



On Saturday night, Atlantic City native, Shamone "The Truth" Alvarez (21-2, 12KO's) looks to take yet another step towards challenging for a world title when he takes on Ghana's Ayi Bruce (17-3, 12KO's) in the main event bout of the evening in the Grand Ballroom at Bally's in Atlantic City. The bout, promoted by Star Boxing, is scheduled for ten rounds and will be for the vacant IBA Welterweight Championship.

Alvarez, recently sat down to talk about his upcoming bout, the loaded welterweight division, and where he sees himself in the coming years.

Q: Shamone, how has this training camp been?

SA: Training camp has been how it usually is, trying, intense, and I'm always learning. I'm always looking to improve and looking at what part of my game I need to focus more on. I feel great and I am more than ready to go Saturday night.

Q: What do you know about your opponent?

SA: I know my opponent is a tough guy and that he definitely is not coming to ISTAR BOXING Gose. He has busy hands overall and I expect him to be ready to go.

Q: In your last fight you showed that you have some serious power, knocking out your opponent with one shot. Is this something new to your arsenal or do you think you have always had this power?

SA: I believe I always possessed knock out power, it's just the life trials I have had that kept me a little more focused on going in and doing what should be done. I'm on a mission now and you can expect to see more performances like my last from here on out. I just had a new baby girl about 9 months ago, and it has made me more focused and hungrier than ever to succeed in this game.

Q: You fight in a very loaded division, how do you think you match up against some of the other top guys out there? Is there anyone on your direct hit list?

SA: Yes the division is loaded but not only do I feel, but I know that I can hang with all of them. There is no one in particular at 147 I will avoid or not step up against. I'm ready, willing and able to go in with whoever my promoter Star Boxing puts in ISTAR BOXING front of me.

Q: Give us your perfect 2011?

## Shamone Alvarez Q n A

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SA: Well first I must win this fight and pick up the IBA belt. Then I would like to defend my title and work my way back into a Title Elimination and by the end of the year I would like to be fighting for a World Championship.

Q: Thank you for sitting down with us, is there anything you want to say in closing?

SA: I just want to thank everyone for their continued support and look forward to having everyone come out and show their support this Saturday night at Bally's. A lot of people counted me out after the Joshua Clotty fight and then most definitely after the Delvin Rodriguez fight. But so everyone is aware, I have learned how not to let things slip past me anymore. I'm the same with my focus, I just know what I have to do it to get the W. So for all those people who did count me out, remember I'm still here. I made some noise this year and plan to make even more in 2011. Remember GOD is all that matters in life and let him know you know every once and a while. Peace.

Tickets are currently on sale and are being priced at \$75, and \$50 with a few limited 1st Row VIP Packages also available (\$150). Tickets can be purchased by visiting any ticketmaster location, or simply by [CLICKING HERE](#):. Tickets may also be purchased by calling Star Boxing at (718)823-2000 or visiting [www.starboxing.com](http://www.starboxing.com). Bally's Atlantic City, is located at Park Place and the Boardwalk (1900 Pacific Ave.) Atlantic City, NJ 08401. For more information call (609) 340-2000.