

Curtis Stevens: "I'm Calling Gennady Golovkin Out"

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Middleweight Curtis "Showtime" Stevens, 24-3, 17 KOs, held a media conference call Thursday to discuss his upcoming 10-round main event against Mexican Saul Roman, 37-9, 31 KOs, on August 3rd. The NABF middleweight championship fight will be nationally televised by NBC Sports Network on the popular *Fight Night* boxing series.

The telecast begins at 10:30 PM ET, and in addition to Stevens-Roman, includes two other 10-round bouts, Eddie Chambers versus Thabiso Mchunu in a cruiserweight fight and Tomasz Adamek against Dominick Guinn in a heavyweight contest.

Curtis Stevens, trainer Andre Rozier, promoter and Main Events CEO Kathy Duva, and Main Events matchmaker Jolene Mizzone, all spoke and took questions from the press.

"We're all very excited about this fight," Kathy Duva said. "Curtis is fabulous because he will absolutely fight anyone at all. So our job as promoters is to build him to the point where when that title opportunity comes, he will be well compensated for it. So August 3rd is going to tell us a lot more. Every fight tells us more about how ready he is. And we have complete 100% confidence that he will get there. But the obstacle right now is Saul Roman. If he doesn't get past him, all that goes away."

Jolene Mizzone added, "We have to mold Curtis at 160 pounds to be ready for the Golovkins of the world, the Chavezes, the Quillins, the Geales, all the champions. Roman is a guy who's going to come straight forward throwing punches, like Golovkin. I'm not comparing the two, but he's the type of guy that Curtis needs to be able to handle. He needs to be able to handle the pressure. So before he fights a championship fight, he needs to get all that (experience) under his belt. Roman is a guy who has power. Anything could happen. He's a guy who is going to come straight forward. He's a guy who had eight weeks of training. He's a guy who has nothing to lose, and everything to gain. So all of that went into picking him for as an opponent for Curtis."

"My theory on boxing, especially professional boxing, is there is no overtime in this game," trainer Andre Rozier said. "The least amount of time spent in the ring extends your longevity. If you can get in and get out, it makes it a little bit better than having a 10-round war. So I prefer for him to get in, do what he has to do, score a knockout and get out as soon as possible. From what I've viewed from some of Roman's fights, he's a straight forward, come at you type of fighter, and that should play right into Curtis' hands. He's going to come right to him. And if it all works out the way it's supposed to, we should see another Ayala-type performance."

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"I train for the knockout," Curtis Stevens said. "But if the knockout don't come, it don't come. It doesn't really matter, as long as I get the win. In my eyes, it really shouldn't take that long. I watched a couple tapes on him (Roman). If he gets hit good, he goes down. But somehow he gets back up and fights. He's a tough Mexican. But he's never fought anyone with the power that I have. The way I see it, if I hit him, he'll go down and not get back up. But if he does get up, I'm a finisher. So it's over."

And when asked about his future beyond the Roman fight, Stevens said, "I'm ready right now. If it was up to me, I'd fight a champion right now. But the question is, do they want to give me a shot? I'm high risk. Nobody wants to get in there and get hit by me. If it was up to me, I'd fight Gennady Golovkin because he's the most feared middleweight. I'm calling him out. People are scared to fight him; I'm asking to fight him. But I just have to wait my turn. I'm anxious to get it, but I have to wait. They are the champions, so I have to hope they will give me my shot."

"THREE TO SEE" FIGHT INFO:

August 3rd "Three To See" card at Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT. In the main event Curtis Stevens and Saul Roman will clash for 10-rounds in a NABF middleweight title war. Also co-featured will be a 10-round cruiserweight battle between Eddie Chambers and Thabiso Mchunu. Heavyweight, Tomasz "Goral" Adamek will take on Dominick Guinn, for 10-rounds. Vyacheslav "Czar" Glazkov will be featured on the undercard in an 8 round heavyweight fight.

NBC Sports Network *Fight Night* will telecast the August 3rd show beginning 10:30PM EDT.

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brownsugar says:

[QUOTE=deepwater;34089]Curtis Stevens is fighting Roman who lost 9 and got knocked out 6 times. Mostly fought at 154. So Stevens might look like a monster vs this guy... or maybe not. Stevens got knocked down and lost 8 out 10 rounds or so, and almost got stopped at the end against Jesse Brinkley of the contender. Brinkley might be limited but decent and tough in there. GGG is levels above Stevens . The chin checkers had so much promise in NYC, it was all downhill after Allen green knocked out Codrington in 6 seconds and pretty much left him for dead. GGG has better fights then Stevens ahead of him so please don't let it happen. its not good for boxing.[/QUOTE]

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I have to agree... fighting Stevens is a step backwards.. I want to see GGG hunting champions.

amayseng says:

completely concur with both above.

ggg needs very strong competition or championship caliber fighters or he will for one, not get his due respect and secondly will be treading water and not improving

his craft.

we want to see him continue to progress not just knock out tomato cans...

brownsugar says:

With the lack of worthy contenders coming forward ...Stevens may still get a shot...would still be interesting.