

“Krusher” Is Here! - Sergey Kovalev



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Sergey Kovalev's August 2, 2014 opponent at Revel Casino in Atlantic City, NJ is undefeated Blake Caparelo. Known as "Il Capo," Caparelo is 19-0-1 (6 KO's). To date, Il Capo's best opponent has been Super Six replacement Allan Green. Caparelo has also handled popular by name opponent Aaron Pryor Jr. That is the best I can do to inflate Caparelo's competition and ring accomplishments. For goodness sake, he fought Shane McConville to a draw. Anything can happen in boxing, but the only question for the Kovalev/Caparelo fight is will Caparelo be a speed bump or another crushing KO on Kovalev's record, because "Krusher" is here!

Sergey Kovalev is as complete a fighter as Floyd Mayweather Jr and Andre Ward. While he does not have the obvious flashy style, he does possess the rare ability to adjust his style to any opponent. Yes, he has not faced super star level opponents, and he has not fought on the big stage; However, he has repeatedly shown he is more than just a one-dimensional fighter. He fought toe to toe with Nathan Cleverly, and stopped him in four rounds, he adjusted to the awkward style of former champion Gabriel Campillo, and KO'd him in three, and he overcame a cut to destroy previously unbeaten Cedric Agnew in seven. The point is, he has made in fight adjustments that only Mayweather Jr and Ward can make and he has done so without showing vulnerabilities. A better way to look at it, when Yuriorkis Gamboa was coming up and showing his flashy brilliance, every boxing critic said, he had awesome talent, but he had no chin. Andre Berto had great offense, but zero defense, and Adrien Bronner, well everyone said he had a big mouth and just needed his ass kicked...he did show defensive lapses, but no one has said anything about Kovalev. He can punch. He has good defensive skills. He can box. He can move. Kathy duva, who might know a little something about boxing, summed up Sergey Kovalev the best, "[Sergey impresses me because he doesn't fight each fighter the same way. He finds out what is going to work and changes his plan to adjust to each fighter.](#)" The only negative I see: He fights on HBO and has limited options.

By signing with HBO, Kovalev, for the time being, has lost a shot with Adonis Stevenson and more than likely with Bernard Hopkins. Hopkins and Stevenson fight on Showtime. The bottom line is about money and not what boxing should properly do or what fans want. Team Kovalev wants both fights and Kathy Duva has repeatedly told anyone listening, "If Bernard Hopkins truly wants to fight Sergey Kovalev, I know we can make a deal." While Sergey Kovalev is extremely professional and provides the correct answer for not looking past Blake Caparello, trainer John David Jackson gave us a real glimpse into Team Kovalev's thought process saying, "Kovalev trains very, very hard. I just try to prepare him so he can go on to bigger and better things."

My advice to hard-core and casual boxing fans: Get on the "Krusher" Kovalev train now! Sergey Kovalev is a rare, once in a century fighter, so enjoy his talent every time he steps into the ring. It helps build the anticipation for the big fight, and he will not disappoint you. Whether they like it or not, the torch will be passed, and "Krusher" is poised to take it. If you don't believe me, then just listen to Bernard Hopkins himself, "I got two titles and a legacy. What's Kovalev got? A punch and a WBO title - let's do it. The perception is, is that Kovalev is a killer and Stevenson doesn't want to fight him, he wants to fight an old man. If that's the case, I'll knock off Kovalev first, because I believe that I can beat him. I believe that he's a tough fight, but I believe that I can beat him. It's a fight where if I make a mistake I can get knocked out."

If Kovalev didn't have anything Bernard wanted, then why is Sergey Kovalev's name even coming out of Bernard's mouth? Because "Krusher" is here!

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