

# **Video: Kal Yafai – Suguru Muranaka weigh in**

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## **Kal Yafai – Suguru Muranaka Weights**

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. – May 12, 2017 – Weights for the WBA Super Flyweight world title bout between champion Kal Yafai and Suguru Muranka that will take place TODAY!!! LIVE on AWE- A Wealth of Entertainment at 2 PM ET / 11 AM ET

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Khalid Yafai 114 1/2 vs. Suguru Muranaka 114 1/4

(WBA super flyweight title)

Ceferino Rodriguez 145 3/4 vs. Sam Eggington 146 1/2

Sean Davis 121 1/4 vs. Gamal Yafai 121.6

Frankie Gavin 148.6 vs. Renald Garrido 145

Ryan Kelly 153.6 vs. Adam Harper 152.6

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## **YAFAI: I'LL TURN BIRMINGHAM**

# INTO A FORTRESS

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. – May 12, 2017 – Kal Yafai believes he can build something special in Birmingham and wants to unify the Super-Flyweight division as he prepares to make the first defense of his WBA title against Suguru Muranaka at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham on Saturday LIVE on AWE- A Wealth of Entertainment at 2 PM ET / 11 AM ET

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Yafai became the second city's first World champion in December with a punch-perfect display against Luis Concepcion in Manchester, and the unbeaten 27 year old wants to turn the Arena into a fortress – starting this weekend.

"It's such an honor to be Birmingham's first World champion. I consider myself to be the flag bearer for Midlands boxing now, I just want to make sure there's more talent and inspire more fighters to achieve the same.

"I want to be a big role model for Birmingham and the Midlands all together. Birmingham has been craving World Championship boxing for some time, for me to be bringing the World title back and with being born and bred in Birmingham is an honour.

"Walking out in front of my fans with the belt is a privilege and I can't wait. I'd love to turn the Barclaycard Arena into my fortress."

Yafai is in a talent heavy division with Muranaka's countryman Naoya Inoue holding the WBO crown, Jerwin Ancajas the IBF and the WBC belt in the possession of Wisaksil Wangek, who edged out pound-for-pound star Roman Gonzalez in March – and Yafai wants to face the best to add more belts to his collection as soon as possible.

"Unification bouts are very much part of my plan – and sooner rather than later," said Yafai. "Whatever my team puts in front of me, that's what I'll take. I've got the best team in the business around me who advise me what to do and when to do it, so I listen to them first and foremost but I like to take it all one fight at a time. I've got to concentrate on this fight solely and then we'll go from there and see what is next.

"I haven't really studied Inoue much. I've seen a couple of his fights when he's boxed lately. Obviously, he's massive talent and a very good fighter. If that could happen down the line then that would be great.

"I thought Gonzalez nicked the fight with Wangek by a couple of rounds. In the rematch which seems to be on the cards, I think he'll win convincingly. Before that fight Gonzalez was up there at number one on my pound for pound list and he's still up there in my top three.

"Ancajas could be the likeliest of unification's but it depends what and when they are available. Either or, I'm not really bothered. I'd love to fight Gonzalez, obviously he's the name in the division. If I had to hold out and wait, have another defence or two before fighting Gonzalez then I'd do that."

Yafai's World title defense is part of a huge night of action in Birmingham, where Sam Eggington challenges Ceferino Rodriguez for the European Welterweight title.

Yafai's brother Gamal defends his WBC International Super-Bantamweight championship against fellow Birmingham man Sean Davis, Ryan Kelly and Adam Harper meet for the Midlands Area Middleweight Title.

Frankie Gavin is back in action in his first fight with trainer Jon Pegg, and there's action for Lennox Clarke, unbeaten Olympian Josh Kelly, Kieron Conway, Aaron Lovell,

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**Gamal Yafai and Frankie Gavin**

# **speak about undercard bouts this Saturday, Live on AWE- A Wealth of Entertainment**

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. – May 10, 2017 – Gamal Yafai says he can beat Sean Davis any way he wants to when he challenges his local rival for the WBC International Super-Bantamweight title at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham on Saturday LIVE on AWE- A Wealth of Entertainment at a NEW START TIME 2 PM ET / 11 AM PT.

In the main event, Kal Yafai defends the WBA Super Flyweight title against Suguru Muranaka.

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Yafai and Davis finally get their hands on each other after their proposed meeting for Yafai's Commonwealth title fell through in October after the champion damaged his ankle in training.

Davis instead met Paul Economides for the crown he defends tonight, while Yafai returned from injury in Germany in March in a six rounder. The 25 year old now meets 'Showtime' on the undercard of his brother Kal's World title defence, and Yafai plans to do a comprehensive job on Davis to show he's ready to move to the next level.

"I can't wait for this," said Yafai. "Fighting in front of my home fans on big shows is something I've always wanted to do and it's a bonus to be alongside my brother. To do it so early into my career is massive for me. I'm so happy to be one of the big names in Birmingham.

"I know a bit about Sean. I didn't know him a year ago until

his coach messaged me on Facebook for a bit of sparring and we done a little bit of work.

"It's my job to answer whatever Sean brings. I'm capable of that. I am more than just a puncher, I can outbox Sean and outpunch him – I beat him in every department.

"I was preparing for the Davis fight doing box jumps. I've got it on video, it was on CCTV where I was training. I went over on it, it's hard to describe how I done it. The pain and rehab was unreal. I couldn't do anything for two months solid.

"It was horrible being out of the ring so long. I couldn't train and obviously wasn't getting paid. It's hard when you can't fight but it only makes you stronger.

"I didn't have any surgery, just had to let it rest. It was so bruised and I tore a few ligaments but it's in the past now.

"I'm entering the next phase of my career now. I learnt a lot as an amateur so I didn't have to have as many learning fights so to speak. I didn't need that long like other fighters might do. I was a World class amateur so I think I've done alright so far and I'm ready for the next step in my career."

Yafai's clash with Davis is part of a huge night of action in Birmingham where Kal Yafai defends his WBA World Super-Flyweight title against Suguru Muranaka.

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#### GAVIN FACES DANGER MAN GARRIDO IN BIRMINGHAM

'Funtime' faces French challenger on Saturday night

Frankie Gavin admits he's heading to the last chance saloon as he faces Renald Garrido.

Gavin is back in action after his loss in the same arena to Sam Eggington in a thrilling fight in October, and the former World title challenger is kicking off a new chapter in his career having switched to Eggington's trainer Jon Pegg.

Garrido is a familiar face in the UK having beaten Bradley Saunders and gone the distance with Jack Catterall, Martin Lindsay and Robbie Davies Jr, and Gavin knows he must be at his best if he wants to bounce back with a win and move onto major title fights later in the year.

"I'm heading to the real last chance saloon now," said Gavin. "I'm in a gym with a lot of fighters and that's good for me – it's keeping me on my toes and hungry."

"I want a big fight next so I need a good performance on Saturday to prove that I can still win massive titles. Garrido is a good test for me, he always comes to win and he's dangerous, so I need to be on my guard."

Gavin's clash with Garrido is part of a huge night of action in Birmingham as Kal Yafai makes the first defence of his WBA World Super-Flyweight title against Suguru Muranaka.

Eggington challenges Cerefino Rodriguez for the European Welterweight title, Yafai's brother Gamal defends his WBC International Super-Bantamweight championship against fellow Birmingham man Sean Davis, Ryan Kelly and Adam Harper meet for the Midlands Area Middleweight Title.

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## **YAFAI: JOSHUA HAS INSPIRED ME TO UNIFY THE DIVISION**

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. – May 9, 2017 – Kal Yafai says Anthony Joshua MBE has set a new benchmark for British fighters to follow as he prepares to make the first defence of his WBA World Super-Flyweight title against Suguru Muranaka at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham on Saturday LIVE on AWE- A Wealth of Entertainment at 3 PM ET / 12 Noon PT.

For boxing fans who don't have access to AWE, the fight will

be available on the AWE channel on [www.klowdtv.com](http://www.klowdtv.com)

Yafai and Joshua are close from their days as Team GB teammates, and Yafai won the crown he defends on home turf this weekend on the undercard of Joshua's win over Eric Molina in Manchester in December.

Yafai was unable to attend Joshua's epic win over Vladimir Klitschko at Wembley Stadium last weekend, but the 27 year old was bursting with pride as Joshua KO'd the Ukrainian in the 11th round, and believes that Joshua has raised the bar higher than ever for British fighters.

"I was unbelievably proud and happy for Anthony Joshua," said Yafai. "When he got put down I was very nervous, I was praying for him to get up and recover and that's what he did. It showed what a World Champion needs to do when it gets tough in there."

"He has completely smashed it now, onto bigger and better things for him. The world is his oyster. It was such a hard and big fight. I'd like to see him fight Tyson Fury but it doesn't sound like that's possible to happen next. If he can get a defence for one of his Titles against a contender then move onto one of the other Heavyweights like Wilder would be great.

"I still see him regularly. We come on the Team GB squad together. He's a good lad, one of the nicest people in boxing. He loves his boxing so much. He soaks everything up like a sponge. He just still wants to learn, he'll get better and better as he goes on. I mean he's still only young! Realistically a novice still. He's a funny lad and good to be around. I've got a lot of time for him. He's raised the bar now – beating Klitschko at Wembley is just massive, and it's something that we've all got to aspire to.

"Winning the World Title on his undercard was great. It took me four and a half years going from amateur into the pro game

and winning a World Title. Doing it on a massive show headlined by AJ was special. We are Eddie Hearn's only two World Champions who he's had from their debuts.

"I was very pleased with my performance that night. I had to do what I had to do. I stayed focused on my own game plan, even after he failed to make the weight. I got in there and done the business. I out boxed him for 12 rounds. I made it as easy as possible."

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## **Kal Yafai defends WBA Super Flyweight title against Suguru Muranaka This Saturday, May 13th on AWE-A Wealth of Entertainment**

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. – May 8, 2017 – Undefeated WBA Super Flyweight champion Kal Yafai will make his first defense of his crown when he takes on top 10 rated Suguru Muranaka This Saturday, May 13th live on AWE – A Wealth of Entertainment.

The card will originate from Yafai’s hometown of Birmingham, England. AWE’s live coverage begins at 3 pm ET.

For boxing fans, who do not have AWE, the fight can be accessed on the AWE channel on

[www.klowdtv.com](http://www.klowdtv.com)

"We're thrilled to air another great world title fight live on AWE," said Robert Herring, CEO of AWE. "This will be an outstanding matchup. We're pleased to continue to introduce some of the best world champions from around the world to AWE boxing fans and Yafai is no exception."

Yafai will step into the ring with a perfect record of 21-0 with 14 knockouts. The 27 year-old is a five year professional, and comes from a fighting family. Yafai's brother, Gamal, is an undefeated super bantamweight, and is also on the May 13th card.

Yafai won the WBA Super Flyweight crown with a 12-round unanimous decision over Luis Concepcion on December 10th in Manchester, England.

Yafai earned his way to a title shot with wins over Jozsef Ajtai (15-3), Dixon Flores (12-3-2), Jason Cunningham (17-2), Cristofer Rosales (10-1), Yaqub Kaleem (13-3-1) and Scott Gladwin (5-1).

"It's a tough first defense and that's what I need," said Yafai. "I want hard fights that are going to help me when I face unification fights."

"This is what I started boxing for. I wanted massive nights in Birmingham and it doesn't get better for me. It's been amazing since winning the title. Every time I'm walking around the city I get stopped for photos and for autographs, but I know that it's harder to keep a title than it is to win it, so the real work is only just beginning." Muranaka of Tokyo, Japan has a record of 25-2-1 with eight knockouts, and is undefeated in his last 19 fights, which spans 11 years.

Muranaka is coming off a eight-round majority decision over Hiroyuki Hisataka on December 5, 2016 in Tokyo.

The 31 year-old Muranaka has signature wins over Renoel Pael (19-3-1), Tetsuma Hiyasji (25-2-2), Masayuki Kuroda (21-4-3), Takuya Kogawa (22-2), Tamoya Tateyama (8-1-1) and Toyoto Shiraishi (6-0-1).

This will be Muranka's first bout outside of Japan. The full undercard will be announced shortly.

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# **Indongo has star making performance with decision over Burns to unify 140 pound titles**

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. – This past Saturday Julius Indongo added the WBA junior welterweight title to his trophy case that already housed the IBF junior welterweight title with a comfortable 12 round unanimous decision over Ricky Burns in Burns' hometown of Glasgow, Scotland.

The bout was seen live and exclusively LIVE in the United States on AWE – ‘A Wealth of Entertainment.

“We’re ecstatic at the turnout for Saturday’s fight. Julius Indongo was introduced to the American fight fans with an outstanding performance, and he proved that he is a force to be reckoned with in the 140 pound division. AWE will continue to bring boxing fans in the United States the highest quality fights from around the world,”” said AWE CEO Robert Herring.

Indongo moved his record to 22-0 with the emphatic victory by scores of 120-108, 118-110 and 116-112. Burns, who is 3-division world champion is now 41-6-1.

The bout marked the first boxing event on AWE since the network was added to the DirecTV lineup. With the addition of DirecTV, AWE pulled in its largest viewership for any boxing match, which started broadcasting fights in 2011.

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## **BURNS: I'LL PROVE THERE'S PLENTY LEFT IN MY TANK**

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. – Ricky Burns is gunning for the ultimate birthday present this weekend as he aims to add Julius Indongo's IBF and IBO World titles to his own WBA Super-Lightweight title in their unification clash at the SSE Hydro

in Glasgow on Saturday live on AWE-A Wealth of Entertainment and [www.klowdtv.com](http://www.klowdtv.com)

The fight card will begin at 2:30 PM ET / 11:30 AM PT. AWE is now on Directv channel 387

Burns turned 34 on Thursday and came face-to-face with the Namibian at their pre-fight press conference in Glasgow.

The Rickster welcomes the unbeaten Southpaw to the venue of his moment of history in May when he became Scotland's first three-weight World champion with an eighth round stoppage win over Michele Di Rocco.

Burns defended his crown for the first time with a dogged display against impressive mandatory challenger Kiryl Relikh in October. Indongo is the third man to test Burns in the Hydro cauldron, and Burns is in no mood to let slip another chance to create a piece of history as he aims to continue his remarkable career at the very top.

"When I first started out you always think about winning belts and being in massive fights, but I never set myself any targets," said Burns. "I just worked hard and when I got the chances, I took them and it paid off. I've had a few bad nights and it took me a while to move down to Essex and get used to training with Tony, but it's clicked now."

"I got the Di Rocco fight and I jumped at it. People noticed there that I still had something to give, I knew it was still there, but there were people that doubted that."

"I don't think about what I've done so far and I won't until I hang them up. In my eyes, a fight is a fight. It's always great to go into big fights like this one, but the pressure is big enough in World title fights that I keep stuff like legacies and so on away and just focus on what's in front of me, that's the way I've always been."

“Don’t get me wrong, I’m happy with what I’ve achieved and people always say that I’m a three-weight World champion and only one of three ever in Britain, but I’ve not really thought about it and it’s not sunk in.

“I just love fighting. People ask me all the time how long do I think I can keep going and my answer is always as long as I am not taking punishment, still want to do it and enjoy it, then I’ll keep going – and I think that there’s years left in me.

“I’m taking it one fight at a time. This is a big, big night, the biggest I’ve had. We spoke about unification fights at Super-Featherweight and Lightweight and now it’s here – I just can’t wait. There were easier fights out there and maybe even more lucrative fights, but this is the fight I wanted and I’m confident that things will go well.”

Burns clash with Indongo is part of a huge night of action in Glasgow with two cracking British title fights leading the supporting cast as Scotty Cardle looks to land the Lightweight belt outright when he faces Robbie Barrett and Charlie Edwards and Iain Butcher clash for the vacant Super-Flyweight title.

Rio Olympian Josh Kelly makes his pro debut, his Team GB teammate Lawrence Okolie boxes for the second time in the pros, Charlie Flynn fights for his first pro title as he faces Ryan Collins for the Celtic Lightweight title and Joe Ham takes on Scott McCormack for the Scottish Super-Bantamweight title.

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## **INDONGO: SCOTTISH FANS CAN'T HELP BURNS**

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. – Julius Indongo has told Ricky Burns that the hometown fans won't help him when they clash in a World Super-Lightweight unification showdown at the SSE Hydro in Glasgow on Saturday (April 15) live on AWE- A Wealth of Entertainment and [www.klowdtv.com](http://www.klowdtv.com)

The broadcast begins at 2:30 PM ET and it will be the first AWE boxing event on Directv (channel 387)

Indongo is looking to add Burns' WBA strap to the IBF and IBO belts he won in spectacular fashion in December when he travelled to Russia in his first fight outside of his homeland of Namibia and delivered a devastating one-punch KO win over champion Eduard Troyanovsky.

That was a third straight win inside the distance for the 34 year old who carries raw power and is a nightmare on paper as a tall, rangy Southpaw.

Indongo feels that his win in Russia has been dismissed as a fluke though, and he is coming to Scotland to prove that he's the real deal.

"We're focused and ready," said Indongo. "I've polished the tools and technique for the fight. He's picked us which is fine with me. It's not easy to fight someone in their backyard but you need to make sure that you are totally prepared for the task.

"We don't have any doubts in this team. The aim is to keep winning. I've heard what they've been saying. They said it was a lucky punch that floored Troyanovsky. It's always easy to talk. Bring Burns in front of me and we will see who is the best."

Indongo says he's always known that he would need to travel to secure major fights having boxed at home for the first 20 bouts in the paid ranks. The Glasgow crowd are sure to give the visitor a hostile reception as he walks to the ring, but he has a warning for both the fans and Burns – that nothing will distract him from his task.

"Fighting away from home has never been a problem," said Indongo. "I know that we cannot host such a huge event in South Africa so I am always prepared to travel. There's only Ricky and me in the ring, the fans will have no effect on me.

"The KO will be a bonus but we're training for hard rounds, I am undefeated and have no doubts that I will stay that way.

"We are not that well recognised in the world of boxing but I warn you – do not underestimate us, because that's what happened in Moscow."

Indongo follows in the footsteps of fellow countryman Paulus Moses who challenged Burns for his WBO Lightweight crown in March 2012, and the 'Blue Machine' believes that Moses was short-changed by the judges that night, as was Kiryl Relikh, who was edged out on points by Burns in his first defence of the WBA in October.

"I thought Paulus won the fight but maybe he didn't win because it was in Scotland," said Indongo. "I don't think he beat Relikh either, but you cannot look at that, he must not take me lightly or make mistakes.

"The sky is the limit for me. I will fight anybody, but the dream is to fight in Las Vegas, I want someone to make me a bigger offer to fight there and defend all the titles, including the WBA belt I will win."

Indongo's clash with Burns is part of a huge night of action in Glasgow, and the undercard is led by a pair of British title fights as Scotty Cardle looks to land the Lightweight title outright when he faces Robbie Barrett and Charlie Edwards and Iain Butcher clash for the vacant Super-Flyweight title.

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## **Burns – Indongo on AWE and Klowdtv.com on Saturday**

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. – April 12, 2017 – Below are images from Tuesday's media workout featuring WBA Junior Welterweight champion Ricky Burns and IBF Junior Middleweight Julius

Indongo as they put in their final preparations for their unification fight that will take place this Saturday

Ricky Burns and Julius Indongo will clash in a bout that will unify the WBA and IBF 140-pound world titles. The match-up takes place on Saturday, April 15th and will be featured live and exclusively on AWE, A Wealth of Entertainment and [www.klowdtv.com](http://www.klowdtv.com) in the United States.

Burns will have the home fan advantage. The bout originates from the SSE Hydro in Glasgow, Scotland. The undercard fights begin at 2:30 PM EST / 11:20 AM PT.

The card will also mark the first fight card on AWE that will be broadcasted live on Directv.

Herring Networks announced earlier this week that AWE and sister network, One America News Network launched on Directv.

The fight will be on Directv channel 387.