

# **Split-T Management's Ivan Baranchyk to defend IBF Junior Welterweight Title against Josh Taylor Today in World Boxing Super Series**

NEW YORK (May 18, 2019) –After a long-wait, IBF Junior Welterweight champion Ivan “The Beast” Baranchyk will make the 1st defense of his crown when he takes on fellow undefeated Josh Taylor today at The SSE Hydro Arena in Taylor’s hometown of Glasgow, Scotland.

The bout can be seen live on DAZN at 2 PM ET

Baranchyk, who won the title with a 7th round beatdown of Anthony Yigit on October 27th in New Orleans, is ready to prove that he is the definition of a world champion by stepping into the lions den of Glasgow.

Baranchyk of Amursk, Russia, who now calls Miami, Oklahoma home is considered one of the hardest punchers in boxing, and he knows that he will have to land some of his patented power shots in order to silence an expected sellout crowd at The Hydro Arena.

The 26 year-old Baranchyk is a five-year professional, who already has wins over seven undefeated fighters, and he is looking for Taylor to be the eighth to fall while at the same time defending his title and advancing to the finals of the WBSS and meet Regis Prograis in what would be a big fight in The United States

The highly-regarded Taylor has a record of 14-0 with 12 knockouts, has wins over undefeated fighters Ohara Davies

(15-0) and Ryan Martin (22-0) as well as former world champions Miguel Vazquez and Viktor Postol

“One of the great privileges of my life is being associated with Ivan Baranchyk. He is all class, and people have no idea about his level of determination. I expect him to win and to build a legacy as not just a champion but a great champion,” said David McWater of Split-T Management.

Baranchyk weighed in at 139.6 lbs. Taylor weighed in at 140.2 in his initial attempt, but came back and made the 140 lb weight limit an hour later.

Baranchyk is managed by Split-T Management and is promoted by DiBella Entertainment, Fight Promotions and Holden Productions.