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Steven Gamache (l.) pummels Hector Lopez to win Wednesday night's Daily News Golden Gloves.

Steven Gamache travels long, vice-riddled road to make comeback at Daily News Golden Gloves

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To break bad habits, [Steven Gamache](#) fell into an old routine.

About a year ago, the 26-year-old boxer returned to the gym after a six-year hiatus, hoping to turn his life around. The son of two-time world champ [Joey Gamache](#), Steven had ballooned to 205 pounds and was spending most of his free time drinking, smoking and wondering if he had made a mistake by walking away from the sport he was seemingly born into.

"I wasn't really doing anything with myself, and I knew I had a talent with boxing," he said. "I didn't want to look back and say, 'What if?' I missed the competition, and I knew boxing would tighten up everything else in my life."

Fighting in the Daily News [Golden Gloves](#), Gamache won his second bout Wednesday night at [Mary Queen of Heaven](#) in [Brooklyn](#), advancing to the 152-pound open division quarterfinals. He put [Hector Lopez](#) (Fighting Finest) into a standing-eight count 37 seconds into the second round, landing a combination along the ropes that was both pretty and powerful. The flurry forced the referee to stop the fight.

"My father said don't let him get any momentum, jump right on him," said Gamache, the [P.C. Richard Boxer](#) of the Night. "He got me with a couple good, clean shots at the end of the first round, and I just wanted to hurt him."

GO-GO GOMEZ: [Eddie Gomez](#) (Juan LaPorte BC) knocked Charlemagne Juste (Suffolk PAL) down in the first round and controlled the tempo of their 152-pound open bout to earn the decision. He could be on a

collision course with [Cletus Seldin](#) (Veteran's Memorial), who upset [William Whitt](#) (Havoc BC).

VICTOR VICTORIA: Shirrod Victoria (Mendez BC) took a pounding from [Jose Davila](#) (John's Gym), but delivered an ever harder one and earned the decision in their hard-fought 152-pound open bout. "I was prepared for this, I had the conditioning," said Victoria, who strode confidently around the ring while Davila was still gasping for air. "I was consistent with the body shots and it paid off."

HEAVY DUTY: All four bouts in the 201-pound novice division failed to go the distance. [Mark Sinatra](#) (Brotherhood BC) won when [Miguel Ducasse](#) (Main St. BC) retired with an injured shoulder 35 seconds into the third round. ... [Alex Vanasse](#) ([John Carlo](#) BC) beat [Alexis Ayala](#) (Fighting Finest) when referee [Dennis Legall](#) stopped the fight 47 seconds into the second round. ... The referee stopped the next fight 28 seconds into the third round, giving [Jose Hasing](#) ([Electchester](#) BC) the victory over [Tasheem Webb](#). ... With eight seconds left in the first round, [Anthony DiMaggio](#) ([Yonkers](#) PAL) knocked out [Anthony Brown](#) (Unattached).