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Two-Time world champion, Steve "USS" Cunningham to release comic book series this fall

Philadelphia, PA (August 25, 2015) — On the eve of his highly anticipated bout with undefeated Andrew Tabiti on Saturday's Floyd Mayweather — Conor McGregor Pay-Per-View card in Las Vegas, two-time cruiserweight world champion, Steve "USS" Cunningham has announced that he will be releasing a series of comic books this Fall.

Cunningham of Philadelphia will combine his love of comics and his decorated boxing career into an entertaining comic book series that will also feature many of the opponents and personalities of his illustrious 17 year career.

The first strip will feature a fictional depiction of his epic battle with Amir "Hardcore" Mansour that took place in 2014. Below is a brief video with some of the illustrations that will be featured in the inaugural book.

"Drawing has always been a passion of mine, and people who are artists are inspired from their life experiences. I have been fortunate to be able to participate in the highest form of theater in professional sports, and that is boxing at the highest level. I have so many thoughts and ideas from those experiences and I hope to entertain not only boxing fans, but comic lovers from all over the world," said Cunningham.

STEVE "USS" CUNNINGHAM TO HOST THE 10TH ANNUAL BRISCOE AWARDS ON OCTOBER 15TH

PHILADELPHIA — Philly Boxing History announced today that former two-time cruiserweight champion Steve "USS" Cunningham will be the celebrity guest host of the 10th Annual Briscoe Awards at Xfinity Live! Philadelphia, on October 15, 2017.

"It's an honor," Cunningham said of being named the guest host. "I'm happy and proud. I'm going to do my best."

Cunningham was the very first recipient of the "Philly Fighter of the Year" Briscoe Award in 2007, and won the same award three years later. Overall, Cunningham has won a total five Briscoe Awards through the years, also winning for "2014 Philly Fight of the Year" (vs. Amir Mansour), and the "Performance of the Year" in both 2012 and 2014.

"The Bennie Briscoe Award was the first Philly organization to step up and really show appreciation for the things that I was doing," Cunningham said. "I've been a world champ, but didn't get the shine that some world champs would have. But the Bennie Briscoe Awards have always been there, not just for me but for every Philly fighter. I think every city should do this for their fighters, but they don't. That's what makes the Briscoe Awards so special."

"Steve is the most decorated fighter in the Briscoe Awards' ten year history AND he was our very first "Fighter of the Year" winner," said John DiSanto of Philly Boxing History Inc. "He's the perfect person to guest host our 10th annual celebration. Steve has always represented the Briscoe Awards well, and it will be great to have him back on the stage in a whole new role."

First up however, Cunningham fights undefeated Andrew Tabiti for the NABF cruiserweight title on the Mayweather-McGregor mega-card, this Saturday night in Las Vegas. The ten round bout opens the Pay-Per-View TV broadcast.

ABOUT THE BRISCOE AWARDS ON OCTOBER 15 FROM 1-4 PM

The Briscoe Awards are named in honor of legendary Philly middleweight Bennie Briscoe and the trophies given away — the Briscoe Statue and the Briscoe Medal — all bear the deceased icon's likeness. The event brings together the local boxing community, including the award winners, their families, past and present boxers, fight fans, other boxing people, and general sports fans.

This is the tenth year for the Briscoe Awards, which are presented by Philly Boxing History Inc., a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization, dedicated to preserving and celebrating Philadelphia's great boxing legacy. Past winners at the Briscoe Awards include Bernard Hopkins, Danny Garcia, Steve Cunningham, and many others.

The event returns to Xfinity Live! Philadelphia, the central hub of Philly's sports stadiums, located at 1100 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia. Admission is \$5, and tickets can be purchased at BriscoeAwards.com or by calling 609-377-6413. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, including sponsorship and advertising opportunities, please call John DiSanto, 609-377-6413 / johndisanto@phillyboxinghistory.com

The 10th Annual Briscoe Awards will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017, 1-4 PM, at Xfinity Live!, 1100 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia.

Heavyweight Showdown Between Exciting Contenders Travis Kauffman & Amir Mansour Headlines Premier Boxing Champions: The Next Round on Bounce on Friday, March 17 from Santander Arena in Reading, PA 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT

READING, PA (February 15, 2017) — A showdown between exciting heavyweight contenders Travis "My Time" Kauffman (31-1, 23 KOs) and Amir "Hardcore" Mansour (22-2-1, 16 KOs) headlines action on Premier Boxing Champions: The Next Round on Bounce Friday, March 17 from Santander Arena in Reading, PA.



Televised coverage on Bounce begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and will feature former title challenger Edner Cherry (35-7-2, 19 KOs) taking on once-beaten Omar Douglas (17-1, 12 KOs) in a 10-round lightweight bout plus former two-time world champion Steve "U.S.S." Cunningham (28-8-1, 13 KOs) will enter the ring in a 10-round cruiserweight attraction. The most recent Premier Boxing Champions — The Next Round on Bounce (Fri. Feb. 10) reached 1.5 million viewers and delivered series records for viewership.

Reading's Kauffman and Philadelphia's Mansour will meet in a 12-round battle of Pennsylvania-rivals who are looking to go through the other on their way to a world title shot.

"I am very excited for this fight on March 17," said Kauffman.
"I am training very hard, and I'm ready to take care of business. This win will get me to the next level. Amir is a tough fighter who has never been in a bad fight. He is a desperate fighter who knows this is his last chance to retain his spot as a heavyweight contender, so I expect to see the best Amir Mansour. I will be very sharp. I expect a better performance than I had against Chris Arreola."

"This is a fight that the heavyweight division needs," said Mansour. "This is two top quality facing off against each other. I am the toughest fighter that he has ever faced, but he is not the toughest fighter that I have faced. I will say

that he is one of the best boxers in the heavyweight division. He has tremendous boxing skills, and I am looking forward to mixing it up with someone who can box and fight."

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King's Promotions, start at \$20 and are on sale now. Tickets are available at the VF Outlet Box Office at the Santander Arena, by phone at 800-745-3000, or online at Ticketmaster.com.

A local attraction fighting out of Reading, Kauffman is the son of longtime trainer and promoter Marshall Kauffman. Kauffman won his first 18 pro fights and put together a 12-fight winning streak before dropping Chris Arreola in a split decision loss that was later ruled a no decision. Kauffman most recently stopped Josh Gormley in two rounds at the Santander Arena in September of last year and he will return to the arena looking to increase his status in the heavyweight division.

An exciting pressure fighter, the 6-foot-1 slugger Mansour is experienced and primed for an opportunity at the best in the division. He went 20-0 before losing a 10-round decision to Cunningham in a fight in April 2014 in which he dropped the former cruiserweight world champion twice. In his next start, Mansour knocked out Kassi in the seventh round. In 2015, he outpointed Joey Dawejko across 10 rounds in May and fought to a draw against unbeaten Gerald Washington in October. His last outing saw him knock down then unbeaten Dominic Breazeale before being forced to withdraw due to an injury.

Cherry, of Wauchula, Fla., enters this fight after a victory of Haskell Rhodes in June of last year and is 11-1 since 2009. His only blemishes since 2007 are losses to Timothy Bradley and Paulie Malignaggi at 140-pounds and his title challenge in 2015 against Jose Pedraza in which he dropped a split decision. Cherry, who was born in the Bahamas, owns victories over Vicente Escobedo, Monte Meza Clay and Wes Ferguson and will look to take down another contender on his way to another

title shot.

Fighting out of Wilmington, Delaware, Douglas looks to bounce back after losing a narrow decision to former world champion Javier Fortuna in November. The 26-year-old impressed in his previous two outings when he defeated contender Frank De Alba in a step up fight in 2015 and followed it up with a seventh round knockout of Alexei Collado in June 2016. Douglas has had his last five fights in Pennsylvania after an amateur career that saw him become a five-time Pennsylvania Golden Glove champion.

Representing the great fight city of Philadelphia, Cunningham returns to action after an exciting challenge of cruiserweight champion Krzysztof Glowacki in April. Twice a world champion as a cruiserweight, he defeated Krzysztof Wlodarczyk in 2006 to capture his belt before defending his title against Marco Huck via a twelfth-round TKO. He became a world champion again in 2010 when he stopped Troy Ross in the fifth round. The experienced veteran also owns victories over previously unbeaten fighters Amir Mansour and Natu Visinia and scored a knockdown of Tyson Fury in a losing effort during their 2013 bout.

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STEVE "USS" CUNNINGHAM MEDIA WEEK VIDEOS

PHILADELPHIA, PA (MARCH 26, 2014)—Last week, two-time Cruiserweight champion of the world, Steve "USS" Cunningham had a busy week promoting his much anticipated USBA Heavyweight title bout with Amir Mansour that will take place on April 4 at the Liacouras Center on the campus of Temple University.

Last Monday Cunningham and Mansour met the media for the press conference that formally announced the fight. Two days later, Cunningham held a media workout at the Rock Ministries Gym.

Below are videos from all the events which includes the press conference, interviews with both Cunningham and Mansour as well as the media workout and interview with famed trainer Naazim Richardson.

Media outlets may use the videos for journalistic use by copying the embedded codes of the videos on to their websites.

About April 4:

The event features a 10-round bout for the USBA Heavyweight Title between Steve "USS" Cunningham and USBA champion Amir "Hardcore" Mansour live on NBCSN Fight Night from the Liacouras Center in Philadelphia, PA. The Fight Night broadcast will begin at 10pm ET./7 pm PT. The card is presented by Main Events and Peltz Boxing in association with BAM Boxing and Joe Hand Promotions. The co-feature bout and undercard fights will be announced shortly. Tickets are available through www.comcastTix.com and Liacouras Center Box Office, \$113, \$86, \$58 and \$41.

NBC Sports Live Extra:

NBC Sports Group's live streaming product for desktops, mobile devices, and tablets — will live stream Fight Night at 10 pm ET/7 pm PT on April 4.

Coverage will be streamed via "TV Everywhere," the media industry's effort to make quality content available to MVPD customers both in and out of the home and on multiple platforms.

For desktops, NBC Sports Live Extra can be accessed at NBCSports.com/liveextra. The NBC Sports Live Extra app for mobile devices and tablets is available at the App Store for iPhone, iPad and iPod touch, and on select Android handset and tablet devices within Google Play.

All NBC Sports Network live events live stream to PCs, mobile devices and tablets through NBC Sports Live Extra, and to the digital platforms of participating cable, satellite, and telco services, via "TV Everywhere," which is available on an authenticated basis to subscribers of participating MVPDs.

STEVE CUNNINGHAM — AMIR MANSOUR FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE THIS WEDNESDAY AT THE LIACOURAS CENTER AT 1 PM

It has been called the biggest and most important bout between Philadelphia area fighters in the past 30 years and this Wednesday Heavyweight contenders, former two-tIme Cruiserweight world champion Steve "USS" Cunningham (26-6, 12 KO's) and Amir Mansour (20-0, 15 KO's) will meet the media for the final time before their much anticipated showdown that will take place this Friday night at the Liacouras Center on the campus of Temple University.

The bout has championship implications as it will be for Mansour's USBA Heavyweight title. Cunningham and Mansour will hold a final news conference on Wednesday, April 2 at 1 pm at the Liacouras Center Fox and Gittis Room (next to the main lobby at the Broad St. entrance)

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