

Geale Stripped, Golovkin Named WBA Champ

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JAKARTA, INDONESIA (November 1, 2012) The **World Boxing Association** announced that **Daniel**

Geale

will be stripped of his “Super Champion” status and

Gennady Golovkin

is named as their

“**sole WBA middleweight champion**”

. President

Gilberto Mendoza

made the declaration at the WBA’s 91st Annual Convention in Jakarta

Geale won the WBA “Super Champion” title when he unified the WBA and IBF titles by winning a decision over existing WBA “Super Champion” **Felix Sturm** on SEPTEMBER 1 in Oberhausen, Germany.

However, because of Sturm’s long overdue mandatory obligation to Golovkin, the WBA declared the winner of Sturm/Geale bout must face the winner of Golovkin/**Grzegorz Proksa** by DECEMBER 31.

Golovkin defeated Proksa by stopping him in the fifth round in a very impressive performance.

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Geale has since declined to face Golovkin announcing he will fight **Anthony Mundine** in JANUARY 2013 in Australia.

“We commend the WBA for clearing up this long overdue situation and recognizing Gennady as their only champion in the middleweight division. Gennady is proud to be the WBA and IBO champion and looks forward to returning to the ring soon” said **Tom Loeffler** of **K2 Promotions**

Geale had a great win over Sturm in Germany, however he soon joined many others in avoiding Gennady. Geale turned down a potential lucrative fight against Golovkin on HBO to sign for the Mundine fight. “We don’t blame Geale and his team for taking a safer fight, however they knew the obligations they would have prior to the Sturm fight. Geale is still IBF champion and if he continues to win, this might be a great unification fight in the future.”

Golovkin, now 24-0-0 with 21 knockouts, made his highly anticipated **HBO** and United States debut on SEPTEMBER 1, impressively stopping #3 WBA ranked and European Champion **Grzegorz Proksa** in the fifth round at the **Turning Stone Casino** in Verona, NY.

Plans for Golovkin’s next fight will be announced shortly.

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BFF says:

i would like to applaud the WBA for doing whats right and setting an example for the other sanctioning bodies to follow. Geale needs to man up and just admit he too is scared to fight the beast in GGG.