

Golovkin vs Geale in Madison Square Garden, Live on HBO

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It's on. A fight that has been in the formative stage for a long spell is a go. Triple G will taken on the toughest foe of his pro career, quite likely, in Aussie Daniel Geale. Here is the release which went out on Tuesday late afternoon.

YORK CITY (June 3, 2014) *Boxing's fastest rising star*, Middleweight World Champion, **GENNADY "GGG" GOLOVKIN**

will battle two-time world champion

DANIEL "The Real Deal" GEALE

in his triumphant return to

'The Mecca of Boxing', Madison Square Garden

SATURDAY, JULY 26

and televised

Live on

HBO World Championship Boxing

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beginning at 9:30 p.m. ET/PT., it was announced today by

K2 Promotions

and

GGG Promotions

in association with

Gary Shaw Productions

and

Grange Old School Boxing

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Headlining the sensational **"G4"** boxing extravaganza, Golovkin will defend his **World Boxing Association**

('WBA') and

International Boxing Organization

('IBO') titles against Geale in the scheduled 12-round main event. Golovkin was recently elevated to "Super Champion" status by the World Boxing Association.

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“Since his HBO debut less than two years ago, Gennady has become the hottest international star in boxing and we’re thrilled to promote his return to Madison Square Garden, the premier venue for boxing,” said **Tom Loeffler**, Managing Director of K2 Promotions. “This will be Gennady’s first fight in the main arena at Madison Square Garden, where only a select few could headline today.”

“Daniel Geale is a throwback fighter who has never backed down from a tough challenge and his mindset is no different going into the Golovkin fight,” said **Gary Shaw**. “GGG” is considered the top dog in the middleweight division by those in the business, but I believe Geale is the best. We will see how Golovkin fares against someone on his level. I have confidence Geale will come out on top.”

“I’m happy to be fighting at Madison Square Garden once again. Fighting in front of the great fans in New York City for the third time is an honor for me and I will train hard to defend my titles in style by giving the fans an exciting show,” said Golovkin. “Daniel Geale has a lot of world championship experience, is a big international name and I look forward to this challenge.”

“I’m pleased to be making my way back to HBO against Gennady Golovkin, a fighter who everyone thinks is invincible,” said Geale. “A victory will get me back to where I want to be. The people of Australia believe in me and that’s what drives me, my countrymen. I want to show them they have a great champion. On July 26th the world will see me back on top.”

"Gennady Golovkin became a breakout phenomenon in 2013, a year both he and Daniel Geale gave fans exhilarating performances on HBO," said **Peter Nelson**, Vice President of Programming, HBO Sports. "Golovkin-Geale looks to exceed the high expectation these fighters have set for their fans. This match almost happened before, including what became the night Golovkin made his HBO debut in 2012, while a half a world away Geale won the middleweight title that Golovkin now possesses. There is an intriguing storyline to the fight, to which both fighters seek to write a emphatic ending in the ring at Madison Square Garden on July 26."

Said **Bill Treacy** of Grange Old School Boxing, Geale’s co-promoter, “Of all the potential fights this is the one he wants the most. I firmly believe Daniel is the most talented middleweight in the world. The opportunity to return stateside in the main event on a HBO show at Madison Square Garden for two world titles is the ultimate motivation for him to put it beyond doubt.”

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With the highest knockout ratio (89%) among all active champions, in addition to his extraordinary growth in viewership on HBO, Golovkin, 29-0-0 (26KO's), has become a must-see attraction in the international sporting world.

In 2013, Golovkin scored four knockouts, three of which were telecast on HBO to outstanding viewership earning him plaudits for both *Fighter of the Year* and *Knockout of the Year* among many media members.

Previously holder of the ('IBF') International Boxing Federation Middleweight and WBA "Super" Middleweight Title, Geale brings a distinguished record of 30-2-0 (16KO's) into the world title challenge with Golovkin. Geale is currently ranked #3 by the World Boxing Association.

Advance tickets priced at \$500, \$300, \$200, \$100, \$50 and \$25 can be purchased **starting at 10:00 a.m. ET on Thursday, June 5** at the Madison Square Garden Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster charge by phone (866-858-0008) and online at www.ticketmaster.com and www.thegarden.com

For fight updates on **GOLOVKIN VS. GEALE** via Social Media, follow HBO Boxing on Twitter at @HBOBoxing and Facebook at /HBOBoxing, in addition to on Twitter at Gennady [Golovkin/@GGGBoxing](https://twitter.com/GGGBoxing), Daniel [Geale/@RealDealGeale](https://twitter.com/RealDealGeale), Tom Loeffler - K2 Promotions/ [@TomLoeffler1](https://twitter.com/TomLoeffler1) and Gary Shaw [Productions/@GaryShawBoxing](https://twitter.com/GaryShawBoxing). Use the hashtag #GolovkinGeale to join the conversation on Twitter.

Loeffler said a heavyweight co feature, between his guy Mike Perez and Shaw fighter Bryant Jennings will be offered.

I also spoke to Shaw. I wondered if his kid is rightly seen as a heavy underdog...or if GGG is overhyped. "Good question," Shaw said. "No question GGG is real and has hard hands. However, Geale has a style that could give him trouble...and Geale is not afraid of Golovkin. It

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could be seen as a coin flip fight...although Geale will be seen as a huge underdog."

"This is a good fight for GGG, finally somebody that will allow him to show some of the untapped potential," said Golovkin trainer Abel Sanchez. "gealenwill stop Geale in the last third of the fight."

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stormcentre says:

Geale may just be the most skilled professional 3G has fought so far.

The guy is sneaky-good and has great agility, strategy, stamina, punch variation, footwork and defence.

One of Geale's big advantages is his tutelage under amateur boxing coach Bodo .

The good thing is Geale hasn't lost too much of all those wonderful skills a really well polished amateur fighter can have - but consider unimportant when they turn pro.

Andreass is a very clued up coach trainer, and he understands a style that - I believe - has a very good translation to both amateur and professional fighting.

Therefore Geale *should be* able to get into position and take advantage of (some of) 3G's many defensive liabilities.

The bad thing is Geale just doesn't have a great deal of power - he knows that and is working on it.

It will be interesting to see how, when, if Geale's plan changes once he is hit (hard).

Same for 3G.

As Geale will catch him with something, as he fights a fast paced fight, is usually very fit, and shoots from angles too much not too.

I hope Daniele lasts the distance, but it always hard to say with such a power hitter like Gennady Golovkin.

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Yep, all good points BFF.

The haters and doomsayers will probably start crowing when/if 3G blows Geale away.

Still, it will nonetheless still be a good fight.

Skibbz says:

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deepwater2 says:

This is a can't miss fight in the big room at the Garden. Ringside tickets are looking like a good buy.

oubobcat says:

This is a good fight and the sternest test to date for Golovkin.

Make no mistake about it, Geale will test him. Geale can box and has good lateral movement. He knows how to use movement and footwork to set up angles to land combinations.

He is not a big puncher but not feather fisted either. Remember, he did drop and hurt Barker bad with a left hook to the body. He also had Barker wobbling around in the 12th round.

All that stated, Golovkin is obviously a serious puncher who knows how to work behind a thudding jab to set up his power shots. His overall boxing skills are often times overlooked because of how big a punch he possesses. But he has excellent skills in the ring and is clearly the best fighter at Middleweight.

I think Geale has moments and pushes Golovkin more than Golovkin has ever been pushed as a pro. But Golovkin breaks down down Geale and will end up scoring another KO win in a fight that just can't help but be fun to watch.

brownsugar says:

Geale has nothing for GGG. Although fighters will put up some spirited resistance for as long as the fight lasts. Geale's spastic and frenetic style of boxing will only extend the fight for a limited time.

Australia was one of the most fascinating and enjoyable countries I've ever had the pleasure to visit and I'm sure I'll make it back there again some day.

But I can't name more than a handful of fighters from that country who were in the same class of GGG... ..and Geale isn't one of them.

Nonetheless I expect an entertaining performance until GGG dials in the offence and begins breaking his man down.

Much respect to Geale for taking the challenge. In that regard Geale has the heart of a champion.

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At 160, you are pretty much right, GGG is the man. I think he beats Kid Chocolate and depending on the shape Sergio is in after the Cotto fight, I think he could beat or possibly massacre Maravilla. The conundrum with GGG is those weigh classes around him. He says he could make 154 which puts him in Canelo, Lara territory which would be on paper at least interesting fights. I think GGG's honey pot is at 168 where he could land some major fights with some major names. He could start with a Bute or maybe even Groves and then set himself up for a nice battle with Froch (Whom I think he would beat senseless) or who knows, possibly SOG.

As for Geale, I think he goes out on his shield. I think he battles but GGG eventually overwhelms him. I am thinking TKO 10.

teaser says:

munch munch munch, crunch crunch crunchyou think Geale will be able to stomach a bowl of Triple G Cereal ? ...after a few bites he'll wish he'd stuck to ham and eggs