

# **WBO JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPION ANGELO LEO TAKES ON UNBEATEN RISING STAR STEPHEN FULTON JR. LIVE ON SHOWTIME® SATURDAY, JANUARY 23**

NEW YORK – January 12, 2021 – In the long-awaited battle between undefeated rising junior featherweight stars, WBO 122-pound World Champion Angelo Leo meets Stephen “Cool Boy” Fulton Jr., in the main event of the first SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING telecast of 2021 Saturday, January 23 at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT live on SHOWTIME from Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn., in a Premier Boxing Champions event.

The co-main event pits two moretor undefeated 122-pound boxers against each other as Ra’ese Aleem and Victor Pasillas face off in a 12-round bout for the interim WBA title. The telecast opener features rising prospect Rolando Romero against Justin Pauldo in a 12-round lightweight bout for Romero’s interim WBA title. The combined ring record of the six fighters on the card is a remarkable 96 wins with just one loss.

The event is promoted by Mayweather Promotions and TGB Promotions.

“We’re rolling straight into 2021 ready to keep creating as many opportunities as we can for our fighters,” said Leonard Ellerbe, CEO of Mayweather Promotions. “Angelo Leo and Rolando Romero will both be defending their titles for the first time and will be put to yet another test in their respective bouts. Everyone has been working hard and fine-tuning in preparation for January 23, and it’s going to be another great night of boxing filled with very exciting talent to kick off the new

year.”

“Leo vs. Fulton is a true 50-50 matchup between two rising stars entering the primes of their careers,” said Tom Brown, President of TGB Promotions. “Fulton’s chance at capturing the title was delayed but his opportunity finally comes January 23 on SHOWTIME. Leo worked incredibly hard to capture the world championship in August and will come prepared and determined to defend it successfully.

“The super bantamweight division will have a clear world title contender emerge from the co-main event, a battle of unbeatens between Aleem and Pasillas. Add in the opening bout of ‘Rolly’ Romero vs. Justin Pauldo, a fight that can launch a prospect into a contender, and we have an excellent fight card to kick off the year.”

Leo (20-0, 9 KOs), who fights out of the Mayweather Promotions stable, became the first world champion from his hometown of Albuquerque, N.M., since legendary three-division champion Johnny Tapia when he defeated Tramaine Williams by unanimous decision in August. The 26-year-old was originally scheduled to face Fulton for the vacant WBO junior featherweight world title that evening in the first SHOWTIME boxing event following the pandemic shutdown of the sport, but Fulton was forced to withdraw following a positive COVID-19 test.

“It’s been a crazy year for everyone but to say I walked out of 2020 a world champion is truly incredible and humbling,” said Leo. “I spent 16 years training for that moment to become a champion, and here I am, preparing for my next camp for my first defense top of 2021. That’s a blessing, and I thank Mayweather Promotions and my team for that. My experiences with Floyd last camp going to really put me in a great position going into this fight.

“My father Miguel has been instrumental in keeping me grounded and reminding me that all of these fighters are eyeing my

spot. My goal in 2021 is to remain champion and get more belts and Fulton is that next test.”

Born and raised in West Philadelphia, Pa. Fulton (18-0, 8 KOs) has faced impressive competition in his young career while rising up the 122-pound ranks, where he is currently rated No. 1 by the WBO. In his last 12 professional fights, the 26-year-old has beaten seven unbeaten fighters, including Josh Greer, Adam Lopez and Luis Saul Rosario. Fulton’s two most recent wins are a knockout over Isaac Avelar in August 2019 before most recently scoring a dominant 12-round unanimous decision victory over Arnold Khegai in January.

“Training is going great,” said Fulton. “I feel like everything happens for a reason because I’m 10 times more ready now than I was the first time around. I’m excited to fight for the title and I expect nothing but Angelo Leo to be himself and fight his fight on January 23.”

Ranked in the top-10 by the WBA and IBF at 122 pounds, Aleem (17-0, 11 KOs) can take a big step closer to a world title shot when he faces fellow unbeaten Pasillas for the interim WBA strap on January 23. Raised in Michigan and training out of Las Vegas, Nev., Aleem, 30, has stopped his past six opponents inside the distance as he continues to step up his competition.

“This is a high-stakes fight and the winner will get a guaranteed world title fight,” said Aleem. “It’s going to be a good fight, but I am at the top of the heap. I knew I belonged at the top a long time ago and after my last fight that was proven. Winning this fight makes me the number-one contender, and the only thing left after this is to win the world title.”

Pasillas (15-0, 8 KOs), who hails from East Los Angeles, is fresh off a dominating sixth-round knockout over then-unbeaten Ranfis Javier Encarnacion in September 2020 which launched him into the WBA’s top-10 rankings. Like Aleem, the 28-year-old

Pasillas also carries significant power. He has stopped his four most recent foes including a first-round knockout of Ernesto Guerrero.

"I've envisioned being in this position since I first stepped into a boxing gym at age eight and now it's time to seize the moment," said Pasillas. "I'm going to take full advantage of this opportunity and show the world, and everyone watching on SHOWTIME, that I belong on the big stage with the elite fighters at super bantamweight. Aleem is a good fighter, but he won't be able to hang with me. I'm going to punish him until I knock him out. East L.A. in the house, let's go!"

Born and raised in Las Vegas, Nev., Romero (12-0, 10 KOs) returns to SHOWTIME following his controversial unanimous decision victory over Jackson Martinez in August. The 25-year-old captured the interim WBA lightweight title with that win and went the distance for just the second time in his professional career. Fighting under the Mayweather Promotions banner, Romero has been matched tough early in his career with just two losses among his four most recent opponents including the once-defeated Pauldo.

"I'm going to approach this fight like I do any other fight, I don't feel the need to sell myself," said Romero. "I'm thankful for my fans who have been with me since day one. I fight for them, because a fan of Rolly is to be an underdog, to be doubted, and that's all I have ever been. Whether you're with me on January 23 or against me, I know you will be watching."

Following an impressive unanimous decision victory over a tough Josec Ruiz in August 2020, Pauldo (14-1, 7 KOs) returns against the stiffest test of his career when he faces blue-chip prospect Romero. Hailing from Orlando, Fla. and training in Houston, Texas, Pauldo, 26, owns a four-inch reach advantage over Romero, who is the third unbeaten foe of his career.

“I’m thankful for this opportunity and I’m excited for all of my years of hard work to pay off on January 23,” said Pauldo. “I was already training and in shape when I got the call for this fight, so I’m going to be 100% on fight night. Romero is a one-gear type of fighter who comes straight forward. I believe that I have the better skills and am the better all-around fighter. This is definitely going to be an interesting fight with contrasting styles, and I can’t wait to show off my skills and bring this title home.”

Veteran sportscaster Brian Custer hosts the SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING telecast while versatile combat sports voice Mauro Ranallo handles blow-by-blow action alongside Hall of Fame analyst Al Bernstein and former junior middleweight world champion Raúl “El Diamante” Marquez. Two Hall of Famers round out the telecast team: boxing historian Steve Farhood as unofficial scorer and world-renowned ring announcer Jimmy Lennon Jr. The executive producer is four-time Emmy® award winner David Dinkins, Jr. The director is Bob Dunphy, son of legendary Hall of Famer Don Dunphy. Alejandro Luna and Felix DeJesus will serve as expert analysts in Spanish on Secondary Audio Programming (SAP).

For more information visit [www.SH0.com/sports](http://www.SH0.com/sports), [www.PremierBoxingChampions.com](http://www.PremierBoxingChampions.com), follow on Twitter @ShowtimeBoxing, @PremierBoxing, @MayweatherPromo and @TGBPromotions on Instagram @ShowtimeBoxing, @PremierBoxing, @MayweatherPromotions and @TGBPromotions or become a fan on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/SH0Boxing](http://www.Facebook.com/SH0Boxing).

# # #

---

# Stephen Fulton looks to stay undefeated Tuesday night in Bethlehem

Philadelphia, PA (September 24, 2018) Tomorrow night, undefeated featherweight prospect Stephen Fulton takes the next step towards being recognized as one of the emerging stars of the division when he takes on Esteban Aquino (12-5, 7 KOs) at The Sands Bethlehem Event Center.

The bout will be part of a ten-bout card promoted by King's Promotions.

The main event will feature an eight-round junior welterweight battle between Anthony Mercado (11-4, 9 KOs) of Puerto Rico battling Victor Vazquez (10-4, 3 KOs) of Yonkers, New York.

Fulton of Philadelphia has an impressive mark of 13-0 with six knockouts.

In an era where most prospects do not see a serious challenge until they have fought more than 20 bouts, Fulton on the other-hand has already defeated five undefeated foes.

"Everything is good, I am ready to fight on Tuesday night," said Fulton.

The 24 year-old Fulton doesn't know too much about Aquino, but he is not taking him lightly.

"I don't know much about him. I tried to fight some tape, but there wasn't anything on him. This is not the 1st time that I have not seen my opponent, but it doesn't mean that I won't get the job done."

With the quality wins already on his resume, Fulton feels the time for a big opportunity is in the future.

"I feel as though my time is now. I can see myself fighting for, and winning a world title in either 2019 or early 2020."

Fulton believes that being from one of boxing hotbed cities in Philadelphia is a bonus as he can get great sparring with top-notch fighters.

"It helps being from Philadelphia. It makes a big impact that a lot of great fighters are from here. Sure there is a little pressure when you start winning to become the next champion, but it also makes you a better fighter."

"Tuesday night, I am looking to show my skills and show separation that will let everyone know that I am on another level. I just want to continue to progress as I have some good fights lined up after this. The fans should just stay tuned as I am almost there."

In six-round bouts:

Raeese Aleem (11-0, 5 KOs) of Las Vegas takes on Alcides Santiago (6-2, 5 KOs) of Arecibo, Puerto Rico in a super bantamweight bout.

Joe Hanks (22-2, 14 KOs) of Newark, NJ will take on Terrance Marbra (9-6, 7 KOs) of Saint Petersburg, FL in a heavyweight contest.

Eric Spring (10-2-2, 1 KO) of Reading PA fights James Robinson (5-11-5, 1 KO) of York, PA in a super welterweight fight.

Colby Madison (6-0-2, 4 KOs) of Owings Mills, MD risks his undefeated mark against Nicoy Clarke (2-1) of Jersey City, NJ in a heavyweight fight.

Money Powell (7-0, 4 KOs) of Fort Mitchell, AL squares off with Josue Obando (16-22-1, 12 KOs) of Jaisco, MEX in a middleweight bout.

Michael Coffie (3-0, 2 KOs) of Brooklyn, NY will fight Curtis

Head (4-2, 3 KOs) of Southfield, MI in a heavyweight fight.

Kenny Robles (3-1, 1 KO) of Staten Island, NY will fight Corey Gulley (2-2-2) of Killeen, TX in a junior welterweight fight.

In a four-round bout, Martino Jules (4-0) of Allentown, PA will fight Felix Sosa (1-0, 1 KO) of Jersey City, NJ in a battle of undefeated featherweights.

Monday, September 24th-WEIGH IN (All Times Eastern)

6:00 pm Weigh-in

Location: Berks Conference Room

77 Sands Blvd.,

Bethlehem, PA 18015

5:30 p.m. Media Arrival

6:00 p.m. Fighters on the scale

Tuesday, September 25th-FIGHT NIGHT

6:30 p.m. Fight Night

Location: Sands Bethlehem Event Center

77 Sands Blvd,

Bethlehem, PA 18015

5:30 p.m. Doors Open

6:30 p.m. 1st bout

7:00 p.m. FightNight Live stream begins

Media Credentials are to be picked up at table at the backstage entrance of The Sands Bethlehem Event Center

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

---

# **Anthony Mercado takes on Victor Vazquez in main event on Tuesday, September 25th at The Sands Bethlehem Event Center**

Bethlehem, PA (August 27, 2018) – Super Lightweight's Anthony Mercado and Victor Vazquez will headline a big night of boxing on Tuesday, September 25th at The Sands Bethlehem Event Center.

The nine-bout card is promoted by King's Promotions.

Mercado of Arecibo, Puerto Rico has a record of 11-4 with nine knockouts.

The 24 year-old is a six-year professional, who won his first 10 bouts. Mercado holds a 3rd round stoppage over previously undefeated Tyrone Crawley, Jr. (7-0) on March 2nd. In his last bout, Mercado dropped an eight-round unanimous decision to undefeated Mykal Fox on May 11th in Philadelphia.

Vazquez of Yonkers, New York has a record of 10-4 with three knockouts.

The 22 year-old Vazquez is a four-year professional, and has built a reputation as being an upset specialist.

Vazquez has wins over Bievenido Diaz (2-0), Jerome Conquest (6-1), Ricardo Garcia (14-0) and David Gonzales (8-2-2). In his last bout, Vazquez was stopped by Josue Vargas on April 21st in Brooklyn.

In a 10-round co-feature, undefeated featherweight Stephen Fulton will see action against an opponent.

Fulton of Philadelphia has a record 13-0 with six knockouts.

The 24 year-old Fulton has showed a willingness to take on all comers as evidenced by wins by his wins over Sam Rodriguez (3-0), Joshua Greer , Jr. (3-0-1), Adalberto Zorilla (6-0), Luis Rosario (8-0-1), Adam Lopez (8-0), & and his bout when he took out Jesus Ahumada on June 16th in Frisco, Texas.

In six-rounds bouts:

Joe Hanks (22-2, 14 KOs) of Newark, NJ battles Terrance Marbra (9-6, 7 KOs) of Saint Petersburg, FL in heavyweight bout.

Erik Spring (10-2-2, 1 KO) of Reading, PA battles James Robinson (5-11-5, 1 KO) of York, PA in a super welterweight bout.

Colby Madison (6-0-2, 4 KOs) of Owings Mills, MD takes on Nicoy Clark (2-1) of Jersey City, NJ in a heavyweight bout.

Kenny Robles (3-1, 1 KO) of Staten Island, NY fights Lennard Davis (3-1-3, 2 KOs) of Oakland, CA in a junior welterweight bout.

Michael Coffie (3-0, 2 KOs) of Brooklyn, NY takes on Curtis Head (4-2, 3 KOs) of Southfield, MI in a heavyweight attraction.

In four-round bouts:

Martino Jules (4-0) of Allentown, PA battles Bryann Perez (2-11-1, 1 KO) of Carolina, PR in a featherweight contest.

Paul Koon (3-0, 1 KO) of Philadelphia, PA fights Langston Campbell (1-0-1) of Cincinnati, OH in a heavyweight fight.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King's Promotions, are priced at \$50, \$75 and \$100, not including

applicable service charges and taxes and are on sale now. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). To charge by phone call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000.

---

# **Unbeaten Contender Mario Barrios Takes On Naim Nelson in Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 & BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday, September 19 From Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa.**

BETHLEHEM, PA. (September 5, 2017) – Unbeaten rising contender Mario Barrios (19-0, 11 KOs) will battle Naim Nelson (13-3, 1 KO) in a 10-round super lightweight bout that headlines Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 and BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday, September 19 from Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa.

Televised coverage begins at 10 p.m. ET/7 p.m. PT and will feature an eight-round matchup between unbeaten featherweight prospects Stephen Fulton (11-0, 5 KOs) and Adam Lopez (8-0, 3 KOs) plus undefeated prospect Earl Newman (10-0, 7 KOs) taking on Paul Parker (8-2, 4 KOs) in an eight-round light

heavyweight attraction.

"I'm thrilled to be fighting once again on FS1 and FOX Deportes, especially as the main event," said Barrios. "I have a tough hometown fighter in Naim Nelson standing in my way. My goal is to be explosive and give the fans a great performance. I'm very thankful for all the opportunities that have come my way and I'm going to take full advantage of the situation come fight night."

"I am at a different stage of my career now," said Nelson. "I have experienced losses, but I learned you have to keep on fighting. I am the best and most experienced guy Barrios has fought. He's is a good fighter and has a good coach in Virgil Hunter. He is tall and that's what jumps out about him. But being tall is not everything. I am training hard and I expect a great fight from him."

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

A tall fighter for his division at more than six feet, the 21-year-old Barrios picked up seven victories in a jam-packed 2015 in which he stopped five opponents inside the distance and followed it up in 2016 with three more victories, including a 12-round decision over Devis Boschiero in July. The San Antonio native began his 2017 campaign with a stoppage victory over Yardley Suarez on the Keith Thurman vs. Danny Garcia undercard in Brooklyn in March and followed it up with a knockout victory over Jose Luis Rodriguez in June. He makes his third appearance on FS1 and FOX Deportes on September 19 and his first as the main event.

The 27-year-old Nelson won his first 12 pro fights before dropping a decision to former world champion Mickey Bey in

December 2015 but bounced back with a decision victory over Carlos Velasquez. Fighting out of nearby Philadelphia, Nelson has recently challenged top contender Alejandro Luna and last fought in Bethlehem against Tre'Sean Wiggins in April.

Born and raised in West Philadelphia, Fulton defeated previously unbeaten Luis Rosario in April after a 2016 that saw him stop then unbeaten Adalberto Zorrilla and Cristian Renteria. The 23-year-old is unbeaten since turning pro in 2014 and will be looking to make it a perfect 12 wins in 12 pro starts when he enters the ring on September 19.

The 21-year-old Lopez has beaten fighters with a combined record of 13-0-1 in his last three fights including a victory in July over Paul Romero. Fighting out of Glendale, Calif., Lopez has picked up four victories this year as he prepares for his toughest opponent to date and his first fight on the east coast.

A former New York Golden Gloves champion, Newman has shown impressive power in stopping seven of his first ten opponents since turning pro in 2014. The 26-year-old out of Brooklyn is coming in off of a victory over then once-beaten Leo Hall and a stoppage over Dustin Craig Echard last year. Newman has fought professionally since 2014 and won his first eight fights in his first two years as a pro.

Representing Toledo, Ohio, Parker has challenged top contenders Sullivan Barrera and Vyacheslav Shabransky sandwiched around a victory over Lionell Thompson in 2016. The 32-year-old has fought professionally since 2012 and won his first seven fights before stepping up in competition.

# # #

Fans can live stream the fights on FOX Sports GO, available in English or Spanish through the FS1 or FOX Deportes feeds. The fights are available on desktop at FOXSportsGO.com and through the app store, or connected devices including Apple TV,

Android TV, Fire TV, Xbox One and Roku. In addition, all programs are also available on FOX Sports on SiriusXM channel 83 on satellite radios and on the SiriusXM app.

For more information visit [www.premierboxingchampions.com](http://www.premierboxingchampions.com) <http://www.foxsports.com/presspass/homepage> and [www.foxdeportes.com](http://www.foxdeportes.com).

Follow on Twitter @PremierBoxing, @FS1, @FOXDeportes and @Swanson\_Comm and become a fan on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/PremierBoxingChampions](http://www.Facebook.com/PremierBoxingChampions), and [www.facebook.com/foxdeportes](http://www.facebook.com/foxdeportes). Highlights available at [www.youtube.com/premierboxingchampions.PBC](http://www.youtube.com/premierboxingchampions.PBC) on FS1 & FOX Deportes is sponsored by Corona Extra, La Cerveza Mas Fina.

---

## **Super Featherweight Contender Edner Cherry Wins Tough Decision Over Omar Douglas in Main Event of Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 & BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday Night from Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa.**

BETHLEHEM, PA. (April 5, 2017) – Former title challenger Edner Cherry (36-7-2, 19 KOs) won a competitive decision over Omar

Douglas (17-2, 12 KOs) in the main event of Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 and BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday night from Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa.

Cherry came out aggressive from the opening bell, landing a strong left hook and backing up Douglas early and often over the first few rounds. Douglas attempted to control the fight with his jab and movement and had some success moving his head to avoid many of the power punches from Cherry.

Douglas did well as he increased his attack to the body in the middle rounds and continued to move backward to avoid the power punches being thrown by Cherry. The differing styles left the judges with a decision to make in weighing the movement and technique of Douglas versus the aggression of Cherry.

In the end, the consistency of Cherry's attack, who frequently targeted Douglas with combinations to the head, was more effective in the minds of the judges. The final score totals were 98-92 and 96-94 twice for Cherry.

Additional action featured Philadelphia's Stephen Fulton (11-0, 5 KOs) earning a unanimous decision over previously unbeaten Luis Rosario (8-1-1, 7 KOs) in their eight-round super bantamweight contest.

Rosario was the more aggressive fighter in the early rounds, but it was Fulton who timed his opponent first and built up an early lead with a combination of check hooks and power punches. Fulton was patient against the attack-minded Rosario and was able to counter effectively while avoiding Rosario's power punches.

Fulton continued to have success in the middle rounds as Rosario's attack slowed, but the Puerto Rican fighter came out with an increased level of aggression in round seven and tagged Fulton during several exciting exchanges.

Despite the increasing pressure, Fulton was able to stay composed and fend off Rosario over the final two rounds on his way to winning a unanimous decision by scores of 78-74, 79-73 and 80-72.

The opening bout of the telecast saw Bethlehem's Frank DeAlba (22-2-2, 9 KOs) score a unanimous decision over Ryan Kielczweski (26-3, 8 KOs) in an eight-round super featherweight bout.

The hometown fighter got off to a slow start as Kielczweski appeared to control the early rounds using his movement and tagging the southpaw with right hands. DeAlba began to work on the inside of his opponent and found more success starting in the fourth round.

Once he had closed the distance, DeAlba began to land hooks to the head and smothered much of Kielczweski's offense. With an increased emphasis on body-punching in the late rounds, DeAlba turned the tide of the fight in the judges' minds and earned a unanimous decision by scores of 77-75 twice and 80-72.

Here is what the fighters had to say Tuesday night:

EDNER CHERRY

"I take my hat off to Douglas. I thought I pulled out the victory. I tried to press for it but it was a back and forth fight.

"I'm excited to get the win. I beat a great young fighter. I hate when people say I'm old because I work harder than these young fighters. I drive an hour and a half to the gym every day to do this.

"I'm looking for big things. I want to be great and I want the biggest fights out there. I believe I'm going to get a significant fight."

OMAR DOUGLAS

"I didn't lose that fight. Period.

"The fight went how I expected it would in the ring. I've always been a fan of his. I feel like I fight great competition and I was able to out box him with my jab. He tried to bait me in and I showed I was the better boxer."

STEPHEN FULTON

"I feel good winning my first eight-round fight and televised bout. I feel great after that performance. The fight went exactly how I thought.

"I knew he would try to drop combinations on me, but I worked my jab and moved so I would not be in a straight line for his left hand."

LUIS ROSARIO

"Fulton is a good boxer. He did not want to fight man-to-man, but he moved well. He was shying away from exchanging with me.

"I thought it was a close fight that could have gone either way. I blocked a lot of his punches with my gloves."

FRANK DEALBA

"It was a great fight. He is a tough fighter and I felt I did enough to get the decision. I out boxed him. He was just looking for one big shot.

"Hopefully this win gets me to another level. He has fought really good opponents, so a win over him gets me to fight bigger fights. I was in great shape. I saw he was tiring and I thought that was the difference."

RYAN KIELCZESKI

"It was a good fight for me and I stuck to my game plan. In the seventh round he hit me with a body shot and knocked the wind out of me.

“It was a close fight but I thought I won 5-3. I could have lived with a draw. He got the close rounds, but every round? Come on.”

In non-televised action:

Jimmy Kelleher took a four-round unanimous decision over Jose Valderrama in a super middleweight bout.

Kelleher, 164 lbs of Scranton, PA won by scores of 40-36 on all cards and is now 4-0. Valderrama, 165.5 lbs of Manati, PR is 5-19.

Thomas Velasquez won a six-round unanimous decision over Wilfredo Garriga in a lightweight bout.

Velasquez, 135 lbs of Philadelphia won on all cards by 58-56 scores, and is now 8-0. Garriga, 132.8 lbs of Juana Diaz, PR is 3-6-1.

Gregory Clark stopped Devin McMaster in the fourth and final round of their middleweight bout.

Clark dropped McMaster in round two, and finished him off with a flurry of punches at 1:28 of round four.

Clark, 157.4 lbs of Washington, DC is 2-1 with one knockout. McMaster, 154.5 lbs of Allentown, PA is 1-1.

Hector Bayanilla and Jordan Peters rumbled to an entertaining four-round draw in a super featherweight bout.

Bayanilla took a card 39-37, while two judges saw it even at 38-38.

Bayanilla, 124.4 lbs of Allentown, PA is 1-0-1. Peters, 123.7 lbs of Washington, DC is also 1-0-1.

Tre'Sean Wiggins scored a five-round technical unanimous decision over Naim Nelson after Nelson was cut over his right eye by an accidental headbutt.

In round four, Nelson started to bleed from over his right eye, and the fight was halted.

Wiggins, 142 lbs of Newburgh, NY won on all cards 50-45, and is now 8-3. Nelson, 138.9 lbs of Philadelphia is 13-3.

Ryan Wilczak remained undefeated with a 2nd round stoppage over Courtney McCleave in a scheduled four-round super middleweight bout

In round two, Wilczak landed a left hook that put McCleave on the deck. McCleave was bleeding from his nose, and his right eye closed severely. Wilczak dropped him for a 2nd time at the end of the round and he could not beat the count at 3:06.

Wilczak, 160.5 lbs of Scranton, PA is 3-0 with 2 knockouts. McCleave, 164.5 lbs of Concord, NC is 2-7.

# # #

Fans can live stream the fights on FOX Sports GO, available in English or Spanish through the FS1 or FOX Deportes feeds. The fights are available on desktop at FOXSportsGO.com and through the app store, or connected devices including Apple TV, Android TV, Fire TV, Xbox One and Roku. In addition, all programs are also available on FOX Sports on SiriusXM channel 83 on satellite radios and on the SiriusXM app.

For more information visit [www.premierboxingchampions.com](http://www.premierboxingchampions.com)  
<http://www.foxsports.com/presspass/homepage> and  
[www.foxdeportes.com](http://www.foxdeportes.com).

Follow on Twitter @PremierBoxing, @FS1, @FOXDeportes and @Swanson\_Comm and become a fan on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/PremierBoxingChampions](http://www.Facebook.com/PremierBoxingChampions), and [www.facebook.com/foxdeportes](http://www.facebook.com/foxdeportes). Highlights available at [www.youtube.com/premierboxingchampions](http://www.youtube.com/premierboxingchampions). PBC on FS1 & FOX Deportes is sponsored by Corona Extra, La Cerveza Mas Fina.

---

# **Naim Nelson – Tre’Sean Wiggins highlights packed non-televised undercard on Tuesday night at the Sands Bethlehem Event Center**

Bethlehem, PA (April 3, 2017)–Naim Nelson will battle Tre’Sean Wiggins in a super lightweight bout scheduled for eight-rounds which will be the featured non-televised bout on a a jam-packed 10 bout card will feature some of the best fighters in the Lehigh Valley on Tuesday, April 4th at the Sands Bethlehem Events Center.

Former title challenger Edner Cherry (35-7-2, 19 KOs) and once-beaten Omar Douglas (17-1, 12 KOs) appear in the main event in a 10-round lightweight bout that headlines Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 and BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes.

Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and features an eight-round showdown between unbeaten featherweight prospects Stephen Fulton (10-0, 5 KOs) and Luis Rosario (8-0-1, 7 KOs) plus Bethlehem’s Frank DeAlba (21-2-2-, 9 KOs) taking on Massachusetts-native Ryan Kielczweski (26-2, 8 KOs) in an eight-round super featherweight attraction.

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

Nelson of Philadelphia has a record of 13-2 with one knockout.

The 26 year-old Nelson is a six-year professional who won his first 12 bouts with wins over Korey Sloane (1-0), Esteban Rodriguez (5-1-1) and Jerome Rodriguez (6-0-3).

The only two blemishes on the resume of Nelson are decisions losses to former world champion Mickey Bey (21-1-1) and to Alejandro Luna (20-0). Nelson took the Luna bout on less than 24 hours notice.

Wiggins of Newburgh, New York has a record of 7-3 with six knockouts.

Like Nelson, Wiggins is also 26 years-old, and has a 1st round stoppage over future world champion Jason Sosa.

Wiggins is coming off a eight-round unanimous decision loss to undefeated Mykal Fox (12-0) on February 11th,

In a six-round bout, Thomas Velasquez (7-0, 5 K0's) of Allentown, PA will take on Wilfredo Garriga ((3-5-1, 2 K0's) of Juan Diaz, PR in a super featherweight battle.

In four-round fights:

Jimmy Kelleher (3-0, 3 K0's) of Scranton, PA will fight pro debuting Jose Valderrama (5-18, 3 K0's) of Manati, PR in a super middleweight bout.

Ryan Wilczak (2-0, 1 K0) of Scranton, PA will tussle with Courtney McCleave (2-6, 1 K0) of Concord, NC in a middleweight bout.

Devin McMaster (1-0) of Allentown, PA will take on Gregory Clark (1-1) of Washington, DC in a super middleweight bout.

Hector Bayanilla (1-0, 1 K0) of Allentown, PA will fight Jordan Peters (1-0, 1 K0) of Washington, DC in a super featherweight bout.

Juan Sanchez (2-0, 1 KO) of Allentown, PA squares off with Edgar Cortes (3-4) of Vineland, NJ in a featherweight bout.

EDNER CHERRY vs. OMAR DOUGLAS MEDIA SCHEDULE

\*All Times Are Eastern\*

Monday, April 3

6:00 p.m. OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Location: Berks Room (Located inside Sands Bethlehem Events Center)

77 Sands Blvd.; Bethlehem, PA 18015

5:30 p.m. – Media Arrival

6:00 p.m. – Fighters to scales

Tuesday, April 4

5:30 p.m. SANDS BETHLEHEM EVENTS CENTER DOORS OPEN

Location: 77 Sands Blvd.; Bethlehem, PA 18015

6:30 p.m. FIRST BOUT

9:00 p.m. FS1 & FOX DEPORTES BROADCAST BEGINS

CREDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION

Fight night credentials can be picked up on Tuesday, April 4 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Backstage Entrance. Proper personal photo ID (Driver's license or passport) is required for credential pick-up.

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

---

# Former Title Challenger Edner Cherry and Once-Beaten Omar Douglas Training Camp Quotes

BETHLEHEM, PA. (March 31, 2017) – Former title challenger Edner Cherry (35-7-2, 19 KOs) and once-beaten Omar Douglas (17-1, 12 KOs) made their final camp statements before engaging in a 10-round lightweight bout that headlines Premier Boxing Champions TOE-T0-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 and BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes, Tuesday, April 4 from Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa.

Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and features an eight-round showdown between unbeaten featherweight prospects Stephen Fulton (10-0, 5 KOs) and Luis Rosario (8-0-1, 7 KOs) plus Bethlehem's Frank DeAlba (21-2-2-, 9 KOs) taking on Massachusetts-native Ryan Kielczweski (26-2, 8 KOs) in an eight-round super featherweight attraction.

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

Cherry of Wauchula, Florida has had a smooth camp while training in the Sunshine State and is ready for the 46th start of his professional start.

"Everything is good, and we will be prepared for everything on April 4th," said the 34-year-old Cherry.

"On April 4th, whatever Douglas brings, we will be prepared for. This is not the first time, that I've been in this position. He is the guy who has to prove he can perform. I have been there before, so the pressure is on him."

Cherry has been a top contender at both the 130 and 135 pound divisions, and he even challenged for a world title at 140 pounds. He believes there are many reasons that he has remained a viable contender who has only lost once in the last nine years and 13 fights.

“I am motivated and I believe in myself,” said Cherry. “Those are the reasons that I am still here at the top of the 130 and 135 divisions. My family gives me drive every day. April 4th will be another great fight. This is my job and I have to go out and do it well.”

Cherry believes a win should gain him another crack at a world title.

“A win definitely puts me ahead. It will open doors for better fights and better paydays. A title shot is what I want. But also a bigger money fight that will take care of my family.”

Douglas has been training at home in Delaware, has been working hard for this fight, which could be a breakthrough fight on the heels of his narrow defeat to former world champion Javier Fortuna last November.

“Everything is great. This has been a long camp. I have been getting great work,” said the 26- year-old Douglas.

“I am the better fighter. I have known about him for a long time. I watched him a lot when he fought on Friday Night Fights.”

That fight with Fortuna was a major step up, and Douglas had a lot of positive moments, as he dropped the former champion in the 1st round, only to lose by three points on two cards and one point on a third card.

“The Fortuna fight let me know and let the people know that Omar Douglas is a world class fighter. Even in a loss, people did not expect me to do well. I thought that I showed a lot

that night and I will carry that confidence into this fight on April 4th.”

Douglas believes that a win over Cherry is his path to a world title.

“I think that it is time. I just happen to be crossing paths with Cherry. This fight makes sense for me. I will let people know that I am player at 130 pounds, and a win will earn me a title shot. I have shown that I will fight anyone. Look at the records of my previous opponents. Fortuna was 30-1 and one fight removed from being a world champion. Alexei Collado was 19-1; Frank De Alba was 17-1. So wins over those guys plus Cherry should have me right there, but I am focusing on Edner Cherry. He is a great veteran, but on Tuesday night I will be victorious.”

# # #

Fans can live stream the fights on FOX Sports GO, available in English or Spanish through the FS1 or FOX Deportes feeds. The fights are available on desktop at FOXSportsGO.com and through the app store, or connected devices including Apple TV, Android TV, Fire TV, Xbox One and Roku. In addition, all programs are also available on FOX Sports on SiriusXM channel 83 on satellite radios and on the SiriusXM app.

For more information visit [www.premierboxingchampions.com](http://www.premierboxingchampions.com)  
<http://www.foxsports.com/presspass/homepage> and  
[www.foxdeportes.com](http://www.foxdeportes.com).

Follow on Twitter @PremierBoxing, @FS1, @FOXDeportes and @Swanson\_Comm and become a fan on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/PremierBoxingChampions](http://www.Facebook.com/PremierBoxingChampions), and [www.facebook.com/foxdeportes](http://www.facebook.com/foxdeportes). Highlights available at [www.youtube.com/premierboxingchampions](http://www.youtube.com/premierboxingchampions). PBC on FS1 & FOX Deportes is sponsored by Corona Extra, La Cerveza Mas Fina.

---

# **Former Title Challenger Edner Cherry Takes On Once-Beaten Omar Douglas in Lightweight Clash That Headlines Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 & BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday, April 4 From Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa.**

BETHLEHEM, PA. (March 22, 2017) – Former title challenger Edner Cherry (35-7-2, 19 KOs) will meet once-beaten Omar Douglas (17-1, 12 KOs) in a 10-round lightweight bout that headlines Premier Boxing Champions TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 and BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes Tuesday, April 4 from Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa.

Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and features an eight-round showdown between unbeaten featherweight prospects Stephen Fulton (10-0, 5 KOs) and Luis Rosario (8-0-1, 7 KOs) plus Bethlehem's Frank DeAlba (21-2-2-, 9 KOs) taking on Massachusetts-native Ryan Kielczweski (26-2, 8 KOs) in an eight-round super featherweight attraction.

"I have to give Omar Douglas credit for taking this fight,"

said Cherry. "We're both very hungry, so I think this is going to be entertaining for the fans. Omar is coming off of a loss so I know he needs this win. We both come with speed and power. It's going to be fireworks on April 4."

"I'm looking forward to a great fight on April 4," said Douglas. "I have a good experienced opponent in front of me. This fight will show my full arsenal, because I know he's going to bring pressure. I can box or come forward. I plan to use my jab to win rounds and get this victory."

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

Cherry, of Wauchula, Fla., enters this fight after a victory of Haskell Rhodes in June of last year and is 11-1 since 2009. His only blemishes since 2007 are losses to Timothy Bradley and Paulie Malignaggi at 140-pounds and his title challenge in 2015 against Jose Pedraza in which he dropped a split decision. Cherry, who was born in the Bahamas, owns victories over Vicente Escobedo, Monte Meza Clay and Wes Ferguson and will look to take down another contender on his way to another title shot.

Fighting out of Wilmington, Delaware, Douglas looks to bounce back after losing a narrow decision to former world champion Javier Fortuna in November. The 26-year-old impressed in his previous two outings when he defeated De Alba in a step up fight in 2015 and followed it up with a seventh round knockout of Alexei Collado in June 2016. Douglas has had his last five fights in Pennsylvania after an amateur career that saw him become a five-time Pennsylvania Golden Glove champion.

Born and raised in West Philadelphia, Fulton is coming off of a 2016 that saw him stop previously unbeaten Adalberto

Zorrilla and Cristian Renteria. The 22-year-old is unbeaten since turning pro in 2014 and will be looking to make it a perfect 11 wins in 11 pro starts when he enters the ring on April 4.

A pro since 2013, Rosario fights out of Cidra, Puerto Rico and was unbeaten in his first six bouts before making his U.S. debut in June 2015 with a third-round knockout of Aaron Hollis in Alabama. He followed that up in Cincinnati with a fourth-round stoppage of Aaron Hollis and most recently he won an eight-round decision over Saul Hernandez.

The 29-year-old De Alba had a 19 fight unbeaten streak snapped in December 2015, when he dropped a narrow majority decision to unbeaten Omar Douglas, but he has rebounded with four straight victories since. His last win came over German Meraz in February and he will be fighting for the fourth time at Sands Bethlehem on April 4.

A runner-up in the 2008 National Golden Glove tournament, the 27-year-old Kielczweski has an exciting style and always makes competitive fights. Born and raised in Quincy, MA., he won his first 22 pro fights and enters this contest a winner of four of his last five outings. Most recently he scored a first round knockout over Francisco Medel in December 2016.

# # #

Fans can live stream the fights on FOX Sports GO, available in English or Spanish through the FS1 or FOX Deportes feeds. The fights are available on desktop at FOXSportsGO.com and through the app store, or connected devices including Apple TV, Android TV, Fire TV, Xbox One and Roku. In addition, all programs are also available on FOX Sports on SiriusXM channel 83 on satellite radios and on the SiriusXM app.

For more information visit [www.premierboxingchampions.com](http://www.premierboxingchampions.com)  
<http://www.foxsports.com/presspass/homepage> and  
[www.foxdeportes.com](http://www.foxdeportes.com).

Follow on Twitter @PremierBoxing, @FS1, @FOXDeportes and @Swanson\_Comm and become a fan on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/PremierBoxingChampions](http://www.Facebook.com/PremierBoxingChampions), and [www.facebook.com/foxdeportes](http://www.facebook.com/foxdeportes). Highlights available at [www.youtube.com/premierboxingchampions](http://www.youtube.com/premierboxingchampions). PBC on FS1 & FOX Deportes is sponsored by Corona Extra, La Cerveza Mas Fina.

---

# **Unbeaten Featherweight Prospect Stephen Fulton Takes on Mexico's Christian Renteria on Premier Boxing Champions on ESPN & ESPN Deportes Saturday, July 2 From Santander Arena in Reading, PA.**

READING, PA. (June 28, 2016) – Unbeaten featherweight prospect Stephen Fulton (9-0, 4 KOs) takes on Mexico's Christian Renteria (5-2, 4 KOs) in a six-round featherweight attraction as part of Premier Boxing Champions on ESPN & ESPN Deportes Saturday, July 2 from Santander Arena in Reading, PA.

PBC on ESPN & ESPN Deportes action is headlined by unbeaten lightweight contender Jamel Herring squaring-off against former title challenger Denis Shafikov in a 10-round bout. Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT and features undefeated Polish prospect Patryk Syzmanski battling former

title challenger "Silky" Wilky Campfort.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King's Promotions, are priced at \$20, \$35, \$55 and \$75, and are on sale now via Ticketmaster.

Additional action will see local contender Frank DeAlba (18-2-2, 7 KOs) taking on veteran Colombian Jonathan Perez (35-14, 28 KOs) in an eight-round super featherweight bout while former world champion Kermit Cintron (36-5-2, 28 KOs) takes on Puerto Rico's Carlos Garcia (10-15-1, 8 KOs) in eight-rounds of junior middleweight action and local prospect Erik Spring (7-1, 1 KO) against Pennsylvania's James Robinson (3-4-2, 1 KO) in a six-round welterweight battle.

Rounding out the night of fights are unbeaten prospect Chordale Booker (2-0, 2 KOs) in a four-round super welterweight contest against Kevin Womack (7-11-3, 5 KOs), local super welterweight Miguel Martinez (1-1) in a four-round bout against Philadelphia's Antonio Allen (0-1), the pro debut of New Jersey's Kashon Hutchinson in a four-round super lightweight attraction against Robert Ramos (1-4-1, 1 KO) and the pro debut of New Jersey's Christian Carto in a four-round flyweight contest against Rahkeam Parker (0-2).

Born and raised in West Philadelphia, Fulton is coming off of a fourth-round stoppage of previously unbeaten Adalberto Zorilla in April. The 21-year-old is unbeaten since turning pro in 2014 and will be looking to make it a perfect 10 wins in 10 pro starts when he enters the ring on July 2. He will be opposed by the Tijuana, Mexico-native Renteria who enters the ring coming off of back-to-back knockout victories.

For information visit [www.premierboxingchampions.com](http://www.premierboxingchampions.com), follow on Twitter @PremierBoxing, @JamelHerring, @KingsBoxing, @ESPNBoxing and @Swanson\_Comm and become a fan on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/premierboxingchampions](http://www.facebook.com/premierboxingchampions). Highlights available to embed at [www.youtube.com/premierboxingchampions](http://www.youtube.com/premierboxingchampions). PBC on

ESPN is sponsored by Corona Extra, La Cerveza Mas Fina.

---

# **Unbeaten Prospect Stephen Fulton Takes On Undefeated Adalberto Zorilla & Super Featherweight Contender Frank DeAlba Returns To Battle Veteran Mexico's Daniel Perales**

BETHLEHEM, PA. (April 15, 2016) – Undefeated super bantamweight prospect Stephen Fulton (8-0, 3 KOs) faces undefeated Puerto Rican Adalberto Zorilla (5-0, 5 KOs) and local super featherweight contender Frank DeAlba (17-2-2, 6 KOs) faces Mexico's Daniel Perales (6-4-1, 3 KOs) as part of an exciting undercard on Tuesday, April 19 from Sands Bethlehem Events Center in Bethlehem, Pa.

Premier Boxing Champions (PBC) TOE-TO-TOE TUESDAYS on FS1 and BOXEO DE CAMPEONES on FOX Deportes is headlined by lightweight contender Ivan Redkach (19-1, 15 KOs) will facing off against Puerto Rico's Luis Cruz (22-4, 16 KOs). Televised coverage begins ay 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT with brawling 160-pound prospect Immanuwel Aleem (15-0, 9 KOs) taking on Jonathan Cepeda (17-1, 15 KOs) while Dominican Olympian Junior Castillo (9-0, 9 KOs) faces Delaware's Kyrone Davis (10-0, 4 KOs).

Fulton and Zorilla will square-off in a six-round super

bantamweight bout while DeAlba and Perales meet in six-rounds of super featherweight action.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King's Promotions in association with DiBella Entertainment, are priced at \$108, \$83 and \$58, not including applicable service charges and taxes and are on sale now. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). To charge by phone call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000.

Further action will feature a pair of Pennsylvania prospects in their pro debuts as Harrisburg's Dustin Pague takes on Philadelphia's Rafael Davis in a four-round welterweight fight, super welterweight Nicholas Hernandez (3-1, 1 K0) in a six-round bout against Newark's Jamil Gadsden (0-6), Philadelphia's Emmanuel Folly (6-0, 4 K0s) in four-rounds of lightweight action and St. Louis-native Vincent Cruz (9-0, 6 K0s) in eight rounds of super lightweight action against Allentown's Jerome Rodriguez (7-3-3, 2 K0s).

At just 21-years-old, the rising prospect kept busy in 2015 as he picked up five victories including his last out in Bethlehem where he defeated previously unbeaten Joshua Greer. The Philadelphia-product will look to open his 2016 with a victory over the unbeaten Zorilla out of Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

The 28-year-old De Alba had a 19 fight unbeaten streak snapped in his last outing in which he dropped a narrow majority decision to unbeaten Omar Douglas. Originally from Bayamon, Puerto Rico but now fighting out of nearby Reading, Pennsylvania, he'll battle the 24-year-old Perales out of Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

For more information visit [www.premierboxingchampions.com](http://www.premierboxingchampions.com)  
[www.sandseventcenter.com](http://www.sandseventcenter.com),  
<http://www.foxsports.com/presspass/homepage> and  
[www.foxdeportes.com](http://www.foxdeportes.com).

Follow on Twitter @PremierBoxing, @IRedkach, @FS1, @TheSBEC,

@FoxDeportes and @Swanson\_Comm and become a fan on Facebook at  
[www.Facebook.com/PremierBoxingChampions](http://www.Facebook.com/PremierBoxingChampions),  
[www.facebook.com/foxdeportes](http://www.facebook.com/foxdeportes) and [www.Facebook.com/the SBEC](http://www.Facebook.com/the SBEC).  
Highlights available at  
[www.youtube.com/premierboxingchampions](http://www.youtube.com/premierboxingchampions).