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Shakur Stevenson Eyes Gervonta Davis Clash After Commanding Win Over Zepeda

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Shakur Stevenson made his intentions crystal clear after a commanding win in New York this past weekend.

The undefeated World Boxing Council (WBC) lightweight champion is eyeing a major clash with fellow unbeaten star Gervonta “Tank” Davis. Fresh off a decisive points victory over Mexico’s William Zepeda, Stevenson wasted no time calling out Davis, insisting the matchup is what boxing needs next.

Stevenson, now 24-0 with 11 knockouts, handled Zepeda with poise and precision. Though some critics questioned how wide the judges' scorecards were—119-109, 118-110, and 118-110, the Newark-born southpaw outboxed his rugged opponent and never lost control after weathering a few early threats. The win marked a career-best performance for Stevenson, who showed improved aggression and a willingness to engage, answering long-standing calls for a more assertive style.

After the fight, Stevenson delivered a bold message to fans and the boxing world. "I already told you who I want. The best versus the best. That should be my next fight," Stevenson said in his post-fight interview, as reported by *ESPN*. "I told y'all I'm a dog. I'm a top-level, elite-level fighter. Let's make boxing great again. Let's put the best fighters in the ring together."

Legal Troubles

Stevenson is pushing for the fight against Gervonta Davis, the World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight champion, who is widely regarded as one of the sport's biggest punchers. Davis, with a record of 30-0 and 28 knockouts, brings not only power but major pay-per-view appeal. However, outside-the-ring issues may stand in the way. Just this week, Davis was arrested over allegations of domestic violence involving his former partner, casting doubt on his immediate availability to return to the ring.

Davis's legal situation complicates things for everyone involved. While Stevenson is eager to face him as soon as possible, promotional and legal hurdles could delay or derail the potential blockbuster. The justice system will have to run its course, and depending on the outcome of Davis's case, any talk of a fight may need to be paused.

Another wrinkle is the rumored fight between Davis and Lamont Roach Jr., the World Boxing Organization (WBO) super featherweight champion. That bout had reportedly been agreed upon but never officially announced. With Roach continuing to earn his stripes and fans calling for his shot, there's no clear path just yet for Davis's next opponent. Whether Stevenson can leapfrog the line will depend on fan demand, network interest, and, of course, Davis's legal status.

Still, Stevenson's dominant win over Zepeda reinforced his claim as one of the sport's rising stars. He has now defeated multiple top-tier opponents and appears to be hitting his stride. But until he faces a power-punching, high-stakes fighter like Davis, questions about whether he's truly the top dog at 135 pounds will continue to linger.

For now, the fight fans want is on the table. All eyes are on Davis to see if he can meet the challenge in and out of the ring.