

New On: Donaire, Khan Weigh-Ins, Curtis Stevens Fight

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HOUSTON (December 14, 2012) – Top-Five pound for pound fighter, four-division world champion and Fighter of the Year favorite NONITO “Filipino Flash” DONAIRE and five-division world titlist JORGE “Travieso” ARCE will have their Official Weigh-In Tomorrow! Friday, December 14, beginning at 2:00 p.m. CT, at the 2nd Floor Food Court of the PlazAmericas Mall (7500 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, Tex. 77036.)

The weigh-in will be open to the public.

Donaire (30-1, 19 KOs), a native of General Santos City, Philippines, now living in the Bay Area of San Leandro, California, will risk his World Boxing Organization (WBO) junior featherweight crown against Arce (61-6-2, 46 KOs), of Los Mochis, Sinaloa, México, one of boxing’s most exciting and popular fighters on Saturday, December 15 at Toyota Center, home of the Houston Rockets, and televised live on HBO World Championship Boxing®, beginning at 9:30 p.m. ET/PT. The telecast will also include the exclusive replay of Manny Pacquiao vs. Juan Manuel Marquez 4, the fourth chapter of their epic rivalry and a favorite to win Fight of the Year.

Remaining tickets to the Donaire vs. Arce World Junior Featherweight Championship event, priced at \$200, \$100, \$60, and \$30, plus additional fees, and can be purchased at the Toyota Center box office (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.), online at www.HoustonToyotaCenter.com , by phone at 866- 4HOU-TIX (866-446-8849) and select Houston area Randalls stores. This prestigious event is promoted by Top Rank®, in association with Zanfer Promotions and Tecate.

*SPECIAL NOTE: During the events marked "GBP Toy Drive Event," individuals donating an unwrapped, unopened toy valued at \$20 or more will receive two free tickets to the Khan vs. Molina fight on December 15. There is a limit of two tickets per person, per toy and the offer is only good while supplies last.

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2:00 p.m. December 15 Official Weigh-In - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

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***GBP TOY DRIVE EVENT**

Location: L.A. Memorial Coliseum At The Olympic Statues (3939 S. Figueroa St.; Los Angeles, CA 90037 - Main Entrance On Figueroa St)

Parking: L.A. Memorial Sports Arena - Lot A

TOTOWA, NJ - Main Events announced today that middleweights Elvin Ayala and Curtis "Showtime" Stevens will meet in the 10-round co-feature bout on the next nationally televised edition Fight Night on NBC Sports Network, January 19, 2013. The anticipated meeting will precede the 10-round light heavyweight main event between Sergey Kovalev, 19-1, 17 KOs, and Gabriel Campillo, 21-4-1, 7 KOs.

Elvin Ayala, 26-5-1, 12 KOs, of New Haven, CT, is riding a six-bout winning streak (three by KO), and will be looking to add Stevens' name to that list. In his last fight, Ayala looked strong stopping John Mackey at the Mohegan Sun in July.

"I feel good. Curtis Stevens is a big name. A lot of people know who he is. They say he's a beast, and I like that," said Ayala, "I feel good about being back on TV. I'm definitely coming to make a statement. I'm training hard for it."

Elvin Ayala

Curtis Stevens, 22-3, 16 KOs, of Brownsville, Brooklyn, is coming off a quick stoppage of Romaro Johnson in his most recent appearance (TKO1) , and holds past wins over former champion Carl Daniels, undefeated Piotr Wilczewski, and road warrior Dhafir Smith.

Stevens said, "I'm from a place where I used to fight on the roof....the loser had to jump. It's time for me to shine and that's what I'm going to do come January 19th on NBC Sports Network

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Fight Night."

Four inches taller, Ayala will enter the ring with an advantage in size, while Stevens, at 27, is the younger fighter by four years. The fight will be held at the Mohegan Sun Casino, in Uncasville, CT.