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BETHLEHEM, PA - Unbeaten Russian KO king Sergey "Krusher" Kovalev, 20-0-1, 18 KOs, not only has his sights set on Cornelius "Da Beast" White, 21-1, 16 KOs, in their upcoming 12-round title elimination bout on June 14th, at the Sands Casino Resort in Bethlehem, PA. The fast-rising light heavyweight contender is also aiming to keep his impressive knockout streak alive when he meets White in the nationally televised match.

The fight is part of a big boxing triple header to be televised live by NBC Sports Network on the next edition of Fight Night. Also on the bill is a 10-round heavyweight bout between Bryant Jennings, 16-0, 8 KOs, and Andrey Fedosov, 24-2, 19 KOs, and a 10-round welterweight battle between Ronald Cruz, 17-1, 12 KOs, and Ray Narh, 25-2, 21 KOs. The broadcast begins at 8PM ET.

Kovalev has made quite a name for himself over the past year with a collection of showy KOs that have not only disposed of top-shelf opponents and attracted many fans, Krusher's big knockouts have also pushed him up the 175-pound rankings at a speedy pace. One more win on June 14th, and Kovalev will be so close to title shot that he'll be able to taste it. And what better way to win the critical bout than with another knockout.

Undefeated, Kovalev has dispatched eight of his last nine opponents by KO.

In his last outing, Kovalev destroyed former world champion Gabriel Campillo in just three rounds on another Fight Night program. The skilled Campillo could not keep the raging Russian off him, suffering three knockdowns before the fight was stopped. Kovalev may have been favored to win the bout, but no one expected such a dominant performance.

Prior to that, Kovalev halted Buffalo's Lionell Thompson in just three rounds on Fight Night last September. Sergey dropped Thompson twice in the second round and finished the job by sending Thompson on another trip to the canvas just 14 seconds into round three.

Although there were others who recently wilted under Kovalev's artillery, it is these two fights that carved Sergey's reputation as a dangerous puncher and a true title threat. But like any fighter in the spotlight, you're only as good as your last fight. So the pressure is on Kovalev to

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put his heavy hands to use and continue to exceed expectations by sending opponents home early.

Sergey's latest opportunity to make another statement comes on June 14th, and Cornelius White is the next man on the Kovalev hit list. After this 12-round elimination fight the winner becomes the No. 1 challenger for the IBF crown, currently held by Bernard Hopkins, of Philadelphia, PA. With so much at stake fans can be sure to expect an explosive battle.

Chicago, IL, Tuesday June 4, 2013--Bobby Hitz announced that Saturday night's "Fight Night at the Horseshoe", featuring WBA Fedelatin Heavyweight Champion "Fast" Fres Oquendo defending his title, as well as vying for the vacant NABA Heavyweight belt, against Derric Rossy, will be offered live on the Internet via Ustream. The webcast will be hosted by middleweight contender Donovan "Da Bomb" George and Craig Miller of 670 The Score, CBS Radio in Chicago. Dynamic super middleweight Mike "Hollywood" Jimenez and equally exciting lightweight Frankie "Time Bomb" Scalise are the co-features for the card which will be held on June 8, at 7:30 PM at the The Venue inside of Hammond, Indiana's Horseshoe Casino. Tickets start at \$40.00 and are available at ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets or The Venue box office. The Ustream webcast, which can be purchased for \$9.99 via PayPal, can be found at HitzBoxing.com.

"The excitement for the title bout and the rest of the card is amazing. The pay per view webcast allows us to reach fans who can't make it, especially for our fighters who are from out of town," said Hitz. "I look forward to working with Donovan and Craig."

The match ups are as follows (all fights are subject to change)

Super Flyweight: Johnny "Wite Boi" Determan (6-0, 5 KOs) of Omaha, NE vs. Ryan Raglin (1-5, 1 KO) of Indianapolis, IN. Six rounds.

Super Featherweight: Fidel Navarrete (0-0-1) of Highland, IN vs. Adam Alvarez (0-3) of Lansing,

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MI. Four rounds.

Lightweight: Russell "Rocky" Fiore of Chicago (8-2, 6 KOs) vs. Reggie "Two Gun" Nash of Grand Rapids, MI, a veteran of 42 fights). Four rounds.

Lightweight: Frank "Time Bomb" Scalise 6-1, 6 KO's) of Chicago vs Reymundo "The Prosecutor" Hernandez of Atchison, KS, a veteran of 19 professional fights. Four rounds.

Light Middleweight: Chad McKinney (1-1) of Chicago vs Ricky Smith (0-1) of Green Bay, WI. Four rounds.

Super Middleweight: Mike "Hollywood" Jimenez (10-0, 7 KOs) of Chicago vs Mike "Bobo" Starnino, from Providence, RI, a veteran of 20 professional fights. Six rounds

Light Welterweight: Genaro Mendez of Chicago (5-1-1, 3 KOs) vs Antoine Elerson of Milwaukee, WI (1-5, 1 KO). Four rounds.

Welterweight: Roy Navarro (1-0) of Chicago vs Clifford "The Magician" McPherson of Cleveland, OH, a veteran of 15 professional fights. Four rounds.

Light Heavyweight: Simon "The Punisher" Buettner (3-0) of Carpentersville, IL vs Cameron Allen of Battle Creek, MI, a veteran of 16 fights. Four rounds.

Heavyweight Title Bout: WBA Fedelatin Heavyweight "Fast" Fres Oquendo (35-7, 23 KOs) of Chicago vs Derric Rossy (28-6, 14 KOs) of Medford, NY, 10 rounds. Both the WBA Fedelatin Heavyweight title, currently held by Oquendo and the NABA Heavyweight title, which is currently vacant, will be awarded

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Heavyweight: Nick Asberry (1-0, 1 KO) of Waukegan, IL vs Tim "Fat Boy" Dunn (0-1) of Manitowoc, WI. Four rounds.

Since its debut in 1991, Hitz Boxing has been the Midwest's leading boxing promoter. Led by Bobby Hitz, who boasted a 21-4 record with 18 KO's as a boxer, Hitz Boxing is the longest running boxing promoter in the Chicago area dating back to the bi-monthly boxing series the "Ramada Rumble," held at the former Rosemont Ramada Inn. The organization currently promotes the wildly popular "Fight Night at the Horseshoe" at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, IN and is the subject of "Hitz Boxing," a reality show airing on YouTube which has amassed over 3 million views. Over the years the organization has produced matches that have included some of the top names in boxing such as James Toney, Antonio Tarver, Montell Griffin, Iran Barkley, Andrew Golota and "Fast" Fres Oquendo.

The \$500 million Horseshoe Casino, a Caesars Entertainment Corporation property, just 20 minutes from downtown Chicago is the premier entertainment and gambling destination in Chicagoland. Where legendary gaming lives on, Horseshoe boasts more than 350,000 square feet with over 3,000 slot machines, over 100 table games, one of the largest poker rooms in the Midwest, and more. The Venue at Horseshoe Casino is proud to offer the ultimate concert and entertainment destination and premier experience in a flexible space that can hold up to 3,300 guests. Dining elegance is not overlooked and guests can choose from a variety of dining options including; Jack Binion's Steak House which overlooks Lake Michigan and winner of the 2009, 2010, 2011 Wine Spectator Award of Excellence and the May 2012 OpenTable Diners' Choice award, around-the-globe variety at the Village Square Buffet, and a taste of Chicago at Benny's Pub and Eatery.

Sherman Oaks, CA (June 4, 1013) - Kicking off a big month of June for Goossen Tutor boxers, John Molina, Jr. will start things off this Friday trying to fight for his right to challenge for the world championship.

Friday, June 7 - ESPN "Friday Night Fights"

The Little Creek Casino Resort in Shelton, WA

will play host for California's John Molina Jr., 25-2, with 20 KO's, challenging up-and-coming Andrey Klimov, 15-0, 8 KO's from Klimovsk, Russia in a very intriguing lightweight match-up. The semi-main event bout features Farah Ennis, 21-1, 12 KO's of Philadelphia, PA getting his big opportunity to move up in stature in the very hot super middleweight division against the once highly regarded prospect, Anthony Hanshaw, 23-2-2, 14 KO's of High Point, NC, who is

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trying to prove he's back to reclaim his world-class tag. Two big fights, with world championship implications on the line in both.

Saturday, June 8 - SHOWTIME

Carson, California's Home Depot Center will be center stage when local hero, Riverside's Josesito Lopez, 30-5, 18 KO's takes on the dangerous former WBA light welterweight champion Marcos Maidana, 33-3, 30 KO's of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Lopez is co-promoted by Thompson Boxing and knows a victory in front of his hometown fans will place him right back into the 147 pound title picture.

Friday, June 14 - NBC Sports Network

Houston's determined and underestimated Cornelius "Da Beast" White, 21-1, 16 KO's will travel to Pennsylvania where the Sands Casino Resort in Bethlehem will host this battle of light heavyweights also featuring Main Events very respected and talented Sergey Kovalev, 20-0-1, 18 KO's from Chelyabinsk, Russia. This truly will be a fight that will be held in the center of the ring with both sides throwing knockout power bombs for as long as it lasts.

Saturday, June 29 - HBO

At the MGM Grand at Foxwoods Resort in Mashantucket, Connecticut, both Brandon Gonzales (17-0, 10 KO's) of Sacramento and his challenger from South Africa, Thomas Oosthuizen (21-0-1, 13 KO's) will each try to emerge to the world-class level in the super middleweight division with an impressive victory. The experts are calling it a fifty-fifty fight.

Five big fights for ten hungry fighters! Don't miss the "June Boom" action.