in Germany, his 2003 shot at the WBC super-middleweight crown against Markus Beyer. He overcame the disappointment to destroy former champ, Canada's Eric Lucas in Montreal, for the WBC interim super middleweight world title in 6 rounds. Danny later lost the world title in his rematch with Beyer in 2005.

Determined to regain the crown, Danny Green formed a new team and set up the fight against the outspoken Anthony Mundine. This fight turned out to be the biggest fight ever in Australian history and the highest grossing fight in the super middleweight division in world boxing history. Unfortunately, Danny lost on points but won many new fans with the dignified and respectful manner in which he accepted defeat.

After making the long, overdue jump in weight to the light heavy division, Danny knocked out three top 15 world-ranked opponents to set up his dream fight -the WBA light heavyweight world title in Perth. He dominated the champion Stipe Drews to claim the title and to once again enter the history books. Adding to the euphoria six days later was the birth of his son Archie, joining his sister Chloe.

With the world at his feet Green rocked the Australian public by retiring as world champion on Easter Sunday in 2008. However, his retirement was short lived and Danny Green has continued on with his boxing career. One of his more recent bouts was a hard-fought TKO loss to WBC World Cruiserweight Champion Krzysztof Wlodarczyk (46-2-1, 36 KOs) at Challenge Stadium in Perth in November 2011.

An eloquent speaker, Danny Green has some amazing stories to tell about the paths in life he has taken, the heartbreaking setbacks he has overcome and the almighty sacrifices he has made to become a world champion in the most brutal of sports - as well as being locked in a cage with six lions and surfing alongside a shark.

VIEW SPEAKER'S BIO ONLINE ▶