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### ***FEATHERWEIGHT FURY!***

**THREE FEATHERWEIGHT WORLD TITLE FIGHTSON ONE BLOCKBUSTER CARD!**

**NONITO DONAIRE vs. SIMPIWE VETYEKA**

**NICHOLAS WALTERS vs. VIC DARCHINYAN**

**EVGENY GRADOVICH vs. ALEXANDER MISKIRTCHIAN**

**Saturday, May 31**

**Cotai Arena at The Venetian Macao**

**Donaire vs. Vetyeka**

**Televised Same-Day at 4 P.M. ET/PT on HBO®**

## **Undercard To Be Streamed Live**

Via [www.toprank.tv](http://www.toprank.tv)

**MACAO (April 22, 2014)** – A press conference in Manila on Tuesday announced the details of [Featherweight Fury](#)

– a championship event with *three*

featherweight world title main event fights to be hosted by

[The Venetian](#)

@

[Macao](#)

on

**Saturday, May 31**

at the

**Cotai Arena**

The world-class event is headlined by three spectacular featherweight title matchups:  
four-division world champion and 2012 Fighter of the Year [NONITO “The Filipino Flash” DONAIRE](#) will challenge World

Boxing Association (WBA) undisputed featherweight world champion

**SIMPIWE “V12” VETYEKA**

;undefeated WBA world featherweight champion

[NICHOLAS “The Axe Man” WALTERS](#)

will defend his title against two-division world champion

[VIC “Raging Bull” DARCHINYAN](#)

;and undefeated International Boxing Federation (IBF) champion

[EVGENY “The Mexican Russian” GRADOVICH](#)

,making his third consecutive featherweight title defense at the Cotai Arena, will be battling No. 1 contender

**ALEXANDER MISKIRTCHIAN**

The Donaire-Vetyeka title fight will be televised on the same day in the U.S. on **HBO**, beginning at **4:00**

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### **p.m. ET/PT**

. The telecast will also include the world super middleweight title rematch between defending champion

**Carl Froch**

and top contender

**George Groves**

, which will take place at Wembley Stadium in London.

All "Featherweight Fury" undercard bouts will be streamed live via <http://www.toprank.tv> with **Fran Charles**

handling the blow-by-blow and former world champion

**Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini**

and Hall of Famer

**Larry Merchant**

adding their expert analysis and commentary,

**except**

for the IBF junior featherweight title elimination bout between Top-Five contenders

**CHRIS "The Hit Man" AVALOS**

and

**YASUTAKA ISHIMOTO.**

That fight will be televised via same-day delay as the main event on

***Sólo Boxeo Tecate***

on

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The winner will be declared the IBF's No. 1 contender and mandatory challenger to IBF junior featherweight world champion

**Kiko Martinez.**

"All eyes will be on the fabulous Cotai Arena with these three world title fights in one of boxing's hottest divisions," said Hall of Fame promoter [Bob Arum](#). "Featherweight Fury is one of the most exciting events I have promoted in a long time."

"This is our fifth time working with Bob Arum and Top Rank to bring sports entertainment at its best to Macao," said Edward Tracy, President and Chief Executive Officer of Sands China Ltd. "The world's eyes will continue to be drawn to Macao as we continue to establish our city as a world centre of tourism and leisure with the diverse offerings of our multi-tiered entertainment strategy."

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Donaire (32-2, 20 KOs), a native of General Santos City, Philippines, now living in Las Vegas, has been a consensus Top-10 pound-for-pound fighter for several years. His banner year in 2012 included four world championship victories. He beat former world champion Israel Vazquez, Jr. to capture the vacant WBO junior featherweight title, then unified the title by defeating IBF junior bantamweight champion Jeffrey Mathebula. Donaire collected his third belt of the year by knocking out WBC Diamond Belt super bantamweight champion Toshiaki Nishioka, ending Nishioka's eight-year, 16-bout, winning streak. Donaire concluded his magnificent year by blasting out Mexican icon Jorge Arce in the third round and sealing his 2012 Fighter of the Year honours while extending his 12-year, 30-bout winning streak. He lost his title to undefeated Cuban sensation and WBA super bantamweight champion Guillermo Rigondeaux in a title unification bout at a sold-out Radio City Music Hall on April 13, 2013. Career highlights for Donaire also include knockout victories of defending IBF flyweight champion Vic Darchinyan, former WBA bantamweight champion Wladimir Sidorenko, and defending WBC/WBO bantamweight champion Fernando Montiel, ending Montiel's 25-bout winning streak. That victory was named the 2011 Knockout of the Year. Donaire's last fight was a ninth-round knockout victory of Darchinyan in their eagerly-awaited rematch which took place on November 9, 2013.

Vetyeka (26-2, 15 KOs), of Mdantsane, South Africa, will be making the first defence of the title he won from the legendary Chris John. A 12-year professional, four of Vetyeka's five last victories have been by knockout. He scored a major upset to win his world title last December, knocking out the undefeated defending WBA featherweight champion John in the sixth round. John had celebrated the 10th year of his title reign two months earlier, which included 18 title defences.

Walters (23-0, 19 KOs), of Montego Bay, Jamaica, enters this fight having won nine of his last 10 fights by knockout. He captured the vacant WBA featherweight title on December 12, 2012, knocking out Daulis Presscott (26-1, 19 KOs) in the seventh round. He made his first title defence on November 9, 2013, stopping Alberto Garza (25-5-1, 20 KOs) in the fourth round.

Darchinyan (39-6-1, 28 KOs), a native of Armenia whose home base has been Sydney, Australia, is one of the lower division's most exciting fighters. A member of Armenia's 2000 Olympic boxing team, he won his first world title in his 22<sup>nd</sup> professional bout, knocking out undefeated IBF flyweight champion Irene Pacheco in the 11<sup>th</sup>

round of their 2004 battle, ending Pacheco's five-year reign. During his own three-year tenure as world champion, Darchinyan successfully defended his title six times – all by stoppage – against the division's top contenders. After losing the title and his undefeated record to Donaire, in 2007, Darchinyan moved up in weight and claimed the IBF junior bantamweight crown, knocking out defending champion Dimitri Kirilov in the fifth round. He unified the 115 pound

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world titles in his next fight, knocking out World Boxing Council (WBC) / WBA super flyweight champion Cristian Mijares in the ninth round. The first person to unify three of the titles in that weight division, Darchinyan successfully defended his titles three times during his two-year reign as unified super flyweight champion, including an 11<sup>th</sup>

-round stoppage of Mexican icon Jorge Arce. Darchinyan vacated his titles in mid-2010 to campaign as a bantamweight, defeating former IBF bantamweight champion Yonhhy Perez, Evans Mbamba and Eric Barcelona, while losing competitive decisions to world champions Abner Mares, Joseph Agbeko and Shinsuke Yamanaka. Last November, Darchinyan finally got his long-awaited rematch with Donaire. It was an exciting fight that had Darchinyan leading on the judges' scorecards through eight rounds until he got caught by Donaire and was stopped in the ninth round.

Gradovich (18-0, 9 KOs), of Igrim, Russia, captured the IBF featherweight title on March 1, 2013, winning a gritty split decision over defending champion Billy Dib. He has successfully defended the twice – both at Cotai Arena – where he has developed a rabid fan following. At *Fists of Gold II*

last July, Gradovich won a dominating unanimous decision over Mauricio Muñoz and on the November 24 Pacquiao-Rios undercard, he knocked out Dib in the ninth round of their rematch.

Miskirtchian (24-2-1, 9 KOs), of Namur, Belgium, will be making his Asian debut. He enters this fight riding a five-year, 11-bout winning streak, with over half those victories coming by way of knockout. After winning the European featherweight title and defending it twice during his two-year reign, he won a 12-round decision over Sofiane Takoucht, in an IBF featherweight title elimination bout, to become the IBF's No. 1 contender and mandatory challenger to Gradovich. This will be Miskirtchian's first world title shot.

Avalos (23-2, 17 KOs), of Lancaster, Calif., enters this fight riding a two-year, four-bout winning streak, including an NABO junior featherweight title victory over Drian Francisco last July. He is currently world-rated No. 1 by the WBO, No. 4 by the IBF and the WBC and No. 5 by the WBA.

Ishimoto (24-6, 7 KOs), of Tokyo, Japan, is riding a two-year, five-bout winning streak himself, with four of those victories coming by way on knockout. His most impressive victory during his current streak was for the WBO International junior featherweight title, where he won a majority decision over former world champion Wilfredo Vazquez Jr. at the Coati Arena on April 6, 2013. He is world-rated No. 5 by the IBF, No. 7 by the WBO and No. 8 by the WBC.

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Promoted by Top Rank®, in association with Tecate, PS4 and Foreman Boys Promotions, *Featherweight Fury*

will take place on Saturday, May 31, with the first bout beginning at 5:30 p.m. local time. Tickets to the multi-bout event can be purchased at all Cotai Ticketing box offices\*, and are available in seven categories, ranging from HKD/MOP 80 (~PHP 450) to HKD/MOP 3,280 (~PHP 18,800). HKD/MOP 88 adds a round trip Cotai Water Jet ferry ticket between Hong Kong and Macao (HKD/MOP 80 tickets excluded). Tickets can be booked online at

[www.cotaiticketing.com](http://www.cotaiticketing.com)

, or by phone at

[+853 2882 8818](tel:+85328828818)

(Macao) /

[+852 6333 6660](tel:+85263336660)

(HK) / 4001 206 618 (China) /

[+63 2 395 3370](tel:+6323953370)

(Philippines). Tickets are also available through Hong Kong Ticketing (customer service fee applies), online at

[www.HKTicketing.com](http://www.HKTicketing.com)

or by phone at

[+852 3128 8288](tel:+85231288288)

, and via Macao Kong Seng Ticketing Network, online at

[www.macauticket.com](http://www.macauticket.com)

, by phone at

[+853 2855 5555](tel:+8532855555)

, or in person at selected retail outlets (for locations, visit

[www.macauticket.com/TicketWeb/ServiceStations.aspx](http://www.macauticket.com/TicketWeb/ServiceStations.aspx)

). Hotel packages including two tickets and one night accommodation at your choice of The Venetian Macao-Resort-Hotel, Conrad Macao, Cotai Central; Sheraton Macao Hotel, Cotai Central; Holiday Inn Macao Cotai Central; or Four Seasons Hotel Macao, Cotai Strip are also available for purchase starting at HKD/MOP 3,240† (~PHP 18,500) through Cotai Ticketing.



***KO Kings of Tomorrow***

**April 24, 2014 - Sands Casino Resort - Bethlehem, PA**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

**Iron Mike Productions**

**'KO Kings of Tomorrow' returns**

**Thursday to Sands Bethlehem**

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. (April 22, 2014) - Hall of Famer **Mike Tyson's** promotional company, Iron Mike Productions (IMP), returns this Thursday night to Sands Casino Resort in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania with another installment of "KO Kings of Tomorrow."

Florida light heavyweight **Rowland Bryant** (17-3, 12 KOs) takes on Pittsburgh veteran **Rayco "War" Saunders** (23-22-2, 10 KOs) in the eight-round main event. Bryant is a late replacement for recently injured Dominican light heavyweight Lenin Castillo (11-0, 7 KOs).

After a prolonged absence, 2004 Puerto Rican Olympian **Alex "El Pollo" DeJesus** (20-1, 13 KOs) returns to the ring in a six-round bout against Mexican welterweight **Gerardo Pipino Cuevas, Jr.** (17-11, 5 KOs), the son of former world champion **Pipino Cuevas**.

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Undefeated Philadelphia prospect **Miguel "No Fear" Cartagena** (12-0, 5 KOs) puts it all on the line against Kyrgyzstan bantamweight

**Timur "Here Comes Trouble" Shailezov**

(16-7, 3 KOs) in a six-round fight. Cartagena was the 2009 National Golden Gloves and US National amateur champion, while Shailezov is a former NABA and Russian title holder.

Also scheduled to fight on the card in four round fights are unbeaten IMP prospect **Dennis Galarza**

(2-0, 1 KO), Miami, FL vs. lightweight

**Abraham Rubio**

(4-3-1 (1 KO), Sonora, Mexico; lightweight

**Rolando Chinaea**

(6-0-1, 4 KOs), Lancaster, PA vs.

**Ronnie Reams**

(4-3, 1 KO), Colorado Springs, CO; lightweight

**Sam Quinones Jr.**

(5-2, 2 KOs), York, PA vs.

**Carlos Lopez**

(4-3), San Juan, Puerto Rico; pro-debuting middleweight

**Erik Spring**

, Reading, PA vs.

**Lionel Charles**

(0-1), New York, NY; and Easton (PA) welterweight

**Arthur Trujillo**

(4-0, 2 KOs) vs. TBA.

All fights and fighters are subject to change.

Tickets priced at \$150.00, \$125.00, \$75.00 and \$35.00 are on sale and available to purchase at the Sands Event Center Bethlehem Box Office, visit <http://sandseventcenter.com/event/details/ko-kings-of-tomorrow-featuring-mike-tyson/>

, all TicketMaster outlets, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

, or call

[1-800-745-3000](http://1-800-745-3000)

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Doors open at 7:00 p.m. ET with the first bout scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. ET.



For additional information go online at [www.IronMikeProductions.com](http://www.IronMikeProductions.com) or <http://sandseventcenter.com/event/details/ko-kings-of-tomorrow-featuring-mike-tyson/>

## **IRON BOY 12 STREAMING LIVE AND FREE THIS SATURDAY**

**PHOENIX — April 22, 2014 —** In February, Iron Boy Promotions' Iron Boy 11 left a sold-out crowd reeling, with its electric atmosphere and exciting bouts. Iron Boy Promotions intends to do it again this Saturday night at Celebrity Theatre in Phoenix, Arizona with nine scheduled bouts, culminating in a main event featuring Arizona's **Joey**

**"Boxer" Ruelas**

(7-0-1, 3KO). The free, high definition web stream of Iron Boy 11 was a hit with online viewers, and Iron Boy Promotions will once again offer the fights live and free at

[www.iron-boy.com](http://www.iron-boy.com)

beginning at 8 p.m. on fight night.

Iron Boy Promotions is honored to announce that former WBA Light Middleweight Champion, **Austin "No Doubt" Trout**

will be on hand to support

**Siju "Juice" Shabazz**

(3-1, 3KO) in his co-main event bout against

**Rollin Williams**

(23-16-2 8KO). This compelling match-up features former Las Cruces, New Mexico resident Shabazz, who was an Olympic alternate in 2008 and led a highly accomplished amateur career, against a very seasoned veteran in Williams. Williams, who faced

**Roy Jones, Jr.**

during the course of his 41 professional fights, is coming out of retirement to face Shabazz. Said Trout about Shabazz, "Me and Siju met in high school. It's funny because he was playing football, and they were boxing in the locker room. Siju was knocking everyone out. A mutual friend of ours, who was kind of an instigator, told Siju, 'You couldn't knockout Austin.' He's the type of person who if you say you can't do something he's going to try to do it. We got some gloves and went at it in my living room. He came to the gym the next day and he's been doing it ever since." On supporting Shabazz in Arizona, "I'm coming out to support my man in the next step of his career, and I thank Iron Boy for putting on a show. It's the second time Siju's been able to fight on their card, and that's what boxing needs all over America. People are relying on the top fighters to get on TV. We're losing the hometown heroes because of it. I think hometown heroes is what made boxing what it is today."

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Veteran referee **Tony Weeks**, who began his career as a referee in Arizona, will return to Phoenix to officiate the main event bout on fight night. Weeks has been the referee in over 60 world title bouts during the course of his 19-year career spanning Arizona and Nevada. He most recently officiated the WBA and IBO Light Welterweight title bout between

**Jessie Vargas**

and

**Khabib Allakhverdiev**

on the undercard of Pacquiao-Bradley 2 on HBO PPV.

Also on the card, **Francisco De Vaca** (5-0, 3KO) faces Chandler's **Rafael Rivera** (1-6, 0KO). De Vaca's fan-friendly style has garnered many fans both in Arizona, and among those watching on the live stream broadcasts.

**Edgar Brito**

(1-0-1, 1KO) faces New Mexico's

**Jesus Pacheco**

(1-3, 0KO), and

**Cameron Dunkin**

signed prospect

**Alexis Zazueta**

(2-0, 2KO) faces Mexico's

**Juan Carlos Diaz**

(debut).

Said Roberto Vargas, Iron Boy Promotions President, "We are excited to continue the momentum we've built over eleven shows. To continue to showcase the best Arizona has to offer, both on a local and International platform. We are also honored to have Tony Weeks and Austin Trout joining us for the card on Saturday as well."

The Iron Boy 12 Official Weigh-in will be at Crescent Crown Distributing in Mesa, Arizona at 5:30 on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets for the event may be purchased at [www.iron-boy.com](http://www.iron-boy.com) or at the Celebrity Theatre box office. Doors open at 5 p.m. on April 26

<sup>th</sup>, first bell is at 6 p.m. The live stream portion of the evening will begin at 8 p.m. PST at [www.iron-boy.com](http://www.iron-boy.com)

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