

Andre Dirrell, Blake Caparello, Anthony Dirrell, Caleb Truax, Jonathan Guzman & Daniel Rosas Media Roundtable Quotes

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (April 28, 2016) – With just two days until they enter the ring, Premier Boxing Champions on Spike fighters participated in media roundtables Wednesday in Atlantic City and discussed their respective Friday, April 29 showdowns taking place at Taj Mahal Casino and Hotel in Atlantic City.

The card is headlined by the return of the Dirrell brothers as Olympic Bronze medalist Andre “The Resurrected” Dirrell battles Australia’s Blake Caparello and former world champion Anthony “The Dog” Dirrell takes on Minnesota’s Caleb “Golden” Truax. Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/PT with knockout artist Jonathan Guzman against Mexico’s Daniel Rosas in a 122-pound eliminator.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King’s Promotions, are priced at \$100, \$75 and \$50, are available at all Ticketmaster outlets and are on sale now.

Here is what the fighters had to say Wednesday:

ANDRE DIRRELL

“I can tell that Caparello is coming from Australia to prove a point. He’s hungry for a victory and It’s my job to make sure he doesn’t get that. I take this as a championship fight.

“The blessing in having a layoff is that my body is in great

shape. I feel 25-years-old not 32.

“I don’t see myself as the smaller man. I suppose he can take a few shots but I am going to display my skill and show that it will lead to a world championship.

“I feel I am at the championship level. I’ll have an eye on the 168-pound title fights Saturday. I’m looking to get that championship as soon as I can. I am ready and I want DeGale. I don’t care if it’s in his hometown, backyard, basement, living room or kitchen. I want to make sure that fight happens.

“I worked really hard and I can’t wait to get in the ring on Friday night.”

BLAKE CAPARELLO

“It’s good to be back in Atlantic City. I took a lot from my fight against Sergey Kovalev. Being in the ring with him taught me a lot about ring composure. This is my Atlantic City redemption.

“Dirrell is a very difference fighter. Andre is very quick and slick. I can’t afford to make minor mistakes. I didn’t make the 20-hour flight for a loss. I was small for 175 pounds which made the move to 168 very comfortable.

“The plan is to win and fight one of the champions but fighting Andre is a world title for me.

“People don’t think that I can punch, but I’m coming to win and put on a show. I’m looking to bring a victory back to Australia.”

ANTHONY DIRRELL

“It means a lot to share this card with my brother. We share everything. He is my big brother and this is a great moment for both of us.

"I will be watching the super middleweight title fights Saturday night, but I am not looking past Caleb Truax.

"I know Truax has fought some good competition in Daniel Jacobs and Jermain Taylor. I have my hands full but I prepared to have my hand lifted in Victory.

"I think the loss made me a better fighter because I know what it takes to get there. I am just looking for the next shot. When I get it, I'm going to capitalize and not let the title go.

"I'm going to stick to my game plan and try to get Truax out of there. Then I can start thinking about Badou Jack. I definitely want a rematch."

CALEB TRUAX

"I have to make the most of this opportunity. This is a huge fight for me. I can get another shot at a world title with a win.

"Dirrell is a good fighter. I've seen a lot of his fights and we've fought on the same card before. You have to respect that he is a former world champion.

"I have to draw from all the experiences I've had in my career. I have to use my experience and be on top of my game.

"Most of my fights have been around super middleweight. I don't have to struggle to make weight as much and I couldn't turn down this opportunity."

JONATHAN GUZMAN

"Rosas is a typical Mexican fighter who will come forward and be in great condition. I'm ready for him and I feel I know him well.

"I want a world title and we're happy that if we get this win

we can compete for a belt next time out.

“We are excited to put on a great show Friday night. I will break him in half.”

DANIEL ROSAS

“We know our opponent is very good, but we trained 100 percent to get the victory.

“We’ve been waiting and putting in the work. If the knockout comes, it comes.

“I know this is an elimination bout. We came to win and we’re prepared for anything that comes. I’m ready to be a world champion.”

ANDRE DIRRELL VS. BLAKE CAPARELLO MEDIA SCHEDULE

All Times Are Eastern

Thursday, April 28

1:00 p.m. FINAL WEIGH-IN – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Location: Ego Bar & Lounge

Taj Mahal Casino & Hotel

1000 Virginia Avenue; Atlantic City, NJ 08401

12:30 p.m. – Media Arrival

1:00 p.m. – Fighters on Scale

Friday, April 29

6:00 p.m. TAJ MAHAL CASINO & HOTEL DOORS OPEN

1000 Virginia Avenue; Atlantic City, NJ 08401

6:30 p.m. FIRST FIGHT BEGINS

9:00 p.m. PBC ON SPIKE TELECAST BEGINS

CREDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION

Fight night credentials can be picked up on Friday, April 29 from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. ET at the VIP check-in. Proper personal photo identification (driver’s license or passport)

is required for credential pick-up.

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