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In the aftermath of yesterday's GLORY 5 London event, there's a lot of subject matter to talk about. From thoughts on the overall show to Tyrone Spong's emphatic finish of Remy Bonjasky in the main event, a lot went down yesterday, to put it briefly.

Anyone who has been following LiverKick knows I'm a huge proponent of other weight classes in kickboxing and that's why I will take this opportunity to shine some more light on one of yesterday's high points that I feel isn't being talked about enough: Steve Wakeling. Wakeling made his GLORY debut yesterday in the 85kg division and absolutely demolished Eddie Walker with low kicks, culminating in a second round stoppage.

Sure, Remy Bonjasky and Tyrone Spong were the big names on the event, but that's not all that matters. Steve Wakeling returning to the ring to campaign in GLORY's 85kg division is a pretty

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big deal. It's no secret that Wakeling has been inactive over the past years, but nevertheless, he's an elite fighter, and he showed why yesterday. He was in complete control of the fight from start to finish. The kickboxing ruleset that GLORY uses didn't seem to affect him at all as he utilized heavy, swift kicks, a sharp, stiff jab and an overpowering clinch game.

The main point here is that we now have another elite fighter added to the mix at the top of GLORY's 85kg division, which has already began to kick off this year. On a glance at GLORY's 85kg division, not including anyone that could potentially be signed, there are potential match-ups with Sahak Parparyan, L'houcine Ouzgni, Jason Wilnis and even a rematch of the controversial draw with Artem Levin. Of course, should he fight Muay Thai again, Simon Marcus is right there as well. Now moreso than ever, it looks like Steve Wakeling will get the chance to be an active fighter again. He talked about the reasons for his inactivity in this [interview on GLORY's website](#)

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"Its true, its been a struggle to get fights really. And its not for lack of trying. But it has been a challenge to get people to sign on the dotted line. Either that, or there have been offers where the purses just haven't been right. I don't mean to sound big-headed or arrogant but I know what I am worth and I won't fight for peanuts,' he explains."

He'll finally have a platform to stay active on and showcase his skills while mixing it up with some of the best fighters, which is right where he belongs.