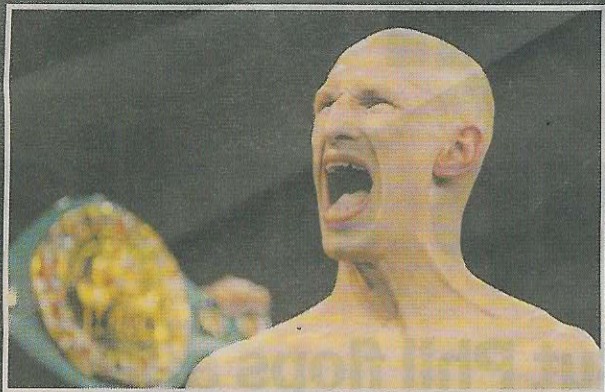


# I'll stun the world



## 90kg challenge ▲

**Krzysztof Wlodearczyk**  
**Age: 30 Country: Poland**  
**Record: 46 wins, 2 losses, 1 draw**  
**Knockouts: 33**  
 Delivered a stunning knockout of Australia's Danny Green in their WBC cruiserweight title fight last month.

## 72kg challenge ▶

**Julio Chavez Jr**  
**Age: 25 Country: Mexico**  
**Record: 44 wins, 0 losses, 1 draw**  
**Knockouts: 31**  
 Son of the great Julio Chavez Sr, who Australian Kostya Tszyu stopped in six rounds in their WBC light welterweight title bout in 2000.

Heavy hitter: Julio Chavez Jr hammers Peter Manfredo Jr in Houston last month  
 Picture: Getty Images



## Mundine gives himself six weeks to create history with US fights



**Jamie Pandaram**

AS far as mind-boggling plans go, fighting a 72kg world champion followed by a 90kg world champion is extreme even by Anthony Mundine's lofty standards.

But The Man has revealed an extraordinary blueprint to achieve legendary status by fighting Julio Cesar Chavez Jr and then Danny Green's conqueror Krzysztof Wlodearczyk in successive bouts, starting with his first bout in the US in just six weeks. The unprecedented jump

from middleweight to cruiserweight has never been attempted by any champion.

With help from former enemy Jeff Fenech, Mundine hopes to lure the undefeated WBC middleweight champion Chavez Jr into a fight on February 4 in Texas.

"I am willing to break boundaries," Mundine told *The Daily Telegraph*. "What I've done in sport has never been done before. But what I do in the next five or six years, I want to achieve what could never be matched in boxing."

"I am here to let people know I am the best all-round athlete of all time. People in Australia know, but I want the whole world to know."

Mundine is confident of inflicting the first defeat upon Chavez Jr (44-0-1, 31KO) with only six weeks of preparation, then confronting WBC cruiserweight champion Wlodearczyk (46-2-1, 33KO), who stopped Green in 11 rounds last month.

"I believe Chavez is the best out there among the current crop of young champions, he is a complete fighter already," Mundine said of the 25-year-old prodigy who, like the Australian, is the son of a famous pugilist.

"But that is how much faith I have in my ability, six weeks is more than enough. Any less than that and it would be pretty crazy, but I peak in my



**Ambition: Anthony Mundine**

training camps after three or four weeks, I am sharper at that point than later in the preparation. If I was a young kid like I was against Sven Ottke, it would probably be the same result (Mundine was knocked out) but I am a seasoned veteran now."

Mundine (43-4, 25KO) had been campaigning to fight WBA junior middleweight champion Austin Trout but realises that to make his name in the lucrative and influential American market, a fight against Chavez Jr will garner far more profile.

"Trout is a good young champion... but Chavez is a star, he is a far better all-round fighter," Mundine said.

As for Wlodearczyk, Mundine was far from complimentary about the Pole.

"On his best day he can't beat me," Mundine said.

"He couldn't hit me with a handful of rice."

Fenech, who has influence with the WBC, could receive

an answer from the Chavez camp as early as today.

"Six weeks will be plenty for Anthony to prepare for Chavez, when I fought I never smoked, I never drank, and Anthony is the same," Fenech said. "If it comes off, it would be a huge fight. It would put Anthony's name on the world stage. He has talked the talk, now he wants to walk the walk. At 36, I hope it's not too late, and I don't think it is."

If Mundine also fights at 76kg against Wlodearczyk (90.3kg), it would be the greatest weight concession in a title bout since Roy Jones Jr (88kg) defeated John Ruiz (103kg) to win the WBA heavyweight crown in 2003.

## Flying start for Hobart yachts to come a buster

**Amanda Lulham**

LEADING meteorologist Roger "Clouds" Badham has doused talk of a record-breaking Sydney to Hobart, favouring a more dour forecast.

Badham predicts the traditional fast start, but expects the entire fleet will be slowed by a southerly buster as the race wears on.

Early weather models had suggested a fairytale run south with the fleet pushed all the way to Tasmania by perfect downwind breezes, but that's

now a "one in a million" chance, Badham said yesterday.

There still was some good news for the fleet with a super-fast start to the race on the cards courtesy of strong nor'easterlies before their pace is slowed by a southerly front.

"It's a good, tough, hard Hobart but there is nothing too extreme there at the moment," Badham said.

"Nothing is set in concrete yet. Things can change."

Badham said a cyclone that has been forming in the Coral Sea would

have no direct impact on the Sydney to Hobart race.

Fortunately there is nothing in the early forecast to suggest the fleet will be buffeted by extreme conditions similar to the 1998 race.

In that race a "Bass Strait bomb" exploded in the form of an intense depression with the resultant storm causing mayhem and provoking the biggest air and sea rescues in peacetime Australian history. While 55 crew were rescued, six sailors lost their lives in the violent storm.

This year a quick getaway from Sydney is on the cards with the fleet propelled by strong nor'easterlies reaching 20 knots soon after the 1pm start on Sydney Harbour.

The fleet frontrunners — *Wild Oats*, *Investec Loyal* and *Wild Thing* — should be well ahead of record pace the first night out.

But their dream run may be over about midnight when the southerly is tipped to hit the fleet.

Wild Thing's rough ride Page 79

Don't miss Gregg Porteous's amazing collection of sport pictures from 2011



thetelegraph.com.au