

= Máscara Dorada =

Máscara Dorada (born November 3 , 1988) is a Mexican luchador enmascarado , currently signed to WWE and best known for his decade long stint in Consejo Mundial de Lucha Libre . Máscara Dorada 's real name has not been officially documented , a tradition in Mexican Lucha Libre where masked wrestler 's real names often are not a matter of public record . The wrestler currently known as Máscara Dorada made his debut in 2005 and has worked under other names , but achieved most success as Máscara Dorada . His ring name is Spanish for " Golden Mask " .

At one time , Máscara Dorada was a quadruple CMLL champion , holding the Mexican National Trios Championship , the CMLL World Trios Championship , the CMLL World Super Lightweight Championship and the CMLL World Welterweight Championship at the same time . He is also the wrestler who has held the CMLL World Welterweight Championship , having held it four times in total . After a decade of working for CMLL in his native Mexico , Dorada signed with the Japanese promotion New Japan Pro Wrestling (NJPW) in January 2015 . After a year with NJPW , Dorada returned to CMLL in January 2016 .

He made his in ring debut in 2005 , originally using the masked persona Plata II and later on would use the ring name " Metallik " where he held the local Occidente Welterweight Championship , but abandoned it when he was given the Máscara Dorada character . The " Máscara Dorada " was the first instance of a regular luchador being given a character based on a Mini @-@ Estrella as he was introduced after CMLL introduced Mascarita Dorada in 2007 .

= = Professional wrestling career = =

= = Consejo Mundial de Lucha Libre (2005 ? 2016) = =

The luchador who would later be known as Máscara Dorada made his debut on July 14 , 2005 , after training with Gran Cochisse and El Satánico . His initial ring persona was that of Plata II , a copy of the original Plata that wrestled in the early to mid 1990s . His run at Plata II was short lived as he was quickly repackaged as Metalik , a variation of the " Metal based " look that he also used as " Plata II " . As Metalik he worked mainly for Consejo Mundial de Lucha Libre 's (CMLL) Guadalajara branch , getting experience while working on a local level . On April 13 , 2008 Metalik defeated wrestler Depredador for the Occidente Welterweight Championship , the local Welterweight title . About a month later Metalik won his first ever Luchas de Apuestas match , winning the hair of Jaque . The title win and hair win indicated that CMLL had plans for Metalik 's future . Metalik was entered in the 2008 Torneo Gran Alternativa , where a newcomer teams up with a veteran , Metalik teamed up with Dos Caras , Jr. and made it all the way to the finals before losing to Último Guerrero and Dragón Rojo , Jr .

In 2007 CMLL signed Mascarita Sagrada 2000 , but were not allowed to call him that as a rival promotion owned the copyright to the name . Instead CMLL chose to repackage the Mini luchador as Mascarita Dorada . The gimmick and the wrestler proved so successful , that in the fall of 2008 , CMLL announced that they were creating a " Large " version of Mascarita Dorada . Traditionally the minis were often patterned after existing Luchadors , but this time the mini was created before the " Regular " . On November 7 , 2008 Metalik was repackaged and made his debut as Máscara Dorada , helping his team defeat the trio of Averno , Mephisto and Ephesto . Máscara Dorada kept working mid @-@ card tag team matches throughout the spring of 2008 with general success . On April 4 , 2009 CMLL announced that they had stripped Rocky Romero of the CMLL World Super Lightweight Championship and announced that a tournament to crown the new champion would take place on April 7 , 2009 , one of the announced participants was Máscara Dorada . On the night Máscara Dorada won a Torneo Cibernetico outlasting nine other wrestlers to become the CMLL Super Lightweight Champion

Since he held a CMLL title Dorada was entered into CMLL 's inargual " Universal Championship " tournament , but was eliminated in the first round by Black Warrior . On December 19 , 2009 it was

announced by the Comisión de Box y Lucha Libre Mexico D.F. that Poder Mexica had been stripped of the Mexican National Trios Championship title because Black Warrior had left CMLL , breaking up the team . At the same time they announced an eight team tournament to crown a new trios champion . The top half of the bracket took place on December 22 , 2009 and the bottom half of the bracket took place on December 29 . In the top bracket Máscara Dorada teamed with Stuka , Jr. and Metro for the first time ever and defeated Los Guerreros Tuareg (Arkangel de la Muerte , Loco Max and Skándalo) in the first round and Los Cancerberos del Infierno (Virus , Euforia and Pólvora) in the second round to qualify for the finals . The bottom bracket took place on December 29 , 2009 and saw the team of Poder Mexica (Sangre Azteca , Dragón Rojo , Jr. and Misterioso , Jr .) qualify for the final . On January 6 , 2010 Máscara Dorada , Stuka , Jr. and Metro defeated Poder Mexica to become the new Mexican National Trios Champions , making Máscara Dorada a double champion .

On January 22 , 2010 Máscara Dorada teamed up with Atlantis to participate in CMLL 's Torneo Nacional de Parejas Increíbles (" National Amazing Pairs tournament ") , a tournament where CMLL teams up a Técnico (Dorada) and a Rudo (Atlantis) for a tournament . The two defeated Dragón Rojo , and La Sombra in the opening round , Mr. Niebla and Máximo in the second round and Místico and Averno in the semi @-@ final to earn a spot in the final of the tournament . During the tournament Atlantis wore his old Técnico white mask , acting and wrestling a técnico style . On February 5 , 2010 Dorada and Atlantis defeated Negro Casas and La Máscara in the finals to win the tournament .

On May 14 , 2010 Máscara Dorada teamed up with La Sombra and La Máscara to defeat the then CMLL World Trios Champions La Ola Amarilla (Hiroshi Tanahashi , Okumura and Taichi) in a non @-@ title match to earn a shot at the titles the following week . One week later the trio defeated Ola Amarilla again , ending the Japanese trios title reign after just two weeks . By virtue of holding three CMLL championships Máscara Dorada participated in the 2010 Universal Championship tournament . Stuka , Jr. was part of " Block A " that competed on the July 30 , 2010 Super Viernes show . He was the first wrestler eliminated in the seeding battle royal and then defeated his Mexican National Trios Championship partner Stuka , Jr. in the first round of the actual tournament . Máscara Dorada was eliminated in the second round , losing to Último Guerrero . On September 7 , 2010 Máscara Dorada defeated Negro Casas to win the CMLL World Welterweight Championship , making him a quadruple CMLL champion , the first ever in the history of the promotion . On November 18 , 2010 , Dorada announced that he was relinquishing his hold of the Mexican National Trios Championship , which Metro and Stuka , Jr. will continue to hold with a new partner .

On January 22 , 2011 , Dorada lost the CMLL World Welterweight Championship to Ryusuke Taguchi at Fantastica Mania 2011 , a CMLL and New Japan Pro Wrestling co ? promoted event in Tokyo , Japan . On February 25 , 2011 , Máscara Dorada and Atlantis defeated Blue Panther and Dragón Rojo , Jr. in the finals to win the Torneo Nacional de Parejas Increíbles for the second year in a row . On April 7 Dorada vacated the CMLL World Super Lightweight Championship , stating that he was moving up to the middleweight division . After Dorada returned from Japan with the CMLL World Welterweight Championship , La Generación Dorada lost the CMLL World Trios Championship to Los Hijos del Averno (Averno , Ephesto and Mephisto) on July 15 , 2011 . On November 11 , 2012 , Dorada lost the CMLL World Welterweight Championship to Pólvora during CMLL 's Sunday night event in Arena Mexico .

On June 2 , 2013 , Dorada defeated Negro Casas to win the NWA World Historic Welterweight Championship for the first time . On June 16 , Dorada and his new Los Estetas del Aire (" Air Aesthetes ") stable , formed with Místico and Valiente , won the CMLL World Trios Championship . On November 19 , Dorada lost the NWA World Historic Welterweight Championship to Volador Jr . On March 28 , 2014 , Los Estetas del Aire also lost the CMLL World Trios Championship .

On January 2 , 2015 , Dorada defeated Negro Casas in the finals of a tournament to win the CMLL World Welterweight Championship for the third time . Later in the month , through CMLL 's relationship with NJPW , Dorada signed a one @-@ year contract with NJPW , leaving his Mexican home promotion . He returned to CMLL and hand his first match in Mexico for over a year on February 1 , 2016 . On May 3 , 2016 his fourth reign as the CMLL World Welterweight Champion

was ended as Mephisto defeated him for the championship .

= = = New Japan Pro Wrestling (2010 ? 2016) = = =

In April 2010 it was announced that Máscara Dorada and Valiente would travel to Japan in early May to participate in New Japan Pro Wrestling 's first ever Super J Tag Team tournament . In the first round of the tournament they lost to former IWGP Junior Heavyweight Tag Team Champions Ryusuke Taguchi and Prince Devitt in just under eight minutes . In November 2010 Máscara Dorada and La Sombra took part in New Japan 's five @-@ day @-@ long Super J Tag League . After winning two out of their four matches in the group stage , Sombra and Dorada finished third in their block , missing the finals of the tournament . Dorada and Sombra returned to New Japan on January 4 , 2011 , at Wrestle Kingdom V in Tokyo Dome , where they defeated Jushin Thunder Liger and Héctor Garza in a tag team match .

Dorada returned to New Japan on April 16 , teaming with Tama Tonga to defeat Liger and King Fale in a tag team match . Dorada worked a majority of the tour as a rudo , teaming with members of the Chaos stable . On May 3 at Wrestling Dontaku 2011 , Dorada unsuccessfully challenged Liger for the CMLL World Middleweight Championship . Dorada 's extended tour of New Japan also included participation in the 2011 Best of the Super Juniors tournament in late May @-@ early June . Dorada managed to win four out of his eight matches in the round robin stage of the tournament , which included wins over Liger and CMLL World Welterweight Champion Ryusuke Taguchi , and finished sixth out of the nine wrestlers in his block . On June 18 at New Japan 's Dominion 6 @.@ 18 show , Dorada defeated Taguchi to regain the CMLL World Welterweight Championship . Three days later Dorada entered the J Sports Crown Openweight 6 Man Tag Tournament , teaming with IWGP Heavyweight Champion Hiroshi Tanahashi and KUSHIDA , with the team defeating Brian Kendrick , Gedo and Jado in their first round match . The following day the trio was eliminated from the tournament in the second round by Giant Bernard , Jushin Thunder Liger and Karl Anderson . Dorada 's tour of New Japan ended the following day , when he , Tanahashi , Hiroyoshi Tenzan , Tiger Mask and Wataru Inoue were defeated in a ten man tag team match by Chaos (Dick Togo , Gedo , Jado , Masato Tanaka and Yujiro Takahashi) .

On January 4 , 2012 , Dorada returned to New Japan at Wrestle Kingdom VI in Tokyo Dome , where he teamed with Jushin Thunder Liger , KUSHIDA and Tiger Mask to defeat Atlantis , Taichi , Taka Michinoku and Valiente in an eight man tag team match . Dorada returned to Japan on January 21 to take part in the Fantastica Mania 2012 events , teaming with Rush losing to the team of Hirooki Goto and KUSHIDA on the first night . The second night , Dorada successfully defended the CMLL World Welterweight Championship against KUSHIDA . On September 7 , 2012 , Dorada returned to Japan for another two @-@ week tour with New Japan Pro Wrestling . In January 2013 , Dorada returned to Japan to take part in the three @-@ day Fantastica Mania 2013 event . During the first night on January 18 , he teamed with La Máscara and Máximo in a six man tag team match , where they were defeated by Taichi , Taka Michinoku and Volador Jr . The following night , Dorada and Diamante were defeated in a tag team match by Mephisto and Okumura . During the third and final night , Dorada took part in a twelve @-@ man torneo cibernetico , from which he was the eighth man eliminated by Yoshi @-@ Hashi and which was eventually won by Tomohiro Ishii . Dorada returned to New Japan on September 23 , 2013 , working the entire tour opposite the Bullet Club stable , which also included his fellow CMLL worker Rey Bucanero . Dorada 's tour concluded on September 29 at the Destruction pay @-@ per @-@ view , where he pinned Bucanero in an eight @-@ man tag team match , where he teamed with Captain New Japan , Togi Makabe and Tomoaki Honma against Bucanero , Bad Luck Fale , Karl Anderson and Tama Tonga . Dorada returned to Japan in January 2014 , when he took part in the five @-@ day Fantastica Mania 2014 tour . The tour concluded on January 19 with a main event , where Dorada unsuccessfully challenged Volador Jr. for the NWA World Historic Welterweight Championship . From April to July 2014 , Dorada worked an extended tour with New Japan , which included a two @-@ day tour of Taiwan , the Wrestling Dontaku 2014 tour , the 2014 Best of the Super Juniors , where he finished with a record of three wins and four losses and thus missed the semifinals of the tournament , and

the Kizuna Road 2014 tour . On October 25 , 2014 , Dorada returned to NJPW , teaming up with Bushi for the 2014 Super Junior Tag Tournament . The team lost to reDRagon (Bobby Fish and Kyle O 'Reilly) in the first round . Dorada remained with NJPW until November 8 .

In January 2015 , Dorada returned to Japan to take part in the Fantastica Mania 2015 tour , during which he and Atlantis won the Fantastica Mania 2015 Tag Tournament . Dorada 's participation in the tour was built around a rivalry with La Sombra , which culminated in a singles match between the two on January 19 , where La Sombra was victorious . During the final event , Dorada announced he had signed a one @-@ year contract with NJPW . After doing interviews suggesting the unification of his CMLL World Welterweight Championship and the IWGP Junior Heavyweight Championship , Dorada entered the IWGP title picture by challenging reigning champion Kenny Omega on February 11 at The New Beginning in Osaka . He received his title shot on April 5 at Invasion Attack 2015 , but was defeated by Omega . The following month , Dorada entered the 2015 Best of the Super Juniors . He finished third in his block with a record of five wins and two losses , failing to advance to the finals of the tournament . On December 19 , Dorada lost the CMLL World Welterweight Championship to Bushi following outside interference from Bushi 's Los Ingobernables de Japón stablemate Evil . He regained the title from Bushi on January 22 , 2016 , at Fantastica Mania 2016 . Dorada 's final match under his NJPW contract took place two days later .

= = = WWE (2016 ? present) = = =

On June 13 , 2016 , WWE announced Dorada , under the ring name " Gran Metalik " , as a participant in the upcoming Cruiserweight Classic tournament . In a subsequent interview he revealed that he was only working the Cruiserweight Classic matches with WWE and was still full time with CMLL beyond that . He credited Finn Bálor , who worked as Prince Devitt in NJPW as being the reason he was invited to the tournament . He wanted to use " Metalik " as his ring name but WWE decided to go with " Gran Metalik " instead . The tournament kicked off on June 23 with Metalik defeating Alejandro Saez in his first round match . On July 14 , Metalik defeated Tajiri in his second round match . The following day , it was reported that Metalik had signed with WWE .

= = Personal life = =

During a 2016 interview with Lucha World , Máscara Dorada revealed that he was the father of two young girls . His immediate family still resides in Guadalajara , Jalisco . He has relatives living in Los Angeles , California while Dorada himself lives in Mexico City .

= = In wrestling = =

Finishing moves

Corkscrew somersault senton bomb

Dorada Screwdriver (Modified sitout scoop slam driver)

Springboard dragonrana

Signature moves

Brillo Dorada (Topé con Giro , after springboarding off the tope rope)

Double jump springboard victory roll

Multiple hurricanrana variations

Dorada runs down the ramp , jumps over the ropes and executes a hurricanrana

Double jump springboard

Slingshot

Topé con Giro

Sunset flip powerbomb

Nicknames

" El Joven Maravilla " (Spanish for " The Boy Wonder ")

Entrance themes

" El Son de la Negra " by Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán
" Tornado " by May 's

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

Consejo Mundial de Lucha Libre

CMLL World Super Lightweight Championship (1 time)

CMLL World Trios Championship (2 times) ? with La Sombra and La Máscara (1) and Místico and Valiente (1)

CMLL World Welterweight Championship (4 times)

Mexican National Trios Championship (1 time) ? with Metro and Stuka , Jr .

NWA World Historic Welterweight Championship (1 time)

CMLL Torneo Nacional de Parejas Increíbles (2010 , 2011) ? with Atlantis

Torneo Corona - with La Sombra

CMLL Trio of the Year (2010) ? with La Sombra and La Máscara

CMLL Guadalajara

Occidente Welterweight Championship (1 time)

New Japan Pro Wrestling

Fantastica Mania Tag Tournament (2015) ? with Atlantis

Pro Wrestling Illustrated

PWI ranked him # 152 of the top 500 singles wrestlers in the PWI 500 in 2013

= = = Luchas de Apuestas record = = =