

THREE 154-POUND WORLD CHAMPIONS DEFEND IN HIGH STAKES SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING[®] TRIPLEHEADER SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 LIVE ON SHOWTIME[®] FROM BARCLAYS CENTER IN BROOKLYN

Presented by Premier Boxing Champions & Headlined by Erislandy Lara Defending Title Against Unbeaten Terrell Gausha; Also Features Unbeaten Champion Jermell Charlo Against Top Challenger Erickson Lubin, and Jarrett Hurd in First Defense Against Former World Champion Austin Trout

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BROOKLYN (Aug. 30, 2017) – A trio of 154-pound world champions will defend their titles as part of a SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING tripleheader headlined by Erislandy Lara defending against undefeated Terrell Gausha, in an event presented by Premier Boxing Champions on <u>Saturday, October 14 live on SHOWTIME (10 p.m.</u> <u>ET/7 p.m. PT)</u> from Barclays Center, the home of BROOKLYN BOXING[®].

The card, promoted by DiBella Entertainment and TGB Promotions, will feature four undefeated 154-pound boxers and will pave the way for an undisputed king of the 154-pound division.

Erislandy "The American Dream" Lara (24-2-2, 14 KOs), generally recognized as the best boxer in the super welterweight division and its longest reigning champion, will defend his title against undefeated 2012 U.S. Olympian **Terrell Gausha** (20-0, 9 KOs).

In the co-main event, hard-hitting unbeaten champion **Jermell "Iron Man" Charlo** (29-0, 14 KOs) takes on top contender **Erickson "Hammer" Lubin** (18-0, 13 KOs) while **"Swift" Jarrett Hurd** (20-0, 14 KOs) will make his first title defense against tough former world champion **Austin "No Doubt" Trout** (30-3, 17 KOs).

"On October 14 at Barclays Center, three world champions will be defending their belts, on SHOWTIME, in a night of tremendous super welterweight action," said Lou DiBella, President of DiBella Entertainment. "Long reigning Cuban Erislandy Lara takes on undefeated Olympian Terrell Gausha and newly crowned Jarrett Hurd faces respected former world champion Austin Trout. This card also features one of the best matchups that can be made between two undefeated fighters, champion Jermell Charlo and young sensation Erickson Lubin."

"This is a blockbuster card for boxing fans," said Tom Brown, President of TGB Promotions. "The 154-pound division is full of talent and this card is loaded with the best champions and top-ranked contenders in the division. The guy who will be the eventual king of the division is fighting on this show and the fans will be treated to matches that will determine who that unified champion will be."

Tickets to the event are on sale now and start at \$50 (not including applicable fees). Tickets can be purchased at ticketmaster.com, barclayscenter.com or by calling 800-745-3000. Tickets can also be purchased at the American Express Box Office at Barclays Center/ Discounts are available by calling 844-BKLYN-GP.

"We are thrilled to continue our best year yet of BROOKLYN BOXING with our fifth major boxing event of 2017," said Brett Yormark, CEO of Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment. "We always aim to deliver fight fans an evening packed with top-notch matchups from start to finish, and this card certainly does that."

Lara, a 34-year-old Cuban southpaw, owns victories over Trout, Alfredo Angulo and a slew of former champions and top contenders in addition to a controversial split decision loss to Canelo Alvarez on the way to cementing his credentials as the top boxer in the division. Lara will make the seventh defense of his world title as he continues to train with renowned trainer Ronnie Shields.

"I'm very excited to be making another title defense back on SHOWTIME headlining a great tripleheader," said Lara. "This is an interesting fight versus an undefeated U.S. Olympian in Terrell Gausha. I know he will be ready because it's his opportunity to beat the best fighter in the division and become a champion. But come fight night, he will quickly realize and know why I'm the consensus No. 1 super welterweight in the world. After this performance, I look forward to, one-by-one, adding a WBC and IBF title to my collection."

The 29-year-old Gausha, of Cleveland, Ohio, earned a shot at the world title with solid victories in his last two matches. He won a hard-fought decision over Steven Martinez last August and followed it up with another impressive victory over Luis Hernandez on Feb. 10. Lara figures to be his toughest battle in his pro career that dates back to 2012.

"I've been talking about this since I was a three-year-old watching Muhammad Ali on television," said Gausha. "I'm here now and blessed for this opportunity. Lara's a tough fighter, champion and the best opponent I'll fight on paper. He's been in with the bigger names. But the better the opponent, the better I am, and I'm coming to dethrone him. He's crafty, but the world hasn't seen all that I can bring to the table. I'll make adjustments on the fly and do things that I've never shown before. Seeing other Olympic team members win titles gives me motivation to earn the victory and the notoriety I've been looking for."

Charlo of Houston, Texas will be making the second defense of his title, which he won by knockout victory over John Jackson on May 21, 2016. The 27-year-old Charlo successfully defended the title with a highlight reel knockout victory over fellow Texan Charles Hatley on April 22 at Barclays Center. He and his twin brother, Jermall, both held world titles at 154-pounds, before Jermall relinquished his title to move up to 160 pounds. Charlo now trains in Dallas with Derrick James, trainer of world champion Errol Spence Jr.

"Lubin is young and hungry and I know he always comes to fight, but there's a reason why I'm where I am in the sport," said Charlo. "I've been through the trenches and I don't plan to stop anytime soon. This is what boxing always needs -- two young, undefeated fighters willing to risk their '0'. But I think it's a little early for Lubin to step in the ring with me, and I plan on keeping my title. October 14 I'll show everyone why I'm a world champion."

Lubin, 21, is nicknamed "The Hammer" because of his power in both hands and his ability to bring a quick conclusion to every match. Lubin of Orlando, Fla., has picked up 10 victories since the beginning of 2015 including seven knockouts on his way to contender status. Lubin most recently scored a sensational knockout of Jorge Cota in a title eliminator in March at Barclays Center.

"This is a fight for the fans," said Lubin. "You have an undefeated champion against an undefeated Prospect of the Year. I'm very excited to be fighting for the belt and it's truly been a dream of mine ever since I first got into boxing. Come fight night, Charlo will either give it to me or I'm going to rip the belt out of his hands. Many fans and reporters have said that he's one of the best, and that will make it even sweeter. My mentality will be to seek and destroy, so everyone tune-in to SHOWTIME on October 14, you will witness boxing's new superstar!"

Hurd, 26, will be making the first defense of the title that he won with a KO victory over Tony Harrison on Feb. 25. Fighting out of Accokeek, Maryland, Hurd soared up the rankings with stoppage victories over previously unbeaten fighters Frank Galarza and Oscar Molina at Barclays Center plus veteran Jo Jo Dan.

"I got a Trout to catch," said Hurd. "His losses have all been to top champions Canelo Alvarez, Erislandy Lara and Jermall Charlo. But I'm on a streak of six straight knockouts and Trout has never been stopped, so I'm looking for the stoppage to make a statement that the other fighters couldn't make. This is definitely my toughest fight, and I didn't have to take it since it's a voluntary defense. But I wanted this fight to stop Austin Trout, proving to the fans and people in general I'm the real deal and a true champion."

Trout, a 31-year-old southpaw from Las Cruces, New Mexico, has faced some of the top 154-pound boxers in the division. He defeated Miguel Cotto in New York to win a title in 2012 and has close losses to Canelo Alvarez and Lara on his resume. In his most recent attempt at winning the title, Trout gave Jermall Charlo perhaps the toughest test of his career after looking impressive in four straight victories leading up to the challenge.

'What a blessing it is to have this opportunity at a world title shot," said Trout. "I want to thank everyone who has been in my corner to help get me career defining fights. It's refreshing to see young champions showing heart and testing their skill with the best in the game. With that said, salute to Hurd for allowing this fight to go through."

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Former Title Challenger Tony Harrison Returns to Action to Take on Mexico's Paul Valenzuela Jr. Saturday, October 14 from Barclays Center in Brooklyn

Plus! Featherweight Champion Cindy Serrano Enters the Ring & Unbeaten Local Prospects Richardson Hitchins, Julian Sosa & Chordale Booker Feature on Exciting Night of Undercard Attractions

BROOKLYN (September 25, 2017) - Former title challenger **Tony Harrison** (24-2, 20 KOs) will return to the ring in a 10-round middleweight bout against **Paul Valenzuela Jr.** (20-5, 14 KOs) as part of an exciting night of undercard bouts on Saturday, October 14 from Barclays Center, the home of BROOKLYN BOXING[™].

Additional action will see featherweight world champion **Cindy Serrano** (26-5-3, 10 KOs) from Brooklyn making her Barclays Center debut in an eight-round special attraction bout.

The Premier Boxing Champions event is headlined by **Erislandy** "**The American Dream**" Lara defending against undefeated **Terrell Gausha** in the main event of SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING. Coverage on SHOWTIME begins live at 10 p.m. ET/7 p.m. PT and features hard-hitting unbeaten champion **Jermell** "**Iron Man**" **Charlo** taking on top contender **Erickson** "**Hammer**" Lubin and "Swift" Jarrett Hurd making his first title defense against tough former world champion **Austin** "**No Doubt**" **Trout**.

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A trio of exciting local prospects will compete in their hometown as 2016 Haitian Olympian **Richardson Hitchins** (2-0, 1 KO) fights in a four-round welterweight bout, Brooklyn's **Julian Sosa** (9-0-1, 3 KOs) enters the ring for a six-round welterweight attraction and unbeaten prospects square-off for eight rounds of super welterweight action as Brooklyn's **Chordale Booker** (7-0, 4 KOs) meets **Malcolm McCallister** (9-0, 8 KOs). Rounding out the night of fights are **Justin Hurd** (3-0, 3 KOs), brother of 154-pound champion Jarrett, in a six-round super welterweight bout against Georgia's **Steven Andrade** (3-2, 2 KOs) and unbeaten **Dylan Price** (3-0, 3 KOs) in a four-round junior bantamweight affair.

The 27-year-old Harrison scored an explosive ninth-round stoppage of Sergey Rabchenko last July at Barclays Center to earn his world title shot earlier this year in which he lost a spirited contest against Jarrett Hurd. The Detroit-native was unbeaten in his first 21 pro fights, recording 10-straight knockouts between 2013 and 2015 and owns victories over Cecil McCalla, Fernando Guerrero and Tyrone Brunson over his sevenyear pro career. He will take on the 30-year-old Valenzuela Jr. out of Baja California Sur, Mexico who has won three of his last four contests.

The older sister of five-division champion Amanda, Cindy became a world champion last year when she defeated Calixta Silgado to capture the WBO Featherweight World Championship. Born in Puerto Rico but raised and fighting out of Brooklyn, she defended her title successfully in May by defeating Paola Torres. Serrano is unbeaten in her last 12 contests dating back to 2012 and will be making her Barclays Center debut on October 14.

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Erislandy Lara vs. Terrell Gausha; Jermell Charlo vs. Erickson Lubin; Jarrett Hurd vs. Austin Trout SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING[®] Tripleheader Press Conference Quotes & Photos

Presented by Premier Boxing Champions Saturday, October 14 from Barclays Center in Brooklyn

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BROOKLYN (September 6, 2017) - Six of the top 154-pound fighters in the world spoke to media in Brooklyn Wednesday ahead of their respective Saturday, October 14 showdowns featured in a SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING tripleheader live on SHOWTIME from Barclays Center, the home of BROOKLYN BOXING[®].

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Here is what the press conference participants had to say Wednesday:

ERISLANDY LARA

"I like to do my talking in the ring. On October 14 that's exactly what I'm going to do. It's an honor to be headlining on SHOWTIME and we're looking forward to a great fight.

"I'm excited to be part of this huge card. This is a great event. These are the best guys in the division. It's a pleasure to be the main event and I look forward to putting on a show.

"Gausha is a good fighter. He's an Olympian and a guy who wants to win and become world champion. I know what that feels likes, but I also know what it takes. We'll see how it plays out on October 14.

"I'm excited for this fight. I've beat champions, former champions and now I'll add an Olympian. After I take care of business I look forward to unifying the division.

"My prayers and my thoughts are with everyone down in Houston. I have family and friends who were affected. It's a sad situation, but Houston has to be strong. That's why I'm going to have "Houston Strong" on my trunks because we all need to stick together and unite. That's the way we'll make it through."

TERRELL GAUSHA

"I was extremely excited to get the call for this fight. I've been working for this my whole career and it's a great opportunity. Lara is considered to be the best in the division and I want to fight the best. Now is my time.

"I'll have to make adjustments in there. Obviously with Lara you have to cut the ring off. We have a game plan that I'm going to go in there and execute on October 14.

"I'm fighting a tough competitor. He's crafty. We all know he has skills. But I've prepared for this and I'm going to do what I have to do. I like to do my talking in the ring and I'll leave it all on the line on fight night.

"I'm a more mature fighter now. I'm a true professional. I've been through some things in my career that have helped me leading up to this fight. I'm well-seasoned and ready for the test.

"I'm training with my coach Manny Robles in Norwalk, California and it's been going really well. We're adding a few things for this fight but mostly just putting in the same hard work that we always do.

"I'm blessed to be in this position. I feel like all my hard work is paying off now that I'm on a big card like this. I worked hard and I deserve this chance."

JERMELL CHARLO

"I'm honored to be in Brooklyn. This is another exciting fight card like the last card I was on here. I did what I had to do in April. I let the opponent run his mouth and then I took care of him. I'm going to let that happen again.

"I have to take advantage of this opportunity. I know that I have a lot of advantages but I just need to go seize the moment. He's a tough, strong fighter who's going to be ready to take my title.

"It's interesting to see a guy as young as he is come for a world title. I've been here a long time in the pro game. It's a big stage for both of us. I've fought a lot of tough guys up to this point. This is what I've been preparing for.

"I want to fight Jarrett Hurd after this. I'd also like to get an opportunity to unify against Miguel Cotto. I want to show the old guard that the Charlo twins are as good as anyone.

"I got my hands full with Ericskon Lubin and I know he comes to fight. He's a dog, but I'm an animal as well. I'm going to step up and do what I've done each time before.

"I'm doing this for Houston. Houston is going through a lot. My friends and family are all affected. It really doesn't seem real to me. I'm ready to help however I can."

ERICKSON LUBIN

"This is the fight I asked for. I said I wanted to go the WBC route and when it was officially announced I was really excited. I've been training for this since my last fight. I'm even more motivated now to go get the belt.

"I've been sparring with bigger guys. Guys who throw one-two combos like Jermell. I'm getting prepared mentally and physically for this fight.

"Jermell has some power. He moves pretty well, but I'll be prepared for everything. Whether he pressures or boxes me I'll be prepared.

"I laugh at people who say this is too soon for me. Mike Tyson was 19 when he dared to be great. This is the perfect time for me to show that I'm not a regular 21-year-old.

"This is a stacked card we have here and I'm ready to showcase my talent. I want to prove I'm the best in this division. I think we're bringing back the era of all fighters going out there and giving it their all each time they step into the ring. I always steal the show and I'm planning to do that October 14."

JARRETT HURD

"It means everything to be defending my belt on a card like this. I fought here at Barclays Center on the Keith Thurman vs. Shawn Porter undercard so to be back here against a veteran in Austin Trout is great. I can't wait to put on a show.

"We're going to have two buses of fans coming up here. The 'Swift' fans will be in the house. It's going to be a great atmosphere on fight night.

"In my last bout, Tony Harrison won some early rounds by boxing me, so we've known that my next opponent is going to try to outbox me. We expect him to move around and use the ring against me.

"This has been a long training camp. We've had this bout set for a long time. We're more than prepared.

"We've been training to catch a 'Trout.' We'll put the bait out there and let him come in. If he doesn't take the bait, we'll step right in the water and get him out of there.

"I'm going to keep the pressure on him. I'm planning on attacking the body and making sure I cut off the ring. He's going to be on the move so I have to be prepared.

"My fans can expect a stoppage on October 14. He's got three losses against great opponents but none have been able to stop him. I'm going to separate myself by being the first to do it."

AUSTIN TROUT

"This is going to put me back to where I belong. Right back on top. This is for my legacy so this is of the utmost importance.

"It's an honor to be on a card like this. I'm blessed to be a part of this great lineup of fighters. This place is the new hotspot of boxing and I can't wait to perform.

"Hurd is tall, he's a big guy who I think is going to come forward. We're preparing for the best possible Hurd that there could be.

"I'm ready to take my career to a whole new level. I've been in big fights, but none like this. There is so much riding on this fight. He wants to make a name for himself off of my name.

"He didn't have to take this fight and I'm happy he did. But he messed up. I'm leaving the ring with his belt and his '0.' I want to stake my claim as the best in the division.

"I'm coming home as a world champion. I'll be a two-time world champion who's going to unify this division. I'm going to have my hand raised at the end of the night."

LOU DIBELLA, President of DiBella Entertainment

"This is going to be a sensational show. If you're a boxing fan this is going to be an amazing show. It's going to bring some clarity to the division with six talented guys matching off. It's a boxing fan's fight and it's priced that way.

"What boxing needs is the best matchups. Boxing needs shows like this. These are the kind of shows that SHOWTIME has been showing for the last few years. There is no question that they're the number one network in boxing.

"This card is about finding out who will be the last man standing in the 154-pound division. It starts on October 14 and it'll all go down on SHOWTIME."

STEPHEN ESPINOZA, Executive VP & General Manager, SHOWTIME Sports

"Last week we had the world's attention for an unprecedented event in Mayweather vs. McGregor. What this sport needs to do to continue to expand is to follow that up with

high quality boxing matchups. That's why this card is so important. It was critical that we had a top to bottom high quality card to capture those people who started paying attention to boxing on Aug. 26.

"Over the last couple of years, SHOWTIME along with Barclays Center and DiBella Entertainment have brought fans the biggest and best fights in boxing. This might be the highest quality card from top to bottom since we started working with Barclays Center.

"This tripleheader will be the 18th, 19th and 20th world title fights this year on SHOWTIME. More than anyone else. More important and meaningful fights than anyone else. This is a talent-rich division we've been showcasing for years.

"I've never had any doubts about boxing's future. Boxing is very healthy. All you have to do is look at these six fighters in their prime, taking on top competition. I know that this sport is in very good health."

BRETT YORMARK, CEO of Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment

"It has been an incredible year for BROOKLYN BOXING. Probably the best since we opened Barclays Center. On October, 28, we will celebrate our fifth anniversary. We're very committed to boxing, not only showcasing the best and brightest talent, but to use it as a platform for those who aspire to get in this ring. We're committed to their futures.

"There are a lot of championships on the line which should make it a great night. All of these fights promise to bring action to our great fans. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 14th."

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Erislandy Lara vs. Terrell Gausha Training Camp Notes

Super Welterweight Title Fight Headlines SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING Tripleheader Saturday, October 14 from Barclays Center in Brooklyn & Presented by Premier Boxing Champions



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BROOKLYN (October 2, 2017) - WBA Super Welterweight World Champion **Erislandy "The American Dream" Lara** will defend his belt for the fifth time, and the first against an unbeaten opponent, when he battles 2012 U.S. Olympian **Terrell Gausha** in the headlining fight of a SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING tripleheader on Saturday, October 14 from Barclays Center, the home of BROOKLYN BOXING[®]. Coverage on SHOWTIME begins live at 10 p.m. ET/7 p.m. PT and features hard-hitting unbeaten champion **Jermell "Iron Man" Charlo** taking on top contender **Erickson "Hammer" Lubin** and **"Swift" Jarrett Hurd** making his first title defense against tough former world champion **Austin "No Doubt" Trout**.

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Here is what the fighters had to say from their respective training camps:

ERISLANDY LARA

(24-2-2, 14 KOs) From Guantanamo, Cuba & Training with Ronnie Shields in Houston

Q. How has training camp gone? Has it been affected by the Hurricanes and what is your message for the people effected in your training home in Houston and home in Miami?

"Training camp is going smooth as always. A lot of hard work has been put into the camp. As far as the Hurricanes, it flooded bad in the areas close to our gym, but we were only gone for a couple of days. The roads to the gym were flooded, so we couldn't go to the gym on those days. I just want to say I'm praying for all those affected by the hurricanes in both Houston and Miami."

Q. What do you know about Gausha and what kind of problems does he present? What do you have to be prepared to do to get the win?

"Gausha is a very good fighter. I know he was an Olympian and is currently undefeated as a professional. There's nothing he does that I haven't already seen. So, I'm just going to stick to my game plan and listen to my corner. If I stay composed I will be able to put on the performance I'm looking for."

Q. What does it mean to you to be on a card with all of these 154-pound champions and top contenders? How important is it to make a statement to the rest of the division?

"It's a great honor, especially since I'm in the main event. It shows I'm the top fighter in the division. Getting the win by all means necessary will be my statement. If I get the knockout, it will be icing on the cake as the say here in the U.S."

Q. What do you think is the significance of you being the longest-reigning 154pound champion? If you're able to win on October 14 what fights in the division do you want to make in the future?

"It means a lot. I have a goal to break the record, held by Gianfranco Ross, for most title defenses at 11. But I'll always be ready to fight anyone they put in front of me. I want big

challenges so I would love to fight with GGG or Canelo, and I would also jump at the chance to unify against Cotto or Hurd."

TERRELL GAUSHA

(20-0, 9 KOs) From Cleveland, Ohio & Training with Manny Robles in Norwalk, California

Q. How has training camp gone so far? Who have you been sparring with and what have they been able to do to prepare you for Lara? Have you tried anything new this training camp?

"Training has been great. We've been at it for 10 weeks. I've been sparring with good partners, even though I can't pronounce most of their names. We brought in a bronze medalist from the 2012 Olympics, Chris Pearson and a great Nigerian fighter as well. They're defensively skilled and as close as we could find to Lara's style. He's hard to mimic, but they're close. We're not really doing anything new, just working more rounds. I've done lots of 12-rounders in sparring, but we'll save the rest of our secrets for fight night."

Q. What does it mean to you to fight for a world title for the first time? Is there extra motivation from seeing other 2012 Olympians who've picked up titles?

"It's a blessing and a dream come true. I've been working on this since I first laced up the gloves. Not everyone gets this shot and I plan on taking full advantage. Those guys from the 2012 Olympics are my brothers. We talked about things like this back at the Olympics. Then they went out and showed me it's possible. I want to be the next one to pick up a title to fulfill my promise too."

Q. What kind of problems does Lara present in the ring? How do you prepare for his skill set and what he does well in the ring?

"I've been watching Lara for a while. I know he's a mover. Guys like that are slick and he's a good counter-puncher. He's a crafty veteran and has fought a lot of top guys. But I have a lot of experience myself. I'm undefeated and it's my time."

Q. What does it mean to you to be part of a tripleheader with the top talent in the division? How important is it to take advantage of this opportunity and put on the best performance possible?

"Being involved in this lets me know where I'm at. Not just anybody got on this card. We earned our way here and this night will open up other big fights in the division. There's no pressure for me, though. I put in all the hard work at the gym. On fight night, I just let things flow."



Top 154-Pound World Champions & Contenders Break Down Matchups Ahead of Saturday, October 14 SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING[®] Tripleheader from Barclays Center in Brooklyn

Premier Boxing Champions Event Features Erislandy Lara vs. Terrell Gausha, Jermell Charlo vs. Erickson Lubin & Jarrett Hurd vs. Austin Trout 154-Pound World Title Fights

BROOKLYN (October 10, 2017) - As fight night nears, six of the top 154-pound world champions and contenders shared their thoughts and analysis of the high stakes matchups taking place Saturday, October 14 in a SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING tripleheader from Barclays Center, the home of BROOKLYN BOXING[®].

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Here is how the fighters see the other the action going this Saturday night in Brooklyn:

ERISLANDY LARA

"Charlo vs. Lubin is really a great title fight between two tremendous fighters. Charlo is going to have his hands full with Lubin. I think Jermell is going to come out on top with a close, split-decision win.

"Austin Trout is a great fighter, but I think that Jarrett Hurd is too young and too strong for him. That's going to be another going to be a good fight but I'm picking Hurd by a unanimous decision."

TERRELL GAUSHA

"It's really hard for me to predict these fights. All six of us are going to leave everything in the ring to seize this opportunity. May the best man win.

"No matter who wins this fight, I want the other winners next. I'm extremely confident and my goal is to prove I'm the best in this division. That means I'm going to have to go through whoever else wins on this night."

JERMELL CHARLO

"Experience is going to be the key on October 14. The fighters who use their experiences to their advantage will prevail.

"If Jarrett Hurd gets by Austin Trout, I definitely would fight him next. Unification is on my mind and I think that would be a fight a lot of people would want to see. We'll see who is able to come out on top when we're all in the ring."

ERICKSON LUBIN

"I really think Hurd vs. Trout is a 50-50 fight. If Trout can box for 12-rounds and not get tired the way Tony Harrison did, I think he'll win the fight. But if he slows down in the later rounds, I think Hurd will probably take over and stop him.

"I'm expecting Lara to get the win. No disrespect to Gausha, I know he's going to come hungry and try to take the title. But the skills and experience of Lara I think will make the difference."

JARRETT HURD

"Gausha is going to have to keep a high pace and stay in Lara's face all night, because you know that Lara is going to use the ring. In the end I think Lara is just on a different level than what Gausha has faced. I think Lara will win by decision.

"Charlo vs. Lubin is really a 50-50 fight. Lubin is the faster and sharper fighter, but Charlo is more mature. I would have to lean towards Charlo on this one because he's been on this stage and been in title fights before. We don't really know what Lubin can do yet so I give Charlo the slight edge but it's really close."

AUSTIN TROUT

"This is really a great night of guys putting it all on the line in tough fights. I'm expecting these to be hard-fought and close bouts. You really can't know who the winner is until the fight starts, so I think it'll be exciting for the fans.

"My focus is full on Jarrett Hurd. Boxing has tried to write me off but I'm not going anywhere. I'm a true warrior. I'm ready and if I can get that belt, I'm ready to face any of the other winners as soon as possible to prove that I'm the best."

ERISLANDY LARA

QUICK FACTS

- Full Name Erislandy Lara
- Nickname The American Dream
- **Height** 5-9
- Weight 154 (Super Welterweight)
- Date of Birth April 11, 1983
- Hometown Guantanamo, Cuba
- **Record** 24-2-2, 14 KOs

BACKGROUND

- Began boxing at the age of 6
- Defected from Cuba to Mexico in 2008 before eventually making his way to Germany

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in July 2008 with decision victory over Ivan Maslov
- Won his first 15 fights including 10 by knockout
- Defeated Freddy Hernandez and Ronald Hearns as part of undefeated 2012 campaign
- Defeated Alfredo Angulo by 10th round TKO in June 2013 to win
- Defeated former world champion Austin Trout by unanimous decision in Dec. 2013
- Won a unanimous decision over Ishe Smith in Dec. 2014 and followed it up with dominant performance over Delvin Rodriguez in June 2015
- Stopped Jan Zaveck in November 2015 in Miami
- Defeated Vanes Martirosyan in their 2016 rematch to retain his title and most recently scored a TKO over Yuri Foreman in January 2017

AMATEUR CAREER

- 2005-07 National Amateur Champion
- 2005 Amateur World Champion

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Twitter @LaraBoxing
- Instagram LaraBoxing

TERRELL GAUSHA

QUICK FACTS

- Full Name Terrell Gausha
- **Height** 5-10
- Weight 154 (Super Welterweight)
- Date of Birth September 9, 1987
- Hometown Cleveland, Ohio
- **Record** 20-0 (9 KOs)

BACKGROUND

• Began boxing at 12 years old

PRO CAREER

- Undefeated in his pro career since turning pro in 2012
- Picked up victories in 2012 over Norberto Gonzalez, Luis Grajeda, Eliezer Gonzalez and Said El Haraak
- Debuted in 2016 with a victory over Orlando Lora and followed it up by beating Steven Martinez
- Began 2017 with a decision win over Luis Hernandez in February

AMATEUR CAREER

- 2012 U.S. Olympian
- 2012 U.S. National Championship Gold medalist
- 2012 America's Olympic Qualifier Gold medalist
- 20009 U.S. National Championships Gold medalist

SOCIAL MEDIA

• Twitter - @TerrellGausha

JERMELL CHARLO

QUICK FACTS

- Full Name Jermell De'Avante Charlo
- Nickname Iron Man
- **Height** 6-0
- Weight 154 (Super Welterweight)
- Date of Birth May 19, 1990
- Hometown Houston, Texas
- **Record** 29-0 (14 KOs)

BACKGROUND

- Twin brother Jermall is a super welterweight world champion
- He was born one minute after Jermall
- Began boxing with his brother at age eight with father Kevin, who was an amateur standout

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in December 2008 with decision over Corey Sommerville
- Delivered knockouts in three of his first four fights
- Defeated previously unbeaten foes Luis Grajeda and Abdon Lozano in his first 14 fights
- Picked up wins over Francisco Santana, Harry Joe Yorgey, Dashon Johnson, Denic Douglin and Demetrius Hopkins between 2011-13
- Began 2014 with a victory over Gabriel Rosado before dominating Charlie Ota and Mario Alberto Lozano to close out the year
- Started 2015 by defeating contender Vanes Martirosyan by unanimous decision and defeated former champion Joachim Alcine in October
- Won his WBA 154-pound title with a knockout victory of John Jackson in May 2016
- Delivered highlight reel knockout of mandatory challenger Charles Hatley in April 2017

AMATEUR CAREER

- Amateur record of 56-8
- 2005 Junior Olympic Bronze medalist

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Twitter @TwinCharlo
- Instagram TwinCharlo

ERICKSON LUBIN

QUICK FACTS

- Full Name Erickson Lubin
- Nickname Hammer
- **Height** 5-11
- Weight 154 (Super Welterweight)
- Date of Birth October 1, 1995
- **Hometown** Orlando, Florida
- **Record** 18-0 (13 KOs)

BACKGROUND

• Introduced to boxing as a toddler by his older brother Louis, who had a brief pro career

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in November 2013 and stopped previously unbeaten Eric De Jesus and Luis Santiago in the first round of his first two fights
- In July 2014 he defeated experienced Noe Bolanos in his first eight-round fight
- Opened 2015 with a decision over once-beaten Michael Finney
- Defeated previously unbeaten Kenneth Council via first round TKO and knocked out Ayi Bruce in the first round in 2015
- Closed 2015 with victories over veterans Orlando Lora and Alexis Camacho
- 2016 saw him pickup victories over Jose De Jesus Macias, Daniel Sandoval, Ivan Montero and most recently Juan Ubaldo Cabrera
- Became mandatory challenger with a knockout win over Jorge Cota in March 2017

AMATEUR CAREER

- Two-time Junior Olympic Champion
- 2013 National Golden Gloves Champion
- 2013 PAL Champion
- 2013 Independence Cup Winner

SOCIAL MEDIA

• **Twitter** – @EricksonHammerL

JARRETT HURD

QUICK FACTS

- Full Name Jarrett Hurd
- Nickname Swift
- Height 6-1
- Weight 154 (Super Welterweight)
- Born August 31, 1990
- Hometown Accokeek, Maryland
- **Record** 20-0 (14 KOs)

BACKGROUND

- Trained by Thomas Browner in the amateurs and Ernesto Rodriguez in the pros
- Briefly worked in the beginning of his pro career but fully dedicated to the sport after the passing of Browner

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in September 2012 with a first round stoppage of Mike Arnold
- Picked up seven victories in 2013 including a second round knockout of George Armenta
- Was victorious three times in 2014 capped off by a third round stoppage of Eric Mitchell
- In August 2015 he stopped previously unbeaten Jeff Lentz in the seventh round
- Defeated favored Frank Galarza by sixth-round stoppage in November 2015
- Stopped previously unbeaten Oscar Molina in June 2016 in a matchup on CBS
- Scored a stoppage victory over Jo Jo Dan in November 2016
- Won a vacant 154-pound world title with a ninth-round stoppage of Tony Harrison in February 2017

AMATEUR CAREER

• Limited amateur career; competed in National Golden Gloves and faced local standouts D'Mitrius Ballard, Demond Nicholson and Jerry Odom

SOCIAL MEDIA

• Twitter - @Swift_JHurd

AUSTIN TROUT

QUICK FACTS

- Full Name Austin Trout
- Nickname No Doubt
- **Height** $-5-9\frac{1}{2}$
- Weight 154 (Super Welterweight)
- Date of Birth September 18, 1985
- Hometown Las Cruces, New Mexico
- **Record** 30-3 (17 KOs)

BACKGROUND

- Began boxing at 10-years-old
- Was featured with his wife on TLC channel's "Say Yes to the Dress"
- Self-proclaimed video game addict

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in Sept. 2005 with third round TKO over Justo Almazan
- Scored knockout wins in 10 of his first 12 starts
- Defeated Rigoberto Alvarez by unanimous decision in Feb. 2011 to earn his first world title
- Defending his title against David Lopez and Delivin Rodriguez before winning a showdown with Miguel Cotto in Dec. 2012
- Suffered back-to-back losses to Canelo Alvarez and Erislandy Lara in 2013
- Bounced back with consecutive victories in 2014 versus Daniel Dawson and Luis Grajeda and a stoppage of Luis Galarza in May 2015 before knocking out Joey Hernandez in September 2015
- Went the distance in a challenge of then 154-pound champion Jermall Charlo in May 2016

AMATEUR CAREER

- 2005 U.S. Championships Bronze medalist
- 2004 U.S. Championships Gold medalist
- 2003 U.S. U-10 Championships Bronze medalist at welterweight

SOCIAL MEDIA

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