

## Brian Minto vs. Billy Zumbrun on ESPN Friday

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NEW YORK (April 27, 2006) – Duva Boxing president Dino Duva calls Brian Minto a “real sleeper in the heavyweight division.” Minto, a native of Butler, PA, has put forth a nifty 23-1 career mark, registering 14 victories by way of knockout. “The Beast” will square off against a top quality opponent in Billy Zumbrun (19-6-1, 11 KOs) of Ogden, Utah, in the eight-round co-feature heavyweight matchup, this Friday night, April 28, at the Mohegan Sun. ESPN2’s Friday Night Fights will televise from 8:00 to 10:00 PM/ET.

“Brian is ready for all the top heavyweights as long as he gets by a tough-minded opponent in Zumbrun,” says Duva. “He can be a real player in the heavyweight division. He is fighting a very tough, durable guy but we are ready to put him in with any top contender, and I really believe he can beat any of them.”

Since scoring an eye-opening PPV-televised stoppage over rival Vinny Maddalone last September, the vastly improved Minto has appeared twice, logging stoppages over Forrest Neal and Troy Weida. Minto sits poised on the doorstep of another high-profile fight and will be looking to make a statement against Zumbrun, but that is no easy task.

In the main event, granite fisted heavyweight slugger Samuel “The Nigerian Nightmare” Peter will return to action. Peter, 25-1 (21 KOs), will tangle with Detroit’s 7-foot-tall Julius Long (14-7, 12 KO’s) in a 12-round main event battle for his NABF heavyweight championship.

Undefeated 20-year-old boxer/puncher Mike Marrone introduced himself to the boxing world just two weeks ago, as he fought a heart-stopping knockdown, drag-out war against more experienced Zack Page in his television debut. Marrone had Page down twice and seemingly out when a lucky punch dropped him and forced him to hang on for dear life to survive. Marrone showed tons of heart in that appearance and won over a lot of fans with his exciting and heavy-handed style.

Tickets for the event are priced at \$75, \$40 and \$25, and are available through the Mohegan Sun box office, and Ticketmaster. Customers may log on to [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com), call any ticketmaster phone number or visit any Ticketmaster outlet.