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Many if not most thought Glen Johnson would have trouble dropping from light heavy to super middle at his advanced age. Allan Green, on the canvas above, was the one in trouble come fight night. Could the Road Warrior pull off another mini-shocker against Froch?

THE SEMIFINALS CONTINUE! WBC CHAMPION CARL FROCH DEFENDS AGAINST FORMER WORLD TITLIST GLEN JOHNSON

**LIVE on SHOWTIME® Saturday, June 4, at 9 p.m. ET/PT
From Adrian Philipps Ballroom of Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall**

NEW YORK (April 8, 2011) – An opportunity to compete for the inaugural Super Six World

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Boxing Classic Cup will be on the line when Carl “The Cobra” Froch (27-1, 20 KOs) defends his World Boxing Council (WBC) super middleweight title against former world champion Glen “The Road Warrior” Johnson (51-14-2, 35 KOs) of Miami, Fla., in the last Semifinal of the Super Six World Boxing Classic on Saturday, June 4, live on SHOWTIME® (9 p.m. ET/PT, delayed on the West Coast) from Adrian Philipps Ballroom of Atlantic City’s Boardwalk Hall.

The Froch-Johnson winner will advance to the Final against the victor of the May 14 Semifinal between World Boxing Association (WBA) champion Andre Ward (23-0, 13 KOs) of Oakland, Calif., and former world champion Arthur Abraham (32-2, 26 KOs), of Berlin, Germany, by way of Armenia. Ward-Abraham will be shown live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT, delayed on the West Coast) from The Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif.

Froch and Johnson are seeded Nos. 2 and 3, respectively, entering the Super Six Semifinals. Ward is seeded No. 1, Abraham No. 4.

In his last start on Nov. 27, 2010, the 33-year-old Froch, of Nottingham, England, manufactured perhaps a career-best performance, recapturing the then-vacant WBC 168-pound crown with a one-sided 12-round decision over Abraham in the final Group Stage 3 bout from Helsinki, Finland. There were no knockdowns but Froch dominated en route to tallying up the lopsided scores of 120-108 twice and 119-109.

Froch is 2-1 in the Super Six. In addition to dismantling Abraham, he won a split decision over Andre Dirrell in Group Stage 1 and lost a tight decision – along with the WBC title – to Mikkel Kessler in back-and-forth Fight of the Year candidate in Group Stage 2.

The Jamaican-born Johnson, a tournament replacement for the injured Mikkel Kessler, advanced with an eighth-round knockout over Allan Green in a Group Stage 3 fight on Nov. 6, 2010, in Las Vegas.

Johnson, 42, a former world light heavyweight champion who was making his first start at 168 pounds in 10 years, was ahead by three points on one of the scorecards and behind by one on the others when a left hook to the body followed by an overhand right to the side of head finished Green at 0:36 in the eighth.

Following Group Stage 3, Froch called Johnson an “old wise fox” and said he expected nothing less than a strong performance from a “great” fighter like Johnson.

“Glen Johnson is a blue-collar fighter who always gives his best and is a gentleman outside of the ring,” said Froch. “He commands respect and I give him respect.”

And the respect is mutual. Johnson offered, “The guy is a two-time champion. You do it once then you can say maybe it’s a little luck but to do it twice you know he deserved it. I have tremendous respect for Carl Froch.”

But the kind words will cease when the bell rings for what should be a fiercely contested 12-round affair. Johnson said of Froch, “I know he has a few weaknesses and I have every

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intention of exploiting those. I really feel like I'm the favorite right now. I just have to take it one fight at a time."

Froch added, "I don't just plan on beating him, but I plan on halting him in style. Our styles gel very well for a competitive battle for as long as it lasts and I'm looking forward to it. I have a date in the final of the Super Six and I won't be overlooking Johnson in any shape or form – which will spell bad news for Glen. ☐☐ "It will be another win for the Cobra, maybe by stoppage as I plan on making another big statement for the SHOWTIME fans."

Both fighters hold the tournament in high regard and covet the value of emerging victorious. Froch opined, "I could win this tournament and retire – that's what it means. I can win this and say, 'You know what? I've done it. I don't need to fight anymore.' I wouldn't do that – I've got a couple of years left in me and there's some big fights out there for me – but that's how big this tournament is."

Johnson recalled, "I know when this [tournament] was first put together I remember thinking to myself, 'Man, I wish I was a super middleweight.' But I'm in right now and I'm here to win the entire tournament. I believe I'm in it for a reason and that's to win it."

"Glen Johnson and Carl Froch are two of the most fan friendly fighters in boxing, said promoter Lou DiBella. "Both are proven winners who have earned fans the ole fashioned way, by entertaining fans fight after fight. Glen is known as 'The Road Warrior' because he isn't afraid to go to someone else's turf for a big fight, and Carl's biggest wins have come outside the UK. Everyone knows that both men will leave it all in the ring in Atlantic City for the right to advance to the Super Six final."

The event is promoted by DiBella Entertainment, Warriors Boxing and Carl Froch.

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Radam G says:

Glen Johnson is the more robbed fighter in the history of da game. I wouldn't be surprised to learn that judges put him down as having lost before the bouts start. I best that they were doing a lot of card correcting on the night that he shocked Superman Roy Jones Jr. WTF! They thought that they have hid all the kryptonite, but GJ probably slip some in his handwraps. And no wise ole [finding syet] genie, like da Genie Naazim, was there to catch his arse. Hehehehehe! Whatever! [We got to believe in something.]

Hum, now Carl Froch has a darn pretty G-Friend and some mad skills. He may just be da dude who actually, righteously beat da "Road Warrior." I think this dance will be one interesting tangle. This game is definitely the "Theatre of the Unexpected." I expect a decision, draw, kayo or straight-up robbery. Holla!

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ali says:

Why is the fight in Atlantic city? Froch has been in the super six from the beginning and hasn't punk out like a lot of the fighters in the tournament. The fight should be in the U.S. give the man his respect.

Radam G says:

Wow! I guess that reader made a typo. The fight is "in the U.S." Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall is in New Jersey, USA. [Maybe the reader meant that the fight should not be in the United States.] Holla!

brownsugar says:

I don't know why Green folded so easily against the Road Warrior,.. it's like he didn't even come to fight. Hopefully Green can find another line of work after pocketing two back to back purses for his losing efforts.... with Johnson anything is possible.. but he didn't look quite right to me at 167... his knees looked stiff... and his legs had no bounce.. he wore a good poker face against Green,.. but he looked uncomfortable...Maybe he's made a better adjustment to the weight for this fight... but Froch should know enough to use his much fresher legs to lead the Bullish Johnson around in circles, while picking him apart over 12. Don't know enough physiology about Johnson to make a confident call... but I think the aging Road Warrior will keep it entertaining no matter what.

ali says:

@Radam G Yeah I meant to say it should'nt be in the U.S...I seriously doubt it's because they will make more money over here in the states. Froch has a big fan base where he's from and can fill up a arena out there....Glen Johnson has never had a big following so I don't understand why it's in the states.

ali says:

@Brownsugar ...Green is a straight bum he never showed up in any of his big fights...So I couldn't gage how much Johnson has left.....but one thing I do know is he won't go like no bitch...im with you he will keep it entertaining no matter what.

Radam G says:

@B-Sug and ali, Andre Green is an usually case. Technically, he should not be permitted to fight. He has a medical condition, where in most other contact sports he would not be allowed to compete. But da game of boxing is kind of seedy, and of course, is the hurt business, or what da gamers say, "Hurt BITNEZZ! I won't mention Green's medical jive. Maybe you guys can find it somewhere, or maybe TSS scribes will spit some copy about Green. Dude is a BRAVE soul. Bums and chump fighters with American citizenship would be gettin' social security disability pay, instead of continuing in da legal mayhem game. Holla!

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brownsugar says:

@ali... straight to the point.. I don't think he will either and after watching Morales... anything is possible.

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@Radam.. yep and maybe guys like Roy jones could retire and quit the comebacks.