

DMITRY BIVOL vs. SAMUEL CLARKSON SHOBX: THE NEW GENERATION FINAL WEIGHTS, QUOTES & PHOTOS FOR TRIPLEHEADER TOMORROW LIVE ON SHOWTIME®

Dmitry Bivol 174.6 – Samuel Clarkson 173.4

(WBA Interim Light Heavyweight title)

Malik Hawkins 146 – Carlos Soto 148.2

Glenn Dezurn 120.8 – Leroy Davila 119.8

Joey Dawejko 234.2 – Rodney Hernandez 262.4

Travis Reeves 173.4 – Taneal Goyco (Will weigh in tonight)

Ruben Villa 128 – Luis Diaz 129

Michael Dutchover & Edner Amaro will weigh in tomorrow

Hasim Rahman, Jr. 234.4 – Ralph Alexander 239.6

Sergey Kuzmin 246 – Keenan Hickman 142.4

Justin Hurd and opponent will weigh in tomorrow

Promoters: Banner Promotions, Greg Cohen Promotions, World of Boxing and Uprising Promotions

Venue: MGM National Harbor

1st Bell: 7:15 PM ET (Doors open at 7)

TV: ShoBox: The New Generation on Showtime 10 PM ET/PT

OXON HILL, MD. (April 13, 2017) – Undefeated WBA Interim Light Heavyweight Titlist Dmitry Bivol and streaking challenger Samuel Clarkson made weight on Thursday for their 12-round main event tomorrow/Friday on ShoBox: The New Generation live on SHOWTIME® (10p.m. ET/PT) from MGM National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Maryland.

The fast-rising Bivol (9-0, 7 KOs) earned his interim belt in

just his seventh professional fight while Clarkson (19-3, 12 KO's) enters Friday's main event on a nine fight winning streak.

Undefeated welterweight prospects Malik Hawkins (10-0, 7 KOs) and Carlos Soto (13-0-2, 7 KOs) meet in the eight-round co-feature. Hawkins, a Baltimore native trained by Calvin Ford, is a stablemate of IBF Junior Lightweight Champion Gervonta Davis.

In the opening bout of the telecast, Baltimore native Glenn Dezurn (8-0, 6 KOs) takes on former amateur standout Leroy Davila (5-0, 3 KOs), of New Brunswick, N.J., in an eight-round matchup of undefeated super bantamweights.

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by Greg Cohen Promotions and Banner Promotions in association with World of Boxing and Uprising Promotions, are priced at \$103, \$73 and \$48 and can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com or by phone at 800.745.3000.

FINAL QUOTES:

DMITRY BIVOL:

"The plan was to become world champion in my first 10 fights. We're almost there.

"Clarkson is a big light heavyweight, but I have fought bigger guys. This is a tough fight, but we were willing to take a risk for this opportunity to fight on TV.

"I did have a transition from amateur to pros. The WSB helped that transition and gave me experience. I've been able to learn from fight to fight, and I've gained experience in each fight.

"I've been trying to be more aggressive and control the pace of the fight. I'm comfortable going forward and backward.

"We'll feel out the power and timing in the beginning. I know

what people expect of me – they want the KO – and if the opportunity comes I'll try to finish him.

“Working at Wild Card has been a big difference. Training in the U.S. is completely different. In Russia it's mostly amateurs, so you get used to the wrong style. Most of what I've learned has been from sparring with pros here in the U.S.

“Clarkson usually comes forward. He seems uncomfortable moving back. We think we can use our advantages to cap on his mistakes and get him out of his comfort zone.”

SAMUEL CLARKSON:

“I'm not an underdog. I've fought my way up here to this position and the winning streak. I feel like I've proven myself to be here. My losses have helped me get to where I am. I know I belong here.

“I've never been one to get knocked down and stay down. I'm ready for whatever comes. The pressure isn't on me. I just need to do my thing.

“I've been in some wars. I know what it's like to get knocked down. He hasn't been there before. I need to stand my ground. I'm not backing up.

“I want to see what the hype is about. His whole career is my winning streak.

“I've been sparring with top quality guys. I'm ready for this fight. It's a big opportunity and I don't feel any pressure.

“He hasn't been in wars like we have. It's hard when you face a guy like me that isn't afraid of you. He's one dimensional. We want to make him as uncomfortable as possible.

“We're coming to take his belt. He's going to have to stop us from taking it. He's never faced anyone like me – a really fast fighter with a lot of power.”

CARLOS SOTO:

"I'll do whatever it takes. If I have to come forward, I'll come forward. If I have to box, I'll box.

"Hawkins a smart fighter, fast, tall. He likes to fight at a distance. I need to pressure him to win the fight.

"I've faced fighters as tall as him before. This isn't new for me.

"I've only been in the U.S. once before, and I've never fought here. I need to take advantage of this experience.

"My goal is to go for it. I want to be the best in my weight class. Everything starts now for me."

MALIK HAWKINS:

"I grew up with Gervonta (Davis). I saw him win the title, I've seen his success, and now it's my turn. It's been great motivation for me. For him to become a champion motivated me even more.

"We've sparred 1,000's of rounds with Gervonta. We've been in there with the champ and know it's our time.

"We're here to prove we're ready. We don't want to take any shortcuts. We're taking this one fight at a time. We're building and building.

"I'm tall, but I have an inside game. I fight inside better than a short fighter.

"People don't want to take the chance to fight me. Credit to Soto for taking the fight, but he's going to learn the hard way why no one wants to fight me."

LEROY DAVILA

"We knew this was coming some day and now it's here. We know all about DeZurn. He's the perfect opponent for us. We know

can break him down.

“When I didn’t make the Olympic team, I got right over it. But I wasn’t sure I was going to turn pro. I have a family to take care of and I can’t let anything distract me from being a father. But now I’m 5-0 and fighting on national TV. This is the moment I’ve been waiting for.

“Dezurn is an aggressive and has a lot of heart, but I’m not worried about him. I need to focus on myself.

“A win puts me in the conversation with the other up-and-coming fighters. A win could really change my career.”

GLENN DEZURN:

“Sparring with my wife helps me. She hits like a dude. She’s taught me a lot – she taught me discipline. We push each other in the gym; we make each other better fighters.

“If you can make an adjustment with a sharp female woman, there’s no reason you can’t do it with a man.

“I like to break down my opponents. I become aggressive when I see a weakness.

“I’m ready to fight. I’m ready to get in there. I worked hard and now it’s time to have fun.

“I sparred with Rau’Shee (Warren) for this fight. He has tremendous talent. He’s an inspiration for me. We also sparred with Vasyl Lomachenko for this fight. You have to be physically and mentally in shape to fight him.”

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DMITRY BIVOL TRAINING CAMP QUOTES IN ADVANCE OF SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION

NEW YORK (April 11, 2017) – Undefeated former Russian amateur standout Dmitry Bivol will defend his Interim WBA Light Heavyweight Title against Samuel Clarkson in the 12-round main event of ShoBox: The New Generation on Friday, April 14 live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT) at The Theater at MGM National Harbor in National Harbor, Md., just outside of Washington, D.C.

Known for his aggressive style, the 26-year-old Bivol (9-0, 7 KOs, 2-0 WSB) was a decorated amateur and former Russian National Champion at 178 pounds, who is now determined to make his mark in one of boxing's toughest weight classes. Clarkson (19-3, 12 KOs), of Cedar Hill, Texas, has won his last nine fights in a row and will make his third appearance on ShoBox.

Bivol is managed by Los Angeles-based Vadim Konilov and trained by Gennady Mashianov. He has recently ended his sparring sessions at both Wild Card Gym and Wild Card West in Southern California where he has been training in the same camp with fellow countryman and 2010 European super heavyweight amateur gold medalist Sergey Kuzmin.

Here's a quick question and answer session through an interpreter after visiting with Bivol at the apartment where he has been residing for the past five weeks in the heart of Hollywood.

Question: Overall, how would you assess how your training camp went?

Bivol: "I think that training camp went very good. One of the reasons I decided to come to Southern California to train was that there are so many different sparring partners here. We had a very spirited camp and I consider myself ready for the fight."

Question: What kind of fight do you expect from such a strong opponent as Samuel Clarkson?

Bivol: "I'm expecting for him to get in the ring and push himself and come forward. I know he'll come out aggressive and try to put the pressure on me. We'll see."

Question: You are young and have only nine pro fights, but are already fighting to defend an interim world title. Are you happy with the way your pro career has started?

Bivol: "To be honest, I don't really ever think about the belt and the interim title. For me the main WBA belt is the most important one and I want to stay at the top of the rankings to get it. As far as my career going too fast, I don't believe so. I think I have more than enough experience in the amateurs and that I've aligned myself with the best trainer and sparring partners out there. So I'm happy where my career is at right now. I don't think it's progressing too fast."

Question: There are some that are picking this fight as 50/50? Why do you think they are predicting this fight can go either way?"

Bivol: "This is boxing and I think there are a lot of fights that are 50/50. Anything can happen. You never know; upsets can happen at any time. For me this is step-up fight. Not only because of how good my opponent is, but also because of what it means to me. Winning this fight will open the door to many opportunities."

Question: How important is it to put on a good show and put on an exciting performance fighting in your first main event on

SHOWTIME?

Bivol: "Sure everything is amped up a little bit more because it's on SHOWTIME. But every time I step into the ring I want to put on a good show for the fans. This time, probably a little bit more so, but the most important thing is to get the win."

Question: Is there one weaknesses you have worked on during this training camp?

Bivol: "I don't think there are any weaknesses, so it's been like any other training camp. I can't talk about what I've been preparing for from my opponent. You will have to wait and see it in the ring."

Question: What do you think about training in Southern California?

Bivol: "I love everything about it. The best thing though is the weather. In my hometown city in Russia, St. Petersburg, we don't have weather like this. I like the atmosphere here and the people and where we train. I just like it all."

Question: You have a large collection of amateur medals. Where are they displayed?

Bivol: "I keep them all in one place in my parents' home. We don't think we deserve them all. It is something they are very proud of."

Question: What do you think about the other top Russian boxers like Ruslan Provodnikov and Sergey Kovalev?

Bivol: "I respect them all. There are some that are very famous in Russia, but also very famous here. And I see that. They are really good fighters and I'm ready to be at that same level, if not even at a higher level. I'm not in this sport just to stay in shape, I'm here to show and prove that I can be the best in the world."

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SAMUEL CLARKSON IN 'THE SHAPE OF HIS LIFE' FOR TITLE CHALLENGE AGAINST DMITRY BIVOL APRIL 14 LIVE ON SHOWTIME® FROM MGM NATIONAL HARBOR IN MARYLAND

NEW YORK (March 29, 2017) – Light heavyweight title challenger Samuel Clarkson says he's in the shape of his life for his shot at Interim WBA Light Heavyweight Titlist Dmitry Bivol on Friday, April 14, live on SHOWTIME.

Clarkson (19-3, 12 KOs) will face the undefeated Bivol (9-0, 7 KOs, 2-0 WSB) in the 12-round main event of a ShoBox: The New Generation tripleheader (10 p.m. ET/PT) at MGM National Harbor in National Harbor, Md., just outside of Washington, D.C. In the co-feature, undefeated welterweight prospects Juan Ruiz (18-0, 11 KOs) and Malik Hawkins (10-0, 7 KOs) will square off in an eight-round bout.

NOTE: In a matchup that was confirmed on Wednesday as the opening bout of the ShoBox telecast, Baltimore's undefeated Glenn Dezurn (8-0, 6 KOs) will face unbeaten two-time national amateur champion Leroy Davila (5-0, 3 KOs), of New Brunswick, N.J., in an eight-round super bantamweight bout.

Tickets for the event, which is co-promoted by Greg Cohen Promotions and Banner Promotions in association with World of Boxing and Uprising Promotions, are priced at \$103, \$73 and \$48 and can be purchased at www.TicketMaster.com.

"I upped intensity 1000 times for this camp," said Clarkson. "I had better sparring, did more miles running and way more

rounds doing bag work. Everything I've done has been intense and we added a lot more into it."

Clarkson did half his training in his home state of Texas and the second half in Brooklyn, where he has sparred with some well-known names.

"I've been working with guys like Sean Monaghan and Joe Smith Jr. I've had over 110 rounds of sparring since coming to Brooklyn. I wanted to push my sparring to the max. I'm not saying there isn't competition in Dallas, but I wanted different looks and to be out of my comfort zone. I got what I was looking for here."

Clarkson says he can tell he's in the shape of his life for this fight.

"I'm seeing new muscles," said Clarkson, who has won nine straight fights. "The power was already there, but my speed is great now too. I will most definitely come in under weight. We've put a lot of focus on weight this time. The goal is to eat breakfast before weighing in. I have kept on a very strict diet – my dad cooks everything and we're eating right.

"I'm ready for war. I'm not afraid of this guy. I'm ready to fight."

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UNDEFEATED DMITRY BIVOL TO DEFEND INTERIM WBA LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE AGAINST SAMUEL CLARKSON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 14 IN THE MAIN EVENT OF SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION

NEW YORK (March 21, 2017) – Undefeated former Russian amateur standout Dmitry Bivol will defend his Interim WBA Light Heavyweight Title against Samuel Clarkson in the 12-round main event of ShoBox: The New Generation on Friday, April 14 live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT) at MGM National Harbor in National

Harbor, Md., j just outside of Washington, D.C.

Known for his aggressive style, Bivol (9-0, 7 KOs, 2-0 WSB) was a prominent amateur who is now determined to make his mark in one of boxing's toughest weight classes. Clarkson (19-3, 12 KOs), of Cedar Hill, Texas, has won his last nine fights in a row and will make his third appearance on ShoBox.

In a co-featured matchup of undefeated welterweight prospects, former amateur standouts Juan Ruiz (18-0, 11 KOs) and Malik Hawkins (10-0, 7 KOs) will square off in an eight-round 147-pound bout.

In the telecast opener, Baltimore featherweight Glenn Dezurn (8-0, 6 KOs), who is trained by the renowned Barry Hunter, will take on an opponent to be named in an eight-round bout.

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Dmitry Bivol vs. Samuel Clarkson – 12 Round Light Heavyweight Bout:

Bivol, who compiled an impressive amateur record of 285-15, is looking to break through in a division which features the likes of Adonis Stevenson, Andre Ward, Sergey Kovalev and Badou Jack. Last May in Moscow, the 26-year-old won the Interim WBA Light Heavyweight Title in only his seventh professional fight with a unanimous decision over previously undefeated Felix Valera.

Bivol has since won twice, both times on Russian soil, including a fourth-round knockout of Robert Berridge in defense of his interim belt.

"I am very glad that this will be my first fight televised in the U.S.," said Bivol, who is fighting for the third time in

America. "It's great that this is main event because that motivates me. Clarkson is a good defensive fighter. He can be aggressive and I expect this to be a tough fight. I look forward to introducing myself to American fans with a great performance, and I plan to defend my title with an exciting victory."

Clarkson has registered nine consecutive victories following a loss to the current unbeaten Jesse Hart (21-0). Clarkson moved up in weight to beat Cedric Agnew (27-1) in February 2015, and has ShoBox knockout wins over Jerry Odom (13-1) in July 2015 and Lavarn Harvell (15-1) in October 2015.

"This is a huge opportunity to prove my abilities to the world," Clarkson said. "Bivol is a crafty fighter from Russia and had a very impressive amateur career, mostly at 165 pounds. He's a good fighter and I definitely have to bring my A-game.

"I'm ready for the challenge because I do really well against European fighters. European fighters are slow and come forward a lot, and they're not big on head movement. We are working hard and have a lot of guys in the gym who fight with a similar style. By fight time I'll be ready for anything he has.

"I had to make up my mind if I wanted to be the lion or the lamb and, in the end, I decided I don't like losing. I rededicated myself and now I can't be stopped."

Juan Ruiz vs. Malik Hawkins – Eight-Round Welterweight Bout:
The son of a former fighter, Ruiz is originally from Venezuela and fights out of Baja California, Mexico. He lost just eight times in 220 amateur fights, was a six-time Venezuela national champion and was part of the Venezuelan National Team. The undefeated Ruiz has won via knockout in seven of his last nine fights.

"This is a golden ticket for me to show what I'm capable of,"

Ruiz said. "I will do my best to give the fans watching on TV and those attending the fight the best show possible."

The 21-year-old Baltimore-resident Hawkins was 92-8 as an amateur and shares the same trainer – Calvin Ford – as stablemate and IBF Junior Lightweight Champion Gervonta Davis. Hawkins, who was the 2012 Bronze Medalist in the Junior Olympics, will face his toughest test to date in fellow undefeated Juan Ruiz.

"This is a huge chance for me to showcase my skills and show I belong among the best in the welterweight division," Hawkins said. "There's nothing he can bring I haven't seen, and I plan on making him fight my fight."

"I get better when I fight talented fighters. To be honest, nobody I have fought so far has brought out the best in me, but I'm hoping that Ruiz does just that. A victory over him would put me in position to fight the opponents I need to fight to take that next step toward becoming a contender."

Glenn Dezurn vs. TBD – Eight-Round Featherweight Bout:

The undefeated Dezurn, who was a three-sport star athlete in high school, was an amateur standout who compiled an 87-7 record in the unpaid ranks under the tutelage of Barry Hunter. The Baltimore native is married to female boxer and U.S. Olympic alternate Franchon Crews, who fought Claressa Shields in the amateurs and in her pro debut.

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