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**TOTOWA, NJ** - June 17, 2013 - Earlier today, the IBF ordered Light Heavyweight Champion Bernard Hopkins to make his next title defense against newly-crowned #1 contender Sergey "Krusher" Kovalev of Russia.

On Friday, Kovalev scored his 9th impressive knockout in a row with a third round demolition of Houston's Cornelius White on the NBC Sports Network's critically acclaimed *Fight Night* series.

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