



RISING STAR AND 2012 U.S. OLYMPIAN ERROL SPENCE JR. MEETS FORMER WORLD CHAMPION CHRIS ALGIERI AS PREMIER BOXING CHAMPIONS RETURNS TO NBC IN PRIMETIME ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16 AT BROOKLYN'S BARCLAYS CENTER

**PLUS! CRUISERWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPION KRZYSZTOF GLOWACKI TAKES ON FORMER CRUISERWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPION STEVE CUNNINGHAM
&
UNDEFEATED 2012 U.S. OLYMPIAN MARCUS BROWNE TAKES ON UNBEATEN RADIVOJE KALAJDZIC TO ROUND OUT STACKED NIGHT OF EXCITING FIGHTS**

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BROOKLYN (March 9, 2016) – Rising star and 2012 U.S. Olympian **Errol “The Truth” Spence Jr.** (19-0, 16 KOs) will take on former world champion **Chris Algieri** (21-2, 8 KOs) in a 10-round welterweight showdown headlining an exciting night of matchups on **Premier Boxing Champions** (PBC) on **NBC** in primetime on Saturday, April 16 from **Barclays Center** in Brooklyn.

The NBC coverage begins at 8:30 p.m. ET/5:30 p.m. PT and will see unbeaten world champion **Krzysztof Glowacki** (25-0, 16 KOs) of Poland squaring-off against former two-time cruiserweight world champion **Steve “U.S.S.” Cunningham** (28-7, 13 KOs) plus 2012 U.S. Olympian and unbeaten light heavyweight **“Sir” Marcus Browne** (17-0, 13 KOs) of Staten Island takes on undefeated **Radivoje “Hot Rod” Kalajdzic** (21-0, 14 KOs) in a 10-round battle.

PBC on NBC kicks off 2016 with the consensus Prospect of the Year, Spence, Jr. taking a serious step up in competition by going in against popular Long Island-native and former world champion Algieri.

Plus, the first world title defense of Poland’s Glowacki, fresh of a Fight of the Year upset over Marco Huck, against former U.S. Naval officer and former cruiserweight champion Cunningham in a battle that is sure to thrill those watching on NBC and at Barclays Center. For the light heavyweight rising star Browne, this represents a step up in platform and competition as he is featured in a primetime telecast for the first time and will no doubt look for an emphatic victory in his record 11th appearance at Barclays Center.

“I’m excited to be back again, fighting on NBC. This is a huge opportunity for me, to be this young and early in my career and headlining a primetime event, just the exposure alone,” said Spence. “Of course, I’m happy to be fighting in Brooklyn at Barclays Center. New York City is known for putting on great fights, and this is going to be a big event with a big-name fighter. Chris Algieri has been in the ring with Amir Khan, Manny Pacquiao and Ruslan Provodnikov and he’s a former world champ. This is a big fight

for me and a step up, but I plan to rise to the occasion. I'm going to handle him like I've handled all of my past opponents."

"I am so excited to come back to the US for a major fight," said Glowacki. "I respect Steve Cunningham as a sportsman and as a man. He is a world class fighter and I know that he will be well prepared against me. I would like to thank my Polish promoters, my coaches, Al Haymon, Leon Margules of Warriors Boxing, and DiBella Entertainment. They gave me the opportunity to face Marco Huck for the world title last year and I knocked him out, doing what I promised. Come April 16, I will once again honor my promise and defeat Cunningham in spectacular fashion. Polish and American fans, be prepared for the return of Glowacki!"

"I'm ready to take this step up on my career. We are both putting our 'O's on the line and do what I've been taught to do," said Browne. "This is the perfect time for this opportunity in my career and there is no better place than to do it at Barclays Center. To be able to win and make a statement on primetime TV from Barclays Center where it all really started for me will be a turning point and I can't wait."

"I am ready and excited to showcase my skills and power come April 16," said Kalajdzic. "I am happy to be part of such a huge card and to have the opportunity to fight on NBC and show the world I am one of the best 175 pounders in boxing."

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by DiBella Entertainment in association with Star Boxing, start at \$25, not including applicable fees, and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www.ticketmaster.com, www.barclayscenter.com or by calling 1-800-745-3000. Tickets are also available at the American Express Box Office at Barclays Center. Group discounts are available by calling 844-BKLYN-GP.

"Errol Spence may be the premier prospect in all of boxing," said Lou DiBella, President of DiBella Entertainment. "He will be tested by a resurgent former world champ, Chris Algieri. Chris nearly upset the applearcort for Amir Khan. He looks to stop the rise of a young star and achieve a mega fight. Glowacki's war with Huck was highlight reel stuff; another barnburner can be expected when he puts his title on the line against Steve Cunningham."

"It's great to be doing another event in Brooklyn at Barclays Center with Chris Algieri headlining on NBC," said Joe DeGuardia, President of Star Boxing. "This marks the fourth appearance by Chris at the Barclays Center and I expect another exciting performance by Chris as he takes on the very dangerous and undefeated former U.S. Olympian, Errol Spence, on April 16."

"We look forward to opening our 2016 PBC on NBC schedule in April with an exciting slate of primetime matches from Barclays Center in Brooklyn," said Jon Miller, President of Programming for NBC and NBCSN.

"We are delighted to have Long Island's Chris Algieri return to our ring where he won the fight of his career in 2014," said Brett Yormark, CEO of Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment. "This card is going to produce another electric atmosphere at Barclays Center as we continue to make 2016 our biggest year yet for boxing."

A member of the 2012 U.S. Olympic team who boasted a highly decorated amateur career, the 26-year-old Spence Jr. is set for the toughest test of his career as he enters the ring in his first primetime main event. Spence Jr. is widely regarded as a future star in the sport and was dominant in his previous PBC on NBC primetime appearance when he stopped Phil Lo Greco in the third round in June. His huge 2015

also included TKO victories over Chris van Heerden, Samuel Vargas and Alejandro Barrera and concluded with him being named ESPN's Prospect of the Year.

Algieri rose to fame in June 2014 at Barclays Center when he upset Ruslan Provodnikov for a super lightweight world title. The 31-year-old returns to Brooklyn for his third consecutive fight after earning a unanimous decision over Erick Bone in December. The former kickboxing champion from Huntington, N.Y., built his boxing record on the strength of his excellent movement and skill with the jab. His victory over Provodnikov earned him a shot at Manny Pacquiao in Nov. 2014, a bout that Algieri lost. He had previously defeated strong contenders Mike Arnaoutis and Emanuel Taylor on the way to his world title and now seeks a title in the welterweight division.

Representing the great fight city of Philadelphia, Cunningham will look to put on a show in his Barclays Center debut. Twice a world champion as a cruiserweight, he defeated Krzysztof Wlodarczyk in 2006 to capture his belt before defending his title against Marco Huck via a twelfth-round TKO. He became a world champion again in 2010 when he stopped Troy Ross in the fifth round. The experienced veteran also owns victories over previously unbeaten fighters Amir Mansour and Natsu Visinia and scored a knockdown of Tyson Fury in a losing effort during their 2013 bout.

Glowacki defends his world title for the first time after his sensational 2015 knockout of cruiserweight king Marco Huck in August 2015. The fighter out of Walcz, Poland will receive heavy support from the large Polish population in Brooklyn as he fights in the U.S. for the second time. Prior to his world title winning performance, he picked up victories over Nuri Seferi, Thierry Karl and Ismail Abdoul.

Browne has been very impressive since making his pro debut in November 2011 and the 25-year-old Staten Island-native put together a big 2015 with victories over Cornelius White and Aaron Pryor Jr. before he knocked out former world champion Gabriel Campillo in the first round in September and closed the year by stopping Francisco Sierra in December. Browne's first primetime appearance will give him an opportunity to show off the lightning speed and impressive power.

Originally from Bosnia and Herzegovina but now training out of Saint Petersburg, Fla., Kalajdzic ended 2015 with first round stoppages of Fabio Garrido and Gilberto Matheus Domingos. The 24-year-old also owns victories over Otis Griffin, Donta Woods and Samson Onyango and will be fighting in New York for the first time as a pro.

Barclays Center's BROOKLYN BOXING™ programming platform is presented by AARP. For more information visit www.premierboxingchampions.com and www.nbcsports.com/boxing, follow on Twitter @PremierBoxing, @ErrolSpenceJr, @ChrisAlgieri, @USSCunningham, @Marcus_Browne, @LouDiBella, @StarBoxing, @NBCSports, @BarclaysCenter and @Swanson_Comm or become a fan on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/PremierBoxingChampions, www.facebook.com/NBCSports, www.Facebook.com/DiBellaEntertainment and www.Facebook.com/barclayscenter. Highlights available at www.youtube.com/premierboxingchampions. PBC on NBC is sponsored by Corona, La Cerveza Mas Fina.

ERROL SPENCE JR.

QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Errol Spence Jr.
- **Height** – 5-9
- **Weight** – 147 (Welterweight)
- **Date of Birth** – January 13, 1990
- **Hometown** – Desoto, Texas
- **Record** – 19-0 (16 KOs)

BACKGROUND

- Lived in Long Island for the first two years of his life
- Dreamed of playing college football before he began boxing at the age of 15
- His father took a graveyard shift at his job so that he could take Spence to the gym during the day

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in November 2012 with a third-round KO over Jonathan Garcia
- Defeated previously unbeaten Emmanuel Lartey by unanimous decision in 2013
- Won five fights in 2014 over Raymond Charles, Ronald Cruz, Noe Bolanos and Javier Castro
- Began 2015 with a fourth round TKO over Samuel Vargas and followed it up by stopping Phil Lo Greco and Chris van Heerden
- Most recently stopped Alejandro Barrera in the fifth round in a Nov. 2015 bout in Dallas

AMATEUR EXPERIENCE

- 2008 U.S. National Youth Champion
- 2009 U.S. National Golden Glove Champion at welterweight
- 2009 U.S. National Championships Gold medalist at welterweight
- 2010 U.S. National Golden Gloves Silver medalist at welterweight
- 2011 U.S. National Championships Gold medalist at welterweight
- 2011 U.S. Olympic Trials Gold medalist at welterweight
- 2012 U.S. Olympian

SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** - @ErrolSpenceJr
- **Instagram** - ErrolSpenceJr

CHRIS ALGIERI

QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Christopher Mark Algieri
- **Height** – 5-10
- **Weight** – Welterweight
- **Date of Birth** – March 2, 1984
- **Hometown** – Huntington, New York
- **Record** – 21-2 (8 KOs)

BACKGROUND

- Studied martial arts from the age of 10
- Has a degree in healthcare science from Stony Brook University
- Was a professional kickboxer with an undefeated record of 20-0

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in April 2008 with a third round TKO over Ken Dunham
- Won his first 20 professional fights
- Defeated Emanuel Taylor in Feb. 2014 by unanimous decision
- Upset Ruslan Provodnikov to win a super lightweight world title
- Lost to Manny Pacquiao by unanimous decision in Nov. 2014
- Dropped narrow decision to Amir Khan and bounced back with a victory over Erik Bone in December 2015

AMATEUR CAREER

- No amateur boxing experience
- Began amateur kickboxing at the age of 16

SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** - @ChrisAlgieri
- **Instagram** – Chris_Algieri
- **Facebook** – Facebook.com/Chris-Algieri

KRZYSZTOF GLOWACKI

QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Krzysztof Glowacki
- **Height** – 6-0
- **Weight** – 200 (Cruiserweight)
- **Date of Birth** – July 31, 1986
- **Hometown** – Walcz, Poland
- **Record** –25-0 (16 KOs)

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in Oct. 2008 with victory over Mariusz Radziszewski
- Defeated experienced contenders Levan Jomardashvili, Roman Kracik and Konstantin Semerdjiev in 2011 all by stoppage
- Defeated once-beaten fighters Taylor Mabika and Matty Askin
- 2014 saw him take down Ismail Abdoul and Thierry Karl who have a combined 85 wins
- Defeated Nuri Seferi by decision in January 2015
- Knocked out cruiserweight king Marco Huck in August 2015 in a fight that garnered multiple honors for Fight of the Year and Knockout of the Year

AMATEUR CAREER

- 102-20-3 record
- 2003-2005 Polish Junior Champion
- 2007 Polish Senior Championships Silver medalist
- 2008 Polish Senior Championships Bronze medalist

STEVE CUNNINGHAM

QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Steven Ormain Cunningham
- **Nickname** – U.S.S.
- **Height** – 6-3
- **Weight** – 209 (Heavyweight)
- **Date of Birth** – July 15, 1976
- **Hometown** – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- **Record** – 28-7-1 (13 KOs)

BACKGROUND

- Served in the U.S. Navy from 1994-1998 on USS *America* & USS *Enterprise*
- Began his boxing in the Navy by joining their boxing team

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in Oct. 2000 with a victory over Norman Jones
- Won his first 19 pro fights, 10 by knockout
- Won a cruiserweight world title in May 2007 by defeating Krzysztof Wlodarczyk
- Defended his title with a 12th round stoppage of Marco Huck in Dec. 2012
- Won another cruiserweight title in June 2010 with a fifth-round TKO over Troy Ross
- Moved up to heavyweight in 2012 and defeated Jason Gavern, Amir Mansour, Manuel Quezada and Natu Visinia

AMATEUR CAREER

- 2000 U.S. Championships quarterfinalist
- 1998 National Golden Gloves Gold medal winner at 178 lbs

SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** - @USSCunningham
- **Instagram** – TheRealUSS

MARCUS BROWNE

QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Marcus Browne
- **Nickname** – “Sir”
- **Height** – 6-0 ½
- **Weight** – 175 (Light Heavyweight)
- **Date of Birth** – November 10, 1990
- **Hometown** – Staten Island, NY
- **Record** – 17-0 (13 KOs)

BACKGROUND

- First got into boxing at age 13 by following a friend to the gym
- Product of Atlas Cops N Kids Gym in Staten Island

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in Nov. 2012 with a third round TKO over Codale Ford
- Won his first five fights without going the distance
- Defeated Otis Griffin by unanimous decision in April 2014
- Scored first round knockouts in three straight fights against Donta Woods, Paul Vazquez and George Blades
- Most recently took down Aaron Pryor Jr. and Cornelius White in 2015 before knocking out former world champion Gabriel Campillo in the first round in September and closing the year with a stoppage of Francisco Sierra

AMATEUR EXPERIENCE

- 2007 Junior Olympics Regional Champion
- 2007 & 2008 Empire State Games Champion
- 2009 & 2010 P.A.L Nationals Champions
- 2008, 2010 & 2011 Golden Gloves Champion
- 2008 Under 19 Nationals Runner-Up
- 2011 Olympic Team Trials Champion
- 2012 U.S. Championships Gold medalist
- 2012 Olympic Qualifier Gold medal winner
- 2012 U.S. Olympian

SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** - @Marcus_Browne
- **Instagram** – Mbrowne718

RADIVOJE KALAJDZIC

QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Radivoje Kalajdzic
- **Nickname** – Hot Rod
- **Height** – 6-2
- **Weight** – 175 (Light Heavyweight)
- **Date of Birth** – July 27, 1991
- **Hometown** – Saint Petersburg, Florida
- **Record** – 21-0 (14 KOs)

BACKGROUND

- Originally from Bosnia and Herzegovina and escaped the country in 1998 during war times

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in June 2011 with a first round knockout over Nyantu Bolo
- Delivered stoppages in seven of his first nine fights
- In 2013 he stopped veterans Donta Woods and Otis Griffin
- Picked up four victories in 2015 including first round stoppages of veteran contenders Fabio Garrido and Gilberto Matheus Domingos

AMATEUR EXPERIENCE

- Limited amateur experience