

## **HBO Tripleheader Starts At 9:45 PM ET On Saturday**

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**HBO SPORTS® HEADS TO THE “SHOW-ME” STATE FOR AN ACTION-PACKED**

**TRIPLEHEADER WHEN HBO BOXING AFTER DARK®:**

**DEVON ALEXANDER VS. LUCAS MATTHYSSE,**

**TAVORIS CLOUD VS. YUSAF MACK AND**

**BERMANE STIVERNE VS. RAY AUSTIN IS SEEN SATURDAY, JUNE 25**

HBO's hit late-night boxing franchise goes back to Missouri for an action-packed tripleheader when DEVON ALEXANDER VS. LUCAS MATTHYSSE, TAVORIS CLOUD VS. YUSAF MACK AND BERMANE STIVERNE VS. RAY AUSTIN is seen SATURDAY, JUNE 25 at 9:45 p.m. (live ET/ taped-delayed PT), from The Family Arena in St. Charles, exclusively on HBO. The HBO Sports team of Bob Papa, Larry Merchant and Roy Jones Jr. will call all the action, which will be available in HDTV, closed-captioned for the hearing-impaired and presented in Spanish on HBO Latino.

Other HBO playdates: June 26 (8:30 a.m.) and 27 (12:15 a.m.)

HBO2 playdates: June 26 (4:00 p.m.) and 28 (1:00 a.m.)

The main event showcases former super lightweight champion Devon Alexander (21-1, 13 KOs) from St. Louis in his quest to regain championship status. In his first fight since losing his title by a technical decision loss to Timothy Bradley in January, Alexander goes toe-to-toe with powerhouse Lucas Matthyse (28-1, 26 KOs) from Buenos Aries, Argentina in a scheduled 12-round 140-pound matchup.

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The middle bout features undefeated light heavyweight titleholder Tavoris Cloud (22-0, 18 KOs) from Tallahassee, Fla. battling Yusaf Mack (29-3-2, 17 KOs), from Philadelphia and now living in New York City, in a scheduled 12-round title bout. Already holding one title, Cloud looks to challenge the other titleholders in the talented and experienced 175-pound division, but must face Mack before thinking about title unification.

Starting off the night, Bermame Stiverne (20-1-1, 19 KOs), from La Plaine, Haiti and now living in Las Vegas, makes his HBO debut against Cleveland veteran Ray Austin (28-5-4, 18 KOs) in a scheduled 12-round heavyweight contest.

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### **Radam G says:**

HBO has lost the funk, and is trying to steal it back from Showtime. But this card will not do it. There will not be a lot of excitement in any of these bouts. Biting off the words of da Don[puto69], "you heard it here first. Holla back, ladies!" Holla!

### **the Roast says:**

Three fights, maybe one will be good? I can do without Ray Austin but a guy with 20 wins, 19 by KO is worth a look.

### **amayseng says:**

looks to be a decent card....

altho showtime definitely has the upper hand the last year or two, plus showtime has much much much better commentary...

however, why do the fights start so late? 10pm is late when they go to 12 or 12 am start them at 8 or 9 the latest

no?

### **Shoulder Roll Defense says:**

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K-9 vs. Powell should have gotten precedence over Ray Austin's fight and if Cloud wins his fight I hope he fights the Hopkins vs. Dawson winner. I was high on Alexander before I realized a couple of fights ago that he has a fundamental flaw; he doesn't sit down on his punches. However, he should throw enough pitty pat punches to out work Matthyse.

### **the Roast says:**

I agree with Shoulder Roll. Show K-9-Powell.