

Dib and Gradovich Make Weight

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Ledyard, CT (2/28/13) - Earlier tonight IBF Featherweight Champion Billy "The Kid" Dib (35-1-1NC, 21KO's) and undefeated Russian Challenger Evgeny Gradovich (15-0, 8KO's) both made weight for their championship bout tomorrow night at MGM Grand Theater at Foxwoods. Both Dib and Gradovich looked to be in tremendous shape, with each fighter tipping the scales at 125 lbs.

[Also, check out this video Q n A Michael Woods did with Dib](#) at a prefight presser in NYC on Wednesday. Charlie Ota, a junior middle, was supposed to fight Brandon Baue, but his fight was scrapped because Baue couldn't make the trip.

[To learn a bit more about Ota, check out this video chat I had with the boxer on Wednesday.](#)

The event tomorrow is promoted by 50 Cent's SMS Promotions and DiBella Entertainment and sponsored by SMS Audio. The championship bout will be televised live tomorrow night on ESPN's *Friday Night Fights*. Below are the complete weights for the entire card.

IBF Featherweight Championship (12)

Billy Dib (35-1-0-1NC, 21 KO's), Champion, Sydney, Australia 125 LBS.

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Evgeny Gradovich (15-0, 8 KOs), Challenger, Igrim, Russia 125 LBS.

NABF Super Welterweight Championship (10)

Willie Nelson (19-1-1, 11 KOs), Champion, Cleveland, OH 152 LBS.

Michael Medina (26-3-2, 19 KOs), Challenger, Los Angeles, CA 154 LBS.

Junior Lightweights (8)

Ryan Kielczweski (15-0, 3 KOs), Quincy, MA 127 LBS.

Gil Garcia (5-3-1, 1 KO), Houston, TX 129 LBS.

Super Bantamweights (8)

Luis Rosa Jr. (12-0, 6 KOs), New Haven, CT 124 LBS.

Jhovany Collado (4-6-2, 1 KO), Jamaica, NY 123 LBS.

Junior Welterweights (4)

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Luis Oliveras (pro debut), Glendale, AZ 140 LBS.

Rafael Munoz (1-1), Houston, TX 140 LBS.

Female Junior Featherweights (6)

Shelly Vincent (7-0), Providence, RI 124 LBS.

Mikayla Nevel (0-3), Columbus, OH 122 LBS.

Welterweights (4)

Jimmy Williams (1-0, 1 KO), New Haven, CT 146 LBS.

Raynard Younger (0-1), Alpharetta, GA 147 LBS.

The 12-round main event on ESPN Friday Night Fights features International Boxing Federation (IBF) Featherweight Champion Billy "The Kid" Dib (35-1-0-1NC, 21 KOs), who is promoted by 50 Cent, defending against undefeated Russian challenger Evgeny Gradovich. NABF Super Welterweight Champion Willie "The Great" Nelson defends his title against Michael "Medina in the 10-round co-feature.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. ET with the first bout scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. ET. The ESPN Friday Night Fights card will air live at 9 p.m. ET. The Nelson-Medina bout is promoted in association with Rumble Time Promotions. The event is sponsored by SMS Audio.

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50 Cent will be performing live on fight night

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stormcentre says:

If Dib doesn't get this, he needs to have a good look at himself.

Unless of course Gradovich is the epitome of the term "Wildcard". I would love to know what Gradovich is getting paid, especially considering Dib's other opponent pulled out after hearing of his - before expenses -income being in the region of \$20K.

Dib is slightly underrated IMO, but sometimes too easily overpowered. His style, whilst exhibiting significant differences from Ben, has similar strengths and weaknesses to another Aussie based fighter; Ben Rabah. Too many moving parts to keep everything synchronised all the time, particularly when under pressure and the hands are not protecting the cat's whiskas. And, as stated above, Dib can be, sometimes, a tad too easily overpowered.

Still, he spent some time with Mosely a few years back. So Shane has probably taught him a few tricks.

stormcentre says:

And with those comments (made before the Dib fight), it seems Gradovich now roughed up Dib and overpowered him.

Radam G says:

The threatre of the unexpected is always on duty. Holla!

stormcentre says:

Yep, it certainly seems that way for Dib, RadamG.