



**Featherweight World Championship Rematch Between
Carl Frampton & Leo Santa Cruz Headlines
Premier Boxing Champions Event Saturday, January 28
From MGM Grand Garden Arena
in Las Vegas Live on SHOWTIME®**

**PLUS! Lightweight World Champion Dejan Zlaticanin Battles
Undefeated Former Two-Division Superstar Mikey Garcia**

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LAS VEGAS (January 28, 2017) – Undefeated featherweight world champion **Carl “The Jackal” Frampton** (23-0, 14 KOs) and former three-division world champion **Leo “El Terremoto” Santa Cruz** (32-1-1, 18 KOs) will meet again in a world title rematch that headlines a **Premier Boxing Champions** event **Saturday, Jan. 28** live on SHOWTIME from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

The **SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING®** doubleheader will also feature lightweight world champion **Dejan Zlaticanin** (22-0, 15 KOs) making his first title defense against fan favorite and former two-division titlist **Mikey Garcia** (35-0, 29 KOs).

Frampton and Santa Cruz are set to clash in a rematch of their July “Fight of the Year” candidate that saw tremendous back-and-forth action throughout the 12-round fight that ended in a majority decision for the Irish fighter. Frampton drew significant Irish support in Brooklyn and will now bring his legion of fans to Las Vegas for the first time in an arena where Santa Cruz has fought six times. Just a few hours from Santa Cruz’s home of Los Angeles, the electric atmosphere is sure to be buoyed by two men who combined to land 402 power shots out of the 497 punches landed in their first fight.

To kick off the promotion, Frampton and Santa Cruz held open-to-the-public press conferences in **Belfast, Northern Ireland** on **Tuesday, Nov. 29** and in **Los Angeles** on **Thursday, Dec. 1**.

“The rematch is the fight we wanted,” said Frampton. “I enjoyed our first fight in New York. The atmosphere was fantastic and the fight lived up to the hype. On January 28th I will be better and I will win more convincingly. I know the way Leo fights, he throws a lot of punches and he is

brave, but his style suits me. It has always been a dream of mine to headline in Las Vegas and I cannot wait to get out there and put on a great performance for the American boxing fans and the travelling support from Ireland and the UK."

"From the moment our last fight ended, when the decision came and I lost the fight, I knew my only goal was to get my belt back," said Santa Cruz. "When I sat in the locker room afterward, I felt more motivated than ever to get back in the gym. All I've thought about since the fight was this rematch. There won't be any distractions in this camp. I'll be heading into the fight with a better game plan. I'm putting in 100 percent in training and I'm excited to get in the ring on January 28 to get my belt back."

"This is the most important fight of my career," said Zlaticanin. "I expect a tough and ruthless fight. I know how good Mikey Garcia is, but I also know how good I am. The fight is not going to reach the final bell; one of us will be knocked out, and I believe it will be Mikey. Garcia has never fought a good and strong fighter like me before. He will feel my power on January 28."

"I'm very happy and excited for my upcoming fight," said Garcia. "This is a chance to claim a third world title in my third division. Zlaticanin is tough, strong and dangerous but I feel confident in my abilities. I'm planning on giving the fans in Las Vegas a great show. 2017 will be a great year for me and it all starts January 28!"

"Frampton-Santa Cruz II is truly the best that boxing has to offer, an immediate rematch of a leading Fight of the Year candidate between the two top-rated fighters in the division," said Stephen Espinoza, Executive Vice President & General Manager, SHOWTIME Sports. "And Zlaticanin vs. Garcia is a '50/50' fight between two undefeated champions and a main event in its own right. The Jan. 28 telecast is the cornerstone of four upcoming SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING presentations that feature the best matchups in boxing's deepest divisions. Events like this one are proof that SHOWTIME delivers the strongest boxing line up of any network in the sport today."

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by Ringstar Sports in association with Cyclone Promotions and TGB Promotions, are priced at \$504, \$404, \$304, \$204, \$104 and \$54, and are on sale now. Tickets are available at www.AXS.com.

"I am looking forward to a terrific event in Las Vegas," said Barry McGuigan of Cyclone Promotions, a former world champion and Hall of Famer. "The first fight between Carl Frampton and Leo Santa Cruz was sensational and I truly believe that the rematch will be even better. I'm convinced that Carl will win the rematch more convincingly and beating someone like Leo Santa Cruz a second time will define Carl as true great of Irish boxing. I know everyone at Cyclone Promotions is proud to deliver a great night of boxing at MGM Grand where there will be a full action packed card of championship fights."

"It's a thrill to promote another fantastic night of boxing featuring two evenly matched world championship showdowns," said Richard Schaefer, Chairman and CEO of Ringstar Sports. "These are the kinds of cards that Ringstar is all about. Frampton and Santa Cruz put on a memorable performance in July and battled from the opening bell. It was Frampton who took home the belt last time, but I expect that Leo will train to be 100 percent and do everything in his power to get his title back. I believe this could be an even better fight than the first one. We also have Mikey Garcia, who shook off the ring rust in July and will challenge the most dangerous lightweight champion in the world, Dejan Zlaticanin, in the co-main event. This is a fight that looks destined to end by knockout. The perfect stage for this great night of action is the MGM

Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas and I anticipate a huge crowd on hand to support these outstanding fighters.”

“The first fight between Frampton and Santa Cruz was action packed from start to finish and I guarantee the rematch will be the same,” said Tom Brown, President of TGB Promotions. “Along with the Zlaticanin-Garcia bout, as they battle for a world title, you have another can’t miss night of boxing from MGM Grand live on SHOWTIME.”

Frampton's all-action style has made him a firm favorite with boxing fans all around the world. The record breaking Northern Irishman is currently one of the best pound-for-pound boxers on the planet and on January 28 will, for the first time, take his legion of fans to the fight capital of the world, Las Vegas. The 29-year-old defeated Santa Cruz after conquering rival Scott Quigg in their 122-pound unification bout in February. Fighting out of Belfast, the Irish national amateur champion (in 2005 and 2009) became a world champion in 2014 when he defeated Kiko Martinez to earn a super bantamweight title. He made his U.S. debut in July 2015 when he defeated Alejandro “Cobrita” Gonzalez Jr. in Texas before unifying the title against Quigg.

The popular Mexican-American **Santa Cruz** fights out of Los Angeles and won a 126-pound title in a “Fight of the Year” grudge match against former three-division champ Abner Mares in August 2015 at STAPLES Center. He followed that up by stopping former world champion Kiko Martinez before taking the Frampton challenge. Prior to that, Santa Cruz won belts at 118 and 122 pounds while earning a reputation as one of boxing’s most active and exciting fighters. The 28-year-old also holds victories over Cristian Mijares and Eric Morel and has competed in world title bouts in 12 of his last 14 fights since 2012.

The first world champion ever from Montenegro, **Zlaticanin** will be putting his belt on the line for the first time since earning a third-round stoppage of Franklin Mamani in June to pick up the vacant title. The 32-year-old put himself in position to fight for the title in his U.S. debut by dominating then unbeaten Ivan Redkach on his way to a third-round TKO. A hard-hitting southpaw, Zlaticanin also has victories over Ricky Burns and Petr Petrov.

A popular fighter on both coasts, Oxnard, California’s **Garcia** returned from a two and half year layoff in July to dominate former champion Elio Rojas on his way to a fifth-round stoppage in Brooklyn as the co-main event of the first Santa Cruz vs. Frampton fight. The 28-year-old is ready to resume his promising career that already saw him pick up world titles at 126 and 130 pounds. Trained by his brother Robert, he owns impressive victories over Roman Martinez, Orlando Salido, Juan Manuel Lopez and Bernabe Concepcion.

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**Featherweight World Champion Lee Selby Defends Title
Against Former World Champion Jonathan Victor Barros
Live on SHOWTIME EXTREME® (8 p.m. ET/PT)**

**Unbeaten Rising Star David Benavidez Faces Once-Beaten
Sherali Mamadjoniv & Bonus Coverage of Undefeated Prospect
Josh Taylor's 10-Round Super Lightweight Bout
In Additional SHOWTIME EXTREME Action**

**Saturday, January 28 from the
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LAS VEGAS (January 28, 2017) – A winner of 19 in a row, featherweight world champion **Lee Selby** (23-1, 8 KOs) will fight for the second time in the United States when he battles former world champion **Jonathan Victor Barros** (41-4-1, 22 KOs) live on **SHOWTIME EXTREME** Saturday, January 28 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

Televised coverage on SHOWTIME EXTREME begins at 8 p.m. ET/PT, delayed on the West Coast, and features unbeaten rising star **David Benavidez** (16-0, 15 KOs) in an eight-round super middleweight showdown against once-beaten **Sherali Mamadjonov** (14-1, 7 KOs). The telecast will also include bonus coverage, time permitting, of undefeated prospect **Josh Taylor** (7-0, 7 KOs), who will enter the ring in a 10-round super lightweight contest.

“It’s been a dream of mine since I was a young kid to box in a world title fight in Las Vegas, the mecca of boxing,” said Selby, who is making his Las Vegas debut. “I’ve seen U.K. fighters like Lennox Lewis, Ricky Hatton, Joe Calzaghe and Amir Khan box in Las Vegas and I always knew that’s where I wanted to fight. My mandatory challenger is experienced, dangerous and I will not take him lightly. I’ve had a strong training camp and I am 100 percent focused on putting on a show for the American fans and the travelling fans from the U.K. My number one objective is to bring my world title back to Wales.”

“I’m very excited for this opportunity to compete for another world title in Las Vegas,” said Barros. “I have worked hard to put myself in this position and I am going to make the most of it.

Selby has never faced anyone as dangerous as me and I plan on making it a long night for him. I am going to become another Argentine world champion and bring the title back to my country.”

SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING is headlined by the highly anticipated world title rematch between Ireland’s **Carl Frampton** and former three division world champion **Leo Santa Cruz**. Televised coverage begins at 10 p.m. ET/7 p.m. PT with unbeaten lightweight world champion **Dejan Zlaticanin** defending against undefeated former two-division world champion **Mikey Garcia**.

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Representing Wales, Selby has been referred to as the “Welsh Floyd Mayweather” because of the elusive style and ring generalship that led to him winning his featherweight world championship via a technical decision over Evgeny Gradovich in May 2015. Since then, the 29-year-old has defended his belt successfully against former champion Fernando Montiel and top challenger Eric Hunter.

A pro since 2004, Barros was unbeaten in his first 29 fights in Argentina before losing in a world title fight to Yuriokis Gamboa. Barros won a world title in his second opportunity by stopping Irving Berry in the seventh round of their 2010 showdown. Barros went on to defend his title with victories over Miguel Roman and Celestino Caballero. He has won seven fights in a row to earn another world title opportunity after most recently beating Satoshi Hosono in Japan.

The younger brother of undefeated Jose Benavidez, David has racked up a perfect 16 wins in 16 starts at just 20-years-old. Fighting out of Phoenix, Benavidez picked up four victories via stoppage in 2015 and continued with four more in 2016 including blasting out previously unbeaten Francy Ntetu in June and tough contender Denis Douglin in August. Benavidez will look for his ninth straight victory inside of the distance on January 28.

Fighting out of Namangan, Uzbekistan, Mamajonov will be making his United States debut and enters this fight the winner of his last four bouts. He won three times in 2016 including his most recent victory, a decision over his most experienced opponent to date in Mikheil Khutsishvili. The 29-year-old turned pro in October 2009 and was victorious in his first 10 starts.

A 2012 Olympian for Great Britain and an amateur standout from Edinburgh, Scotland, Taylor will fight in the U.S. for the third time in his young career on January 28. The 26-year-old stopped Archie Weah in his pro debut in Texas in 2015 and made quick work of Evincii Dixon in July 2016 in Brooklyn. He continued to impress in his last outing, knocking out his most experienced opponent to date, Dave Ryan, in the fifth round of a October 2016 bout.

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Carl Frampton

Nickname – The Jackal

Height – 5-5

Weight – 126 (Featherweight)

Date of Birth – February 21, 1987

Hometown – Belfast, Northern Ireland

Pro Record – 23-0, 14 KOs

Carl “The Jackal” Frampton has quickly and convincingly proven himself to be one of the premier boxers in the world from his days as an amateur champion to becoming the first two-division boxing world champion from Northern Ireland. The thrilling matchup with Los Angeles’ Santa Cruz has been universally considered a top “Fight of the Year” candidate for 2016 and warranted the immediate rematch taking place Saturday, January 28 in Las Vegas.

The Belfast, Ireland native turned professional in 2009 after a stellar amateur campaign, and quickly climbed the ladder in the 122-pound division to capture the world title in 2014. The unbeaten Irish sensation has reeled off 23 consecutive wins, 14 by knockout. Prior to challenging Santa Cruz at featherweight, Frampton was successful in unifying the WBA and IBF junior featherweight titles by defeating Scott Quigg.

Frampton is managed by Boxing Hall of Famer and former featherweight world champion Barry McGuigan. That Frampton was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland where McGuigan’s most memorable fights took place at the Kings Hall, is vying for the championship in the same weight class in which McGuigan campaigned, and is trained by his son Shane, adds a twist of fate and irony to what has become a lethal triumvirate.

BELFAST BEGINNINGS

The Tiger’s Bay area of Belfast was built to house the working class who labored for the massive shipbuilder Harland & Wolff—builders of the Titanic. It’s from this unpretentious neighborhood that Carl Frampton comes, through the Midland Boxing Club where he started fighting in his youth.

It started Frampton on a road that would see him rack up 114 wins against only 11 losses as an amateur, culminating in Irish Amateur Boxing Association titles in two divisions and a silver medal in the 2007 European Union Amateur Boxing Championships.

During his amateur career, Frampton caught the eye of the legendary Irish champ Barry McGuigan, who would take over as Frampton’s manager in time to guide his charge to the professional ranks.

EARLY SUCCESS IN THE UK

Frampton made his pro debut in Liverpool, England, in June 2009, gaining a second-round technical knockout of Sandor Szinavel.

He was named Ireland’s Prospect of the Year at the Irish National Boxing Awards in January 2010, and later that year scored a third-round stoppage of Ukrainian veteran Yuri Voronin. From there he went on to capture his first title, stopping Scotsman Gavin Reid in two rounds to win the Celtic championship at 122 pounds in December 2010.

Less than a year later, Frampton would topple Mark Quon of Australia in four rounds to take the Commonwealth title, establishing himself as one of the top 122-pounders in boxing.

BECOMING A WORLD CHAMPION

“The Jackal” kept up his unbeaten pace into 2013 when he took on one of Europe's top 122-pounders, Spaniard Kiko Martinez.

It was a stone-cold war that February night in Belfast, as Martinez perforated Frampton's eardrum during the fight. Nonetheless, Frampton battled through and stopped Martinez in the ninth round.

That set up a rematch for September 2014, and Frampton again would come out on top—this time with his first world championship – winning a unanimous decision.

Frampton successfully defended his title in Belfast in February 2015 with a fifth-round TKO of Chris Avalos. That set the stage for Frampton to make his U.S. debut, traveling to El Paso, Texas, to win a unanimous decision over Alejandro Gonzalez, Jr. last July 7, 2015 to retain his title.

Then of course came his stirring IBF and WBA junior featherweight title unification score over Quigg at Manchester Arena in the United Kingdom in February, setting the stage for the move up to Featherweight.

Frampton's career has become a mirror image of McGuigan's, who reeled off 27 straight wins after an early loss en route to the WBA Featherweight title in rousing, knockout fashion.

SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING® will televise the highly-anticipated Frampton vs. Santa Cruz title rematch.

Leo Santa Cruz

Nickname - Terremoto

Height – 5-7

Weight – 126 (Featherweight)

Date of Birth – August 10, 1988

Hometown – Los Angeles, CA

Pro Record – 32-1-1 (18 KOs)

28-year-old Leo “El Terremoto” Santa Cruz reached the highest point of his young career on August 29, 2015 when he defeated fellow Mexican-American star Abner Mares in a thrilling scrap in front of a lively STAPLES Center crowd in Los Angeles.

After suffering his first defeat in July 2016, Santa Cruz will look to reclaim his WBA featherweight title in the rematch with Irish superstar Carl Frampton in January 2017. The two fought in July at Barclays Center in a bout that immediately garnered “Fight of the Year” buzz.

The crushing puncher had sent 15 of his last 19 opponents down to knockout defeats prior to the Mares that fight. In his first world title defense at 126-pounds, he stopped former champion Kiko Martinez in the fifth-round in February of this year.

In March of 2011, Santa Cruz earned his first pro title when he knocked out 20-2 Stephane Jamoye with a body shot in the sixth round to win an interim youth world bantamweight crown, and on June 2, 2012, he became a world champion when he dethroned Vusi Malinga for the bantamweight world title, the first of two divisional crowns he has earned thus far.

The younger brother of former interim world lightweight champion Jose Armando Santa Cruz, “Terremoto” followed his sibling into the gym, and his talent was evident almost immediately. Add in his power and work ethic, and it was clear that Santa Cruz had the right stuff to make it big in the fight game.

Turning pro on October 13, 2006 with a second round knockout of Pedro Silva, Santa Cruz was extended to a draw in his second bout three months later against Rodrigo Hernandez, but since then, no one has come close to beating him.

Willing to test himself against the best available competition, Santa Cruz put together a string of wins over veterans like Jose Bernal and Juan Beltran, as well as fellow prospects Jonathan Velardez and James Owens. This on-the-job training put him in good stead when he faced Jamoye in Veracruz, Mexico, on March 26, 2011, as he fought like a seasoned pro in winning his first pro title.

But he was just getting started, as he knocked out longtime contender Jose Lopez in just five rounds three months later, and followed that defining victory up with stoppages of Everth Briceno (TKO 11), Jorge Romero (TKO 3), and Alejandro Hernandez (TKO 4). But one of his most impressive outings was yet to come, as he scored a near-shutout win over Malinga to earn his first world title.

On September 15, 2012, Santa Cruz was at his ferocious best against former world champion Eric Morel in Las Vegas, and he stopped the Puerto Rican star in five rounds, not just successfully defending his title, but handing Morel the first knockout loss of his career.

Santa Cruz returned to action on November 10 with another ultra-exciting outing, as he dropped courageous challenger Victor Zuleta three times before finishing him off in the ninth round. But the young champion's year wasn't over yet, as he won a 12 round unanimous decision over unbeaten Alberto Guevara in a December 15 bout televised on CBS network television.

The successful title defense, his third, would also be his last at 118 pounds, as Santa Cruz moved four pounds north to the super bantamweight class on May 4, 2013, stopping Alexander Munoz in five rounds at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

That impressive victory earned Santa Cruz a shot at a second divisional world title on August 24, 2013 at the StubHub Center in Carson, California and he took the super bantamweight championship with his third round knockout of Victor Terrazas.

He made the first defense of his title on December 14, 2013, winning a hard-fought 12 round unanimous decision over Puerto Rico's Cesar Seda, a performance he followed up on March 8, 2014 with a wide unanimous decision victory over veteran Cristian Mijares.

More knockouts followed for Santa Cruz as he demolished Manuel Roman in the second round when "Terremoto" fought as the co-main event on the pay-per-view undercard for MAYHEM: Mayweather vs. Maidana 2. He followed that up by earning an eighth-round knockout over Jesus Ruiz in January 2015 and a victory over Jose Cayetano on the Mayweather vs. Pacquiao pay-per-view undercard in May.

Dejan Zlaticanin

Height – 5-4

Weight – 135 (Lightweight)

Date of Birth – April 24, 1984

Hometown – Podgorica, Montenegro

Pro Record – 22-0, 15 KOs

With a crushing third-round TKO victory in June, the 32-year-old Zlaticanin defeated challenger Franklin Mamani to earn the WBC Lightweight World Championship and become the first boxer from Montenegro to hold a world title.

Zlaticanin's road to championship gold saw him fight in five different countries since turning pro in 2008. Knockouts came in 10 of his first 11 fights before he traveled to Serbia and defeated Felix Lora to win a regional Mediterranean title. The winning continued as he delivered knockouts against Hoang Sang Nguyen and Baxrom Payazov, before a 2013 victory over former title challenger Petr Petrov.

A significant victory came in June 2014 when Zlaticanin traveled to Scotland to fight three-division world champion Ricky Burns in his own backyard. Zlaticanin's trademark power was on display from the start as he shocked Burns and sent him to the canvas in the first round. A tight contest ensued over the next 11 rounds, but it was Zlaticanin who was ultimately victorious by a split decision.

As he climbed up the world rankings in the 135-pound division, Zlaticanin found himself in a world title eliminator against unbeaten Ivan Redkach that would serve as the U.S. debut for the Montenegrin. Zlaticanin was spectacular and announced his present stateside with authority. He sent Redkach to the canvas hard in the fourth round, and earned the stoppage there as his opponent could not recover.

After winning the world title in his next bout, Zlaticanin is ready to challenge one of the best fighters in the sport, Mikey Garcia, as the Los Angeles-native looks for a world title in his third weight class. Zlaticanin will make his Las Vegas debut when he faces Garcia on January 28 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

Mikey Garcia

Height – 5-7

Weight – 135 (Lightweight)

Date of Birth – December 15, 1987

Hometown – Ventura, California

Pro Record – 35-0, 29 KOs

Born into a boxing family, Mikey's father Eduardo was the trainer of famed fighter Fernando Vargas and he passed the sport on to his three sons. Mikey is trained by his brother, former Trainer of the Year Robert Garcia, while his other brother Daniel, is also a boxing trainer.

Garcia is bi-lingual and graduated from the Ventura County Police Academy in his hometown of Ventura, California. He began his amateur career at 14-years-old and took home National PAL and Junior Golden Gloves championships. His amateur career also saw him score a victory over unbeaten professional champion Danny Garcia.

He turned pro in 2006 and quickly began delivering knockouts and moved himself up the rankings. In 2011 he defeated previously unbeaten Matt Remillard and followed it up with impressive performances against Rafael Guzman and Jonathan Barros before his first world title opportunity came to fruition.

January 2013 saw Garcia battle Mexican legend Orlando Salido for the featherweight world championship. Garcia was dominant on his way to taking a technical decision victory while knocking Salido down four times.

Garcia sought out a world title at 130-pounds next and would face Puerto Rico's Roman Martinez in November 2013 to achieve that goal. He survived a second round knockdown to eventually knockout the reigning champion in the eighth round.

After a lengthy layoff, Garcia returned to the ring in style in July when he knocked former world champion Elio Rojas down four times on his way to a fifth-round stoppage victory. Now he will set out to win a world title in his third weight class when he takes on the dangerous WBC 135-pound champion, Dejan Zlaticanin.

Lee Selby

Height – 5'8

Weight Class – 126 (Featherweight)

Date of Birth – February 14, 1987 (Age 29)

Birthplace – Barry, Wales, United Kingdom

Hometown – Barry, Wales, United Kingdom

Pro Record – 23-1, 8 KOs

Often referred to as the “Welsh Mayweather” due to his exceptional skills and savvy in the ring, Selby fulfilled his promise as one of the best fighters to come from Wales when he defeated Evgeny Gradovich in 2015 by technical decision to win the IBF Featherweight World Title.

Selby became the 12th world champion from Wales when he completed a 20-year journey from first stepping into the ring as a child with dreams of success. The world title victory came 18 years after Selby's first taste of boxing competition as a Barry social club when he was just 10.

Selby, the middle child of three brothers, was the first to try his hand at boxing and his younger brother, Andrew, represented Great Britain at the 2012 Olympic games.

Selby turned pro in 2008 but was inhibited by the personal tragedy of losing his older brother, Michael. Selby dropped a points decision in his fifth pro fight but would soon show a new dedication to the sport that led to seven straight victories, including a victory over then unbeaten Stephen Smith to capture the British featherweight title.

He continued to win and defend his title, including victories over previously unbeaten fighters Joel Brunker, Ryan Walsh, Viorel Simion and Corey McConnell on his way to his world title opportunity.

Since capture the belt, Selby has successfully defended this title twice. First he made his U.S. debut with a victory over former world champion Fernando Montiel and he followed that up by defeating mandatory challenger Eric Hunter at the O2 Arena in London in 2016.

Now he will look to continue his winning ways, battling former world champion Jonathan Victor Barros on January 28 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

David Benavidez

Nickname – El Bandera Roja / Red Flag

Height – 6'2

Weight Class – 168 (Super-Middleweight)

Date of Birth – December 17, 1996 (Age 19)

Birthplace – Phoenix, AZ

Hometown – Phoenix, AZ

Amateur Record – (97-20)

Pro Record – (16-0, 15 KO's)

Trainer – Jose Benavidez Sr.

David Benavidez is a 20-year old undefeated Mexican-American professional boxer, born in Phoenix, AZ, to parents Jose (Father) and Michelle. He is the younger brother of undefeated welterweight contender Jose Benavidez Jr. (age 24) and older brother of sisters Isabella (age 15) and Daisy (age 4).

Sacrifice and dedication...two elements of boxing that David "El Bandera Roja" Benavidez knows all too well. While most two and three year olds toiled at playgrounds, David was learning how to throw jabs, with his older brother Jose. While his ten and eleven-year-old friends spent hours defeating video game foes, David honed his skills as a young boxer, defeating different types of rivals in the ring.

At fifteen years of age, while his classmates were pursuing girls and parties, David was traveling the country, sparring with the likes of Gennady "GGG" Golovkin, Kelly Pavlik, Peter "Kid Chocolate" Quillin, Lateef "Power" Kayode and other world class fighters.

David held his own with these fighters, and when he turned sixteen, a decision was to be made - continue to fight as an amateur, or make his professional debut in Mexico. Finding fights in the amateur ranks had been a struggle. Standing over 6' tall at 15 years of age, it was difficult to find opponents that were able and, moreover, willing to step into the ring with the gifted boxer.

He watched as his brother, standout prospect Jose Benavidez, Jr., signed a professional contract and garnered the attention of media outlets worldwide, while building a following of loyal fans. These fans bought tickets to see David compete as an amateur on the Celebrity Theatre stage in Phoenix, just by virtue of his being Junior's brother.

Ready to come into his own, sixteen year-old David and his father, Jose Benavidez, Sr. made a decision. David would make his professional debut in Rocky Point, Mexico, in August of 2013. It was a short bout, with David making quick work of his opponent, and scoring a first round knockout.

His second professional bout, this time in Tijuana, would have the same result. In 2015 David signed with powerhouse promotion Sampson Boxing, and continued his winning streak, improving his record to 15-0, 14KO.

On August 5, 2016, David made his televised main event debut on ESPN and stopped Denis Douglin in the final round of his first 10-round but.

Living the life of a boxer as long as he can remember, David is ready to walk in the footsteps of his boxing idols, Roy Jones Jr., Floyd Mayweather, Mike Tyson...and make boxing history.

