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Stanford student Dante Kirkman selected to compete in 2024 Olympic trials for boxing

PALO ALTO, Calif., Nov. 9, 2023 /PRNewswire/ -- Dante Kirkman, an undergraduate student at Stanford University and a native of Palo Alto, California, has been selected by USA Boxing to compete at the 2024 Olympic Trials for Boxing.

Stanford University student Dante Kirkman has been selected by USA Boxing to compete at 2024 Olympic Trials for Boxing. Kirkman, age 22, is a USA Boxing Elite Level amateur boxer who has been nationally ranked multiple times. He will fight in the 156 lb light middleweight division. The invitation-only qualifier tournament is being held this December 2nd-9th in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Kirkman has already received professional contract offers but remains focused on advancing to represent the USA at the Olympic Games in Paris in 2024. Kirkman travels and trains regularly both nationally and internationally with top boxing professionals.

Kirkman is trained by Eddie Croft of B Street Boxing in San Mateo, California. Kirkman has been boxing under Croft's tutelage since he was 10 years old. Croft is the former WBC Continental Americas Super Bantamweight champion, and he established B Street to train the next generation of professionals and give back to his local community.

Coach Croft says that Kirkman is a generational talent in boxing. "I haven't seen anyone at his age with the genius level of boxing IQ that Dante has. Besides being an incredible athlete, Dante's tremendous versatility in his boxing skills and his deep knowledge of strategy and technique set him apart. He's the smartest amateur today in boxing, hands down."



Dante Kirkman shows off boxing skills (Photo/Courtesy: Stanford University)

At Stanford, Kirkman has a 3.9 GPA and is majoring in Art Practice with a focus on boxing from an aesthetic and art historical viewpoint. As a creative writer, Kirkman is a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, one of around 50 recipients nationwide annually, and was awarded a White House medal. He has also been involved in sports governance, having served as a Student Member of Stanford University President's Committee on Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation, and as an Athlete Representative on the

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USA Boxing Referee/Judges Committee.

Kirkman plans to turn professional as a boxer at the opportune time and become a champion in the sport as well as a force in the business of boxing. Kirkman says his goal in boxing is not only to win championship belts, but also to use his presence to uplift communities and emphasize the importance of getting an education.

"When I'm the face of boxing, I will be a positive role model for youth so they can uplift themselves by pursuing their education. They can stay off the streets and build character and discipline through boxing."

"I know first-hand the positive influence on kids that occurs every day in boxing gyms across the country and at the amateur competitions organized by USA Boxing."

"Boxing is more than a sport – it is a cultural phenomenon with a proud history of empowering disadvantaged communities, and I will be part of giving back and paying it forward to continue that tradition."

Tigers want fans to wear black on Saturday Blackout game

MEMPHIS, TN - Saturday is the regular season home finale, and it's a HUGE game!

WEAR BLACK to Saturday's blackout game, and make sure you're in the stadium to celebrate our seniors starting around 10:30 a.m. The Tigers are bowl eligible for the 10th-straight season and looking to stay at the top of the conference with just a couple games left in the regular season!

Memphis (8-2, 5-1 AAC) is in the hunt for an AAC Championship Game appearance, and SMU (8-2, 6-0 AAC) stands in the way!

UofM offensive coordinator Tim Cramsey named a Broyles Award nominee ... from sports page 4

Under Cramsey this season, quarterback Seth Henigan is ranked 10th in the NCAA in total offense (309.3), 13th in completions per game (24.00), 14th in passing yards (2,864), 14th in passing touchdowns (22)...

rushing yards per game (90.9). The Memphis Tigers will be back in action on Saturday, Nov. 18 when the team hosts SMU at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium at 11 a.m.

Tickets for the game are available at GoTigersGo.com or by calling the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331.

rushing touchdowns (12), ninth in total touchdowns (14), 13th in all-purpose yards (130.70), 24th in scoring (8.4), 24th in total points scored (84), 25th in rush yards per carry (5.98), 29th in rushing yards (909) and 30th in

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Have a safe Thanksgiving!

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HBO and NFL Films' 'Hard Knocks: In Season with the Miami Dolphins' will make debut on November 21

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. — Nov. 13, 2023 — Television's most acclaimed sports documentary franchise returns with "Hard Knocks: In Season with the Miami Dolphins," debuting Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 9 p.m. ET/PT on HBO and will be available to stream on Max. New episodes will debut Tuesdays through Jan. 9, and then subsequent Tuesdays for the duration of a potential Dolphins postseason run.

The 18-time Emmy-winning series will deliver its signature all-access coverage, documenting the current AFC East first-place Miami Dolphins, led by second-year Head Coach Mike McDaniel, as they navigate the final eight games of the regular season and battle to return to the NFL playoffs. Camera crews will begin to chronicle the team in real time ahead of their Nov. 19 matchup against the Las Vegas Raiders, giving viewers an intimate look at their exciting brand of offense featuring quarterback Tua Tagovailoa, wide receivers Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle, and running back Raheem Mostert, as well as their talented defense anchored by the likes of Christian Wilkins, Bradley Chubb, Jaelan Phillips, Xavien Howard, Jalen Ramsey and Jevon Holland.

"We can't wait to show the world the incredible personalities on the Miami Dolphins and the unbelievable preparation they put into each game," said Emily Leitner Cameron, NFL Films senior producer. "All that hard work, seven

days a week, promises to deliver an exciting new chapter in this series that means so much to the NFL, HBO and football fans everywhere."

"It is thrilling for 'Hard Knocks' to be back in season with the extraordinary team at NFL Films and the Miami Dolphins," said Nancy Abraham and Lisa Heller,

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co-executive vice presidents, HBO Documentary & Family Programming. "There is no better way to give HBO and Max viewers an exclusive inside window into what it really takes for a coach and a team to fight to get back to the NFL playoffs."

"Hard Knocks: In Season" debuted in 2021 with the Indianapolis Colts, followed by the Arizona Cardinals in 2022. The original training camp edition began in 2001 and has run for 18 seasons, most recently featuring the New York Jets.

