

# Usyk Decisions Fury To Become Undisputed Heavyweight Champion

**Oleksandr Usyk** became the first undisputed heavyweight champion in 25 years as he took a 12-round split decision over Tyson Fury in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

It was a nip and tuck battle with Usyk came out strong in the first couple of rounds. Fury started to get into the fight by ripping body punches and hurting Usyk throughout the middle rounds.

In round nine, Usyk battered Fury that was set off by a huge left cross to the jaw that had Fury wobbling all over the ring and into the ropes for an eight-count. The two took turns down the stretch as it was the knockdown that proved to be the distance as Usyk won by 115-112 and 114-113 tallies. Fury took a card 114-113,

## ***Opetaia Decisions Briedis Again to Reclaim Cruiserweight Title***

**Jai Opetaia** reclaimed the IBF Cruiserweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Mairis Briedis in a rematch.

The bout was bloody battle that featured a loy of headbutts. Opetaia got out to an early lead by landing some solid power shots. Briedis came on late but it was too little, too late as Opetaia won by scores of 117-111 and 116-112 twice.

Opetaia of Australia is now 25-0. Briedis of Latvia is 28-3.

## ***Cacace Stuns Cordina in 8; Wins Super Featherweight Title***

**Anthony Cacace** won the IBF Super Featherweight title with an eighth round stoppage over undefeated champion Joe Cordina.

In round three, Cacace dropped Cordina with a perfect right hand. Cordina was hurt and had to hold on to barely make it out of the round.

Cacace continued to beat down Cordina until a big flurry forced a referee stoppage at 39 seconds.

Cacace, 129.8 lbs of Belfast, NI is now 22-1 with eight knockouts. Cordina, 130 lbs of Cardiff, WAL is 17-1.

### ***Kabayel Knocks Out Sanchez in 7***

In a battle of undefeated heavyweights, **Agit Kabayel** stopped Frank Sanchez in round 10 of their 12-round bout

In round seven, Kabayel dropped Sanchez with a hard right hand. Sanchez was beaten down and ate another hard flurry that sent him to the deck and he could not beat the count at 2:33.

Kabayel, 238.5 lbs of Bochum, GER is 25-0 with 17 knockouts. Sanchez, 238.5 lbs of Guantanamo, CUB is 24-1.

### ***Itauma Takes out Mezencev in 2***

**Moses Itauma** scored a second-round stoppage over Ilja Mezencev in round two of their 10-round heavyweight bout.

Itauma dropped Itauma with a perfect straight left hand and the fight was over at 50 seconds of round two.

Itauma, 239.1 lbs of Chatham, ENG is 9-0 with seven knockouts. Mezencev, 231.1 lbs of Hamburg, GER is 25-4.

### ***Chamberlain Destroys Wahab in 1***

**Mark Chamberlain** took out Josh Wahab in the opening round of their 10-round lightweight bout.

Chamberlain dropped Wahab with a perfect short left hand. Wahab got up and was dumped again with a two lefts and rights and the fight was called off at 2:42.

Chamberlain, 134.2 lbs Portsmouth, ENG is now 16-0 with 12 knockouts. Wahab, 132.1 lbs of Accra, GHA is 23-2.

### ***Safar Batters, Decisions Kovalev***

**Robin Safar** scored the biggest win of his career with with a 10-round unanimous decision over former light heavyweight champion Sergey Kovalev.

Safar dominated the bout by landing heavy shots and in round 10, Safar dropped Kovalev with a hard double right hand. That happened just before the bell

Safar, 194.1 lbs of Sweden won by scores of 99-90, 97-92 and 95-94 and is now 17-0. Kovalev, 194.2 lbs of Russia is now 35-5-1.

### ***Nyika Stops Seitz in 4***

**David Nyika** stopped Michael Seitz in round four of an 10-round cruiserweight bout.

Nyika dropped Seitz with a body shot and the fight was stopped at 2:45.

Nyika, 198.1 lbs of Australia is now 9-0 with eight knockouts. Seitz, 198.5 lbs of Frankfurt, GER is 12-1.

**Daniel Lapin** destroyed Octavio Pudivitr in round one of their 10-round ;ight heavyweight bout

In round one, Lapin dropped Pudivitr in the opening round with a left hand and the fight was stopped upon Pudivitr getting to his feet at 1:47.

Lapin, 174 1/2 lbs of Ukraine is 10-0 with four knockouts. Pudivitr is 9-2.

**Isaac Lowe** scored a 10-round decision over Hasibullah Ahmadi in a featherweight bout.

Low scored a knockdown in round eight.

Low, who fights out of the Tyson Fury camp won by a 97-92 score and is now 25-2-3. Ahmadi is now 16-2.

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# **UNBEATEN CUBAN HEAVYWEIGHT FRANK SANCHEZ TO FACE JACK MULOWAYI IN TELEVISED OPENER OF SHOWTIME BOXING: SPECIAL EDITION – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

READING, Pa. (October 21, 2019) – Unbeaten Cuban slugger Frank Sanchez will face Jack Mulowayi in an eight-round heavyweight attraction to open SHOWTIME BOXING: SPECIAL EDITION this Saturday, October 26 live on SHOWTIME® from Santander Arena in Reading, Pa.

Sanchez (13-0, 11 KOs) steps in to replace Efe Ajagba, who withdrew from the fight against the once-beaten Mulowayi (7-1-1, 3 KOs). Ajagba injured his back in training last week.

The evening is headlined by top super welterweight contender Erickson “Hammer” Lubin taking on hard-hitting Nathaniel Gallimore in a 10-round showdown that headlines the Premier Boxing Champions event beginning at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT. Former lightweight world champion Robert Easter, Jr. will make his super lightweight debut against Adrian “El Tigre” Granados in a 10-round co-feature attraction.

Highlighting the action-packed non-televised portion of the card are fights featuring undefeated 2016 Lithuanian Olympian Eimantas Stanionis squaring off against Lancaster, Pennsylvania's Evincii Dixon in a welterweight bout and 17-year-old welterweight prospect Vito Mielnicki Jr. facing Durham, North Carolina's Marklin Bailey in a four-round attraction.

The action continues with bouts featuring Mexico's Jose Miguel Borrego (15-2, 13 KOs) taking on Colombia's Likar Ramos (29-8, 22 KOs) in an eight-round welterweight bout and Wilmington, Delaware's Omar Douglas (19-3, 13 KOs) facing Riverside, California's Humberto Galindo (12-0-1, 9 KOs) for 10 rounds of lightweight action.

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions and King's Promotions, are on sale now and can be purchased through Ticketmaster.com or at the Santander box office (Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.).

Also entering the ring is Colorado's Ricky Lopez (20-4-1, 6 KOs) in a 10-round super featherweight contest against Texas-native Joe Perez (14-3-2, 10 KOs), Paterson, New Jersey's Norman Neely (3-0, 3 KOs) in a four-round heavyweight fight with D'Angelo Swaby (1-0, 1 KO) of the Bahamas, plus Miami's Jessy Cruz (17-7-1, 7 KOs) takes on Mexico's Ernesto Guerrero (32-29, 22 KOs) in an eight-round super featherweight attraction, and Michigan-native Raese Aleem (14-0, 8 KOs) competes in an eight-round super bantamweight fight against Colombia's Marlon Olea (14-5, 12 KOs).

Rounding out the action is undefeated Puerto Rican bantamweight prospect Jonathon Torres in a six-round fight, super middleweight prospect Darrion Lawson from Flint, Michigan in a four-round fight against Nicaragua's Jaime Meza and middleweight Zany Larry of Clearwater, Florida in a four-round bout against Kansas-native Antonio Hernandez.

A former amateur standout from his native Cuba, Sanchez now lives in Las Vegas and is unbeaten since turning pro in 2017. The 27-year-old scored knockouts in his first six pro fights, and picked up nine victories in 2018. Sanchez most recently scored a dominant stoppage of Puerto Rico's Victor Bisbal in August.

Fighting out of Antwerpen, Belgium, by way of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mulowayi will make his U.S. debut on October 26 in a pro career that dates back to 2015. The 32-year-old was unbeaten in his first seven pro fights before losing a narrow majority decision to Herve Bubeaux in a bout for the Belgium heavyweight title in May. He rebounded to defeat Artur Kubiak in July heading into his fight against Sanchez.

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#### ABOUT LUBIN VS. GALLIMORE

Lubin vs. Gallimore pits top super welterweight contender Erickson "Hammer" Lubin against hard-hitting Nathaniel Gallimore in a 10-round showdown on Saturday, October 26, live on SHOWTIME from Santander Arena in Reading, Pa., in an event presented by Premier Boxing Champions.

The three-fight SHOWTIME BOXING: SPECIAL EDITION begins live at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and features former lightweight world champion Robert Easter Jr. making his super lightweight debut against battle-tested veteran Adrian "El Tigre" Granados in the 10-round co-featured attraction, plus unbeaten heavyweight sensation Frank Sanchez will enter the ring against once-beaten Jack Mulowayi in an eight-round bout.

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