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DeLeon of Kronk Gym becomes first ever to win three straight Golden Gloves at same weight class



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Erick DeLeon fought his way into the history books. Literally.

The local boxer, who trains at Kronk Gym in Detroit, traveled to Indianapolis for the Golden Gloves national championships and came away with his third-straight 132-pound national championship. It is the first time in Golden Gloves history, which held its first tournament in 1928, that a boxer has recorded three consecutive national championships at the same weight class.

Only two other boxers have won the Golden Gloves tournament three times. Marcus Anderson won at 126 pounds in 1964 and '65 and then at 135 pounds in 1966. Floyd Mayweather Jr. won at 106 pounds in 1992, at 112 pounds in 1994 and at 125 pounds in 1996.

DeLeon defeated Luis Cruz of New York in a decision on Saturday for the title. The final was DeLeon's fifth win in as many days.

In addition to his back-to-back-to-back titles, he also won the 2010 Golden Boy Award, which is given to the most outstanding boxer in the national tournament regardless of weight class.

Despite making history, DeLeon isn't done. Olympic Trials start in July. He's the No. 1-ranked U.S. Prospect.

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