

Magulu Jr signs with US academy

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Uganda's budding boxing sensation, Jayden Magulu Jr's dream of becoming a world champion has taken a major step after signing with Texas-based KFB Boxing Academy in the United States.

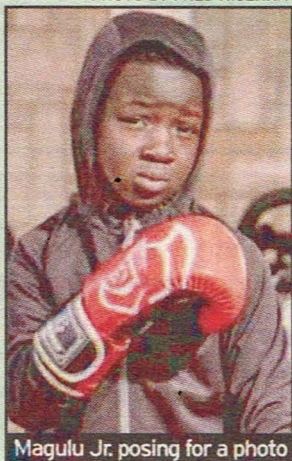
Nicknamed the 'La Masia of boxing' in reference to Spanish football giants Barcelona's famed youth academy, KFB has nurtured a barrage of elite world champions, making Magulu Jr's move a significant milestone to Ugandan boxing.

His move to KFB Academy raises more hopes that in Magulu Jr, Uganda is set to produce another world champion.

The development follows the youngster's outstanding performance at last year's People's Fighters Kids Boxing Championship, where he won gold and caught the attention of several international boxing promoters.

In Dubai, he was not only the African kid to clinch gold but has set another record of being the first African U-15 to be signed by the prestigious KFB academy.

At KFB academy, he will train with explosive young prospects like Kingy Jr and Dylan Capetillo under legendary boxing coaches Israel Kingy and Abdullah Mason.



Magulu Jr. posing for a photo

Notable world champions training under the KFB gym includes four division undisputed middleweight champion, Terrence Crawford who has twice visited Uganda in 2015 and 2025 on top of Shakur Stevenson.

Speaking while on his official flag off at Kampala Parents School, Magulu Jr, flanked by the School's Principal Daphine Kato and his mother Nnalongo Dorah Birungi pledged to keep his dream alive. "From day one my dream has always been to box my way to the top and join Ugandan legends like John Mugabi, Ayub Kalule, Conelius Boza Edwards, Kasim The Dream Ouma and others," noted Magulu Jr, a primary six pupil at Kampala Parents School.