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RISING AMERICAN HEAVYWEIGHT STAR DEONTAY WILDER TO FACE AUDLEY HARRISON IN ACTION-PACKED 27 APRIL "THE RETURN OF THE KING" BILL AT MOTORPOINT ARENA SHEFFIELD

STACKED UNDERCARD ALSO FEATURES NATE CAMPBELL AND GARY SYKES

PLUS, PROFESSIONAL DEBUTS OF 2012 OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDALIST

ANTHONY OGOGO & PROSPECT HAROON KHAN

SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND, April 3 - Deontay "Bronze Bomber" Wilder (27-0, 27 KO's) of Tuscaloosa, Alabama will be crossing the Atlantic to take on Harlesden's 2000 Olympic Gold Medalist **Audley**

'A-Force' Harrison

(31-6, 23 KO's) in the co-featured fight that will headline a thrilling undercard on

"The

Return of the King: Khan vs. Diaz"

bill at Motorpoint Arena Sheffield on Saturday 27 April.

Wilder, a rising star on the American heavyweight scene, has shown his phenomenal punching prowess by blasting his way past all of his opponents. The knockout king now steps into the ring against a respected veteran in Harrison who harbours his own dreams of reaching the top and fulfilling his potential.

The pair will clash in a 12-round heavyweight showdown with the victor propelling themselves into world title contention.

"There's nothing like the day before, the morning of and night after you've claimed VICTORY," said Wilder. "The emotion, the excitement and adrenaline rush that I have is ready to explode out of me. I'm a starving lion that's ready to eat. On April 27 in Sheffield, England my next meal

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will be served; on the menu: Audley Harrison...Bon appetite. For the many fans in England, Deontay 'Bronze Bomber' Wilder is coming. You've been waiting for this moment and now it's here. I can't wait to show you guys why I am the light and the way for this dark division."

"Deontay is a fast, dangerous puncher, but he has not been tested as a pro," said Harrison. "I have lot of respect for him, so it's not personal, but this is the door I must walk through. Lose and it's over, win and I'm in the top ten for sure, eligible to challenge for the world title. Biggest risk, for the biggest reward. It can't get any better than that."

Also featured on the undercard will be former Unified Lightweight World Champion **Nate "The Galaxy Warrior" Campbell**

(36-10-1, 26 KO's) of Jacksonville, Florida who takes on the exciting undefeated Manchester prospect

Terry "Turbo" Flannigan

(19-0, 5 KO's) in a 10-round lightweight bout.

"It's a great honor to be fighting in England," said Campbell. "I'm in great shape and looking forward to returning to the lightweight division and this fight will serve notice as to how serious I am."

"I'm looking forward to showcasing my talents against a former world champion in Nate Campbell," said Flannigan. "This is the type of fight I have been waiting for and I'm ready to move up to the next level and prove that I belong there. It's going to be tough, but come the end of the fight, I have no doubt it will be my hand that is raised."

British fight fans will also be able to enjoy a simmering local rivalry with a Lancashire-Yorkshire battle set as former British Champion **Gary "Five Star" Sykes** (23-3, 5 KO's) puts his English super-featherweight crown on the line against

Jon "2 Smokes" Kays

(16-2-1, 4 KO's) in a 10-round clash.

No love has been lost between the duo and the April 27 card is all set for fireworks when they go head-to-head.

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"John Kays is a good fighter so I will need to be at my best," said Sykes. "I know what to expect, but I'm confident and believe that my experience is going to help me. I'm coming off of a good winning streak and hope to put myself back into the mix for a British title shot by winning. I'm focused and am ready for this fight. I'm not giving up my English title to anyone."

"I'm going into this fight ready to give it everything," said Kays. "This is my time and I won't let anyone take it away from me. I'm super fit, have a good boxing brain and know I have the ability to cause him trouble. It won't be easy, but to get that title I'm willing to do whatever it takes. It's going to be a really exciting fight."

Also appearing on the show will be 2012 Olympic Bronze Medalist **Anthony Ogogo** of Lowestoft making his professional debut against

Kieron Gray

(5-13-1, 1 KO) of Telford in a six round middleweight fight and the younger brother of Amir Khan,

Haroon Khan

making his professional debut against an opponent to be determined in a four-round bantamweight fight. Plus, Manchester's

Adrian Gonzales

(6-1) facing

Marc Callaghan

(19-32-1, 4 KO's) of Barking in a six-round welterweight battle,

Jack Catterral

(3-0, 2 KO's) of Chorley taking on

Marc McKray

(4-18-1, 3 KO's) of Manchester in a four-round welterweight fight,

Tomasz Mazurkiewicz

(5-8-2, 1 KO) of Warsaw, Poland up against Doncaster's

Adam Jones

(2-3) in a four-round junior middleweight fight and

Carl Spencer

(2-0, 2 KO's) of Doncaster featured in a four round heavyweight bout.

"The Return of the King: Khan vs. Diaz" is a 12 round 143 pound catch-weight bout presented by Golden Boy Promotions and Khan Promotions and sponsored by JD Sport and Maxi Muscle.

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Tickets priced at £300, £200, £125, £75 and £50 plus applicable taxes and service charges are on sale at the Motorpoint Arena box office, by calling [\(+44\) 0114 256 5656](tel:+441142565656) , online at www.motorpointarenasheffield.co.uk or through Sports Corporation by calling 0845 163 0845 or at www.sportscorporation.com

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Fans in the United Kingdom can watch "The Return of the King: Khan vs. Diaz" live on BoxNation (Sky Channel 437 or Virgin Channel 546) on Saturday April 27. To subscribe visit www.boxnation.com

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