

## **Tampa Mortgage Broker Wins the 2009 IKF World Kickboxing Lightweight Championship Title with First-round Knockouts in Each of Four Fights.**

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The first fight was with Jonathon Arias, 21, from Lima, Peru. Parker ended it quickly, with a knockout at 1:40 in the first round. Advancing to his second fight of the day, Parker defeated Eric Shelland, 23, from Winter Springs, Florida, at 1:45 in the first round, also by knockout. On Sunday, Parker was paired with Mauricio Siles, 25, from San Jose, Costa Rica. That fight also ended by a knockout at 1:11 in the first round. The final bout for the championship was against Mark Trillas, 29, from Miami, Florida, and was over in :48 seconds by a knockout spinning kick to the head. Parker was then awarded the Championship Belt.

In a ringside interview, Mr. Parker was asked what made the difference between losing and being crowned world champion. He summed it all up by saying, "Three things. One; the will to win. Two; support from family and friends, especially my wife, Amber, and daughter, Lauren. And three, my Team. I want to thank Cornerman Travis Hadwin, who took care of me and helped prepare me for these fights. And particularly, I thank my instructor, Shihan Gary Hellman, of Tiger Schulmann's Mixed Martial Arts in Clearwater, Florida - where I train - for his coaching and instruction in helping improve me as a fighter."

Asked after the interview if he used any special training in preparing to fight against fighters nearly half his age, Parker replied, "Believe it or not, at Tiger Schulmann's Mixed Martial Arts, my training regimen is no different than any other student at my school." His record now is 9-0 with 6 knockouts.

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