



[USA Today reported Wednesday night](#) that current UFC 185-pound champion Anderson Silva will go up in weight to face long-time veteran Stephan Bonnar to headline UFC 153, the Brazil event that saw its main event fall apart yesterday when 145-pound champion Jose Aldo pulled out of a fight with Frankie Edgar due to injury. The UFC has confirmed via texts with Yahoo's Kevin Iole.

The event will be in Rio on Saturday, October 13th and the match will be a three-round affair with no title on the line. The new co-main event will feature Glover Teixeira vs. Fabio Maldonado. Teixeira was scheduled to fight Quinton "Rampage" Jackson, but Jackson pulled out yesterday as well with an injury.

This will be Silva's third fight at 205 pounds with his past experience going pretty well: a 2008 61-second knockout of James Irvin and a 2009 first round knockout of Forrest Griffin. The 35-year-old Bonnar has won three fights in a row, but hasn't competed since November 2011. He has alluded to retirement unless a 'big fight' came along. Apparently, this was pretty big.

In addition, Antonio Rodrigo Nogueira vs. Dave Herman has been booked for the show. More on all of this tonight with Wednesday's edition of Wrestling Observer Radio.

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