

MSG Showing Bowe-Holyfield I TONIGHT

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Tonight at 9:00 p.m. on MSG Network's Friday Night Fights, hosted by John Duddy and Mark Breland: Evander Holyfield vs. Riddick Bowe (11/13/92).

This classic first bout between Holyfield and Bowe featured one of the greatest single rounds of all-time. In the 10th Round, Bowe sent a flurry of punches at Holyfield and then stunned him with a right uppercut that looked like it was going to end the fight, but Holyfield weathered the storm and by the end of the round had an exhausted Bowe reeling. Bowe would hold on for the last two rounds to take the unanimous decision.

Breland, who grew up with Bowe in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood, notes that Bowe was labeled as slow and lazy as a kid, but proved everyone wrong by becoming a Golden Gloves, Olympic and, after this fight, a World Heavyweight Champion.

Breland also knew Holyfield well, as teammates at the Olympics, and says that the two fighters were hard to compare.

"Holyfield was a totally different type of guy. He was a guy with so much heart...you had to take it away from him to win. He was going to fight you to the end...he loved to fight."

Friday Night Fights is part of MSG Network's Summer Block Party. For more information go to www.msg.com/summer and join the conversation on Twitter with @MSGNetworks.