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Adonis Stevenson is a bomber, a true version, with all apologies to foe Tony "The Bomber" Bellew, and he proved it at the Pepsi Coliseum in Quebec on Saturday night, in a light heavyweight tussle which unfolded after Sergey Kovalev's demolition job on Ismayl Sillakh.

Stevenson is a patient demolition man, who looked for holes in his British foe, and then dropped the hammers on him, scoring a win at 1:50 of the sixth, via TKO. The straight left hand from the southpaw was something Bellew couldn't shrug off.

After, Adonis told Max Kellerman that he enjoyed the win, because Bellew had talked a lot of trash. He'd been called a "dwarf" by the Brit but I don't know of any dwarfs that hit so hard...Next? Adonis said he'd fight Kovalev, if the money is right, but he more so wants Carl Froch or Bernard Hopkins. Hopkins, of course, is a Golden Boy fighter, so that would be hard.

Roy Jones after said that Adonis and Kovalev both have crazy power, and someone would get knocked out. Kovalev, he noted, has more extensive amateur experience. Kellerman, back chatting with Jim Lampley, said that Kovalev is considered the best light heavy in the world and would be favored to beat Adonis, and that if he wants to be the best, he should sign on to meet Kovalev. That's the one the fans are calling for, not fights against the elder Hopkins and the guy who looked diminished against George Groves.

HBO showed the scraps. Bellew (from Liverpool; age 31; 190 on fight night ) was 175 pounds, while the WBC light heavy champ Stevenson (from Haiti, living in Canada; age 36, 189 on fight night) was 174 1/2.

Stevenson had been trained and managed by Emanuel Steward before he passed away last year. That tutelage is apparent in his boxing smarts.

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In the first, Bellew stayed cool and smart and landed the best punch of the round, a right. Adonis assessed him, scouted him, looked for holes to exploit. In the second, we saw more cautiousness from each. Bellew didn't want to get caught, and he respected the power.

In the third, we saw blood from Adonis' nose early. He worked to the body as he closed the distance. Straight lefts touched and buzzed Bellew a couple times, just a bit. After the round, Sugar Hill asked Adonis to change the rhythm.

Adonis went down early in the fourth but it was ruled a slip. Did a left hook behind the head do it? Then Adonis righted himself, and got to stalking.

In the fifth, Adonis dropped his hands even lower, and yapped at Bellew. The Brit wasn't winning rounds so we wondered what his gameplan was.

In the sixth, down went Bellew. The left did it and he was up at 1:29. It landed on the chin and put Bellew on his butt. The ref ended it as Bellew was caught in a corner after that. A left hand had Bellew wobbly-legged and Adonis caught him with another as he was half-turned away from the victor. The ref did a fine job leaping in there to end it on a man who was unable to defend himself.

Sergey Kovalev added another scalp to his resume in HBO's TV live fight opener, from the Pepsi Coliseum in Quebec on Saturday night, in a light heavyweight tussle. Kovalev re-proved that his hands are heavy, stopping Ismayl Sillakh in round two, at 52 seconds elapsed.

"I think he put himself in the conversation for fighter of the year," said Max Kellerman after the rubout by the WBO champ. Kovalev told Kellerman after that the win was the result of his hard work in the gym. "I won this fight a long time ago," he said. He was asked about talking to Sillakh during the fight, and he said he told the loser he would be kayoed. And next? He said he's ready for Adonis Stevenson, or any champ in his division.

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The stats: 14-26 for Kovalev, to 9-37 for the loser.

Sillakh (174 1/2 pounds; 21-1 with 17 Kos; living in CA) was 4-0 since being stopped by Denis Grachev (TKO8). The Ukrainian, whose dad is from West Africa, dealt with racism growing up. He had to fight that, literally. Kovalev (174 1/2; 22-0-1 with 17 KOs) grew up in Russia and started working, and going to the boxing gym, at age 11. He said he is aiming to get three or four titles when all is said and done.

In the first, Sillakh wanted to keep moving, not be a stationary target. His hands looked fast and he was light on his feet. Kovalev was the aggressor, patient, looking to grind the man down. He accelerated the grinding, right quick, though.

In the second, a right sent Sillakh down at 2:25. It was right, on the ear, as Sillakh started to throw a left. He got up at three. He was sent down again, for good, with right-left-left, after Kovalev sprinted toward him. There was no point in counting, as Sillakh was on goofy street, face on the mat, woozy as all hell.

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**amayseng says:**

also a destroying puncher, definitely displays a seek and destroy mentality and physicality.

i would like to see Adonis develop and use a right hook, it would open up so much more for him.

but hell i am not complaining, he is an exciting fighter all around and at 36 has a lot to offer yet.

**Radam G says:**

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Bellew got a thrashing for his Redcoat arrogance and superiority behavior. That is what his trifling arse get. It could not have happened to a better cowardly he-bytch.

Superman Stevenson is a contender for FOTY. But Yank boxing writers will probably not even consider him. It seem like they always ignore the Canadian pugs. I bet that SS won't even get the KAYO of the year for the way that he put SuperBad Chad Dawson to sleep. Holla!

### **brownsugar says:**

Bellew showed that Stevenson is an intelligent and intuitive puncher ....but he also revealed Stevenson to be a one handed one dimensional slugger. A boxer with a more complete training in the fundamentals will dominate Superman.. Stevenson has gone farther than I expected and he deserves a standing ovation.....but he'd better avoid Kovalev for as long as possible... Or as long as HBO allows it.

### **leon30001 says:**

[QUOTE]Bellew got a thrashing for his Redcoat arrogance[/QUOTE]

Uh....what?

### **Radam G says:**

I'll go with "Superman" Steven exposing "Krusher" Kovaluev. SS would likely catch KK the way that he caught "SuperBad" Chad Dawson. (SS is a late, great Manny-Steward-taught fighter who changes up depending on the opponent.)

KK is a bag of chips, but he ain't all that. When he steps up, he will be down for the count. I can think of about seven fighters from 160lbs to 175lbs who will straight-up easily beat him. Holla!

### **Carmine Cas says:**

Stevenson once again proved to be a smart fighter who looks for holes in his opponents armor without just firing blindly first, the fight with Kovalev is the one everyone wants to see, make it happen

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RG ... If you can name two fighters not including Hopkins who could give Kovalev a fight..... I would be amazed.

I don't think Bhop could last either...but I'll save that debate for the time that fight is announced. I personally think Superman.... While being a better than average boxer is living on borrowed time. HBO will make that fight and when they do Superman will meet Kovalev Krusher Kryptonite.

I read somewhere that one of KK's previous opponents died after the fight....don't know exactly what happened but KK obviously doesn't discuss it.

### **Radam G says:**

We shall see, B-Sug. The long trails of history is littered with flaunting offensive flash-in-the-pants fighters like Krusher. He will go the way of Paul Williams, when Paul fought Sergio Martinez. Holla!

### **TotoyBato says:**

Puncher's chance. One punch is all it takes. A highly skilled boxer will need to be extra sharp to negate that punch's power and have power of his own to discourage concentrated offense. And have a big winning heart to withstand and overcome. Like Danny Garcia was against Lucas Matthyse. Then again a Puncher with excellent boxing skill is a totally different class of fighter.