

**Exciting Night of Action With Premier Boxing Champions on FOX & FOX Deportes Featured Saturday, July 15 Live in Primetime from NYCB LIVE's Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum on Long Island**

***Former World Champions Omar Figueroa & Robert Guerrero Meet in Welterweight Brawl***

***Undefeated Contender Marcus Browne Faces Unbeaten Long Island Favorite Seanie Monaghan in Light Heavyweight Clash***

***All-Polish Heavyweight Brawl Featuring a Showdown Between Artur Szpilka & Adam Kownacki***

**Tickets on Sale Thursday, May 25 at 10 a.m. ET!**

**LONG ISLAND, NY (May 23, 2017)** - A matchup between exciting former world champions Omar "Panterita" Figueroa (26-0-1, 18 KOs) and Robert "The Ghost" Guerrero (33-5-1, 18 KOs) headlines an action-packed night of Premier Boxing Champions on FOX and FOX Deportes on Saturday, July 15 in the first boxing event at the newly-renovated NYCB LIVE, home of the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Televised coverage begins at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT from the first boxing event at the Coliseum since Mike Tyson headlined in 1986.

"I'm looking forward to getting back in the ring and showing fans what I'm known for - exciting fights," said Figueroa. "I've been quietly training and preparing in Indo, California with Joel Diaz and now it's time. I'm looking forward to a great fight with Robert Guerrero on July 15 in front of a New York crowd. I can't wait to show everyone at the Coliseum and on FOX and FOX Deportes what 'Panterita' is all about."

“Both me and Omar Figueroa like to bang on the inside, which should make for great entertainment, but Omar is going to find out on July 15 that he’s facing a man who has his back against the wall and is going to leave everything in the ring,” said Guerrero. “I’m going to give the millions who’ll be watching on FOX and FOX Deportes a fight to remember. This is going to be a classic Mexican war and I’m coming out on top.”

The FOX and FOX Deportes broadcast will see unbeaten contender “**Sir**” **Marcus Browne** (19-0, 14 KOs) battling undefeated Long Island native and fan favorite **Seanie Monaghan** (28-0, 17 KOs) in a light heavyweight showdown.

“I have fought more times at Barclays Center than anyone, so it’s exciting to get to fight in a new venue not too far from home,” said Browne. “We might be in Seanie’s immediate backyard, but I’m just down the block, so he really isn’t any more at home than I am. I know he’s a hard-nosed fighter with a come-forward style. I’m preparing for a tough opponent. A win won’t come easy, but we have to take care of business. I am just ready to display my talent on national television and continue my climb toward a world title.”

“It is a dream come true to be fighting at the Coliseum, which is literally right next to the track where I run every day,” said Monaghan. “It is an honor to represent Long Island in the first boxing event held at this venue in 31 years. I’ve been waiting for an opportunity like this for a long time, and I feel that this bout will bring a new chapter in my career. I have a lot of respect for Marcus Browne, but let the best man win. On July 15, I am putting everything on the line.”

Also televised in prime time, **Artur Szpilka** (20-2, 15 KOs) meets **Adam Kownacki** (15-0, 12 KOs) in an all-Polish heavyweight showdown that promises fireworks.

"I can't wait to get back in the ring and give my fans another exciting fight," said Szpilka. "With two Polish heavyweights fighting, you know there will be power and pride on display. I'm training harder than ever to get this victory in front of the great Polish fans in New York. This will be my first step towards getting back to fighting for the heavyweight world title."

"I can't wait to fight again," said Kownacki. "Most of my past fights were at Barclays Center, so fighting at the Coliseum will be a new and exciting experience. I am training very hard. A win on July 15 puts me one step closer to becoming a world champion. Szpilka will not stand in my way."

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by DiBella Entertainment, start at \$50 (not including applicable fees) and are on sale Thursday, May 25 at 10 a.m. ET. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), [www.nycblive.com](http://www.nycblive.com), or by calling 1-800-745-3000. Tickets are also available at the Ticketmaster Box Office at NYCB LIVE beginning Friday, May 26 at noon. Group discounts are available by calling 516-231-4848.

"Boxing's grand return to Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum is going to be wall-to-wall action," said Lou DiBella, President of DiBella Entertainment. "The PBC on FOX and FOX

Deportes main event between Omar Figueroa and Robert Guerrero is destined to be a bloody slugfest. The co-featured bout between Staten Island's light heavyweight contender Marcus Browne and Long Island's undefeated 'Irish Rocky' Seanie Monaghan will bring the heat on a summer night in Long Island. While Marcus and Seanie will bring in a big local crowd, the heavyweight grudge match between Poland's Artur 'The Pin' Szpilka and Polish American Long Islander, by way of Brooklyn, Adam 'Baby Face' Kownacki will pack the house with Polish fans. As a Long Islander, I am proud to promote the first fight card at Nassau Coliseum in 31 years. July 15 will be a fun, action-packed night of boxing entertainment from beginning to end; the remainder of the card will be stacked with old-school brawls including local talent."

"The Coliseum has a rich history in boxing, having hosted notable fights with the likes of Mike Tyson, George Foreman, Joe Frazier, and Gerry Cooney, among others," said Brett Yormark, CEO of Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment. "We are thrilled to build on the sport's heritage on Long Island, and to bring boxing back to the venue 31 years later with a major event on network television."

A high volume puncher with an exciting style, Figueroa has returned to training with Joel Diaz in California leading up to this fight and looks to make his presence felt on July 15. Representing Weslaco, Texas, Figueroa is undefeated since turning pro in 2008 and won a lightweight world title by defeating Nihito Arakawa in a 2013 Fight of the Year standout. He followed that victory up with successful defenses against Jerry Belmontes and Daniel Estrada. The 27-year-old most recently defeated former world champions Ricky Burns and Antonio DeMarco in his last two outings.

Born and raised in Gilroy, Calif., Guerrero is always in exciting contests having gone toe-to-toe with Danny Garcia in a FOX main event in 2016 and Keith Thurman sandwiched around a hard fought victory over Aron Martinez. Prior to 2015, the 34-year-old picked up victories over Andre Berto, Secluk Aydin and Michael Katsidis while winning world titles in multiple divisions. The brawling warrior has been in several "Fight of the Year" candidates throughout his career, including a memorable brawl in Southern California with Yoshihiro Kamegai in 2014, and he also challenged former pound-for-pound king Floyd Mayweather in 2013.

The undefeated Browne enters this fight after an electrifying performance in February that saw him drop former title challenger Thomas Williams Jr. before knocking him out in round six. The 26-year-old defeated previously unbeaten Radivoje Kalajdzic in April 2016 after a big 2015 that saw him defeat veteran contenders Gabriel Campillo, Aaron Pryor Jr., Francisco Sierra and Cornelius White. The 2012 U.S. Olympian fights out of Staten Island, New York after an exceptional amateur career that saw him win the 2012 U.S. Amateur Championship at light heavyweight.

One of the most popular fighters representing Long Island, Monaghan looks to solidify his first world title shot when he faces Browne on July 15. Monaghan competed in the 2009 New York Golden Gloves before turning pro, reaching the final before dropping a memorable contest to

fellow Long Island-native Joe Smith Jr. He has yet to taste defeat in as a professional while battling a slew of veterans eager to test his championship mettle. Monaghan added two more victories in 2016 as he stopped Janne Forsman in five rounds and beat Fernando Castanedo in December.

The always entertaining Szpilka returns to the ring after a defeat at the hands of heavyweight world champion Deontay Wilder in 2016 as he attempts to get back on the path towards world title contention. The aggressive-minded 6-foot-3 Szpilka, had a four-fight win streak entering the Wilder bout as he picked up a 10-round unanimous decision over former cruiserweight world champion Tomasz Adamek in 2014 and stoppage victories over Yasmany Consuegra, Manuel Quezada and Ty Cobb in 2015.

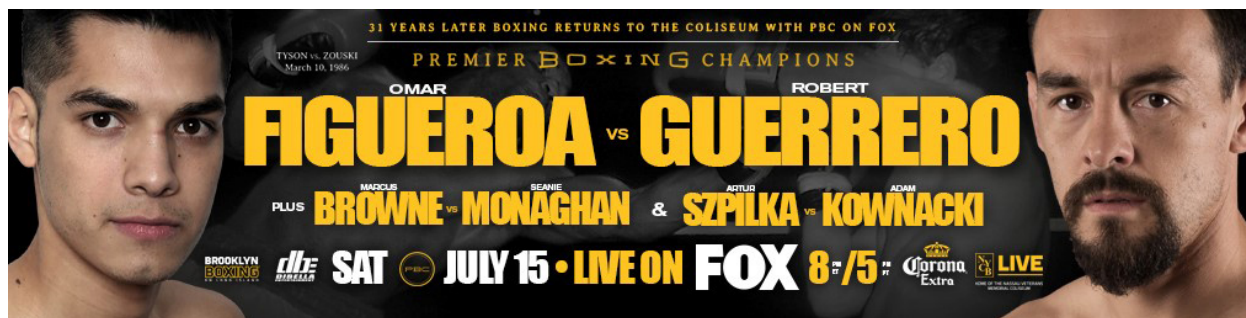
A two-time New York Golden Gloves champion, five of Kownacki's last six victories have come at Barclays Center and he now hopes to bring that winning mindset to the Coliseum. Originally from Poland but now living in Brooklyn, Kownacki stopped previously once-beaten Joshua Tuffe in January of this year after 2016 saw him earn a stoppage of Jesse Barboza in June and a decision over Danny Kelly in January. He will take on the toughest test of his career in his countryman Szpilka.

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Welterweight Jamal James Battles Former Title Challenger Jo Jo Dan in Premier Boxing Champions on FS1 & FOX Deportes Action Saturday, July 15 from NYCB LIVE's Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum on Long Island

Plus! Unbeaten Prospect Brandon Figueroa Faces Eliezer Aquino in Bantamweight Matchup

Coverage Begins at 10 p.m. ET/7 p.m. PT Following PBC on FOX & FOX Deportes Telecast

LONG ISLAND, NY (June 29, 2017) - Once-beaten welterweight **Jamal James** (20-1, 9 KOs) will meet former title challenger **Jo Jo Dan** (36-4, 19 KOs) in a 10-round showdown featured on **Premier Boxing Champions** on FS1 and **FOX Deportes** Saturday, July 15 at the newly-renovated NYCB LIVE, home of the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Televised coverage on FS1 begins at 10 p.m. ET/7 p.m. PT, immediately following the PBC on FOX and FOX Deportes show headlined by a welterweight brawl between former world champions **Omar Figueroa** and **Robert Guerrero**.

The FS1 show will also see unbeaten prospect **Brandon Figueroa** (12-0, 8 KOs) competing on his older brother Omar's undercard as he takes on **Eliezer Aquino** (19-2-1, 13 KOs) in an eight-round bantamweight attraction.

"I'm excited to be able to get back in the ring on July 15," said James. "I'm grateful to have the team that I have so that I could fight on this great card in Long Island on FS1 and FOX Deportes. I've been training hard and I'm hungry and anxious to get back in the ring and show off my skills."

"I am back at welterweight for my fight on July 15 and I plan on putting on a good performance so that I can get back in the mix for a world title shot," said Dan. "I am having a great training

camp at the Grant brothers' gym in Montreal and I'll be in top shape on fight night. My team and I are thrilled to be part of this event that brings big-time boxing back to Long Island."

Televised coverage on FOX and FOX Deportes begins at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT and also features unbeaten light heavyweights **Marcus Browne** and **Seanie Monaghan** in a 10-round bout and a showdown between Polish heavyweights **Artur Szpilka** and **Adam Kownacki**.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by DiBella Entertainment, start at \$50 (not including applicable fees) and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), [www.nycblive.com](http://www.nycblive.com), or by calling 1-800-745-3000. Tickets are also available at the Ticketmaster Box Office at NYCB LIVE. Group discounts are available by calling 516-231-4848.

A tall welterweight at 6'2", James looks to bounce back after a decision loss to Yordenis Ugas last August in which the 28-year-old accepted the fight on less than a week's notice. Fighting out of Minneapolis, Minnesota, James was unbeaten in his first 20 fights as a pro including impressive victories over Javier Molina and Wale Omotoso that began his 2016 campaign.

Born in Romania, Dan fights out of Quebec, Canada and has picked up victories in two of his three stateside fights. A pro since 2004, Dan was unbeaten in his first 26 professional starts. He owns two impressive victories over Canadian rival Kevin Bizier and challenged Kell Brook for his welterweight title in 2015. Dan fought twice at 154-pounds, including a challenge of now world champion Jarrett Hurd, before moving back down in weight and scoring a fifth-round stoppage of Jesus Gurrola in March.

The 20-year-old Brandon Figueroa turned pro in May of 2015 by defeating Hector Gutierrez and followed that up by stopping Ricardo Mena, Ramiro Ruiz and Francisco Muro to close out the year. The Weslaco-native stayed busy in 2016, picking up six victories, including five by way of stoppage before starting 2017 with a fourth-round stoppage of Raul Chirino in February and an eight-round decision of Luis Saavedra in May. On July 15 he will fight on the undercard of his brother Omar for the third time.

Fighting out of Higüey, Dominican Republic, Aquino has fought professionally since 2007 and was unbeaten in his first 18 pro bouts. The 30-year-old has previously fought twice in the U.S. heading into this showdown on July 15. Aquino enters this bout having won his last two bouts by way of stoppage.

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## QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Omar Figueroa Jr.
- **Nickname** – Panterita
- **Heights** – 5-8
- **Weights** – 140
- **Date of Birth** – December 13, 1989
- **Hometown** – Weslaco, Texas
- **Record** – 26-0-1 (18 KOs)

## BACKGROUND

- First introduced to boxing at age 6 by his father as a form of self-defense
- Took honors course in high school but turned pro one month after graduating
- Spent once semester at Texas A&M University on an academic scholarship to study construction science

## PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in June 2008 with a first round knockout over Edwin Espinoza
- Recorded knockout victories in his first eight starts
- Fought to a split draw with Arturo Quintero in Nov. 2010
- Defeated fellow unbeaten Michael Perez in Jan. 2012 and knocked out unbeaten prospect Abner Cotto in April 2013
- Defeated Nihito Arakawa in an epic, “Fight of the Year” in July 2013 to become a world champion
- Defeated Jerry Belmontes by split decision and Daniel Estrada by ninth round knockout in 2014
- Most recently defeated former world champion Ricky Burns in May 2015 before defeating Antoni DeMarco later that year

## AMATEUR CAREER

- Fought over 40 times as an amateur
- First fought as an amateur at just seven-years-old

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** - @OmarFigueroaJr
- **Instagram** - OmarFigueroaJr



# ROBERT GUERRERO

## QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Robert Joseph Guerrero
- **Nickname** – The Ghost
- **Height** – 5-8
- **Weight** – 147 (Welterweight)
- **Date of Birth** – March, 27 1983
- **Hometown** – Gilroy, California
- **Record** – 33-5-1 (18 KOs)

## BACKGROUND

- Coming from a boxing family, he started in the sport at the age of nine
- His older brothers, Ruben and Victor, were both amateur standouts
- His father, Ruben Sr., trained him and his brothers and continues to train Robert

## PRO CAREER

- Turned professional at 18-years-old with a victory over Alejandro Cruz in 2001
- Won his first world title in Sept. 2006 when he defeated Eric Aiken for the featherweight world title defeated Malcolm Klassen in August 2009 to win a world title at super featherweight
- In April 2011, he won a lopsided unanimous decision over Michael Katsidis to win a lightweight world title
- In 2012, defeated Selcuk Aydin for the interim welterweight world title
- Defeated Andre Berto in Nov. 2012, this victory would set up his PPV world title fight in 2013 with Floyd Mayweather, which he dropped in a unanimous decision
- Returned to the ring in 2014 by defeating Yoshihiro Kamegai
- Dropped a decision to unbeaten Keith Thurman before rebounding to beat Aron Martinez in June
- Lost world title contest to unbeaten Danny Garcia in exciting toe-to-toe battle in January

## AMATEUR CAREER

- Won a Junior Olympic Gold Medal in 1999 at age 15 and was voted the most outstanding fighter of the ESPN-televised tournament
- In 2000, he was the youngest competitor at the Olympic Trials at 16-years-old,

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** - @GhostBoxing
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