



Long-Awaited Victor Ortiz & Andre Berto Rematch  
Set for Primetime Saturday, April 30  
As Premier Boxing Champions On FOX & FOX Deportes  
Comes To StubHub Center In Carson, Calif.

Plus! Highly Anticipated Light Heavyweight Showdown Between  
Edwin Rodriguez & Thomas Williams Jr.  
& Unbeaten Jorge Lara Takes On Former Multiple Division Champion  
Fernando Montiel In Featherweight Action

Televised Coverage Begins At 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT

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CARSON, CALIF. (March 23, 2016) – Former welterweight world champions “Vicious” Victor Ortiz (31-5-2, 24 KOs) and Andre “The Beast” Berto (30-4, 23 KOs) will meet again in a 12-round welterweight rematch in primetime on Saturday, April 30 as **Premier Boxing Champions (PBC)** on **FOX** and **FOX Deportes** comes to StubHub Center in Carson, Calif.

Televised coverage begins at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT and features two exciting undercard attractions. Light heavyweight sluggers Edwin “La Bomba” Rodriguez (28-1, 19 KOs) and Thomas “Top Dog” Williams Jr. (19-1, 13 KOs) meet in a 10-round brawl plus unbeaten Mexican brawler Jorge Lara (27-0-2, 19 KOs) faces former three-division world champion Fernando “Cochulito” Montiel (54-5-2, 39 KOs) faces in a 10-round featherweight battle.

Ortiz and Berto first faced off in their 2011 welterweight world title barnburner that garnered significant Fight of the Year buzz. The bout saw both men hit the canvas twice, including a thrilling round six in which each fighter was knocked down. In the end, Ortiz

walked away with a unanimous decision. A victory in the rematch will propel the winner to the forefront of the world title picture in this stacked with talent division.

"I know I'm in for another war," said Ortiz. "I've always been open to a rematch because Berto has a big mouth and something to prove. After our fight, he went on a losing streak, because I gave his opponents a blueprint on how to beat him. My losses have been unfortunate, but I wouldn't want to come up against me at this stage in the game. My name is Victor and that's no coincidence."

"This is the fight the people have been waiting for and it's time to give it to them," said Berto. "I am in a good place mentally, physically and spiritually. I've never wanted my story to be perfect, that's boring. Life is filled with ups and downs and I've embraced them all in my career. Everything I've been through has turned me into a savage. It's time to close this chapter once and for all. I want his head!"

The undercard bouts are sure to feature exciting two-way action as the experienced veterans Rodriguez and Montiel look to hold-off rising contenders in Williams Jr. and Lara.

"This is a very big fight for the light heavyweight division," said Rodriguez. "Thomas brings it, but so do I. You can expect fireworks from the opening bell as we are both looking to put on a sensational performance. That being said, the light heavyweight championship is right around the corner, and there is nothing that is going to stop me from getting there."

"I'm thrilled to be fighting on this card," Williams said. "When they called me about this fight, I said, 'I love it, let's make it happen.' I think that it's going to be a really exciting and fan-friendly matchup. Edwin is a strong fighter who I know is going to be prepared to bring it on fight night, and I'll make sure I'm ready to do the same."

"It's a pleasure to be on this fight card and I promise an exciting night for the fans," said Montiel. "I came up short in my last fight, but I am determined to become a world champion in a new weight class. I always come to fight and I will be throwing punches non-stop until I'm victorious on April 30."

"I'm blessed to be back in the ring as part of this great night of fights," said Lara. "My dream is to be a world champion, and to do that I have to beat fighters like Montiel. I respect my opponent, but right now he is on my way and nothing is going to stop me."

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions, are priced at \$209, \$105, \$53, and \$27, plus applicable taxes, fees and service charges, are on sale now and are available for purchase online at [AXS.com](https://www.axs.com).

PBC on FOX in primetime debuted on January 23 and featured a thrilling three-fight card that was topped by undefeated star Danny Garcia conquering former world champion Robert Guerrero to claim a welterweight world title in a back-and-forth brawl. Another exciting contest in the welterweight division is sure to thrill those watching at home and the Southern California boxing fans in attendance.

“We are proud to be bringing this long awaited rematch to the StubHub Center and the Los Angeles boxing fans,” said Tom Brown of TGB Promotions. “Victor Ortiz and Andre Berto battled back in 2011, and their meeting on April 30 will take care of unfinished business.”

“After the overwhelming success of the return to boxing on FOX in January, after an almost 20 year absence, FOX Sports and FOX Deportes are thrilled to present the second Premier Boxing Champions fight on April 30,” said David Nathanson, FOX Sports Head of Business Operations.

“StubHub Center is excited to host this welterweight bout on Saturday, April 30,” said Katie Pandolfo, General Manager of StubHub Center. “We look forward to an exciting rematch and an electric atmosphere at the premier outdoor boxing venue in the United States.”

An exciting fighter who never shies away from action, Ortiz returned to the ring in December 2015 one year after injuring his hand during a third round stoppage of Manuel Perez. The 29-year-old stopped Gilberto Sanchez Leon in his last bout for his second victory in a row. Ortiz was a 147-pound world champion when he defeated Berto in 2011 to set up a showdown with Floyd Mayweather. The Kansas-native has spent time in recent years to film roles in movies such as “Southpaw” and “The Expendables 3” but is now fully focused on a return to the pinnacle of the welterweight division.

Berto is a former amateur standout and Olympian for his native Haiti. He challenged now-retired pound-for-pound king Floyd Mayweather in September. The offensive-minded Berto always makes for sensational scraps as his 2012 slugfest with Robert Guerrero was another Fight of the Year candidate. The 32-year-old thrilled in his PBC debut last March when he stopped Josesito Lopez in the sixth round of their welterweight showdown.

An accomplished amateur who won a 2006 National Golden Gloves gold medal and a 2005 U.S. National Championship gold medal, the 30-year-old Rodriguez enters this fight a winner of his last four fights. Born in the Dominican Republic but fighting out of Worcester, Massachusetts, Rodriguez’s only loss came to the undefeated Andre Ward in 2013. He owns impressive victories over previously unbeaten fighters Will Rosinsky, Jason Escalera, Ezequiel Osvaldo Maderna, Craig Baker and Michael Seals. Against

Seals, in his most recent bout on November 13, Edwin rose from the canvas to score a devastating third-round TKO in what was a 'Fight of the Year' candidate.

Williams Jr., a 28-year-old from Fort Washington, Maryland, was introduced to boxing by his father, a former pro fighter. A dynamite puncher, Williams Jr. has registered seven of his 13 knockouts in the first round. However, the southpaw has also proven his endurance with unanimous decision victories over warriors like Michael Gbenga, Yusaf Mack and Otis Griffin. Most recently he earned two victories, including a second-round TKO over world-ranked contender Umberto Savigne last November.

The veteran Montiel won his first world title in 2000 over Isidro Garcia and went on to have title winning performances over Pedro Alzacar, Ivan Hernandez, Z Gorres, Ciso Morales and Hozumi Hasegawa. Born in Sinaloa, Mexico, Montiel rode an eight-fight win streak heading into his October world title shot against Lee Selby. Montiel's aggressive style frustrated Selby but it was not enough for him to grab a title in his fourth weight class.

Undefeated out of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, Lara made his U.S. debut on March 7, 2015 with a first round stoppage of Mario Macias in Las Vegas. The 25-year-old has ended seven of his last nine opponents early including experienced contenders Jovanny Soto, Jairo Hernandez and Oscar Ibarra. He looks to rebound from a technical draw in his last outing after the fight was stopped in six rounds due to numerous cuts Lara had received from accidental headbutts.

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## 2012 U.S. Olympian & 154-Pound Contender Terrell Gausha Takes On Mexico's Orlando Lora in Exciting Undercard Battle

Plus! Unbeaten Heavyweight Gerald Washington Takes On Former Title Challenger Eddie Chambers

&

Undefeated Light Heavyweight David Benavidez Faces Hard-Hitting Phillip Jackson

Saturday, April 30 From StubHub Center in Carson, Calif.

**CARSON, CALIF.** (April 22, 2016) – Rising contender and 2012 U.S. Olympian **Terrell Gausha** (17-0, 8 KOs) takes on Mexico's **Orlando Lora** (30-6-2, 19 KOs) in a 10-round super welterweight affair that highlights undercard action at StubHub Center in Carson, Calif. on Saturday, April 30.

In addition, heavyweight contenders **Gerald "El Gallo Negro" Washington** (16-0-1, 11 KOs) and **"Fast" Eddie Chambers** (42-4, 23 KOs) will meet in a 10-round bout while unbeaten rising knockout artist **David "El Bandera Roja" Benavidez** (13-0, 12 KOs) battles hard-hitting **Phillip Jackson** (16-2, 15 KOs) in eight-rounds of light heavyweight action.

The April 30 event features a PBC on FOX and FOX Deportes tripleheader headlined by the highly anticipated welterweight rematch between **"Vicious" Victor Ortiz** and **Andre "The Beast" Berto**. Televised coverage begins at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT with a featherweight showdown between unbeaten **Jorge Lara** and former multiple division world champion **Fernando "Cochulito" Montiel** followed by a contest between hard-hitting light heavyweights **Edwin "La Bomba" Rodriguez** and **Thomas "Top Dog" Williams Jr.**

Further undercard action features Los Angeles-native **Manny Robles Jr.** (9-0, 4 KOs) in a featherweight battle against Mexico's **Eduardo Rafael Reyes** (6-6, 5 KOs), 26-year-old brother of Abner, **Adan "Speedy" Mares** (14-1-2, 3 KOs) taking on Phoenix's **Jesus**

**Aguinaga** (4-3) in a six-round lightweight bout and Mexico's **Luis Bello** (6-4, 2 KOs) against in a six-round super lightweight contest.

Rounding out the action is Los Angeles native **Anthony Flores** (10-0, 6 KOs) in a six-round welterweight scrap and 28-year-old **Dardan Zenunaj** (11-1, 9 KOs) of Kosovo in a six-round lightweight affair.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions, are priced at \$209, \$105, \$53, and \$27, plus applicable taxes, fees and service charges, are on sale now and are available for purchase online at AXS.com.

Prior to the start of televised fights, an Official Fan Fest will be held for ticket holders outside of StubHub Center. The events start at 2:30 p.m. PT and features a Corona Beer Garden, food trucks, music from the band Metalachi and autograph signings with popular fighters such as Leo Santa Cruz, Abner Mares, Shawn Porter and more.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Gausha was a decorated amateur who won gold medals at the U.S. National Championships in 2009 and 2012 and represented the US as part of the 2012 Olympic Team. The 28-year-old is undefeated since turning pro in 2012. In 2015 he earned victories over Norberto Gonzalez, Luis Grajeda, Eliezer Gonzalez and Said El Harrak. He will be challenged by the Mexican veteran Lora out of Sinaloa.

A two-way player (tight end and defensive end) at the University of Southern California, Washington spent time with the Seattle Seahawks and Buffalo Bills practice squads on his unconventional path that led him to boxing. The 33-year-old also worked in the Navy as a helicopter mechanic before going to USC and did not get his start in professional boxing until 2012. Fighting out of Vallejo, California, he is yet to lose in his latest endeavor after fighting to a draw with Amir Mansour in October and defeating Jason Gavern in March last year.

Representing the outstanding fight city of Philadelphia, Chambers enters this fight on a six-bout winning streak including stoppages in his last two fights of Dorian Darch and Galen Brown. The veteran heavyweight challenged Wladimir Klitschko in 2010 for the heavyweight world title and owns victories over Derric Rossy, Dominick Guinn, Calvin Brock and Alexander Dimitrenko over his long career.

The younger brother of undefeated Jose Benavidez, David has racked up a perfect 13 wins in 13 starts at just 19-years-old. Fighting out of Phoenix, Benavidez picked up four victories via stoppage in 2015 and kicked off his 2016 with a knockout of Kevin Cobbs in January. He returns to take on the New York City product Jackson, who enters this fight the winner of 13 of his last 14 contests.

# VICTOR ORTIZ

## QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Victor Ortiz
- **Nickname** – Vicious
- **Height** – 5-9
- **Weight** – 147 (Welterweight)
- **Date of Birth** – January 31, 1987
- **Hometown** – Garden City, Kansas
- **Record** – 31-5-2 (24 KOs)

## BACKGROUND

- Introduced to boxing at seven-years-old
- Ortiz spent time in foster care after his parents left by the time he was 12
- Competed on “Dancing With The Stars” and appeared in films “The Expendables 3” and “Southpaw”

## PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in June 2004 with a stoppage of Raul Montes
- Won his first seven pro fights & suffered one defeat in his first 26 fights
- Reached contender status after defeating Roberto Arrieto and David Resta in 2008 and defeating Mike Arnaoutis in 2009
- Defeated former world champion Vivian Harris in 2010 and fought to a draw with world champion Lamont Peterson
- Won a welterweight world title in April 2011 with a victory over Andre Berto
- Stopped Manuel Perez in December 2014 but suffered a broken wrist
- Most recently stopped Gilberto Sanchez

## AMATEUR CAREER

- Kanasa Golden Gloves champion
- 2003 Junior Olympic Champion
- Won the National PAL Championship at sixteen-years-old
- Ringside National Champion in 2001 & 2002

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** - @ViciousOrtiz
- **Instagram** - ItsVOrtiz

## ANDRE BERTO

### QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Andre Michael Berto
- **Nickname** – The Beast
- **Height** – 5-8 ½
- **Weight** – 147 (Welterweight)
- **Date of Birth** – September 7, 1983
- **Hometown** – Winter Haven, Florida
- **Record** – 30-4 (23 KOs)

### BACKGROUND

- Brought to a gym as a 10-year-old by his father, Deusuel, who was an Ultimate Fighter
- Andre's older brother, Edson, and his sister, Revelina, both compete in Mixed Martial Arts and his brother, Cleveland, is a former Florida Wrestling Champion

### PRO CAREER

- Turned pro on December 4, 2004 with a third round TKO win over Michael Robinson
- Defeated Miguel Angel Rodriguez in June 2008 to win the vacant WBC Welterweight World Championship
- Defended title five times against Steve Forbes, Luis Collazo, Juan Urango, Carlos Quintana and Freddy Hernandez
- Suffered his first loss in April 2011, in a thrilling Fight of the Year to Victor Ortiz
- Rebounded in September 2011 when he retired Jan Zaveck in the 5<sup>th</sup>-round to win a welterweight world title
- Lost back-to-back fights to Robert Guerrero and Jesus Soto Karass
- Stopped Josesito Lopez in 2015

### AMATEUR CAREER

- 2001 National Golden Gloves Light Middleweight Champion
- 2003 National Golden Gloves Welterweight Champion
- 2004 Haitian Olympian

### SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter**- @AndreBerto
- **Instagram** – AndreBerto
- **Facebook** – Facebook.com/TheRealAndreBerto
- **Youtube** – Youtube.com/TheRealAndreBerto



## **EDWIN RODRIGUEZ**

### **QUICK FACTS**

- **Full Name** – Edwin Rodriguez
- **Nickname** – La Bomba
- **Height** – 6-0
- **Weight** – 175 (Light Heavyweight)
- **Date of Birth** – May 5, 1985
- **Hometown** – Moca, Dominican Republic
- **Record** – 28-1 (19 KOs)

### **BACKGROUND**

- The fourth born of six brothers
- Dreamed of playing baseball while growing up in Dominican Republic and in 1998 moved with his family to live with their father in Worcester, Mass.
- Began boxing at age 15

### **PRO CAREER**

- Turned pro in January 2009 with first round TKO over Samuel Gomez
- Won the first 24 starts of his career
- Owns victories over previously unbeaten fighters Will Rosinsky, Jason Escalera and Ezequiel Osvaldo Maderna
- Lone defeat came to unbeaten Andre Ward in Nov. 2013
- Defeated Azea Augustama and Derrick Findley in 2014
- Stopped Craig Baker in the third round in a PBC fight in May and followed it up with a knockout of previously unbeaten Michael Seals in November

### **AMATEUR CAREER**

- 84-9 record
- 2006 National Golden Gloves Champion
- 2006 U.S. National Championship Bronze medalist
- 2005 U.S. National Championship Gold medalist

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- **Twitter** – @LaBombaBoxing
- **Instagram** – LaBombaBoxing

## THOMAS WILLIAMS JR.

### QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Thomas Williams Jr.
- **Nickname** – Top Dog
- **Height** – 6-1
- **Weight** – 175 (Light Heavyweight)
- **Date of Birth** – August 25, 1987
- **Hometown** –Fort Washington, Maryland
- **Record** – 19-1 (13 KOs)

### BACKGROUND

- Son of former pro fighter Thomas Williams

### PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in January 2009 with first round TKO over Samuel Gomez
- Won the first 24 starts of his career
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### SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Twitter** – @TopDoggJr
- **Instagram** – ThomasWilliamsJr23

## **JORGE LARA**

### **QUICK FACTS**

- **Full Name** – Jorge Armando Lara Mendez
- **Height** – 5-6
- **Weight** – 126 (Featherweight)
- **Date of Birth** – January 12, 1991
- **Hometown** – Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico
- **Record** – 27-0-2, (19 KOs)

### **BACKGROUND**

- Grew up in poverty with a single mother and brother
- Jailed several times as a teenager for fighting until he found a local boxing gym at the age of 17

### **PRO CAREER**

- Turned pro in July 2010 with a first round knockout of Adrian Soto Morales
- 11 of his first 18 fights ended inside of the distance
- In 2012 defeated veteran Mexican contenders Oscar Arenas and Cesar Juarez
- Knocked out Oscar Ibarra in October 2013 and followed it up with a victory over Jairo Hernandez
- Made his U.S. debut in March 2015 with a first round stoppage of Mario Macias Orozco
- Most recently scored a technical decision after six-rounds of a fight cut short due to cuts on Lara's face from headbutts

### **AMATEUR CAREER**

- Turned pro at 19-years-old after just a handful of amateur fights

## FERNANDO MONTIEL

### QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name** – Fernando Montiel
- **Nickname** – Cochulito
- **Height** – 5-4
- **Weight** – 126 (Featherweight)
- **Date of Birth** – March 1, 1979
- **Hometown** – Sinaloa, Mexico
- **Record** – 54-5-2 (39 KOs)

### BACKGROUND

- Father Manuel was a pro boxer along with Fernando's brothers Alejandro, Pedro, Eduardo and Manuel Jr.

### PRO CAREER

- Turned pro in December 1996 with a stoppage of Manuel Tamayo
- Undefeated in his first 28 pro fights
- Won a flyweight world title with a seventh-round stoppage of Isidro Garcia in December 2000
- Defended his flyweight title three times including a victory in his U.S. debut over Jose Lopez in September 2001
- Won a super flyweight world title over Pedro Alzacar with a sixth round stoppage in June 2002 and defended it against Roy Doliguez in his hometown
- Won another super flyweight world title in April 2005 with a seventh round knockout of previously unbeaten Ivan Hernandez
- Became a four-time world champion with victory over Z Gorres in February 2007 and defending it four times
- Won an interim bantamweight world title in 2010 with a third round knockout of Diego Oscar Silva and followed it up with a stoppage over Ciso Morales
- Unified world titles with a knockout victory over Rafael Concepcion
- Won eight straight fights between March 2012 and March 2015