

# Vargas wins WBC Super Bantamweight title with a majority decision over McDonnell

LAS VEGAS—Rey Vargas walked into enemy territory and won the WBC Super Bantamweight title with a 12-round majority decision over Gavin McDonnell at Ice Hall in Hull, England.

The championship bout, which took place this past Saturday, headlined a card that was streamed live on [www.klowdtv.com](http://www.klowdtv.com)

It was a competitive fight with Vargas using his length and landing his jab, that would open up combinations. McDonnell was willing, but did not seem to be able to get in a groove, yet he was able to fight even on a card at 114-114. while two other cards had the right winner at 117-111 and 116-112.

Vargas of Mexico is now 29-0. McDonnell, was trying to join his twin brother Jamie (IBF Bantamweight) as current world champion, drops to 16-1-2.

"I am happy, we were able to win the world title in his backyard," said Vargas. "It is an honor to bring this title back to my people in Mexico."

"It was his long arms, I just could not pin him," said McDonnell. "He beat me fair and square. I just fell short. I felt alright in there, it was just his long arms that were the difference. I showed that I belong at this level after just 18 fights, and I will be back in the gym and I will be a world champion."

Luke Campbell took out Jairo Lopez in the 2nd round of their scheduled 10-round lightweight bout.

Campbell hurt Lopez in the 1st round with a right hand. Campbell was patient and then dropped and stopped Lopez with a right hand and the fight was over.

Campbell is 16-1. Lopez is 21-7.

Tommy Coyle stopped Rakeem Noble in round three of their scheduled ten-round super lightweight bout.

Coyle hurt Noble with a right at the end of round two, and finished him with a booming right in round three, that sent Noble down. Noble got to his feet, but the referee stopped the fight.

Coyle is now 23-4. Noble is 11-2.

Dec Spelman (11-0) registered a 3rd round stoppage over Nathan King (14-28) in a scheduled 6-round light heavyweight bout.

Heavyweight Dave Allen (10-2-1) needed just 31 seconds to stop Lukasz Rusiewicz (22-29) in a heavyweight bout scheduled for 6 rounds.

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**VIDEO: MCDONNELL – VARGAS  
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WWW.KLOWDTV.COM**

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# GAVIN MCDONNELL: I'LL JOIN JAMIE ON TOP OF THE WORLD

LAS VEGAS—Gavin McDonnell is aiming to step out of his twin brother Jamie's shadow and land in the big time when he faces Rey Vargas for the vacant WBC Super-Bantamweight title tomorrow at the Hull Ice Arena, live on [www.klowdtv.vom](http://www.klowdtv.vom)

Victory for Gavin would create a unique piece of British boxing history as he would join Jamie as a World ruler, with Jamie holding the WBA Bantamweight crown and will make a sixth defence next time he enters the ring.

Unbeaten Gavin has handled every step-up he's been handed with aplomb over the last three years, picking up British, European and International straps to land his World title shot, and he's ready to leap over one more hurdle to join his sibling at the top of the boxing tree.

"Jamie will get a big kick up the backside from this, not that he needs it!" said McDonnell, who scaled 8st 8lbs 8oz, 8oz more than Vargas. "He is comfortable being number one in the family but he is getting a wake-up call because I am hot on his heels now. People might start saying I am the number one if I have a World title, so Jamie will have a point to prove too.

"He has the bit between his teeth and I think the next year is going to be huge for us both. We will be pushing each other on – two twin brothers at the same level, doing the same sort of thing. At the moment he has achievements much greater than mine but that is where I want to be and we are on this journey together. It is nice to see that we are both giving each other these memorable nights and that it isn't all one-side for Jamie as it was for a while.

"One of the main dreams down the line would be for us both to

co-headline a show where we both have World titles. Not just for us but for the family, the supporters, for everybody who has backed us over the years to give them a super night in Doncaster, that is the night and we intend to bring boxing back to Doncaster. If I win this World title we will be the first twins to do it from the UK so there is a bit of history on the line as well."

McDonnell's clash with Vargas is part of a huge night of action in Hull as hometown star Luke Campbell MBE defends his WBC Silver Lightweight title against Mexican Jairo Lopez.

Campbell's fellow Hull favourite and old foe Tommy Coyle returns to action following his epic British title encounter with Tyrone Nurse, taking on unbeaten Londoner Rakeem Noble.

Unbeaten Belfast talent Ryan Burnett tastes his first action of 2017, Doncaster Heavyweight Dave Allen kicks off 2017 having taken on Luis Ortiz in his last outing and Scunthorpe's unbeaten Light-Heavyweight prospect Dec Spelman looks to add to his 10-0 record and local boys Carl Chadwick and Conor Seymour feature.

#### LIVE FLOAT

6 x 3 mins Light Heavyweight contest

DEC SPELMAN (177.6 lbs) v NATHAN KING (177 lbs)  
(Scunthorpe) (Mountain Ash)

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#### LIVE 3:05pm ET

10 x 3 mins Super-Lightweight Contest

TOMMY COYLE (139.6 lbs) v RAKEEM NOBLE (139.9 lbs)  
(Hull) (Rosehill)

12 x 3 mins WBC Silver Lightweight Championship

LUKE CAMPBELL (134 lbs) v JAIR0 LOPEZ (133.1 lbs)  
(Hull) (Mexico)

12 x 3 mins Vacant WBC Super-Bantamweight Championship

GAVIN MCDONNELL (120.8 lbs) v REY VARGAS (120 lbs)

(Doncaster) (Mexico)

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## **MCDONNELL: I WON'T BLOW MY CHANCE AT HISTORY**

Las Vegas, NV.— Gavin McDonnell has vowed to seize his moment of history as he takes on Rey Vargas for the WBC World Super-Bantamweight title at the Hull Ice Arena on Saturday afternoon, live on [www.klowdTV.com](http://www.klowdTV.com)

The entire fight card can be accessed for just \$4.99.

McDonnell has fond memories of the venue he faces his destiny on Saturday as three years ago today McDonnell stopped Leigh Wood there to land the British title – the first step on his remarkable journey to Saturday's World title shot.

The Doncaster ace can create British boxing history by joining his twin brother Jamie as a World ruler, and the 30 year old wants to repay all his supporters and team for their faith.

"It is real now," said McDonnell. "It seems to have taken forever to come but all of a sudden it is here. It is a nice feeling that after all the hard work we have put in, now is show time.

"I have put a lot of years hard work in, made a lot of

sacrifices – and not just me, my family have all gone through it just for me. Everything has been put on hold for me to go out there and achieve my dream. We have trained so hard and it is here now, it is the dream and I plan on grabbing it with both hands and moving on and going from where I am to the very top.

“The fight is here because Eddie and Matchroom have backed me for this fight. I do want to go abroad and fight but for my first World title, and such a tough fight, we wanted it here. My team has backed me more than his has backed him so they can say what they want – they can say it is cowardly or whatever they want.

“We know if we went over there we would have to knock them out so we want it in my favour over here and Eddie and Matchroom have given me the platform to go out there and achieve my dream. It isn't cowardly – my team have backed me, they have supported me and they have given me this opportunity to win this World title.

“It means everything, this is what we all want and when you are World champion you are on the scene then, the big fights will be there. You will be one of the World champions, a wanted man. It means everything; the bigger fights, the bigger pay, it is why we are in the business. I intend to do everything required to win and I have no doubt I will win.”

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# **Rey Vargas battles Gavin McDonnell for WBC Super Bantamweight title Live THIS SATURDAY on Klowdtv.com**

Las Vegas, NV.— Undefeated contender Rey Vargas and Gavin McDonnell will vie for the vacant WBC Super Bantamweight title this Saturday from the Ice Arena in Hull, England that will be streamed live on [www.klowdtv.com](http://www.klowdtv.com)

The entire fight card can be accessed for just \$4.99. and

The action will begin a period of three major fight cards on [www.klowdtv.com](http://www.klowdtv.com) on in the span of seven week. Next Saturday, on March 4th, the action shifts to London as one of the biggest heavyweight fights in the United Kingdom in recent years will take place as the bad blood will be settled between cruiserweight champion Tony Bellew moving up in weight to face former cruiserweight and heavyweight world champion David Haye. Then on April 15th from Glasgow, Scotland, it will be a

Junior Welterweight unification bout as WBA champion Ricky Burns takes on undefeated IBF champion Julius Indongo.

Vargas of Otumba, Mexico has a record of 28-0 with 22 knockouts, and will be making his 1st attempt at a world title.

The 26 year-old is a 7 year professional, and has wins over former two-time world champion Alexander Munoz, former world title challengers Cecilio Santos, Juanito Rubillar, as well as well as contenders Luis Lugo (13-1-2), Marcos Cardenas (13-1-1), Eduardo Mancito (13-1-2) and Alexis Kabore (25-1).

"It is a risk going to England, but I'm not scared," said Vargas. "I know that I'll get booed when I go into the ring but I know when I win and step out of the ring they will applaud me. I am going to win this fight, even being in his backyard. He has that home advantage but I will win.

"I know the judges could be an issue. In fact, a gym mate of mine, Julio Ceja, fought his brother and won, but they robbed him. The idea is to go for the knockout otherwise they could rob you.

"It shows a bit of cowardice, not on him but on his team because they don't want him to fight outside his country as they know he'll lose. But I do trust that the WBC are fair and they will be neutral – the best man will win. I'd be very proud to take the WBC belt home."

McDonnell of Dorncaster, England is the twin brother of WBA Bantamweight champion Jamie McDonnell, and has a record of 16-0-2 with 4 knockouts.

Gavin, 30 years old, turned professional is a 7 year professional, and got to this title opportunity on the strength of his victories over undefeated Scott Gladwin (5-0), Leigh Wood (11-0), Oleksandr Yegorov (13-0-1), Jorge Sanchez (15-0), three-time world title challenger Vusi Malinga



(21-5-1) as well as Dean Anderson (5-1-1), Paul Econmides (13-3), Jeremy Parodi (37-2-1).

In his last bout, McDonnell took an 8-round decision from Robin Zamora on September 10th in London.

"I have to pinch myself that it's finally here," said McDonnell. "All the hard work I've put in over the years, it feels like it's meant to be this moment.

"I have seen my brother become World champion, I have seen my gym-mate Tony Bellew become World champion and I believe now I'm ready and to be let off the leash. I'm ready to become world champion. Two twin brothers on the scene, both World champions standing side by side – the Klitschko brothers of Doncaster!

"We were in the same boat me and my brother, fighting an unbeaten Mexican banger. Having home advantage is key and I've wanted that.

"I like being written off, I love proving people wrong and this will be no different. I really want to make a name for myself, I've always felt like I've been in my brother's shadow but I'm 18 fights unbeaten and I'm on the verge of a World title fight.

"Vargas' record says that he's big puncher but we won't know how good he is until we get in there. How much does he want it? Not more than me. He will have to knock me out cold to win it as he can't beat me."

"This will be a terrific championship bout on Saturday. We look forward to kicking off a terrific string of title bouts for the great boxing fans in the United States," said Chris Schickedanz, Managing Director of Klowdtv.

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## **KlowdTV Demonstrates that it's the Home of Streaming Live Boxing with Three Major Fights Starting with Vargas v McDonnell**

Las Vegas, NV.— [www.klowdtv.com](http://www.klowdtv.com) is pleased to announce three major boxing events will be coming to the network over a seven week span.

Each fight card can be accessed for just \$4.99.

The action will begin on Saturday, February 25th in Yorkshire, England as Gavin McDonnell and Rey Vargas will vie for the vacant WBC Super Bantamweight championship. The very next Saturday, on March 4th, the action shifts to London as one of the biggest heavyweight fights in the United Kingdom in recent years will take place as the bad blood will be settled between cruiserweight champion Tony Bellew moving up in weight to face former cruiserweight and heavyweight world champion David Haye. Then on April 15th from Glasgow, Scotland, it will be a Junior Welterweight unification bout as WBA champion Ricky Burns takes on undefeated IBF champion Julius Indongo.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring the fans these high high

quality and important fights. These are some of the best fights that are on the boxing schedule, and everyone in the United States now has an opportunity to see this great action,"said Chris Schickedanz, Managing Director of Klowdtv. "These are the kind of events that we envisioned on having on our network. The first fight between McDonnell and Vargas is a world title fight between two undefeated fighters. The very next week we have Haye – Bellew. That is a major fight in England that has evolved into a bitter feud between two championship fighters Finally Burns and Indongo is an important unification bout for which the winner will be involved in a major fight later in the year. I don't know many networks that has a lineup of quality fights over a 7 week span"