

## Dirrell Brothers Return As Premier Boxing Champions On Spike Hits Atlantic City

Olympic Bronze Medalist Andre Dirrell Battles Australia's Blake Caparello & Former World Champion Anthony Dirrell Takes On Veteran Caleb Truax  
At The Taj Mahal Casino and Hotel

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ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (April 29, 2016) – Olympic Bronze Medalist **Andre Dirrell** (24-2, 16 KOs) takes on Australia's **Blake Caparello** (22-1-1, 6 KOs) in a 10-round super middleweight attraction as **Premier Boxing Champions** (PBC) returns to **Spike** on Friday, April 29 from Taj Mahal Casino and Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Also on the same card, Dirrell's brother, former world champion **Anthony "The Dog" Dirrell** (28-1-1, 22 KOs) will meet former world title challenger **Caleb "Golden" Truax** (26-2-2, 16 KOs) in a 10-round super middleweight affair as part of an exciting night of PBC on Spike action beginning at **9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT**.

The former 168-pound titleholder Anthony and two-time title challenger Andre are both prime for another run at championship gold, but will have stiff competition from opponents who have recently had their own title opportunities.

"April 29 is going to be a fun night of boxing," said Andre. "Caparello is hungry just like me and he's fighting for his career so I know he's a very dangerous man. Everything in camp has been perfect so far. I'm excited that both Anthony and I will get to showcase our skills and spread our family name even more on the same Spike show."

"It's an honor to be fighting on the same card as my brother," said Anthony. "It's going to be a great night of boxing. Truax is a good, rugged fighter who will bring out the best in me. I need someone to push me to the max. My prediction is always a knockout."

Caparello scored a first round knockdown in his 2014 world title bout before losing to Sergey Kovalev, while Caleb Truax battled middleweight champion Daniel Jacobs in a PBC on Spike co-feature in 2015, failing to Jacobs in the final stanza.

“This is a huge opportunity for me to show the world that I am one of the best 168-pounders in all of boxing,” said Caparello. “This is the weight class where I belong. Dirrell is a former Olympian and, like myself, a world title challenger. I expect a very tough fight on October 17, but I know that I will be victorious.”

“This is a fight that I have to take advantage of and win,” said Truax. “It’s another great opportunity for me and I’m putting everything into training. Dirrell is a good, athletic fighter with skills. It’s a tough task but I’m up for it. I’m bringing my A-game so he better do the same.”

“April 29 will be an outstanding night,” said Marshall Kauffman of King’s Promotions. “Having the Dirrell brothers on the same card will be a great and unique night of boxing. Both are exceptional talents and they are in with two guys who are looking for breakthrough wins in Blake Caparello and Caleb Truax.”

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King’s Promotions, are priced at \$100, \$75 and \$50, are available at all Ticketmaster outlets and are on sale now.

An amateur standout that won two U.S. World Championships in addition to his Olympic Bronze medal, the 32-year-old Andre Dirrell is ready to return to the ring after an illness delayed his previously scheduled bout against Caparello. The fighter out of Flint, Michigan holds victories over Arthur Abraham and Curtis Stevens and only has two narrow losses on his resume.

A crafty fighter out of Victoria, Australia, Caparello won his first 20 professional fights primarily fighting out of his home country. He owns victories over Michael Bolling, Jorge Olivera, Allan Green and previously unbeaten Robert Berridge. The 29-year-old most recently scored a unanimous decision over Affif Belghecham in June and after his scheduled bout with Dirrell was delayed, he defeated Luke Sharp by decision.

Anthony Dirrell has seen more adversity than most throughout his career as his time in boxing has been seriously jeopardized twice, first in December 2006 when he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma and was sidelined for 20 months and again in May 2012 when he broke his lower left leg and left wrist in a motorcycle accident. The Flint, Michigan-native never let that hold him down as he kept winning fights and working his way up the professional ranks. In 2014 he won his first championship when he defeated defending champion Sakio Bika. His road back to a 168-pound title began in September when he dominated the action against Marco Antonio Rubio on his way to a unanimous decision victory.

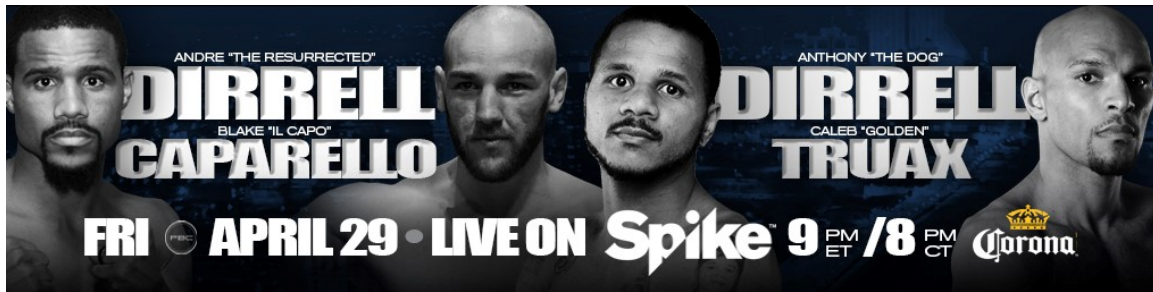
Born in Osseo, Minnesota, Truax is an experienced veteran who has fought professionally since 2007. Fighting mostly in his home state, the 31-year-old won his first 14 fights. He dropped a 2012 showdown to Jermain Taylor but went undefeated in his next eight fights to earn the fight against Jacobs. Most recently, Truax stopped veteran Melvin Betancourt in the fourth round in February.

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**Unbeaten Knockout Artist Jonathan Guzman Takes On Mexican Brawler Daniel Rosas in Title Eliminator Friday, April 29 On Premier Boxing Champions On Spike Live from the Taj Mahal Casino & Hotel in Atlantic City**

**Plus! Top Prospects Eddie Ramirez, Titus Williams & Local Favorites Featured On Loaded Undercard**

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (April 29, 2016) – Undefeated knockout artist **Jonathan Guzman** (20-0, 20 KOs) will battle Mexico's **Daniel Rosas** (20-2, 12 KOs) in a 12-round super bantamweight title eliminator in the opening bout of **Premier Boxing Champions (PBC)** on **Spike** on Friday, April 29 from the Taj Mahal Casino and Hotel in Atlantic City.

Televised coverage begins at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT and features the return of the Dirrell brothers as **Andre "The Resurrected" Dirrell** (24-2, 16 KOs) takes on Australia's **Blake Caparello** (22-1-1, 6 KOs) while **Anthony "The Dog" Dirrell** (28-1-1, 22 KOs) battles Minnesota's **Caleb "Golden" Truax** (26-2-2, 6 KOs) in a pair of 10-round super middleweight bouts. Guzman and Rosas will fight for the number two contender spot for the world title currently held by Carl Frampton.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by King's Promotions, are priced at \$100, \$75 and \$50, are available at all Ticketmaster outlets and are on sale now.

A trio of exciting prospects highlight the undercard action as unbeaten New York Golden Gloves champion **Titus Williams** takes on Indiana's **DeWayne Wisdom** in a six-round featherweight bout, unbeaten 23-year-old **Eddie Ramirez** enters the ring in an eight-round super lightweight contest and Brooklyn's **Chordale Booker** battles Virginia's **Rogue Zapata** in a four-round super welterweight fight.

Additional bouts feature New Jersey talent including welterweight **Anthony Young** of Atlantic City against **Juan Rodriguez** in a six-round battle, Little Egg Harbor's **Brendan Barrett** in a four-round heavyweight bout against **Alando Pugh**, Toms River's **Hafiz Montgomery** against fellow unbeaten **Darnell Pierce** in a four-round cruiserweight affair.

and Atlantic City's **Chris Thomas** taking on **Jessie Singletary** in a four-round middleweight fight.

Rounding out the action is unbeaten heavyweight **Luther Smith** in a four-round battle with **Solomon Maye**, **Antonio Magruder** in a six-round super lightweight contest against **Victor Vasquez** and the pro debut of **Abraham Nova** as he faces **Weusi Johnson** in a four-round super lightweight bout.

An unbeaten fighter out of the Dominican Republic and now training in Massachusetts, Guzman is nearing a world title fight thanks to his extreme power and ability to stop opponents. The 26-year-old has won all of his fight by knockout and since making his U.S. debut in 2014 he has stopped Ernesto Guerrero, Juan Guzman, Christian Esquivel and most recently Danny Aquino.

An experienced 26-year-old who has fought professionally since 2007, Rosas came up just short in his last title opportunity, when he dropped a decision to Alejandro Hernandez in 2014. Rosas has won his last three fights in a row since then and the Mexico City-native will look to make a splash in his U.S. debut on April 29.

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## ANDRE DIRRELL

### QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Andre Dirrell
- **Nickname** – The Resurrected
- **Height** – 6-1
- **Weight** – 168 (Super Middleweight)
- **Date of Birth** – September 7, 1983
- **Hometown** – Flint, Michigan
- **Record** –24-2 (16 KOs)

### BACKGROUND

- Began boxing in elementary school with younger brother, Anthony
- Originally trained by their grandfather, Leon Lawson Sr., a former sparring of Muhammad Ali
- 21-month layoff in 2010-11 after neurological problems found following March 2010 bout

### PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in Jan. 2005 with a fourth round TKO over Carlos Jones
- Won his first 18 bouts including victories over Curtis Stevens, Victor Oganov & Derrick Findley
- Suffered lone defeat by narrow split decision against Carl Froch, but rebounded to defeat previously unbeaten Arthur Abraham in his next bout
- Defeated Derek Edwards, Nick Brinson and Vladine Biosse in 2014
- Dropped narrow decision to James DeGale in 2015 world title bout

### AMATEUR CAREER

- 231 Amateur wins
- 2001 and 2003 U.S. Amateur Champion
- 2003 Pan Am Games participant
- 2004 Olympic Bronze Medalist

### SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** – @AndreDirrell
- **Instagram** – AndreDirrell
- **Facebook** – Facebook.com/Andre-Dirrell

## BLAKE CAPARELLO

### QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Blake Caparello
- **Nickname** – Il Capo
- **Height** – 6-1½
- **Weight** – 168 (Super Middleweight)
- **Date of Birth** – August 30, 1986
- **Hometown** – Victoria, Australia
- **Record** – 22-1-1 (6 KOs)

### PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in August 2009 with a victory over Aaron Ross
- Unbeaten in his first 20 fights
- Won regional titles in 2009 with a stoppage victory over Dennis Okcal and in 2011 by stopping Michael Van Nimwegen
- Defeated Aaron Pryor Jr. by unanimous decision and beat previously unbeaten Robert Berridge in 2012
- Made his U.S. debut in January 2014 with a victory over veteran contender Elvir Muriqi
- Challenged Sergey Kovalev for the 175-pound world title in August 2014 and dropped Kovalev in round one before being defeated
- Has won three fights in a row leading up to April 29 showdown

### AMATEUR CAREER

- Only competed in nine amateur bouts

### SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** – @BlakeCaparello

## ANTHONY DIRRELL

### QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Anthony Dirrell
- **Nickname** – The Dog
- **Height** – 6-2 ½
- **Weight** – 168 (super middleweight)
- **Date of Birth** – October 14, 1984
- **Hometown** – Flint, Michigan
- **Record** – 28-1-1, 22 KOs

### BACKGROUND

- Younger brother of Olympic medalist Andre Dirrell
- Did not fight between Dec. 2006 and Oct. 2008 because he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Missed time between Dec. 2011 and May 2013 after breaking his leg in a motorcycle accident
- Began boxing in elementary school with his brother

### PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in Jan. 2005 with a first round TKO over Henry Dukes
- Won 12 of his first 14 fights by knockout
- Returned from a broken leg in 2013 and defeated Don Mouton by unanimous decision and Anthony Hanshaw by third-round TKO
- Challenged Sakio Bika in Dec. 2013 for the super middleweight world championship and fought to a split draw
- Defeated Bika in rematch in Aug. 2014 to win super middleweight world championship
- Lost title to Badou Jack in April 2015 by majority decision but rebounded to defeat Marco Antonio Rubio in September

### AMATEUR CAREER

- 192-20 record
- 2004 & 2005 National Amateur Champion

### SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** - @AnthonyDirrell
- **Instagram** – Anthony\_Dirrell
- **Facebook** – Facebook.com/TheRealAnthonyDirrell



# CALEB TRUAX

## QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Caleb Truax
- **Nickname** – Golden
- **Height** – 6-0
- **Weight** – 160 (middleweight)
- **Date Of Birth** –September 14, 1983
- **Hometown** – Osseo, Minnesota, USA
- **Record** – 26-2-2 (15 KOs)

## BACKGROUND

- Didn't begin boxing until he was 20
- Decorated football and baseball player in high school
- Graduated from University of Minnesota with a degree in Sociology

## PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in 2007 with a second round TKO over Ray Walker
- Won his first 14 professional fights before a split-draw in April 2010 against Phil Williams
- Challenged former world champion Jermain Taylor in April 2012 but dropped a competitive unanimous decision
- Has won seven of his last eight fights since the loss, with the only blemish coming in a draw against Ossie Duran
- Won a unanimous decision over Derek Ennis and an eighth round TKO over Scott Sigmon in 2014
- Challenged Daniel Jacobs for the middleweight title in 2015 and was defeated
- Most recently beat Melvin Betancourt in February 2016

## AMATEUR CAREER

- 21-8 record
- 2006 Upper Midwest Golden Gloves Champion

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** - @GoldenCalebT