BRYANT JENNINGS WILLING

TO REPLACE BANKS FEB. 16

AGAINST SETH MITCHELL

Philadelphia, PA—Undefeated heavyweight contender **Bryant Jennings,** with his sights set on a world heavyweight championship fight, now is willing to step in for the injured **Jonathon Banks** and take on once-beaten **Seth Mitchell** on Feb. 16 in Atlantic City, NJ.

Jennings, who beat then-undefeated lefty **Maurice Byarm** on six days' notice one year ago, stays in shape and will gladly fight Mitchell on the HBO-televised card, according to his promoter, **J Russell Peltz**.

"If we cannot get **(Wladimir) Klitschko**, we'll keep calling out all the other heavyweights until one of them decides to fight Bryant," Peltz said. "Today's fighters have to get in shape. The old-timers stayed in shape and Jennings trains like the old-timers—he's always ready.

"I spoke with **Eric Gomez**(Golden Boy matchmaker) today and told him Jennings was ready, willing and able."

Jennings, 28, of Philadelphia, is ranked No. 3 by the IBF and No. 22 by the WBC. He turned pro in 2010 and is 16-0, 8 K0s, and he holds the USBA heavyweight title.

An unknown at this time last year, Jennings broke into the heavyweight picture by winning five

fights in 2013. In addition to beating Byarm, he also K0d ex-WBO champion **Sergei Liakhovich** and he won the vacant USBSA title by pitching a shutout against iron-chinned **Steve Collins**, of Houston, TX.

In his last fight Dec. 8 in Philadelphia, Jennings defended the USBA crown by knocking out **Bo wie Tupou**, of Tonga, in five rounds.

All of those 2013 fights were televised as part of the NBC Sports Network Fight Night series.

“Let them (Golden Boy) put the money on the table they gave to **Chazz Witherspoon** or to Jonathon Banks and we’ll be happy to accommodate them,” said **Fred Jenkins**, who manages and trains Jennings. “We’re right here in Philadelphia and we’ll bring plenty of fans to the fight.”

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Radam G says:

Typo! You mean 2012 fights -- not 2013. Mitch should take a marshmallow opponent. Jennings would also kayo him. Holla!

ali says:

Deontay Wilder vs Seth Mitchell I think that would be a good fight. Wilder needs to step up the opposition. I think Mitchell would be the perfect guy for him to fight right now.

Radam G says:

Where da party at? South Central Los Angeles Ali has joined the 1,000-post Club. And he put it on sorry-arse heavies. But at least he called out a decent match up between upstart bums -- B fighters.

If Denotay Wilder dances with Seth Mitchell, I've pick the ex-basketballer Wilder by second round kayo over the ex-footballer Mitch. Holla!

Bernie Campbell says:

Monte Barrett, Yea old Friscoe put his foot recently somewhere the sun dont shine on someone with Mitchell's dimensions! As a matter of fact Monte even knocked down David Haye, when David turned Heavyweight!