

#### Big Week Ahead For Kickboxing

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As a fan and follower of all three of the major combat sports, Boxing, Kickboxing and MMA, I often find myself anticipating a weekend filled with events from all three. Normally it'll be a few boxing matches or a UFC card/Strikeforce card on a Saturday night that I can look forward to. This weekend for events we're able to watch, we have three on Saturday. Bellator, Andre Ward vs. Arthur Abraham on Showtime in Boxing and the one that'll be happening during the afternoon in North America, It's Showtime Lyon. It's Showtime Lyon is by far the card I'm most anticipated for. Bellator is cool but I don't wait all week anticipating it and I will catch the Andre Ward fight but I can't say I'm a fan of his, especially when Gus Johnson is praising his style the whole fight. I'll likely watch Bellator and PVR Ward vs. Abraham because of Patricky Freire and Hector Lombard. But none of these events even come close to It's Showtime Lyon in terms of how pumped I am for it.

Ever since the show was announced I've been counting down the days. The return of Badr , Gi

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, two title fights,

**Daniel Ghita** 

# Tyrone Spong

- . This is easily the most stacked card of the year so far. It's Showtime Lyon will be available on The Fight Network in Canada. Americans will have to pay for a stream on It's Showtimes' website
- . Anyway, I'll stop rambling on now so let's get to it.

There are three big kickboxing events this weekend. Yes, three. Our main focus is It's Showtime Lyon but we will definately be providing coverage for the other two.

By now you have to be aware of It's Showtime Lyon so let's get to the other two events. First, we have Thai Fight Extreme on May 14 from Cannes, France. This card has been in the shadows of the monster It's Showtime event. Featuring names like Saiyok Pumpanmuang

Sudsakorn Sor Klinmee

Yodsaenklai Fairtex

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### **Buakaw Por Pramuk**

and

### Fabio Pinca

, this is another card stacked from top to bottom. All the Thais are facing European opponents in what are sure to be some fierce showdowns. It's not too often we get to see a bunch of top of the line thai fighters on a European card. Unfortunately, we don't know any way to watch this event. We'll just have to wait for videos and results after.

Later that night, Primm, Nevada, USA plays host to Battle in the Desert 2 an event featuring Cosmo Alexandre

and some of the best current crop of American fighters. Well known Brazillian Cosmo Alexandre takes on American Cyrus Washington in the main event at 160lbs. Make sure to follow Cyrus on Twitter and support one of the best American Thai fighters. Two Americans face off in the co-main event as Kevin Ross takes on Marc Deluca. Kevin Ross is a name to look out for coming out of the US. Coming off a win overhighly regarded

## **Vuyisile Colossa**

last month, Ky Hollenbeck takes on Frenchman Gregory Choplin

. A win will be sure to give Hollenbeck some worldwide recognition, as that would be two highly regarded names in a row. What's even better is all the fights are full Thai rules. Again, unfortunately there won't be a way to watch live unless you attend.

A great weekend for stand up fighting and the start of what will surely be a great month of May with <u>Mike Zambidis</u> vs. <u>John Wayne Parr</u> coming up at the end of the month, <u>Super Kombat</u> on May 21st

and another

It's Showtime event on May 21st