

## HOLYFIELD: "I Plan To Be Heavyweight Champion Again"

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CHARLOTTE, NC (January 14, 2011) – Future Hall of Famer **Evander “The Real Deal” Holyfield** is an old-school fighter who has gone new wave in terms training.

The 48-year-old, ultra fit Holyfield (43-10-2, 28 KOs) defends World Boxing Federation heavyweight title against challenger **Sherman “Tank” Williams** (34-11-2, 19 KOs), headlining the January 22nd “Redemption In America: The Journey Begins Now” Pay-Per-View Event, live from America’s resort -- The Greenbrier’s Colonial Hall -- in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

“Redemption In American,” presented by ARK Promotions in association with The Greenbrier, will be distributed in North American by Integrated Sports Media for live viewing at 9 PM/ET 6 PM/PT on both cable and satellite pay per view via iN Demand, DIRECTV, Avail-TVN and DISH Network in the United States, as well as Viewer’s Choice and Shaw PPV in Canada, for a suggested retail price of only \$29.95.

“Redemption” will fuse world class boxing and entertainment; showcasing a production that includes high-energy music presented by Broadway performers, along with dancers and aerial artists. World-renowned saxophone player Clarence Clemons will also headline a live band between rounds and throughout the night.

Holyfield has accomplished as much as nearly any prize fighter in history during his illustrious 26-year career, defeating a Who’s Who list of the heavyweights and cruiserweights such as world champions such as Mike Tyson (twice), George Foreman, Larry Holmes, Riddick Bowe, Michael Moorer, James “Buster” Douglas, John Ruiz (twice), Hasim Rahman, Chris Byrd, Pinklon Thomas, Michael Dokes, Dwight Muhammad Qawi (twice), and Carlos De Leon. Holyfield’s last fight was a win by eighth-round technical knockout against Frans Botha (47-4-3) last April for the vacant World Boxing Federation crown.

Competitive, entertaining undercard fights will set the stage for the main event showcasing Holyfield on his journey to become the first heavyweight champion to regain the coveted world title four different times. If today’s 50 is yesterday’s 40, Evander still has a lot left in tank, largely because of the foundation for success and longevity he established many, many years ago.

“With me,” he explained, “I’ve always had a plan to live a long time. I plan to be heavyweight champion again, too. To live a long life I have had to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Every kid eats what he wants. Once I made the Olympic Team I developed a habit of eating right and there was no sense changing.

“I’ve been an athlete since I was eight and started trying to be successful back then. At some point I reached my goal and have since maintained my conditioning. My training and conditioning has evolved from the start. I go back to the past for some things because there are

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no reasons to change from a good base foundation. But if something new has proven to work, I do that, too. There's no sense riding a horse when you have a car. For weight training today there are so many different people, different ways and different equipment. It's easier using machines (as opposed to free weights) because you don't need a spotter. I have different machines at home and they're much safer with kids around."

Holyfield's opponent, Williams, is a rugged, durable veteran who has been stopped only once (by Robert Davis in 1999) in 47 pro fights. He has beaten former world champion Alfred "Ice" Cole, fought a draw with multiple world title challenger Jameel McCline, and took former world heavyweight champion Ruslan Chagaev the full distance in their 2005 fight.

"Fighters take a chance every time they get into the ring," Holyfield concluded. "I'm not upset with Williams. He's just taking a chance to make it by fighting me. At 48, I'm going to prove to him that I can still go."

NABA Heavyweight Champion **Cedric "The Bos" Boswell** (32-1, 25 KOs) defends his title against **Dominique "Diamond" Alexander** (19-9, 9 KOs) in the 10-round co-feature, while

former world heavyweight title challenger **Monte "Two Gunz" Barrett** (34-9, 20 KOs), coming off of an impressive draw with WBO No. 2 rated David Tua, faces former WBC Latino Heavyweight Champion **Charles Davis** in a 10-rounder.

World Boxing Federation Intercontinental Heavyweight Champion **Travis "GW Hope" Kauffman** (21-1, 16 KOs) takes on 7' 2" **Julius "Towering Inferno" Long** (15-14, 13 KOs) in an 8-round match.

Also fighting on the undercard in 8-round bouts are unbeaten Detroit middleweight **Domonique Dolton** (9-0, 7 KOs) versus Venezuelan veteran **Marcos "The Terminator" Primera** (20-22-2, 13 KOs), as well as 2008 US National AAU lightweight champion, Cleveland junior welterweight **Miguel "Silky Smooth" Gonzalez** (12-2, 11 KOs) against 31-fight veteran

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**Ramon**  
"Che"  
**Guevara**

Lithuania-native **Donatas Boundoravas** (10-1-1, 3 KOs) tangles with undefeated **Willie Fortune** (9-0, 5 KOs), of Detroit, in a 6-round fight to round-out the card. All fights and fighters are subject to change.

Ticket/hotel packages can be purchased at [www.greenbrier.com](http://www.greenbrier.com) or by calling 1.800.453.4858. Deadline to book reservations is Jan. 21.

Doors open at 6 PM/ET, first bout at 7 PM/ET, and first PPV fight at 9 PM/ET, 6 PM/PT.

For more information about the Holyfield-Williams PPV event go to [www.greenbrier.com](http://www.greenbrier.com) , [www.NCMusicFactory.com](http://www.NCMusicFactory.com)

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**FighterforJC says:** I watched some highlights of Sherman Williams. He's a bigger threat to Holyfield than most expect. At 48, anything can happen to Holyfield. I willfully choose to turn my head the other way and pretend that Holyfield still has a chance of scoring upsets over the Klitschkos. Until Pacquiao came along, Holyfield is the only fighter that can get me screaming at the top of my lungs cheering him on. Also, Monte Barrett's dignified exit didn't last too long.

**Radam G says:** Sherman Williams is a big-belly softy, turtlespeed, extra-large tomato can. But than again, 90 percent of the heavyweight division is reminiscent of him. The rest -- except for Holy --is a bunch of overhyped, bad bones tallies, such as Grant, the K-bros/docs and Valuev. Short, double-wide arse Sherman is 5-foot-9, 275 pounds. Nevermind that he is listed as 5-foot-11. Rocky Marciano and Mike Tyson were listed at 5'11 and a half when they were under 5'10. But they could hit and could fight. Holy is going to pop Williams in that big, ole belly and turn his legs into jelly. I see an easily beatdown for Holy. Holla!

**admin says:** Yeah, I gotta call Monte and ask what happened to that retirement. He SWORE to me that'd be it! LOL