

Hajime no Ippo: Mashiba vs. Kimura

Fighting Spirit: Mashiba vs. Kimura



Score: **8.24**

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Tatsuya Kimura is beginning to feel left behind. With his friends Ippo Makunouchi and Mamoru Takamura holding the championship belt in their respective weight classes, Kimura's inability to become Japan's Junior Lightweight boxing champion eats away at him. Scheduled to fight with the current champion Ryo Mashiba, Kimura begins to train with Ippo's rival Ichirou Miyata, who previously suffered a crushing defeat from Mashiba's signature "Hitman" style of boxing.

But Mashiba has his own desire to hold onto the belt, hoping to soon shoot for the World title and secure financial stability for his sister Kumi. Will Kimura's overwhelming drive to prove his strength as a boxer overcome Mashiba's desperate wish to provide a better life for Kumi?

Anime Details

Episodes	1
Status	Finished Airing
Aired	Sep 5, 2003
Licensors	Discotek Media
Studios	Madhouse
Source	Manga
Demographic	Shounen
Duration	1 hr. 1 min.

Characters

	Miyata, Ichirou Main	Seki, Tomokazu Japanese			Makunouchi, Ippo Supporting	Kiyasu, Kouhei Japanese	
	Aoki, Masaru Main	Takagi, Wataru Japanese			Takamura, Mamoru Supporting	Koyama, Rikiya Japanese	
	Kamogawa, Genji Main	Utsumi, Kenji Japanese			Mashiba, Kumi Supporting	Kobayashi, Sanae Japanese	
	Kimura, Tatsuya Main	Fujiwara, Keiji Japanese			Commentator Supporting	Horikawa, Jin Japanese	
	Mashiba, Ryo Main	Tanaka, Masahiko Japanese			Coach Shinoda Supporting	Sasaki, Seiji Japanese	

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