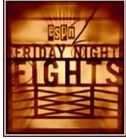


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### **Mendez to Defend Against Barthelemy on Friday Night Fights 2014 Kickoff in Minneapolis Against Ennis**      **Friday Night Fights 2014 Kickoff in Truax in Tough Test**

#### **Mike Tyson: "I'll be at ringside to guarantee a knockout evening at Target Center on January 3."**

On Friday, January 3, 2014, at Target Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Iron Mike Productions, Second

The night's 12-round main event will be an IBF Super Featherweight Championship fight between cham

And in the 10-round televised semi-final, USBA Middleweight Champion Caleb "Golden" Truax (23-1, 4

**Tickets for Friday Night Fights go on sale Friday, November 22, at 12 noon and will be priced at \$**

27-year-old Mendez will be making the second defense of his IBF title he won in March of this year with

27-year-old Barthelemy earned his #1 ranking with a KO 2 over Thailand's Fahsai Sakkreerin last June.

30-year-old Truax has had a sensational 2013. Fighting out of the Convention Center in Minneapolis, Tr

The victory over Fort garnered him the USBA and Minnesota State Championships. Truax's only career

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33-year-old Ennis is a former USBA and Pennsylvania State Champion. He won the USBA Jr. Middleweight

"Iron Mike Productions is excited to be hosting the first ESPN Friday Nights Fight show of 2014," Iron Mike

"I am honored to be returning to a great fight city like Minneapolis and to be working with the great Mike

"I'm very excited to be working with Iron Mike Promotions and Warriors Boxing to kick off the ESPN Friday

"I'm happy to be going back to my hometown of Minneapolis for this great event with one of the greatest

On fight night, doors open at 6 pm, first bell is at 7 pm. ESPN broadcast starts at 8 pm.

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