

Sergey Kovalev-Cedric Agnew Set For March 29, in Atlantic City

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Sergey Kovalev is now a must see boxer, someone who is expected to whack out his foe, whoever that may be, in pretty short order. Fans have been craving a showdown between the 30-year-old Russian who owns a 23-0-1 (21 Kos) mark and is promoted by Main Events and the Haitian-born Canadian resident Adonis Stevenson, who holds the WBC light heavy strap. But alas, that one is still simmering, apparently, as all parties jostle for position, and money. In the meantime, Kovalev will stay busy and meet Cedric Agnew, a 26-0 (13 KOs) hitter fighting out of Chicago, and to break out of the chains of relative anonymity, on March 29, at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. HBO will show the scrap.

Agnew is 27, and hasn't tangled with anybody nearing Kovalev in terms of talent. He beat Yusaf Mack in his last outing, UD12, which came in April 2013.

We can all hope, I guess, that Kovalev handles Agnew, and Adonis beats Andrzej Fonfara on May 24, in Canada, and then all parties can get on the same page, and make Kovalev-Adonis. From my standpoint, it looks to me like Team Kovalev is most eager to fight the bright marquee fights, so I guess that puts the spotlight on Team Adonis, and HBO, to find common ground, and get 'er done!

Here is a release which went out today:

Presented by Main Events in association with Caesars Atlantic City, tickets for the light heavyweight world title showdown are on sale now through TicketMaster online at

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or via phone (800) 736-1420. Fans can also contact Main Events for tickets at (973) 200-7050. Ticket prices are \$26, \$51, \$77 and \$152. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. ET. Undercard bouts will be announced shortly.

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“I am excited to be back on HBO and for my first fight at Boardwalk Hall,” said Kovalev. “I promise to put on an exciting show!”

A confident Agnew said, “I think as of now he has not seen a person of my skill level.” He added, “At the end of the day you have to fight world champions to be a world champion and be considered the best. He’s a world champion. I am looking to be considered one of the best.”

Main Events’ President and CEO Kathy Duva said, “We’re thrilled that we’re able to bring Sergey to Atlantic City where we have been so successful in the past. You can’t miss a second of a Kovalev fight. There’s so much tension in the ring. You’re almost guaranteed to see an incredible knock out!”

“In 2013, the Sergey Kovalev secret was unveiled,” said Peter Nelson, director of programming, HBO Sports. “Last year, Kovalev had breakout performances in two televised fights on HBO. Kovalev has demonstrated the knockout artistry and ring activity that earn fans’ respect. In his March 29 return, Kovalev will face undefeated Cedric Agnew in his HBO debut. The Chicago-native Agnew knows what an upset of Kovalev’s momentum could mean to his career. Mark your calendars.”

“Caesars Atlantic City’s commitment to sponsoring some of the top sporting events on the East Coast is no more evident than with this March 29th HBO bout set for historic Boardwalk Hall,” said Kevin Ortzman, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Caesars, Bally’s, and Showboat Atlantic City. “As a boxing fan, I’m particularly intrigued to watch Kovalev, live in the ring, and see if his winning streak continues.”

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