

FEB 8TH ESPN2 FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS AT BELL CENTRE

BIZIER VS. CAMPBELL

**NABA & IBF INT. WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS
PLUS THE RETURN OF JOACHIM ALCINE**



MONTREAL - As previously announced, **Fast & Dangerous Series 3.0** is back at the Bell Centre on February 8 as talented Quebec fighter Kevin Bizier (19-0-0, 13 KOs), rated No. 5 in the world by the WBA, defends his North American Boxing Association (NABA) welterweight championship in the biggest challenge of his career.

Originally, Bizier was scheduled to fight 27-year-old Englishman John O'Donnell (27-2-0, 11KO), promoted by Hennessy Sports Canada group's Adam Harris, but he broke his left hand in training last weekend. He has been replaced by former unified IBF, WBA & WBO (2008-2009) world champion Nate "The Galaxy Warrior" Campbell (36-9-1, 26 KOs) in the 12-round main event. Despite being 40 years old, Campbell continues to have great success in the ring. In 2010 and 2011, he extended future world champions Victor Ortiz and Danny Garcia to modest wins in 10-round bouts points decisions. In his last two fights, both on the road in 2012, Campbell knocked out aspiring world champion Victor Manuel Cayo in the Dominican Republic, and won a unanimous decision over boxer Vladimir Baez in Poland.

"Kevin wanted an opponent of notoriety and reputation with a strong will like Campbell," GYM President Yvon Michel explained. "Only a small percentage of boxers become world champions and a few exceptional boxers become unified world champions like Campbell. The table is set in Quebec on February 8 and he was offered the chance to prove he belongs among the elite of the talented welterweight division.

In the semi-final, 26-year-old lefty Tyler Asselstine (12-0-0, 7 KOs), of Ottawa, fights for the 10th time in Montreal, against 20-year-old terror Joel Diaz (11 -0, 10 KOs), of California.. The two unbeaten, young boxers young are eager to make their marks in the super featherweight division.

These two fights will enjoy a remarkable visibility platform as they will be presented live

on American television as part of the popular series "Friday Night Fights" on ESPN2 sports channel. Bizier is excited about the privilege he has had offered to him, saying, "I'm thrilled about this opportunity to show everyone that I'm ready for the big leagues. I know Campbell is experienced and has been a great champion. Obviously, preparing for a 5' 11" lefty and now fighting a 5'7" right-handed opponent has forced me to make several adjustments but, without a doubt, it will not prevent me from shining and emerging victorious with fashion."

Spectators present at Bell Centre will also have the privilege to watch the return of former WBA super welterweight champion Joachim "Ti Joa" Alcine (33-3-1, 19 KOs). Alcine wants to restart his career with an impressive win against Miami, Florida veteran David Toribio (19-14-0, 12 KOs). Alcine had a lot of success fighting in Montreal, highlighted by majority decision victory over David Lemieux in December, 2011.

A total of seven fights are scheduled, including heavyweight Didier Bence (6-0-0, 2 KOs) vs. Joey "Polish Thunder Dawejko (7-1-2, 3 KOs), of Philadelphia, in a six-round bout, plus spectacular super featherweight Kevin Lavallee (11-0-1, 9 KOs), of Ste-Adela, versus unbeaten Polish challenger Krzysztof Rogowski (5-0-0, 2 KOs).

Tickets, starting at \$30.00, are available to purchase at Bell Centre, online at www.evenko.ca, or by calling GYM at (514) 383.0666.

About Groupe Yvon Michel Inc.:

Groupe Yvon Michel (GYM) was founded in 2004. The organization's mission is the development of high-level boxers by a support coaching and management, especially in competition. To achieve its objectives, GYM is active in recruiting talent and organization of events. Since its inception eight years ago GYM presented 105 events and some made history in ticket sales and PPV, like **Pascal vs. Hopkins I and II**. GYM has produced over 300 hours of TV Canal Indigo, Bell TV, Shaw TV, TVA Sports, VOX, TVA, CBC, RDS and V, in Canada, as well as HBO, Showtime and ESPN in the US. A total of six different GYM boxers participated in 16 world championship fights. Under the tutelage of GYM, Joachim Alcine captured the WBA super welterweight title in 2007, and Jean Pascal the WBC Light Heavyweight championship in 2009.