



Tyson Fury (file pic)

Fury's power can shock Joshua

London

Tyson Fury's new trainer Ben Davison has warned Anthony Joshua he could find himself knocked "clean out" by his charge's "underrated" power.

With Fury set to return to action for the first time since ending Wladimir Klitschko's heavyweight dominance in November 2015, many are billing the prospective meeting with current WBA Super and IBF world champion Joshua as a simple match-up of boxer vs. puncher.

Fury's new trainer Ben Davison, however, is adamant his fighter has several routes to victory and said: "One thing

that's underrated about Tyson is his power.

"His style in certain fights has been to box, minimise risks by not holding his feet and not drive through the shots but if he needs to and hits any heavyweight on the chin flush, he'll knock them clean out.

"Tyson Fury has too much skill and too much altogether for Anthony Joshua. I've worked with other heavyweights and although I'm young, I've worked at a high level in boxing for a long time.

"Anyone who comes in against Fury and thinks they can make it a certain type of fight, they'll find they're mistaken. He's just got too much.

"Joshua is a big man. He's got height, weight, can punch and can box a bit. He's a dangerous man and a threat. He showed he's got heart but whatever he comes and throws at Tyson, Tyson will have an answer for."

Fury is expected to fight for the first time in two-and-a-half years in April, while Joshua is currently in advanced talks over a bout with New Zealand's WBO champion Joseph Parker. (*espn*)



Mark Webber (file pic)

Red Bull has 'softened' with juniors

London

Red Bull has "softened" and got "calmer" with its Formula 1 junior programme in recent years, reckons its long-time driver Mark Webber.

Though Webber's junior career was not Red Bull supported, he joined its F1 team from Williams in 2007 and stayed for seven years. Webber said Red Bull had contacted him for advice on his former Porsche LMP1 team-mate Brendon Hartley before recalling the Kiwi to its roster and giving him a Toro Rosso F1 seat seven years after it dropped him from its junior programme.

Hartley's second chance suggested to Webber that Red Bull and its motorsport advisor Helmut Marko had mellowed.

"I think Red Bull softened a little bit," Webber said. "It's not as maybe as intense as it was in the former years. And maybe this opportunity would not have come about [then]."

"You have to take your hat off to Helmut - he has looked at it, he's given him a second chance." (*Autosport*)

Froome suffers crash in training

Johannesburg

Chris Froome has been moving through the gears in his pre-season training in South Africa but suffered a crash on Thursday, leaving him with some road rash.

The Team Sky rider has been racking up the kilometres since the turn of the year, but fell during a long ride on the outskirts of Johannesburg. Froome posted a photo on his *Instagram* account after the ride, showing abrasions to his left elbow and hip.

Team Sky confirmed that he had crashed, but said he came away with no injuries beyond road rash. His training schedule will not be affected.

Froome is currently in limbo as he prepares to try and prove to the anti-doping authorities that he didn't exceed the permitted dosages for salbutamol. (*cyclingnews*)

'Only Gold' slogan for 2018



Manama

Bahraini athletes should step up their aspirations and should "look only for gold" while competing in the regional and international events, said a top BOC official.

Speaking to representatives



Abdulrahman Askar speaks to national sports federations representatives

of sports federations at the BOC premises in Seef, Abdulrahman Askar, the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) general secretary, said that "Only Gold" will be the slogan for Bahrain athletes in 2018.

The motto, as announced by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the representative of His Majesty the king for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports chairman and

BOC president, urges athletes to step up their aspirations while competing at different sporting events.

"We will work hard to achieved more gold medals, break records, and represent Bahrain the way it deserves to be seen around the globe," said Shaikh Nasser. "We truly believe in our youth and champions. We always punch way over our weight, so let's go out now and dig out the gold."

Askar noted that the new pursuit launched by Shaikh Nasser bestows both the committee and the

federations with new challenges and responsibilities to achieve higher standards on the regional and international levels.

"The overwhelming words of His Majesty Shaikh Nasser requires setting up new strategies and programmes in order to develop our athletes," said Aksar.

He called for joint action between the committee and national sports federations to achieve the aspirations of Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.