

# Former world champion Nathan Cleverly looks to make impression on Cruiserweight division this Saturday on AWE

San Diego, CA – May 16, 2014 -This Saturday afternoon, former WBO Light Heavyweight champion Nathan Cleverly (26-1, 12 KO's) will make his debut as a Cruiserweight when he takes on Sean Corbin in a 12-round bout for the WBA Intercontinental title.

The card will be broadcast in the United State on AWE and will begin at 2:30 PM ET and will originate from the Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff, Wales.

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In the main event, Featherweight contender Lee Selby (18-1, 7 KO's) will look to inch closer to to a world title shot when he takes on tough Mexican Romulo Koasicha (21-3, 12 KO's) in a bout that will contested for the WBC International title.

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Cleverly is in a good state of mind despite the loss to Kovalev and believes the new weight is a fresh start.

“Everything is great. My weight is good. I feel strong and fresh and I am eager to see how i perform at this weight. I know there are a few question marks and I will look to see how I perform at Cruiserweight,” said Cleverly.

After coming off such a stunning defeat, Cleverly understands

that he will have doubters but he feels otherwise.

“I have no doubt. I took a nice break and feel refreshed. I feel strong and am in a good place. I am ready for the challenge.”

Corbin of Trinidad and Tobago has a record of 17-4 with 12 knockouts could pose to be a formidable challenge Ceverly as he has won two in a row and also has a win over former WBC champion Wayne Braithwaite.

“Corbin is tall and in shape. He looks good but I should take care of him if I want to progress. I have to beat this guy.”

With a win, there is already speculation of a rematch with Tony Bellew. The two met in 2011 when Cleverly won a hotly contested majority decision in what was Cleverly’s 2nd title defense. There is no love loss between the two and like Cleverly, Bellew just moved up to the Cruiserweight division.

“I won the 1st fight with Bellew. The fans like these rivalries. I want the big fights. That fight creates hype and I think it could be a fight the fans want.”

Bellew aside, Cleverly loved being a world champion and he wants to have that feeling again. He is not targeting any champion in particular but would love a shot sooner rather than later.

“I look at all the champs as good solid fighters. In a few fights I want to be ready to challenge one of them. I need to win my next three fights to get that opportunity. I will be back to my best. I am looking to be involved in exciting fights. I have a fan friendly style and I will be back to my best as a Cruiserweight,” finished Cleverly.

A stacked undercard has been arranged by promoter Eddie Hearn of Matchroom Sport. In a 12-round Battle for the WBC International Super Middleweight title, undefeated Callum

Smith (10-0, 8 KO's) will take on Tobias Webb (14-1-1, 2 KO's). Gary Buckland (28-3, 9 KO's) will battle former world champion Gavin Rees (37-4-1, 18 KO's). Also former Light Heavyweight champion, Nathan Cleverly (26-1, 12 KO's) will make his Cruiserweight debut against Sean Corbin (17-4, 12 KO's)

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