

# 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

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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.

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SAN DIEGO, CALIF. — April 5, 2017 — 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

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"We're thrilled to bring this very exciting world unification fight to our fans," stated Robert Herring, CEO of AWE.

Burns of Coatsbridge, Scotland has been a world champion in three weight-classes, and has been competing in world title bouts for seven years.

The 33 year-old has a record of 41-5-1 with 14 knockouts. He has taken part in 12 world title bouts with a record of 10-1-1 in those contests.

Burns has wins over Colin Bain (8-0), Graham Earl (22-0), Haider Ali (4-1), Osumanu Akaba (21-4-1), Yakuba Amidu (16-1-1), Michael Gomes (38-9) and Kevin O'Hara (16-4).

On September 4, 2010, Burns won the WBO Super Featherweight title with a 12 round unanimous decision over Michael Katsidis (28-4). He won the full title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Paulus Moses (28-1). Burns defended that title 3 times with wins over Kevin Mitchell (33-1) & Jose Gonzalez (22-0) and a draw with Raymundo Beltran (28-6), before dropping his title to Terence Crawford.

Burns became a 3-division champion with an 8th round stoppage over Michele Di Rocco on May 28, 2016. He has made one defense, which came on October 7th with a unanimous decision over Kiryl Relikh.

"When Julius Indongo knocked out Eduard Troyanovsky he was immediately an opponent I was interested in," says Burns. "Indongo can clearly punch and that's an impressive way to win a World title, especially in Russia. It was some shot he hit

Trojanovsky with.

"It's a huge fight in the division and the kind of fights I need to be involved in at this stage of my career. There were other names talked about but I wanted the toughest, most dangerous fight out there. Indongo with his two belts was that man.

"He is a big tall, rangy, southpaw but bring it on – I have no fear of anyone and it is only the massive fights for me now.

"Fighting in Glasgow is special for me, the crowd at the SSE Hydro has been electric the last two occasions and I expect it to be no different this time round."

Indongo of Windhoek, Namibia has a perfect mark of 20-0 with 11 knockouts.

The 34 year-old is an eight-year professional, who was the WBO African Super Lightweight champion as he had wins over Zolani Marali (4-5), Ibrahim Class (12-1) and Ishmael Kuchocha (12-3).

On December 3, 2016, Indongo scored one of the biggest upsets of the year, when he scored a stunning and explosive 40 second knockout over classy and undefeated IBF Champion Eduard Trojanovsky (25-0) in the former champion's backyard of Moscow, Russia.

Indongo added: "It's an absolute honor for me to fight Ricky, who I regard as an accomplished champion. I respect what he has achieved so far but I'm going to Scotland to rob him of his belt. I know it won't be easy but I'm comforted by the fact that I have a good team and passionate Namibian fans, and I have every intention of making them smile and unifying the division on April 15."

(AWE's promo for the fight may be downloaded at: <https://vimeo.com/210975681>)

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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 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”