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TONIGHT'S KING'S PROMOTIONS FIGHT CARD POSTPONED!!

Bethlehem, PA (March 14, 2020)-Tonight's King's Promotions boxing event at The Wind Creek Bethlehem Event Center has been postponed due to health concerns in regards to the Pandemic Convid-19 Coronavirus

King's Promotions will announce a make up date very shortly and all tickets will be honored on that date.

The fight card will remain the same featuring Martino Jules taking on Anvar Yunusov as well as fights featuring Jonathan Rodriguez, Sonny Conto and Khainell Wheeler.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King's Promotions, are priced at \$35,\$50, \$75 and \$100, not including applicable service charges and taxes and are on sale now. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com. To charge by phone call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000.

Undefeated Featherweight Martino Jules takes on Three- Time Olympian Anvar Yunusov on Saturday, March 14th at The Wind Creek Events Center in Bethlehem, PA

Bethlehem, PA (February 20, 2020)-A terrific main has been signed that will feature undefeated Martino Jules and three-time Olympian Anvar Yunusov in an eight-round bout for the NABA U.S. Featherweight title that will top a big night of action on Saturday, March 14th at The Wind Creek Bethlehem Event Center.

The card is promoted by King's Promotions.

Jules of nearby Allentown, PA has a record of 9-0 with two knockouts and has become a local fan-favorite.

Jules, 22 has wins over undefeated fighters Malik Loften and Felix Sosa, and is coming off a 1st round stoppage over 40-fight veteran, Pablo Capul on February 8th in Allentown, Pa.

Yunusov of Dushanbe, Tajikistan, represented his country in the 2008, 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games. Since turning professional, the 33 year-old Yunusov has compiled a record of 8-1 with four knockouts.

Yunusov captures the USBF Silver Junior Lightweight title with an eight-round unanimous decision over Carlos Colon (5-1).

Yunusov is coming off his 1st professional blemish, which was a controversial 11-round split decision defeat to undefeated Hector Luis Garcia on July 27th in Garcia's home of the Dominican Republic.

In six-round bouts:

Another local favorite in Jonathan Rodriguez (8-0, 3 KOs) of Bethlehem, Pa takes on an opponent to be named.

Undefeated heavyweight sensation, Sonny Conto (6-0, 5 KOs) of Philadelphia fights Guillermo Del Rio (2-3-1, 2 KOs) of Mexico.

Poindexter Knight Jr. (6-0, 3 KOs) of Philadelphia fights Terrance Williams (5-4-1, 1 KO) of Harrisburg, Pa in a junior middleweight contest.

James Bernadin (3-0-1, 2 KOs) of Lancaster, Pa, squares off with Osvaldo Morales (4-0, 2 KOs) of Harrisburg, Pa in a battle of undefeated junior lightweights.

Khainell Wheeler (4-0, 4 KOs) of Bethlehem, Pa. fights Vincent Baccus (4-2, 3 KOs) of Okmulgee, OK in a super middleweight affair.

Christian Bermudez (1-0) of Brooklyn fights Nicholas Baez (0-1) of Pearl River, NY in a lightweight contest.

Kashin Hutchinson (7-5, 1 KO) of Reading, Pa. fights Roy McGill (6-4, 3 KOs) of Harrisburg in a welteweight fight.

In four-round fights:

Jahdon Ervin of Pottsville, PA makes his pro debut against Roudley Lolo of Harisburg in a middleweight contest.

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THOMAS MATTICE VS. ISAAC CRUZ OFFICIAL WEIGHTS, QUOTES AND PHOTOS FOR SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION TOMORROW LIVE ON SHOWTIME®

PHILADELPHIA – February 13, 2020 – Rising lightweight prospect and ShoBox: The New Generation veteran Thomas Mattice and hard-hitting Isaac Cruz both made weight a day before their ShoBox main event on Friday, February 14 live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT) from 2300 Arena in Philadelphia, Pa.

Cleveland's Mattice (15-1-1, 11 KOs) will be making his sixth appearance on the prospect developmental series and is coming off his most significant win to date, an eighth-round TKO of previously undefeated Michael Dutchover last September on ShoBox. The 21-year-old Cruz (18-1-1, 14 KOs), currently ranked No. 7 by the IBF, has scored knockouts in 11 of his last 14 fights since suffering the only loss of his career in just his sixth professional fight.

In the co-featured bout, undefeated super bantamweight Ra'eese Aleem (15-0, 9 KOs), of Las Vegas by way of Muskegon, Mich., will take on ShoBox veteran and San Antonio resident Adam Lopez (19-3-2, 9 KOs) in an eight-round 122-pound bout. In a matchup of undefeated super lightweights, Cleveland's Montana Love (12-0-1, 6 KOs) returns to ShoBox in an eight-round

showdown with New Orleans' Jerrico Walton (16-0, 7 KOs). In the opening bout of the telecast, undefeated super welterweights Derrick Coleman Jr. (11-0, 8 KOs), of Detroit, and Joseph Jackson (15-0, 12 KOs), of North Carolina, will square off in an eight-round 154-pound bout.

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by GH3 Promotions and King's Promotions are \$100, \$75 and \$50 and be purchased at www.2300arena.com

The four-fight telecast is the third of four ShoBox presentations over six weeks showcasing some of boxing's brightest young prospects in their toughest tests to date. Hall of Famer Barry Tompkins will call the action from ringside with fellow Hall of Famer Steve Farhood and former world champion Raul Marquez serving as expert analysts. The executive producer is Gordon Hall with Richard Gaughan producing and Rick Phillips directing.

FINAL WEIGHTS

Lightweight 10-Round Bout

Thomas Mattice – 133 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Isaac Cruz – 134 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Super Bantamweight 8-Round Bout

Ra'eese Aleem – 122 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Adam Lopez – 123 lbs.

Super Lightweight 8-Round Bout

Montana Love – 139 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Jerrico Walton – 140 lbs.

Super Welterweight 8-Round Bout

Derrick Coleman Jr. – 154 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Joseph Jackson – 153 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.

Non-Televised Bouts weights:

Norman Neely 235.7 – Nicolý Clarke 213.1

Rasheed Johnson 146.5 – Omar Garcia 143.1

Eduardo Diogo 115.8 – Jerrod Miner 114.2

James Martin 148.6 – Vincent Floyd 148.7

FINAL QUOTES:

Thomas Mattice

“I had a great camp. I’m excited to have a big ring in this fight. We’re going to be all over that ring. You’re going to see some beautiful combinations. All night long. I have a great game plan. I hope I can end the fight in spectacular fashion, but I’m not going to rush anything. I will just see how he comes out, and adjust and fight my fight.

“I feel like a whole different person. I feel motivated. I feel great. I’m right on weight and I had no problems making it. We worked on a lot in this camp. I don’t want to say too much, I just want to go out there and show it. But you will definitely see a different Thomas Mattice. My skills are a lot better than what you guys have seen on ShoBox.

“A win in this fight would mean a lot. What it could do for my career, I’m not sure. I hear he’s ranked No. 7 by the IBF, so a win should put me in a really nice position. I think I should be really close to some big money fights. I’m 29 years old, but I’m a young 29. I’m not rushing.

“I really don’t know much about my opponent. I just know that he is a really tough fighter. I know that he likes to come forward. But I am used to that because that’s the type of guys I’ve been fighting a lot. I just will fight my style and I’m confident in the outcome.”

Isaac Cruz

“Fighting in Brooklyn was very different from fighting in Mexico. Everything from the hand wrapping, to the commission to the medicals. But the guy I faced [Miguel Perez] talked a

lot, he was dirty. But I'm happy I have that experience of fighting in the U.S., it will help me both physically and emotionally for this fight.

"I don't know anything about my opponent. I fight the same fight no matter who I'm facing. I really like to attack. I'm a pitbull. I'm used to facing guys that are taller than me. This is nothing new for me. My grandfather was a fighter and my father was a fighter. We all fight the same way, on the inside.

"I come to put on a show. I always come forward and the fans will enjoy my style. I really need to connect on my punches, either on the body or the head. I need to alternate my angles and throw a lot of punches."

Ra'eese Aleem

"I'm an aggressive fighter. I'm exciting. I have fast hands. I have good boxing IQ. I'm naturally southpaw, but I box orthodox. Sometimes it's just instinct, sometimes it's to give my opponent a different look. I think I'm more fluent orthodox.

"I actually haven't seen footage of my opponent. I'm just focused on myself. It feels like just another fight for me. I've been in this arena before and each time I'm here, I put on a great show. I stopped [Marcus] Bates here and I fought [Ramiro] Robles here and I stopped him in the first round. I think I just have good luck here.

"I moved from Michigan to Vegas, and that really helped turn my career around. I used to travel around a lot to train, and when I came to Vegas to train with Nonito Donaire, I realized that this was what I wanted to do. It was a great decision and has put me on the path I want to be on.

"I was in the karate gym at the age of three. I got my black belt by the age of 13, and started boxing at 14. It's hard

going fight to fight, paycheck to paycheck. But I really think I'm close to better days ahead.

"The ultimate goal is to win a world title and to defend my title. I want to do that and everything that comes along with that. The pay days, the other doors that will open, the sponsorships. I want to be the best I can be. I don't think I'm too far away. I feel like I'm knocking on the door. I just have to stay consistent and this is a great opportunity for me. I want to win, and I want to look good doing it."

Adam Lopez

"I think both physically and mentally, having three wins in a row is a huge help. In the past, I've been inconsistent. But I'm feeling really good right now. I feel like I've gotten over that hump and I have my confidence back. They offered me this fight and I think it's a fight that I can definitely win. Aleem is an overall good fighter, but he's nothing that I haven't seen before.

"If I'm going to test myself, I need to get in there against a guy that's good. How am I going to know that I'm back to where I need to be if I don't test myself? I feel like a different fighter than the last time I was on ShoBox. I had a great camp, sparring against young fighters. There was no slacking off. I made a few subtle changes during this camp and I feel great.

"I have a sense of urgency with this fight. This is my eighth time on ShoBox. There was a sense of urgency the seventh time I was on ShoBox. I just have to go out there and stop this guy. I want to get on SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING. I want to get on bigger cards with world title fights.

"I think that I've been through more than Aleem in the ring. He is a good, fast fighter but I have a little bit more experience than him. He's fought a lot of journeymen, so I think I'm a big step-up for him."

Montana Love

"I took some time off after my last fight because I was fighting back-to-back. Then we just had some management issues, but everything worked out and I'm ready to go. I've been busy in the gym. I don't feel right if I don't go to the gym. I need to be around that atmosphere. It's my second home. Boxing is my priority and when the time comes, I put my all into it.

"This fight means a lot. I'm facing another undefeated guy. He's 16-0 so we're not taking him lightly. This fight is a hump. If I can get over this, it will bring me to a whole different level. I think I have a major advantage with my hand speed. During camp, I prepared for both an inside fight and an outside fight. I've always worked on that, since my amateur days. The fight is won in the preparation.

"I'm not happy with my performance my last time on ShoBox against [Kenneth] Sims. I just felt off. I wasn't myself. I'm usually more elusive in there. It was an off night. I think I over-trained. For this fight, I'm facing a guy with not much of an amateur background. I've been doing this my whole life. I've put everything into boxing.

"My name is Montana 'Too Pretty' Love and I'm fighting on Valentine's Day, so I will be giving a lot of love out tomorrow night. I've got something special planned."

Jerrico Walton

"I sparred with one of the best southpaws around for this fight, O'Shaquie Foster. He gave me great work and really prepared me well for Montana.

"My best friend was murdered in front of me before the [Dedrick] Bell fight, which is why I think my performance wasn't great. That wasn't the real me in the ring that night, but I fought because I think my friend would have wanted me

to.

“I never thought I’d be at this point in my life. Through all my trials and tribulations, it’s surreal. I don’t think it’s even hit me yet. Being here, I want people to know my story. I want to have an impact on somebody’s life, just to show them that no matter what, you can change. You can be unique. You can be different. You can be successful. I want to use this fight to tell the world my story and have an impact on somebody’s life.

“We have a good game plan for Montana, and I think we’ll be successful tomorrow night. Before I got with Ronnie Shields, I was just a counter-puncher. Now, my style has changed completely. I think the world will see that on Friday night that I’m much more versatile. I can fight on the inside, I can box and I have much better defense than I had before.

“I didn’t know much about Roberto Duran when I was first given my nickname. When I learned about him, I thought to myself that I need to live up to that name. I need to keep that name alive, ‘Hands of Stone’. There’s a lot to live up to and those are big gloves to fill.”

Derrick Colemon Jr.

“Emanuel Steward was a huge influence for me. He was that guy. I was just a little kid and he put all of this attention into me, so that meant a ton. I was at his house every day after school. He would cook for me. He would give me pointers and invest a lot of time into me. We watched fights together. He was like a grandfather to me. I knew the whole Kronk crew growing up and Gerald McClellan was my favorite fighter growing up in Detroit.

“Kronk is in my blood. We’re animals. I come from the original Kronk gym. I trained in Los Angeles for this fight because of the experience. There’s really good sparring there. I sparred with a lot of Russian Olympians. It was invaluable experience

for me.

“I don’t know much about my opponent. I just know that he’s 31 years old. It’s desperation time for him. We watched very little video on him. I just need to be myself, fight my fight, and stay within myself. I can box and I can bang.

“If you haven’t seen me fight before, you’re going to see a nice jab. Good body punches. And once I see how my opponent is reacting, I’ll go from there. Whatever I need to do to adjust, I’ll go from there. I can fight from range or in close. I don’t have any nerves. I feel like I’ve been here before. I want the boxing fans to say that I’m next up after they watch me Friday night.”

Joseph Jackson

“I feel good. I feel like a kid in a candy store. I just like going to show off, show out, and show new eyes what I can do. This is a chance to show America what I can do. I can be a boxer or I can be a brawler. I like to come forward. I have a strong punch and I’m in great condition.

“We’ve seen a little bit of my opponent. But we don’t really go off what our opponent does. We just glanced at him to see what his style is like, and we go off what we can do best. We’ll just adjust as the fight goes on. I just need to be myself and do what I do best.

“I’m always learning. I’m learning on the go because I had such a late start. But I’m doing a good job of learning from the guys I’ve been in camp with. Of course I’m a late bloomer but I’m doing well on the go. There’s definitely a sense of urgency because of my age. This is not just for me, but for my family and my kids. I have the maturity advantage. I think that is what will propel me to victory.

“I had a couple offers for football coming out of high school, but I wanted to go out and work and provide for my daughter. I

got a job out of high school at UPS, and then I got into boxing by just trying to stay athletic and stay in shape. Now I'm a fulltime fighter. It makes all the difference. Mentally, it's all I need to focus on – just boxing and providing for my kids.

“I sparred with Tony Harrison when he was preparing for Jermell Charlo. He was a great guy to be around. It was a great experience and I'm a better fighter because of it. I stay in the gym. What I learned from the Harrison camp, I brought into my camp. We had great sparring. I stayed consistent, stayed on-weight. This is a great opportunity for me. North Carolina doesn't have the best reputation in boxing, but I'm going to break that curse tomorrow night.”

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About ShoBox: The New Generation

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Philadelphia Area Fighters Highlight Non-Televised Undercard This Friday Night At The 2300 Arena James Martin takes on Vincent Floyd in All-Philly Showdown

PHILADELPHIA (FEBRUARY 12, 2020) – Some of Philadelphia’s favorite fighters will be on display as part of the non-televised undercard of a ShoBox: The New Generation card this Friday night at the 2300 Arena.

The undercard will begin at 7 PM ET with the live ShoBox card beginning at 10 PM ET live on SHOWTIME.

As part of the undercard, Philadelphia welterweight’s James Martin and Vincent Floyd will square off in a six-round bout.

Martin of Philadelphia has a record of 5-1, and is the son of former light heavyweight world title challenger Jerry “The Bull” Martin. Martin, who has a win over Denis Okoth (2-0-1), is coming off a four-round unanimous decision victory over Juan Rodriguez on October 25th. This will be Martin’s fourth

consecutive appearance at The 2300 Arena.

Floyd has a record of 4-8-1 with two knockouts. Six of those defeats have been to undefeated foes. Floyd is coming off a no-contest with Shinard Bunch on October 25th.

Also seeing action in a six-round bout will be welterweight Rasheed Johnson of Philadelphia taking on Omar Garcia of Mexico.

Johnson has a record of 6-3 with two knockouts. The 27 year-old has a win over Tony Morris (4-1-1). He will be looking to get back in the win column after dropping a decision to Kashon Hutchinson on September 14th in Bethlehem, Pa.

Garcia of Monterrey, Mexico has a record of 6-10. Garcia is coming off a decision loss to Desmond Lyons on October 4th in Houston.

Just before the Television cameras roll, undefeated heavyweight Norman Neely (5-0, 5 KOs) of Paterson, New Jersey fights Nicoy Clarke (2-5) of Jersey City in a four-round bout.

Eduardo de Oliveria Diogo (1-0, 1 KO) of Sao Paulo, Brazil fights Philadelphia Jerrod Miner (1-9-2, 1 KO) in a four-round bout.

Shamar Fulton (4-1, 3 KOs) of Philadelphia takes on an opponent to be named in a four-round bout.

Tickets for the event, which is promoted by King's Promotions and GH3 Promotions are \$100, \$75 and \$50 and be purchased at www.2300arena.com

In the main event of the four-fight telecast, lightweight prospect Thomas Mattice (15-1-1, 11 KOs) will face hard-hitting Isaac Cruz (18-1-1, 14 KOs) in a 10-round lightweight bout. In the co-feature, Raese Aleem (15-0, 9 KOs) of Las Vegas takes on Adam Lopez (19-3-2, 9 KOs) of San Antonio in an eight-round super bantamweight bout. Plus, in a matchup of

undefeated super lightweights, Cleveland's Montana Love (12-0-1, 6 KOs) returns to ShoBox in an eight-round bout with Houston's Jerrico Walton (16-0, 7 KOs). In the opening bout of the telecast, undefeated super welterweight Derrick Coleman Jr. (11-0, 8 KOs), of Detroit will face Joseph Jackson (15-0, 12 KOs) of North Carolina.

RAEESSE "THE BEAST" ALEEM MEDIA WORKOUT QUOTES

LAS VEGAS – February 10, 2020 – Undefeated rising prospect Raese "The Beast" Aleem (15-0, 9 KOs) held a media workout at the Nevada Boxing Hall of Fame as he prepares for his upcoming eight-round super bantamweight bout against Adam Lopez (19-3-2, 9 KOs) in the co-feature of ShoBox: The New Generation this Friday, February 14 live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m. ET/PT) from 2300 Arena in Philadelphia.

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Aleem, who is managed by Greg Hannely of Prince Ranch Boxing and promoted by Kings Promotions, will make his television debut on ShoBox: The New Generation.

Here is what Aleem had to say Saturday at the Nevada Boxing

Hall of Fame in Las Vegas:

RAEASE ALEEM

"I'm very excited to be making my televised debut on SHOWTIME, where the world will get to see my talent. I'm definitely looking forward to making some new fans. This is a stepping stone to bigger and better things.

"I feel like I'm flying under the radar. I've been right there with all the other rising prospects. I'm originally from a small town so I never had the proper eyes on me. I feel like I must train twice as hard as the average fighter just to be in the same conversation than these guys. But that's just how the game is. I'm ready to show up and show out.

"It's been a huge transition since I moved out here [Las Vegas] from Muskegon, Mich., where I'm originally from. I came out here with no family and no friends, with the sole idea to pursue my career. I took a leap of faith and it has paid off. It's been all about business here in Las Vegas, and it's been great. I've been exposed to a lot of great fighters and picked up a lot of good tips.

"Adam Lopez is a tough Latino fighter who is going to bring his 'A' game, and he has something to prove. He has a lot of experience. He's been in the ring with a lot of skilled guys and current world champions. This is the type of fight I need to take the next step toward being a world champion.

"I'm an aggressive boxer who likes to throw a lot of punches. I make my opponent miss and I make them pay. I'm all-action. I'm a beast! I'm prepared to go the distance, but my ultimate goal is to get him out of there, to get the win."

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GARY RUSSELL JR. VS.

TUGSTSOGT NYAMBAYAR FINAL WEIGHTS, QUOTES, PHOTOS AND COMMISSION OFFICIALS FOR WBC FEATHERWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOMORROW LIVE ON SHOWTIME® FROM PPL CENTER IN ALLENTOWN, PA.

WBC Featherweight World Championship – 12 Rounds

Gary Russell Jr. – 125 lbs.

Tugstsogt Nyambayar – 125 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Referee: Gary Rosato (Penn.); Judges: David Bilocerkowec (Canada), Glenn Feldman (Conn.), John McKaie (N.Y.)

Vacant WBA Bantamweight World Championship – 12 Rounds

Guillermo Rigondeaux – 117 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.

Liborio Solís – 117 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Referee: Benjy Esteves (N.Y.); Judges: Don Ackerman (N.Y.), Ron McNair (N.Y.), Kevin Morgan (N.Y.)

WBA Super Featherweight Title Eliminator – 12 Rounds

Jaime Arboleda – 129 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.

Jayson Vélez – 130 lbs.

Referee: Eric Dali (N.J.); Judges: Bernard Bruni (Penn.), Glenn Feldman (Conn.), Eric Marlinski (N.Y.)

FLASH QUOTES:

GARY RUSSELL JR.

“My toughest challenger is myself. I never focus on my opponent. My toughest challenge is preparing myself to the

best of my ability. I think he's a good fighter. I think he's going to bring his physical best. He has everything to gain and nothing to lose, but I feel as though he's going to need a little more than that. The difference will be my speed, punching power, ring generalship and boxing IQ.

"I believe that all three of the Russell brothers can be world champions. I want us to be the set of brothers that makes history. I'll be in the corners for my brothers tomorrow night. It's fun. It's something that I genuinely enjoy doing and supporting my younger brothers is definitely what I want to do. Hopefully, we'll all get these W's come tomorrow night."

TUGSTSOGT NYAMBAYAR

"I don't feel any pressure that my whole country will be watching. I'm a fighter and this fight is mine. I'm here to win. This will be a good fight and I'll be the next champion."

GUILLERMO RIGONDEAUX

"This is really my weight – 118. I fought at 122, but I feel very comfortable at 118. Boxing is like mathematics, so we're going to adjust to whatever my opponent brings. We can box and also, what you saw in my last fight, we can pressure. I can also bring that tomorrow."

LIBORIO SOLIS

"There's always that same hunger to win a championship again. It's been a while, so I want it back. With faith in God, I will get it back tomorrow. I want to state that me and Guillermo are both warriors. We're both going to give a great show out there. If he comes out boxing, then I'll box him. If he comes out with pressure, like he did in his last fight, then I will come out that way. We both want this fight. We know it's a great opportunity and I'm going to show the best of me tomorrow."

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ABOUT RUSSELL VS. NYAMBAYAR

Russell vs. Nyambayar will see WBC Featherweight Champion Gary Russell Jr. defend his 126-pound crown against unbeaten mandatory challenger Tugstsogt “King Tug” Nyambayar live on SHOWTIME on Saturday, February 8 in a Premier Boxing Champions event from PPL Center in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING telecast begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and will see former world champions Guillermo Rigondeaux and Liborio Solís battle for the vacant WBA Bantamweight World Title in the co-main event, plus Jaime Arboleda meeting Jayson Vélez in a 12-round WBA Super Featherweight Title eliminator bout opening the telecast

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GARY RUSSELL JR. VS. TUGSTSOGT NYAMBAYAR FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES

ALLENTOWN, PA. (February 6, 2020) – WBC Featherweight World Champion Gary Russell Jr. and unbeaten mandatory challenger Tugstsogt “King Tug” Nyambayar went face-to-face at a final press conference Thursday before they headline action live on SHOWTIME on Saturday, February 8 in a Premier Boxing Champions

event from PPL Center in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The press conference also featured former champions Guillermo Rigondeaux and Liborio Solis, who battle in the co-main event for the vacant WBA Lightweight Title, plus Jaime Arboleda and Jayson Velez, who compete in a 12-round WBA Super Featherweight Title eliminator to open the SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING telecast at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions and Kings Promotions, are on sale now and can be purchased through www.pplcenter.com/events (direct link [HERE](#)).

Here is what the fighters had to say Thursday from the Renaissance Allentown Hotel:

GARY RUSSELL JR.

“We had a great training camp. I have my younger brothers on the card with me and in camp, pushing me every day. We’re ready, focused and hungry.

“Tug will be the best he possibly can be because he knows he’s facing one of the best fighters in the world. He has everything to gain and nothing to lose. He’s going to leave it all on the line.

“I think Tug is a lot more technically sound than a lot of the guys who I have competed against. He’s another guy with everything to gain and nothing to lose, so I’m anticipating a tough fight.

“If it were up to me, I’d be facing Leo Santa Cruz or Gervonta Davis, but this is what I have to face. I’m here to defend my title in style once again.

“It’s amazing to watch my younger brothers and to have them on the same card. I’m excited to work their corners. There’s never been a set of three brothers to become world champions, and I think we’ll do that real soon. They’re both extremely

talented and hungry. I expect them to be better than me by the time they're at this point in their careers.

"I was the first fighter to turn pro on ShoBox, and I went on to win my title on SHOWTIME. The fact that we're still doing it now speaks wonders. I work great with their team and I'm grateful to be in this position.

"You should expect to see what you always see with me. Boxing at its best. A great deal of ring generalship. Good boxing IQ. Hand speed. Punching power. The total package as a fighter. As a matter of fact, I'm trying to figure out why I'm not on the pound for pound list given all of that. That's an issue."

TUGSTSOGT NYAMBAYAR

"I'm very excited for this fight. It's going to be a good fight for the fans. Gary Russell Jr. is a great champion, but watch on Saturday night, when I become the new featherweight world champion.

"I just have to be better than Gary Russell on Saturday night. The past experience won't matter. If he thinks I'm too inexperienced for this fight, he is going to be in for a surprise Saturday.

"I know that I'm the underdog, but that doesn't affect me. I don't care if I'm the favorite or the underdog.

"I'm not worried about any ring rust. I've worked so hard in the ring during training camp to make sure I'm the best I've ever been.

"Working with Ismael Salas has been very good for me and I think it's taken me to another level in my career. All of skills, all of my power and speed, it will all be with me on Saturday. I just have to put it together for my best performance.

"I'm very ready for this fight. I want to be the first WBC

featherweight champion in history from Mongolia. I'm ready, you just need to watch on Saturday."

GUILLERMO RIGONDEAUX

"Bantamweight is my division. I have no issues making that weight. I want to thank my team for getting me prepared and getting me to this position. All that's left is to fight Saturday night.

"I want to also thank Ronnie Shields for how he has prepared me for this fight. It's been a great training camp and I can't wait to step into the ring and become champion again.

"I feel 100% and I believe that bantamweight has always been my best weight. I did well at 122 pounds, so i stayed there. My plan now is to dominate this division.

"Me and Ronnie Shields have great chemistry and worked well together. Ronnie is a great trainer and I'm looking forward to a long run that we're going to have together.

"I'm going to be phenomenal in the ring. I'm going to unify 118 pounds just like I did at 122 pounds. I'm excited to get started.

"My strategy will depend on the fight that Solis brings. I'm a veteran in this sport, dating back to the amateurs, so I'm used to seeing so many different styles. I'm to fight the way that gives me the best chance to win."

LIBORIO SOLIS

"Thank you very much to my team who has backed me and supported me leading up to this fight. I'm very grateful for this opportunity. My opponent has been a great champion and I'm very excited to be here to fight him.

"This is obviously going to be a great fight. I'm a warrior who always comes to fight. He can pick his strategy however he

wants. But I just want to get in there and put my skills on display.

I was already a champion in one division and I had a fight taken on the scorecards at bantamweight, or else i would already be a two-division champion.

“Saturday is going to be different than my last fights. Both me and Guillermo give our heart and soul and we’re going to fight until the best man wins. I’m not leaving that ring without a championship.

“I’m going to come with everything on Saturday. I come to fight and I come to win. I’m sure Guillermo is the same. The difference will be my determination to win this fight.

“I don’t think anyone’s weight or which division we fought at in the past will be an advantage. I’m sure he could have always fought at 118. The person with the advantage is who wants it more.”

JAIME ARBOLEDA

“I want to thank all the great champions up on this stage and everyone on my team who made this fight happen. This opportunity has been a long time coming and I’ve been preparing hard to make the most out of it.

“On Saturday, I’m very confident that this is going to be a great fight and end in a knockout. I’m prepared and I know that I’m going to win.

“This is a great chance to get one step closer to my dream of becoming a world champion. I know what I have to do and I’ve prepared every day to make sure that I fight my best on Saturday night.

“We have a lot of respect for each other and we’re looking forward to Saturday night. Don’t miss this card because it’s going to be action packed from start to finish.”

JAYSON VELEZ

"I'm happy to be here again and back in a big fight. My last time fighting on SHOWTIME was in 2012 and I'm very thankful for this opportunity to compete on this stage once again.

"I'm blessed to be able to do what I do every day. I've fought professionally since 2007. This is the dream that every boxer has. When I win on Saturday, I'll be the mandatory for the belt and that's the opportunity that I want.

"I've been training hard for this fight and I'm ready. I've won three fights in a row heading into a great fight between two hungry fighters. We want to add each other to our record and I believe that this fight is ending in knockout.

"Don't miss this fight because this is going to be great. There's going to be a lot of action. Every time I step into the ring, win or lose, I will leave everything in there. I fight with my heart and I fight for Puerto Rico."

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Two-Time World Champion Rigondeaux Looks For Title In A Second Weight Class When He Battles Liborio Solis For Vacant WBA Bantamweight Title This Saturday, February 8 Live On SHOWTIME from PPL Center in Allentown, Pa

HOUSTON, TEXAS – February 4, 2020 – Former world champion Guillermo Rigondeaux will seek to become a three-time, two-division world champion when he moves down to bantamweight to challenge former champion Liborio Solis for the vacant WBA title live on SHOWTIME this Saturday, February 8 in a Premier Boxing Champions event from PPL Center in Allentown, Pa.

“I’m trying to make history by winning a third world title in a second weight class, while also matching my two [Olympic] Gold Medals,” said Rigondeaux, who will fight at bantamweight for the first time in his career. “I want to make a statement and solidify my legacy as one of the best Cuban fighters ever. I want the boxing world to be talking about me, as I seek to

become a world champion once again. February 8 will be a special day for me and my family.

“I know at super bantamweight I am a force to be reckoned with. Now that I’m moving down to bantamweight, I feel stronger and I’m getting the most out of my skills. The bantamweight and super bantamweight divisions are filled with great fighters to test myself against. It’s a very exciting time and I am training very hard for each opportunity that is granted to me.”

This will be Rigondeaux’s second straight fight working with the renowned head trainer Ronnie Shields, and conducting training camp at Shields’ gym in Houston.

“Ronnie and I are working very hard and smart,” said Rigondeaux. “We have put together a great game plan that we are going to execute on fight night. All of my tools are getting sharpened up and everyone will see that the hard work we’ve put in will pay off. Ronnie is a great coach and I’ll be fighting with something to prove on fight night.”

“He is very focused, and one of the hardest workers in the gym,” said Shields. “Rigondeaux is so determined to become a world champion once again. He comes to camp every single day with that goal, and I don’t see any way he doesn’t achieve it.”

Rigondeaux is coming off an exciting knockout win over former world champion Julio Ceja last June. The Guantanamo, Cuba native will look to capture his next world title when he faces Solis, a former super flyweight world champion for the vacant WBA belt.

“Solis is a good opponent and a worthy challenger, but I am ready to reclaim my status as a world champion,” said Rigondeaux. “I’m going to show people why I am one of the best boxers of my generation.

“This is a very big deal for me. For years I was one of the best fighters in the world, if not, the best fighter in the world. When you’re a champion, you only fight the top opponents and those are the type of fights I want. I’m going to start another long reign as champion beginning February 8.”

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions and Kings Promotions, are on sale now and can be purchased through www.pplcenter.com/events (direct link [HERE](#)).

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