

# **DAIYAAN BUTT WILL BE RETURNING TO PARX CASINO® ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER, 1st LOOKING TO SILENCE THE DOUBTERS AFTER HIS RECENT LOSS**

Daiyaan Butt (10-2, 5 KOs) out of Philadelphia, PA will be competing in a six-round super lightweight bout at Parx Casino® on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Butt has experienced a lot of success at Parx Casino®, as he has gotten his hand raised every time. His last fight was a razor-thin decision loss against a tough opponent in Bryce Mills, where Butt, his team, and some observers thought he won the fight on February 24<sup>th</sup> at Live! Casino and Hotel in South Philly. I had the pleasure to speak with Daiyaan Butt and get his thoughts on the outcome of his last fight and some of the frustrations he has with the sport of boxing.

## **DAIYAAN BUTT Q&A**

***What are your thoughts on the outcome of your last fight and how do you feel?***

“I thought I won, and I think 95% of the people I spoke to, even people I don’t know, thought I won. If I dwell on the past, it will wear on me for my next fight, and I can’t do that. I thought I put on a good performance, and the judges’ scoring card had me completely shocked. Body language tells you a lot. My whole corner thought I won, and when they read the score cards, I had my hands up because I thought I won. Then when they read his name, you could tell by his body

language that he was surprised. I feel like they know the truth themselves. I thought I was being biased at first. I was asking my friends and people I know, and I had messages on Instagram and Facebook, etc. They were saying it was a really good fight. Some rounds were close, but they definitely thought I won, and there was no way I lost every single round. The judges said I lost every single round, which I thought was a joke. But it is what it is. You've just got to keep moving forward, and I feel I gained more from this loss than I thought. I literally got back in the gym the next day, my eye is all healed now, and I'm just ready to go into the next one."

***What have you learned about yourself as a person and a boxer in the last few weeks?***

"I didn't learn much. He was a tough kid, so I would give that to him. But I wouldn't say I learned much. I know I'm a dog, and I definitely put on a good fight. And I'm not scared – I'll tell you that. I already believed I was a dog, but it kind of showed me a little bit of the bad side of boxing, where sometimes it can't always go your way when it should go your way, if that makes sense. So the judging system in boxing is what is making boxing a failing sport. You don't see these types of judge score cards in a sport like MMA. There is nothing you could do about it but move on. You can't fight the judges every fight. What made me feel better was 99% of the people I talked to thought I won, even some of the boxing writers and the guys who commentated. I'm not crazy. The promoter apologized too, and Brittany wants me back, so we are going on to the next one on September 1<sup>st</sup>."

***Is there something that you focused on improving coming into this fight?***

"Just everything in general. There is always room for improvement, and you can't ever be satisfied. I want to improve my overall game speed, power, and fundamentals and

just become a better fighter.”

***Are you looking forward to being able to focus on just boxing on fight week now that your school semester will be over when you fight?***

“School doesn’t really play a part. I am really good at balancing my school and boxing, where at the end of the day, it’s life. You can’t have everything easy, and you have to be able to balance everything. That’s how life goes. A fight week without any homework or school is better. I can just relax or go get another workout in.”

***If you have one message for the fans, what would it be?***

“I appreciate all the love and support from everyone who comes out to the fight. Not everything is going to go your way, but my job is to make sure I go out and put on a good performance, fight to the best of my ability, and put on a show for everybody who comes out to watch and show support.”

Veteran heavyweight fighter Joey Dawejko (21-10-4, 12 KOs), of Philadelphia, PA, will make a triumphant return to the ring Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. when he steps through the ropes at Parx Casino® in an eight-round bout against Mike Marshall (6-3-1, 4 KOs) out of Danbury, CT. Dawejko, for training purposes, has been a sparring partner for former WBO/WBA/IBF world heavyweight champion, Anthony Joshua.

In a four-round middleweight bout, Soslan Alborov (0-1) out of Philadelphia, PA will take on Brendan O’Callaghan (2-1, 1 KO), also from Philadelphia, PA.

Bryce Mills (8-1, 4 KOs) out of Liverpool, NY will be competing against Larry Fryers (11-5-1, 4 KOs) out of Yonkers, NY in a six-round super lightweight bout.

**Highlighted in separate bouts on Joe Hand Promotions’ Labor Day weekend fight card:**

2014 Pennsylvania Golden Gloves Champion Karl Wylie (1-0) out of Coatesville, PA will be returning to the ring in a four-round lightweight contest.

Juan Davila (1-0, 1 KO) out of Philadelphia, PA will be competing in a four-round super lightweight bout.

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## **Sonny Conto Remains Undefeated with Unanimous Decision over Mike Marshall in Philadelphia**

PHILADELPHIA—Sonny Conto remained undefeated with a six-round unanimous decision over Mike Marshall in front of a capacity crowd at Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia.

The show was promoted by Joe Hand Promotions.

Conto dominated the fight as he was able to land hard shots to the head and body. He was very effective with his jab that eventually set up some nice straight rights and left hooks to the body. Marshall showed a good chin, but was never able to get any consistent offense of his own on-track.

Conto, 226.1 lbs of Philadelphia won by shutout margins of 60-54 on all cards is 9-0. Marshall, 248.8 lbs of Danbury, CT is 6-3-1.

Sonny Conto Talks about his unanimous decision win over Mike Marshall

In a crowd pleasing slugfest, Bryce Mills won a six-round unanimous decision over Daiyaan Butt in a super lightweight

battle.

In round one, Mills was cut on the left side of the forehead from an apparent headbutt.

Mills was very aggressive throughout the contest, which proved to be the difference in the fight. Butt was able to counter, which set off some nice exchanges.

In round six, Butt was cut badly over his right eye.

Mills, 141.9 lbs of Liverpool, NY won by scores of 60-54 and 58-56 twice to raise his mark to 8-1. Butt, 143.4 lbs of Philadelphia is 10-2.

Carlos Marrero won a six-round unanimous decision over Christopher Burgos in a super lightweight bout.

Marrero, 136.2 lbs of Bridgeport, CT won on all cards by 58-56 scores and is now 3-6-3. Burgos, of North Philadelphia is 3-5-1.

D'Angelo Fuentes remained undefeated with a six-round majority decision over Justice Bland in a featherweight bout.

Fuentes, 123.8 lbs of Coconut Creek, FL won by scores of 60-54, 59-55 and 58-56 to remain perfect at 7-0. Bland, 126 lbs of Brooklyn, NY is 5-2.

Eslih Owusu remained undefeated with a six-round unanimous decision over Evincii Dixon in a super welterweight fight.

Owusu, 155 lbs Worcester, MA won by scores of 60-54 twice and 59-55 and is now 7-0. Dixon, 155.2 lbs of Lancaster, PA is 10-28-2.

Jordon Murphy won a four-round unanimous decision over Nasir Mickens in a lightweight battle featuring undefeated fighters.

Mickens came storming out but was continuously picked apart by Murphy. Murphy, who is from Deerfield Beach, Florida but has a

lot of roots in Bensalem, and it showed and was heard by a large throng of fans who came out to support him

Murphy, 128.8 lbs of Bensalem, PA won by scores of 40-36 on all cards and is now 2-0. Mickens, 129.4 lbs of Philadelphia is 2-1.

Quadeer Jenkins destroyed Rahiem Cooke in the opening round of their four-round middleweight fight.

Jenkins was all over Cooke, hurting him with the first punch and was relentless until referee Eric Dali stopped the fight 64 seconds into the contest.

Jenkins, 159.5 lbs of Trenton, NJ is 1-2 with one knockout. Cooke, 158.3 lbs of Philadelphia is 0-2.

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## **TEMPLE STUDENT LIVING THE DREAM PURSUING A CAREER AS A PROFESSIONAL BOXER**

Temple student Daiyaan Butt (10-1, 5KOs) is living the dream.

As a first grader, he stood in front of his classmates on career day and declared he would become a boxer. When asked "why a boxer?" He responded he regularly watches Mike Tyson and Roberto Duran with his father which inspired his dream.

Butt will go toe-to-toe with Bryce Mills, of Liverpool, NY, (7-1, 4 KO's) at Live! Casino & Hotel in South Philadelphia on Thursday, February 24.

A boxer is not the only way that Butt wants to be remembered. He wants to be more than just a boxer. When asked about his hopes and dreams in boxing, Butt responded: "I don't want to be labeled as just a boxer," citing Muhammad Ali as an example. He wants to use his platform to make this world a better place.

As a junior at Temple University, Butt is studying Management Information Systems (MIS). He wants to be the leader of his own career inside the ring and outside the ring. He wants to use what he is learning at Temple University in their Fox School of Business and apply it to the business side of boxing.

With a great understanding with how money and finance works he will be able to make sure he understands his value and getting what he deserves. He enjoys learning new things, but enjoys it more when he can it apply it in everyday life.

Butt admits getting his hand raised is a great accomplishment in the ring, he also loves learning new skills in the gym and applying it the next sparring session or fight is just as gratifying.

ADDITIONAL Q&A with DAIYANN BUTT:

What is the biggest life lesson you have learned in boxing?

“You can’t take anything for granted in life in general but boxing taught that because in boxing it only takes one punch and that translates to life, next thing you know you could be on top of the world and then a your nobody.”

Is there current or former fighters that you took pieces of their style from and implemented into your style?

“Yes and no, yea obviously I look at great fighters and different fighters and take what they do and see if it works for myself but at the end of the day you have to be your own fighter and different person. You do not want to be a factory car and be the same as everyone else, you want to be your own person a little different, a little spice and twist in it. Yea I watch fighter and I’ll take little things that they do but you have to put your own style and twist with it. My style is a pure boxer puncher.”

The live boxing event, which is produced in partnership

between Joe Hand Promotions and Russel Peltz, will feature a six round heavyweight bout between Sonny Conto (8-0, 7 KOs) out of Philadelphia, PA going up against Mike Marshall (6-2-1, 4 KOs) fighting out of Danbury,

Super lightweights Christopher Burgos (3-4-1, 1 KO) of North Philadelphia, PA will battle Carlos Marrero (2-6-3) out of Bridgeport, CT in a six round bout.

Another bout on the card is a six round featherweight contest between Justice Bland (5-1, 2 KO's) out of Brooklyn, NY going up against D'Angelo Fuentes (6-0, 4 KOs) fighting out of Coconut Creek, FL

Also on the card is a four round lightweight bout featuring Jordon Murphy (1-0, 1 KO) out of Deerfield Beach, FL going against Nasir Mickens (2-0, 1 KO) out of Philadelphia,

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## **Dawson, Price, Butt and Charles Register wins in Philadelphia**

Philadelphia, PA (November 10, 2020) – This past Saturday night, boxing returned to Philadelphia after an eight-month shutdown due to the Coronavirus pandemic with a four-bout card promoted by RDR Promotions.

All Covid-19 protocols were followed as a limited, yet capacity crowd was on hand to witness the first card in the city since RDR Promotions staged a sold-out full capacity show eight months to the day.

In the main event, Mark Dawson Jr. remained undefeated with

six-round unanimous decision over cross-town rival Vincent Floyd in a welterweight contest.

Dawson, who was making his 1st start in 20 months, showed no signs of ring-rust as he landed a some solid over hand lefts and right hooks against the tall southpaw Floyd.

Dawson, is managed by Split-T Management, won by scores of 60-54 twice and 59-55, to raise his mark to 7-0-1. Floyd falls to 4-10-1.

Daiyaan Butt of Philadelphia remained perfect with a four-round unanimous decision over Dieumerci Nzau.

Butt of Philadelphia is now 6-0. Nzau of Silver Spring, MD is 11-13.

Dylan Price remained undefeated with a 3rd round stoppage over Jose Rodriguez in their scheduled four-round bantamweight bout.

Price registered three knockdowns and the Sicklerville, NJ native raised his record to 11-0 with eight-knockouts. Rodriguez of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin is 4-4.

In the opening bout, Nafear Charles needed just 85 seconds to take out David Vera Pena in a junior welterweight bout.

Charles of Philadelphia is 5-0 with five knockouts. Pena of Annapolis, MD is 0-3-1.

RDR Promotions will be announcing it's next events in the coming week

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# Christian Carto returns on Saturday, August 3rd at The Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY (JULY 2, 2019)—Wildly popular bantamweight Christian Carto returns to action in a six-round bout on Saturday, August 3rd at The brand new Carousel Room inside the Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.

The card, which is promoted by Rising Star Promotions, marks the 2nd card over a 14-day period at The Showboat. The show will come on the heels of the July 20th card, which will be headlined by world-ranked junior middleweight, Thomas LaManna.

Carto of Philadelphia has a record of 17-1 with 11 knockouts. Carto, who graduated from nearby St. Augustine Prep, will be making his much anticipated return after his last outing on February 8th in Philadelphia

The 22 year-old Carto won his 1st 17 bouts, which was highlighted by victories over Alonso Melendez (14-1) and James Smith (12-1).

In a co-feature bout, Yurik Mamedov will be in action in a eight-round welterweight bout.

Mamedov of Brooklyn via Russia, has a record 11-1 with three knockouts.

The 28 year-old Mamedov is making his 2nd start of 2019, and is coming off a six-round unanimous decision over Jordan Rosario on March 23rd at The Showboat.

Also seeing action in an eight-round co-feature will be super middleweight contender, Derrick Webster.

Webster (28-2, 14 KOs) of Glassboro, New Jersey, will be making his 6th appearance in Atlantic City.

The 10 year-professional has quality wins over Obodai Sai (23-1), Thomas Awimbono (25-5-1), Frankie Filippone (25-5-1), and Francisco Cordero (38-9)

Appearing in six-round bouts will be

Nahir Albright (7-1, 2 KOs) Sicklerville, NJ in a lightweight contest.

Juan Rodriguez (13-7, 5 KOs) of Union City, NJ fights Anthony Prescott (8-8-3, 2 KOs) of Cherry Hill, NJ in a welterweight fight.

Dan Murray (4-2) of Lanoka Harbor, NJ in a junior welterweight bout.

In four-round bouts:

Nafear Charles (1-0) of Philadelphia in a lightweight bout.

Daiyaan Butt (3-0, 1 KO) of Philadelphia in a junior welterweight fight.

Ry'Shine Collins (2-0, 2 KOs) of Philadelphia in a bantamweight match.

Marcos Lugo (0-2) of Milville, NJ in a lightweight appearance.

All opponents will be announced shortly.

Tickets are now on sale for \$125, \$80 and \$55 and can be purchased on [www.rspboxing.com](http://www.rspboxing.com)

THERE WILL BE A MEDIA WORKOUT ON SATURDAY, JULY 13TH AT TKO FITNESS (1615 KINGS HIGHWAY NORTH IN CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY BEGINNING AT 2:30 PM ET)

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# **DAIYAAN BUTT & TYHLER WILLIAMS LOOK FOR REPEAT SUCCESS THIS WEEKEND AT PARX CASINO®**

BENSALEM, PA- Xcite Fight Night 4 is fast approaching and the action-packed card at Parx Casino® is quickly taking shape. Also quickly rising are the careers of two Philadelphia-based boxers in Daiyaan Butt (3-0 1K0) and Tyhler Williams (2-0 2K0s). They are looking to continue their success in the ring, and at Xcite Fight Night.

The eight-fight card, set for Saturday, June 15th, is headlined by Philadelphia's own Miguel Cartagena, who returns to the Xcite Center to face off against Jesus Solar. The semifinal bout is an all Philly contest between lightweights Jerome Conquest and Frank Trader with the USBF Continental title on the line. First fight is at 7 p.m.

Butt is enjoying a busy first year in the ring. Starting last June in his pro debut, Butt has shown his skills as a long, athletic welterweight. He's reeled off three wins and earned his first stoppage in March at Parx Casino®. The busy schedule is exactly what Butt wants.

"I fight and I came back to the gym the next day. I love being in the gym," Butt said. He trains out of TKO Fitness in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, the home of IBF world super featherweight champion Tevin Farmer.

Though he was born in LA, he's spent most of his life in Philadelphia and is excited about the opportunity to start his

boxing career in the area.

“I love it because I can build my own fan base in the Philadelphia area,” Butt said. “The more and more I grow, and more success that I have, I’ll have a strong fan base when I eventually come back and fight in a big fight, I’m going to have the whole crowd with me.”

Williams, a welterweight, also aspires of leaving Parx Casino with another win under his belt. He’ll face the same opponent as Butt did in his previous outing, a game newcomer in Tyree Arnold (0-1)

Williams is a young southpaw, and has quickly racked up two wins. He stopped Nyrome Lynch at Xcite Fight Night 3 and did the same the next month to Abdiel Padilla. He’s shown incredibly quick hands and knockout power.

The 2017 Mid-Atlantic Boxing Association national champion is looking to build off of his strong amateur background and a powerful start to his professional journey.

“I’ve been to Jr. Olympics, Silver gloves, getting around and fighting people gives you a different mindset,” Williams said.

The Philadelphia native has done his training at Rock Ministry for the last nine years, and is happy to be staying home to start his career.

“It means a lot to me – it’s everything,” Williams said. “I’ve got a big fan base. I love being able to have everybody come out and watch me fight. It’s good to be set up at home.”

Williams said his goals for the fight are simple. “Be sharper, smarter and stronger.”

ABOUT JUNE 15

The June 15 card will consist of seven fights, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. The card is promoted by Joe

Hand Promotions. This event is only for adults age 21 and older. Tickets priced at \$50, \$75 and \$100 are on sale at Joe Hand Promotions (215-364-9000). You can also purchase tickets from the Hold My Ticket Call Center at (1-877-466-3404) and at [www.parxcasino.com](http://www.parxcasino.com)

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