

Rances Barthelemy Defeats Mickey Bey by Split Decision to Retain Lightweight Title in Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions on Spike from The Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida

HOLLYWOOD, FL. (June 4, 2016) – Undefeated lightweight world champion Rances “Kid Blast” Barthelemy (25-0, 13 KOs) defeated former world champion Mickey “The Spirit” Bey (22-2-1, 10 KOs) by split decision (117-110, 116-111, 110-117) in the main event of Premier Boxing Champions (PBC) on Spike Friday night at the Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida.

Following an exciting first round in which Barthelemy backed Bey up at the bell, round two came to a close with similar fireworks in the form of an accidental head butt. In the commotion, a stunned Barthelemy stumbled to the canvas and referee Sam Burgos ruled it an official knockdown, making it the first of Barthelemy’s career.

Barthelemy said, “I really don’t remember exactly what happened, but I felt it was more of a slip than anything. I was a little off balance and we butted heads so at that point that’s when I went down, but that’s okay. I don’t mind that they counted it.”

Bey had issues with the head contact also. “After I dropped

him he got me again with a good head butt. The cut on my eye from that second head butt affected me for about four or five rounds, but it's a fight, so you have to do the best you can with the vision you have. But I would have liked to avoid all the head contact."

"It was the first time in my entire career, both amateurs and professionals, that I hit the canvas in any way," added Barthelemy. "It was just a little surprising, but after that I knew I had to come out strong and put pressure on him because I knew the judges might hold that against me. My mentality originally was to outbox but I had to change my plans and start putting pressure on him."

In a fight that saw a lot of competitive back and forth action during the middle and late rounds, neither fighter was able to take complete control or end the evening early.

Barthelemy believed he'd done enough to win unanimously arguing, "When I heard the judge who gave the score to Bey I thought he was either blind or he was bought. I felt that was disrespectful not only to me but to the fans as well.

"We knew what Mickey was prepared for though," concluded Barthelemy. "We knew he was going to be an evasive counter puncher and we knew that Bey came from the Mayweather school of boxing. So we knew what we were up against and he put on a tough fight."

Bey vowed to avenge the hard-fought loss soon. "I'm ready to get right back after it and chase another belt. I'm looking to stay busy and get back in the ring soon."

In the televised opener, undefeated Puerto Rican bantamweight Emmanuel Rodriguez (15-0, 10 KOs) beat experienced Mexican Alberto "Metro" Guevara (24-3, 9 KOs) by unanimous decision (99-91, 100-90, 99-91).

Rodriguez controlled the opening rounds with a variety of left

hooks and overhand rights, backing Guevara up at will.

"My strategy was to come in and attack him because he is not your typical Mexican-style fighter," said Rodriguez.

An accidental head butt at the end of round four led to a cut that developed under the left eye of Guevara.

"We knew he was an awkward fighter," said Rodriguez of their heads colliding, "But he was even more awkward than we thought."

A highly decorated amateur, Rodriguez continued his calculated, methodical approach throughout the middle rounds.

Rodriguez added, "We weren't able to really decipher him in the first rounds but we were able to adjust eventually."

Guevara, who has fought in two world title fights, threw a change-up and came out fighting more wildly in round seven, causing Rodriguez some minor issues with the distance.

However, Rodriguez stuck to his game plan and used his superior timing to coast to victory in the later rounds.

Guevara said, "My plan was to box him and tap him when I had him, but things didn't come out that way. I'm not sure if it was a lack of focus or what it was, I'm just not sure. I feel good though. It was a hard fight, harder than I expected. He's a strong guy. I felt a little constrained and a little slow, but I tried my best tonight."

Rodriguez summed up the win adding, "I feel great, thank God. I'm really happy with this Victory, it was a victory that I needed to add onto my record and thankfully I was able to get it. Now I'm going to take a month off and wait until my management team tells us what fight date comes next so we can continue to pursue the goals we have set for ourselves."

The second televised bout featured unbeaten prospect Caleb "Sweet Hands" Plant (13-0, 10 KOs) getting a knockout victory

over Columbia's Carlos Galvan (12-5-1, 11 KOs) in a middleweight bout.

Plant spent much of the first two rounds displaying his trademark showmanship and feeling out Galvan.

Plant said his strategy entering the ring was, "To be sharp and slick tonight, stay relaxed and patient. I didn't want to force anything or leave myself out there too long."

That's exactly what Plant did, ending the bout in the fourth with a devastating blow to Galvan's solar plexus.

A frustrated Galvan said, "He got a lucky shot, I threw a straight right and he slipped by it and landed a body shot to my liver so I wasn't able to continue with the fight after that."

"It was just about staying patient and waiting for him to make a mistake," said Plant. "I wanted to take advantage, and that's what happened. I took the body shot when I saw he was open and he went down."

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The card was promoted by Kings Promotions, Mayweather Promotions, and Panther Promotions.

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HOLLYWOOD, FL. (June 2, 2016) –

Rances Barthelemy 134.6 – Mickey Bey 134.2

(IBF Lightweight championship)

Caleb Plant 163.8 – Carlos Galvan 162.4

Emmanuel Ridriguez 119.4 – Alberto Guevara 119.8

Gervonta Davis 135.6 – Mario Macias Rorozco 132.8

Steve Geffard 177.2 – Samuel Miller 181.6

Dyah Davis 172.8 – Leosvy Mayedo 175.8

Courtney Jackson 141.8 – Anthony Woods 142.6

Dat Nguyen 128.6 – Jesus Lule 130.2

Antonio Williams 127.8 – Hector Fernandez 128.6

LaTondria Jones 155 – Latoya Burton 151.2

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Rances Barthelemy vs. Mickey Bey Final Press Conference & Media Workout Quotes & Photos

HOLLYWOOD, FL. (June 1, 2016) – Lightweight world champion Rances “Kid Blast” Barthelemy and former world champion Mickey “The Spirit” Bey went face to face for the first time Wednesday as they participated in the final press conference and media workouts for Premier Boxing Champions on Spike this Friday, June 3 from Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood, Florida.

Action begins on Spike at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT and features exciting bantamweight prospect Emmanuel Rodriguez taking on

former title challenger Alberto Guevara in a 10-round bout. Also in attendance Wednesday and competing on the undercard is undefeated Caleb "Sweet Hands" Plant, who battles Carlos Galvan on Friday night.

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Fighters spoke to media and posed for cameras at the Paradise Live Theater before moving into the Hard Rock Live Arena for media workouts.

Here is what the fighters had to say Wednesday:

RANCES BARTHELEMY

"I'm very excited to be fighting here close to Miami. This is a second home for Cubans and I'm really motivated to put on a great performance for the fans.

"Ismael Salas is one of the top trainers in the world and our whole team has been fantastic. We're ready to get in the ring and fight.

I come prepared with a few strategies. I never stick to one game plan because us Cubans were taught to have a few up your sleeve so that you can adjust according to whatever presents itself to you in the ring.

"If we don't get the knockout, then we are ready to go the distance. My team is prepared to go the distance if we have to, but also to give an entertaining fight.

"You're going to see a new Rances Barthelemy in 2016.

“Don’t miss this fight. Get there early, because it might not go five. Get ready for a great night of boxing.”

MICKEY BEY

“I want to give Rances props for stepping up and taking the fight. This is the beautiful thing about boxing, the best fighting the best.

“You have a two-time champion fighting a world champion that never lost his belt in the ring. That says it all right there. We’re two elite fighters. We’re both going for glory.

“No matter what anybody says today, it comes down to the action on Friday.

“I’m in there with the same mindset no matter who I’m fighting. I’m coming in there to do what I do no matter what. It’s just another day for me.

“You’ll see a throwback fighter in there. I’m like the fighters from back in the day. I’m here looking for the victory. I don’t care how I get it and I can’t predict. But we want to have our hand raised.

“I’m coming to get what is rightfully mine. Don’t miss it.”

EMMANUEL RODRIGUEZ

“I feel great and ready for Friday. I’m not worried about tomorrow at all, we’re right on weight, so we’re just looking forward to stepping into the ring at this point.

“We’ve been in training camp for six months as we had a tentative fight date scheduled prior to this so I was already in the gym getting ready. We’re in the best shape.

“We have seen footage of him and saw he makes a lot of mistakes. We analyzed those defaults and are using them as a strategy against him. We’ve put those into practice and think

we will be able to execute them to come out victorious at the end of the night.

“He’s not your typical Mexican warrior fighter, he’s the total opposite actually so we’re not worried about what he does.”

ALBERTO GUEVARA

“I’m ready for this big opportunity and I’m ready to fight. This is a big card and it’s very exciting.

“I know what I have in front of me. Emmanuel Rodriguez is a good fighter, but he’s just another opponent to me.

“I’m well prepared and I believe I’m going to win this fight.”

CALEB PLANT

“I’m thankful to have this stage to perform on. I’m glad the media could come out and get a sneak peek of what I’m going to bring Friday night.

“The game plan is to go in there and look sharp, be slick, make adjustments and dictate the pace. He’s going to be uncomfortable because we’re going to dictate the pace. We’ll see if he can keep up.

“I’ve seen enough tape on, which wasn’t very much. I let my coaches breakdown the film and let me know what I need to do.

“This is my only job and I do it well. I’m not into getting ready, I stay ready. We’re here to show out.

“I’ve had a great training camp. I worked hard and I’m ready to put on a show this Friday night. I’m going to do what I always do in there.”

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3:00 p.m. Fighters On Scales

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Welterweight Showdown Between Phil Lo Greco & Joseph Elegele Headlines Premier Boxing Champions: The Next Round On Bounce TV Sunday, June 12 From The Lakeland Center in Lakeland, FL (9 p.m. ET/PT)

LAKELAND, FL. (May 26, 2016) – A battle between exciting welterweights Phil Lo Greco (27-2, 15 KOs) and Joseph Elegele (15-2, 11 KOs) will serve as the 10-round main event of Premier Boxing Champions: The Next Round on Bounce TV and BounceTV.com Sunday, June 12 from The Lakeland Center in Lakeland, FL.

Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/PT and will feature unbeaten Australian prospect Steve Lovett (15-0, 12 KOs) and tough contender Craig Baker (16-1, 12 KOs) in a 10-round light heavyweight showdown. The full night of action will be streamed on BounceTV.com

"I don't know much about Elegele but I will not take him lightly," said Lo Greco. "I am always in the gym. I enjoy fighting. This is what it's all about, fighting on television and making a name for yourself. A win here will get me one step closer to the bigger fights."

"People should watch me, because after this fight, I am ready to show the world that I am ready for the big fights," said Elegele. "This win will put me towards the top and in a position to fight top fighters. This is the best I have felt in my whole career. Lo Greco is a game fighter. This is my hometown and I will have a lot of people coming out to support me and I can't wait."

"A win here will get me in the mix with the top contenders," said Lovett. "I expect an entertaining fight and I am ready to go. Training camp is always good and I will be in the best shape possible on June 12. I helped Edwin Rodriguez prepare for his fight against Baker so I know him well. I am at the stage to step up to the next level"

"I'm excited about this opportunity to take on a fighter like Steve Lovett," said Baker. "He's highly regarded but I know that I have the skills and experience to beat him. I'm leaving it all in the ring. A win here puts me in position to get big fights so I plan on being impressive."

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King's Promotions, are priced at \$75, \$50 and \$35, and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.thelakelandcenter.com or by calling 888-397-0100 and from the Lakeland Center Box Office by calling 863-834-8111 or visiting between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"This will be a great night of boxing," said Marshall Kauffman of King's Promotions. "Elegele and Lo Greco is a real 50/50 fight with each guy needing a win to get to the next level."

The last show at Lakeland was action packed and June 12 will be no different.”

A four-time amateur national Canadian champion, the Toronto-born Lo Greco turned pro in 2006 and quickly made a name for himself as one of the top fighters from Canada. The veteran fighter has also fought in Germany, Italy and Hungary before making his U.S. debut in 2012 by defeating Hector Orozco in Atlantic City. He racked up a 25-0 record to begin his career and his lone defeats have come to top welterweights Shawn Porter and Errol Spence Jr. In his last bout, Lo Greco stopped Pablo Munguia in the fifth-round.

After piling up an amateur record of 69-8, Elegele turned pro in 2009 and reeled off 12 victories to start his career. One of nine siblings, Elegele worked as a sparring partner for Floyd Mayweather in 2013 and has also spent time in the training camps of Adrien Broner and fellow New Haven, FL native Andre Berto, who he has known since he was 12-years-old. He owns victories over Manuel Aguilar, Angel Hernandez and Lanard Lane and most recently stopped Alex De Jesus in the sixth-round of their Bounce TV clash in January.

Born in Australia but now training in Houston with Ronnie Shields, Lovett looks to build on the momentum he has gained in 2015 with four knockouts in his five wins. The New South Wales-native has taken down veterans Kevin Engel and Samuel Miller in his last two fights as he heads into his toughest challenge in Baker.

A once-beaten fighter who turned pro in 2008, Baker enters this fight having four of his last five opponents inside the distance. The Baytown, TX native took home victories over Anthony Greeley and Sergio Cordoba in 2014 and kicked off 2015 by knocking out highly regarded Umberto Savigne. Now, Baker looks to bounce back from a defeat to Edwin Rodriguez when he enters the ring on June 12.

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**Rances Barthelemy & Mickey
Bey Ramp Up Training Camp
Ahead of Friday, June 3 World
Championship Showdown That**

Headlines Premier Boxing Champions on Spike from Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood, Florida

HOLLYWOOD, FL. (May 24, 2016) – Lightweight world champion Rances “Kid Blast” Barthelemy and former world champion Mickey “The Spirit” Bey are deep into training camp and closing in on their main event battle on Premier Boxing Champions on Spike Friday, June 3 from Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood, Florida

Both fighters have been training in Las Vegas before they head to southern Florida for their world title battle. Barthelemy trains with Ismael Salas at the Salas Boxing Academy while Bey works with his longtime trainer Floyd Mayweather Sr. at the Mayweather Boxing Club.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by Kings Promotions, Mayweather Promotions and Panther Promotions, are priced at \$130, \$80, \$60 and \$35 (additional fees may apply) and are on sale now. All seats are reserved and available at all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.myhrl.com, www.ticketmaster.com or charge by phone: 1-800-745-3000. Doors open at 5:30 pm, with the first fight set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Here is what the fighters had to say about training camp, their matchup and more:

What advantages do you believe you have because of your training team?

Rances Barthelemy: "To me, Ismael is the best trainer in the world. He was the lead trainer of the Cuban National Team at the time that Cuban amateur boxing was having its most success. He is truly underrated and I do not know why.

"Having gone through different trainers throughout my career, I am glad that I found Salas. We clicked right off the bat, and him being a Cuban and having a successful background both in the Cuban amateur system and in the pros, he's been able to incorporate the best from both worlds in his training methods. He has also been able to bring out abilities in me that others were not able to and it has made me a completely different fighter."

Mickey Bey: "Floyd Sr. has been my trainer for about 12 years. We've been together since I was a teenager and before I turned pro. He is an old school trainer and he knows the science of boxing.

"Being around the other Mayweather Promotions fighters provides a lot of energy to training because everybody is striving to be the best they can be. Whenever that's the case it's always a positive thing because the trainers know that's what you're after. Floyd Sr. and Floyd are the reason I moved to Las Vegas. It's been a blessing to be able to train with him for so long. We gelled from the beginning and I have definitely grown a lot as a fighter."

What does fighting for this belt mean to you?

RB: "I don't really focus on this being another title defense. I just focus on it being another fight that I must win impressively so that I can get to the big fights. There is no added pressure from it being a title defense. I just want everyone to see the boxing ability that I have so that I can get the big fights that I want and deserve."

MB: "Winning back this belt is really important to me. I still feel like it's mine. He's just been keeping it warm for me. I

had to deal with the injuries but now I don't have to worry about babying my hand or anything like that."

What do you think this fight will be like stylistically?

RB: "I plan on this being a great fight between two great boxers. He has a great amateur and pro background, as do I, and hopefully that makes for a great show."

MB: "You never really know until you're in the ring but it's going to be a fight between two skilled boxers. I have seen some footage but not too much because I don't really watch much tape. I saw him fight for my vacant belt but I can't get caught up in that because I'm different than anybody he's ever fought. I'm a lot more difficult than he probably thinks."

What skill advantages do you believe you have over your opponent?

RB: "I feel I am the better all-around fighter. I have the reach, height and power over him. I feel he has shown in the past that he can't take a good punch, so we will see if he can take mine."

MB: "I bring it all. I can do everything that can be done in the ring. Every single department, period. I do think he's a good fighter, I give him his props, he's a two-time world champion, but I don't think he can do one thing better than me."

What did you learn from your fight with Denis Shafikov?

RB: "It was a really tough fight and definitely a great learning experience. I made it tougher than it should have been but I had never been in a war like that before and adrenaline kicked in. The blood made me want to dig down and trade with him in the center of the ring and beat him at his own game. It was the first time I had to go down to the trenches and engage in a fight like that but I wanted to do it

to show that not all Cubans are boring and only box around.”

What did you learn from your fight with Miguel Vazquez?

MB: “I found out how good I was because I was able to beat a guy that good with one hand. Going into it I already knew I was going to be fighting with one hand since it had been giving me problems. I couldn’t let both hands go, so I had to strategically land more accurate shots. I couldn’t let it become a high volume fight because I knew I wouldn’t be able to respond with both hands. This is my first fight in four or five years with two good hands, so it’s going to be a completely different ball game.”

What does it mean to you to fight in south Florida in front of your Cuban fans?

RB: “That’s my backyard and it’s another advantage for me. It is like being in a free Cuba pretty much and I don’t think I’ll ever feel as comfortable fighting anywhere else with the majority of the people being there to support me. It means the world to me to be able to fight in front of my fans and my closest friends. It’s the closest thing to being able to fight in my country.”

Are you concerned about fighting on the road in front of a crowd that is expected to be for your opponent?

MB: “They can’t get in the ring for him. It’s just going to be me and him. Nobody can get in the ring and help him. It doesn’t add any pressure. I grew up hard, in a rough neighborhood and I’ve been through a lot so I’m numb to any pressure. I’m just ready to get in the ring with him.”

What are your plans after this fight?

RB: “I will be headed straight to the Cuban Embassy in Washington, D.C. after the fight to try to obtain a visa so I can finally return to Cuba and visit my family that I have not

seen since my defection eight years ago. I thought I would never be able to return but now I will be returning as a two-time world champion with grand dreams of one day headlining the first pro boxing event in Cuba.”

MB: “After this fight I’ll be looking for another big competitive fight. I’m always looking for a challenge. That’s why I’m in this fight.”

Why do you believe you’ll be victorious on June 3?

RB: “I feel I am levels above Mickey Bey in all aspects of the game. I am comfortable with my training and I plan on returning to Miami with my second world title. The adrenaline of fighting in front of my Cuban people will add fuel to my fire and propel me to victory. I am on a mission to be great and leave an imprint in the sport and Mickey Bey is in the way.”

MB: “I’m a better fighter. It’s that simple.”

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**King’s Promotions Thomas “KO”
Snow ready for statement win**

over Del Valle Friday night in Washington, DC

Washington, DC (May 12, 2016)– This Friday night in Washington, DC, Thomas Snow will meet Luis Orlando Del Valle (21-2, 16 KO's) in the co-feature bout of nationally televised show live on BET.

The show is promoted by Roc Nation Sports.

Snow of Washington, DC has a record of 18-2 with 12 knockouts and this is a big opportunity fighting on a big platform.

“Training camp went great. It was a perfect camp and now it is time to do something, and I am going out there to get the win.”

Asked what he knew about Del Valle, Snow did know much other than some basic information.

“Del Valle is a conventional fighter from Puerto Rico. He has a similar record, but hasn't fought many good guys. I saw his fight with (former world champion) Vic Darchinyan. (A fight that Del Valle lost via unanimous decision in 2012).

This is a fight that most boxing experts believe is a crossroads fight, with the winner leaping into contention, but Snow does not feel the pressure of the fight.

“I think he has more to lose than me. I am moving up two weight classes. I would prefer to be fighting at 115 pounds, but the opportunities have been coming at higher weights. With that being said, I don't think he is on my level. So I am confident in this fight and the win will be an awesome breakthrough.”

Despite fighting in his hometown, Snow does not think that plays any part in who will win the fight.

“There is no advantage to that. In boxing, it just takes one punch and that crowd I not help that.”

“I know what I did in training camp and I am prepared. I am not fearful of any man. God blessed me with skills and I am going to do the work. I just know by keeping God in your life, everything will go great for you.”

Said Snow’s promoter, Marshall Kauffman of King’s Promotions, “This is a great opportunity for Thomas. He has shown throughout his career that he has talent. His only losses have been to undefeated guys, but he has had a tremendous camp, and on Friday night he will show that he should be one of the top contenders in the super bantamweight division”

Undefeated Contender Kanat Islam Stops Colombia’s Juan De Angel in Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions: The Next Round On Bounce TV From The Lakeland Center In Lakeland, Florida

LAKELAND, FLORIDA (May 9, 2016) – Undefeated contender Kanat Islam (21-0, 18 KOs) stopped Colombia’s Juan De Angel (18-4-1, 17 KOs) in the sixth round of Sunday night’s main event on Premier Boxing Champions: The Next Round on Bounce TV from the Lakeland Center in Lakeland, Florida.

The rising 154-pounder from Kazakhstan stopped his ninth straight opponent inside the distance when De Angel fell to the canvas twice in round six prompting referee Telis Assimenios to halt the bout 22 seconds into the round.

De Angel appeared to succumb to an ankle injury while taking a step backward that forced him to drop to the canvas. Islam sensed his moment and pounced on the injured brawler to put an end to the bout quickly.

A 2008 Olympic Bronze medalist, Islam was able to navigate around the four-inch reach advantage owned by De Angel and control the fight with his athleticism and powerful right hand. His first headlining appearance was a successful one as he looks to continue to climb the ladder towards a world title.

The co-main event of the evening saw Miguel Cruz (13-0, 11 KOs) take home a split decision victory over Samuel Figueroa (10-1, 4 KOs) in an eight-round back-and-forth battle of unbeaten prospects.

The friends turned rivals brought the action from the beginning as the smaller southpaw Figueroa aggressively attacked the body of Cruz in early exchanges. Cruz's timing improved as the fight went on and his combinations began to land and stunt the attack of Figueroa.

Some of the best back-and-forth action came in round six as both fighters had found their way through the opponent's defense. Cruz used his length to beat Figueroa to the punch, but Figueroa continued to throw punches and do plenty of damage throughout the heated final stanzas.

In a fight that appeared to be an even affair, the judges scores were 77-75 for Figueroa and 78-74 and 77-75 for Cruz to give him the split decision.

In the opening bout of the telecast, super featherweight

Dennis Galarza (13-1, 8 KOs) won his eighth straight fight as he defeated durable Mexican Yardley Suarez (15-4, 9 KOs) over eight hard fought rounds.

Galarza used his length advantage to break Suarez down with his jab and penetrate his defense with various combinations. The Brooklyn-born fighter now training out of Orlando dominated the first half of the fight on his way to the unanimous decision.

Suarez began to pick up the action in the second half of the fight landing several hard punches and challenging Galarza to exchange in the middle of the ring in round five. He landed perhaps the best combination of the fight in round six with a pair of punches that sent Galarza into retreat mode for the remainder of the round.

Overall it was Galarza's output that proved to be the biggest difference as he threw 421 punches to Suarez's 305 on his way to a 117-99 advantage in punches landed. The judges' scores were 77-75 and 78-74 twice for Galarza.

Here is what the fighters had to say Sunday night:

KANAT ISLAM

"It felt good to go to (six) rounds to get the win. My last few opponents didn't put up a fight and challenge me. My team wanted to test me and everything went to plan for what I wanted to do in the ring.

"I boxed, I used my feet, I moved in and out, I set up my power punches and I was able to finish him off. I hope he's OK, I know it's hard to fight with an injury. I hope he recovers soon.

"I saw he was beginning to get tired around round four and knew I had him hurt. That's when I started hitting him with harder punches. I did the work I wanted to do, and then I

wanted to finish him.

“There were a lot of fans from the Kazakhstan community here, a lot of fans who traveled from far places to see me fight. That meant a lot to me. I wanted to make sure they got to see everything I can do in the ring. Now I want them to see me win a world title this year.

“I feel like I can come back tomorrow. I don’t want any longer breaks in my career. I want big fights. Who are the champions? That is who I want to fight.”

MIGUEL CRUZ

“I know that I won the fight in the end, but it was a hard fight, a very tough fight. I was landing the cleaner shots but there were times where he was putting the pressure on me. He hurt me with body shots and he actually managed to hurt me in the last round with a right hook. I recognized when he hurt me and I hit him and hurt him right back. I had him hurt a couple of times.

“I knew he was a tough guy from when we fought in the amateurs and from when we sparred together. He made me bring something out of me that I didn’t even know I had and I appreciate him for that.

“This was the toughest fight of my career. Right now, I want to rest and relax, but within the next 2-3 months I’ll start looking at the guys that can get me closer to a world title.

“The fight’s over, we can absolutely go back to being friends. It’s business. They told us we had to fight each other. We’re better fighters for it and now it’s over and back to the way it was between us as far as I’m concerned.”

SAMUEL FIGUEROA

“I didn’t think Miguel won the fight but that’s how the judges seen that. I don’t know how, but I can’t do anything about

that. The first rounds I hit him clear in the face, Miguel only caught me with a couple of clean shots but I was catching a lot of his punches with my hands and elbows. I don't know how I lost this fight.

"I love fighting unbeaten opponents. I train with champions in the gym, I have the resources to get me ready for these fights.

"Yes of course we go back to being friends. Nothing personal. He's my friend. We're cool."

DENNIS GALARZA

"It felt good to go eight rounds. I didn't mind going rounds, although I wanted to take him out. He was throwing a lot of wild shots just looking to catch me with a lucky blow. He caught me with some good shots but he never had me hurt. I train with southpaws all the time and was ready for anything Yardley Suarez had to offer.

"I want to come back as soon as possible. Whatever my team has in store for me, I'll be ready."

YARDLEY SUAREZ

"I had him hurt but feel like I let the opportunity get away from me. I wasn't busy enough; I need to let my hands go more. My corner told me that I needed a knockout to win. I went for it, but I couldn't slow him down and land enough punches.

"I want to stay on this level, I could have done more but know that I can compete with the best."

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Back with Marshall Kauffman, Featherweight Dat Nguyen has title aspirations

LAKELAND, FLA. (May 8, 2016) – TONIGHT in Lakeland, Florida, featherweight Dat Nguyen returns to the ring after a 31-month layoff when he takes on Gustavo Molina (22-10, 9 KO's)

In the main event, unbeaten super welterweight and Olympic Bronze medalist Kanat Islam (20-0, 17 KOs) will take on Colombian brawler Juan De Angel (18-3-1, 17 KOs) in the 10-

round main event of Premier Boxing Champions: The Next Round on Bounce TV taking place Sunday, May 8 from Lakeland Events Center in Lakeland, Florida.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King's Promotions, are priced at \$100, \$75 and \$50 and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.thelakelandcenter.com or by calling 888-397-0100 and from the Lakeland Center Box Office by calling 863-834-8111 or visiting between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/PT and features a pair of exciting undercard battles as unbeaten prospects Miguel Cruz (12-0, 11 KOs) and Samuel Figueroa (10-0, 4 KOs) compete in an eight-round super welterweight showdown while featherweight prospect Dennis Galarza (12-1, 8 KOs) faces Mexico's Yardley Suarez (15-3, 9 KOs) in an eight-round bout.

Nguyen of Vero Beach, Florida hasn't had the typical layoff of getting out of shape and thinking about missed opportunities.

"I have been training the whole time. I own a gym here in Vero Beach and I have been training people for the past six years, so I have been in shape. Sure it is not professional competition but I am able to stay busy and am ready for the fight on Sunday," said Nguyen. "I haven't fought in a while, but I have no fear of ring rust. I been sparring and going through boxing techniques the whole time."

Nguyen was cruising along as a heralded prospect at 11-0 before losing a split decision to Gregorio Torres. Nguyen then won six straight before dropping back to back fights to Luis Del Valle and future world title challenger Jayson Velez.

"The first loss was a bad decision. The second loss, I was so winded after five rounds that I don't know what happened. The third loss to Velez, I also thought that I won that fight. I just think under better circumstances that I would have won

those fights. I know a lot of good stuff was said about me on the way up and I still think that I am championship material. I just have not had that opportunity.”

To gain that opportunity, Nguyen turned to the man, who turned him professional twelve years ago in King’s Promotions Marshall Kauffman.

“Marshall is a father figure to me. He trained me in 2004 and twelve years later I am back with him. I have learned the business and now I am with a good promoter. If I would have stayed with Marshall, I would be world champion. I have the skills and Marshall knows boxing. Now that I am back with him, he will get me that opportunity. I live a clean and healthy life and now it is time that I reach my potential as a boxer.”

Also on the card:

In an eight-round bout, Alantez Fox (18-0, 7 K0’s) of Forestville, MD takes on Milton Nunez (35-15-1, 29 K0’s) of Barranquilla, COL in a middleweight bout.

In four-round bouts:

Antonio Tarver Jr. (3-0, 2 K0’s) of Tampa, FL will fight Jose Cortez (1-1) of West Palm Beach, FL in a middleweight bout.

In a junior welterweight battle, Nestor Bravo (5-0, 5 K0’s) fights Daniel Lorenzano (4-7-1, 2 K0’s) of Miami, FL.

Efrain Cruz (4-0-1, 1 K0) of Vieques, PR will fight Irvin Hernandez (3-14-2, 1 K0) of Caguas, PR in a junior welterweight bout.

Botirsher Obdidov (4-0-1, 1 K0) of Kissimmee, FL take on Hakeem Atkinson (2-2, 2 K0’s) of Atlanta, GA in a super middleweight bout.

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Miguel Cruz 146.6 – Samuel Fugueroa 146.6

Dennis Galarza 130.4 – Yardley Suarez 132.2

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