Pasciolla sees bout with Edwards, gateway to bigger fights

Brick, NJ (September 12, 2016)— Heavyweight Dan Pasciolla is not surprisingly excited about his national television debut, which will come Thursday night at the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia, when he takes on undefeated Ray Edwards in the co-featured bout of a card on CBS Sports Network.

In the main event, Dustin Hernandez-Harrison takes on Thomas LaManna for the USBA Welterweight title.

Pasciolla of Brick, New Jersey has a record of 8-1-1 knows that a win over the former star NFL defensive end, could catapult to big fights in the heavyweight division.

"I think it's a great opportunity to fight on television and be part of a great promotion in Philadelphia," said the 31 year-old Pasciolla.

Pasciolla, who already has wins over undefeated Bill Marks (1-0) & Donnie Edwards (6-0-1) plus triumphs over John Lennox (13-2) and former world champion Imamu Mayfield, and is not in awe of the 6'5: 255 pound Edwards.

"Edwards is a big tall guy and I respect him as an athlete, But I feel that I am more that ready for this fight. Edwards has no amateur experience and his record has been built up. Not only does my resume of wins look more impressive then his, but I have fought bigger guys."

Pasciolla believes a win over Edwards will catapult himself into higher profile bouts.

"I am hoping with a national broadcast win will move me up the national rankings. I won the New Jersey state belt when we

beat a former world champion in Imamu Mayfield. That tile has lineage back to Chuck Wepner, so we have the confidence as I progress up the rankings."

Long time manager, Rich Masini, recently teamed up with Sean Darling in efforts to help build the career of Pasciolla. Darling has been training Pasciolla for the last two and a half years, as Pascoilla he earned an 8-1-1 record. Over this time, Pasciolla has sparred with some of the top prospects in boxing today. The likes of Bryant Jennings, Zhang Zhilei, Joey Dewejko, Derrick Rossy and Chaz Witherspoon.

"Dan has stepped up and won some impressive bouts as an underdog. I like Dan a lot, he is fighting with a lot of heart," says Masini.

"This will be the 4th undefeated fighter Dan will face. We function well as a team. Obviously Dan is in the ring, my job is to navigate his career and continue to step up and grow both inside and outside the ring. We understand we're facing a tough opponent on September 15th on national TV but we're real confident Dan will perform very well and earn the victory."

Masini adds "R.I.P Pati Masini, Love you sister."