

HBO BOXING[®] RETURNS TO MADISON SQUARE GARDEN FOR **GENNADY GOLOVKIN VS. CURTIS STEVENS AND MIKE PEREZ VS. MAGOMED ABDUSALAMOV** SATURDAY, NOV. 2

HBO's flagship series presents a twin bill of hard-hitting action highlighted by a red-hot middleweight title showdown when HBO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING: GENNADY GOLOVKIN VS. CURTIS STEVENS AND MIKE PEREZ VS. MAGOMED ABDUSALAMOV is seen SATURDAY, NOV. 2 at 10:00 p.m. (live ET/tape-delayed PT) from the Theater at Madison Square Garden, exclusively on HBO. The HBO Sports team of Jim Lampley, Max Kellerman and Roy Jones Jr. will be ringside for the event, which will be available in HDTV, closed-captioned for the hearing-impaired and presented in Spanish on HBO Latino.

Other HBO playdates: Nov. 3 (9:15 a.m.) and 4 (11:15 p.m.)

HBO2 playdates: Nov. 3 (4:45 p.m.) and 5 (11:45 p.m.)

The main feature pits undefeated Kazakhstan sensation Gennady Golovkin (27-0, 24 KOs) against rising star Curtis Stevens (25-3, 18 KOs) of Brooklyn in a scheduled 12-round middleweight title bout. With an 89% knockout rate – the highest percentage of any world champion today – and knockouts of his last 14 opponents, Golovkin, 31, has established himself as one of the most electrifying fighters in the sport. He scored a spectacular victory on HBO in June when he KO'd Matthew Macklin in the third round. This will be the fourth fight on American soil for the fan-friendly, 160-pound titleholder, who trains at Big Bear in California.

Like Mike Tyson and Riddick Bowe before him, Curtis Stevens (25-3, 18 KOs) is a product of the hardscrabble neighborhoods of Brooklyn. Although he's been a pro for nine years, the 28-year-old's career has surged the past two years and he's scored impressive first-round KO victories in three of his last four fights.

The opening bout is a ten-round heavyweight slugfest, as Cuban native Mike Perez (19-0, 12 KOs) meets Russia's Magomed Abusalamov (18-0, 18 KOs). Perez, 27, and Abusalamov, 32, both seek to preserve an undefeated record and display their abilities on a national stage.

HBO's Golovkin-Stevens Card Starts At 10 PM ET

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“Face Off With Max Kellerman: Pacquiao/Rios,” featuring the two world-class prizefighters squaring off with Kellerman as moderator, debuts immediately following the boxing action (midnight-12:15 a.m.).

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The executive producer is Rick Bernstein; producer, Thomas Odelfelt; director, Doug Getts.

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