



**"THE REIGN OF SUPERMAN"
 ADONIS STEVENSON vs. DMITRY SUKHOTSKIY
 Andre Dirrell in co-feature
 Also Bizier vs. Dan, Beterbiev vs. Page**

Dec. 19 live on Showtime from Pepsi Coliseum in Quebec

MONTREAL (Nov. 5, 2014) --. Not only will World Boxing Council (WBC), *The Ring* and lineal light heavyweight champion Adonis "Superman" Stevenson (24-1, 20 KOs) defend his crown December 19 for the fourth time, against Russian challenger and WBC #7 contender Dmitry "The Hunter" Sukhotskiy (22-2, 16 KOs), one of most talented pure boxers on the international scene, Andre "The Matrix" Dirrell (23-1, 24 KOs), will also be in action that night at Pepsi Coliseum in Quebec City on the loaded **Showtime Boxing Special Edition** quadruple-header.

Quebec boxing fans remember the hard, intense offensive outbursts last November between Jo Jo Dan (32-2, 18 KOs) and Kevin Bizier (22-1, 15 KOs) The two warriors go at it again Dec. 19 but this time with International Boxing Federation (IBF) No. 1 ranking at stake. New global sensation, undefeated Russian light heavyweight Artur Beterbiev (6-0, 6 KOs), returns to face American opponent Jeff Page Jr. (15-0, 10 KOs). And the best news is that these four fights will air live in the United States on the prestigious television network, Showtime, marking a first for Bizier and Beterbiev.

"We are pleased not only because 'Superman' always puts on spectacular fights," GYM president Yvon Michel said, "but we're also thankful to him because he's fighting on the Showtime network, which allows Kevin Bizier and Artur Beterbiev to make their debuts and breakthrough fights on American TV. It is the dream of every boxer."

"THE REIGN OF SUPERMAN," featuring the Stevenson vs. Sukhotskiy world

championship light heavyweight championship, is organized by Groupe Yvon Michel (GYM), and co-presented by Mise-O-Jeu and Videotron.

Stevenson, 37, captured his world heavyweight title June 8, 2013 via KO in 76 seconds of the undisputed "King" of the light heavyweight division at that time, "**Bad**" **Chad Dawson** (31-3, 17 KOs). In his first defense on September 28, former world champion **Tavoris "Thunder" Cloud** (24-1, 19 KOs) figured to be a major test for the new champion. It was quite different, however, as the powerful left-hander pushed until Cloud abandoned was unable to continue fighting after seven rounds due to Stevenson's relentless attack and boxing lesson in a brilliant demonstration of his skills, finesse, speed, defensive and power.

Two months later, "Superman" completed his dream year with a win over WBC mandatory No. 1 challenger, British challenger **Tony 'Bomber' Bellew** (20-1-1, 12 KOs), who could not finish the sixth round. Bellew later declared that he had never been hit by such powerful shots even against heavyweights. After the year was over, Stevenson was named "Fighter of the Year" by several publications, including "The Ring" and ESPN, a premiere for a Canadian fighter in more than 80 years of boxing history.

In his last fight this past May at the Bell Centre, Polish light heavyweight **Andrzej Fonfara** (25-2, 15 KOs) proved tougher than expected by giving fans a memorable fight, hitting the canvas twice but also dropping the champion once. Stevenson won a unanimous 12-round decision by judges' scores of 116-109 and 115-110 twice

The 33-year-old Sukhotskiy (22-2, 16 KOs) has been a professional boxer since 2005. In only his fifth fight, he won a 10-round decision to become the Russian champion. He suffered his first defeat in 2006 to World Boxing Organization (WBO) light heavyweight champion **Juergen Braehmer** (34-2, 28 KOs) by scores 116-112, 116-112 and 118-110. Many experts believe that, if the fight had not taken place in Germany, the Russian would have won by TKO in the 10th round. In 2011, Sukhotskiy knocked out No. 2 rated **Nadjib Mohammedi** (24-2, 12 KOs), who is now the mandatory challenger for **Bernard Hopkins**. Sukhotskiy's only other pro loss was by decision to American Cornelius White (19-1, 16 KOs) in 2012. Sukhotskiy has won his last four fights, three by knockout, including a TKO5 of former European champion **Eduard Gutknecht** (25-2, 9 KOs).

According to Stevenson's head trainer, **Javan "Sugar" Hill**, his boxer will be very well prepared. "Just because a boxer is unknown doesn't mean he must be underestimated," Hill noted. "Besides, Dawson had no idea who Adonis was before they faced each other. Sukhotskiy is a solid fighter who cannot be intimidated. He's never visited the floor or lost by knockout. He always comes to fight and will stop at nothing. I'll make sure Adonis has a great camp in Detroit's at the legendary Kronk Gym."

When super middleweight Dirrell turned pro, his success was immediately predicted. Unfortunate circumstances have forced him to wait longer than expected to achieve his full potential but the 31-year-old American prodigy is on the right track. Dirrell has

suffered only one loss in his pro career, dropping a questionable decision to **Carl Froch** (25-0, 20 KOs) in the opening round of the Super Six World Classic, broadcast live Dec. 19, 2009 on Showtime. Dec. 19 will be Dirrell's first fight on Showtime since he defeated **Arthur Abraham** (31-0, 25 KOs) by way of an 11th round disqualification in 2010. Dirrell has since earned four victories, three by knockout. His opponent will be announced shortly.

Bernard Barré, of GYM, is full of praise for the talented American. "I was a fan of Dirrell's and I always saw him as a special talent," he commented. "Not only does he intend to become world champion but an international superstar as well. To have him be part of our Quebec event will only enhance its prestige."

Dan and Bizier delivered an epic battle for the IBF # 2 position last year when it was decreed that they would fight again but this time for the IBF # 1 position and mandatory challenger position for undefeated IBF welterweight champion, England's **Kell Brook** (33-0, 22 KOs). Showtime didn't hesitate to acquire the rights for Bizier vs. Dan. This will be the first time Bizier or Dan fight on Showtime. They find themselves in this envious position, both pumped for their rematch, as if they needed extra motivation to do battle again Dec. 19, in which they will be fighting for their international futures. Last November, they stole the show in the fight of the night, displaying furious exchanges and tremendous excitement. "Dan, who is actual the IBF #2 ranked contender, could have requested to have this fight against #5 Bizier on U.S. grounds," Michel noted. Instead, he acknowledged the fight belongs to Quebec City fans. With this move he is showing confidence, guts and fearless determination. We want to thank him and longtime friend, **Lou DiBella**, for his precious collaboration in the making of this important fight. Their Dec. 19 rematch in Quebec City is a true Christmas present for all boxing fans."

Only a few weeks ago many people did not know how to even spell Beterbiev's name, but that was before the two-time Russian Olympian fought former IBF light heavyweight champion **Tavoris Cloud** (24-2, 19 KOs), who Beterbiev decked four time in four minutes of fighting. His second-round knockout of Cloud resonated around the boxing world. In only four minutes the "Russian Terminator" became a legitimate global contender for most sanctioning bodies and experts, as well as a must-see boxer for who fans to see in action. It is for this reason that Showtime decided to include a very rare fourth fight for its Dec. 19th programming between Beterbiev and the undefeated 24-year-old Page, who does not have cold feet. Page is a physical force, determined to become world champion, and is ready to fight anyone and demonstrate his talent and skills. His last six fights ended prior to the scheduled distance and this former college football player plans established his mark in the talented light heavyweight division.

GYM certainly could not promote a fight in Quebec without including fan-favorite **Sebastien Bouchard** (8-1, 2 KOs), of Baie St-Paul. The popular super middleweight will try to regain his winning ways after suffering defeat against American **Frank Galarza** (13-0, 9 KOs) at Foxwood Resort Casino in Connecticut last May. The exciting fight was tight and Bouchard drew considerable praise, albeit in defeat.

For the second time in a row, Showtime will televise Stevenson's world title defense, thanks to the close collaboration with **Stephen Espinoza**, Showtime Executive Vice President & General Manager, Sports and Event Programming.

Other fights will be announced in coming weeks to complete the stacked eight-fight GYM card.

Tickets, ranging from \$25.00 to \$250.00 on the floor, will go on sale tomorrow (Thursday, Nov. 6) at 10:00 a.m.ET, in the branches of the Pepsi Coliseum in Quebec (418) 691-7211 or 1 (800) 900-7469, on www.billetech.com, at GYM (514) 383-0666 or Boxing Club Champion (514) 376-0980.

