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L-R: TOM LOEFFLER (K2), GENNADY GOLOVKIN, MATTHEW MACKLIN & LOU DIBELLA (DBE)

NEW YORK CITY (April 13) — Gennady Golovkin, the undefeated middleweight champion, will face Matthew Macklin, the former world champion, in a highly anticipated fight at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on Saturday, April 13. The fight is part of a card featuring several other top-level bouts. K2 Productions, a leading media and production company, is handling the event. The fight is being broadcast on HBO.

The two highly-regarded middleweights will meet at the MGM Grand Theater at Foxwoods.

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Below are quotes from the press conference, which was hosted by famed announcer Michael Buffer.

GENNADY "GGG" GOLOVKIN (WBA & IBO Middleweight World Champion)

I am very happy to be here back in NYC and back on HBO. We know that this is a very difficult fight for u

MATTHEW MACKLIN (WBC #3, WBA #11 and & IBF #14)

I am not the kind of person to turn down world-title shots so when this fight was offered to me, it was a n

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I take nothing away from GGG. I think that he is a great champion. On June 29 I am by far the biggest puncher in the world.

I want to be involved in the biggest and best fights that I can be in and that's exactly what we have in our hands.

When Bernard Hopkins fought Felix Trinidad, everyone was picking GGG to walk right through Hopkins.

TOM LOEFFLER (Managing Director of K2 Promotions)

It is always nice being up here on the podium with people you honestly call friends. This fight is one of the best in the world.

This fight wasn't an easy fight to make, we have all made a ton of sacrifices to make this happen.

I feel that we have the best middleweight in the world in GGG, but the only way to show that is to get the belt.

LOU DIBELLA (President of DiBella Entertainment)

I am thrilled to be standing here to announce this fight. Style-wise this fight is a can't-miss. There are few fights like this in the world.

Kudos go to Peter Nelson and everyone at HBO for making it known that HBO really wanted this fight. This is a great fight for HBO.

I want to send a special thank you to Tom and everyone at K2. We have both made a ton of sacrifices to make this happen.

I saw GGG fight in Monaco and when you simply demolish a world-class fighter (Nobuhiro Ishida) who has been a world champion, you know you have a special fighter.

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You saw in the Rosado fight with GGG that he will mix it up and rumble and Matthew is unquestionably t

PETER NELSON (Director of Programming HBO Sports)

All of us at HBO are happy that we were able to put this fight together. We're excited about it. We're expecting

BRIAN PETERS (Brian Peters Promotions/Macklin Manager)

We are delighted to be here and want to thank everyone involved in making this great opportunity a real

Hopefully GGG and Matthew can show the tenacity that Peter Nelson of HBO showed in making this fight

Most middleweights are scared to walk down the street with GGG let alone fight him. He is a helluva fight

DANIELLE CARPENTER (Executive Director, Advt. & Brand Foxwoods)

It is always a thrill for Foxwoods to host a world-class boxing event and the opportunity to team up with L

The Golovkin-Macklin World Championship Bout is promoted by K2 Promotions and DiBella Entertainment

More information on this exciting event will be announced shortly. For fight updates, please visit www.hbo.com/boxing

Tickets will go on sale Monday, April 15 and are priced at \$300, \$200, \$90 and \$15. Tickets are a

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brownsugar says:

After the fight, GGG's most frequent response during his post fight interview, " Yes..... He was good boy..he was a good boy.... yes"

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This should be his toughest fight so far but Macklin is no Ward or B-Hop.