

Selby earns Featherweight title shot with unanimous decision over Koasicha

San Diego, CA – May 17, 2014 -Lee Selby earned a shot at WBC Featherweight champion Jhonny Gonzalez with a 12-round unanimous decision over Romulo Koasicha in a WBC title elimination bout as well as a WBC International title fight at the Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff, Wales.

Selby was effective with the volume of punches by just doing a solid job of keeping Koasicha on the receiving end of three and four punch combinations. Koasicha had a few opportunities in round's five and seven as he got through with some solid left hooks but he was not able to capitalize on his few effective moments. Down the stretch, Selby was not challenged in the least as he boxed and moved well and cruised home to the victory to the tune of 119-109, 119-109 and 119-110.

Selby, 125 1/2 lbs of Barrie, Wales is now 19-1. Koasicha, 125 1/2 lbs of San Luis Potasi, Mexico drops to 21-4.

Former world Light Heavyweight champion Nathan Cleverly made a splash in his Cruiserweight debut by taking out Shawn Corbin in round two of their scheduled 12-round WBA Intercontinental title bout.

Cleverly hurt Corbin with and uppercut and was relentless with pinpoint punches that continued to snap the head of Corbin back until referee Richie Davies stopped the bout at 2:19 of round two.

Cleverly, 198 1/2 lbs of Wales is now 27-1 with 13 knockouts. Corbin, 195 1/2 lbs of Trinidad and Tobago is now 17-5.

Former world champion Gavin Rees and Gary Buckland staged

their 2nd war in just over three months that saw Rees capture a split decision in a 12 round Lightweight bout that was Rees' final ring outing.

The two traded hard shots in close for basically all 12 rounds of the bout that saw many ebbs and flows during the contest. Both guys landed hard thudding shots and had each other in trouble. Rees was cut over his left eye in round 10 but came back to rock Buckland several times in the final two frames.

Rees had Buckland in trouble in the final round but Buckland came on to land a few good power punches of his own.

Rees, 137 lbs of Newbridge, Wales won by scores of 117-113 and 117-112 while Buckland took a card 117-112.

Rees finishes his career with a record of 38-4-1. Buckland, 137 of Cardiff, Wales is now 28-4.

Good looking Super Middleweight prospect Callum Smith took out Tobias Webb in round two of their scheduled 10-round WBC International Super Middleweight bout.

Smith dropped Webb four times in round two, three of them were from vicious body shots. The final knockdown was a left to the body that sent Webb down on all fours and he was counted out at 2:50 of round two.

Smith, 166 3/4 lbs of Liverpool is now 11-0 with 9 knockouts. Webb, 167 1/2 lbs is now 14-2-1.

Paul Smith Jr tuned up for a potential world title shot with Arthur Abraham with a 2nd round destruction over David Sarabia in a eight round Light Heavyweight bout.

Smith dropped Sarabia in the 1st round from a right hand. He hurt Sarabia in round two and pounced on him with a big barrage of punches and the fight was stopped at 1:17 of round two.

Smith, 171 3/4 lbs of Liverpool, UK is now 35-3 with 20 KO's.
Sarabia, 170 1/4 lbs of Spain is now 7-4-2.

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Lee Selby to Battle Romulo Koasicha for the WBC International Featherweight title LIVE on Saturday, May 17 on AWE

San Diego, CA – May 6, 2014 – On Saturday, May 17, Lee Selby will take on Romulo Koasicha for the vacant WBC International Featherweight title in a 12-round bout that will headline a championship afternoon of boxing live on AWE – A Wealth of Entertainment.

The fight, which will also serve as a WBC Elimination bout to champion Johnny Gonzalez's belt), will originate from the Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff, Wales.

"This will be another great afternoon of live world-class boxing", said AWE President Charles Herring. "We have two title fights with the winner positioned to fight for the world title. The Buckland verses Rees bout will be a terrific fight and boxing fans will be excited to see Nathan Cleverly's Cruiserweight debut."

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The 27-year old Selby has won the Welsh Area Featherweight title and the Celtic Featherweight title. He won the British and Commonwealth Featherweight titles with an 8th round stoppage over previously undefeated Stephen Smith (12-0). He defended The British belt four times and the Commonwealth Belt five times. During those defenses he had impressive wins over Patrick O'Kine (11-1-1), Martin Lindsay (20-1), Corey McConnell

(11-0-1) and his last bout where he also capture the European Featherweight title with a 6th round stoppage over former world title challenger Randall Munroe (27-3-1) on February 1st. Selby also captured the WBC International Featherweight title when scored a 12-round unanimous decision over Viorel Simion (16-0) in 2012.

Selby is ranked no. 4 in the world by the WBC, no. 6 in the world by the IBF and no. 10 in the world by the WBO.

Koasicha of San Luis Potosi, Mexico has a record of 21-3 with 12 knockouts. He has earned a number of belts, including the WBC United States USNBC with a 7th round stoppage over Eduardo Becerril. Koasicha has defended the title three times over two reigns which includes his last bout when he scored a 12-round unanimous decision over Marcos Cardenas on February 8.

A stacked undercard has been arranged by promoter Eddie Hearn of Matchroom Sport. In a 12-round Battle for the WBC International Super Middleweight title, undefeated Callum Smith (10-0, 8 KO's) will take on Tobias Webb (14-1-1, 2 KO's). Gary Buckland (28-3, 9 KO's) will battle former world champion Gavin Rees (37-4-1, 18 KO's). Also former Light Heavyweight champion, Nathan Cleverly (26-1, 12 KO's) will make his Cruiserweight debut against Sean Corbin (17-4, 12 KO's)

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With big fights on the Horizon, Selby looks for impressive showing against Koasicha Saturday on AWE

San Diego, CA – May 15, 2014 -This Saturday afternoon, Featherweight contender Lee Selby will look to inch closer to rumored big fights when he takes on tough Mexican Romulo Koasicha in a bout that will broadcast live in the United States on AWE.

The card begins at 2:30 PM Eastern / 11:30 AM Pacific.

The fight, will be for the WBC International Featherweight title, will originate from the Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff, Wales.

Selby of Barry, Wales has a record of 18-1 with 7 knockouts. Selby has been on a roll, winning 14 straight fights and capturing multiple championships.

Selby is ranked no. 3 in the world by the WBC, no. 12 by the WBA, no. 6 in the world by the IBF and no. 10 in the world by the WBO.

"Everything is going well and the preparation was great,"said Selby on Thursday morning.

When asked about his opponent, Selby had very little knowledge going into Saturday's contest.

"I really don't know too much. I know he likes to mix it up and he has a good jab."

With potential big fights on the horizon against WBC champion Jhonny Gonzalez or Nonito Donaire (who fights for the WBA title later this month), Selby is not looking past the upset minded Koasicha.

"I take each fight as its own. I prepare myself well and treat them all the same."

Selby made a big impression to the American fans on February 1st when he stopped former world title challenger Rendall Munroe in a fight that was also seen on AWE.

"It is great to be seen in America. That is where the big fights are and it is great to be able to show my talent. Hopefully I can challenge for one of the titles. I just want everybody to keep following my career. Hopefully I can fight in America and bring a title back to Wales," finished Selby.

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