

Terence Crawford-Yuriorkis Gamboa Is On

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TERENCE CRAWFORD and YURIORKIS GAMBOA NEWS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING WBO LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE BATTLE -- OMAHA'S FIRST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT SINCE '72

This Thursday! May 8 at 12:30 P.M. CT CenturyLink Center in Omaha

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OMAHA, NEB (May 6, 2014) -- Undeafated world champions **TERENCE CRAWFORD**, Omaha's favorite son

, and Cuban sensation

YURIORKIS GAMBOA

, who both boast identical 23-0 (16 KOs) records, will host a news conference announcing their World Lightweight Championship fight

This Thursday!

May 8,

at the

CenturyLink Center

in the

Bud Light Zone

(455 North 10th St., Omaha, Neb. 68102). The news conference, which will be

open to the public

, will begin at

12:30 p.m. CT,

with doors opening at

Noon CT.

Joining Crawford and Gamboa will be Hall of Fame promoter

Bob Arum

and

Roger Dixon,

President/CEO of the Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (MECA).

Crawford vs. Gamboa is the first world championship fight the city of Omaha has hosted in 42 years when **Joe Frazier** defended his World Heavyweight Championship crown against **Ron Stander** in 1972

Promoted by Top Rank®, in association with Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson's SMS Promotions, PS4 and Tecate, the Crawford vs. Gamboa World Lightweight Championship fight will take place Saturday, June 28, at the CenturyLink Center. It will be televised live on HBO®, beginning at 10:00 p.m. ET/PT.

All the participants will be available for one-on-one interviews. **Media may park in Parking Lot A and enter through the Security/Media Entrance.**

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oubobcat says:

I will say right off the bat that I am not too enamored by this fight. Styles make fights in this sport and the styles of Crawford and Gamboa do not mesh well in my opinion.

Crawford is at his best when other fighters press forward and try to make the fight. He likes to use angles and counter with his very fast hands.

However, when Crawford is forced to be more aggressive, he tends to fight in spots and at a secure range. Its smart but not always the most aesthetically pleasing to watch as a fan (see the Klimov fight).

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Gamboa fights in a similar manner. He likes it when opponents are aggressive and leave openings where he can counter effectively. When he has to make the fight or lead, he does so in spots and also plays it very safe (see the Darleys Perez fight).

So we have two fighters who prefer opponents to come to them and press the fight so they can counter. They each like to keep the fight at a distance and use angles to set up their punches after their foes unload. I see them each waiting for the other to lead and in the meantime a lot of posing, posturing and feinting going on but not a lot of punches being thrown.

In my opinion, it will be up to Crawford to make this fight in front of his home crowd. We all know Gamboa leaves openings and can be hit. And has been dropped on several occasions. So it may not be out of the question that Crawford presses the fight and makes it somewhat entertaining especially in front of his home crowd.

But I think Crawford plays it smart and takes what is given in spots. I think we are going to see an extremely tactical fight play out in which there aren't a lot of punches thrown and landed.

El Dude says:

Its on like Donkey Kong Stomping on the ground. Yuriorkis Gamboa vs Terence Crawford is a battle that is making lots of roar like a tornado. Two young guns blasting off to sound of the bell from hell. Oh my god the battle is brewing in Omaha Nebraska, kicking up dust and making lots of fuzz that will be settled with the fists. This is a 50-50 kind of fight but it seems like a case of a 51-50 lurking in the dusk.

El Dude.