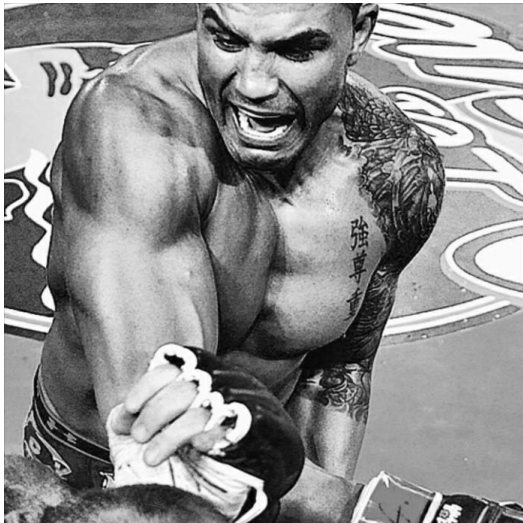




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## **Former UFC fighter Steve "The Boss" Bossé To make his professional boxing debut**

***February 15 at the CASINO DE MONTRÉAL***



MONTREAL (January 20, 2018) - Popular fighter **Steve "The Boss" Bossé** will make his professional boxing debut as part of the third installment of the 2017-2018 "CHRONO AVIATION Boxing Series 2017-2018", February 15th at the Cabaret du Casino de Montréal.

A former pugilist on skates, as well as an ex-Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) MMA fighter, **Bossé** will face tough Bolivian heavyweight **Julio "Cachi" Cuellar Cabrera** (12-6-0, 11 KOs), in a six-round bout.

"CHRONO AVIATION Boxing Series" is presented by Mise-O-Jeu, in association with Videotron, at the Cabaret du Casino de Montréal.

Bossé will attempt the Tour de force in terms of achieving popularity and success in his third contact sport. He was a great senior hockey star in Quebec, known as "The King of Fight on Ice", followed by an MMA career that peaked when he was signed by UFC in 2014.

Cabrera, who started his career in 2009, has power in both hands with 11 knockouts in his 12 victories to date.

A native of Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu in Quebec, Bossé wanted to start his boxing career facing elite opponents in 10 or 12-round fights, but **Michel Hamelin** and the R.A.C.J. demanded that the former UFC star make his boxing debut in a six-round match, before going into more meaningful fights.

"Don't look for finesse, it won't be pretty! 'The Boss' wants and must quickly end this fight against a brawler," said the vice president of operations and recruiting at Groupe Yvon Michel (GYM), **Bernard Barré**.

The 36-year-old, Bossé had 14 MMA fights, winning 12 where he compiled an impressive record of 12-2-0, 9 knockouts. including a 2-1-0 (1 KO) UFC record.

His violent knockout of Australian **James Te Huna** (16-8-0) on March 19, 2016 in Brisbane, Australia before 9552 fans, as well as his victory in a spectacular clash against the American **Sean O'Connell** (17-7-0), on June 18, 2016 in Ottawa, in front of 10,490 fans, earned him performance bonuses.

He also won the Ringside MMA light heavyweight (205 lbs.) title belt, needing only 2:45 to stop Ontario's **Craig Brown** (6-1-0), September 19, 2009, at the Claude-Robillard sports Complex.

Prior to his MMA fighting, Bossé was recognized as the "champion brawler" in the North American Hockey League (LNAH), when he was a fan favorite who has more than 300 entertaining fights.

He got his nickname, "The Boss" after a brief career in amateur boxing as a heavyweight, in which he faced the tournament champion of the Battle of the Hockey Enforcers, **Dean "The Machine" Mayrand**, pro MMA fighter **Jacques Dubé**, in addition to other hockey enforcers, Justin Leinhos and Louis Bédard.

### **Marie Eve-Dicaire in NABF Championship**

In the co-featured event, charismatic Marie Eve Dicaire (10-0) continues her march towards a world title when she meets **Katia "La Leona" Alvarino** (8-4-1, 3 KOs), of Uruguay, for the vacant North American Boxing Federation (NABF) junior middleweight title. The winner will be positioned for a future world title fight.

"Marie-Eve can climb one step closer to the heights of women's boxing. This fight represents a rendezvous with glory," Barré added.

DiCaire, a former karate world champion, is undefeated in pro boxing, coming off a unanimous eight-round decision over Mexican **Paty Ramirez** (11-4) this past December 7 at the Cabaret du Casino de Montréal.

Alvarino's last two appearances were in world title fights. In her last outing, back on October 21 in Montevideo, she lost as hard fought 10-round unanimous decision to International Boxing Federation Junior Middleweight World Champion **Chris Namus** (24-4, 8 KOs).

### **Mikael Zewski also on loaded Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> card**

World-class junior middleweight/welterweight **Mikael Zewski** (29-1, 22 KOs) will also be in action Feb 15 versus battle-tested Mexican **Jose "El Changuito" de Jesus Macias** (23-7-2, 12 KOs) in a potentially explosive eight-round fight. The latter notably lost a 10-round unanimous decision to American hopeful **Erickson Lubin** (13-0-0, 9 KOs) a year ago in Florida.

Zewski, who will be on his third outing under the GYM banner, won his last bout by a solid knockout of Argentine **Enrique Martin Escobar** (17-3, 14 KOs), last December 7 at the Casino de Montréal. With an impressive win over Macias, Zewski will be in line for a North American championship title shot.

A protégé of former world champion **Lucian Bute**, welterweight **Bruno Bredicean** (9-0, 3 KOs), as well as the spectacular welterweight prospect **Jessica "The Cobra" Camara** (3-0) will also see action.

Bredicean will face an opponent to be determined, while Camara will face **Guadalupe "Pantera" Lincer Ortiz** (2-5-0, 1 KO) of Mexico.

### **The beginning of "Wild Thing" Pellerin**

In the evening's opening fight, Steve Bossé's training partner and experienced mixed martial arts fighter, **Yan "Wild Thing" Pellerin** of Granby, Qc, will also make his pro boxing debut. He's had 24 MMA fights (11-13-0) and will be facing an opponent to be determined.

Pellerin, who never feared adversity, has faced the best pugilists of his time, including former UFC middleweight champion **Rich Franklin**, in addition to UFC veterans from Quebec **Jonathan Goulet** and **Patrick Côté**, as well as his current training partner, Bossé.

Tickets can be purchased via by going on line to <https://www.admission.com/event/gala-de-boxe-gym-billets/893715>.