

Golovkin To Stevens: "Are You Serious???"

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NEW YORK CITY (October 31, 2013) On Thursday afternoon at The Refinery Hotel Rooftop Lounge in Manhattan, WBA/IBO Middleweight World Champion Gennady Golovkin and top rated challenger Curtis Stevens held court for their final press conference in front of a massive crowd of local media.

Master of ceremonies for the press conference was Hall of Fame Ring Announcer Michael Buffer. Below are select quotes from the participants.

CURTIS STEVENS

"Thanks very much to HBO, Madison Square Garden, Main Events, K2 and GGG Promotions, I'm ready to become the middleweight champion of the world."

"Come Saturday night, I'm gonna **** Gennady Golovkin up!"

GENNADY GOLOVKIN

'Thanks very much to my team, Abel and Tom.

"I have just one question for you Stevens, 'are you serious'?"

TOM LOEFFLER (K2 Promotions)

"This event has truly taken on a life of it's own since it was announced."

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"It's terrific to be back at "The Mecca of Boxing" promoting this event."

KATHY DUVA (Main Events)

"It's good to be back at Madison Square Garden working with Joel Fisher and his team. They're fabulous to work with and we're looking forward to an exciting event."

MIKE PEREZ

"Thanks very much to everyone for making this possible, I can't wait until Saturday night. I hope everyone enjoys the fight."

SAMPSON LEWKOWICZ (Sampson Promotions LLC)

"We were offered the fight and the next day we agreed to it. They offered five other fighters the opportunity to fight Mike Perez, but we accepted right away."

MAGOMED ABDUSALAMOV

"This is a great opportunity and I'm looking forward to putting on a great show on Saturday night."

ABOUT "GOLOVKIN VS. STEVENS":

Golovkin vs. Stevens is a 12-round bout for Golovkin's WBA and IBO Middleweight World Championship, presented by K2 Promotions in association with Main Events, GGG Promotions

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and Madison Square Garden. In the HBO televised co-feature, undefeated heavyweights Mike Perez and Magomed Abdusalamov will clash in a 10-round bout presented in association with Sampson Boxing LLC.

The **LIVE on HBO®** telecast begins at 10:00 p.m. ET/PT.

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brownsugar says:

That's the equivalent of fighting words from GGG... Steven may have to eat his own words. The Dragon has awakened.

amayseng says:

Stevens is a fool, he doesnt even talk good smack...

I would like to see ggg get him out of there in the first round just to humiliate stevens..

stormcentre says:

GGG's ace is his experience with any style and his ability to remain calm, observant and balanced.

Everything else comes from that, and of course his fitness. He does not stay up in Big Bear because it doesn't given him an advantage. He knows that when he comes down from up in the hills to fight, his natural stamina advantage is equivalent to some of the PEDs out there.

Golovkin has seen hundreds of guys that box like Stevens whom have power. Everybody at this level brings something good. Great left hook (Jeff Lacy), good defense (Whittaker), great right hand (Julian Jackson), good hand speed (Camacho) . . and the list goes on.

Steven's power (provided GGG doesn't wear it the wrong way – because it could happen – but it probably wont) will probably work right into Gennady's plans.

To land it Curtis will have to open up, or reach: or both!

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Golovkin knows that Stevens, even if he can take some good shots, really doesn't have a plan "B". He's not incredibly adaptable. He basically looks to execute the power, pressure, smash and grab; game-plan.

GGG knows how to take away power, and he can execute a game plan without being nervous.

This brings benefits in the areas of accuracy and economy of motion; to an already extremely potent arsenal that appears as deceptively vulnerable as it is efficient.

Kostya Tszyu and a few other successful Eastern block fighters were very similar in this sense. To some extent it's their amateur program, population driven competition and all the European fighting styles they get subjected to. It's no accident Floyd never meaningfully tried to fight Kostya Tszyu at light welterweight and exact revenge for his Uncle. He knew experienced Russian (or similarly located) fighters are not too fazed with the shoulder roll defense, and actually like it in their competition. Paw the left hand out to confuse and obstruct vision. Feint the right hand to bleed out the shoulder-rolled fighter's cocked/waiting counter right (as they always are), then step to the right and counter that right with a counter left hook supported by diagonal footwork; Cuban style.

Tszyu did it time and time again to devastating effect with many slick USA fighters. Of course you have to be good and confident at it, otherwise you get hit too. ☐

Anyway, you know when you're warmed up but not tired, and you start hitting the boxing bag and feel real fresh, just before the lactic acid and heartburn starts to set in? Those times when you can put the shots on the bag anywhere where you want with ease, and also control your feet enough to make you think you can go 10 rounds with the champions?

Until of course you get to round 6 and you feel all the sloppiness set in, reconsider and thank yourself you never called anyone at the level out?

Well Golovkin feels like how that is at round 3 on the bag, all the time, in the ring, no matter who he is in there with. He's that's relaxed.

Provided Golovkin hasn't forgotten how to take a decent competition (not sparring) punch and doesn't walk into too many; Stevens should get ready to become Golovkin's next big statement.

Not in the least as this weekend Steven's will probably find himself in all sorts of wrong-footed and dangerous positions from which he can only do one thing; demonstrate his punch resistance – or lack thereof.

teaser says:

that sounds like a good forecast from the stormcenter...stayed tuned for more details !!

amayseng says:

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Excellent stuff, storm. Yeah, you have to be good at it - and good to be good at it, too. It requires a certain level of schooling from younger years not available everywhere - but it is available in Cuba and in the east of Europe.

stormcentre says:

Thanks guys

brownsugar says:

Originally Posted by [B]stormcentre[/B]

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Stormy I have to ask..... "Are you Serious?"

You were doing well until you got to the Mayweather segment,which has little to no basis in reality.

During the time when Mayweather was with Top Rank, Mayweather publically challenged Kszyu on several occasions, Most notably after his fight with Jesus Chavez in 2001.

This "Challenge" was persued by TopRanks CEO Bob Arum (Floyd's promoter of record) who delivered the proposition to Kostya Tszyu where it was flatly refused

At the time Floyd had recently vanquished Diego Corrales in a masterful display of talent and was calling out everyone within 3 weight classes. So I wouldn't blame any fighter from taking a pass against Floyd during that time.

Floyd's appetite to take his status to the next level was insatiable, he even asked for Naseem Hamed, AND the winner between Freitas versus the crafty Cuban.... Casamayor,..... he tried to get Del La Hoya who was 3 weight classes above, and Shane Mosley who had a near perfect 95% KO ratio over lightweight challengers.

My point is Floyd (and his promoter) not only called out Kostya T..... but he called out all the fighters who would eventually leave the sport with a greater credentials than Kostya T could have ever dreamed of.

KT was a fine fighter, but he was only a player in the junior welter Division for relative brief span of time when compared to Mayweather.

He beat a 38 year old Julio C. Chavez who had already lost 5 times (if you include Pernell Whitaker) and an aging Roger Mayweather who had been beaten 11 times and he still could not stop the Ancient Roger Mayweather from seeing the final bell. Tszyu also went the distance with someone named Ben Tackie.

Also contrary to many stereotyped images presented to various fans when it comes to fighting styles... Mayweather is neither "slick" nor "a shoulder roll fighter", Floyd is the complete boxing package who can incorporate any style that is needed or conducive toward getting the "W". The shoulder roll is only used in a limited context which is why it's probably less than one tenth of Floyds total repetoire. (unless he just chooses to sit on the ropes)

I wonder what has KT done to earn such high praise?.

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Knocking out Judah and defeating Shamba Mitchell was a respectable feat but many fighters have accomplished the same task, and some of the ones who have accomplished this have already lost to Mayweather.

Vince Phillips wasn't anything close to being "Slick" or deceptive (or even well known),.. in fact he was just a very basic and fundamental type of fighter when he Knocked out Kostya T.

KT's career lasted about 13 years. Floyd career is going on 17 years strong while he is fighting at the same weight that junior welterweights and lightweights fight at (hydration wise) and taking belts in the Junior Welterweight division.

NO COMPARISON, none,..... between Kostya Tzsyu and Mayweather.

BTW, Bob Arum did confront Team KT once more, around this time frame, and KT accepted the assignment with Hatton instead and he rejected the Floyd offer again.

[B]You will never see anything in the press or on the internet regarding Kostya Tzsyu challenging or attempting to negotiate a fight with Floyd Mayweather[B].
The last image left in the ring by KT was getting retired by Ricky Hatton.

(all this stuff is free on the internet, no complicated search criteria), there are even 8 and 9 year old pages from the TSS discussing the same topic , it's incredibly easy to find if anyone cares to look)

Getting back to GGG.

GGG is on a completely different level than, Kostya,of course, anything can happen in the ring, But GGG has the makings to become a middleweight who will reign to the extent of a modern day Hagler and Monzon.

stormcentre says:

Oh Dear, you're at it again BS.

There are so many aspects of your post there that involves bias, immaturity and oversight; I am just not going to bother.

You obviously haven't gotten over that last flogging I dished out to you.

You look after yourself OK?

By for now.