



"COLLISION "
WBC WORLD LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
CHAMPIONSHIP
ADONIS STEVENSON VS. ANDRZEJ FONFARA
May 24 at the Bell Centre in Montreal

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MONTREAL (March 27, 2014) – The 2013 “Fighter of the Year,” according to The Ring Magazine and many other boxing publications, as well as the recipient of the prestigious “KO of the Year” award, Adonis "Superman" Stevenson (23-1-0, 20 KOs) returns to the ring May 24 at Bell Centre in Montreal to defend his World Boxing Council (WBC), The Ring and lineal light heavyweight titles for the third time against Challenger Andrzej Fonfara (25-2-0, 15KO).

Born in Warsaw, Poland and now fighting out of Chicago, Illinois, Fonfara is rated No. 1 by the International Boxing Federation (IBF) and World Boxing Organization (WBO), as well as No. 3 by the WBC.

The world light heavyweight title fight between Stevenson and Fonfara headlines, “COLLISION,” which is presented by Groupe Yvon Michel (GYM), in association with Warriors Boxing, and co-presented of Mise-O-Jeu and Videotron. As announced previously this fascinating boxing gala will be presented live, in USA, on Showtime thanks to M. Stephen Espinoza its Executive Vice President & General Manager, Sports and Event Programming.

"*Superman's* 2013 was a year well beyond all predictions, beyond all imagination so tremendous it was," GYM president Yvon Michel said. "He rose to the ranks of international superstar, considered to be the best light heavyweight on the planet! It is a privilege to see him in action again here in Montreal."

Stevenson, 36, won his world light heavyweight title via knockout in only 76 seconds of

then-undisputed light heavyweight champion, "Bad" Chad Dawson (31-3-0, 17 KOs). In his first title defense on September 28, 2014, the new champion was supposed to face a major test against former world champion Tavoris "Thunder" Cloud (24-1-0, 19 KOs). It was quite different, however, as the powerful left-hander pushed Cloud until he retired at the end of the seventh round, after Stevenson gave him a thorough boxing lesson. Stevenson gave a brilliant demonstration of skills, finesse, speed, defense, and power. Two months later, "Superman" completed his dream year with an unequivocal defeat of the WBC No. 1 mandatory contender from Great Britain, Tony 'Bomber' Bellew (20-1-1, 12 KOs), who was unable to finish the sixth round. The tough Englishman later declared that he had never been hit with such powerful shots, even by heavyweights.

In an incredibly amazing run, the powerful southpaw Stevenson has knocked out all 10 of his last 10 opponents: Bellew (TKO6), Cloud (TKO7), Dawson (KO1), Darnell Boone (KO6), Don George (TKO12), Noe Gonzales (TKO2), Jesus Gonzales (KO1), Aaron Pryor Jr. (TKO9), Shujaa El Amin (TKO1) and Derek Edwards (KO3). In fact, the last time a Stevenson fight went the full distance dates back to 2007.

The 26-year-old Fonfara has had spectacular victories over three former world champions in his last five fights. First, by third-round technical knockout in 2012 against former WBA monarch Byron Mitchell (29-9-1, 22 KOs), followed by a 10-round decision over multiple champion Glen Johnson (51-16-2, 35 KOs), and then last year a ninth-round stoppage of former WBA title-holder Gabriel Campillo (22-5-1, 9 KOs).

Fonfara has won his last 15 fights, 12 by knockout, and he has never been defeated fighting as a light heavyweight. He had discussions to face WBO champion Sergey Kovalev and he could have fought to become mandatory challenger to IBF champion Bernard Hopkins. Fonfara preferred to fight Stevenson because he is convinced that he has the right style and resources to overthrow the world champion. According to American journalist Briggs Seekins, "Fonfara has power in both hands and undoubtedly belongs to the elite of the division. It is certainly the most serious test of Stevenson title defense."

Other fights on the "COLLISION" card will be announced in the coming days but GYM is committed to presenting another memorable event. GYM does confirm that the IBF No. 10, WBO No. 11 and WBC No. 16 middleweight David Lemieux (31-2-0, 29 KOs) will be in the co-feature for the most important fight of his career. WBO No. 2, WBA No. 3 and WBC No. 19 world light heavyweight contender Eleider Alvarez (14-0-0, 8 KOs) will be in action May 24, along with rising light heavyweight star Arthur Beterbiev (4-0-0, 4 KOs), IBF No. 7 middleweight Kevin Bizier (24-1-0, 14 KOs), heavyweight prospect Oscar Rivas (13-0-0, 8 KOs), super middleweight Sébastien Bouchard (8-0-0, 2 KOs), and young welterweight Yves Ulysse Jr. (1-0-0, 1 KOs).

Tickets go on sale this Saturday morning (Mar. 29) at 10:00 a.m. ET, at Bell Centre, online at www.evenko.ca, calling GYM at (514) 383-0666, or Boxing Club Champion (514) 376-0980 Ticket prices range from \$50.00 up to \$350.00 reserved on the floor.

About Groupe Yvon Michel Inc.:

Yvon Michel's (GYM) group was founded in 2004. The organization's mission is the development of high-level boxers using a support frame and carefully selected competition by management. To achieve its objectives, GYM actively recruits of top talent and organizes events. In its tenth year of operation, GYM has already produced 113 events in which some have made history in ticket sales and PPV buys, including Pascal vs. Bute (co-promoted with InterBox), Pascal vs. Hopkins I and II. GYM has produced more than 300 hours of TV for Canal Indigo, Bell TV, Shaw TV, TVA Sports, VOX, TVA, Radio Canada V and RDS in Canada, as well as on HBO, Showtime and ESPN in the USA. A total of eight different GYM boxers have participated in 20 world championship fights. Under the tutelage of GYM, in 2007 Joachim Alcine captured the WBA super welterweight title and in 2009 Jean Pascal became WBC light heavyweight champion. Since June 2013, Adonis "Superman" Stevenson has held the WBC, The Ring Magazine and lineal heavyweight title. He was also acclaimed 2013 Fighter of the Year by "The Ring" and several other publications, in addition to getting the KO of the Year for his sensational victory over Chad Dawson in only 76-seconds.

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