



Danny Garcia Fights for Philadelphia

Undefeated World Champion Faces Colombia's Samuel Vargas
Saturday, November 12 From Temple University's Liacouras Center
In Philadelphia

Premier Boxing Champions on Spike Tripleheader Features Rising Star Jarrett Hurd Battling Former Title Challenger Jo Jo Dan & Former World Champion Javier Fortuna Taking On Unbeaten Super Featherweight Omar Douglas
9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT

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PHILADELPHIA (October 13, 2016) – Undefeated welterweight world champion **Danny “Swift” Garcia** (32-0, 18 KOs) will make his first appearance in his native Philadelphia since 2010 as he takes on Colombia's **Samuel Vargas** (25-2-1, 13 KOs) in the main event of **Premier Boxing Champions** on **Spike** Saturday, November 12 from Temple University's Liacouras Center. The bout will be Garcia's final hurdle before a planned massive showdown with unbeaten champion **Keith “One Time” Thurman** scheduled for the first quarter of 2017.

In keeping with his desire to give back to the community, Garcia is teaming up with **Philabundance**, the region's largest hunger relief organization, to arrange a regional food drive, collecting most-needed items, such as tuna and vegetables. Fans are being encouraged to drop off canned goods at the Liacouras Center (1776 N Broad St) and the DSG Boxing Gym (3731 Jasper St). Additionally, \$10 from each ticket sold will be donated and provide 20 meals per ticket for people in need. More information on these efforts and how you can get involved will be announced shortly.

Garcia, a two-division world champion, will battle Vargas in a 10-round non-title bout in his first fight since his exciting win over **Robert “The Ghost” Guerrero** in January. Garcia insisted on

staging the fight in his hometown and using the event as a vehicle to raise awareness and money for the less fortunate in the area.

“My dad and I wanted to get one more fight in before the end of the year and there was no doubt in my mind it had to be in Philadelphia,” said Garcia. “My team got it done and it’s a great feeling to fight at home over the holidays. I’m excited to use this opportunity to give back to the community and put on a show on November 12. This city means everything to me. I hope everyone comes out, but shows up with cans of food too. I’m gearing up for a big fight with Keith Thurman next year that’s going to be a can’t miss event. First, I’m going to fight for my city on November 12.”

“Things happen when you work hard and I’m so excited about this opportunity,” said Vargas. “Garcia is a great fighter and he cleaned out the 140-pound division and now he is champion at 147. A win would change my life and everyone around me. This is my time. I can’t fail. This is going to be a Rocky story in Rocky’s town.”

Televised coverage on Spike begins at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT and features undefeated rising star **Jarrett Hurd** (18-0, 12 KOs) in a 10-round bout against former title challenger **Jo Jo Dan** (35-3, 18 KOs) and former world champion **Javier Fortuna** (30-1-1, 22 KOs) battling undefeated **Omar Douglas** (17-0, 12 KOs) in a 10-round lightweight bout.

“This win will put me one step closer towards winning a world title,” said Hurd. “The win over Oscar Molina was a big opportunity that has opened a lot of doors and was a great experience. Cota is a tough veteran with a high knockout rate. He is a little wild and I have to look out for that. I’m going to go out there to land nice shots and stick to my game plan.”

“I’m only thinking about winning heading into this fight,” said Fortuna. “Douglas is a good fighter who moves very well. I’m looking forward to this challenge on November 12. I will be a world champion once again.”

“This is the type of fight that I need if I am going to be a champion,” said Douglas. “I plan on putting on a crowd pleasing performance. Fortuna is a decent fighter and I’m going to have to break him down. He is good for four or five rounds but then he slows down. I’m going to set him up to take him out in the later rounds.”

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by DSG Promotions and King’s Promotions, are priced at \$200, \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$35 and are on sale now. To purchase tickets visit LiacourasCenter.com/events or call 800-298-4200.

Garcia returns to headline in his hometown as a two-division world champion who has picked up major victories over top fighters including Amir Khan, Lucas Matthysse, Lamont Peterson, Paulie Malignaggi and Zab Judah on his way to 31 professional victories. The 28-year-old

earned a vacant welterweight world title in his last bout when he won a toe-to-toe battle with former world champion Guerrero in Los Angeles taking his professional record to 32-0.

The 27-year-old Vargas enters this bout on a five-fight win streak including three stoppage victories including his most recent outing, a 10-round decision over Juan Armando Garcia in May. Born in Columbia, his family left to find a better life when he was 15 years old and after a brief stay in New York City, they moved to the Toronto suburb of Mississauga. Vargas enrolled at a boxing gym early on and learned discipline while adapting to his surroundings. He turned pro in 2010 after just 12 amateur bouts and was undefeated in his first 16 fights while fighting out of Canada.

Hurd fights out of Accokeek, Md., just south of Washington, D.C. and is perfect since entering the pro ranks in 2012. The 26-year-old has faced three straight undefeated fighters including a sixth-round stoppage of Frank Galarza in 2015 and a 10th round TKO over Oscar Molina in the co-main event of the Keith Thurman vs. Shawn Porter card in June. The exciting boxer puncher will look to continue his climb to a world title on November 12.

Born in Romania, Dan fights out of Quebec, Canada and hopes to stay perfect in his U.S. outings, having already won twice stateside. 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 last year. Dan moved up to 154-pounds in his last fight, when he defeated veteran Rafal Jackiewicz by decision and he will look to announce his presence in the division when he faces Hurd on November 12.

An amateur standout that participated in the first Pan American Junior Championships in 2003, the 27-year-old Fortuna owns victories over Abner Cotto, Carlos Ivan Velasquez, Miguel Zamudio and Patrick Hyland. He took down the highly regarded Bryan Vasquez to earn a super featherweight world title in May of last year. Representing La Romana, Dominican Republic, Fortuna bounced back from a defeat to Jason Sosa to stop previously unbeaten Marlyn Cabrera in September.

An undefeated fighter out of Wilmington, Delaware, Douglas impressed in his last two outings when he defeated contender Frank De Alba in a step up fight last December and followed it up with a seventh round knockout of Alexei Collado in June. The 25-year-old has picked up four victories since the beginning of 2015 and will face his toughest competition to date when he battles Fortuna.

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Stacked Night of Local Talent Features Middleweight Kryone Davis Battling Once-Beaten Carlos Gabriel Ozan & Unbeaten Milton Santiago Facing Argentina's Claudio Rosendo Tapia

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Plus! Undefeated Prospects Thomas Velasquez, Jeffrey Torres & More

PHILADELPHIA (November 8, 2016) – An exciting night highlighting the best rising talent in the Philadelphia-area comes to Temple University's Liacouras Center on Saturday, November 12 and will feature middleweight prospect **Kyrone Davis** (10-1, 4 KOs) facing once-beaten **Carlos Gabriel Ozan** (12-1, 4 KOs) and unbeaten super lightweight **Milton Santiago** (15-0, 3 KOs) against Argentina's **Claudio Rosendo Tapia** (28-16-4, 13 KOs) in a pair of eight-round showdowns.

The event is headlined by undefeated welterweight world champion and Philadelphia-native **Danny "Swift" Garcia** taking on Colombia's **Samuel Vargas**. Coverage of **Premier Boxing Champions** on **Spike** begins at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT and features undefeated rising star **Jarrett Hurd** battling former title challenger **Jo Jo Dan** plus former world champion **Javier Fortuna** taking on unbeaten **Omar Douglas**.

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Additional action will feature a pair of unbeaten Philadelphia prospects as **Thomas Velasquez** squares-off against Miami's **Raul Chirino** in a four-round super featherweight affair while **Christian Carto** faces Mexico's **Leonardo Reyes** in four-rounds of bantamweight action.

Rounding out the night of fights is unbeaten super featherweight **Titus Williams** taking on once-beaten Philadelphia-native **Antonio Dubose** in a six-round showdown and unbeaten lightweight **Jeffrey Torres** taking on **Joseph Serrano** in a four-round bout between Philadelphia prospects.

A two-time amateur National Champion fighting out of Wilmington, Delaware, Davis turned pro in 2014 after a stellar amateur career. The 21-year-old delivered wins in his first 10 starts before dropping a competitive contest to then unbeaten Junior Castillo in April. A two-time Pennsylvania Golden Gloves champion, Davis fights in Philadelphia for the first time as a pro when he takes on the 28-year-old Ozan from Mendoza, Argentina.

Unbeaten and fighting out of Philadelphia, Santiago looks for his third victory of 2016 when he enters the ring on November 12. A pro since 2014, the 20-year-old Santiago fights in his home city for the sixth time in his short career. Alvarez has won three eight-round bouts in a row and looks to be victorious again when he faces the experienced Tapia out of Mendoza, Argentina.

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DANNY GARCIA

QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** - Danny Oscar Garcia
- **Nickname** - Swift
- **Height** – 5-9
- **Weight** – 147 (Welterweight)
- **Date of Birth** – March 20, 1988
- **Hometown** – Philadelphia, PA
- **Record** – 32-0 (18 KOs)

BACKGROUND

- Garcia was born and raised in Philadelphia by his father, Angel, and mother, Marissa, both of whom are of Puerto Rican descent
- Began boxing at 10-years-old with his father, who continues to train him to this day

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in 2007 with TKO1 victory against Mike Denby
- Defeated Mexican legend Erik Morales to win the Super Lightweight World Championship in March 2012
- Unified titles when he upset Amir Khan with a 4th-round knockout in July 2012
- Went to his opponent's backyard in April 2013 and defeated Zab Judah
- Defended his world titles against number one contender Lucas Matthyse with a unanimous decision victory as the co-main event Mayweather vs. Canelo
- Defeated Mauricio Herrera and Rod Salka in 2014 to remain undefeated
- Started 2015 with a victory over Lamont Peterson in the April 11 PBC on NBC main event and followed it up by stopping former champion Paulie Malignaggi
- Picked up a vacant welterweight world title in January 2016 over Robert Guerrero

AMATEUR CAREER

- 107-13 amateur record
- U.S. Olympic alternate
- Won 2005 U-19 National Championship
- Won 2005 International Amateur Championship
- Won 2006 U.S. National Championship

SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** – @DannySwift
- **Instagram** – DannySwiftGarcia
- **Facebook** – Facebook.com/fanpageDannySwiftGarcia

SAMUEL VARGAS

QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Samuel Andres Vargas Ariza
- **Height** – 5-9
- **Weight** – 147 (Welterweight)
- **Date of Birth** – April 12, 1989
- **Hometown** – Toronto, Canada
- **Record** – 25-2-1 (13 KOs)

BACKGROUND

- Born in Columbia, he moved with his family to New York City briefly as a teenager before they made their way up to Toronto

PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in 2010 with a second round stoppage of Todd Furler
- Undefeated in his first 16 pro fights
- Battled undefeated star Errol Spence Jr. in April 2015
- Defeated Robson Assis in December 2015 to win a regional welterweight title
- Enters this fight on a five bout win streak, including a decision over Juan Armando Garcia in May 2016

AMATEUR CAREER

- Competed in just 12 amateur bouts

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** – 18-0 (12 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
- Most recently stopped previously unbeaten Oscar Molina in June 2016 in a matchup on CBS

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