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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

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 Wladimir 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.”

Yafai’s World title defence is part of a huge night of action in Birmingham, where Sam 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.

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, Jordan Clayton, Charlie Williams and Cori Gibbs.

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AWE has brought boxing fans some of the most exciting and controversial bouts, including the matchup of Ricky Burns against Ray Beltran for the world title. AWE featured live and exclusively the crowning of American Terence Crawford over Ricky Burns. AWE fans have witnessed the explosive power of undefeated heavyweight Tyson Fury multiple times on the network, including Fury’s victory over Kevin Johnson. In 2017, AWE was the exclusive United States television provider of the historic matchup between legendary British heavyweight David Haye and Tony Bellew.

About AWE – A Wealth of Entertainment

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available on over a hundred cable systems, including AT&T U-Verse, ch 147 and 1147 in HD, Verizon FiOS TV, ch 169 and 669 in HD. and DirecTV, ch 387.

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SELBY STOPS MUNROE IN 6 TO WIN EUROPEAN FEATHERWEIGHT CROWN

SAN DIEGO (FEBRUARY 3RD, 2014)—This past Saturday, Lee Selby won the European and retained the British Featherweight title with a 6th round stoppage over former world title challenger Rendall Munroe in a scheduled 12 round fight at the Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff, Wales.

The fight was shown LIVE in the United States on AWE

It was trouble for Munroe at the very end of round one when Selby rocked Munroe with a straight right hand. In round six, Selby landed a right hand that drove Munroe into the corner and kept Munroe in the corner for the better part of a minute and continued to land shots until a hard left hook spun Munroe's face around and the fight was stopped at 1:31.

Selby, 125 1/2 lbs of Wales is now 18-1 with 7 knockouts. Munroe, 124 1/4 lbs is now 27-4-1.

2012 Olympic Gold Medal winner Anthony Joshua scored a 3rd round stoppage over Dorian Darch in a scheduled 6 round Heavyweight bout.

Joshua ripped Darch with a hard combination on the ropes at the end of the 1st frame. Joshua landed several hard shots in round two and then landed a ripping left hook that sent Darch into the ropes and the fight was stopped at 51 seconds of round 2.

Gary Buckland registered a 12 round split decision over former world champion Gavin Rees in a spirited battle that was an British lightweight elimination bout.

The action started off quick with Rees landing the to the body with the right hand. They stood in the "phone booth" for much of the fight with Rees continuing to work the body and Buckland countering with short uppercuts on the inside. In round five, Buckland started to up his activity level but in the next round, Rees got back to landing some thudding body shots as well as mixing rights to the head.

Buckland's activity level picked it up again in round eight as he started to back Rees up on the ropes. As the rounds went on, Buckland's activity rate was very consistent. Both guys continued to dig deep but Buckland probably got the 10th frame when he landed a right hand that drove Rees back to the ropes. Rees' right eye started to shot from all the contact in this intense battle. Both guys wanted it in the 12th and this fight that could have gone either way. In the last last 30 seconds alone, Rees rocked Buckland with a hard right but Buckland came right back with furious combination.

Buckland, 134 3/4 lbs of Cardiff, Wales won by scores of 116-113 and 115-114 while Rees got a card 116-113.

Buckland is now 28-3. Rees, 135 lbs is now 37-4-1.

In a terrific back and forth battle, Dale Evans scored a 8 round decision win over Erick Ochieng in a Welterweight bout.

It was a slug fest with both guys being rocked throughout the bout.

Evans, 148 1/4 lbs won by a 77-76 tally in the referee's scorecard and is now 8-1-1. Ochieng, 148 3/4 lbs is 14-3.

Boxing returns to AWE on Saturday March 1st with the much anticipated WBO Lightweight title bout between Ricky Burns and Terence Crawford LIVE from Glasgow, Scotland. The action begins at 3 pm eastern / 12 noon pacific

About AWE

For 2012, AWE earned 2 of the 6 Boxing Writers Association of America nominations for "Fight of the Year" candidates, beating out all other networks except HBO which earned three. AWE also showcased live all 2012 David Price fights. In 2013 AWE has featured the stunning upsets of Tony Thompson over Price, bouts with Adonis Stevenson and Tony Bellew, who just fought each other for the Light Heavyweight championship; 2008 Olympic Gold Medal winner James DeGale and possibly the two most controversial bouts which saw Ricky Burns keep his Lightweight title against Ray Beltran as well as the debatable stoppage that saw Carl Froch retain his title against George Groves.

The network is currently available nationally on Verizon FiOS TV channel 169 and 669 in HD, AT&T U-Verse TV channels 470 and 1470 in HD, along with over 100 cable systems across the country and worldwide. The new website for AWE is www.AWEtv.com.

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