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(photo by Ed Keenan) On the morning of Wednesday, August 29 at Madison Square Garden, WBA & IBO World Middleweight Champion Gennady Golovkin posed in front of the MSG Marquis on 7th Ave. Golovkin (23-0, 20 KOs) of Kazakhstan, will make his highly anticipated United States debut when he defends his titles against WBA #3 ranked and European

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Champion Grzegorz Proksa (28-1, 21 KOs) on Saturday, September 1, 2012 in the main event at Turning Stone Casino in Verno, NY, televised live on HBO Boxing After Dark (9:45 PM ET/PT).

Golovkin of Kazakhstan and now residing in Stuttgart, Germany, was the 2004 Olympic Silver Medalist and had amateur wins over Lucian Bute, Andre Dirrell, Matt Korobov, and Andy Lee. He's perfect as a professional compiling an astonishing record of 23-0 with twenty coming by way of knockout. He won the WBA Interim Middleweight title with a first round destruction over Milton Nunez (24-4-1, 22 KOs) and captured the full WBA title in his following bout with a third round stoppage over Nilson Tapia (15-3-1, 11 KOs). Golovkin has since made three successful defenses; former world champion Kassim Ouma (27-8-1, 17 KOs); highly regarded contender LaJuan Simon (23-4-2, 12 KOs); and in his last defense on May 12, 2012, he pounded Makoto Fuchigami (19-7, 10 KOs), stopping him in the third round. Golovkin will be making his highly anticipated debut in the United States.

Proksa of Poland and now residing in Redhill, United Kingdom, has an impressive record of 28-1 with twenty-one knockouts. Proksa exploded onto the world scene when he stopped former IBF Middleweight boss Sebastian Sylvester (34-5-1, 16 KOs) in three rounds. Unfortunately in his next bout, Proksa lost a controversial majority decision to Kerry Hope (17-4, 1 KO). Like a true warrior, Proksa emphatically avenged that defeat to Hope in his last bout, stopping him in round eight of their July 7th bout.